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Kavanaugh Protests Break Out At CCSU



Anti-Kavanaugh protesters address the rally's crowd as a small group of Kavanaugh supporters stand in the distance.

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BY SARAH WILLSON
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Kavanaugh was granted a seat on the nation's highest court.

An uproar of student-led protests from both sides of the political spectrum was felt across the Central Connecticut campus just days after then-Supreme Court nominee Brett

A crowd of about 25 people, both current students and alumni, rallied in the Student Center Circle on Monday to denounce Kavanaugh's recent confirmation. A small group of Kavanaugh supporters was also there.

"Sexual assault and violence happen all the time," Juliana Soares of the CCSU Women's Center said. "It was nice to see people speaking because they're not only speaking for themselves. They're speaking for other victims."

Chants in support of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who claimed she was sexually assaulted

by Kavanaugh, were shouted in megaphones across the circle.

In spite of the anti-Kavanaugh protests, sophomore Ally Clark stood behind the crowd, at times by herself, proudly sporting her "I Believe Kavanaugh, #HimToo" poster and "Trump and Pence 2020" t-shirt.

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COMMUNITY



Gubernatorial candidates Ned Lamont and Oz Griebel brought their platforms to Central Connecticut at last Wednesday's debate.

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Connecticut Gubernatorial Candidates Debate Children, Family Futures At CCSU

BY ISABELLA CHAN
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Wednesday.

With Election Day less than a month away, Central Connecticut invited the state's gubernatorial candidates to express where they stand on issues regarding the future of children and families in a debate last

Democratic candidate Ned Lamont and unaffiliated candidate Oz Griebel participated in the forum. Republican candidate Bob Stefanowski was invited, but did not attend. The moderator, Christine Stuart of CT News Junkie, stated Stefanowski had a conflict with scheduling and couldn't make it.

The night began with the question of whether the candidates plan to keep open the Office of Early Childhood and what their priorities would be for the office if they did. In response, both candidates presented very different answers. Lamont was definite on keeping the office open and bringing together more early

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CCSU

Does CCSU Need Mandatory Attendance?

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

"You are allowed one unexcused absence. More than one results in the failure of the entire course."

The above is a real attendance policy on a Central Connecticut professor's syllabus. It could arguably be perceived as strict and meant to frighten students away from even the fluttering thought of skipping class. But in the college realm where students and adults are paying for their degree, is that fear necessary?

CCSU has an attendance policy in place in the catalog. However, it is purposely vague. Instead of specific guidelines that the entirety of the university has to follow, the policy is lacking enough detail to give professors the right to dictate attendance in their classroom. For comparison, Southern Connecticut State University's class attendance policy is clearer, outright saying a student can be removed from a class and receive an "FS" grade for poor attendance.

CCSU's policy's brevity stems from the concept of "academic freedom," which allows professors certain rights

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CCSU And Area Residents Clean Up New Britain Streets

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Keeping with its theme of connectedness, Central Connecticut joined the North-Oak Revitalization Zone early

Saturday morning to clean up New Britain's streets and hear from residents.

"We are a community engagement university. That means we use our expertise, our resources and our people to help our community," President

Dr. Zulma Toro said. She added that it is her second or third time participating in this type of event. "The way the area looks after the cleanup is definitely something we can point to as making a difference in the community."

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DEVELOPING NEWS

Ojakian Presents Helpful Tuition Options

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A proposal to potentially give qualifying colleges and universities free tuition or other financial aid options was presented to the Connecticut Board of Regents last week.

Tuition for the upcoming spring is on the table after Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) President Mark Ojakian laid out a few options to the Board of Regents that could benefit some students.

"Because of our combined efforts, I believe we are more stable than we were three years ago, and the role we play in shaping the future of Connecticut is more visible," Ojakian said in an email. "Therefore, we must continue to be bold as we look towards the future and find the best path forward for our students and our institutions."

"We should be creative and examine different strategies to keep higher education affordable for our students. This is only the beginning of the conversation," Ojakian noted in his email.

Some of the proposed tuition models include:

A tuition and fee freeze: Determine a set period where tuition and fees do not increase at all.

A tuition, flat fee rate guarantee: Students pay the same rate, perhaps for three years (colleges) and five years (universities), provided they attend full-time.

Free tuition for all colleges and universities with established criteria to qualify.

Tuition and fee rebate: Upon graduation, refund to students some percentage of their cost of education.

Free last semester: This would "forgive" 1/4 of the cost of education for a full-time college student and 1/8 of the cost for a university student.

Statewide "Promise" program: Connecticut currently has a few city-based Promise programs, but no statewide effort or state funding.

The details regarding each tuition model are yet to be determined. The options presented will all be considered prior to the decision regarding tuition next spring.

"I must emphasize again that these are preliminary ideas and simply the beginning of an important discussion which could determine our tuition policy in the future. Over the next several months, we hope to receive input from stakeholders on all campuses," Ojakian stated of the proposed tuition models.

Although the tuition models were just proposed, students benefitting from these or similar changes is a big possibility, as Ojakian said he wants students to benefit from the CSCU system's stability.

"If CSCU is to remain accessible to all Connecticut residents and we are serious about student success, we must think differently about our approach to affordability for all of our students," Ojakian concluded.

What's New, CCSU?

BY SARAH WILLSON
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- The Farmington Food Truck, which features locally grown produce and products, is back yet again in the Student Center Circle on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m.
- Hartford Schools Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez is coming to CCSU for "Latina Talks" on Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Connecticut Room of Memorial Hall.
- "Devils Den @ 10 p.m." will feature Salchata Night - a night where C.O.L.A.D.A performs and teaches students basic dances such as the salsa and bachata.
- The South Asian Students Association will feature Hindi Music Artist Jaz Dhami on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 3 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. in Semesters in Devil's Den.
- The first Latino fire chief in the state of Connecticut, Raul Ortiz, will speak to CCSU students on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. in Sprague Carlton room of the Student Center. Hosted by the Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Ortiz is said to discuss the challenges he's faced growing up along with the success he has achieved today.
- The Central Activities Network will host a variety of free blue foods in light of Homecoming week in Alumni Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 12 p.m.

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childhood groups and programs to ensure teamwork amongst education, social services and more. Griebel's response, on the other hand, focused more on the financials of the situation.

"To say that any one thing isn't going to be looked at hard would be an outright disservice," Griebel stated on the current budget deficit.

"Are we doing everything we can to make sure the right people are in the room looking at how the tax dollars are spent?" Griebel went on, claiming that Connecticut couldn't afford to have 169 town councils.

The night continued on in this fashion, with Lamont focused on wanting to give children, families and teachers benefits and programs that will promote success and Griebel prioritizing state financials and improving how towns will influence the state as a whole.

One idea Lamont focused on was daycare for single parents and low-income families.

"I'm a guy that started up a small business. I know I could not afford to lose that single parent if not for quality daycare. I need that person to continue working. I can make the case that this is a priority and it's about growing the economy and keep everyone working," Lamont explained.

Lamont advocated for a \$15 minimum wage for teachers, paid maternity leave in the state and more training to acquire jobs.

Meanwhile, Griebel went into depth on Connecticut's \$4 million deficit and how making financial changes would be difficult, saying it would heavily impact private sector and state employment.

"You can promise anything you want, but if the money isn't there, then you've got a major issue," Griebel said.

Those in attendance at the forum were left feeling dissatisfied with some of the answers given and not given.

Two retired state employees, Lianette Gaunichaux and Mishan Holley, expressed frustration with the suggested financial plans of some of the candidates.

"Every time we come to these forums, it's always about how state employees can give more. But we didn't get us in the mess that we're in now," Gaunichaux stated.

She explained that although it was not clearly stated at Wednesday's forum, Lamont had previously pointed some of the blame toward state employees.

"We've just given back and they keep attacking the pension, failing to realize we have to put money aside," Holley said. "The state isn't just giving us free money. We get more taken out than we work and put aside. State employees have had nothing for years."

Additionally, the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut's Smart Justice division was disappointed with candidates' responses on the criminal justice system during the open question portion of the forum.

When asked if they would veto bills regarding criminal justice that would unfavorably affect people of color, neither candidate gave a straight answer,

stating they would have to look more into the racial impact statements with the legislation.

"We wanted to hear a, 'Yes, I'd veto a bill if it had a negative racial impact statement and if it will impact communities of color in a negative way,'" Melvin Medina, director of Strategic Initiatives for the ACLU, stated. "We're at a loss just trying to understand why you wouldn't."

As the gubernatorial election comes to a near end, it is now up to Connecticut residents to decide who they think will be best suited for state governor. Election Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 6 this year. Those still unregistered and looking to cast a ballot can register to vote at vote.gov.



Gubernatorial candidates Ned Lamont and Oz Griebel debated policies regarding Connecticut's children and families last Wednesday. ISABELLA CHAN | STAFF

'Did The New York Times Cross The Line?'

PHOTOS BY JULIA JADE MORAN



Stan Simpson, CCSU alum and host of "The Stan Simpson Show" on Fox 61, moderated the panel "Did The New York Times Cross The Line?"



"We use anonymous sources when there is no other way to get information to the public," The New York Times' Carol Giacomo said. "Sometimes, It's the only way to get to the truth."



"[If we] had the sort of equivalent op-ed offered to us on Dan Malloy, my guess is... we would say there's no way we can do it [if the person] can't put a name on it," The Hartford Courant's Matthew Kauffman said.

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In addition to CCSU and the NRZ, residents from surrounding towns and New Britain Police Department officers came to take part in the twelfth annual cleanup. Police Chief James Wardwell stated that the department's involvement was important in keeping a strong relationship with the city's people.

"This is a true partnership with the community. It's us shoulder-to-shoulder doing everything we can to make our neighborhoods better," Wardwell stated.

After a small breakfast, volunteers pulled on gloves, grabbed rakes and opened up trash bags, breaking off into groups to tackle the streets of New Britain's North-Oak section. Spencer Levesque, a CCSU junior studying business management and member of the university's Phi Delta Theta, came with other fraternity members to participate.

"We do a lot of community service and community engagement. Every Saturday, we do different things. We're very involved with our community on-campus and off-campus," Levesque stated, saying that just last week, Phi Delta Theta had participated in an annual homelessness walk.

Central's Lambda Alpha Upsilon fraternity also made an appearance, with Chapter President Aaron Sanchez proud of the work the fraternity does. As a New Britain native, Sanchez tries to "give back as much as possible" to the city he calls home.

"It feels good to give back, especially when you can see people's reactions. It's just an unreal experience. It becomes



Central Connecticut student Aaron Sanchez picks up trash.

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addicting," Sanchez said. "If you don't have anything to live for, [giving back] gives you something to live for because you're making changes in other people's lives."

Jazlyne Sanchez, a CCSU senior majoring in criminology, has lived in different parts of New Britain throughout the last five years. She said that seeing the difference in cleanliness between the area around Central's campus and other neighborhoods made her want to help out, along with being a member of CCSU's Habitat for Humanity Club.

"Next to the school, they have a lot more resources, so I feel like that area is nicer, but yeah, [other areas need cleaning]," Sanchez said.

Eva Magnuszewski, president pro tempore of New Britain's common council and a CCSU graduate, was thrilled to see so many students at the cleanup, explaining that she enjoyed seeing young people do volunteer work.

"I love seeing community effort being put in to beautify neighborhoods and all the positive things that have started happening here. [CCSU] is doing a great job being involved," Magnuszewski stated.

The groups made their way up their assigned routes, raking and picking up everything from empty coffee cups to, at one point, a heroin needle. Omar Ghannam, who led a group up Union Street and whose mother, Yvette Ghannam, is the NRZ's secretary, said he's glad to take such things off the asphalt; he's been doing so since he was five years old.

"It's nice to come through and feel like you're making a difference. Civic duty is something I value and feeling like I contribute to the world. I look for [civic duty] while volunteering," Ghannam said.

CCSU counselor education graduate student and New Britain native Cynthia Mena was also happy to volunteer, saying that she knew firsthand how residents didn't really clean up after themselves even though, Mena believed, they should.

"Engaging in the community and cleaning it up is creating a more positive atmosphere for everyone. When a person sees trash, they don't pick it up and add more trash, but maybe if they see us taking care of our community and picking up the trash, maybe they'll think they should start



Eva Magnuszewski rakes trash into CCSU student Jonathan Jepson's trash bag.

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taking care of the place they live in," Mena commented.

Jonathan Jepson, a part-time CCSU student, was of the same sentiment.

"Why would you just have trash outside of your house and not pick it up? But I guess part of it is they don't have a place to put it," Jepson said. Magnuszewski interjected, saying that residents needed more convenient dumpsters to throw their trash into.

As the cleanup progressed, residents stopped to express their appreciation for the volunteers, with one woman even braking in the middle of the road to speak with the group on the sidewalk. While walking her dogs, Sandra Picard, who lives on Putnam Street, paused to thank the volunteers for the cleanup, elaborating that she was always worried her dogs could get hurt.

"Every time I turn around, [one of my dogs] has a bottle in his mouth. I gotta be really careful because of the glass. There a lot of drug baggies and stuff like that, too," Picard said.

By the end, NRZ President Marie Bachand stated that the police department had counted more than 100 bags of trash and that over 70 volunteers had participated.

"We have people taking responsibility for their neighborhood, which is what we're trying to teach people," Bachand said. "It's awesome."

CCSU To Students: You Are Never Alone

BY SHWAR ZAIDI
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To kick off Mental Health Week, Central Connecticut's Student Government Association tabled in the Student Center Monday to help students "Get Inspired."

According to the SGA's Student Life Committee Chair Jamie Carbone, the idea for the event came from a simple brainstorming session. A Student Activities and Leadership Development intern named Lindsay Carbone said, filled the whiteboard in the SGA office with inspirational quotes one day.

Carbone, who'd been "having a rough time," thought an event that would "people, especially those with mental illness, to help encourage positivity and help others feel good about themselves," as well as to "to let [people] know whatever they are going through is temporary and will only make them stronger."

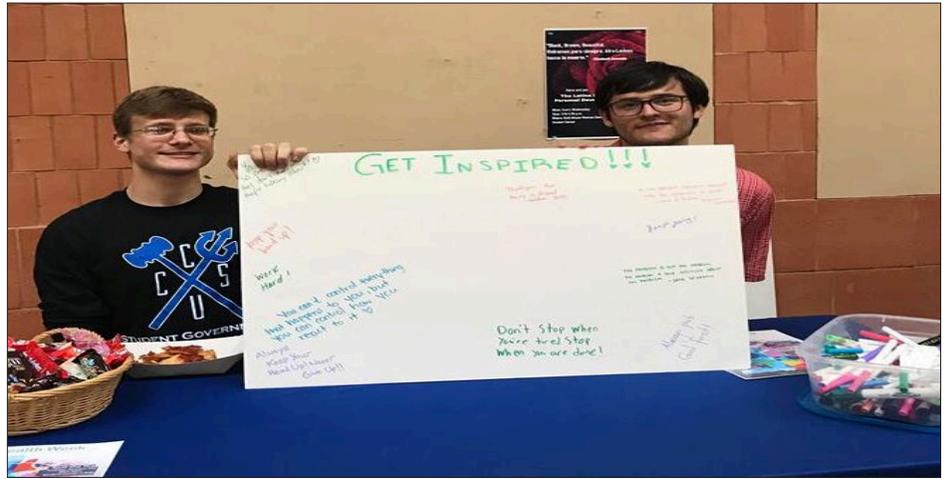
At the tabling, Commuter Senator Justin Boutin and At-Large Senator Ian Cocking helped those who approached to write an inspirational quote on a big white piece of paper about what inspires them. The point was to share what quote helped keep them going and to spread positivity.

Both senators enjoyed helping out and even handed out candies for people who showed up. The students really liked the idea and believed they were doing a good job helping others spread kindness, with student Reva Deonarine saying the event was "easy going and fun to do."

"It's a really good idea to do something like this. A lot of people need this and [this] should be done often," another student commented.

The tabling did what it meant to do, inspired a lot of people to feel special. Senator Kate Lyn Nol attested to that, saying that "inspiring quotes make [her] feel happy."

Mental Health Week continues



Student Government Association Sens. Justin Boutin (left) and Ian Cocking (right). SHWAR ZAIDI | STAFF

throughout the week. On Tuesday, the SGA hosted "Spill the Tea" where students spilled tea and got things off of their chest. Therapy Dogs paw their way into people's hearts on Wednesday.

Kick Back and Relax will take place

Thursday, Oct. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Center lobby. Mental Health Day itself takes place on Oct. 12 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Mid Campus Residence Hall.

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"I believe Kavanaugh and I don't believe Christine Blasey Ford," Clark said. "[Ford said she] was assaulted by him, but I don't think that actually happened. Maybe something

did happen to her, but I don't think it was from Kavanaugh."

Through it all, C.H.A.N.G.E. Vice President Michelle Cardono spoke out and



Student Government Association Sen. Johanna Zukowski protests confirmed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during Monday's rally.

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told her story of the sexual assault encounters she has faced.

"For me, one of my earliest memories takes place in a sexual assault crisis center at Saint Francis Hospital. I was five years old," she said. "Someone close to me, someone who was supposed to protect me, stole my innocence from me at the tender age of five."

Cardono continued her story, sharing how then 16 working her first job in a clothing store, a man exposed himself to her in a dressing room.

For the Women's Center's Destiny Stackhouse, stories like Cardono's is what inspired her to come out and support those around her.

"It concerns issues and violence against women, and that's part of what we do at the Women's Center," Stackhouse said. "It was important that we come and support and show [students] that we're here."

Though Cardono spoke out to the crowd and gave her story, she said her main goal in helping organize the protest was to make people more politically aware of their

surroundings.

"We're hoping to get more politically active," she stated. "Our main message is that we can change this, we have elections coming up, and it's also important to support and believe victims."

Clark also acknowledged being politically active, saying that while she supports and understands everyone's right to free speech, she simply does not agree with Kavanaugh's protesters.

"None of her evidence really held up in court, things of her being afraid to fly, [being afraid of] confined spaces. One of her ex-boyfriends wrote a detailed letter explaining that wasn't true," Clark said. "All of the witnesses she brought forward, they couldn't corroborate with her story. I think [Kavanaugh's] testimony was much more convincing than hers."

Despite the protests early this week, Kavanaugh was sworn in as a Supreme Court Judge over the weekend and is now in the beginning stages of taking on a lifetime position.

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that cannot undergo unreasonable interference or restriction from law, institutional regulations or public pressure. Academic freedom is guaranteed to all faculty by CCSU's American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Per the university's lenient attendance policy and the bolstering of academic freedom, that means professors have the power to fail a student solely on the basis of attendance, according to Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. David Dauwalder.

"That could happen within this policy if it's identified in the syllabus and the students are made aware of it," Dauwalder said in an interview. "But I would hope the department chair would be reviewing course syllabi and working with faculty and the department to make sure there's a reason for the attendance requirements."

Dauwalder has not heard any complaints on attendance from students in his short tenure as provost

thus far, but the Student Government Association Academic Affairs Committee Chair Johanna Zukowski has. The most common grievance students have, Zukowski explained, is that professors do not make it clear when attendance is actually mandatory, giving pop quizzes and important class materials on random dates.

"I've personally never bumped into problems, but I do feel for my SGA counterparts who work full-time and miss classes a lot. I do hear from students a lot that daily attendance every class is not fair," Zukowski said.

In Zukowski's view, deducting points for attendance is not justified. For her, one set university policy that would apply to all classes would allow students more leniency and a clearer sense of when missing a class is appropriate.

"Generally, it would be a world easier for students," Zukowski stated. "Professors won't have as much leeway to be super strict about attendance or not. It would be an even ground for everyone."

SGA Student Life Committee Chair Jamie Carbone thinks similarly. Like Zukowski, she respects professors' rules of the classroom, but reflecting attendance in students' grades, to her, isn't necessary.

"If you need to go to class to improve your grade, go, but if you can do well without going, you shouldn't have to. Everyone operates differently and their learning styles are different," Carbone said.

In the event that poor attendance plummets a student's grade, a Grade Appeals Committee can hear the case to see if a reversal is appropriate. But Chairman Thomas Vasko, an engineering professor, said that a faculty member's syllabus is the "gospel" the committee goes by: if a professor clearly writes that a student can fail from bad attendance, it's not something to go around, even if Vasko doesn't agree with it.

"Attendance is based on whatever the instructor defines in their syllabus. I personally take attendance, but I don't

count it for anything. I typically look at it if I have to fail a student and say, 'Well, do I really have to fail this student?' I look at the attendance and I say, 'Well, they missed four out of the 10 classes,'" Vasko stated.

"You don't get deductions or bonus points for showing up," Vasko went on. A good university policy for him would require students to attend class, but not penalize them. "If they miss the class and still do the work, that's fine. I'm testing whether I'd drive across a bridge that this civil engineering student designed."

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Paige also said that though "attendance and doing quality work equals success," more consistency in the policy would be beneficial.

"I think they should have something, even if it's an administrative withdrawal policy. If you miss three weeks of school, the university should withdraw you from the class. It could help students save themselves," Paige said.

A Call For Family-Friendly Change



Onyi Obidua-Pelletier, member of CCSU's Committee on the Concerns of Women, poses with daughter Siana during last Friday's Work-Life Family Conference.

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Juggling a personal life with employment is an everyday struggle for many working families, and affected Central Connecticut students, faculty and staff made it clear that it was high time for family-friendly changes at CCSU and throughout the state.

"It's both frustrating and gratifying listening to [the panelists]," Dr. Leah Glaser, a CCSU history professor and co-chair of the Work-Life Balance Committee of the university's Committee on the Concerns of Women, stated. "We've said all this stuff and it landed on deaf ears for a long time."

At the Work-Life Family Conference held last Friday, the two-part conference featured two panels, with one focusing on academic-based solutions and the other zeroing in on policy improvements. Panelists tackled issues ranging from making CCSU into a breastfeeding-friendly campus and paid family leave to engaging fathers and being age-friendly.

Keynote speaker Julie Wilson, author of "Mothering Through Precarity: Women's Work and Digital Media" and an associate professor at Allegheny College, started the conference by explaining how concepts of neoliberalism were detrimental to the working family, especially competitiveness and multitasking stemming from individualism.

"We need to be thinking

of opportunity for precarity consciousness," Wilson said. "It's taking from the women's movement consciousness and bringing folks together to share experiences instead of doubling down on individualized strategies."

Wilson's presentation was followed by the first panel, which consisted of CCSU Psychology and Gerontology Professor Dr. Carrie Andreoletti, Southern Connecticut Assistant Librarian Dr. Kari Swanson, University of Massachusetts Amherst Professor Dr. Eve Weunbaum, and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Hartford Dr. Amanda Freeman.

Dr. Louise Williams, president of CCSU's American Association of University Professors (AAUP) branch, acted as moderator.

Christina Volpe, a CCSU history student who put her undergraduate degree on hold for five years after having her 7-year-old daughter at 20 years old, asked the panel how the "invisible population" of student-parents like her could become more visible to voice their grievances.

"I absolutely agree there's a fear amongst my peers, especially parents who are afraid of that stigma. The minute I tell [someone] all these things, it's like, 'She's struggling, I need to help her.' No, I can do it, but maybe offer more tools for me. I'm looking to bridge this gap in the future for the people that come behind me," Volpe stated.

"I think you're doing the number one most important

thing and that's telling your story," Freeman responded. "I commend you and I definitely identify with you. I was also a student-parent going through school myself."

Dr. Fiona Pearson, a CCSU sociology professor and co-chair of the Work-Life Balance Committee of the university's Committee on the Concerns of Women, replied to Volpe as well, saying that the campus needs to put more attention towards issues like childcare.

"I will say we do have an administration right now that is interested in these questions in a way that prior administrations have not been," Pearson said.

Senator Gary Winfield, who represents New Haven and West Haven, then began the second panel as moderator. Connecticut's American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations President Dr. Lori Pelletier, Executive Director of the North Central Area Agency on Aging Dr. Maureen McIntyre, Policy Associate for the Connecticut's Women's Education and Legal Fund Dr. Madeline Granato, Director of the Working Families Organization/Party Carlos Moreno and Social Work Supervisor in the Department of Children and Families/Fatherhood Engagement Leadership Team Anthony Gay composed the panel.

One audience member asked the members how men could be more involved with their families, referencing her granddaughter's father as an example of a success

story.

"The programs that [the DCF has] offered him make him a good father. There's no question in my mind that he loves her and he's caring for her," she said. "He's gotten the programs that he's needed to learn how to care for a child and be a family unit and making sure they're clean and fed."

Gay replied by saying that he's glad to hear that the DCF's assistance is working, adding that he hopes the department will improve to generate more beneficial experiences for families.

"Our goal is to try to get mothers and fathers who don't live together to work together. Put the nonsense aside. This is about your child," Gay stated.

For Glaser, the conference achieved what it was meant to be by raising awareness and bringing the discussed issues to the forefront. She hoped that some of the mentioned initiatives would be applied to CCSU, such as putting breastfeeding rooms on campus maps; her now-11-year-old son had been the reason CCSU has any lactation rooms in the first place, as Glaser had pressed the university for them while working pregnant with him.

Pearson, the conference's organizer, found the event to be "incredibly successful," citing the fact that the panelists had admitted that they'd never been asked to panel at a conference of this nature before.

"Even our presenters revealed the relevance and importance of addressing these issues," Pearson said.

The conference had an impact on members of the audience. Jacqueline Cobbina-Boivin of Central's Ruth Boyea Women's Center said she herself now planned on applying a work-life balance series at the center to help all students, faculty and staff, regardless of gender.

"I need to bring these programs here because [men and women] do not have the opportunity to go to outside educational programs because they're working. The Women's Center is always thrilled to support these types of events because it's not just a women's issue, it's an issue that impacts everyone," Cobbina-Boivin stated.

News In Brief

BY SARAH WILLSON
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Connecticut Receives Grant For Clean Water:

Connecticut received more than \$30 million in federal funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, according to the office of Governor Dannel Malloy.

The funding, according to the press release, will help support "local clean water projects," which include community-based water infrastructure projects, public drinking water systems and municipal sewage plants.

Malloy added that "significant strides" have been made during his time in office to improve the state's quality of water.

As of this year, Connecticut created its first-ever "State Water Plan" in an effort to protect the states water supply for future generations.

Limo Crash Claims 20 Lives:

A limousine that crashed in upstate New York killed 20 people over the weekend, 17 of whom were aboard traveling to a birthday party. The driver, along with two bystanders, were among the dead.

The crash happened near the town of Schoharie when the limo, traveling 60 miles per hour, failed to stop at a stop sign and hit a vacant car, then flying across a draining ditch, CNN reported.

According to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, the driver "did not have the appropriate driver's license to be operating [the] vehicle."

The limo, Cuomo said, also failed inspection and was prohibited from being on the road.

A majority of the deceased were family, CNN said. Four sisters and a newlywed couple were killed.

As of Monday, officials had not yet made it known what caused the driver to lose control.

Last-Ditch Effort To Combat Climate Change:

The world has less than 12-years to avoid catastrophic levels of global warming, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) found in a new scientific study released Monday. According to the report, governments across the world must take "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society."

The report said the earth will reach a "crucial threshold" of 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit "above pre-industrial levels" as soon as 2030. As a result, extreme weather such as droughts, wildfires, floods and food shortages could become more common. The prediction, scientists said, is based on the current level of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere.

According to scientists, the planet's temperature has already warmed about 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit, a number that could soon rise if action is not taken soon.

In order to lower emissions to "net zero," the report said that widespread changes in energy, industry, buildings, transportation and cities are vital.

SGA Briefs

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association meets every Wednesday at 3:05 p.m. in Bellin A and B in the Student Center. These briefs are from the SGA's meeting on Oct 3.

- The Office of Student Affairs will be hiring new directors for Counseling and Student Wellness Services as part of Student Affairs' plan to integrate all three branches of Student Wellness Services, according to Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Peter Troiano.
- Lisa Roy, the internship coordinator at the Connecticut General Assembly, will be available to meet with students from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 in the Political Science Department.
- The following items passed in a consent agenda:
- A motion to allocate \$278.91 to the United Caribbean Club for two hotel rooms for their two advisors and the bus driver for a Conference Cultural Weekend conference in Montreal.
- A motion to allocate \$1,376.12 to the Tennis Club for accommodations for a tournament at Harvard University.
- A motion to allocate \$190 to the Psychology Club for refreshments for an Oct. 29 movie night event at 6 p.m. The movie featured will be "Experimenter," which follows a social psychologist who conducts controversial experiments.
- A motion to allocate \$586 to Autism Connection Club for the "Pumpkin Pals" event on Oct. 31.

Conviction Of Chicago Police Officer Step In The Right Direction



James Van Dyke is the first police officer in Chicago to be charged and convicted of second-degree murder in 50 years.

DNAINFO.COM

BY RYAN JONES
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Saturday, Oct. 6 became the first time in 50 years a member of the Chicago Police Department was convicted of an on-duty murder. When the last arrest occurred, the United States was at war with Vietnam, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was still alive and the U.S. had yet to land on the moon.

Jason Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder for the 2014 slaying of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. McDonald was shot 16 times by Van Dyke, which led to 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm.

The long gap between police convictions is not because the Chicago Police Department have run a clean or even successful organization since then. From 2010 to 2014, 70 people were fatally shot by Chicago police, the most of any

city during this time span.

These numbers are hard to excuse, as they have come without real results. Chicago recently had one of its deadliest years in recent memory. In 2016, 762 people were killed, the most since the 1990s. Throughout the first half of 2018, the Chicago PD has solved less than one-sixth of the cities' homicide cases, according to USA Today.

These shocking statistics showcase to a tee the real problem in Chicago. Policing in Chicago has been poor, at best, for a long time. The state of policing has a direct correlation with crime, as lazy officers easily make way for a rise in violent crime. Crimes will likely continue to rise without a change to something in the system, and the most obvious solution is making it clear that actions do not come without consequence, on both sides of the fight.

The conviction of officer Van Dyke

is a step in the right direction for police across the country. For change to truly happen in both Chicago and across America, more convictions must be made when an officer is guilty. No longer should there be days of paid leaves, layoffs or firings, but actual convictions, as is the case with any citizen in America.

Crime cannot be stopped with weak policing, but holding police officers to the same standards as the people they protect will not only keep officers honest, it will create better policing in the long-run, in the eyes of the law as well as the safety of the citizens. A strong, and credible, police force can only help the shockingly high crime rates.

A murder by a police officer is no different than one from a citizen, so why should they be held to any less accountability? How are laws expected to be followed when the people enforcing the laws don't even follow them?

EDITORIAL

Columbus Doesn't Deserve His Own Day

By the time you read this, most students will be back in school after a long weekend, classes will be in full swing again and the man who allegedly founded America will still be unworthy of having his own day of celebration.

Columbus Day is considered one of the United States' major holidays. Schools go on break and banks are closed, but what for? The man the entire country is honoring for a day was not America's original founder, nor did he benefit the lives of the indigenous people in any way.

In fact, Columbus' arrival was not as benign as taught to children in elementary school. Instead of the image of a friendly explorer who sailed the ocean blue in 1492 and made friends with the indigenous people, Columbus was a murderous maniac who slaughtered the native people and stained their land with their own blood.

Contrary to the stories told to us, historical fact debunks that Columbus discovered America; he did not step foot in North America whatsoever but rather landed on various islands like the Caribbean Islands, or the modern-day Bahamas, as well as the island known now as Hispaniola. He also explored the Central and South American coasts, but North America was not one of them.

The places Columbus did explore ended littered with bodies. A brutal tyrant, Columbus committed numerous atrocities against the native people already inhabiting the island and terrorized Spanish colonists, according to the biography "Columbus" by Laurence Bergreen.

The most notable victims lost to historical inaccuracies were the Taino people. Experts in agriculture, weaving and carving, the Taino greeted Columbus kindly, but for Columbus, greed and gold trumped the Taino's hospitality. In 1496, the Taino's population was an estimated 1.1 million; by 1542, it had fallen to below 200, according to the Christian Science Monitor.

With historical records exposing these horrendous flaws, why does the U.S. continue to dedicate an entire day to a man who murdered the innocent and was not the incredible explorer he's been made out to be?

Columbus exaggerated his travels in his notes and, for a long time, they were forgotten. But in 1828, BackStory reports that Washington Irving, author of works like "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," wrote an English version of Columbus' biography and distorted the truth even further to sell copies, lying that Columbus discovered America, was benevolent and proved the earth was round.

The first Columbus Day celebration recorded in the U.S. was in New York on Oct. 12, 1792, held to honor Italian-American heritage, according to The Washington Post. Italian-American immigrants, desperately fighting violent discrimination like the lynching of 11 Sicilians falsely accused of murder in 1891 in New Orleans, promoted Irving's version of Columbus until President Franklin D. Roosevelt made the day into a national holiday, an NPR article found.

Despite the controversy surrounding his holiday, the false story of Columbus is still taught in some schools, his statues and monuments can still be found across America and the holiday is still recognized in more places than they are not. If the celebration of the holiday would stop, it does not seem likely that it would be soon.

Letter To The Editor: CCSU And Neighborhood

Dear Editor,

The Recorder had a report by your staff writer, Isabella Chan, on Oct. 3, on the problems caused to long-time residents in the vicinity of the university by CCSU students who live off-campus. As someone who has lived for a very long time in this area (and teach at CCSU), I can say that the issues related to students trashing the neighborhood and engaging in unruly behavior has never been resolved since landlords started buying-up homes in the vicinity of the university, converting them into cheap student housing and competing with CCSU's residence halls.

It has become common practice to cram four or more unrelated students into single-family homes, violating the city of New Britain's ordinance. Unfortunately, with low staff resources, the city has been unable to enforce this regulation. Students are attracted to off-campus living for mainly two reasons—the lower cost overall and the freedom to have parties with alcohol. The latter also has the associated problem of attracting campus residents to roam the neighborhoods seeking weekend entertainment (Thursday to Saturday between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.). Anyone who walks the streets can see cans, bottles and assorted garbage flung into residential yards and campus property despite trash barrels that are located conveniently in the areas. With an influx of many more cars that are parked on the streets, some roads in the neighborhoods have become nearly impassable.

Students seem to feel an increased entitlement to boorish behavior when they leave their homes. And when they rove the streets in large groups, a mob behavior takes over. It is also fueled by a climate of untrammelled, arrogant, rude, self-

righteous, narcissistic and aggressive behavior by our leaders, sports stars and entertainment celebrities that is prominently showcased on television and social media.

The city of New Britain can help year-round residents by enforcing its occupancy rules and penalizing landlords who ignore them. Street parking in violation of signs prohibiting it should be enforced. Landlords need to be held accountable. Both city and campus police can help by monitoring the neighborhood more vigilantly in the late night/early morning hours on weekends. The university should send letters to students before the beginning of the academic year informing them of our expectations and warning them of sanctions that can be imposed for violations of the code of conduct.

The problem started years ago as older people moved out of the neighborhoods. Younger families with children are reluctant to move in because of the totally biased and false image perpetuated by the "inferiority" of New Britain's schools. Both the university's mission and strategic plan mention "Community Engagement" and "expanding" it. This can be better implemented if our own administrators, faculty and staff commit to living in the city, thereby expressing confidence in its future, and engage with all its residents in diverse ways—from its schools to its cultural institutions, from its small-scale industries to its restaurants. This would also have the secondary advantage of alleviating the problems that have beset us from homes that have been bought up by landlords to be converted to off-campus residences.

Sincerely yours,
Sadu Nanjundiah

A Four-Year Party Has Consequences

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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As you pick up that bottle, you are making the conscious decision right then and there that you will most likely not be doing homework. Instead, you will be letting your mind and thoughts wander throughout the night and take you elsewhere.

The thought, "Should college be a four-year party?" at some point has traveled through students' brains, taunting them about what kind of person they should be.

It's plastered all over television. Movies show huge college parties where beer is being poured down a staircase and nobody remembers anything but a fun night.

A fun night it may be, but a four-year party comes with consequences. I myself have witnessed this. My stepbrother attended

the University of Rhode Island and was enrolled before I knew him.

I attended his college graduation—well, sort of. He did walk the stage, but he didn't actually finish all of his classes. Why? Well, for one, he was the partier and didn't know when to quit. He also didn't have friends at the time who saw this as a problem.

My stepbrother went through a lot. His uncle died while he was in college in a fire truck accident which resulted in him being brain dead and was he unable to recover. My stepbrother became depressed. Although he enjoyed his share of beer, it became worse as a result.

Instead of graduating in four years, it took him nine. He took a break from URI and ultimately went back, but still didn't even fully graduate when the time came.

Now, I'm not trying to knock him down. I am insanely proud of him. Losing anyone in

your life is extremely difficult and everyone handles it differently. With that being said, I believe some people use college parties as an escape, but eventually, it will catch up.

I myself have fallen for it. Dealing with any type of stress puts a weight on our shoulders that hunches us over while we feel as if we're ready to break. The thought of going to a party instead of staring at an eight-page study guide is probably what most college students would like to do. I know sometimes I would, whether I'd like to admit it or not.

You have to know when to stop and if you don't, then you have to know when to seek help. Going to a party is not a bad thing. Having a drink or two is not damaging, but letting it occur every day can become an addiction.

I believe in moderation. College was made for students to get an education and succeed after graduation. College was also

made for new experiences and creating lifelong memories worth sharing down the road.

After seeing what my stepbrother went through, there is no doubt in my mind that college was one of the best takeaways from life that he will ever get. For myself, even though I did not know him at some points of his college career, I can say I want to do things differently.

I want to create memories and photo-worthy times while keeping in mind that college should not just be a four-year party. College should be a time where people own up to their responsibilities. High school was for games. College is for growing.

I want to grow and learn from the experiences I had and the people I have surrounded myself with; some good, some bad. I want to treat college as a four-year learning experience, not a four-year party.

The Correlation Between Over Policing And Mass Incarceration

BY SHELBY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

In review of the criminal justice system, the argument can be made that the institution of police brutality is directly correlated with the institution of mass incarceration.

Tracing back to its origin, the first police force was created in Boston in 1838 as a municipal police force that had a small staff of men designated to patrol certain districts of each state. The intention of creating a municipal police force was for the purpose of upholding laws and regulation of a civil society.

Police forces that were created in the South followed a similar method, yet differed in agenda and operation. The first recognized police force in the South was deemed the "Slave Patrol," and had served the purpose to chase down runaway slaves, capture them and return them to their owners. In further operation of the Slave Patrol, police were ordered to construct forms of organized terror against slaves in the prevention of slave revolts and uprisings.

As a result of the implementation of the Thirteenth Amendment, which stated, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction," had freed blacks across the recognized states of the Americas.

As a consequence of the Constitution, the U.S. was left without an inexpensive labor system to further utilize in industrializing their economy.

In the manipulation of the constitutional language, freed blacks were subjected to further abuse and exploitation of the Americas. Reason being, the very operation of the Slave Patrol in the South was used in furthering an oppressive function of the Thirteenth Amendment that was designed for the purpose of rebuilding a profitable labor system.

Not to be confused for its liberation



Central Connecticut students "Rally for Families, Not Incarceration" last Wednesday.

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of blacks, the Thirteenth Amendment simultaneously served the purpose of making it legal to continue limiting black Americans of their legal status. Making it a constitutional right for the states of America to have black

Americans perform labor in addition to their imprisonment created an opportunity for slavery to be once again legal.

In further discussion of the relationship between over policing and mass incarceration, mechanics of the early Slave Patrol task force performed their duties in patrolling the streets in search of "runaway slaves." Let it be known that during the time of emancipation for slaves in the Americas, it did not serve much of an impact on their legal status.

At the time, black Americans were still limited of their liberties and rights as citizens and were not provided any legal protection when confronted in the face of adversity. Treated as disposable means of labor, black Americans, rather freed or still

enslaved, were captured, beaten and locked away for petty crimes in the name of construction of a new labor force.

In desperation to industrialize and maintain white supremacy, black and brown communities were over policed and terrorized all in the name of the Thirteenth Amendment. As a result of successful terrorization and destruction of black and brown communities, the U.S. was able to rebuild their once great labor system as well as implement legal castes structures that prevented the opportunity of reform.

As the country expanded in societal complexities and demands, so did the laws. In the birth of a nation, the largest prison industrial complex in the world was also born. The institution of mass incarceration was not by accident or a coincidence when discussing its correlation with over policing.

Today, the mechanics of police brutality and over-policing follow the same methodology as its origin.

It may not be the formally recognized function of the police force, yet exposure of police brutality and the revolutionary retaliation of the Black Lives Matter movement exposes the truth of its practice.

In its current function, the police force has developed an intimate relationship with privatized prisons that are met in a quota of new black and brown bodies. Policies have been implemented by major corporations, such as SE-1070 by the Corrections Corporations of America council in the American Legislative Exchange Council, to have police force and staff perform mandatory pullover procedures and lock-up of immigrants, one of many policies that have evolved to meet the exploitative demands of the privatized industrial prison complex.

As the country continues to evolve in its societal demands, so does its need for exploitation of the living experiences of black and brown bodies.

Bringing Back Humanity Through Medicine And Photos



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BY SHAINA LAPUEBLA
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

“Don’t hold back, go for it because once you take those first few steps you will find out if this is for you,” biomolecular science and pre-med junior Jessica Gojuk said while discussing her passion for her photography business.

It all started when she was modeling for friends, who were taking a photography class. Gojuk was initially intrigued by the editing process. Due to working hard previously, Gojuk had extra money to splurge on her first — and current — camera, a Nikon D5300, in the fall of 2016.

In 2017, Jessica Gojuk Photography became more than just a hobby for the Wallingford native and this past year she legalized her business, becoming an LLC — enabling her to hire other photographers, mentor aspiring artists and receive tax deductions.

Gojuk transferred from Rutgers University in New Jersey. She attends Central Connecticut with the hopes of eventually attending medical school

but she does not “want to put [photography] on the back burner.”

“I like the adventures it takes me on,” Gojuk stated. “It gives you the motivation to go places and see the world.”

Following in the footsteps of the photographer, Allison Farley, who inspired her to “capture the moments,” Gojuk balances her school work and her photography business because this is more than just a hobby.

“I was always an art kid,” Gojuk stated. Despite pursuing a medical track, Gojuk forever remains fixated on the humanity her photography can curate.

Gojuk prefers to shoot senior portraits because she feels as though they orchestrate memories that last a lifetime and document the successes of these young high school graduates.

“I like having a subject, it is a little more intimate than having a large event.”

Obtaining a formalized education is not mandatory to follow photography as a career, but it facilitates a lasting connection. Gojuk, however, is not working toward a photography degree, but being at Central has constructed a relationship that resulted in an exciting endeavor.

“I actually did engagement photos for two people who graduated from Central this past May. I did their engagement photos and they both moved to Colorado, which is awesome because I actually made connections with people here, going here,” Gojuk said.

Farley is her favorite photographer, not because she is infamous in the game but for her talent of capturing the souls of her subjects.

“She inspired me, I grew up with her and I know her really well and she has been friends with my mom for years so she is the only person, I think, that ever took pictures that captured us,” Gojuk said.

When shooting her own location-based photoshoots, Gojuk is determined to understand the people behind her camera and does her best to capture who they are as opposed to simply what they look like. Her approach to portraiture, senior photos and equine directly derives from her role model.

“Her style, her having a conversation with her subject and the person you are photographing and her openness and warmth when she shoots, that’s what I think stood out to me and makes her such a good photographer.”



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Cultural Convergence Inspires

BY GABRIEL ANTON
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Nothing unwinds the mind like the eloquence of music. A great tool for relaxation and introspection, music can be enjoyed with friends and family and can provide a pleasant social experience.

The students and faculty of Central Connecticut’s music department look to administer this splendor with performances from their many ensembles ranging from choir to orchestra and jazz. Their talented musicians recently charmed CCSU students and family with a performance from the wind ensemble and symphonic band in Welte Auditorium on Wednesday. An edifying experience to the spectators and performers alike, the performance was a result of hard work since the beginning of the semester. The ensemble was led by conductor, Dr. Robert Schwartz, who is enjoying his first year with the musicians at CCSU. They performed five pieces differing in style and cultural background.

The rehearsal timeframe that the band ensemble had to work with was slim. Given that marching band rehearses on Mondays, the wind ensemble and symphonic band had Wednesday of every week since the beginning of the semester to rehearse. The regular class meetings span from 3:05 to 5:45 providing a timeframe of two hours and forty minutes for the ensemble to practice. Significant effort into perfecting the pieces needed to go into these hours given the configuration of the concert; five intricate



Under the direction of Professor Dr. Schwartz, the CCSU Wind Ensemble showcased their music this past Wednesday in Welte Auditorium.

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pieces and five different styles.

The program was put together by Dr. Schwartz, titled “Cultural Convergence.” Some features include the “Athletic Festival March,” composed by Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev. Being the first of his “Four Marches,” it was written for the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin. “Dancing At Stonehenge” (2003) is a piece that incorporates musical ideas from Brazilian music, American Jazz and Renaissance to create a collision of cultures, celebrating the sharing of this common location throughout history by different groups of people.

The other three varied in theme, whether it be the slow-moving “Lux Arumque” arranged for all brass instruments, composed by American composer and conductor Eric Whitacre, or the bright and colorful “Pusztá: Four Gypsy Dances.” (The Ammon School

of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (2018). Cultural Convergence [Brochure])

“When I was looking for pieces to put together for this concert, I knew it had to be something that was going to be easy to put together, not necessarily easy to play,” Dr. Schwartz said. “I started picking a couple of pieces and realized there was kind of a cultural theme, and before you know it I had five pieces that all had different cultures.”

Each piece brought a new impression and was successful in altering the audience’s mood.

“The energy was really good. That’s something always very important to me whenever I am doing a concert,” Schwartz said.

After the concert, the student performers were congratulated by spectating friends and family. It was evident that the effects of the

concert went both ways. Each musician had something to relate to from the music. They had a drive which made them want to perfect and perform the pieces well.

“What I felt was really done well this semester, specifically under the leadership of Dr. Schwartz, I felt like we were very much so more prepared than last year or maybe even some other years,” Junior Josh Goldenberg, one of the clarinet players at Wednesday’s performance, said.

Goldenberg has been playing the clarinet for 12 years and has been part of the wind ensemble and symphonic band for all three years of his collegiate career. Undoubtedly versed in musicality, his passion for the art stems from more personal factors. He cited one of his favorite pieces of the night was the Russian “Athletic Festival March.”

“My grandfather is a music teacher, so is my grandmother,” Goldenberg said. “Clarinet, in general, has a special place in my heart.”

Goldenberg is just one of the many inspired and talented musicians which comprise the wind ensemble and symphonic band. Concerts like these are incredible opportunities for them to express their passions musically to an audience that appreciates and cherishes their talent. CCSU’s music department flourishes with other ensembles, which share the same level of dedication to their craft and provide great performances.

The next wind ensemble and symphonic band concert is on Dec. 5 in Welte Auditorium, with an emphasis on American music.

Devil's Den @ 10: 'Bar Crawl'

BY TYRA MCCLUNG
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Semesters was filled with students eating, singing and cheering along during the "Bar Crawl" hosted by Central Connecticut's Inter Residence Council.

The event on Thursday at Devil's Den at 10 p.m. offered karaoke, food bars and promotional items such as a laminated name tag where each letter of your name was printed using a different art design. The IRC event was specifically given a later scheduled time, as it is when most students are available to attend. Prizes were chosen as an incentive for students to sing.

"We just wanted to have a nice event to bring the campus together and also have a chance to do karaoke and win prizes for going up, because I know it can be intimidating," IRC President Morgan McGinnis said.

The Bar Crawl was catered by Sodexo Food Services. Some of the treats provided

included fruit and vegetable platters, mozzarella sticks, spring rolls, cheese and crackers, chicken wings and an ice cream bar.

Despite the many options available, some students felt they were left snack-less due to the large turnout.

"I came here for the food and there are [a lot of] people here and there wasn't enough food for me," CCSU student Jack St. Clair said.

Although students may have come for the food, many stayed for the karaoke as well. Performances came in a wide variety of music, including songs from Queen, Kanye West, Carrie Underwood and others. Freshmen Ariana Maggio had the entire room singing along to her rendering of Beyonce's hit song "Irreplaceable."

"I actually didn't know what to pick, I had the people around me that I didn't know actually pick the song for me," Maggio states.

"I was really excited about all the applause I got. It made me feel very welcomed," she



IRC in collaboration with SA/LD hosted a food-based bar crawl Devil's Den @ 10 event on Thursday.

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continued.

Devils Den hosts a different event every Thursday night at 10 p.m. in Semesters

in the Student Center, next week's event being Salchata Night.

Netflix It: BoJack Horseman

BY JOSHUA ROSARIO
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"He's so stupid he doesn't realize how miserable he should be," a quote from the eponymous character BoJack Horseman. "BoJack Horseman" is an animated award-winning and critically acclaimed show on Netflix, currently entering its fifth season and has yet to be confirmed for a sixth.

The show follows the life of a washed-up '90s Hollywood (there is an in-universe explanation for the D being missing from Hollywood) D-grade actor named BoJack Horseman, played by Will Arnett, who is shown to be a depressed, alcoholic, drug addicted, self-loathing broken wreck of a man. His life is a complete mess, yet he does not know whether the success that he has obtained is something worth bragging about or worth ending it all. He constantly makes mistakes due to a mix of a horrible childhood and his time spent at Hollywood, which are factors that have contributed to the man he is today.



The Netflix original BoJack Horseman is an animated comedy, entering its fifth season this year.

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He is an anthropomorphic horse in a world populated by humans and sentient animals that also all live their own lives.

In addition to BoJack, the show also follows his close associates and friends Princess Carolyn (played by Amy Sedaris), Todd Chavez (played by Aaron Paul), Diane Nguyen (played by Alison Brie) and Mister Peanutbutter (played by Paul F. Tompkins). Princess Carolyn

is a cat and is the headstrong member of the group. She enjoys a life of doing hard work but begins to understand that such a workload is beginning to destroy her and the various aspects of her life. Todd is, at times, the source of the show's comedy. Diane is a ghost-writer and wishes to do more with her life and shares many similarities with BoJack: hating various aspects of her life

and wishing to change them or go back and do them over. Mister Peanutbutter is a Golden Retriever and is shown to be similar to BoJack as well, having a show from the '90s, yet he has not managed to become washed up or tired of life but does hide his own secrets.

The show gives each character equal amounts of screen time and every episode attempts to touch upon their traits, thoughts and beliefs without having them feel like copy-and-character archetypes from other shows. While a dark show, it also excels in telling a well-thought-out story while also delivering on comedy and touching moments.

When the show gets dark, however, it gets dark. Topics such as suicide, drug abuse, depression and abortion are explored, discussed and deconstructed. While heavy at times, it is absolutely worth a watch.

The show has been recently confirmed to rerun on Comedy Central sometime in the future. However, should you wish to watch the episodes in order and uncensored, Netflix is the way to go.

DIY Halloween Costumes

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR

If you're like most of the population, you probably planned on putting off your Halloween costume until the last week of October. If that's the case, have no fear; here are some last-minute costume ideas:

Bubblegum machine:

What you need: A white t-shirt with a variety of colored pom-poms and a red tutu. All you have to go is arrange the multi-colored pom-poms in a circle on the t-shirt and throw on a pair of red shoes to match. Feel free to add your own "25 Cents" sign as well.

The Classic Scarecrow:

What you need: If you're limited in supplies, go for everyone's simple yet favorite costume: a scarecrow. All you need are jeans, a plaid shirt, a straw hat and maybe some face paint.

Audrey Hepburn:

What you need: Whether you're dreaming of fame or just looking for an excuse to put on your favorite black dress, an Audrey Hepburn costume will always impress. Grab a black dress, some heels, fake pearls and shades and you're ready to go.

She Sells Seashells:

What you need: If you still can't let go of summer, head down to the beach and salvage the prettiest seashells you can find. From there, take a trench coat, glue them on the inside, and offer everyone one at the party.

The Spice Girls:

What you need: This punny costume works whether you're going solo or sticking with a group. Just take a red poster-board and plaster any spice name on it (i.e. Cinnamon Sugar).

Police Officer:

What you need: This is often one of the simplest, yet most overlooked DIY costumes. Aside from pairing black pants and a dark blue shirt, the only other thing you may need is a hat (\$8.99 on Amazon).

Flapper Girl:

What you need: If you want a blast from the past, take an old black dress and just add a bit of fringe. To make the headband, simply just glue a feather to its side and add some sparkly adhesives.

Peacock:

What you need: Take a light blue shirt and a dark blue tutu and glue on some (fake) peacock feathers. This one is simple and you're sure to get a laugh out of everyone.

Waldo:

What you need: Even though no one may be able to find you, this easy costume only requires blue jeans, circular glasses, a red and white striped shirt and a beanie.

Pumpkin Pie:

What you need: Math nerds unite: For this quirky costume, just take an orange shirt, some black felt and glue on every mathematician's favorite symbol: pi.

REVIEW

Mae Kong Dazzles New Britain

BY MELODY RIVERA
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As I was walking down the streets of downtown New Britain, I stopped by this very small restaurant known as Mae Kong. When I went inside, I couldn't help but admire all the beautiful décor that the establishment had to offer. Everywhere I looked, there was something intriguing to look at, such as the lucky cat by the front desk and the elephant cloths that were placed under the reflective glass tables. It was almost as if I was walking into a hidden treasure chest.

I was greeted by the owner of the restaurant who was also the waitress. She was very friendly and seated me at a glass table. When I was asked what I would like to drink, I ordered the young coconut juice. The coconut juice was served in an alluring tall glass and was topped with large pieces of fresh coconut that were arranged in a way that reminded me of a flower. The scent of the juice was light and soothing. Sipping on the juice was incredibly delicious, and the taste of the fresh coconut was the icing on the cake. The young coconut juice is probably one of the best coconut-related drinks I've ever had in my life.

Next came the appetizers I ordered, which were the shrimp in the blanket and fresh summer rolls.

The shrimp in the blanket was a golden shrimp roll with mixed vegetables and clear noodles which was served with chili sauce. This appetizer looked just like a spring roll except the fact that the shrimp tail was poking out of the bottom. As I dipped the shrimp in a blanket into the chili sauce and took a bite, I felt amazed by both its taste and texture.

The tastes of shrimp, vegetables and noodles were so different yet so harmonious with each other and the chili sauce brought them even closer together with its spiciness. As for the texture, it was really crispy and crunchy. The crispiness of the cooked vegetables had definitely complemented the crunchiness of the egg roll wrapping. To wrap it up, the shrimp in the blanket was simply savory and those who are shrimp lovers will enjoy it.

The fresh summer roll consisted of cooked shrimp, lettuce, carrots, mint leaves, cilantro and rice noodles which were wrapped in rice paper and served with a sweet and sour sauce with ground peanuts. When it came to the appearance, the roll reminded me of cut sandwich wraps, but when it came to the taste, it was just like a salad.

The rice paper that was keeping all these vegetables together was clear and its texture was similar to that of noodles. Taking a bite out of the fresh summer roll was like eating a vegetable that came

straight out of a garden. The taste of the mint leaves, in particular, reminded me of the mint my dad would grow in his garden. The aroma of the vegetables alone reminded me of the gardens I've been to. The grounded peanuts were also a nice touch to this appetizer visually and taste-wise. The fresh summer roll is a pretty good appetizer that can be enjoyed in any season.

For the main course, I ordered the Mae Kong fried rice. More specifically, I ordered stir-fried steamed jasmine rice with eggs, onions, green peas, carrots and tomato with a bonus of other vegetables and tofu. The fried rice was served on a huge square plate and a small single tomato was placed directly in the middle of the dish. Visually, the dish was appetizing and I was thrilled with the scent. It was almost as if the aroma was rising along with the steam that was coming from the fried rice. The taste of the rice was absolutely delectable and unforgettable. The tofu was pleasantly chewy and the vegetables had a gentle crisp. This is definitely a dish that's recommendable to those who enjoy fried rice.

Finally, it was time for the dessert. I ordered strawberry mochi thai ice cream and fresh mango served with sticky rice.

Mochi thai ice cream is ice cream in which is coated in a flavored rice wrapping. The mochi came in various flavors such as strawberry, mango and green tea. One order of Mae Kong's mochi thai ice cream comes with three individual mochis. The easiest way to describe the rice coating of the mochi would be that it's like a soft, chewy and gummy candy. This dessert was arranged with whipped cream in the center of the plate which was coated with chocolate sauce and a maraschino cherry on top, surrounded by the mochi. When I tasted the mochi, it was terrifically scrumptious. The fresh taste of strawberry was remarkably refreshing with the cold



Main course, the Mae Kong Fried Rice, is served with cucumbers, green beans, broccoli and tomatoes. **MELODY RIVERA | STAFF**



The shrimp in a blanket is the perfect balance between golden shrimp and mixed vegetables, with a delightful chili sauce adding the right amount of extra flavor. **MELODY RIVERA | STAFF**

Five Tips To Help Build Money Saving Gains

BY SHAINA LAPUEBLA
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After the chunk of change dropped on tuition, room and board, meal plans and dorm essentials, students, on average, blow through an additional \$5,000 on university apparel, Taco Tuesday with friends, local activities, laundry, gas money and the list goes on and on. Central Connecticut students and parents often neglect to factor in the extra college cost once the necessities are paid for.

Actively practicing good monetary routines while attending a university can facilitate healthy habits even after graduation.

Open a Student Checking Account:

Students have a banking advantage since they are welcomed with a lower threshold when opening a new account at various banks. At KeyBank, students have the opportunity to start banking with only \$50. Other banks offer a wide range of different perks such as reimbursement of ATM surcharges or no monthly fees. According to KeyBank's Area Retail Leader Mark Commune, parents should encourage students to talk to their preferred bank about setting up alerts regarding account activity.

Understand the bank's Overdraft Policies:

Exceeding the checking account balance is the quickest way students can orchestrate a hefty deficit, but one way to counteract that is by discussing fully your bank's overdraft procedure. Inquire if the bank has any overdraft solutions or protections, which can rectify excessive spending or prohibit spending when there is not enough money within the account. Identifying if the bank offers notifications when funds are low — with various threshold limits — along with these other overdraft policies, can be beneficial “to understand for successful management of their funds,” Commune added.

Credit card responsibility and usage:

Since 2009, the Credit Card Act has been effective in curbing students credit card debt, however, 70 percent of college students in 2016 still incurred a balance of \$100 to \$5,000 on their cards. This does not mean to stay away from credit cards altogether because having a solid credit history can lead to being approved for larger purchases like cars, homes or basic utilities.

“Having a good credit history will be important when applying for loans and mortgages after graduation,” Commune said.

“Using a credit card responsibly while in college will help build a good credit history for post-college needs.”

Look for credit cards that provide cash back or reward points on purchases because it can increase students buying power. Other perks such as low-interest rates, low or no annual fees and a good grace period can alleviate some of the stress surrounding credit cards. At a minimum, students should pay their monthly payment but should opt to pay more if they can.

KeyBank offers a few student-protected starter cards such as Key Secured Credit Card®, KeyBank Latitude® Credit Card and Key2More Rewards® Credit Card.

Build a budget and utilize online tools to track banking activity:

A student's budget consists of two main categories, “needs” (textbooks, groceries, dorm room cleaning supplies) and “wants” (club sports, formal events, trips). When students and parents establish set expenses, they can formulate a better comprehension of extra cash flow needed.

“When your purchases are laid out in front of you, it is easier to decide what is essential to keep in your budget,” Commune said.

One means of doing so, students can take

advantage of their banks mobile and online tools, such as KeyBank's “HelloWallet” app.

“The app is used to create a budget plan and track expenses to help you see what you're spending your money on,” Commune stated.

Establishing good saving and investment patterns:

By allocating funds on a consistent basis to help save for the future, students can build savings and create a nest egg for unexpected expenses that may come crashing down. The contribution to a student's saving account does not have to be large, in fact, a small weekly amount is more effective because it creates a better habit than random deposits of large lump sums of money. Slowly chipping at a hefty retirement or emergency fund curates healthy practices that will lead to more success in the future.

Many banks offer a financial planner to aid them when planning and budgeting their money, so student and parents do not have to take on the burden alone.

“Students can make an appointment with a personal banker at their local branch to get tips on budgeting and planning for their financial future,” Commune said. “The more you know about your personal budget, the easier it will be to save.”

Hartford County Tattoo Art Show



Hartford County Tattoo features elegantly placed artwork all over the walls and provides handmade soaps and lotions for sale.

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Several artists, the owner Chad Lockhart and a few members of his family bonded together to paint the company logo on the buildings wall.

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Hartford County Tattoo has nine tattoo artists and one piercer available for appointments Tuesday through Saturday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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One of the tattoo artists at Hartford County Tattoo, Cheryl Simiakakis, was selling some of her flash for the art show.

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One of Hartford County Tattoos studio favorite piece of art is this oil-based paint mermaid, crafted by the owner Chad Lockhart.

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Co-owner Tricia Lockhart painted "Masquerade" specifically for the 15th Anniversary art show.

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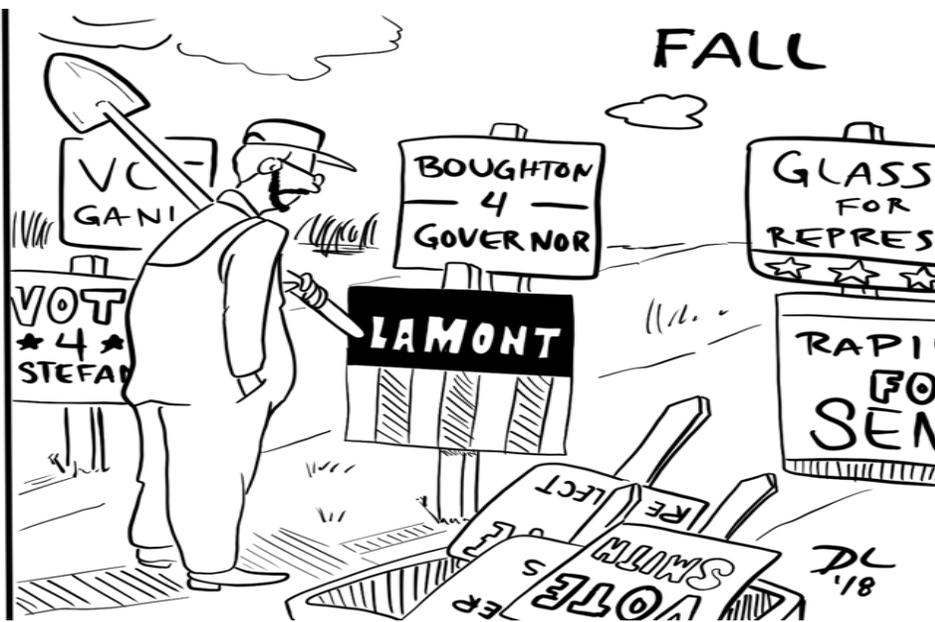


Hartford County Tattoo served a multitude of cupcakes and offered catered wine tasting to the participants at the 15th Anniversary art gallery.

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The Only 'Dosage' You Need

BY NATALIE DEST

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Since their three year hiatus, the American pop-punk band, The Story So Far, finally returns to the scene with their long anticipated, fourth full-length record.

Like a moth to a flame, the group's previous release of "Under Soil and Dirt" back in 2011 helped kickstart their rather popular and large following within the genre. Being one of their most angsty and aggressive releases to date, diehard pop-punk fans found a band worth following. However, their newest release "Proper Dose" surprised listeners with a more subdued sound ever so slightly, a style leaving fans rather pleased.

"We were so burnt...playing the same songs over and over again...we knew we had to take a step back," lead vocalist Parker Cannon released in a statement. "I just think it [the record] leaps and bounds ahead of anything we've ever done."

"Proper Dose" is a breath of fresh air; a culmination of softer melodies and more sorrowful harmonies than previous hardcore punk elements seen in past albums. Although The Story So Far is seen to be channeling a more "gentle" approach to their music, they still manage to show their roots with just enough edge that still represents the band's pop-punk style and flavor.

The track "Proper Dose," hence the title, starts off the album with an impressive beginning. As the drums burst in immediately and Cannon's vocals make their prominent entrance, it feels almost as if the band had never left.

The musical structure and tones that were previously seen in past albums already seem fuller and more defined than ever before. The dynamic verses lead up to the anthemic chorus, while Cannon sings the words "Am I just going through the motions, or is this how



American-five-piece The Story So Far returns to their familiar pop-punk scene with fourth album "Proper Dose."

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I'll be? / Barely focused anymore, the haze is all that I can see." It is this track that perfectly lays out the new foundation of the band for the rest of the album.

"Keep This Up" lands as the following track, a song wired with rock-inspired guitar riffs that quickly build up to an explosion at the chorus. The leading melodies are hard-hitting and punchy enough that make this track a driving force.

When listening to this song over and over, it is difficult to understand how the band fits so much in so little time; an exciting guitar solo, infectious lyrics, and the track's ability to slow down before its moving finish that ends the song abruptly. It is definitely one of the album's better tracks that leaves you begging for more.

Keeping up with the energy, "Out Of It," compliments the previous two tracks almost perfectly. The momentum of the album is still driving onwards, as the general sound continues to stay true to the band's familiar structure and composure. Thanks to the versatility in Cannon's vocals and interesting

guitar line, it is safe to say that this is one of the more catchy tunes on the album.

However, the following track "Take Me As You Please" gives fans a change of direction, a different taste than the steady, upbeat beginning to "Proper Dose." Starting off with a simple formula of vocals and acoustic guitar, something almost unheard of from the band, it is one of the record's more calming songs that leave you relaxed.

This song spreads the message of love and positivity; a constituent warm memory of days spent in bed with a loved one. The gentleness to this track makes it easier for it to stand out within the album, as Cannon sings the lyrics, "How many times can I say that I love her? / That's not for this song, / 'Cause I'm done with all the noise, know that we can talk to each other. / It's all good, it's all love, now it's over."

The mood transition into track "Upside Down" is as quick as a blink of an eye. This song is similar to the previous one; relaxed percussion with smoother instrumental. Almost angelic-like, Cannon's vocals are

soothing with the accompaniment of guitar from bandmates Kevin Geyer and William Levy, helping make this song one of the highlights on the album.

"If I Fall" takes a swing back into a fast-paced, energetic drum beat and almost a "peppy" guitar and bass line. Almost hypnotizing, the transition between Cannon's softer and harsher vocals are contagious. This song feels like the perfect balance between the singing and the instrumentals, an impressive track for those judging the musicianship. The song concludes with Cannon's heaven-sent voice singing, "Hold me down, help me drown."

Following track "Need To Know" transitions the album back to the band's "brand" of pop-punk. Typical punk riffs and sporadic drumming help the buildup of the song, releasing to a chorus of sweet-sounding melodies from Cannon. The song climaxes to a perfect sing-along; a definite crowd favorite for future performances.

"Growing On You" is one of the more creative pieces from the band, a song not typically heard from previous Story So Far records. This track is one of the most sentimental compositions found on "Proper Dose," an unseen side of Cannon's vocals and band instrumentals. Cannon is heard singing the lyrics "I need no shade, I'm tired and true / But I'm lonely like you, I'm growing on you."

Concluding the album is the track entitled "Light Year," one final curveball thrown by the band. Anthemic, this song is a mixture of all The Story So Far has to offer. Every aspect of this song is harmonious, energetic, infectious and most importantly pleasing; something to be expected from the group.

The progression of The Story So Far only seems to continue as they climb their way up the ladder. "Proper Dose" is a prime example of the diversity pop-punk can include, having both new and old fans positively satisfied with the band's evolution.

Word Search: October 10

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New Britain High Football Drops First Game Of Season



Southington defeated New Britain for the eleventh-straight year.

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BY KEYON YOPP
STAFF WRITER

For the first time since 2008, the New Britain Golden Hurricanes started 4-0, so when rival Southington came to town it was almost a foregone conclusion for the game to be a classic.

Having won six state titles since 1998 between the two, it's safe to say these teams are powerhouse programs. The Southington Blue Knights have turned this rivalry to a one-sided affair, beating New Britain for the past 10 years.

This New Britain team is

like no other and it was evident before kickoff. As teams gathered in the middle of the field New Britain elected not to shake hands, fueling the tension between the two teams. Southington received the ball first and punted on their first drive.

New Britain's Shawn Robinson picked up where he left off last week against Simsbury, picking up three straight first downs before punching it in for six from 12 yards out. Though the Blue Devils were down, they were not out, and on their very next possession, thanks to good starting field position, they

scored after a three-yard Tanner LaRosa run, taking the lead 7-6.

But New Britain kept pouring it on as Robinson, again, took it in for six and with just 15 seconds left in the half. Then a pass from Tahje Yopp to Deshawn Clark pushed the lead to 18-7.

Like most championship teams, Southington made adjustments at half. After completing just three of 17 passes for 46 yards in the first half, Jacob Drena came alive in the second. After several missed red zone opportunities from New Britain, the Blue Knights began to chip away at the lead.

Drena hit Jacob Flynn for a

21-yard touchdown pass with 4:41 left in the fourth, taking the lead at 21-18.

"I told my team all week I promise you we will not lose this game," Drena said.

Upon the next Hurricane possession, they drove down the field highlighted by a 35-yard gain to Miguel Maldonado, leading to a Yopp score from 15 yards out, retaking the lead 24-21 with just 1:48 left on the clock.

It couldn't have been scripted better. The Blue Knights took possession and began driving down the field. The New Britain defense was stingy but after a controversial call on fourth and three, it seemed to deflate the defense. Drena remained poised and hit wide receiver Will Downes for a 26-yard gain, leaving him down at the four-yard line, setting up a game-winning touchdown by LaRosa.

"I just trusted my team, my coaches and their play call," Drena said.

"We knew we were more conditioned than them," Downes said.

And it proved to be costly for the Hurricanes. Next week the Hurricanes have a bye and will look to see if they can bounce back against (1-4) Hall on the Oct. 19.

Volleyball Heating Up During Conference Play

BY GRIFFIN GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

With conference play in full swing, the Central Connecticut volleyball team is starting to heat up at the right time. The Blue Devils faced off against Fairleigh Dickson on Friday at home and made a statement to the rest of the Northeast Conference. They made quick work of FDU, defeating them in straight sets.

Leading the way for CCSU was the two-time reigning NEC player of the week Madelyn Kaprelyan. The junior seemed to do it all, recording 12 total kills in the match, along with 11 assists and an ace.

Kaprelyan received high praise from her coach, