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Susan Robinson-Cloete OC '24

Susan Robinson-Cloete is very excited to present Issue 36 of The Synapse, the last issue for the 2023-2024 school. She is looking forward to these amazing articles, art, and honors research blurbs being seen and read by our audience. This issue has a plethora of interesting topics, spanning from echolocation to tackling ChatGPT and a beautifully written science fiction piece. They hope you enjoy this issue and are thankful to everyone for their contributions and readership to The Synapse who have made this year so wonderful. They also want to thank everyone on the board both at Oberlin and our partner universities and colleges for all of their hard work, without it there would be no magazine.

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Featured Contributor

Sky Milstein OC '24

Sky (they/he) is a Junior at Oberlin College studying biology and geosciences. He is from Arlington, Massachusetts. At Oberlin, they are on the women and trans rugby team and in Harkness coop! He thinks scientific communication is incredibly important because it's one thing to be a scientist and do research, and it's another thing to be able to discuss that with non-scientists. They believe the Synapse makes science accessible to college students. They like to dance, watch reality dating shows, and crochet in their free time! If he could live in any book world, it would be Magic Tree House.



Featured Contributor

Long Ly OC '26

Long Ly (He/Him) is a 1st year at Oberlin College from Hanoi, Vietnam. Long intends to major in biology and neuroscience and potentially minor in chemistry. In his 1st-year, he has already contributed to 2 issues and will become the treasurer for the Synapse next year. After undergrad, Long hopes to take 1-2 gap years to gain research experience with OPT while applying for a Ph.D. program. At Oberlin, he is in the men's volleyball club and often goes to the climbing gym. He is doing the Knitco/modular origami exco as well. When asked why he thinks the Synapse is important, he said, "I think the language of science is quite esoteric, and most research papers, in trying to maintain accurate and specific language, becomes too difficult for people outside of the sciences to comprehend. And so the Synapse is a slightly less formal way to communicate science to people and help others learn more about the natural world". If he had to choose a book to live in, he would pick Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy.

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