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Faculty recognized for grants

University holds its first reception to acknowledge faculty and staff grant recipients



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Eighteen faculty and staff members were awarded grants for proposed academic projects in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom on Oct. 18.

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

The university held the first Grant Recognition Reception on Oct. 11 to recognize faculty and staff

for their pursuit of funds for their projects.

“We are pleased to be recognizing the hard work, dedication and creativity of our faculty staff in pursuing and securing external grants for research services and

scholarly programs” said Christine Broadbridge, executive director of research & innovation.

Broadbridge said such activities were essential in supporting the institution’s mission of academic excellence.

According to Broadbridge, getting the money is difficult but spending it is also a challenge this is where Amy Taylor, director of sponsored programs and research, came in.

Taylor said to those in

attendance that the year would not have been “one for the history books,” without the faculty and staff that sat before her.

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Language barrier hinders students

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

The bilingual department has been struggling to get tutors into the Academic Success Center to assist bilingual students resulting in students having to seek out other tutors or forms of help with their studies.

Students who did not learn English as their first language are struggling not only in but outside of class as well.

According to Nichole Barbieri, the associate director of the Academic Success Center, there is a bilingual writing and comprehension tutor who is at the Academic Success Center two days a week.

These days including, Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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LGBTQ+ Town Hall screening stirs mixed emotions amongst students

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

A somber silence filled the room as members of the College Democrats ceased their conversations about the LGBTQ+ Town Hall to give their full attention to the audience member who interrupted California Sen. Kamala Harris.

“How do we get those men to stop killing us? How do we get those men to stop killing trans women of color? We are hunted. Systematically hunted. How can they do that?” the audience member asked.

That was just one of the

many notable moments that occurred at the College Democrats hosted watch party. The LGTQ+ Town Hall hosted by CNN and the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, which featured nine of the candidates answering LGBTQ+ related questions.

The President of College Democrats Justin Gendron, a junior said he loved the LGBTQ+ Town Hall because he loved candidates speaking about issues that pertain to him, as a gay man.

“It’s really good to hear what their candidates’ plans are so that later,” Gendron said, “if they become the nominees, we

can hold them accountable to that platform.”

Former Vice President Joe Biden was considered by some as one of the worst candidates at the Town Hall.

Gendron said he had issues with Biden’s factual inaccuracies that hinted an inadequate LGBTQ+ knowledge that can be easily Googled.

“College Dems did a LGBTQ+ quiz earlier in the semester, and one of the questions that we had was ‘What was the first country to legalize same sex marriage?’” Gendron said.

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College Democrats President Justin Gendron watching democratic presidential candidate Corey Booker on CNN during the LGBTQ+ Town Hall.

Bi-weekly farmers’ market brings fresh fruit and sustainability to campus



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Communication major, Fadumo Aden, senior making a sustainability smoothie.

By J’Mari Hughes
Copy Editor

Raspberries, zucchini, broccoli, kale, sage and leeks these are some of the fruits and vegetables grown right on Southern’s campus in the community garden behind Davis Hall.

Students, in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability, gathered on Oct. 7 in front of Buley Library to give away food to students in need.

“The main mission is just to, kind of, provide students with access to, kind of, like, locally grown, locally produced products that they couldn’t probably otherwise get living on a residential campus,” said English major Zella Collier, a senior.

From spring onions to tomatoes sustainability

major Ian Bergemann, a junior said whatever they can grow, they do grow.

Originally, the food was given straight to St. Ann’s Church on Dixwell Avenue, but this year, Bergemann said, “Why not give it back to the students?” Previously, the office worked with Hamden Transition Academy, and donated the proceeds to Direct Relief, a non-profit organization that donates to areas, he said, like the Bahamas or Chile after hurricanes or floods.

On this day, however, students were giving the proceeds to the campus food insecurity fund, Bergemann said, in hopes of starting a food pantry.

The campus food insecurity fund began recently in an effort to address the amount of food-insecure students on campus.

According to Bergemann, about 20 to 30 percent of students on campus identify as food-insecure, which affects those especially when dining halls close at 10 p.m. and students are not able to eat every night, he said.

“We’re providing an option for students to take good, healthy food like vegetables and cook that and eat that,” he said. “[It is] also an option to give to that fund which will hopefully create a pantry so students will have more access to different kinds of food, especially the students who just can’t afford it.”

According to Collier, students put much work and care into the garden, yielding lots of fruits and vegetables.

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Classes during community hour limit student involvement



PHOTO | KENNY BAAH

Students walking to and from classes in the rotunda of Engleman Hall.

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

Community hour is the allotted time for students to take an hour out of their day to get the opportunity

to go to club meetings, eat lunch or take a break. However, some students never get to utilize this hour.

Community hour is designed so students have

one hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to take a break out of their day and do something that they enjoy. No matter what that might be, students who have long schedules

or cannot go to night meetings for clubs take advantage of this hour.

“Community hour is a period of time from 1 to 2 p.m. that allows for students to have free time or a free period,” Psychology major Katia Bagwell a senior said, “Most clubs and organizations have their meetings during this time.”

At Southern there is a large commuter population, and many students build their schedules so they don't have to drive to Southern everyday.

This means that they pack in the majority of their classes on fewer days. So, while they have to drive to campus less frequently, these students' days are often very long.

Film and television production major Jonathan Myers a junior, said, “Commuters have trouble getting to clubs because

they are so late usually, and with community hour they aren't as late.”

However, not all students have this hour free. Many labs for science based classes still run during this time period. Therefore people who are science majors typically do not have this hour free because they have class.

As a psychology major Bagwell had class during this hour.

“Last semester I had a class that ran into community hour. I had a lab, a lot of the classes, or more specifically labs have been put in the middle of these community hours,” said Bagwell. “I think that there are some classes that shouldn't go through that hour because not all students want to have class from eight in the morning until two in the afternoon.”

Bagwell is not the only person who had a class conflict with community hour and does not get

to attend clubs without having to go late or leave early.

Sarrah Salvati, a junior pre-nursing major also had this issue.

She said, “I am in the botany club, but I have a class that starts at two on Wednesdays so, I always have to leave early to make it to class on time, but that's fine.”

Community hour is something Southern has done, but students do not know what it is, or that the university has allotted time during the day a few times a week to attend events.

“I didn't know about community hour until now. I imagine that a lot of students eat or sleep or study during this hour because that is what I would be doing if I weren't at a club or in class,” said Salvati. “I think it's really cool the school has this hour, and I didn't realize it before.”

Bilingual

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There is also an embedded tutor who is in the English 119 course.

“We need to see how much the service is being used because right now the bilingual tutor isn't extremely busy seeing a lot of students so the more students she sees the more we are able to grow,” said Barbieri. “We will have to reassess at the end of this semester and see how much would she utilize if she was busy all of the time then maybe we need to increase it to two or three tutors to see how many students we can help. But as of right now we seem to be in a place where she is able to manage all of the students let in”

Regarding the future of tutors at academic success center.

“I genuinely think that is Southern is going to be accepting of students who are English second language learners or those who don't yet have a well developed understanding of English there should be intervention at the admissions level on helping them get more comfortable in English, i'm a student I can't really teach you the English language in a half hour



PHOTO | KENNY BAAH

Academic Success Center located in Buley Library.

or hour and I just think Southern needs to do more as an institution to help these students instead of putting it on student workers because again I don't have it in my full range to be able to give these students what they necessarily need so I think there should be more of an introductory English courses to help bilingual students but I don't see that happening,” said English major Elise Ryan, a senior who is a writing tutor for Access Success Center, she is not in any form a bilingual tutor but has been teaching bilingual students.

According to Ryan, “it's more difficult when you don't have experience dealing with bilingual students or ESL students to know what to do, so it causes a lot of confusion on both ends.”

Ryan has also said an influx of bilingual students needing help but it has been proven to be difficult for some because their comprehension with English causes a difficult work environment since the tutors have no training to work with them, and the student is struggling.

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“If you do not have an idea and a project in mind and a need for money, and we're willing to work with us to submit the projects” she said. “we wouldn't have that success.”

Robert Prezant, provost & vice president of academic affairs held up the Peer Reviewed Publications from the years 2017 to 2019.

He said that there were 497 peer reviewed publications and chapters within that booklet.

According to Prezant, the university has a three-part goal in striving to be the best teaching institution, best institution for scholarship and the best institution in community support in Connecticut.

“Their hard work really and truly represents what Southern is and more importantly what we do for the greater academic community and the Greater New Haven Connecticut community,” Prezant said.

Prezant and other presenters gave out certificates to those in the special awards category.

All grants and their dollar amount were noted in a brochure that was distributed to everyone at

the reception.

Associate professor of special education was one of the awardees for her project, “Possible Selves and Self-Determination: Improving Transitioning Outcomes for High School Students with Disabilities.” She said without the money received then the project would not be doable.

“It's very meaningful; it's very meaningful to our students with learning disabilities in the in the High School in Connecticut,” she said.

Jermaine Wright, associate vice president of student affairs said he and his team received a grant for “Promoting Academically Successful Students Program” and a certificate in recognition.

Wright said that acknowledging those

who received grants goes a long way in terms of saying “We notice you, and we appreciate you.” It is validation for those who often put forth blood, sweat and tears for the sake of the students.

According to Wright, they do this as a labor of love.

