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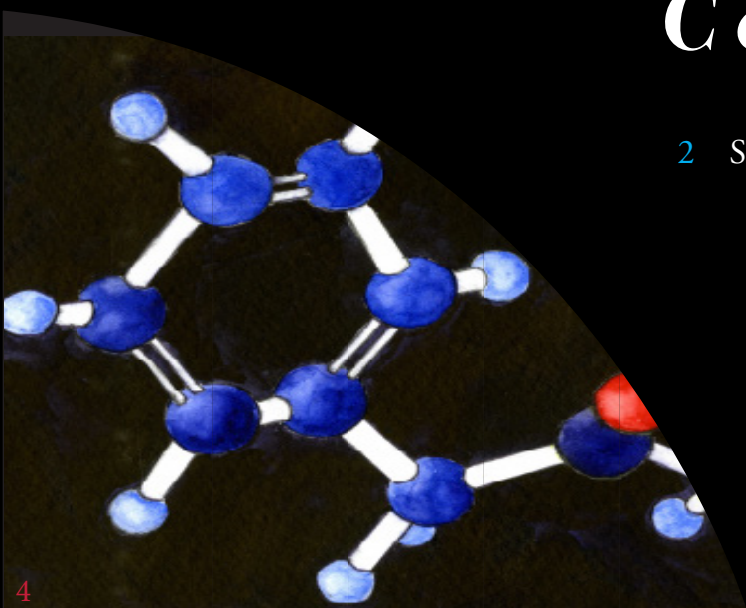
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Dear Reader,

*The Synapse* presents its '15 Orientation Edition, just in time for returning students to catch up on the latest scientific developments, acquaint themselves with the research of recent graduates, and familiarize themselves with science's pressing ethical considerations. If you are a first year, then this is likely your first perusal of an issue. Allow me to welcome you to Oberlin's realm of science journalism! Whether you read this magazine cover-to-cover or use the tabs to navigate by discipline, we promise that each article contained within was written with equal parts expertise, passion, and healthy skepticism. We hope you enjoy this collection of student-authored material.

Sincerely,  
Gabe Hitchcock  
*Editor-in-Chief*



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