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## Students get flu shots for the flu season University Health and Wellness Center and ShopRite partner for flu season

By Tyler Fisher  
Contributor

The leaves have changed color, and the weather is colder. Flu season is upon us.

The university's Health and Wellness Center and the ShopRite pharmacy in Hamden organized a flu clinic for students and faculty.

Wednesday's clinic, which took place in the Adanti Student Center, was the second of three visits the pharmacy staff will make to the university this year. It is all in an attempt to protect the health of those on campus.

"Everybody should try to get their flu shot every year to protect themselves from the things you can protect yourselves from," said John McCarthy, the Pharmacy Manager of the Hamden Shoprite.

Two weeks into the flu season, Connecticut has seen a meager number of flu cases. In fact, in a weekly influenza update released by the Connecticut Department of Public Health detailing the week of October 3 to October 9, there were no "influenza-associated" hospitalizations.

Since the start of this fall's flu season, there have been nine confirmed

cases of influenza, and Fairfield County has the highest rate of positive influenza tests per 100,000 people.

Several members of this community, both students and faculty, showed up to get their flu vaccinations.

Those who wished to receive the vaccine had to present an insurance card to the pharmacists administering the vaccines.

By the end, about 100 people had received a flu vaccine.

"I get pretty much every vaccine I can get, basically," said Dr. Stephen Axon, an Assistant Professor of Sustainability Science in the Department of the Environment, Geography, and Marine Sciences.

Axon continued, "Better be safe than sorry. I feel like the COVID pandemic has heightened awareness of various viruses, and the ability to get vaccinated protects you, your family, and other people. It's good for yourself. It's good for society as far as I can tell."

The majority of Americans have been vaccinated for COVID. The CDC COVID Data Tracker shows 65.8 percent of Americans have received at least one dose of the vaccine,

and approximately 56.8 percent of the US population is fully vaccinated. These numbers are from October 15, 2021.

While the COVID vaccine has proven to be effective at reducing COVID-related symptoms, some people are still concerned about the flu.

The university's Chief of Police, Joseph Dooley, got his flu vaccine.

Dooley said, "I think it's important. I'm vaccinated for COVID, but I just think it's good with everything that is going on especially, to hopefully avoid the flu."

Luckily, the spread of influenza in Connecticut has been deemed "sporadic" by the state's Department of Health, but it does not hurt, to be sure.

Special education major Sam Martin, a Junior, got his flu vaccine.

Martin said, "This morning, one of my friends got vaccinated. I was in and out. They run a tight ship. Because of everything going around, you think you're sick, and the first thing you think of is COVID, so it's good to cover your bases."

The flu clinic's location on campus was a big draw to those who received the flu vaccine.

"It was convenient," said Tom Celentano, a library technician at the university. "It was very efficient and didn't take very long. There's not much of a line."

Compared to last year, John McCarthy, the

pharmacist in charge of the clinic, said the turnout was similar.

"Last year, when we came to campus, not everyone was attending in person, so actually, I was surprised the turnout was pretty high last year.

I think it was on peoples' minds because of COVID," said McCarthy.

For those who wish to receive the flu vaccination, McCarthy said the clinic expects to return sometime in November.



PHOTO | TYLER FISHER

A volunteer from the flu clinic preparing the flu shot for students.



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A volunteer from the flu clinic putting on gloves to prepare to administer the flu shot.

## A film showing the struggles of Indigenous People

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Celebrating National Indigenous People's Day, one film tries to show how a community deals with suicide, poverty, and unemployment.

Two of the organizers of the event, Carlos Torre, a Professor of Curriculum and Learning here at the university, and Dian Brown-Albert, Coordinator of Multicultural Student Activities, helped to bring this film to the university by seeing its success at the

Latino and Native American film festival.

The Multicultural Center hosted the film "The Bears on Pine Ridge" as part of a celebration honoring indigenous people's culture and history. This film showcases the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe, a community of Native Americans living in South Dakota, who are struggling with a series of issues, including extreme poverty, isolation, and mass suicide amongst young teens.

To begin the event, Brown-Albert let the participants know whose land they stood on.

"Before we begin, I want to respectively affirm that the lands on which we live and work are the original homelands of the Paugussett, [Wappinger] and the Quinnipiac peoples. We strive to honor as well as respect the diverse indigenous people connected to these lands for gratitude for the land itself, and the people who are stewarded throughout generations."

Torre, apart from being a professor, is part of the Latino and Native American committee that puts on a film festival, of the same name, which he created in 2011. He helps direct and coordinate the festival, which for the past twelve years has been showing films in New Haven, showcasing the struggle of Native Americans and Latinos.

"We plan to bring this film back to show to students in November and hopefully we could bring in the producer of the film, Noel Bass, to Southern to talk about the movie. Our goal for this movie is to create a forum where we could discuss the themes of the movie and to bring

awareness to the treatment of Native Americans," said Torre.

The rising suicide rates amongst teens have created a large problem and when the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe reservation declared a state of emergency, multiple in fact, nothing was done to help the struggling teen population.

Healthcare studies major Chrystal Adlam, a freshman, learned a lot from the documentary and felt it was very informative. "I wanted to learn more about Indigenous Peoples' Day. It's rarely thought about in school in full details. By coming to the event, it made me more aware of why we celebrate it. - I learned that some people aren't as fortunate as others, and we have to be thankful for what we have. We also should check up on our fellow classmates/friends/family to make sure that everything is alright and if we could do anything to help them."

The second half of the movie focused on a group of volunteers who take it upon themselves to help these teens by putting them

in an activities program called Sweetgrass, where they can dance and sing to help ease their depression and anxiety and give them a confidence boost. The teens dance in various costumes including bears and frogs, in front of elementary schools and suicide prevention programs.

According to a report listed by the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, between January and August of 2020, there have been a reported 177 suicide attempts on the reservation. Many of the reasons behind the rising suicide rates, according to the movie, include rising poverty, Covid-19 and an endless cycle of unemployment. In the movie, it was mentioned there was an average of close to 3 suicide attempts a day in one month.

Another member of the Multicultural Center, Simon McIntyre, a graduate intern, spoke about what the Multicultural Center does, and what the film meant to him. Simon went on to mention the Center plans to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and National Indigenous

Peoples Day by showcasing events and films that honor their respective cultures and histories throughout October.

"A lot of times you don't really see what's beneath the covers, you only see the nice things. You only see the casinos, the reservations, the high society," McIntyre said. "You don't see the real conditions in which the people on these reservations live. So, I would say that this movie was eye-opening."

On Tuesday Oct. 19, President Joe Bertolino will be holding his annual State of the University Address at 12 pm. For more information on the event and live coverage go to <https://thesouthernnews.org/>



PHOTO | BRIAN GREEN

People watching the film 'The Bears on Pine Ridge'.

## Lauren Jauregui: new music and show

**Sarah Shelton**  
Features Editor

On July 27, 2012, a girl group by the name “Fifth Harmony” was formed on The X Factor After many years together, in 2018, Fifth Harmony decided to break up and now member Lauren Jauregui is finally starting a new music era.

In 2018, Jauregui released her song, one of my favorite songs ever, called “Expectations,” and has released a few singles and collaborations, some even in Spanish, but no album.

Jauregui has yet to release an album, but now she is going in that direction. She recently released a song titled “Colors,” and an intro, which is possibly the introduction to her album. She also mentioned in an interview with Bustle her EP (mini-album) “Prelude” will be released later this year with her label “Attunement Records,” in partnership with AWAL.

When I listened to “Intro” I felt chills. I have been waiting for Jauregui to discover herself with

music after being in a girl group for so long and I feel like this EP will be worth the wait.

The intro was only music, but it really gets you hyped for the EP. Right after the intro comes “Colors”

According to the Bustle interview, Jauregui considers “Colors” as the thesis statement of the project. She decided not to call the song the lead single of her album.

Colors has piano music in the background and the lyrics almost sound like a conversation with herself. I relate to the lyrics and I feel others will too.

Jauregui sings, “I can be someone I feel I’m not, who taught me that,” “ignoring spirit really never helped me” and “my heart has a way of rejecting what’s good for it.”

One thing I love about Jauregui is her voice. It’s absolutely beautiful and perfect for ballads like this. It is almost heart-wrenching.

I also love how she is not scared to put her feelings out there and to be an independent artist

after so many years of being in one of the biggest girl groups in the world. I believe she has always had the strength and voice to be independent.

During the outro of the song, it turns from a ballad to a faster pace of her talking, and I love it. In my opinion, she is really putting her heart into this EP and not caring if it makes the radio or not, which I really admire.

Jauregui offered a virtual experience for fans on Moment House, a website for virtual shows and events, and I had to buy a ticket. I knew this EP was going to be something special.

When the show started, it was visuals of her getting ready for the show. Then she was wearing a beautiful white dress with the dancers wearing all black, making her pop out.

The show started with her song “Colors,” which was beautiful. After colors ended, there was a transition of her singing. What stood out to me was “don’t feel like myself.” It sounded so beautiful. It turns out, this was the song she

was signing next.

The song was called “Scattered.” It was very relatable, and I can tell it came from the heart. After this song, more transitions and visuals of her preparing for the show were shown. There were more visuals throughout, such as flowers opening. These visuals made it feel like a real concert.

She played an unreleased song called “Falling” next. For this, she was wearing a long black dress and the show was in black and white. When I thought of a Lauren Jauregui solo song, this was what I imagined.

It somewhat reminded me of her song “No way” with Fifth Harmony. Even if it has a different vibe. She played a few other songs, such as “On Guard Ft. 6LACK” and “Sorry.” I really enjoyed her song “Sorry.” I love songs I can relate to.

The main element of the show was the visuals, dancing and feelings.

I will never get over how beautiful her voice is and how her music speaks to the soul.

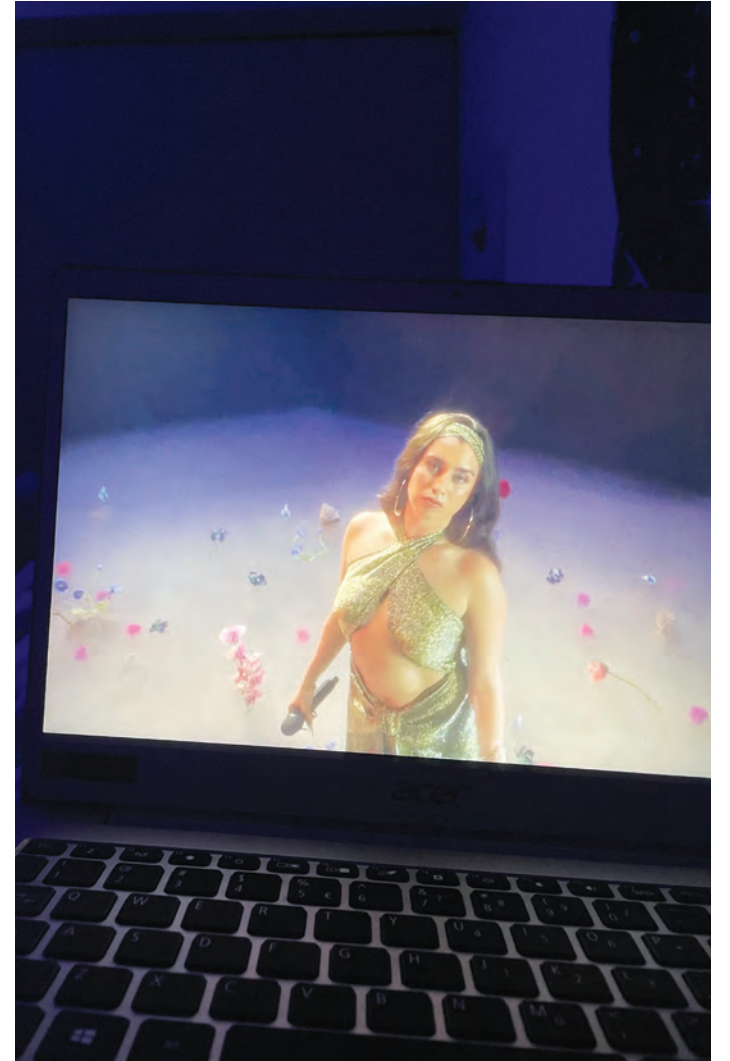


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Lauren Jauregui performing “On Guard” featuring 6LACK during the virtual performance.

## Students pumpkin carving

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Residents of Hickerson Hall got to paint and carve pumpkins as a way to relieve stress during midterm exams last Tuesday at 8 p.m.

This event gave plenty of first-year students to be more social and meet new people.

It was a social event created by resident advisors, or RAs, graphic design major Tommi Bonomo, a junior, and and biochemistry major Karleita Cooper, a senior. They collaborated with the university’s Hall Council and thought it was fitting to the occasion because it was Halloween time, and using pumpkins as a canvas was suitable.

“This will give residents a time just to come downstairs, relax and not think about midterms and not pile their brains with a lot of information, so that they do have a better understand for when they go into their test,” Cooper said. “It’s just for residents to not only relax,” said Bonomo, “but also have some fun.”

According to an article written in The Daily Universe, a survey done for campuses around the U.S. showed out of 2000 students that took the survey, 64% of students

worry about how stress could affect their grades and overall completion. So to find a way to counter that stress and worry were Cooper and Bonomo’s goals.

The event took place in the game room basement of Hickerson Hall. There was a bucket of small pumpkins that the RAs got at Stop and Shop. Students took the pumpkins of their choice and used any color of paint they wanted in a bin to next the miniature pumpkins. There were also small plastic cutting tools in the container of the pumpkins that students got for carving them.

More than 20 residents came down to paint or carve the pumpkins. Attendance was taken by Cooper and Bonomo, typing every student’s ID number into their attendance log that they use to send out a survey that students can fill out to review the event.

There were other activities students were able to enjoy at this event. For example, music was played on a loudspeaker, and there was a table tennis game and a pool table students could play.

Students got plenty of time to get to know one another. One resident who attended was healthcare studies major Sharde Moore, a freshman, who

says that it also helps bring out your inventive personality.

“It’s definitely a great time to meet new people and show your creative side,” Moore said.

The RAs of the university’s resident halls try to host in-building events to get students involved and out of their comfort zone throughout the semester. Many themes for their events range from games and activities to earn prizes such as food and gift cards to social talks about specific issues such as drinking alcohol on campus and getting along with a roommate in the dorm. For example, on March 5th, 2021, the RAs in Hickerson Hall hosted an Alcohol Awareness event that featured Officer Chris Cinque of the university’s Police department.

Events like these run by the resident advisors provide opportunities for all students to have more social interaction with each other, whether they live on or off-campus. Providing these opportunities has been the RAs primary mission for students throughout all semesters.

“We just want to provide a sense of community, and everyone is welcome to join us,” Cooper said.



PHOTO | DEVIN HOLLISTER

Students enjoy carving and decorating their pumpkins at Hickerson Hall event.

## Student advice: study habits

**By Sofia Rositani**  
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“I like to study in my room. Because I don’t get distracted there, because I get distracted when I hear people breathing, too loud, or talking or shuffling around,” English secondary education major, Tayler Cowles, a senior said.

Adanti Student Center, the Bagel Wagon, the library and your own bedroom are a few spaces where students can study on-campus.

For a more quiet area, the Buley library located in the academic quad area of campus is an area where students can go and get coffee from the Owl Perch and sit and study or book a study room on the library website.

“This year I really enjoy studying in my room because I have a single and I don’t really have a lot of in-person classes. So I have kinda gotten used to just being in my room and studying in my own time. I’m the type of person that gets distracted when I’m studying with other people in a space with other people or I will purposely find something



“I usually study in my room or my friends room. But if I do go outside dorms, I usually am outside or probably the bagel wagon,” elementary education major, Ava Sanborn, a sophomore said. “It’s like quiet in there, but it doesn’t have to be. So it’s like they’re doing stuff. In the library everything has to be silent, because it is the library. So I just feel like at the bagel wagon it’s more friendlier, but it’s still nice and quiet.”

Adanti Student Center is one hangout that holds many organizations and a cafeteria area. Students who like a more busy area that has students talking and eating usually go to the student center to study, there are also many rooms students can go to study for quiet.

The Bagel Wagon, located in Englemen, is an area where students can sit and study but get a snack if they get



“The STU [Adanti Student Center] is definitely really nice place to study and I like to socialize with other people. I like to talk to other people and obviously get food or Dunkin. But the library is pretty nice too it offers a lot of sections where you don’t need to be quiet or you can talk to other people and socialize, so that is also pretty amazing,” English major, Paige Colangelo, a senior said.

hungry, or coffee if they know they need a pick me up to stay awake. It is also an area that is not completely quiet. The area is also open surrounded by windows giving students sun while they study.

Studying in bed may not be for everyone, but some students like the idea of being comfortable while they study, putting on their pajamas and getting their work done.



to distract myself with,” Interdisciplinary studies major, Letitia Adumoah, a senior said. “So I have learned I do better just being in my room and just focusing on what I need to do at that time and moment. And when im done with my studies I just relax or do other things.” because I do things on campus too.”

## Grades do not define you during the midterms

By Sarah Shelton  
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I am a bad test taker and this past week has been full of midterms that affect grades a lot. Not only has it caused me a lot of stress, but a lot of anxiety and disappointment.

When I see a midterm involving writing an essay, I am happy. I am a writer so those, for me, are great. Projects are also pretty cool, depending on what the subject is. But when it comes to taking actual tests, I do not usually get the best grade. Why? Anxiety.

Growing up, I was always on the high honors lists

and I have been on the Dean's List multiple times at the university, but it was definitely not the tests that got me there. It has only been because I worked hard on my assignments and homework. Also, journalism classes have definitely been boosting my GPA here.

I have had bad anxiety for as long as I can remember. In middle school, I was so anxious for gym class, I was sick every other day. Yes, we had gym every other day. I just remember taking Pepto-Bismol all of those days for the heartburn/acid reflux the anxiety would give me. Eventually, that did not really work out. I typically have TUMS, ginger

and mints on me to this day.

In high school, I have had days where I came in just for a test and then had to have my mom come get me right after because I was really sick from anxiety. Of course I felt better after the test was over, but a lot of the time physical symptoms of anxiety do not just go away. Physical symptoms can include: nausea, difficulty breathing, dizziness, sweaty, shaking hands, etc. For me, usually it was just nausea and a lack of focus for tests because I knew my grades were good enough to get a lower grade.

To explain it better, when I take tests, I have a lot of these symptoms, but the

main thing is I cannot focus. I reread certain questions multiple times and it does not process. I'm like: "Wait, what?"

Sometimes I just do not understand the wording of the question, but if it was worded differently, I would have got the question correct. Other times, I'm going through something personal and cannot stop thinking about it to focus. Or a song is just stuck in my head and will not stop repeating itself.

Over the years, I stopped putting so much pressure on myself. For one, I may not do the best on tests, but I still pass my classes. Also, being on the honors list got

me nothing except proud parents and bragging rights. I learned that it is not the most important thing in the world. What I believe is important is mental health, working hard, and doing your best.

I personally feel like when students get bad grades, the immediate thought is that they are not trying. This could be true, but it is most likely not. Some students have ADHD, anxiety or depression. Others may be having a bad day or may be sick. Maybe the professor is just not teaching them in a way they could understand. Everyone has different learning styles.

For the last 10 years of

my life, I have been upset every time I received lower than an 80 on a test or assignment. It was not like it ruined my entire day, but I would feel very dissatisfied in myself. My grades have always been important to me. However, recently, I got a 66 on my midterm and I was just happy I passed. I had no anxiety symptoms taking it and that was important to me.

I am not too worried about tests anymore because I know as long as I keep up with assignments and do my best, everything will be okay. I want other students to know this too: just do your best.

## COVID-19 stressors during this Fall semester

By Danielle Campbell  
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On behalf of the students, I have spoken to this semester, we are not okay. It is the answer I am guessing the university staff has been pondering for weeks now. Constant conversations with my peers include mental health and how many have been having a hard time this semester.

My anxiety has been so high that I have had to accept disappointing people. The workload is not the issue. I have always been an involved student since my youth. I have been in college for almost nine years. For seven of those years, I was taking six classes a semester. The

work is not different, but something feels off.

Everyone around me is struggling and school has not changed. What is different? What is causing those around me so much strife?

What I noticed is our society has decided the pandemic is over and the year of trauma we all endured [and are still enduring] does not need to be talked about. Work opened up. Schools are back in session, in person and I have not seen any group therapy or conversations on what is happening.

In 2020, I got COVID-19 and was terrified to leave my house for months. Not only was I afraid to get worse, I was afraid to hurt someone else. I was

agoraphobic for months. When my mother forced me to start leaving the house to go to the store, I could only stay ten minutes before getting lightheaded.

No one has spoken about the deaths students might have dealt with and the trauma of possibly not seeing loved ones in the hospital.

No one has talked about those with mental health challenges who struggled with being locked up in the house for months and suddenly reintroduced to people again. No one has spoken about how traffic has been weird because people lost their ability to be patient after a year in isolation. No one has spoken about the social skills that have been hard to

recapture after not seeing people face to face.

I have not seen anything about the severe trauma of the pandemic. Everyone is trying to act as if life is back to how it used to be. We are acting as if nothing has happened or is still happening.

How many administrators, professors, counselors and the like have taken the time to start their classes or meetings asking students how they are? Why is there such a push to act like we are under normal conditions? Where is the empathy? This is not a normal world we are living in right now.

I am deeply saddened to see how little this has been considered. I see so many students trying their

best through panic attacks, breakdowns and more.

What I also see, are people writing these students off as if they lack skills when I know had this been years earlier, they would be top tier students. Why are we so quick to write these students off and how many, when asked, can say someone from the staff asked them if they are even okay?

Life goes on. Yes, but this must be addressed. This is not something we can collectively gloss over. We will never forget this pandemic we are living through and all the strife it has caused. And I will never forget how much we neglected to check in with those around us and ask, "Are you alright?"

The simple answer is a lot of people are not. Many are suffering in silence too afraid to share their "weaknesses" because the world has ridden right past the step of healing. Many students assume their struggles are weaknesses because generations before us seem to expect us to just ease past this moment without issue. That is not what we see happening.

Why are we ignoring that there is an issue, and it surpasses letter grades, project due dates and tests/quizzes? Why would a student hold those in high regard when they are dealing with food insecurity, mental health challenges, employment, financial struggles, sickness and death?

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# Pregame and pep rally to celebrate homecoming Latinx

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Excitement. Fun. Food. The first pre-game and pep rally, after a year, was a success. Students entered the front of Jess Dow Field to sign into the pre-game rally, where they got a ticket for the big raffle at the end of the night. They also had the option to enter one of three other raffles, which included a catch a punt contest, score a goal on the athletic director and best touchdown dance contest.

Thursday, Oct. 15, was the Homecoming pre-game and pep rally. Once students got past the check-in table, they saw a crowd of their peers, food, a DJ and games.

Nursing major Sam Kaufman, a junior, said, "So I came out to pep rally to hang out with one of my coworkers because I'm trying to be, like, personable instead of just spending all my time doing homework."

The students seemed shy to get up and dance at first until the night's MCs, Bernardo Mbaya and Gary Robinson got the crowd going. DJ Prestige helped the MCs get the students dancing with songs like "Cupid Shuffle," "Wobble," and the "Cha Cha Slide."

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disorders major Leah Karaban, a senior, said, "I am really excited to come to this event because it's my first pep rally, ever. When I transferred here, I didn't have the opportunity to go to homecoming in 2019, so this will be like my first one as a senior which I think is really interesting. I'm super excited to see everything for the first time. And I love the free food and free merch. We love free stuff."

The pep rally was noticeably missing last year, and students and staff alike were excited to be back on campus for this staple homecoming event.

Eric Lacharity, associate director of Student Involvement & Leadership Development, was especially excited to be back in person.

"The goal for tonight was, I mean it's been two years since we've done a pep rally. We really wanted to bring back that sense of spirit. That sense of, you know, just a real like love and excitement for Southern. So, what better way to do it [than] with food, music, giveaways, games, t-shirts, all that good stuff. And just, we want people to feel good, out and about on campus. We did outside so people can give themselves some distance and feel good

about the fresh air. You know, just have some fun, that's all."

President Joe Bertolino was also in attendance to support students and enjoy the festivities. "I'm excited that all of our students are having a good time and that they're excited and that everybody is present. And we're here to support one another, so it's going to be a great weekend and our alumni are going to come back and they're going to be proud. And our students are going to be proud, so it's all good."

There was a cornhole station, a football-shaped "ride the bull" type ride where students had to sign waivers to get on and a wrecking ball where you wore a helmet and hit your friends with the wrecking ball.

Nursing major Bryannah Horne, a freshman, was excited about her first pep rally and wanted to see what it was like. "I saw it on social media, and I also heard about it throughout the week. And you know since it's my first homecoming as a college student I wanted to come out and see and experience it."

The pep rally was opened up by the Blue Steel drumline, who performed as they walked out. The MCs from earlier

in the night were at the pep rally trying to figure out which side of the crowd was louder.

"For me, it's exciting to see our students be thriving, you know I think the owl ways, our culture and our process, how we get better. And this is a great testament to that. So, our culture is driven through people and these types of events are driven by people so it makes me even more excited to see what we can be, but this is a great step for us, and it really is defining the owl way and doing it together," said Athletic Director Chris Barker.

The athletic teams came out to their own theme songs like women's volleyball came out to "Toco Toco To" by Dixson Waz and the football team came out to "La Mamá de la Mamá" by El Alfa. The energy was high between

the thirteen teams with their own high-powered entrances. A member of the men's baseball team came out and took his shirt off to "Way Too Sexy" by Drake and one of the men's soccer team came out on the shoulders of a teammate to "Macarena" by Los Locos.

The rally featured the previously mentioned raffles, and, in the best touchdown dance, the winning participant did a flip into a split. The dance team performed to a Megan the Stallion medley.

Students who never saw a pep rally were excited.

Finance major and international student Tian Zixuan, a junior, said, "I did pretty enjoy the pep rally and I was so excited! This is my first time watched pep rally. I am emerging in different American cultures, and this is new to me."



Photo | Danielle Campbell

Students waiting at the first pregame in a year.

## A net positive week for women's soccer at home

By Morgan Douglas  
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After reeling off three straight wins, women's soccer played to a double overtime draw this past Saturday at Jess Dow Field against the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights. The Owls' record sits at 4-5-2.

This past Wednesday, at home, where they have yet to lose, they defeated the Franklin Pierce University Ravens 1-0, with forward Kelsey Burr, a senior, scoring the lone goal of the contest on a penalty kick in the 71st minute.

"The girl on the other team had a handball and I usually like to take PK's. I did my freshman year and I like to practice them," Burr said smiling. "Amanda [Dustin] threw me the ball and they were like, 'Yeah, we know you're going to take it,' so I kind of just went up and did it

on my own."

The goal marked Burr's third in as many games, a feat last accomplished by an Owl in 2018, and this one turned out to be the game-winner.

"It was a really good feeling," Burr said. "It's always great to score and help out the team."

The homecoming crowd which showed up at the football game were long gone by the time the soccer game started, but there was still a large crowd compared to what the team is used to.

"There were definitely more people here to support us, which definitely helps," Burr said. "We love the energy."

The night was chilly and windy, with a brief drizzle included in the first half, and nobody scored. The Purple Knights did not look sharp, and the Owls moved the ball well, they had possession for 69 percent of the half, but

failed to find the back of the net.

"They were stepping to every ball, and we weren't prepared for it," Forward Kylee Slavik, a freshman, said. "But as the game went on, we noticed that, and we pushed through that. We fixed the problem at halftime, and from that we learned, and we pushed."

The Purple Knights came out playing more aggressively in the second half, getting off three shots in the first 10 minutes, but goalkeeper Allie Smith, a graduate student, was there to save all three.

The Owls played well defensively throughout. Just when it looked like the purple Knights had an opportunity to score, the Owls' defenders would step up and make a play.

The Owls offense got off three shots of their own later in the second half. Two by Slavik and one by forward Kaitlyn D'Amico,

a senior, which just missed to the left.

The game headed to overtime, scoreless.

Purple Knights goalkeeper Katie Escobedo recorded three saves in the first overtime, which gave her eight for the game at the time, including a save at the literal last second off a shot by D'Amico.

Slavik took a shot midway through the second overtime, which was saved by Escobedo, her ninth. Slavik took five shots in the second half and overtime and took six in the game.

The Owls best chance to score came in the 108th minute, but they failed to capitalize. The game ended in a scoreless draw, snapping the team's three game winning streak.

"Every game is different," Slavik said. "Maybe we just had an off game, but our other games the past few days have been phenomenal, so

really just think we need to forget about this game and go back to the way we were playing before."

For Smith, this was her fourth shutout of the season and 12th of her career. She allowed one goal or fewer in 10 of her 11 games for the year.

"Exciting game," Smith said. "Exciting atmosphere. Just too bad we couldn't get the three points, but we came away with one."

The Owls will look to get back to their winning ways when they play the University of New Haven on the road Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Women's soccer is still in search of its first road victory, and to get it, they will have to score some goals.

"I know it's coming," Smith said. "Kylee's [Slavik] been knocking on the door, Kait [D'Amico], Kelsey's [Burr] going to be getting another one soon too. I can feel it."



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Women's soccer head coach Adam Cohen talking to his team after playing St. Michael's to a double overtime draw at Jess Dow Field during Homecoming this past Saturday.



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Women's soccer played St. Michael's College to a double overtime draw during Homecoming this past Saturday. They remain unbeaten at home.

By Tyler Fisher  
Contributor

Students danced in front of Buley library to the sound of bachata and to get away from bees.

The Multicultural and SAGE center hosted the "Latinx LGBTQ+ Voices" event on Wednesday.

Because it is both Hispanic Heritage and LGBTQ+ month, the centers held an event which celebrated both—showcasing influential people from the Hispanic and LGBTQ+ communities.

"We wanted to highlight some of the important figures from both communities," said Aaron Morabito, a graduate intern and employee of the SAGE Center.

The event featured a poster with information on those influential figures.

Included on the poster, made by students of the SAGE Center, was an explanation of why the event was important.

Julio Salgado, the co-founder of "Dreamers Adrift" and an artist whose works have been used to advocate for the migrant rights movement, was one of the people showcased.

As said on his website, "his status as an undocumented, queer artist has fueled the contents of his visual art, which depict key individuals and moments of the DREAM Act and the migrant rights movement."

A chart published by the university's Institutional Research Center, detailing the fall 2021 enrollment numbers, shows a Hispanic student population of 1,167.

In addition to Julio Salgado, students learned about Emma Gonzales, a survivor of the 2018 Stoneman Douglas High School shooting and gun control activist.

Dolores Huerta, a co-founder of the United Farm Workers Association, was also discussed.

Huerta helped shape the working landscape for farmworkers in the 20th century and is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures of the Chicano civil rights movement.

An essential figure in the gay and transgender rights movement, Sylvia Rivera, and her accomplishments were shown to students and faculty.

The National Women's History Museum describes Rivera as "a veteran of the 1969 Stonewall Inn" and a "tireless advocate for those silenced and disregarded by larger movements."

"I think it's really important to understand and think about our intersecting identities," Vice President of Student Affairs, Tracy Tyree, said. "The fact that the board is intersecting Latinx heritage with LGBTQ identity is so important. They're highlighting on this board activism and people's accomplishments that I wasn't familiar with."

The event accomplished what it was intended to do, which was recognize individuals in the LGBTQ+ and Hispanic communities that have been overlooked.

Interdisciplinary Studies major, Connor Shieldes, a senior, said, "I think it's very informative and amazing," said Shieldes. "I feel so seen and heard as an Ecuadorian, gay, and trans male."

# PHOTOS

## A week filled with Homecoming events



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Students enjoying the inflatable sword fighting bouncy house at the event held before the football game

Quarterback Marc Reali throwing the ball at homecoming game.

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This past week, the campus held a handful of events for Homecoming weekend. These events included a small fair with kettle corn, fried oreos, bouncy houses and a bunch of other fair games.

Another event held was

the pre-game and pep rally.

On Saturday, the school had the annual Homecoming football game where the team faced against Bentley University. The game ended with a 34-20 loss. If you want to read more about the football game, go to page 6. If you want to read more about homecoming week, go to page 4.



Students walking to the game after getting kettle corn from the stand.



Matthew Berry participating in 'Balloon Darts' stand.



Student dance member at the game.



Southern trying to get the ball from the other team.



Student running the 'Knock A Block' stand at the Fair.



Nursing major Suhane Patel (left), a junior and Wilson Valois giving away colored balloons for homecoming.



University cheerleader waiting to cheer for the football team at the game.

## Football suffers first home loss Homecoming drew a large crowd in a 34-20 defeat to Bentley

By Morgan Douglas  
Sports Editor

Yikes. The undefeated Bentley University Falcons swooped into the Owls' nest during homecoming this past Saturday at Jess Dow Field and continued their perfect football season, winning 34-20.

Bentley is the 17th ranked Division II school in the nation, and they were led in this one by their left-handed quarterback Stephen Sturm, who accounted for five total touchdowns, four passing and one rushing in the contest.

The Owls started with quarterback Marc Reali, a freshman, who was listed fourth on the team's depth chart at one point but was thrust into the starting role in front of a large home crowd of over 4,200 fans.

"It was cool," Reali said. "I didn't really look around much, because once you're in the game you're kind of locked in, but it was cool to see everybody out here. My family was here, so it was a good time for sure."

A two-yard touchdown run by Sturm to cap off a 12-play drive which took nearly seven and a half minutes off the clock was

the only scoring of the first quarter, and a failed two-point conversion attempt which left the score sitting at 6-0 headed to the second quarter.

Sturm had a key fourth-down conversion on the drive to keep it alive and made the Owls defense pay.

The Owls offense responded with a 12-play drive of their own which took over five minutes off the clock.

Unfortunately for the Owls, the Falcons defense forced them to a field goal attempt.

Kicker Szymon Gawlick, a junior, nailed it, making the score 6-3.

The Falcons got the ball back and promptly turned it over.

Sturm threw an interception to linebacker Marcel Walker, a sophomore, with eight minutes and 46 seconds left in the half.

"I was just trying to do my job," Walker said. "We had a one on one with the second receiver. It was good positioning, I knew I had to jump up and make a play, and I was able to come up with the interception. But you've got to thank the coach for putting me in that position. I'm happy I was able to execute."

The Owls were able to turn the turnover into points.

A 19-yard run by running back Diante Wilson, a freshman, put the Owls back in the red zone.

Gawlick was able to tie the score at six, with a field goal. Things were looking okay.

Then the wheels fell off. The southpaw Sturm found Abel Lopez Jr. down the right sideline, who broke a tackle on his way to the end zone. The extra point was good, 13-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, receiver Shawn Martin, a freshman, fumbled.

The Falcons recovered with a good field position and made the Owls pay for their turnover.

Sturm found Chris Varone wide open in the flat for another Falcons' touchdown with just 15 seconds left in the half. The extra point was good, 20-6.

Halftime saw performances from the cheerleading squad and dance team, but the crowd really got into the Blue Steel drum line, applauding as loud for them as they did for the football team.

The Falcons got the ball to start the second half, and on the opening play,

Zay Decias broke off a huge 84-yard run, setting up a first and goal for Bentley. Sturm passed it to Cole McCubrey for the one-yard touchdown, and in a blink the owls were down 27-6.

The Owls' next offensive drive was bowling shoe ugly, running 11 different plays and gaining just 21 yards. On a fourth-and-14, they punted.

Later in the third quarter, the offense was able to cobble together a nice seven play, 80-yard drive, resulting in Reali finding receiver Tylon Papallo, a junior, for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Gawlick's extra point was good, 27-13.

"The whole game, the defense was biting on every route by outside receivers, so I knew they were going to bite on that," Papallo said. "I'm happy for Marc (Reali). I'm trying to get used to the feeling, but it's really exciting."

The throw marked Reali's first touchdown pass in college, in front of the largest home crowd of the year.

"I was just rolling out to my right. Pap's (Papallo) a good athlete, he got some separation and I just put the ball on him," Reali said. "It was a great

feeling. I mean it's been two years since I really played in a full game, so it felt great to be out here and get that back."

In the fourth quarter, as the Owls were trying to claw their way back into it, Reali threw his first interception on an out route.

Bentley took advantage scoring a touchdown to make it 34-13 with time running out.

"They're a good team," Papallo said. "They're undefeated, so I knew coming into the game we were going to be the underdogs. We need to get together as a group and continue to play and fight for every win."

The Owls kept fighting. With just under two minutes remaining, Reali scampered in for a touchdown from 8 yards out. Gawlick's extra point made the score 34-20, and there it would remain.

It was the first home loss of the season for the owls, and they are now 3-4 on the year.

They will travel to Franklin Pierce for their next game on Saturday, Oct. 23.

"We've got a good team; we just need to limit the mental mistakes," Walker said. "We're going to be good; we just have to finish off strong."

## Column—NBA

By Morgan Douglas  
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By the time you are reading this, the 2021-22 season of NBA basketball will have already tipped off, as we begin the long march of the traditional 82 game regular season, which culminates in mid-April.

This season will be the 19th in the illustrious career of Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James, and he has another new future hall-of-famer as a running mate in the form of Russell Westbrook. Paired with Anthony Davis, the Lakers should make some noise out in the Western Conference, barring injury, which is forever a concern with Davis.

Other Western Conference teams, bereft of the household names on the Lakers, like the Phoenix Suns, Utah Jazz and Denver Nuggets will look to build off their successful seasons from last year, and push to gain the national recognition other teams receive.

Klay Thompson is returning from his torn Achilles at some point this season to help the Golden State Warriors regain their prowess as one of the most feared teams in the league.

Even Warriors haters ought to smile when seeing Thompson take the court with his fellow splash brother Steph Curry once again.

Now let's go to the Eastern Conference, which means I have to talk about the Brooklyn Nets.

You know what you are getting from Kevin Durant and James Harden. Great basketball with some knucklehead stuff off the court in between. Durant will say something irksome on social media, and Harden will be caught at a gentleman's club of some description breaking some sort of protocol, but that is nothing compared to the headaches Kyrie Irving puts the organization through.

As documented in the book, "Can't Knock the Hustle," by Matt Sullivan, the Nets star players run the organization. Irving has pull and power, and he flexes it very often. If Vegas has an over/under on games played by Irving, give me the under.

The Chicago Bulls have turned themselves back into a playoff contender with the acquisition of Nikola Vucevic at the trade deadline last year, and the free agent signings of DeMar DeRozan and Lonzo Ball over the summer. They will be more fun to watch than they have been in recent years.

The Milwaukee Bucks remain the team all these others are chasing. The reigning champions won it all with a pair of home-grown stars in the forms of Khris Middleton and 'the Greek Freak' Giannis Antetokounmpo, and they look to run it back with the same core group this year.

I am excited. I hope you are too.



Photo | Roma Rositani

The Owls drew a tough opponent for Homecoming in the form of undefeated Bentley University at Jess Dow Field.



Photo | Bria Kirklain

Quarterback Marc Reali drew his first career start last Saturday in the Owls Homecoming loss to nationally ranked Bentley University.

## Volleyball tournament held on campus

By Brian Green  
Contributor

Get ready, set, and spike. Amateur and more experienced volleyball players gathered in front of the Residence Life Quad, near Wilkinson Hall, to get a chance to make serves, blocks and digs to have fun and unwind.

The annual 3 versus 3 volleyball tournament was hosted this past Monday, Oct. 11 by Wilkinson Hall.

This event was organized by the resident advisors of Wilkinson, Abby Gregory, and Vanessa Hunter.

This event featured students competing for the chance to win a gift card to Uber Eats for each teammate.

"I hope all the residents had a lot of fun," said Gregory. "We do other fun activities for our hall, but I hoped that everyone

involved enjoyed it and we could [do] it again next time."

Hunter, who also helped to organize this event, spoke about the requirement to organize an event of this type.

Being an advisor of a residence hall requires they host special events, called 'socials' for the floor they are assigned to.

"We put signups for our floor, advertising the event—and after getting a list of students, one of which meant that they had to be a student of Wilkinson, we then made a bracket and started planning the logistics," said Hunter.

One of the participants, Sean Dillon, spoke about what it was like playing in the game.

"It was fun, and I liked that it got very competitive towards the end. I thought we were going to lose, but I brought it home for our team. I'm glad that we

got free Uber Eats," said Dillon.

The volleyball game ran from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., and each team rotated out, with the winning team staying on and facing the next team.

The last two teams standing, competed back and forth until one team stood alone with the gift card in their hands.

Wilkinson Hall will be hosting Pumpkin Painting on Oct. 18 from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the sixth floor lobby. This event will feature the RA of the sixth floor, as they teach students how to decorate their pumpkins for Halloween.

The volleyball team will take the court in Pelz Gym on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. against Molloy College.

The team went 1-1 last week, defeating Mercy College this past Tuesday at home and losing to Bentley University on the road this past Friday.



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Volleyball tournament held on campus for gift cards.

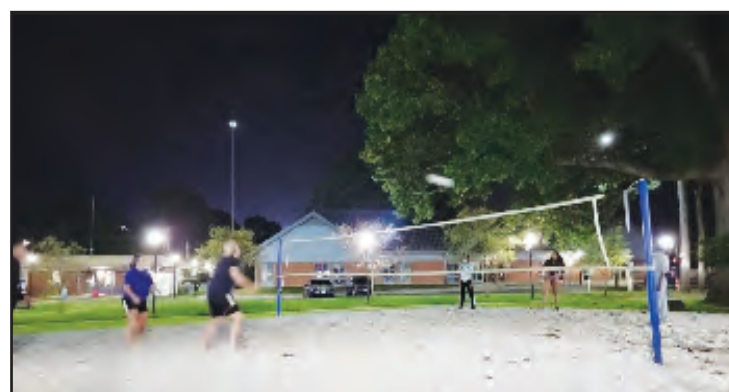


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Students participating in a 3-on-3 volleyball tournament at the Residence life Quad outside Wilkinson Hall.