“You're celebrating folks for the good work that they do and oftentimes it's a labor of love. Individuals do this because they're committed to the work, committed to our students,” he said.

Prezant said that he recognized the importance of validating and recognizing the hard work that the university's faculty and staff are doing, as making it known to the Southern community is better than being silent about it.



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Robert Prezant, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs holding the Peer Reviewed.

Student Government Association swears in newly elected representatives

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

Following the initial president's report, from Student Government Association President Alexi Zhitomi, SGA Vice President Brooke Mercaldi had the newly elected officials of the class of 2023 and SGA reps stand to take their oath of office.

The SGA and 2023 class government elections took place from the morning of Monday, Oct. 7 to noon on Thursday, Oct 10.

SGA, Mercaldi said, previously had seven available positions for the title of Representative-At-Large with 12 student candidates in the running.

“We will be spending a lot of time together,” said Zhitomi, “as a [full] body of 25.”

The swearing-in ceremony took place during an SGA meeting on Friday, Oct. 11.

Psychology major, Camryn Arpino-Brown, a junior said she decided to run to provide representation and advocacy for the various multicultural groups on campus.

“I'm the diversity coordinator at the Multicultural Center,” said Arpino-Brown, “so I actually help the coordinator there, Dian [Brown-Albert], help execute and plan events.”

Communication major, Alyssa Couture, a freshman ran for positions on both the governing board of the class of 2023, on which she was elected secretary and rep-at-large on SGA.

“I just wanted to be as involved as possible for my class because I thought I could make a difference,” said Couture, “and I figured running for both would give me a better chance of making that happen.”

Newly elected rep-at-large, Brandon Iovene,

a sophomore had been attending every SGA meeting since the beginning of the semester and had been introduced to the program by SGA rep-at-large Paige Tetro.

“I was really interested in it because I think that SGA is very important because it gives students the opportunity to have a voice,” said Iovene. “Oftentimes I felt with my experience before coming to Southern, my voice was not heard for the student body.”

Having gone to high school in a “close-minded conservative town,” Iovene said, as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community he experienced a lot of trials and tribulations.

“A lot of what I want to do is make sure that queer students on campus feel welcomed and feel like their voices are heard in the student body,” said Iovene.

Tetro, who is also a peer



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Student Government Association vice president Brooke Mercaldi swearing in newly elected SGA representatives-at-large during Oct. 11 meeting.

mentor coordinator, said Iovene stood out to her from day one.

“He is insanely well-spoken, insanely well-rounded and he's

just got this sense to him that's personable,” said Tetro. “He's very smart, and he's very collective in terms of his thoughts, so to me, he was a perfect

representation of what we want in Student Government; somebody's who's considerate and caring and just a great advocate for the students.”

Drop in first year and transfer enrollment causes concern

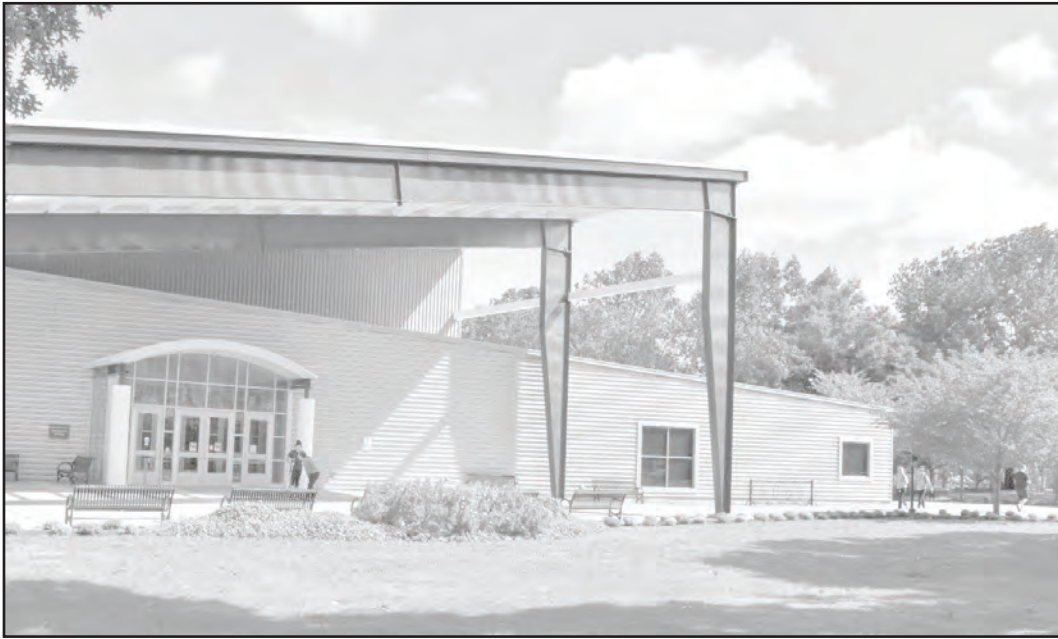


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The Wintergreen building located on Wintergreen Avenue.

By Sydney Peacock
Contributor

At the State of the University Address, Southern's President Joe Bertolino delivered some slightly alarming news: transfer and overall student enrollment at Southern Connecticut are declining; however, this is not a problem solely isolated to Southern.

As the demographics of Connecticut change, many universities across

the state have been feeling the hit too. There are fewer college-age students in Connecticut than there have been in previous years, and there is also an increase in young adults who do not see the value in higher education.

Private universities have begun to use more aggressive tactics towards community college transfer students. This, in turn, has hurt public universities. Twelve years ago, Southern had its largest student population

at 13,000 students. Today Southern sits at 9,817 full and part-time students combined.

Recently, another factor has entered the equation. An act concerning debt-free community college is planned to be put into action in 2020. Although this act is beneficial to college-age students, the cost of tuition may divert first-year students away from four-year public universities. This would lead to an overall decrease in students enrolling as

freshmen to four-year colleges, and thus a smaller incoming class to Southern.

As a result, most universities in Connecticut will see a greater population of students transferring from community colleges into their programs, and less enrolling in their first year.

"Our future population of students rests with transfer students here," stated Bertolino during his State of the University Address. Bertolino also made it imperative that an increase in transfer student enrollment is crucial to Southern's future success.

Out of the transfer students who had enrolled in the fall of 2018, 72.5% returned the following year. This is down from 75.7% and 75% from previous years. Due to the significant drop, the school is attempting to make changes to increase these numbers. Southern is currently working towards becoming a more transfer-friendly school.

"Clear degree pathways, community college partnerships, simpler and faster transfer credit evaluations and increased

student services are all part of meeting that goal," said Intermittent Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Julie Edstrom.

In hearing this information many students seemed concerned with the idea of Southern's enrollment and student retention rates going down.

"It does actually worry me a little," said biology major, Gaby Galicia Barrientos, a freshman.

With the number of transfer students falling from 928 in the fall of 2018, to 797 this fall, Edstrom

said Southern's primary focus within these next few years is to not only increase the number of transfer students but also retain the transfer students the school already has. The Transfer Student Services department is on this task and works hard to provide transfer students with the support they need.

"Southern aims to provide a welcoming community for transfer students," said Edstrom. "Intends to be a transfer university of choice for those students as they continue on to a four-year degree."



PHOTO | SYDNEY PEACOCK

Transfer student services office located in Wintergreen.

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It is a way, she said, to bring attention to the departments that do not get as much recognition.

"The Office of Sustainability has a lot of really great programs going on that I think a lot of people just don't know that," said Collier. "The community garden is a community space for everyone on campus that people just don't know about."

Geography major Idongesit Udo-okon, a senior, said working in the garden is like life: hard yet easy, and fun.

According to Udo-okon she gets to learn more

about plants and growing vegetables, as well as plant competition and weeding.

She said what they gave away was just a small fraction of what comes out of the garden, as last year around 900 pounds of food was donated.

According to Bergemann, he does not think students have a lot of information about food systems, despite the technique being a critical part of any community.

Some students, he said, have never worked in the garden and have never seen vegetables like the ones they grow, so he said they want to spread an awareness to students for local food system support initiatives and to help fight food insecurity. "Being that Southern

embraces the idea of such a holistic community, we want to have that food system part to be integral so students are not only observing the food system with how food grows," he said.

Bergemann said they are set to return for their final farmer's market in the next few weeks and students will continue to be allowed to donate to the market or take what they needed, as some might not have the money.

"We're not gonna stop [students] from taking [the food] because otherwise, it all gets donated to St. Ann's," he said. "Either a student has it now or somebody who's in need has it at the church."



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Geography major Idongesit Udo-okon, senior (left) and sustainability major Ian Bergemann, junior, help administrative assistant Melissa Taylor pick out produce.

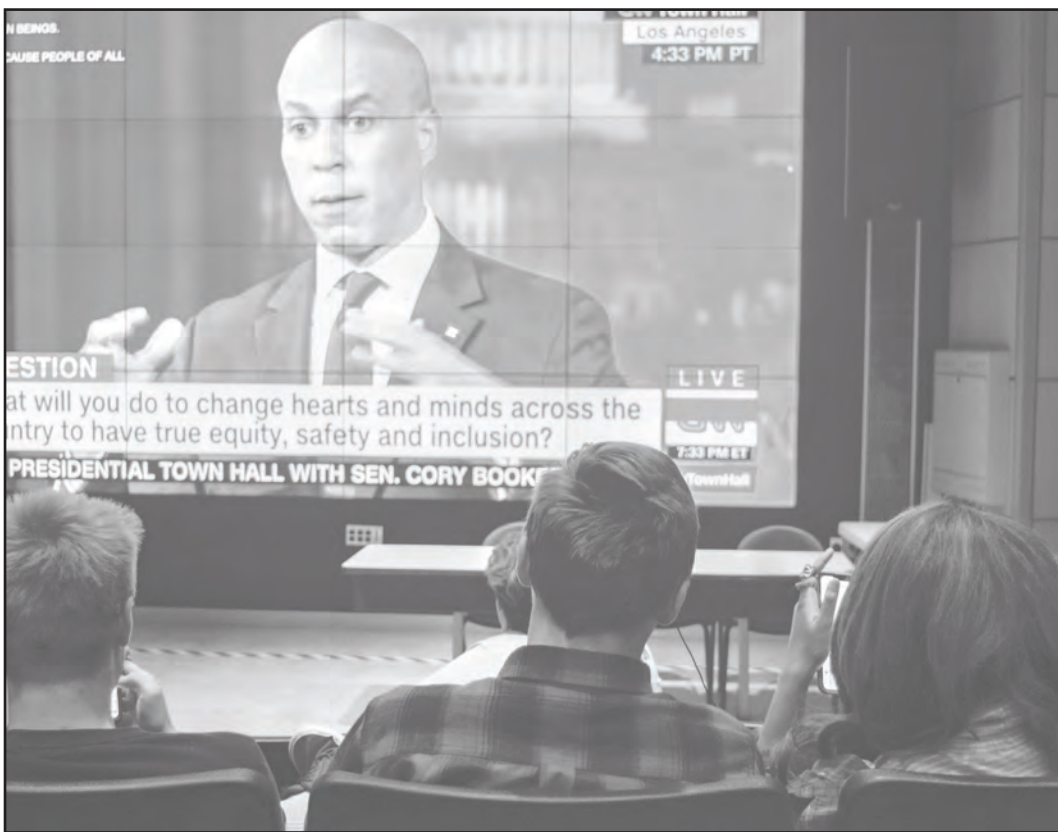


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Political science major Norman Whitney, sophomore (left) physics major Gabriel Misluk, sophomore, and finance and political science major Esoa Enagbare, junior.

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"Joe Biden had said Ireland. The real answer is Netherlands. He repeated [Ireland] multiple times." Many of the democratic candidates were interrupted beyond Senator Harris. Sen. Cory Booker, Major Pete Buttigieg, Rep. Beto O'Rourke had Trans demonstrators interrupt their segment of the Town Hall.

Grendron said that when the demonstrators came about, it was a good opportunity to bring up trans related topics to those watching from home.

"Hearing that in the news cycle will help some kid out in Ohio or Wyoming who is trans or is questioning to know that people care," he said.

Political science major, Nicholas Alexiades, a senior said that the candidates used the interruptions as a teachable moment to shine light on an issue that rarely is spoken about. "[The candidates] were really, I think they were able to they

embraced the protests and they were able to elaborate in that way even though it was unexpected perhaps," he said.

Alexiades said that the protestors call to attention of trans issues elevated the issue to a level of reverence and that candidates like Pete and Harris showed respect to those who interjected during the Town Hall.

Buttigieg was a recurring name that popped up with the College Democrats as many have said that he "won" the night. That may be partially because "There is no right or wrong way to be gay, to be queer, to be trans," Buttigieg said "I hope that our own community, even as we struggle to define what our identity means, defines it in a way that lets everybody know that they belong among us."

Political science secondary education major, Irene Machia, a junior said that she felt that Anderson Cooper was a bit hypocritical in applauding the protestors and noting the significance of stonewall. She said

hypocritical because CCN moved the cameras away from them and did not give them a fair chance. Yet, she also said Buttigieg handled the interruption with class and addressed trans issues with respect.

"The answer that [Buttigieg] gave was really eloquent in saying that there is no one face of the queer community" she said. "He did a really good job of saying that I can't understand the struggles of the black queer community or the women queer community or the trans community."

Warren was asked what she would say to an individual who only desires marriage to be between a man and woman, her response got the College Democrats laughing.

"I'm going to assume it's a guy who said that. And I'm going to say, then just marry one woman -- assuming you can find one," Warren said. The College Democrats had decided to call it a night before the last few candidates had their turn, many said it was a combination of hearing from who they wanted to hear and getting late at night.

Corrections

In the Oct. 9 edition, on Page 1 the dollar amount donated from the 125th Gala was incorrectly referenced as \$134, when it should have been \$134,000, which was the amount raised at the conclusion of the gala.

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ALEKS math program should be taught by teachers

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Many freshmen at Southern must take the MAT 100p course, which incorporates the ALEKS program, regardless of their major.

On top of having a busy schedule, barely any free time, classes to attend and still needing time to eat between it all, students must put in at least two hours in either the math emporium or

risk an automatic failure.

It is generally known that students around campus dislike the program. The problem with it is that, because everyone in the class is on different topics and objectives, students will rarely be on the same track as their classmates. Students will either excel on their own or fail on their own.

Upon entering Southern, students are immediately told

to “get involved.” This program makes it hard for students to do so, a lot of students have been so busy getting their ALEKS objectives up that they have had hardly any free time to actually get involved.

Another problem with this is that a computer is not meant to be a teacher. Perhaps as a guide, but a professor should be at the forefront of teaching students what they need to know

to succeed. Students learn in different ways and for some they need actual guidance from a professor.

I have a lot of trouble learning from the program. Not only does it make the problems more complicated than they already are, but if a student gets multiple questions wrong, it just skips to the end instead of explaining the problem. When the program does explain, it

does confusing and hard to understand the topic.

If a student goes through 24 topics and gets pushed back 12, they have to redo them all. This process is very dumb, because students have to go back to previous topics and redo things they already learned.

Students are stressed out as it is and having do ALEKS in a room full of students and computers for hours on end is

ridiculous.

The amount of time swiped in doing work on a computer should not dictate if a student passes or fails a class. It is not an accurate way to measure a student's intelligence.

Whether or not students are on a certain objective should not decide if they are able to take a midterm or final, and a computer should not be the deciding factor on passing a class – especially math.



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Math Emporium where MAT 100p, or the Aleks program is being held on the computers in the basement of Hilton C. Buley Library.

Winter season or summer season, students weigh in

By Nina Bartłomiejczyk
Copy Editor

Despite the joys of swimming, sports and outdoor adventure, winter and autumn unequivocally outdo spring and summer.

Merely the thought of fall and winter brings to mind the most aesthetically pleasing seasonal images.

In October, the brutal summer months come to a close and make way for a beautiful New England autumn and winter full of apple pie, pumpkins, sweaters, snowfall and warm, crackling fires.

Red, brown, and orange leaves underfoot seamlessly integrate into a frosty blue and white winter wonderland as the season change..

After a summer full of endless sweating and

searching for ways to cool off, the fall and winter months provide much needed solace. No longer must anyone stick their head in a freezer for respite or dream of a swimming pool.

Bug bites, the smell of chlorine and sand stuck in swimsuits is nigh. Now, wardrobes become less restricted, layering makes its much anticipated return and, for some, shaving legs their gets removed from the list of daily chores.

Fall and winter also bring with them the best holidays, like Halloween and Thanksgiving, as well as religious holidays where families come together at year's end, like Hanukah, Christmas, Eid Milad un Nabi and Kwanza. Fall and winter are not only a time of beauty, but also one of

boundless familial love and fraternity. Nothing can be more wholesome than uniting with friends and family in the spirit of giving, gratitude, and love around a toasty fire, safe from the cold outside.

New England's winter chill, although at times harsh and unforgiving, brings great joy in its key feature: snow.

On snow-days off from school and work, even the layman can become a great architect of snowmen and snow forts, a gold medalist in neighborhood sled races and a sharpshooter in a snowball fight. Even if the time is spent frustratedly digging a path from the front door to the car, at least a warm cup of tea or hot cocoa and a favorite movie can thaw a frozen fingertips (and heart) afterwards.

By Jackson Volenc
Reporter

In Connecticut, we are fortunate enough to experience all four seasons in full form. This allowed us to live through significantly different types of weather, depending on what time of year it is.

This can lead to some serious disagreements about which is the best season out of the four, and depending on who you ask, you will most likely get a wide array of different reasons for why people have their favorites. For me, summertime weather is by far the most enjoyable time of the year for several reasons.

During summertime, swimming, visiting the

beach and socializing outside are some of the most prominent and exciting seasonal activities.

Since it is light outside for much of the day and some of the evening, the evening of the summer are when it is at its most lively. This is not like the wintertime in Connecticut, as the sunlight starts disappearing as early as 5 p.m., making it dark for a good chunk of the day. This can get depressing and tiring after a while, which is why most people praise the return of daylight savings time.

During the summer, some of my favorite foods are available. You have your classic barbecue, which is always enjoyable, but you also have amazing things like seafood and ice cream, which become

especially popular during the summer. In the wintertime, it is not nearly as common to see people eating these types of foods.

Summer is also host to my favorite sport to watch: baseball. The heart of the professional season takes place during the summer, and there are constant games available to spectate live during the season. While the baseball season bleeds into spring and autumn, you will not find any major league baseball in the wintertime.

Between the snow and holiday season, there are definitely things to enjoy about the winter. However, summer has a lot more to offer as far as weather, activities, food and sports to enjoy during the season's peaks.

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Looking back: Fall of 2002



Faculty function addresses campus issues

A faculty function was hosted to address problems on campus. Concerns ranged from the outsourcing of IT services to the difficulty in dialing up to the college network off campus, amnesty for parking tickets, and students who have not paid university bills. Michael Adanti listened to faculty concerns and attempted to address them. He mentioned, however, that in a declining economy state universities feel the effects. He said there is a lot of discontent on campus, but the meeting ended on a positive note. "We have a great university," said Adanti "and we are working to make it an even better university."

August

- A new smoking policy on campus banned cigarettes campus residence halls and entryways. Instead, there would be specified areas in which people could smoke. Kyle Tobin, a sophomore, said it will create a healthier environment.

September

- A shortage of parking spaces led to 492 parking tickets given out within the first month of the semester according to Southern's Police Chief John Prokop. The biggest issue was with Lot 9, in which where cars were found parked on the grass or the curb.

October

- Students debated over religious symbols in Buley Library. The stained glass windows show images resembling Jesus, and, for some, they saw it as a shrine to Christianity. Ethan Voltolini said "singling out certain religions seems unfair." On the other hand some students saw, the stained glass simply as art.

November

- Construction for a new dorm was proposed to help ease overcrowding. Two possible locations included the Neff Hall field or Lot 6. Mark Cenviva, director of housing said all six residence halls and one residence complex were overpopulated. Construction was projected to be finished by Fall 2004.

December

- Budget cuts caused layoff fears, which President Michael Adanti said "[were] going to happen." This occurred as a result of Connecticut Gov. John Rowland saying 3,000 state emergency layoffs would be necessary to close the \$2 billion state budget deficit.

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

Photobooth offered for National Coming Out Day

By **Ellie Sherry**
Reporter

Each year National Coming Out Day is celebrated on Oct. 11. To honor the day at Southern, a photobooth was set up to take polaroid pictures of students either coming out for the first time or just celebrating who they are.

National Coming Out Day started in the U. S. after the march on Washington D.C. for lesbian and gay rights. It has now become a day of celebrating one's sexual orientation and gender identity.

"The SAGE Center is an acronym for

Sexuality and Gender Equality Center," said Marlena Oliveri, graduate intern for the SAGE Center. "We are a space for students to come hang out if they want. We have a lounge area, a TV, and plenty of space to just chill and hangout."

English major Hannah Cianciolo, a junior, said it is necessary that the university has the SAGE Center because it provides a safe space for students.

"It also helps to create visibility for the community and is a great place for resources and a great place to hang out," said Cianciolo.

The photobooth

created by the SAGE Center for National Coming Out Day invited students to have their picture taken in front of one of the LGBTQIA+ flags of their choice.

They could hold up small dry-erase boards and write a phrase of their choosing, hold miniature flags or just smile for the camera.

Students also had the option of keeping their polaroid photo, or leaving it at the SAGE Center to make a collage at the end of the day.

Bryam Silva, a second year graduate student studying clinical mental health counseling who works

for the SAGE Center, said, in the past, people had always been terrified of coming out because of the threat of being judged and getting physically attacked.

"In having a national day of coming out, it encourages people to come out if they are ready," said Silva. "There is definitely no pressure coming from us. We don't want you to do it if you aren't comfortable."

Silva said one of the most shocking things he learned was about the very high amount of hate crimes the LGBTQ community experiences.

"I believe the

highest one is black trans women experience very high levels of hate crimes," said Silva. "There is also a very large number of suicides in the community because people don't accept them, and that in and of itself is a huge impact on mental health in the community."

According to Oliveri, while Oct. 11 is a National Coming Out Day, many individuals of the community feel as though they have to come out every single day.

While this day is a good step in the right direction, she said society as a whole has a lot farther to go.



Signs students made at the Coming Out Day photobooth.



Students posing for their picture to be taken at the photobooth.

UAP helps students with 2020-2021 FAFSA

By **Jackson Volenec**
Reporter

The University Access Programs office held an open workshop in Engleman Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 9 to assist students filling out their 2020-2021 FAFSA form for the upcoming academic year.

Students came to the workshop to voice questions and concerns they had about their FAFSA and were assisted by the students and staff at UAP.

"A lot of people have problems with filling out their FAFSA; there's a lot of complicated steps through the process. I know that I had trouble completing

it in my first two years of school as well," said Marissa Siemiatkoski, a former student and a staff member at UAP during the workshop.

Questions regarding tax information including students' and their parents' yearly incomes, and other detailed information that students are required to provide. This lengthy process of completing the FAFSA has led to some students and parents getting stuck or confused.

The workshop brought in several students with questions or concerns on how to complete their aid forms in time and guarantee they will receive the aid that is

essential to attending school for many people.

"I was almost not able to receive my financial aid in time because I was really just struggling to complete my FAFSA," said nursing major, Lauren Donnelly, a sophomore. "I kept submitting it and at least something was wrong. This went on for months until the financial aid office helped."

Students who complete their FAFSA forms too late are sometimes unable to receive any aid at all, as it is a first-come, first served system. The UAP is making sure, by emphasizing the importance of students

receiving their financial aid, that students get their FAFSA submitted immediately.

"A lot of kids come to me in February with financial aid problems," said financial officer Lewis DeLuca. "They tell me they don't know how to submit their FAFSA, and at that point there's no more grants to be given. It is really important to submit it as soon as you can. October is best."

Many students find themselves putting the FAFSA in the back of their priority list since it seems like there is plenty of time to complete it. However, the earliest applicants are better off compared to those who submit their forms close to the

cutoff time.

"Going to the workshop had helped me get everything sorted out, and now I just don't have to worry about it anymore. That's a nice feeling because my last times were really stressful," said Donnelly.

The UAP office is available to assist any student who is struggling with completing their forms. Additionally, the financial aid office is constantly available as a resource to students who need help with any aid related topics.

"I'm glad that the school has resources, for the students in areas that are really important," Donnelly said.



Students waiting in the University Access Programs office to get help with FAFSA 2020-2021.

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Yale IT talks to students about job opportunities

By Jackson LaMar Reporter

Representatives, some of which Southern alumni, came from the Yale Information Technology department to talk about job opportunities they are currently are offering.

Azm Hussein graduated from Southern last year and returned with Yale IT to try and help tech savvy students get a job at Yale University, his current place of work. Hussein was a part of the class of 2019.

Michael Dunlap, manager of the Lynix engineering team He graduated in the class of 1997. Dunlap said this visit to SCSU is part of a talent growing program that the department has.

"To attract people out of college, to teach them the ropes, to teach them the business and to grow them as talented individuals could be quite valuable," said Dunlap.

In the lower atrium of the science building, Dunlap and his colleagues held a presentation on what Yale has to offer and three specific jobs they are

looking to fill.

Yale is offering the following jobs: information security analyst, IT business analyst, and systems administration.

"From a required standpoint," Dunlap said, "that is all we are looking for, a four year degree in a related field."

However, Dunlap said there was a woman in the department who has an English degree, so this iswiggle room in the requirements if the candidate seems like a right fit.

According to an employment report issued by Yale in 2018, the tech department as a whole employed the second most employees that year, trailing only to consulting the department.

Yale IT came to Southern during Tea Time, ut's an event hosted by the computer science club and its adviser, Winnie Yu.

"On a monthly basis we like to host Tea Time," Yu said. "It's kind of an informal way for folks to connect."

Tea Time features guest speakers, career forums and

career fairs. Yu said she is proud of this event.

"I think this is very important," said Yu. "This could be something very motivating and inspiring, and it gives students something to strive for."

Yu said that she feels lucky to have Yale come in to talk to students because of the reputation they have.

"They are our leading higher educational institutions," Yu said. "It's not just state, not just nation, but international"

This event could lead to jobs for students because Yale has been doing this already, and Hussein was hired to work on a major project.

"It's called 'the next generation networks projects,'" Hussein said. "It consists of a lot of tiny components that will take roughly five years to complete."

One of Hussein's end goals, he said, is to improve the overall network infrastructure, which will allow students, professors and researchers to have a stronger Internet connection when they are doing work online.



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Decrease in women active in campus radio station

By Ana Nieves Contributor

Radio show host, Chloe Lecy, a senior, walked into WSIN 1590 Radio Station ready to start her show, "Bops and Banter," on Wednesday Oct. 9.

"I've been doing the campus radio show for about five semesters and the amount of women that were in here just went down over time," said Lecy.

WSIN is home to a

diverse array of shows and music styles at their station, however one area in which they are noticeably lacking diversity is in the amount women present in the radio station.

According to a Hofstra University survey about local news diversity done in 2019, women in the radio workforce were reported to be at 44.4 percent while men were at 55.6 percent.

DJ Johnson, general manager for WSIN, said

he hopes he can see more women filter in the radio station as well as on the E-Board.

"Since I've been at the station I think I've seen something like 10 to 15 women with shows or working for the station," said Johnson. "With that in mind though, I do think we have an opportunity to empower more women at the station."

Lecy said she has been doing a radio show since

her first semester at Southern.

"When I started, there was only one woman on the E-Board and now it's all men.," said Lecy.

Currently, Lecy works in the Admissions Office as a tour guide for incoming freshmen. She also commutes from Springfield, Mass. every day for school.

"But, I remember my first semester at the club fair and I saw WSIN," said

Lecy, "I got so nervous and hesitant to join, but my friends convinced me to go for it."

Radio show host, Austin Elliott, a sophomore, also said he notices the difference in the amount of men and women at the radio station. Still, he said its open to female members.

"Well, I won't deny that the station is very male dominated and it's quite apparent if you go to one

of our meetings," said Elliott. "But, we are always welcoming more people here."

Lecy said she believes if more women were represented and on the E-Board, it will help attract more females to the station.

"If we all as women can show that same level of dedication and stick around to the radio station," said Lecy, "maybe in the future more girls will want to join."



WSIN 1590 Radio Station show host, Chloe Lecy, senior conducting her show 'Bops and Banter' on Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Good luck and happy haunting, Owls!



ProCon's 'Pin It Up' 'Mayans M.C.' brings suspense

**Review By Sofia Rositani
Reporter**

The revival of the discussion about Mayans M.C. is not about an archeological discovery in Central America, but a spinoff series of a motorcycle club called "Sons of Anarchy" on FX. The series is on its second season and has received amazing reviews by those who watched the original show.

The most recent episode is titled 'Muluc' which has multiple meanings but the important one for this episode is 'Offering.' This action-packed episode was loaded with shocking events and for those who have watched "Sons of Anarchy" in the past, sadness and fan service.

This week on Mayans, Marcus Alvarez, played by Emilio Rivera, a fan

favorite from 'Sons Of Anarchy,' was kidnapped by who we later find out are mercenaries who work for Potter, played by Ray McKinnon, an FBI agent who is trying to catch the Mayans and Galindo Cartel, a notorious drug cartel based in Mexico.

This show is known for scenes that may be disturbing to some, so it was not a surprise when the episode featured scenes of the mercenaries torturing Alvarez. Even though Alvarez was severely tortured by the mercenaries hired by Potter, he still does not answer the questions regarding to the Motorcycle Club, or the Galindo cartel asked and instead continues to endure the pain.

Eventually, Alvarez succumbs to the pain, and gives phone numbers to the mercenaries, who then

text the Mayans and Miguel Galindo, played by Danny Pino, hidden messages in Spanish.

The Mayans and Galindo eventually tracked the number, which causes a massive rescue mission for the Mayans, the Galindo Cartel and Happy, played by David Labrava, a "Sons of Anarchy" member, who proved himself to the members of the motorcycle club to become a full-fledged member.

After they ambushed the mercenaries, Alvarez, weak and in pain, killed the head mercenary in front of his men out of revenge.

The scene then cut to Potter, who found out that all of the mercenaries he hired are dead, and that his mission has failed. Though Potter seems very calm in the moment he instead starts doing more research on Felipe Reyes, played by Edward James Olmos, the

father of Angel played by Clayton Cardenas, and EZ who are in the Motorcycle Club.

This episode left me shocked. As an avid watcher, the season did start out a little boring, but it has escalated into a very action packed season. This episode had me on the edge of my seat with the way they had Alvarez on the edge of death, because Kurt Sutter, the writer of "Mayans" and "Sons Of Anarchy," is not afraid to kill off all the characters people have come to love. Though the characters are meant to be perceived in a bad light, some viewers cannot help but feel sympathy for them, and ultimately feel upset when they do die. Compared to the last episode this one was much better.

This is the day in the life of a Motorcycle Club and a Drug Cartel.



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU

Student dispense paint from a container at ProCon's 'Pin It Up' event on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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Certain students who were members of ProCon were also working on their DIY craft projects during the event to demonstrate some potential ideas to the attendees. Psychology major Julianna Santiago, a freshman, was making large letters out of paper and designing them.

"I'm in ProCon and I'm just doing this to show anyone who's interested how to," said Santiago, while designing her project simultaneously. The future events being

hosted by ProCon will be similarly casual and social in design, as most of them are meant for students to take advantage of what they have to offer as they pass by.

She also said that the events like these are not trying to convince students to join any group, they are simply interested in providing to the student body at Southern.

"This event doesn't have any larger purpose other than to just be a fun event for students to come by and enjoy," said Lorde.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION | SOFIA ROSITANI

The title screen to 'Mayans Motorcycle Club' on FX Network streaming.

Local vintage and new vinyl albums shop attract students

**By Joe Bulwidias
Contributor**

Students flock to Elm City Sounds for the store's availability of both vintage and new vinyl albums, more commonly known as records.

"I've seen a general rise in interest in records in the last five years," said owner Chris Della-Ragione.

Della-Ragione's store front has been in operation for the past year, but he has been selling vintage records for the past 15 years.

He has seen a rise in record sales within the past five years, which prompted him to open the store front, which is located near campus at 24 Fountain St. in New Haven.

"I buy them for a

few reasons, but mostly because they make great conversation pieces," said journalism major Austin Elliot, a sophomore.

"I like the medium; you can look at the sleeve and cover and admire it. Which you can't with an MP3 or FLAC file."

Elliot is a regular customer at Elm City Sounds and often comes weekly to the store to browse what Della-Ragione has in stock. Elliot has about 190 records in his collection. He said he feels the best album within his collection is a copy of "Introducing the Beatles," which he found for only \$5.

When Della-Ragione first opened the store, he had about 20 thousand records in stock ready to sell. His clientele varies

from 10 to 70 years old. Just recently he sold a turntable and full record set to a 70-year-old grandmother who wanted to relive her glory days with a copy of The Doors, "Morrison Hotel" album.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America midyear report for 2019, "Vinyl records grew 13 percent to 224 million, but still only accounted for four percent of total revenues in 1H [first half] 2019."

Currently at Elm City Sounds, the most popular band that Della-Ragione has been selling is the band Queen.

The rise in sales of this band is due to the new "Bohemian Rhapsody" movie release by 20th Century Fox in 2018.



PHOTO | JOE BULWIDAS

Journalism major Austin Elliot, sophomore, browsing vinyls at Elm City Sounds.



PHOTO | JOE BULWIDAS

Different vinyls in the rock genre available for purchase at Elm City Sounds.



PHOTO | JOE BULWIDAS

A vinyl on a record player at Elm City Sounds owned by Chris Della-Ragione.

'Pin It Up' event hosts DIY room decor crafts to kick-off autumn season

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

The Programs Council held an open recreational event at the Adanti Student Center on Tuesday, Oct. 8 that provided food and assorted materials to make "do it yourself" crafts and artwork. There was also a



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A student at ProCon's 'Pin It Up' event making a craft on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

raffle that was available to all students.

"This event is just an event for us to come together and do DIY room decor. As the semester ramps up, people need more stuff to put in their rooms," said math education major Jonell Lorde, a junior.

As students worked on their DIY projects, several chose to focus on creating room decor.

Groups of students at the event were socializing, taking food and enjoying the music provided by the ProCon. The event lasted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and provided dozens of students with breakfast foods, snacks

and beverages that they stopped to take as they were passing by the event.

ProCon said this event is part of a sequence of casual events that aim to provide the students with food and quality time with their peers on campus.

Most of the events occur in October, although there are events later in the semester as well as the spring.

ProCon hosts a series of fall events, many of them taking place during the weekdays. Future events include a Jaws themed pool party on Oct. 22, as well as a movie night in collaboration with the Zetas on Oct. 29.

"That's just for the month of October, there will be more in November, a few in December too," said Lorde. "Other events include weekend daytrips, such as the Boston trip planned on Nov. 16. This trip is available for any student to sign up at; signups are available in the Student Center."

The food being served had attracted a large group of students, including psychology major Lauryn Giuliano, a freshman, who ended up staying at the event after originally going to get a quick bite to eat.

"I was just here at the [Adanti] Student Center and I knew someone at ProCon who told me about the event," said Giuliano, "I figured to just grab some food before my next class that's coming up. I entered the raffle too."

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Henna Night offers cultural appreciation

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

The Muslim Student Association hosted Henna Night to raise funds to support the prayer room in the Adanti Student Center, according to the President of MSA Asma Rahimyar.

"We have the space available on campus and we've all been utilizing it," said Rahimyar. "We wanted to make that space feel more welcoming and have more resources than it does right now."

In the Islamic faith, Muslims are required to pray five times a day facing in the direction of their holy city, Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Rahimyar said those prayers sometimes occur between and during their classes.

"You have to navigate all of that," said Rahimyar.

Henna, Rahimyar said, can have a different meaning depending on when it is done and who does it.

"If you're going to do [henna] I'd rather it be done by somebody who is from that culture," said Rahimyar. "That's cultural appreciation to me, it's not cultural appropriation. I think that when we're the ones sharing and administering that from our culture, I think that it has a different significance than it would if it were to just be an event that the school was hosting not through the Muslim Student Association."

Born and raised in Pakistan until about three years ago, secretary of MSA, Minahil Gilani said she learned to do henna designs from her mother and grandmother.

"It was not a special day that I learned it, it was not like you have to," said

Gilani. "You just see it from your elders, everybody does it in weddings if it's an occasion, parties, so you just kind of, — you kind of get the hang of it."

According to Gilani, the traditional henna design patterns incorporate symmetrical lines, squiggly lines, flowers and the mandala symbol that are replicated from the Persian culture.

"These patterns are seen, even in the tiles in the mosques and even on carpets," said Gilani.

In an article titled, "A Brief History of Henna" in The Express Tribune, author Iram Moazzam said, "The earliest use of this plant dates back to the Pharaohs in Egypt, some 9,000 years ago."

While Gilani was creating the designs on Tuesday, Oct. 9, other students were getting designs done on their hands.

"We can use [henna] for celebration, holidays, stuff like that. It's kind of like a fun thing girls do to get together and do our henna for fun," said public health major Muna Mah, a junior and member of MSA. "Henna and chill, if you will."

Mah, who is of Somalian decent, said henna is used as a "cultural design" since permanent tattoos are not allowed in Islam.

"Henna is shared in all of our cultures," said Mah, "so I feel like collectively it would be nice to showcase it to the students at Southern who are unaware of henna and share it with them."

Psychology major, Zahnyah Scott, a sophomore, said she came to the event after receiving a notification from a group message.

"I just wanted something traditional," said Scott. "[I] think it's cool."



PHOTO | TAMONDA GRIFFITHS

Psychology major Zahnyah Scott, sophomore, getting henna done at the event on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Adanti Student Center.



PHOTO | TAMONDA GRIFFITHS

Psychology major Noor Rahim, senior, creating a henna design on the hand of MSA member, Muna Mah at Henna Night on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

'Pippin' fills Lyman Center with laughs and immense talent

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

Lights. Camera. Action. After many weeks of hard work, the cast members of Pippin were able to show off their talent and skill at opening night on Oct. 11.

Auditions for Pippin were held the first week of school, and cast members have been working ever since. The cast and crew had only a little over a month to put the entire production together. Learning the lines, dance

moves, songs and notes to sing was a lot to do in a short period of time, but the cast pulled it off on their opening night.

The musical began with a narrator introducing all of the characters and the plot line of the story without giving away the climax. The narrator's part continued throughout the show, which is untraditional.

With rehearsals complete and lines memorized, psychology major Keegan Smith, a sophomore who played

the role of Lewis, said he thought opening night went well and that "everyone had high energy and was dialed in."

"The gala and celebration after the show really signified the rush of relief and adrenaline that comes with an opening night," he said. "I think for the second show we don't have to make many changes, just keep doing what we're doing."

Smith said the audience was receptive to the characters and the plot of the musical. The audience

laughed when jokes were told by the characters. More specifically, the crowd laughed the most at the more crude jokes, and they sang along with the characters when they were asked to do so. The cast was able to keep the audience captivated for the entire musical.

"I have been going [to shows] to support my friend Allie since middle school, so why stop for college," said diagnostic medical sonography major Natalia Pienkosz, a student from Quinnipiac

University. "My favorite thing from the play were the behind the scenes and the effects, like when they were sword fighting behind the girls singing."

Nursing major Talia Raucci, a senior, also attended opening night and said she thought the music was phenomenal and that every character was played perfectly.

"It couldn't have been any better. I may even go to another show with my friends," said Raucci. "I loved the scene of Catherine and Pippin

singing their love song. I was so simple, but their voices were so beautiful."

Political science major, Jordan Caplan, a freshman, also said she really enjoyed attending the performance of Pippin.

"I thought Pippin was excellent," she said. "The props, lighting and costumes were very high quality. The amount of talent on the stage was immense."

See Page 12 for more photos of Pippin.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Christian Gunzenhauser and Marie Whelan performing 'Pippin' on Friday, Oct. 11.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

The cast of 'Pippin' performing on stage at the Lyman Center on Friday, Oct. 11.

Field hockey beats Molloy

Two-year dry streak ends with dominating performance from Owls



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU
Midfielder Jessica Maier, junior, setting up a shot during a home game against Molloy College on Saturday.

**By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor**

After claiming a 4-1 victory over Molloy College, the field hockey team can finally rejoice in breaking their two-year losing-streak.

The Owls entered this game coming off a closely fought overtime loss against Mercy College. Straight out of the starting gates, the Owls pushed the ball aggressively. Southern's offense continuously controlled the ball, keeping the action on the Lion's side of the field.

"I think in the first quarter, we came out ready to play," said head coach Kelley Frassinelli. "I think a lot of times we are kind of sitting back and just reacting to what's happening, and I think we just kind of stepped out and decided we were going to take charge and play what we've been practicing this past week."

While the Lions were not able to get a shot off during the first quarter, the Owls were able to get three. One of these shots, a drive through the middle with less than 30 seconds left from forward Karley Welles, a junior, found the back of the net and gave

Southern a 1-0 lead early.

After the Lions bounced back aggressively and were able to score a goal in the second, both teams seemed evenly matched throughout the rest of the half. Both sides were able to go on fast breaks but were unable to finish when it mattered.

Coming into the second half, the Owls pulled away from Molloy with a burst of scoring. The first goal of the quarter came from forward Janelle Ward, a freshman, who had only scored once before this season. Ward got a rebound from a blocked shot and quickly put it in the net with 14 minutes still in the third.

"It feels really good," said Ward. "I didn't expect to play the field, so it feels really nice just to help the team."

The second goal of the third quarter of play came from midfielder Jessica Maier, a junior, who sent a rocket-shot into the back of the net about seven minutes later.

Going into the fourth quarter, the Owls were ahead of the Lions 3-1, looking confident and collected as the team entered the last quarter of the game.

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PHOTO | WILL ALIOU
Forward Karley Welles, junior, taking a shot on goal during a home game against Molloy on Saturday.



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU
Outside hitter Jennifer Dawson, senior, jumping for a hit during a home game against the College of Saint Rose.

Volleyball seals victory late against Saint Rose

**By Edward Rudman
Contributor**

The women's volleyball team snapped a three-game losing streak after they soundly defeated the visiting College of Saint Rose, sweeping the Golden Knights 3-0 in one of two games they will play this weekend.

Hitter Jennifer Dawson, a graduate student, collected 11 kills and 15 digs on the offensive end. Dawson was also able to record two service aces.

"I think this win gives us a huge boost of confidence; we needed a big win," said Dawson. "It wasn't just one of those wins that was handed to us. We really worked for it, and we needed a win like this."

After going through somewhat of a slump, Dawson said the team's focus going into the game was to come out with a lot of energy and heart and to stick to the game plan.

The Owls won in straight sets and played hard throughout the game. They won the first set 25-16, after they were able to pull away at the end.

In the second set, the Owls found themselves trailing 15-11 and it seemed like the Owls were going to drop the set. However, after Southern called a timeout to collect themselves, they were able to end up winning the set 25-19, once again sealing the game in crunch time.

Defensive specialist Anna Venard, a senior, credits the comeback in the second set to the team staying together and relying on each other.

"We've been talking about minimizing our own errors," Venard said. "We were really just trying to get the ball in play and build on our momentum."

Venard had a solid outing, recording 15 digs while playing the role of floor general out on the court.

Each set for the Owls started off slow, but once they found their rhythm, they were able to string points together in bunches. They won the third set 25-18, once again sealing the victory late.

Other key performances came from outside hitter Ella White, a freshman, who recorded 10 kills and 12 digs, along with setter Tea Carter, a senior, who totaled 37 assists in the win. This is the 10th game that Carter has recorded 30 or more assists and has done so five times in her last six games.

On the defensive side of the game, right side hitter Erika Benson, a sophomore, recorded four blocks, tying her career high. This is also the fourth straight game Benson has been able to record three or more blocks.

This win leaves the Owls at 9-9 — 2-2 in NE10 play — as well as 6-3 when they play at home.

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PHOTO | WWW.SOUTHERNCTOWLS.COM
Defender Kevin Van der Pol, junior, during a home game against Assumption College on Sept. 17.

Men's soccer drops second straight game

**By Edward Rudman
Contributor**

As the clock hit zero, the men's soccer team faced their fourth loss of the season. They were unable to come away with the victory and lost 3-1 against Franklin Pierce University.

With the loss, the Owls dropped down to 2-4-4 on the season and 1-4-2 in NE10 conference play. Franklin Pierce, on the other hand, improved to 7-2-1 overall as they continue to have a solid season.

The first half of play did not see a lot of action, as neither team was able to score by the half. There was

four shots from each team and Southern goalkeeper Bailey Bassett, a senior, recorded one save.

There were four substitutions for the Owls in the first half alone, something head coach Tom Lang attributed to managing injuries.

"We're struggling with some injuries and some of our players fitness levels aren't where they should be due to the injuries," said Lang. "We were trying to keep guys as fresh as possible throughout the 90 minutes and sometimes substituted for tactical reasons."

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Outside hitter Ella White, freshman, after serving during a home game against Saint Rose on Saturday.



Do not count football team out just yet

Column by Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

After starting the season 0-4, the season seemed to be lost for the Owls — or at least headed that way.

Riding on a two-game win streak, here's why this team should not be written off just yet.

The standings: The Owls stood tied for dead last in the NE10 conference standings through week four. Despite having four losses, they are now tied for fourth with rival New Haven in the current conference standings. If the Owls can take home a win against the Chargers on homecoming, fans could start at least thinking about the postseason.

The defense: One of the Owls' biggest strengths this year has been the toughness of their defensive unit. Even through the first four games when the Owls couldn't buy a win, the defense kept them in just about every game they've played. Though consistency is ultimately the achilles heel of the defense, if the Owls can just put up a fight defensively each night, they will have a chance to play deep into the season.

The offense: By now, you've probably heard about freshman quarterback, Jackson Ostrowsky, who took over and took a winless team that hadn't scored a point before the half all season and put them back into contention. With another dominant performance in a 31-17 win over Bentley, Ostrowsky posted 405 passing yards and four touchdowns. He's now passed for over 1000 yards through three games.

Ostrowsky is now in elite company following that performance, as he joined Kevin Lynch, Steve Armstrong and John Esquivel as the only SCSU quarterbacks to ever throw for 400 yards in a single game, and the only freshman to do it. The four touchdowns were also a record.

The Owls' offense goes beyond their new quarterback, as their backs and receivers deserve a ton of credit as well. Rookie running back Jonmichael Bivona took home NE10 Rookie of the Week honors after week five and has been the primary ball-carrier for the offense. Their wide receivers Julian Chung, Brandon Swain-Price and Izaiah Sanders have been key to the Owls success. Chung, their top target, has finished with over 100 yards through Ostrowsky's first three starts and Swain-Price finished with a record 201 yards against Bentley. Regardless of what has transpired, this football team has some serious talent and it would be foolish to write them off.

Only a freshman, White living her dream

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Joining a defending champion can be a daunting task, and getting acclimated quickly is not much easier, but volleyball freshman Ella White has quickly adjusted to her new environment and has become an asset to her team.

White comes to Southern from Gurnee, Ill., located just off Lake Michigan and about 45 minutes northwest of Chicago. Having played volleyball for most of her life, it was always a dream of hers to play in college. Her recruitment process was a quick one, and once White got to Southern for the first time, she said she

knew she wanted to be here.

"It was really last minute, just a quick visit out," said White of her Southern recruitment. "I was talking to [head coach Lisa Barbaro] and I really liked her. It was basically like, 'can you fly out next week?' and I was like, 'yeah, I can,' so then I came, and I loved it. I loved everyone on the team, and I loved the school, so it was for me."

White said she always knew that she wanted to "get outside of Illinois" when it came to attending college, to encourage a fresh start for her in a new setting. Though she was from far away, her coach saw a lot of potential in her as a high school player, even if only by highlight tape.

"For me, it was her general athleticism, I saw a lot of growth potential in her as a player," said Barbaro. "There's definitely areas of improvement, but I admired that she hits a heavy ball, she has a great serve, jumps very well, has a good block-jump, so, for me, it was more of the growth potential — not

necessarily where she currently is, but where I can kind of get her to in four years. I just knew she'd be able to become a dominant player."

Since her arrival, White has gotten the chance to establish herself as a contending force in the Owls' lineup early. Though she is only a freshman, White has started each match for the Owls and solidified her name among the conference leaders in multiple categories.

Through 18 games so far, White has played in 60 sets and recorded 155 kills, making an average of 2.58 kills per set — enough to lead her team and rank her 15th in the entire NE10. Needless to say, White is already one of the Owls' top contributors.

"I think it's awesome. I think it's so cool," said White. "I'm just proud of myself and just happy that I got the opportunity to be playing as a freshman and that my coach really took a chance on me."

Aside from her work on the court, Barbaro credits White's positive, humorous and easy-going personality as a

benefit to the locker room environment, regardless of the circumstances. Those personality traits have led to strong relationships with her teammates, including one with team captain Jen Dawson.

"I'd say she's one of my little sisters on the team," said Dawson. "Every game you see something she does a little bit differently and a little bit better, and I think that at the end of her four years she's going to be a really good player."

White's Southern career has only just begun, and as she matures, the expectations will only get higher. However, expectations do not seem to deter her, rather they seem to encourage her to become even better.

"I just feel like I came in and there were already high expectations right away," said White. "We all are here for each other; we're a part of something that's really big and special. Not everyone gets to do it, and just being chosen to play for a team that did win a championship, I feel like you have to come in and give it everything you have. It's been fun."



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU
Outside hitter Ella White, freshman, during a home game against the College of Saint Rose on Saturday.



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU
Forward Janelle Ward, freshman, pushing upfield during a home game against Malloy College.

Field Hockey

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In the final period, Southern sealed the game with a final goal scored by forward Ellie Craft, a sophomore, after getting an assist from Welles with just over eight minutes left in the game.

Frassinelli said she credited the scoring burst in the second half to all the hard work and maturity the team has shown over the seasons.

"I think it's just what they're doing out there; they're the ones. We give them the tools, and it's game day — they have

to make it happen," said Frassinelli. "It's the work that we've been doing and then they make those connections, and I think that builds on the next connection."

With this win, the Owls broke a losing streak that stemmed back to Sept. 20, 2017 and spanned over 39 games. Frassinelli said her focus was on team success and improvement, rather than streaks or circumstances.

"It feels good to win. I don't think I think about the streaks; I think about what we do day-to-day," said Frassinelli. "My thing is, I want them to play well, and if we play the best game we can and we lose that game, that's okay with me."

Welles, however, said the team was ecstatic, even though they knew a win would come their way eventually.

"We knew [a win] was coming, it was just a matter of when," said Welles. "We work hard every day to get here and it feels great."

Going forward, the Owls take on Pace University on Tuesday, who are not out of the realm of possible wins given their 1-10 record.

"[The team wanted] to show everyone that we can do it. I think we always knew that we can do it," said Ward. "We've been working really, really hard this season, especially in practices just to get this win, and I think we deserved it today."

Soccer

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The Owls were able to hang on with a strong Franklin Pierce squad in the first half, but the Ravens took advantage of opportunities in the second half, scoring two goals with 36 and 28 minutes left in the game to make it 2-0.

"There were a couple unlucky plays that just didn't go our way," Bassett said, "they were able to get one thing and built upon that and made some good plays on their part."

Bassett had his hands full in the second half, facing eight shots from the Ravens and totaled five saves for the whole game.

The Owls showed

toughness and resilience however, as defender Kevin Van der Pol, a junior, was able to score his first goal of the season off a header, making the score 2-1 with 13 minutes left. Van der Pol was assisted by midfielder Tomas Terrugi, a freshman, on the goal.

"Tomas sent the ball into the box and I was lucky enough to get a good shot at it and get my head on it, and fortunately the ball ended up in the back of the net," said Van der Pol.

The team seemed to get the push they needed, as they came off the goal playing aggressively and with renewed energy and morale, trying to get the equalizer.

However, it was not meant to be for the Owls, with the Ravens scoring

for the third and final time with four minutes and 24 seconds left in the game to make the score 3-1.

The Owls play again on Wednesday, Oct. 16, when they take on the University of Bridgeport in a non-conference matchup on the road, a game that will allow the team to try new things, according to Lang.

"We need to get some guys back healthy and get an opportunity to put up our best lineup, which we haven't been able to do thus far," Lang said. "With the non-conference game on Wednesday, we'll have a chance to take a look at some of the other guys and see how they handle it, and also give guys rest before another big conference game later on."

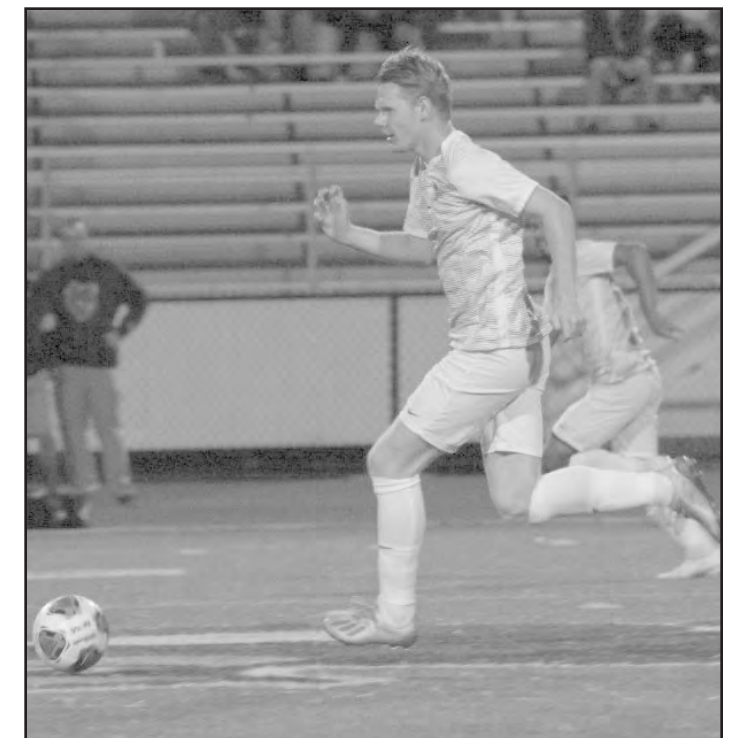


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Midfielder Daniel Utgaard, sophomore, pushing the ball upfield during a home game on Sept. 17.



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Defensive specialist Anna Venard (left), senior, and outside hitter Jenn Dawson, senior, during a home game on Saturday against the College of Saint Rose.

Volleyball

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The Owls have slightly improved upon their record from last year at this point in the season. During last season the team held a record of 8-10 and this year find themselves 9-9.

"We're working everyday on improving and getting better, and keep coming together as a team," head coach Lisa Barbaro said. "We did a great job with our offense today, being able to mix and spread the ball and hopefully we can continue that."



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Outside hitter Ella White, freshman, serving during a home game against the Golden Knights on Saturday.

Student athletes make most of fifth year

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Many collegiate athletes across the country have careers spanning a typical four years. However, many circumstances may lead to an athlete playing for a fifth year as a graduate student, and many graduate student athletes see the extra year as an opportunity, for multiple reasons.

Some graduate students transferred from other schools with one year of eligibility left, some simply redshirted and others saved the extra year of eligibility for graduate school. For volleyball captain Jenn Dawson, the opportunity to get her master's degree played a big role in her decision.

"After I got my undergrad, I really wasn't too sure what I wanted to do with it," said Dawson,

who is in the process of getting her masters in sports and entertainment management. "My coach had talked to me about the sports management program here. I've always loved sports, and my old teammate went through this program, and I heard nothing but good things about it, so I really wanted to move forward with that degree."

Along with signing up for another year of sports comes another year of classes and the semester grind, on top of the already strenuous athletic schedule. The decision can be hard for any student to make, but, for Dawson, love for the game ultimately swayed her decision.

"It was definitely a long decision," Dawson said. "It took me a while to decide if I wanted to come back or if I just wanted to go out

into the real world and try to find a job. You only get to play a sport once in your life, and if I can get three more months to play a sport I love, why wouldn't I?"

For many like Dawson, the extra year of play, plus the master's degree, were no brainers, but for some athletes it is not always that simple. Women's soccer captain and exercise science major Mikaela Magee is not yet enrolled in grad school; rather, she is using her fifth year to prepare before applying to physical therapy school, all the while leading her team one last time.

"I'm kind of in a different situation than most grad students," said Magee. "I'm taking those extra classes that I need to get into grad school, so taking this extra semester helped me open my selection for grad schools after this."

In Magee's situation, she was not always sure that she wanted to come back to play one more year; in fact, it was not part of her plan to begin with. She had mapped out a plan for her academic career: four years as an undergraduate, then off to grad school. However, once her coach, Adam Cohen, brought up the idea of playing another year she began to give it some serious thought.

"When my coach had asked me, or just brought up the idea of playing another season," said Magee. "I kind of hesitated for a second, because it brought a new perspective in. Now, I had these two conflicting things, because we had a great season last year, I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to grad school right away or take a gap year. It was just a crazy experience after last season."



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Midfielder Mikaela Magee, graduate student, during a home game against Bentley on Sept. 21.



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Outside hitter Jenn Dawson, graduate student, hitting the ball during a home game against Saint Rose on Saturday.

Young quarterback finds elite company

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Traditionally, most Southern football recruits come from the Northeast Region, but for their new starting quarterback, freshman Jackson Ostrowsky, it took five states and a highlight tape to become an Owl.

Ostrowsky comes to Southern having grown up and lived most of his life in Mount Pleasant, Mich., roughly two hours from Detroit. However, he was born in New Jersey, has lived in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Massachusetts, and has strong family ties to the Northeast. Though he has been on the move for most of his life, football has always been a constant.

"My first year of tackle football was going into second grade," said Ostrowsky. "My dad's a football coach, that's kind of why I moved around a lot. I've always been around it, so even when I wasn't at football when I was growing up, I was always in the football building, around the coaches — I was just always around it. It's a part of me, almost."

Though he played high school football in Michigan, his East Coast ties are what ultimately led to his relationship with the Owls' coaching

recruitment process, particularly offensive coordinator Chris Bergeski, who said he first learned of Ostrowsky from a New Jersey high school coach who had a relationship with Ostrowsky's father. After some conversation, Bergeski ended up with the young quarterback's highlight film.

"Just a tough kid," Bergeski said. "For him in particular, we thought he was just a gritty player — his second clip was of him playing safety, coming down and just whacking somebody in the box, which we all kind of looked at each other and said, 'well this is a guy who isn't afraid to do whatever he's asked to do.'"

That sentiment holds true today in his early career at Southern. When Ostrowsky arrived, he was one of six quarterbacks on the roster and was buried on the depth chart. Initially, he looked on as redshirt senior and captain Matt Sanzaro started through the first three weeks. However, after a rough 0-3 start, the circumstances led to Ostrowski being named the starting quarterback.

"I just went into my meeting with Coach [Bergeski], like I do every week," said Ostrowsky. "He was like, 'we're going to start you this week,' and we went down to practice and I was getting reps with the ones. I got through

practice, and I went home, and I called my mom and called my dad, and I told them. They were really excited; it was a really exciting deal for us."

Though he would not win in his first start, he kept the Owls more competitive for a full 60 minutes than they had been all season. His performance ultimately led to him being named the NE10 Conference Rookie of the Week for week four. He started again in week five and led the Owls to their first victory of the season, in a 55-27 thrashing of Franklin Pierce.

After collecting 549 passing yards through two games, the starting job seems to be Ostrowsky's to lose going forward. Though he has had much success already personally, he is still learning every day.

"One of the biggest things is communication," Ostrowsky said. "I've been talking to these guys non-stop, getting as much help as I can, and they're really helping me."

Communication has been key so far with Ostrowsky and his offense. Through their first two together, Ostrowsky's connection with top receiver and sophomore Julian Chung has been strong, and Chung has collected over 100 receiving yards.

"I just tell him to play his game, do what he does,"



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Quarterback Jackson Ostrowsky, freshman, scanning the field during a home game against Franklin Pierce on Oct. 5

said Chung. "We talk about certain routes; I'll tell him how I'm going to run it, or how I'm going to adjust to certain things, so we're on the same page and we can get that connection."

Throughout his journey at Southern, Ostrowsky says his top priority is winning. Despite what the

is great," said Smith, "and then, two: I get to play soccer, which I didn't think I was going to be able to do."

Though all three of their circumstances are different in some aspects, Dawson, Smith and Magee are all here for their fifth year as student athletes. Their agreed upon advice for prospective graduate student athletes is to follow in their footsteps in doing the same.

"I would go all for it," said Dawson. "Like I said, you only play a sport once, and if you have another year of eligibility, I think you're going to feel like you're stopping short of the finish line."



New rules to help save players necks

Column by Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

As weeks of NFL and college football roll by, there seems to be a noticeable and undeniable trend in professional football: more and more injuries occurring with each passing game.

Most recently, during last week's Thursday night game between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots, the Patriots lost three players due to injury during the game who were unable to return. Wide receiver Josh Gordan left the field due to a knee injury, safety Patrick Chung sustained a chest injury and fullback Jakob Johnson suffered a shoulder injury so severe that the Patriots placed him on the injury reserve list.

As someone who is just returning to watching professional football, I do not remember watching players lying on the field, doubled over in pain, let alone seeing it multiple times in one game also slips my memory.

Seeing injuries happen in real time does not make me love the sport any less, and it certainly does not leave me wanting to dismiss the sport. However, these constant injuries draw a stark comparison to other major sports, like the NBA or MLB, in which there are few injuries of this severity and regularity.

Football, unlike many other sport, is full-contact, so discomfort and injuries are part of the game, but to curb this rising trend, the league — and, more importantly, football programs on lower levels — should adopt some new rules, such as the "no hurdling" rule.

It has been debated for some time about the dangers of a player trying to leap entirely over another player who is rushing toward them at full speed. Most of the time, besides the clips that end up on ESPN's Top Ten, the attempts are not successful and can result in some scary mid-air tumbles.

If a player lands on their head or neck when falling, they could seriously injure themselves. Especially in the lower divisions and high school leagues, because schools and organizations do not have the most cutting-edge medical equipment, hurdling should be made illegal and deemed too much risk for not enough reward.

Is the extra couple yards, or even a touchdown, worth risking your neck?

The removal of this move should be considered, since it is rare to see players hurdle in lower leagues anyways. It would not take much away from the sport and only stand to help and protect players.

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'Pippin' premieres at Lyman Center

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This week, the Southern News reported on the Crescent Players' premiere of 'Pippin,' which was on Friday, Oct. 11.

Pippin is a fictitious re-telling of the life of a young prince's journey for a meaningful life.

The play stars theater major Christian Gunzenhauser, a senior, as the eponymous main character.

Showings will run from Thursday, Oct. 17 to Sunday, Oct. 19 in the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

See Page 8 in the Arts and Entertainment section for more about Pippin.



Patricia Castle (left) and Keegan Smith as Fastrada and Lewis, Pippin's mother and brother.



Zaneta Nicholson as the Leading Player.



Christian Gunzenhauser as Pippin surrounded by cast members during rehearsal on Oct. 10.



Nicholson (left) and Gunzenhauser during rehearsal.



Matthew Lopes (left) as Charles, Pippin's father, performs with Castle during rehearsal on Oct. 10.



Travis Johnson as Berthe, Pippin's grandmother, during rehearsal.



Nicholson (left) and cast member Marie Whelan during rehearsal.



The cast of 'Pippin' during rehearsal on Oct. 10.



Gunzenhauser performs with cast members during rehearsal on Oct. 10.