

## 'It feels very defeating'

### DePaul counseling services outsourced to third-party app, leaves students feeling in limbo and detached

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Ever since she committed to DePaul in early spring, freshman Lauren Hunt was eager to take advantage of DePaul's counseling services.

But when Hunt reached out for help, the university left her in the dark.

Two weeks ago, Hunt took the

first step towards treating her mental health by calling UCS to receive her first consultation.

"No one picked up, it rang a couple times and it went to the voicemail," she said.

Hunt tried again the next day to find out UCS would not accept new student patients. Instead, they recommended My Student Support Program (SSP) — a third party app that connects students to 24/7 with free mental health support.

When a student logs in, they have the option to fill out several assessments for general anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug intake. My SSP gives a recommendation for treatment based on the results of the self evaluation.

"I wasn't really sure what I should do first and so I tried the anxiety diagnostic, it was like a couple questions and basically like the response at the end was, it seems like you have anxiety, probably get help for that," Hunt said. "It

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## Chicagoans march in opposition to Texas' abortion ban

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Supporters of all ages and genders gathered to protest against Texas's abortion ban Sat. Oct. 2.

The protesters gathered at the Daley Center before marching through the Loop to protest against Texas's Senate Bill 8, which outlaws abortions after six weeks. Opponents to the law argue the month and a half window is too narrow, supporters claim the fetus has a heartbeat after six weeks and therefore immoral to abort it.

Citizens can also legally prevent a pregnant person attempting to receive an abortion after six weeks, even in cases of incest and rape. People are allowed by any means to stop a pregnant person from receiving an abortion if they suspect it's after six weeks. The courts can then issue



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People of all genders and ages rallied at the Women's March in the Daley Plaza to protest a new Texas law banning abortions after six weeks.

up to a \$10,000 reward to plaintiffs who win.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott defended the law saying it is not an outright ban.

This law is constitutional under Roe v.

Wade. However, due to Texas lawmakers finding a loophole that allows the law to apply to private citizens, not institutions.

Supporters of Roe v. Wade feared abortion bans soon after late Supreme

Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed last Sept.

Jo Greep, director of Planned Parenthood Illinois, emphasized that people must keep fighting for abortion rights.

"I think we're in a really terrifying spot, because we're looking at 50 years of legal precedent that might be scrapped next summer by the Supreme Court," Greep said. "That really motivated a lot of people."

Protestors showed up in opposition of abortion bans but also in support of Texas citizens affected by the law.

"I'm here because women are more than 50 percent of the population, because women should have equal rights to men because [specifically white] men have always had the power, because the more

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