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Leslie Odom Jr. performs at 125th Gala Tony Award Winner performs in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom to raise money for food insecurity

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

The 125th Anniversary Gala, the first Gala the school has ever hosted, featured a performance by Tony award winning Leslie Odom Jr. while also raising donations in support for the SCSU Food Insecurity fund.

The \$134 that was donated will go towards establishing an on-campus student food pantry and social service center.

President Joe Bertolino said it was an important night for the school and it was a superb way to end the 125th festivities that have been occurring in the past year and a half.

According to Bertolino there was a great need to provide students with support.

“What we have found is that thirty percent of our students are food insecure here at Southern,” Bertolino said. “A lot of times students need help with everything from food to rent, to books

and childcare, to all those things. Longer term, we hope this will help provide support to students in all those areas.”

Odom was happily surprised to know that the Gala was soliciting donations to combat food insecurity on campus.

According to Odom it made his day better to know his presence helped contribute to such a meaningful cause.

“I didn’t know that part of it. I knew we were here to celebrate the 125th birthday of the university,” Odom said. “Permanent food pantry – I feel even better now.”

The Hamilton star said he felt like he and the university were members of the same tribe due to their shared pursuit of social justice.

“To be here to help you guys celebrate the work that you do here, the students that go here, there’s nowhere I rather be,” he said.

Later in the evening, there was a moderated talk

hosted by Stuart Robinson, Odom’s acting coach and his father-in-law.

Proceeding the moderating chat was a performance by Odom himself where he sang some of his favorite songs.

One of them of course being Hamilton classic, “Wait For It.”

The man who originated the role of Aaron Burr was not the only one who performed at the Gala.

Members of the Crescent Players performed select songs from Pippin.

The Lyman Center will be showing the musical starting October 11.

One of the selected songs performed was the show’s opening number, “Magic To Do”.

Business management major, Zaneta Nicholson, a senior who played Leading Player in the musical said she felt the anxiety of performing in such a setting.

“I’ll admit that it was a little nerve wracking. Just being in a room with people with just high



PHOTO | JACOB WARING

Tony Award Winning Leslie Odom Jr. speaking with moderator Stuart Robinson.

prestige,” she said. “Once I hit the stage [and] felt the stage lights, I got back into my natural element. It is a great honor to perform for the Gala.”

Many of the Crescent Players were beyond thrilled to be able to get to see, who some considered, a Broadway legend perform

in real life. Some like Theater major, Matthew Lopes, a senior said he was looking forward to seeing Odom talk.

“I am excited for that, aside from being here to promote our own show ‘Pippin’, I am definitely staying to see his performance,” Lopes said.

“I am very, very interested in whatever he has for us tonight.”

What Odom had in store for those in attendance was endless humor, stories of his life, theater advice and more during both his moderated talk and his performance.

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Annual Clery Report reveals progression in university safety



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Police vehicles parked outside of the University Police Department on Wintergreen Avenue.

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

The University Police released their annual Clery Report, a document that shows detailed statistics on all crimes committed in recent years, along with other important information regarding the laws on campus.

The report shows that there were six cases of rape, all in residential facilities in 2018. This is a rise from 2017’s instances of the three that were reported in the report.

There were also ten instances of stalking, and five reported instances of fondling on campus.

In the email that was sent to all students, staff, and faculty last Monday,

the university police addressed sexual assault, as well as how to report an assault if one should become a victim or witness to an sexual assault.

They also mentioned the Support and Resource Team that provides support to any sexual assault victim.

“As part of our ongoing efforts to provide optimal safety measures and support systems the university has a Support and Resource Team that provides a collaborative team response to sexual assault,” said Chief of the Southern Police Joseph Dooley, said in his schoolwide email.

Additionally, there were 73 liquor law violations at Southern that were reported in 2018.

This was a significantly lower number compared to the 221 that were reported in 2017 and the 318 the year before.

In addition to this, there were 27 liquor law arrests last year, which was a slight increase from 2017’s 24 arrests.

There were 60 reported drug abuse violations that were referred for disciplinary action, and all instances happened in a residential facility in 2018.

This was more than 25 percent higher than the previous year, which had 44 violations.

There were also 30 drug abuse arrests last year, 16 of them in a residential area on campus.

This number has been on a steady decline since 2016, with it going from 48,

to 34 in 2017, to the newest statistic added

According to the report, there has been no hate crimes, at least no reported ones on campus since 2009, where a single anti-Jewish/gay bias was reported.

The University’s dedication to social justice, diversity, and the welcoming of all groups of people regardless of their background has proven successful with this statistic, showing that students are peacefully co-existing together.

In addition to the crime statistics provided in the report, there was an outline of the general safety policies that all members of the Southern community need to be familiar with.

This includes the

campus-wide policies on overnight guest policies in the dorms, as well as the official policies on alcohol and drugs on campus.

In the report, the University Police goes into detail of the measures that they have taken on campus to prevent crimes, such as the Live Safe App and the Blue Light System.

The Live Safe App is a free software that allows you to report tips to the university police, as well as place emergency calls, and provides access to other safety resources.

The Live Safe allows students to remain anonymous in any report they make to the university police.

New grant for students

By Jackson LaMar
Reporter

The Academic Success Center provides services that support students on their journey to gain scholastic independence and achieve academic success, according to their website, and now they can do more with a two million dollar grant.

The Success Center received a strengthening institutions grant for 2.2 million dollars, which was the second largest grant in university history.

Success Center director, Katie De Olivera, received the grant on Monday Sept 30, and said that the grant is for the students.

“The Basic premise is really to support students,” De Olivera said “We’re strengthening programs and services, adding services that will better support.”

De Olivera said she plans on taking a non-traditional path to strengthening the services.

Not only was she strengthening the teaching programs but Strengthening overall areas of student needs.

“Many aren’t academically successful for a couple reasons,” De Olivera said. “That could be food and security, or financials.”

The idea was that students can not be successful in the classroom if they are worried about their next meal, or worried about where they are going to live.

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Two-factor authentication to limit the threat of hacking



PHOTO | JESSICA GUERRUCCI

Jeffery Otis (left) and John Jaser in the IT department on the fourth floor of Buley.

By Jessica Guerrucci
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A flood of spam emails, threats of hacking, account security issues and these all may come to an end with a new program that will change the way students log into their Southern accounts.

"In essence, MFA is going to verify your identity by prompting you for an additional factor when you log in," said director of Cloud Computing, Jeffery Otis.

"So, you login with your username and password, and then MFA will come along and say 'you need

to confirm an additional component."

On Oct. 10, Multi-Factor Authentication will be enabled on all student accounts requiring them to provide two pieces of evidence; their current password to log into their Southern account. The additional factor could be

either a text message or a phone call or mobile app.

All will confirm their identity when logging into their account.

John Jaser, director of OIT - Systems and Infrastructure, said Southern tried to use MFA on campus about three and a half years ago, but found it was too much of a hassle. Since then, he said over the last two years IT has found ways to make it more convenient.

"It doesn't challenge you while you're on campus including Eduroam, but the Res life is considered off-campus. You can remember the device and say this is trusted for up to 60 days, and the best thing, it's no longer a proprietary fix, it's the same one everyone is using," said Jaser.

According to a Clark School study at the University of Maryland, there is a hacker attack every 39 seconds, but at Southern, Otis said, on average five student

accounts are compromised each week.

The beauty of MFA, Otis said, is that it is something students know and something students have, so even if a hacker did access a student account, they would not have access to their phone or chosen second factor.

Additionally, students will get an alert and can then authorize if the account activity was their own.

As for setting up MFA, Claudio Everett, senior computer information systems major, who works at the IT Help Desk, said setting MFA up for the first time could be confusing for some students, but IT will be there to help.

"It's just a matter of getting through that first - time set-up and then you're kind of secure after that," said Everett.

One of the issues that led to finally enabling MFA was spam emails. Jaser said IT has been able to reduce spam, but the issue is, Azure, Microsoft's

artificial intelligence program, cannot detect when a hacker is posing as a student.

"We haven't been getting a lot of spam from outside, almost none, it's gotten that good with spam detection, but when it comes from a student's account, it's considered legitimate," said Jaser.

Students have received fake emails from what appear to be their fellow classmates, but is actually a hacker, and then when they click on them, Otis said another set of bad emails is sent out from the students account and it cascades on.

While Jaser said he understands that MFA may lead to frustration for some students, IT will have the tools to help students if they need to troubleshoot their account, but at the end of the day it is about account security.

"Single sign on is so incredibly convenient," said Jaser, "but if someone breaks into that, they have everything."

Less food available for more operating hours at Connecticut Hall

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

Over the past few years Connecticut Hall has had varying hours. However, last year the hall closed at 9 p.m. but this year it is open until 10 p.m.

The change was made because there were students and athletes who were getting out of class or practice late, and at that period of time Connecticut Hall was closed.

The university saw an issue with this and decided to change the hours of operation.

The university also considered student feedback when making the decision.

At the end of last year there were surveys done, in which many students voiced that they wanted Conn Hall to be open later.

Robert Ponte the Resident District Manager who oversees all the venues at Southern said, "The voice of the students

[said] that they wanted it to be open a little bit later."

"I know a lot of teams would come back from practice or a game and we would be closed at 9, so there wasn't really an option for them," said Ponte.

The university partnered with Chartwells, then came up with ways to keep Conn. open an extra hour without incurring more cost."

However, while the University did listen to the students and keep Conn. Hall open an extra hour, there were some sacrifices that had to be made.

One of these is a "late night menu" as Ponte put it. There are less stations open during this extra hour.

Ponte also said, "The agreement that was made between the university and Chartwells was that so there was no extra cost, we would go down to a late night menu."

The stations that are still open are: the grill

station, the walk, pizza, and then they bring a shortened version of the deli and the salad bar up to the front, according to Ponte.

Student Government Association representative, biochemistry major Carlos Lopez a junior said, "I like the extra hour at Conn because it provides students with the option to still be able to go and get something to eat, considering some students have class until late at night. I feel like it might be used by some students but definitely not the majority of students."

He said some of the issues SGA was concerned with are with the gluten-free secure area and how there seems to be low stocking in it. There are chairs being stacked and areas being closed off before the advertised closing time, that there are limited food items, and sometimes there are not enough utensils.

Lopez isn't the only one



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Students walking past Connecticut Hall on Oct. 7.

who noticed these issues. Jaylon Nixon a first year health care studies major said, "I think Conn having an extra hour is okay. It is

not the best but its not the worst. Sometimes when I go, there are barely any options to choose from so it can get hard, but having

an extra hour is good for people who have practice or class late. It's just hard because sometimes it's like what can you really eat?"

A lack of aid prevents Gear-Up students from obtaining U-Passes



PHOTO | ESSENCE BOYD

Director of University Access Programs Dawn Stanton in her office located in the basement of the B-wing in Engleman Hall, Room 018H.

By Essence Boyd
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Attending a state university has many perks such as being able to go home whenever you please; however, for some students involved in university access

programs such as Gear Up, that is not a luxury they are able to obtain.

According to CT Rides, a U-Pass or Universal Transit Pass is a program that gives students enrolled in participating universities access to unlimited local transportation.

Unless students receive additional aid outside of said programs, they are not able to obtain the pass and are required to pay for their own transportation.

"Gear-Up students, mostly, are eligible to receive a U-Pass card if they have some kind

of financial aid or scholarship on their accounts in addition to the Gear Up Waiver," said director of Finance Business Applications Todd Mason.

According to the director of University Access Programs, Dawn Stanton, the waiver covers the applicant's tuition and fees. However there is a program called the Gear-Up three that Southern has nothing to do with.

"The Gear-Up Three is something that comes directly from the state," said Stanton. "Students get a Gear-Up Three award letter via email; they have to submit that letter to financial aid. When the students submit it to financial aid, then they go ahead and put it on the students account. At some point, the state and financial aid connect to verify who's eligible."

After taking into account the Gear-Up Three and other financial aid students may have received, only ten students were found to not be able to obtain a U-Passes.

"Gear-Up students

who get some additional aid, in addition to the Southern waiver. So that Gear-Up Three, Pell [grant] and other types of aid - scholarships, would be eligible," said Stanton. "So now, when you look at the 400 plus Gear-Up students based on that definition of eligibility, there is only ten students from the list that don't qualify."

According to secondary education major, Lorenzo Maldonado a freshman, and Gear-Up aid recipient, he is aware of the issues his peers are having trying to obtain U-Passes although, when receiving his, he did not encounter any hassle.

"I am well aware on the U-Passes not being available to a portion of students that is under the Gear Up Scholarships," said Maldonado. "I am not one of those students, when I went to receive a U-Pass they've handed it to me right away without any discussion on what scholarship I was under."

Although Maldonado himself did not have an issue obtaining a U-Pass, he said some of his friends have and without

it, they are unable to leave campus.

"From what I've heard from my fellow peers that are under the Gear Up Scholarships, some of them are unable to go back home, go to work, or go outside of campus from being denied a U-Pass," said Maldonado.

Although there are efforts in the works to fix this issue in a way that students will not be turned away from obtaining a pass in the future; Student Government Association voted to obtain passes for those who were not able to get them for the semester. The funding will be coming out of their club budget.

For students who were turned away prior to the Gear-Up Three was accounted for as additional aid, they are being asked to go back and pick up passes.

"[Emails are being sent to] Gear-Up students," said Mason. "Asking them to come back to the card office to pick up a pass if they were originally turned down because there was no other aid on their account at that time."

Religious demonstrators make a return to campus



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Scott Smith of School Master Ministries debating religious topics with students.

By Nina Bartlomiejczyk
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By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

Religious demonstrators returned to campus on Oct. 3 to preach about what member Don Karns said was a message of “how [God] sent his son, Jesus Christ, out of love, to save his people from sin.” They took turns preaching to a crowd of students from atop a stepstool in the academic quad.

Karns, a “born-again believer, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ,” according to his website luke24vs47.com, was one of a handful of demonstrators who came to campus to preach their message,

bringing with them signs that said, ‘Evolution is a Lie’ and ‘He Who Sins is the Slave of Sin.’ Karns referenced Romans 10:17 — which says “faith comes by hearing” as one of the reasons why he decided to preach.

“It’s done out of love,” Karns said, “A lot of times people ask us, ‘What do we get?’ and we don’t get paid for this. We do it out of love.”

Demonstrator Robert Gray, a member of Cross Country Evangelism, echoed Karns’ statement, saying that their message is “to tell people how they can be set free of their sins,” before what he believes to be an eventual, inevitable, judgment day.

“That one day we’re all gonna stand before God

and give him the cut of our lives,” Gray said, “and he’s gonna judge us by how we lived our life —, for every thought, every word, every deed.”

English major Michael Rabuffo, a freshman, said some students were “getting up in their faces and arguing with [the demonstrators],” which he said he did not take part in, but felt tempted to.

“It’s hard for me not to go up there and try to argue with them, but I just don’t want to give them the platform right now,” Rabuffo said, “I think they picked the wrong college to get their message across. Most people are just making fun of them.”

Interdisciplinary studies major Sean Gamble, a senior, stood amongst

some of the more vocal and radically opposed students in the crowd, saying that “[amongst the demonstrators] we have homophobes, anti-science people; we have people who represent the absolute worst of humanity.”

“I think they specifically came here to cause a disruption and spread hate. I don’t want to attack faith itself; it’s your right to believe as you wish. My feelings are more of an attack on their desire to cause harm to people through the word of their God,” Gamble said. “They’re out here ultimately trying to preach that gay people are evil, that trans people don’t exist, that scientists are evil — trying to cause harm to people by justifying it through the word of their religion.”

Karns said that while some students are opposed to speaking, he noticed that others were more receptive — one student held an umbrella over First Baptist Church of Babylon member Mike Stockwell as he spoke in the rain, while other students willingly took pamphlets that were being passed out and asked to shake the hands of the demonstrators.

“The people who are against us, they get up front, and a lot of times there are people in the back who are standing there listening,” Karns said.

Gray said that even though he and the other demonstrators have to deal with backlash from students, he finds it

worthwhile as long as his message reaches even one student.

“There’s gonna be somebody who says, ‘I need to think about this,’” he said. “Somebody’s gonna ask themselves, ‘Actually, what’s gonna happen to me when I stand before God on that great day?’”

According to Karns, how they are perceived at these demonstrations across the country varies; he said that while some people walk by without engaging in conversation, others choose to ‘stay the whole day.’

“It’s almost like they’re held there,” Karns said. “But if you really saw this as an issue of faith, then all you can do is walk away. So, I think that’s where we get contention with people who somehow think this weird idea that free speech is only what you like.”

Communications major Clark Herring, a senior, said that he believes the group uses free speech and Southern’s open campus to their advantage to spread hatred, though they have the right to do so.

“I don’t think they should be banned here, because it is freedom of speech. At the same time, they still take advantage of the open campus and the liberal mindset here. It’s just young impressionable college kids,” Herring said.

Physics major Joshua James, a freshman, agreed with Herring, saying that even though he doesn’t agree with their controversial message, the

demonstrators had every right to be on campus.

“I believe they have the right to be safe preaching their message like everyone else does,” said James, “because that’s what religious freedom is. That’s how it should be, especially on a liberal arts campus.”

Despite agreeing that the demonstration has a right to occur, James said that their message and methods of reaching out to students proved to be unpopular.

This, he says, is because of the demonstrators lack of acceptance and tolerance towards others, which he finds does not align with the true Christian faith.

“He’s not preaching the messages that religion and beliefs preach,” James said. “He’s not preaching kindness, he’s not preaching community, he’s not preaching outreach to other people with those values.”

“He’s simply preaching that we’re wrong, and that’s what leads to this — where you have a collection of people all screaming over each other trying to prove that everybody’s right.”

While Gamble acknowledges that the demonstrators have a right to free speech, he says that he uses his to fight back against their messages that he perceives to be hateful and intolerant.

“I try to fight back through activism,” said Gamble, “I try to be as involved as I possibly can in pointing out what they’re saying is wrong to other people. I debate them.”

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Other items in the proposal are strategies to help students understand content better, and overall become more prepared.

“Another reason they may not be academically successful is underpreparedness” said De Oliveria “as far as understanding study strategies or tools to be successful in their classes or understanding content.”

The grant also makes way for an opportunity to allow more academic success coaching to help deal with more students.

Vice President of student affairs, Dr. Tracey Tyree, said that this is the start of something big.

“This is a great deal for students, the university,

and the Academic Success Center,” Tyree said.

According to Tyree this grant is unusual, since most grants are for research purposes.

This grant is special because it is used to strengthen the program and in turn overall strengthen academics.

“This is huge,” Tyree said, “for students who face barriers, this could help students graduate.”

This money also makes a big difference for the employees. Accounting major Kasie Velazquez, a senior and one of the coordinators for the academic success center, wants to help more students by adding more areas the Academic Success Center could help with.

“I think that means that we’re going to reach out

and help more students on campus,” said Velazquez “We are going to be able to offer more.”

Velasquez also said the workers and tutors will also learn and grow as the department gets stronger.

“I think the tutors will also get their leadership skills while they are here,” said Velazquez, “I think as a whole it will benefit the university and the students.”

The Academic Success Center started in the basement of Englemen, and since Tyree has been overseeing the department, it has grown into its own space in the library third floor, Tyree said it is because of the hard work of De Oliveria and that hiring her was “one of the smartest decisions” she has made.



PHOTO | JACKSON LAMAR

Academic Success Center coordinator Kasie Velazquez, senior in tutoring area of the Success Center.



PHOTO | JACOB WARING

Kermit Carolina class of 1994, Dawn Stanton class of 1990 and Student Union President Amaris Forte a senior.

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One of the more serious moments was a discussion surrounding a moment before Hamilton took off that Odom almost bowed out of acting. Robinson at the time wanted to see him try before throwing in the towel.

Robinson was asked to repeat his advice for the benefit of those listening at the Gala and he obliged.

“You may think you’re trying, but are you really? You’re great when someone calls you with an opportunity. You’re great when you pulled a job or have an audition,” Robinson said. “But, what did you do today to further your career? Who did you call today? What

did you read today? What did you practice today?”

The crux of Robinson’s point, he said, is that you may think that you are trying, but maybe you are not trying hard enough or doing enough. That piece of advice Odom said was what allowed his career to reach new heights.

In between all the fun, music and food was President Bertolino reminding everyone to donate to the Food Insecurity fund. He told people to text a number to donate or fill out a form if their phone is not an option for any reason. Many of that night’s sponsors made generous donations according to the brochures on each table.

Judite Vamvakides associate vice president of alumni and donor engagement said that

the larger vision is goes beyond a food pantry and is also, to provide services for those students in need.

According to Vamvakides she worked with the team to put on the Gala.

“I oversaw a team, really that whole Gala” and gave a lot of credit to Michelle Johnston, director of donor relations and advancement events.

Johnston said that the Gala was one of the biggest events held this semester and the elaborate nature of the lighting and the setup made it more special. She said she does not know when another would be held, unless there’s a need or a cause that requires one.

“This was the first [Gala] that we ever done,” she said, “We’ll see.”

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Living learning communities good for students

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

The new living learning community at Neff Hall is the language speaking hall floor dedicated to those wanting to learn Spanish and be in a Spanish speaking environment. This hall has many different majors, so it is not just those who are majoring in Spanish, or of Spanish descent.

This is a great idea, because it is a way for those who are learning Spanish to immerse themselves into the language and culture.

LLC not only help with learning about cultures and becoming more diverse, but one can also live in certain communities that have their major. Sadly, not every major has a focused living learning community.

Southern should offer this in more languages than just Spanish. There are a range of languages being taught at Southern including, but not limited to, Arabic, Chinese, German and Italian. There should be living learning communities for them too.

Yes, there are options to study abroad, but many are unable to study abroad due to the price, or just fear of going to a different country.

Southern is a diverse university with diverse culture and worldwide students from places such as China, Spain and Italy. If the school decides to create a new LLC on campus, it will be easier for students coming from different countries to acclimate into society and a new country. Not only would they get to continue speaking their native language,

but also would be able to learn English faster through immersion.

America is a very unique society because it is not one culture, but many. Multiple cultures also combine on campus, so not only can someone learn about another culture in classes, but can also learn from living in these environments and sharing the culture with another person of that origin.

Spanish has become one of the most spoken languages around the world; more people are learning and speaking Spanish

than other languages, so it is no surprise that they decided to create a Spanish living learning community at Southern.

However, as a multicultural society, we have become so invested in speaking Spanish, that trying to learn other languages that may also benefit them in the future have been put on the backburner.

Chinese, for example, has many uses and according to Babbel, a language magazine, "Numbers vary widely — Ethnologue puts the

number of native speakers at 1.3 billion native speakers, roughly 917 million of whom speak Mandarin — but there is no doubt it is the most spoken language in the world," with English being the second, Spanish the third, and Arabic fourth. There are more Chinese speakers in the world, so why just a Spanish LLC? Why not make more?

Hopefully Southern will have more language LLCs in the future for those who want to learn world languages.



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A picture of Jesse C. Neff Hall, where the La Casa, Spanish living learning community is located in on campus.

Impeachment inquiry on President Trump no surprise

By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

The impeachment of Donald Trump almost seemed inevitable; despite what he called "the greatest witch hunt in the history of our country" in a rage-fueled tweet on Sept. 30, impeachment has been a plausible outcome before Trump even got the Oval Office seat warm.

On Sept. 24, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment investigation after it was alleged that Trump asked President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine to investigate Democratic nominee and former

Vice President Joe Biden. However, Trump has been treading the line of instigating a formal investigation for a while now. Between the dismissal of FBI director James Comey and Trump's comments in the aftermath of the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, V.A. it is easy to think that impeachment is just a long overdue consequence of Trump's actions.

Trump has chosen to remain defiant in the face of hardship, predicting that he would win over the Republican-majority Senate, according to the Washington Post. While the number of Democrats

who are against an impeachment probe is dwindling, maybe Trump's confidence is exactly what is needed.

When it comes to politics, Trump is not exactly the most well-versed. He was, and still is, a stranger in a strange land, an outsider in a world where people younger than him have more years of experience than he does. He has grand ideas and no idea how to properly execute them. We are talking about a man who thinks that he has an "absolute right," perhaps even a duty to ask other countries for help in investigating corruption, according to a tweet he

presumably furiously banged out on Oct. 3.

You know who does not have that issue? The next man in line, Vice President Mike Pence.

Trump is a bull in a china shop, speaking his mind in less than 280 characters and proving himself time and again as a sore on the face of international politics. Pence, on the other hand, is cold and calculated; he is a man with decades of political experience behind him who knows the inner workings of government.

Where Trump is a failed businessman, Pence is, depending on your feelings toward him, a successful politician. A

Pence administration would make up for the one area Trump lacks: in actually making progress. However, it is not the kind of progress that anyone would like to see.

Impeachment is still a thought in the mind of the House Committee at this point; we are still on step one. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, undeniable offenses need to be found, 218 House Members need to vote for impeachment and the Senate has to hold a trial — and, even then, there is no guarantee that Trump would get the boot. Clinton was 22 votes shy of being removed from office during his impeachment

proceedings in 1999, so Trump receiving the same treatment is a complete possibility.

Trump is scary at face value, and it is a good thing that he has little idea what he is doing. He is a bag of wind who continuously spews out big ideas on how to limit immigration and maximize the freedom to bear arms, but he has no clue what comes after the initial thought process. Pence would actually know how to make his dreams become a reality, and the prospect of him becoming president is, in hindsight, worse than keeping Trump in the Oval Office.

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Looking back: Fall of 2001



The Southern community copes with tragedy

Members of Southern's community attempted to deal with the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. Bulletin boards were constructed in Schwartz Hall and North Campus. A healing and interfaith gathering was held on-campus and a flag was hung from North Campus. "It will be hard to return to being everyday people," said Mike Peterson, a sophomore, "because a part of America went down along with those two towers."

September

- Southern's food service switched over to Chartwells Dining Services and said goodbye to a mandatory 19-meal plan for freshmen. Students could now use Hoot Loot to eat anywhere on campus.
- Baseball coach Joe Bandiera announced his retirement after 26 years and the university dedicated its new baseball complex in his name. To honor him, new coach Tim Shea and athletic director Darryl Rogers had Bandiera's jersey retired

October

- Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, president of Sierra Leone, a country in Africa, came to campus to speak to students. He received an honorary doctorate and spoke about the Amistad captives who were imprisoned, as well as about Sierra Leone's mission for peace.
- Students slept in boxes to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. The Shak-a-thon raised an estimated \$300.

November

- Southern held their first annual Mr. and Mrs. SCSU competition as part of homecoming. The title was taken by Chris Crampton and LaShante Kelley. "This is so great. I'm so happy," said Kelley. "I just did my best. I had to see if that was what the judges wanted."
- Construction on campus was a part of the \$230 million renovation project that began in 1998. The construction began on the northern wing of Engleman Hall closing off the area from the rotunda to Morrill. The cost alone to Engleman was \$50.9 million.

December

- Crescent Players set their premiere of Tennessee Williams 1947 Pulitzer Prize winning play, "A Streetcar Named Desire." Streetcar is one the best American plays ever written," said director Lila Wolff Wilkinson.

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

Red Flag Campaign launches in October

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

The color red has many significant meanings, but, in the month of October - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - it means to stop and think about red flags in relationships. All over campus there will be red flags posted with the intent for students to reflect about what they consider to be red flags that need to be addressed in their relationships.

According to Psychology Today, "Red flags are

indicators that something needs to be questioned or otherwise validated. Often, these are clues that something may be trouble in the future."

The Violence Protection Victim Advocacy and Support group at the university is a resource to help people who are going through or have been in traumatic relationships and for people who want to help those involved in abusive relationships.

"Red flag campaign is important, because people normalize red flags anyways," said social work major

Candace Wright, a senior who works for VPAS, "and we have a society that goes and normalizes that, even if the rest of the world doesn't take that same approach, and I think that's where we clash."

VPAS was trying to raise awareness with several tabling events in dorms and other places around campus. At these events, students were prompted to write one thing they think constitutes as a relationship red flag on an actual red flag. They were then posted all over campus.

Social work major

Ariana Lopez, a freshman, said she wrote, "You can't do that without me," as a red flag. She said people in relationships seem to get trapped into thinking they have to do everything with their significant other.

"They think that they can't go out and enjoy themselves and have their own life without the other person," Lopez said. "I think it is important for people to realize you can be in a healthy relationship with someone and still live your own life."

Communication major Alessia Nazario, a sophomore, said

jealousy was a normal trait to have in a relationship. The problem, she said lied with how significant others acted upon that jealousy, such as asking for one another's passwords and making them feel as if they were untrustworthy and inadequate.

"I know your freshman and sophomore years is when you make a lot of friends and start relationships in college," said Nazario, "so we want to make sure if you're in a relationship, you're doing it happily and healthily."



Red Flag poster with red flags outside Hilton C. Buley.



Tabling event that has wristbands, flags and stress balls.

Students learn to Be Wi\$e with their money

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

Student Financial Literacy and Advising coordinator Lewis DeLuca held an open lecture in the Adanti Student Center on Thurs., Oct. 4 in order to educate students about how important it is to start managing finances early.

DeLuca's goal is to prevent students from finding themselves in a financial crisis when they are trying to pay for their education, and provided several tips on how to make tuition more manageable.

"What usually happens is, a student will come to me already in financial crisis looking for help. Rarely will a student be proactive and come to me with a plan already

in their head of what they're going to do," said DeLuca.

This is part of an ongoing campaign that DeLuca said he has assigned himself to make sure that students are aware of how to make beneficial financial choices early on, so it will be easier to retire later. He discussed the importance of building a 401k as early as possible, as well as always keeping one's credit score high.

DeLuca said it was important for students to apply for scholarships, pay student loans as early as possible, and strategize to use when trying to deal with loan interest.

All students, DeLuca said should pay their loans as early as possible to prevent

larger payments later in life.

"I wish people were a lot more proactive, but I'm not naive," said DeLuca. "A lot of college students aren't thinking about retirement, their future, their credit, things like that."

DeLuca said schoolwork, jobs, family obligations and other facets of life usually take precedence over something that seems so distant in students' futures.

"I don't really think about my financial future that much, but I know it's important that I should," said English major Patrick Kearney, a sophomore.

DeLuca said he has been going to INQ classes giving freshmen the same presentation that he gave on Oct. 3.

"I invite myself to

most INQ classes," said DeLuca, "and I probably have between 30 or 40 of them that I visit. When I get there, I do these [lectures]."

DeLuca said going to the students' classes was the most efficient way of reaching the widest number of people possible, as not many students are choosing to come to these lectures.

"This presentation is really important - doesn't matter if you're a freshman, sophomore, whatever," said DeLuca. "This is important information that will help you later in life."

DeLuca also said it was important to take advantage of available university student discounts. Applications and services such as the U-Pass, Spotify, and UNiDAYS were

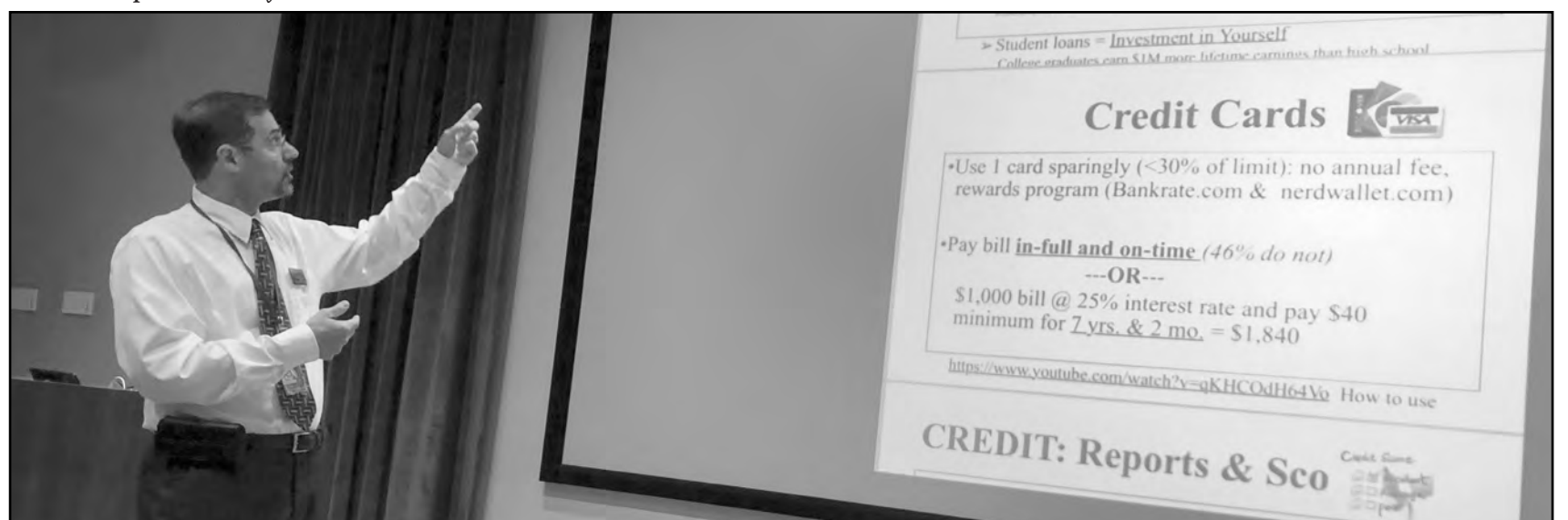
all options mentioned in his presentation.

"I pretty much use as many discounts as I can," said Kearney. "I've been using the Spotify discount since last year, when I first came here."

DeLuca said part of the reason why so many students find themselves in financial crisis is the lack of proper finance education throughout high school.

"Schools usually say that it's the parents who need to teach their kids. Parents say that it's the schools that need to teach the kids," said DeLuca. "What's happening is no one is teaching them, but that's okay; that's what I'm here for."

"Students can create an appointment with me anytime they need to."



Student Financial Adviser Lewis DeLuca at his Be Wi\$e with Money event held on Oct. 4 in the Adanti Student Center.

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Active Minds hosted annual JCK Foundation event

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Active Minds hosted their annual JCK Foundation presentation, Monday, Sept. 30. The group has been hosting this every year since 2016.

The JCK Foundation was formed because the founder's best friend, John Cleaver Kelly, lost his life in his battle with depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder.

John Tessitore and Mike Esposito started the presentation with an ice breaker: the attendees had to throw their piece of paper into a box that said yes or no on them in response to questions about mental health.

Once the ice breaker ended, those who attended were put in three different groups and had to present answers to the questions they were given, which ranged from "why does mental health matter?" to "how is

mental health viewed in your community?"

"We do really believe in the power of a group, because everyone's collective story is more powerful than an individual story; they come together that way," Esposito said.

Tessitore said he thinks it is positive that there are production groups that hire consultants to garner an understanding of mental illnesses in order to portray them correctly in film. He said Joaquin

Phoenix, who played the titular character, had watched and listened to people with mental illnesses prior to getting casted for research purposes.

"I think that is problematic when it's such a violent movie," he said, "and I think, like, that will be very entertaining, but I don't think it does anything positive with mental health."

Counseling Services graduate intern Mary Xatse attended the event

and said there is a rise in loneliness for people in counseling.

"We know of different people sharing, 'I just did this,' or, 'I did that,' but no one actually feels known," Xatse said. "People you might not even think couldn't be affected by it could be affected by it."

As the co-directors of the JCK Foundation, Tessitore and Esposito work alongside each other to inspire and empower those with mental illnesses and

to raise awareness for mental health. They will return spring 2020 for another event brought by Active Minds.

"I think people are more comfortable with the idea of mental health, but I don't think stepping in a therapist's office has become that much less stigmatized," Tessitore said.

"I think it's become more in the fashion of sharing a story, but it hasn't translated to formal help."

Almuna inspires at 11th Annual Empowering Lives

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

Almuna, Cin Martinez was the keynote speaker at the 11th Annual Empowering Lives where she spoke about her life story.

Dian Brown-Albert, coordinator of Multicultural Student Activities, said Martinez was chosen due to her relative age to current students and her unique career path.

"We selected her also because of her career path. We haven't done anything with theater before," Brown-Albert said.

Chelsey Cerato, the president of the Organization of Latin American Students, gave panegyric remarks in regard to Martinez's. Cerato gave a brief rundown on the milestones in

Martinez's life and spoke on some of her accomplishments within her theater career. Cerato also touched on current and future projects that Martinez is currently working on.

The recapitulation of Martinez by Cerato had provided context to the substance that Martinez elaborated upon in her own keynote speech.

"Do the best you can, strategize, be a team player, communicate beyond the use of words, pay attention and celebrate your wins," said social work major, Destiny Ortiz, a sophomore, who said she related to Martinez's life story due to being Hispanic herself.

"So, listening to anyone's stories makes me want to be a better person to the Latin community," said Ortiz.

She said she was impressed by the keynote speech and that she felt they both had a lot in common as individuals.

"We're both Hispanic,

we went to the same high school and I felt like me and her have the same goals," Ortiz said. "Makes me want to grow as a person."

Communication

major Liliana Ramirez, a sophomore said Martinez being a former Owl, gave her inspiration.

"It was inspiring. It was nice to see [Martinez] graduated from this school was able to do [the event]," Ramirez said, "It kind of gives you hope that you can do the same."

"Don't take no for an answer, always dream big and work hard for what you want and you will be able to make it possible," Ramirez said. Martinez said her number one priority with her keynote address was to make sure young people are able to make decisions a bit easier and learn to lean on others to navigate this world.

"When you are trying to figure out life as a young person, especially as a young

person of color, it can feel very weighted," said Martinez. "It can feel like you're going against water, which you're having to navigate. I think that if someone can say: What are some ways to make it a little bit easier for you to figure things out?"

Brown-Albert said she felt that Martinez's life story was inspirational for students in the Latinx community.

She also said her story was uplifting in nature and one where Southern student can relate to on various levels.

"For her to be where she is [today], you would have to make many sacrifices," she said. "Throughout her story, students can relate — I can relate."



PHOTO | JACOB WARING

Alumna Cin Martinez speaking at the 11th Annual Empowering lives event on Sept. 30.

Fri-YAYs events designed to better reach out to students

By Jackson LaMar
Reporter

Fri-YAY is a new program ran by graduate intern and advocate Kyle Augustine. It is a weekly program that features a different department during each session. Augustine said he believes this is one of the best ways to reach out to students and give them something they might need.

"This year we want to do more outreach and more programs to reach our

students," said Augustine. "Every week we do something new, a different department comes in and we talk about different ways to become better students."

This week, Augustine had a program scheduled to help students with midterm stress and mental health, since he perceives both to be a big concern for the student body.

"Last week we talked about sex and different STD's that some students may not be aware of," Augustine said. "I thought

that, since midterms are coming up, I'd switch it up and talk about stress management and talking about mental health."

The event featured three members from counseling services. Fri-YAY started with a video of a young man and woman talking about dealing with their mental health problems.

After the video, an open discussion followed in which some students shared their own struggles regarding mental health. Many of the participants asked that their stories and

identities remain unnamed.

Afterwards, Counseling Services talked about stress management for the upcoming midterm exams. There was an activity where counseling services asked the students to count how many sources of stress they have. After identifying their number, each student received that many stress balls and were asked to hold on to them at all times and to socialize with the other students in the room.

After talking, Counseling Services asked students if their stress was happening

right now as opposed to in the future, and if their stress was theirs to have in the first place. Many students put their stress balls back into a bucket in response.

Many students said they really valued their time, including social work major Ari Rivera, a sophomore.

"I didn't expect as many people to show up as they did," Rivera said. "I felt understood. I thought it'd be me and a couple of other people willing to open up about this topic and our personal issues, but there

was a good 20 people there."

Although this event may seem insignificant to some students, for others, like Rivera, it had an important impact.

"I've been struggling a lot with my mental health lately," said Rivera. "I noticed that I have been very distant, and I'm getting more triggered easily, so I thought by coming to this event, it's giving me a reminder that I'm not the only one going through this right now."

Mario Kart Tour disappoints with mobile gameplay

By Nina Bartłomiejczyk
Copy Editor

On Sept. 25, Nintendo released its new mobile game, "Mario Kart Tour" for Android and iOS, which, according to CNN Business, "was downloaded more than 90 million times in its first week." This game marks the 14th installment in Nintendo's "Mario Kart" series.

The mobile game allows gamers to enter the racing world of Nintendo's endearing, classic characters on zany, fast-paced courses wherever and whenever they please.

The courses are reminiscent of classics from past "Mario Kart" games that players will be familiar

with, such as those from the now-retro Nintendo 64 version. However, these courses feel more like knock-offs of the real deal and can get boring. The developers promise special world city-based courses, hence the title "Tour," but they are only available for two-week long events.

Players start out with two random characters from the roster of the game's 35. Other characters and items can then be won via paying rubies, which are an in-game currency earned by leveling up, to gamble for a loot box containing a character, kart or parachute.

Different characters have different rarities, making some statistically harder to get than others. Depending

on the course, some characters and items will have an advantage, and the player must make a well-rounded roster in order to choose the best loadout combination for the race.

Interestingly, the loadout does not affect race performance, but rather the number of points the player gets post-race, which determines the number of stars the player earns. This will help the player advance to the next course or circuit, and also ranks players when competing for the highest score on a ranked circuit. However, being able to play in ranked competition is only unlocked after players complete a certain number of circuits.

The point-only advantage erases the possibility for some players to have a better chance at winning than others due to purchasing items with superior in-game effects using actual money. In this game, the players can buy in-game currency, or a ludicrously priced \$4.99 "Gold Pass" monthly membership for access to faster races and randomized loot boxes of more characters and items, but this does not put them at a competitive advantage during the race, which relies solely on skill and luck.

Unfortunately, this comes with drawbacks. Firstly, it discourages many players who 'main' a certain

character from doing so. For example, if a player enjoys playing as Yoshi and wishes to play as him in every race, they will be at a point disadvantage for quite a few races, even though this has no effect on the gameplay. It also gives some players who have better items from loot boxes they purchased to get more points in ranked circuits.

This is an unfortunate truth that is perpetuated in "Mario Kart Tour," the most frustrating of which happens directly after a player spends rubies to fire the pipe, the game's iteration of a loot box. The loading icon spins indefinitely, and the player must shut down the app and restart. Though the

game still provides the player with the prize, this is an irritating bug.

The controls of the game are awkward, requiring the player to either tilt the phone, and consequently, the screen, to steer, or use their fingers to tap the screen to drift, which is sensitive and hard to control at times. Mastering drifting can help players get speed boosts when done correctly, but causes frustration while learning due to its sensitivity.

Overall, due to boring courses, loadout advantage functions, a loot box system, paywalls, bugs and clunky controls, "Mario Kart Tour" is largely a disappointing crash and burn.

'Under Pressure' Cast of Pippin prepares for debut

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

All hail King Pippin! The cast and crew of Pippin are putting their final touches on the show before their opening night on Friday, Oct. 11.

Memorizing all of the lines, singing the right notes, and learning the choreography to the show, all in about a month is what the cast had on their hands when joining the production.

"The hardest thing about putting a show together is definitely the coordination between the three aspects of acting, singing and dancing," said psychology major, Keegan Smith, a sophomore and cast member, "and having all of them work together to a nearly perfect point."

Smith, who has been acting since the age of 8, plays the role of Lewis in the show and has done over 20 productions in his lifetime. He is not alone in his experience as many other cast members have a long background in theatre.

There are difficult parts to being in a production, according to the cast. To elementary collaborative and theater major Julia Raucci, a senior, one of the hardest things is getting everything done in a short amount of time.

"The hardest thing, in my opinion, about putting a show together is telling the story," said music major, Alexine Cristante, a freshman. "Yes, the actors say lines with music and sets to show and tell what happened, but the hardest part is the emotion the

actors have to have to tell the correct story and everyone is telling the same story."

This has been a bonding experience for the cast as many shared memories from the past month of working together.

"This whole experience has been memorable for me," said elementary education major, Olivia O'Connor, a freshman, who has the role of a Player, "but I think my favorite memory has to be the first run-through because it's the first time you can see how the whole show is coming together."

The role of the father of Pippin is played by theater major, Matthew Lopes, a senior. He said he also enjoyed the first time the cast ran the whole show through. His favorite

memory, he said, so far was doing full run throughs as the actors began to take their work more seriously. "It's at these times when I try my best to make Keegan Smith, who plays Lewis, break character, and whenever he does, it's the funniest experience for us both," Lopez said.

Pippin has less than a week before opening night, and the cast said they are ready. Theater major Christian Gunzenhauser, a senior, plays the lead role of Pippin. He said one of his favorite memories was how he felt after his audition. He said it felt like it was the best audition he had ever done.

"I am very excited for opening night," said Gunzenhauser. "Putting the show on in front of a crowd is always so rewarding."



PHOTOS | JACOB WARING

Leslie Odom Jr. responding to Stuart Robinson in the ballroom on Saturday, Oct. 5.

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Nat King Cole, a legendary jazz pianist and vocalist, has his fingerprints on the single. According to Odom, Cole's music inspired him and is the kind he set out to try to do.

"When I set out to record anything, a couple years ago we said we wanted to make the kind of music Nat King Cole might make today," Odom said. "I think, you know we endeavored to do that. I don't know if anyone would listen to it and think that's what we were trying to do but that's what we were trying to do."

Throughout his song, Odom's voice takes center stage. His voice cuts through the melodious sounds like an arrow speeding through the air, but with grace. He has a lustrous intonation

that beckons listeners ears into attention. Whether it is one of the countless musical numbers in Hamilton or one of his own works, his voice stands out.

However he does not take all the credit, as Odom said it is a collaborative process to get his voice to stand out.

"Music is a very collaborative thing. I got producers looking out for me, writers looking out for me, mixing engineers looking out for me," he said. "I have to give credit where credit is due."

The single is clearly just an appetizer for the main course that is the upcoming album in November.

"[There] is so much great musicianship," said Odom, "and such wonderful orchestration that it still remains an album that's about a voice."



PHOTOS | IZZY MANZO

'Pippin' cast members Christian Gunzenhauser and Zaneta Nicholson at rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 2

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Odom's single 'Under Pressure' inspired by mentors and movies

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

Rarely does music nowadays function as a synchronized dance between the vocalist and the musical elements embedded within a song. However, "Under Pressure" by Leslie Odom Jr is exactly that.



PHOTOS | JACOB WARING

Leslie Odom Jr. singing "Wait For It" from Hamilton in the ballroom on Oct. 5.

"Under Pressure" dropped on Sept. 13 and will be one of the songs featured in Odom's upcoming album. "Mr," that's dropping in November.

His light falsetto weaves around the string instrumentals on the tracks which produces a cinematic vibe that is prominent within the lyrical storytelling.

The Tony Award winning singer spoke and performed during the 125th Anniversary Gala

He elaborated upon the origin of the song itself and he said "Under Pressure," was inspired by a movie.

Odom said that he was in the middle of a writer's camp, with what he said was some of the most brilliant people he knows to write the music for his record. The group decided to take a break and see the movie, "Blindspotting".

"One of my favorite movies from last year. I had seen it already, and the guys I was writing with had not seen it. And so, we stopped everything and [went] to see this movie," Odom said.

Odom said once the writer's camp returned from the movie, they were inspired to write "Under Pressure."

"It was one of the last songs that we wrote. I think that the cinematic feel kind of is because we were inspired by a movie. Kind of got a James Bond vibe. It feels like a thriller to me or something like that," Odom said.

The song does sound like it is the opening theme for the next Bond flick. More importantly, it feels as if the song is guiding you on a journey—a journey about success that is littered with hazards one would encounter. Along with the discord one battles within themselves while dealing with success.

Lyrical, the substance is thought-provoking. The mesmerizing violins, cellos and deep horns paint a rich orchestrated tapestry. Odom's voice is an instrument in itself as it delicately weaves through the musical beats, warm hug while the lyrics tug at your heart.

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Vision boards focus on perspective

By Jessica Guerrucci
Managing Editor

Wrestling, a football player with a rose, family—these were just a few of the images Jeremy De Valle glued onto his vision board.

"I'm a very visual person," said De Valle, a member of the Organization of Latin American Students, "so I'm looking for a lot of pictures that describe me and goals I have for the future. Hopefully, in the near future than later down the line, if that makes sense."

Vision Boards with OLAS was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1 to help students create a vision for what they want and who they want to be in life, as well as interact with the members of the club.

Da'Nasih Blackwell, secretary for OLAS, said she came up with the

event because she thought it would be good for members to get together and create goals for themselves and for the school year.

As students get further into the school year, Blackwell said it was a good time to hold the event because it is the time when school starts to pick up the pace and get more hectic which can be stressful for students.

"School can get overwhelming," said Blackwell, "so people start to think 'oh my god why am I doing this?' and 'why am I here?' So it just really keeps that into perspective."

The vision boards were created by cutting images out from magazines and collaging them onto a piece of paper. For De Valle, he said his focus was on education, family, wrestling, which he coaches, and romance, which he showed through

his images.

"I picked that one out in particular, a football player holding a rose, it stuck out to me because that's an athlete with a rose, signifying romance," said De Valle.

Though he had never made a vision board before, De Valle said he found it to be therapeutic and a fun experience to have with his fellow OLAS members while getting to know them better.

"Whenever we get together it's a good time," said De Valle. "We always get to laugh, you also get to learn a lot about other members that you probably might have not known before."

When Chelsey Cerrato, president of OLAS was looking through magazines to find images for her vision board, she said she was looking empowerment and success. One of the images glued to her board said

"my battle."

"I feel like whether I put it as 'battle' or 'my battle,' I feel like I've gone through a lot in life, so that definitely describes who I am and what I've overcome," said Cerrato.

While some vision boards contained mostly images, Carlos Lopez, who handles public relations for OLAS, filled his with words and quotes. He said he sees them little reminders to himself. The phrases read "don't settle for half," "success always hits hard" and "feed your wild side."

"Since I'm a first generation college student, like 'success hits hard,'" said Lopez. "Even though there might be some tough times throughout college, I always have to remind myself and remember that in order to be successful you're going to have to go through ups and downs in order to get to where you want to be."



PHOTO | JESSICA GUERRUCCI

Secretary for OLAS Da'Nasih Blackwell creating a vision board at the event on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in the Adanti Student Center.

Latinx and LGBTQ figures celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By Jackson Volenc
Reporter

The Multicultural Center hosted a Latinx LGBTQ+ bingo game on Monday, Oct. 2 at the SAGE Center to educate students about important figures that have influence that reach beyond the queer community they have emerged from.

"The event was to

celebrate and learn about notable Latinx people who identify within the LGBTQ+ community. We wanted to do something fun and engaging that will also teach students about some people they may not have heard of otherwise," said graduate intern Marlana Oliveri of the Sage Center.

This is one of the several events that are related to Hispanic Heritage month

at Southern, which started Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. There are also several other events at Southern that are related to celebrate and honor all aspects of Hispanic culture within the Southern community.

"I wanted to have an event that speaks to the intersectionality of identities, so people that are in the Latinx community and the

LGBTQ, and the impact that both of these communities have had on everything," said Oliveri.

There have been other recent events that have celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on campus including a panel discussion, where members of the Hispanic Latinx community can share their experiences with their culture and

community on Monday, Oct. 7. They also discussed social issues and common misconceptions that negatively affect them as a group.

Future events include a National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, which is on Tuesday, Oct. 15. There will be an open forum sponsored by the health center that will address issues that impact the Latinx community.

During the event, several students had recognized some of the more familiar names that were mentioned during the game, although most that were mentioned were unknown to the students playing.

"I came here to learn more about like, all these different types of people and how they weren't judged or lessened just because of who they were," said communication disorders major, Olivia Courtemanche, a freshman.

During the event, several students had recognized some of the more familiar names that were mentioned during the game, although most that were mentioned were unknown to the students playing.

Throughout the game,

over 20 different impactful Latinx members of the LGBTQ+ community were mentioned, each given detailed descriptions of who they were and what their impact was. People such as transgender activists, gay entertainers in the film and music industries, as well as men who led the charge on HIV awareness.

"Bingo is a fun event; it gets people engaged," said Oliveri. "People listen when people play, because people want to win, but it makes them pay attention to the topic."

Winners of the bingo game received a prize and were contacted via email after the event to find out what they received.

Events like bingo and others during National Hispanic Heritage Month are all working towards the objective of celebrating the diversity and multiple cultures on campus, as well as how several people associate themselves with more than one cultural group.

"It is important to bring light to intersectionality, because no one person is one thing," Oliveri said. "Events like this help bring exposure to things like that."



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Communication disorders major Malissa Khamphoux, a freshman (left) and communication disorders major Olivia Courtemanche, a freshman, at the bingo event on Monday, Oct. 2.

Burst of new energy Football team finds success in new quarterback

By Edward Rudman
Contributor

While the men's football team has been plagued by slow starts in its first four games, this was not the case on Saturday, when the Owls trounced Franklin Pierce 55-27.

The Owls came out ready to play, putting up 28 points in the first quarter alone, while allowing no points on the defensive side of the ball.

They were able to extend their lead to 35-0 in the second quarter before allowing Franklin Pierce their first points of the game. By the time halftime rolled around, the Owls were enjoying a comfortable lead of 35-7.

Running back Jonmichael Bivona, a sophomore, had a big first half, as he was able to punch it into the endzone twice, and once again in

the third quarter.

"I had a huge push from the offensive line, got to give credit to those guys," said Bivona. "They came out and they played hard, we worked all week on getting a good push up front and it happened this week."

Bivona finished the day with 70 yards on 15 attempts — an average of just over 4 yards a carry — and scored three touchdowns. Bivona was not alone when it came to the successful rushing attack, as Southern had nine players with at least one rushing attempt, totaling 209 yards on 43 attempts.

Quarterback Jackson Ostrowsky, a true freshman, performed at a high level, completing 14 passes on 22 attempts — a 63 percent completion rate — and putting up a total of 267 yards and two touchdowns. In

his second start of the season, Ostrowsky seemed comfortable under center and made sure to credit his teammates on the big win.

"We came together as a unit. The offensive line did a great job and the receivers did a great job at getting open," said Ostrowsky. "Like I said, the O-line gave me the time and opened up holes for the running backs."

The offensive line did play with a big push, only allowing a single sack on Ostrowsky, giving him the time he needed in the pocket to scan the field and make throws before he was pulled in the second half.

The receivers were able to get open. Receivers Julian Chung, a sophomore, and Izaiah Sanders, a redshirt sophomore, both eclipsed the 100-yard mark on the day, hauling in 131 and 117 yards respectively. Chung

was able to score his first points of the season and did so twice with two reception touchdowns.

The Owls played a disciplined first half, only committing two penalties for 15 yards, while Franklin Pierce committed six penalties for 60 yards. They also showcased a staunch defense, intercepting Franklin Pierce's quarterback, Drew Campanale, a freshman, twice in the first half.

Head coach, Tom Godek credits the low amount of penalties to maturity and emphasized humility to the team after the game.

"I told the guys, 'there's never a bad win in football,'" said Godek. "I asked them to be humble and show humility, as, moving forward, we have more experienced, disciplined teams coming up on the schedule that will need our full attention in order to get a victory."



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Midfielder Daniel Utgaard, a sophomore, during a home game against Assumption College on Sept. 17.

Men's soccer lands in another overtime draw

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

The men's soccer team was able to hold their own in a tied, double-overtime game against the No. 1 nationally ranked Adelphi University.

"It's about getting the ball forward into their end and sometimes your opponents have something to say," said head coach Tom Lang. "You can have all the strategy that you want in the world, but sometimes they don't always fall for it."

Lang said much of his strategy for the first half of the game was coming out aggressively in order to actively keep the ball in the back of Adelphi's defense.

The team seemed to follow this strategy, as they had a total of six shots during the first period, three of which were direct shots on Adelphi's goal.

The first goal of the night was not scored until the second half of the game, in the 86th minute of play, by midfielder Daniel Utgaard, a sophomore.

"The most important thing is that we scored, and it was a great cross from Kevin [Van der Pol]," said Utgaard, "and we were just happy that we scored."

Utgaard secured the ball in the back of the net after it was redirected off the crossbar, following a cross from defender Kevin Van der Pol, a junior.

This was Utgaard's third goal of the season, having previously scored in games against the New York Institute of Technology on Sept. 11 and Assumption College on Sept. 17.

"I feel like I have a good, a good right foot," said Utgaard. "I feel like, if I have the chance to take a shot, I will definitely try and score. It doesn't always go in, but sometimes [I'm] lucky enough to score, and today was one of [those] days."

Almost immediately following Southern's goal, with just 24 seconds left in what was meant to be the final half of the game, Adelphi scored sending, the game into overtime.

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Quarterback Jackson Ostrowsky, freshman, during a play-action pass during a home game against Franklin Pierce on Saturday

Women's soccer dominates on both sides of the field

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

After losing a heartbreaker to Southern New Hampshire in overtime, the Owls women's soccer team came out aggressively and picked up a 2-0 non-conference win over Queens College at Jess Dow Field.

For the Owls, the night would serve as a fundraiser for two foundations: the 'Vs. Cancer Foundation,' whose mission is to empower any athlete, team or community to help kids with cancer, and 'Kick For Nick,' a foundation that introduces soccer and donates balls to underprivileged children in tribute to Private First-Class, Nicholas A. Madaras, who died in Iraq in 2006.

"I love being a part of both of those causes," said head coach Adam Cohen, "and I think it's great for our student-athletes, because I know it's important to them,

because they feel like they're a part of something bigger than just soccer."

During the game, the Owls looked to assert themselves early offensively with multiple shots on goal in the first half, including a penalty-kick that just missed from midfielder Marisa Grisell, a senior, in the 15th minute.

The Owls then opened the scoring just nine minutes later, thanks to a long goal from Owls forward Meaghan Kelley, a junior, after collecting a loose ball on the far side. This was Kelley's second goal this season, joining fellow Owls like midfielder Kaitlyn D'Amico, a sophomore, and forwards Johanna Wahlen, a senior, and Rossella Graniero, a junior, with multiple goals this year.

"I know over in the corner [Graniero] and I were both getting the ball from Greta [Brunello] off of the throw in," said Kelley on her goal, "and, next thing I knew, I was going through two

defenders and the ball ended up in the back of the net with my left foot."

The Owls took that 1-0 lead into halftime, but they were not done there. In the 54th minute of the second half, the Owls struck again on a goal from D'Amico. The sequence began with graduate student Paula Nunez sending a cross into the box for D'Amico, who headed the shot-on-goal. Though the goalkeeper from Queens' saved the header, D'Amico got the rebound and sent it into the net to give the Owls a 2-0 advantage.

"When Paula was on the flank, I usually know where her crosses are going," D'Amico said of with a smile. "I just tracked the ball, and that's what I did."

Though the Owls' offense was aggressive all night, putting up 15 shots and nine shots-on-goal, it was their defense that stood out.

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Midfielder Juliana Santos, a graduate student, during a home game against Saint Michaels last year.



The wild Western Conference

Column by Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

For basketball fans, it is no secret that this past offseason in the NBA was one of the crazier ones in recent memory. This summer featured numerous superstars either departing their respected cities for a new home or being traded as part of a rebuild.

Headed into the 2020 season, the consensus among league experts and fans is that the Western Conference is once again the heavier stacked league.

Staples Center: It is no secret that the two teams who call the Staples Center home improved drastically. The Clippers gained two-time finals MVP Kawhi Leonard as well as Paul George to compliment one of the best supporting casts in the league. Over in the Lakers' locker room, they finally got their crown jewel this past summer: Anthony Davis. The LeBron & Davis duo should be exciting, but the overflow of new role players — Dwight Howard, Danny Green, Avery Bradley, etc. — and new coaching staff will beg questions of their team chemistry early on.

Denver Nuggets: Denver's roster features one of the best centers and overall players in the league in Nikola Jokic, but a breakout season one year ago from Jamal Murray gave the league yet another dynamic duo to worry about. The Nuggets finished as the two-seed last year, but team chemistry concerns in L.A. and a potential healthy Michael Porter Jr. make Denver a legitimate threat to earning the conference's top seed.

Houston Rockets: It is hard to believe that it has already been eight years since the Oklahoma City Thunder traded James Harden to the Rockets. This offseason the Thunder traded Houston another franchise piece: Russell Westbrook. The deal came as a shock to many, but the Thunder's quick implosion and the relationship the two stars have made this move a no-brainer. However, the questions raised about Houston is regarding their depth. Is Clint Capela healthy? How much does Eric Gordon have left in the tank? Can their bench keep them competitive without Harden & Westbrook on the floor? The answers to these questions could very well end up making or breaking Houston's season.

This list does not touch on all of the contending teams in the West, as there are also teams like Portland, Golden State and Utah to consider. Mainly, this is a prediction of what the top tier in the conference could end up looking like. For now, we all must sit back and watch.

Owls get upset in championship rematch

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

As the Owls volleyball team moves further into conference play, getting to 2-0 was the night's goal — but an upset came at the hands of the American International Yellow Jackets in a rematch of the NE10 championship at Pelz Gymnasium.

The Owls entered the day at 8-6 and 1-0 in the conference, coming off a 3-0 sweep of Pace University to snap a five-game losing streak. The Yellow Jackets came to Southern with a record of just 2-14 and 0-2 in the NE10.

AIC came out aggressive and aimed to get the Owls out-of-sync early. In the first set, though the Owls would be right there with the Yellow Jackets, tying the score at eight early, AIC would make a run and stretch the tie game into a 17-11 lead,

ultimately winning the first set 25-14.

"It's never good to get off to a bad start," said Owls head coach Lisa Barbaro. "But in this game it's kind of nice because even if you do give a set, you have a chance to kind of reset in the second set, and that's what we try to do: we try to reset every set."

In set two, it looked as if the Owls had done just that: reset. The defending NE10 champions fit the same narrative early in the set, as the score was tied at 12. From that moment, the Owls would go on a 15-2 run and close out the second set with a 25-14 victory. Unfortunately for the Owls, this would be their only set win that night.

In sets three and four, the Owls had energy and played hard, but fell just short. AIC would win set three 25-22 and then set four 25-19. The Owls were restricted in those sets due to service errors and balls being



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Outside hitter Jennifer Dawson, senior (left), setter Carter Tea, senior, and middle hitter Abigail Epstein on Sept. 7.

hit into the net; they committed 18 errors, 10 of which came from the service line.

"I definitely think we have a lot to improve on; at the end of the day it came down to our serve-pass game," said senior captain Jillian Chambers. "We were unable to deliver with either of those, so I think, not being able to get good passes, we were unable to fire up our offense and score

any points, so I think that's where we really broke down."

Despite the loss, there were bright spots for the Owls. Senior Tea Carter continued to lead her team in assists, as she collected 36 of her team's 37 total assists. Coming into the game, Carter was ranked fifth in the NE10 in assists per set, averaging 9.31 in that category. Chambers would finish the day

with six kills and 13 digs.

Freshman talent Ella White has also been a huge part of the Owls' success plan this year. Though she is just a freshman, she ranks among the conference leaders in kills, points and total attacks. Going into the game, White had collected 119 kills averaging 2.59 per set. She is one of two freshmen in the conference with over

100 kills. She finished the matchup against AIC with eight more kills, 45 total attacks and 12.5 points.

"It feels amazing, I love it," White said of her early success. "I just keep doing what I'm doing, what I'm told to do. Just learning more and more every day at practice; I just think it's great that I have the opportunity as a freshman and be playing out here."

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Lang said the "mental breakdown" at the end of the game cost the team the chance to win.

"It was really disappointing," said goalkeeper, Andrey Carvalho, a freshman from Brazil. "I couldn't believe [it], but we had to keep our heads straight."

According to Carvalho, the strategy going into the match

was to avoid long balls, but that quickly dissipated in overtime.

"On the overtime, everyone [wants] to win, so we just [were] doing long balls," said Carvalho.

Having to stay back in goal for the majority of a match, Carvalho has a "privileged vision" of the entire field.

Carvalho said he often talks to his teammates who hang back on their side of the field to help them stay organized and focused on the match.

The game, Lang said, was a "tremendous character builder" for the team, and while he would rather avoid overtime, he would also consider it "a step in the right direction."

"You don't want to get to overtime, first and foremost, if that can be avoided," said Lang. "It just means we're competitive in each of the games and that we're difficult to beat, but at the same point in time we have to learn how to win those close games."



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Midfielder Blaise Haba, senior, moving with the ball during a home game against Mercy College on Sept. 7.

Swimmers expect a title year

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

For most collegiate sports teams, the regular season is something they spend the entire offseason working towards, but for the Owls' men's and women's swimming & diving teams, the regular season is all about working towards the postseason.

Historically, the Owls' swimming program has been built on success, having won 13 conference championships, most recently in 2018. Last season, the Owls saw some similar success, but ultimately finished second for the men and third for the women in 2019, respectively.

"Last year was a difficult season," said head coach Tim Quill, now entering his 21st season at Southern. "We had just come off of winning the conference championship. There's always a lot of pressure as a swimmer at [Southern] because we always have a target on our back; everybody wants to beat [Southern.] It was a roller coaster ride last year."

The Owls opened the 2019-20 season in Fairfield, Conn. for the Fairfield Invitational, where they finished second out of three teams, edging out conference rival Pace University. This year, there is confidence that the Owls can reclaim what they believe is rightfully theirs: an NE10

Championship win. To achieve that, they are using the regular season as a tune-up to get everybody at their best form for when the NE10 championship comes around.

"We're all working towards a common goal, team-wise," Quill said. "I really like what I see this year; we have a good incoming class of freshmen, and I'm very happy with our returning class. I think they're doing a very nice job of leading our program this year."

Among the returners on the men's side is senior Leonardo LaPorte, who was named the NE10's swimmer of the year in 2019 after earning all-American honors and placing fifth in the NCAA Division II Championships for butterfly. Also returning for the men's squad is junior Bryce Castellone, who won the 200 SC Meter Individual Medley at the Fairfield Invitational to open the season.

"I think the team did great," said Castellone, one of the captains on the men's side this year. "It's really tough going into that first meet, coming out strong, and I think our team did a really good job doing that."

For Castellone, this year offers new experiences in multiple facets. For starters, this is his first year at Southern without his older brother, Tyler, who previously served as captain of the team and is

one of the reasons Bryce came to Southern. This is also Castellone's first year ever being a captain.

Returning for the women is captain and senior Avery Fornaciari, who finished second in last year's NE10 championship with a national-qualifying time. For her, she said it's about reiterating what her coach has preached: focus on the form now and the speed later.

"At this point in the season, he tells us to not focus so much on the times, but more on our techniques," said Fornaciari. "Focusing on staying consistent underwater, focusing on our stroke counts — it's not until the mid-season, the end of the season, where we start to focus on time-based intervals and things like that."

The Owls will travel to Storrs, Conn. to face off against the Division I UConn Huskies. Following that matchup, the Owls will have their first home meet of the season when they host West Chester and Shippensburg on Oct. 11-12 at the Hutchison Natatorium inside Moore Fieldhouse.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that our program year-in and year-out is contending for a conference championship," said Quill. "When you've won as many titles as our team has won, I think it'd be foolish for me to say that we're not in it to win it."

Soccer

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Owls' goalkeeper Allie Smith, a graduate student, would record her fourth shutout on the year and improve her goals-against average to 0.96, but her defense was able to limit Queens to just five shots and four shots on goal, and she was able to save all of them.

"Defending is really a team effort," said Cohen. "It's all eleven players on

the field working together, not just the goalkeeper, so the team works to prevent chances on-goal, and you've got a security net knowing that you have a great goalkeeper back there."

With the win, the Owls improved to 5-2-1 for this year and 3-1-0 at Jess Dow Field. The Owls also improved to 3-0-1 in non-conference games this season. The Owls now have a five-game road trip ahead of them before returning home to face the University of New Haven on Oct. 22.



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Midfielder Kaitlyn D'Amico, sophomore, during a game against Queen's College on Wednesday.

Field hockey continues to struggle

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

The Owl's field hockey team lost to their Elm City rivals, the New Haven Chargers, 1-0, despite their offensive strategy and yet another solid performance from their goalkeeper.

Though the Owls displayed one of their better offensive efforts, they could not find a way to score. Instead, the team relied once again on their senior goalkeeper Briana Craft, who leads division 2 goalies in saves.

Craft finished with 10 saves for the night, which brought her season total to 96 for the year, which is

first in that category. For Craft, success starts with practice and having the right concentration.

"In practice, we always practice getting the second or third shots," Craft said, "[because] the first one I know I can save, but it's the second or third ones that usually go in."

Craft's play has grown over her years of playing and has come to be one of the better instinctively playing goalies in Division II.

"I'm more of a reactive keeper than a strategic keep," Craft said, "Some people say I'm unorthodox. I really have no strategy; I'm just trying to stop the ball."

Goalkeeping coach Sarah Williams stressed the importance of having a player like Craft in the program.

"Since her freshman year, she has come in that starting role and just grown to be a smarter keeper," Williams said. "She's learning to see things transpire before they transpire, which makes her job a lot easier."

Coach Williams praised Craft's ability to rebound from save to save, particularly during this game. There were two times in the game where Craft saved three shots in a row in a single offensive onslaught.

With less than ten

minutes left on the clock, an unassisted one-timer from the Chargers, that snuck through the defense and under the leg of Craft, sealed the game.

The Owls finished the game with a total of three shots, two of which were on goal. Despite this seemingly low number, the Owls had a lot of offensive momentum throughout the game.

There were many times in which the Owls camped around the Charger's net only for a defender to slap the ball away or steal it.

At times throughout the game, the Owls offense seemed to lean on forward Kaitlyn Bourque, a freshman. Bourque helped

with the offensive synergy by being a key player when moving the ball down field.

"Looking at those spaces and pushing the ball up, working with my teammates and getting those two-on-one's were all things that worked particularly well today," said Bourque.

The next game for the Owls will be an away game on Saturday at Saint Micheal's in Vt. Saint Micheal's is 1-8. This could prove to be Southern's saving grace, because the Owls are at a 15-14 all-time record against the Purple Knights, but picked up their only win last time out against Bentley.



The beasts of the Eastern Conference

Column by Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

The league has seen so much shuffling around of players and picks in the past year which should actually result in interesting basketball, compared to the previous half decade of LeBron versus the Warriors — thank you Toronto. With that being said, these are the teams to look out for in the Eastern Conference:

76ers: Philadelphia definitely suffered the most heart-breaking of endings to their season last year, which came from the first-ever game-seven winning buzzer beater shot in the second round. That, coupled with the fact that the team traded star shooting guard Jimmy Butler to Miami, would have left questions about the team's near future had the team not just picked up some floor-spacing ability in center Al Horford, while also resigning forward Tobias Harris.

This year's 76ers team also features 6'9" point guard Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid, who was an MVP candidate last year and who might have a good chance at taking the award home this year.

The team seems to be looking to get last year's bad taste out of their mouth, and if injuries do not plague their way, they may be in position to do so.

Bucks: The Bucks certainly made the most of this summer. While they inevitably lost the former 2017 Rookie of the Year shooting guard Malcolm Brogdon in free agency, the team was able to re-sign both small forward Khris Middleton and center Brook Lopez. The Bucks also chose to be ambitious this offseason, picking up veteran shooting guard Kyle Korver, who could provide some much-needed floor spacing for the reigning MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo.

The Bucks had a great year and a similar playoff run, and while this year's season is just three weeks away, the Bucks seem to want to pick up where they left off.

Celtics: Compared to the Bucks, the Celtics did not do much in the offseason. Their one blockbuster move came early: superstar point guard Kemba Walker chose to come to Boston in a sign-and-trade for Terry Rozier and some draft picks. The Celtics, who were widely considered to be one of the teams with the most young talent filling their roster last year, are apparently waiting and developing their home-grown talent — and who could blame them?

There is certainly more teams in the East that have reloaded over the summer, but these three teams seem to be the cream of the crop this early on.



Forward Karley Welles, junior, pushing upfield during a home game against Bentley University on Sept. 21.

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Forward Jana Migliaro, graduate student, talking to the field hockey team during halftime against AIC on Sept. 11.

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The dance team gears up for competition

By Edward Rudman
Contributor

Southern has a plethora of clubs and organizations on campus, some of which, like the dance team, are athletic clubs or teams.

The dance team has been around on campus since 2005 and has become a part of the club sports culture at Southern.

They perform at every home game for football and basketball, and will perform for any team that invites them, according to Hannah Bowen, junior social work major and team captain.

"We practice every Monday and Wednesday

from 6:30 p.m. to, at least, 8:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Sundays," said Bowen, "We mostly get ready for all the home games we participate in and we also do Midnight Madness, the pep rally, and homecoming."

Bowen said they have also danced for volleyball games and other events and are more than happy to but it is just a matter of being invited.

Not only does the team dance for Southern events and games, but they also compete in two to three competitions per year, which head coach Madison Correia, seemed to be excited about.

"We have choreography, for the competitions,

coming soon from the Universal Dance Association," said Correia, "who will send us a choreographer that we pay for to teach us a dance that fits within the rules of the competitions."

This is Correia's first year as the head coach for the dance team, however, this is not uncharted waters for her. She was a member of the dance team for five years and captain of the team, and she says that her experience there has helped shape the kind of coach she is.

"Dance has been a part of my life since I was two years old and it's interesting being on the other side of things now," said Correia. "I took what I

liked and disliked from the coaching I received when I was dancing and I apply it here."

One thing Correia stresses above all else is the importance of academics. The dance team recorded the highest GPA of all club sports last year, posting an average of 3.1. The team is proud of this and for this year, Correia set a goal for all members to strive for a 3.0 or higher.

Two years ago, the team saw their numbers dwindled down to a mere six members, but have made a big turn around since then. With eight returning members and eight new ones, the roster is up to 16 and filled with motivated dancers,

according to Correia.

One thing Bowen made sure to talk about was how hard the team works and that the popular thought that dancing is relatively easy is untrue.

"For practice, the first hour is strictly conditioning and working on our stamina, a vital part of what we do. We run, do push-ups, jumping jacks to work on our stamina and strength," said Bowen.

New member to the team, Alyssa Kreuzer, Freshman Exploratory major, said, "The team was so inviting and I never felt intimidated. It made the transition into college easier because I felt welcome and made new friends quickly."



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The dance team in Pelz Gymnasium practicing their choreography before official competition season opens in the next coming weeks.

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VPAS kicks off Red Flag Campaign



Red flags illustrating phrases people in unhealthy relationships would say are planted in the ground outside of Myrton A. Farnham Hall.

By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

In this edition, the Southern News reported on Violence Protection Victim Advocacy and Support's Red Flag

Campaign, a public awareness initiative to prevent dating and domestic violence.

During tabling on Oct. 3 and 4, students were encouraged to write down warning signs of

unhealthy relationships on red flags, which are to be distributed around campus.

See Page 1 for more about the Red Flag Campaign.



Exercise science major Letitia Adumoah, junior, writes down a warning sign of a toxic relationship during VPAS' tabling event in the Adanti Student Center.



Stress balls and bracelets that say "Tackle the violence!" on VPAS' table.



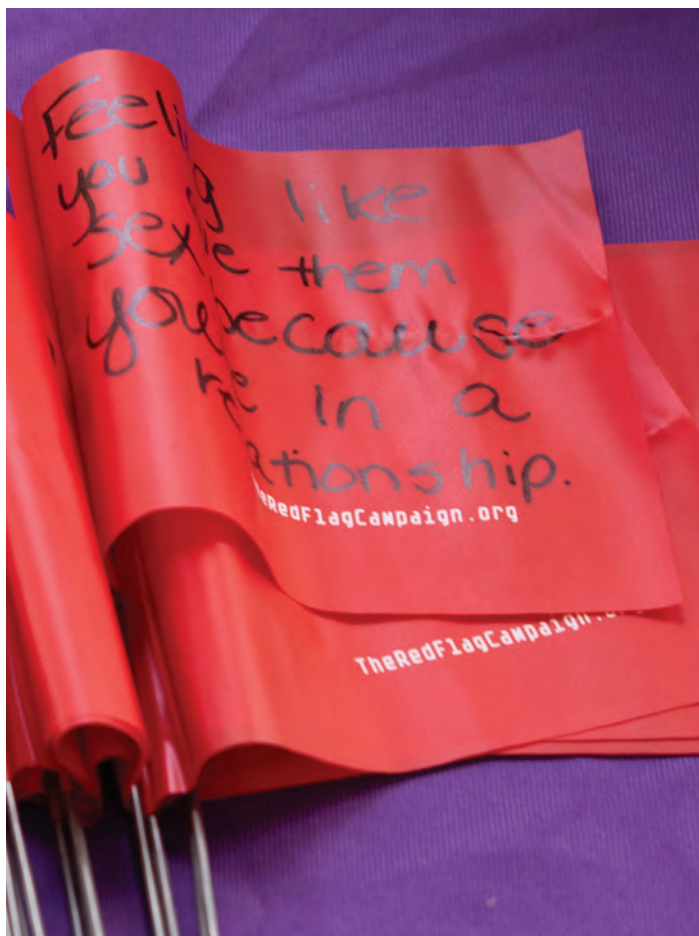
Exploratory majors and Tyler Simeon (left) and Julia Domotor, freshman, speak to graduate student Sarah Blommaert and social work major Candace Wright, senior, about signs of a bad relationship.



Red flags with warning signs of abusive relationships written on them outside of West Campus.



Tyler Simeon reads cards that illustrate good and bad communication in relationships.



Red flags for students to fill out during VPAS' tabling event in the Adanti Student Center.



Letitia Adumoah writes down a sign of a toxic relationship on a red flag.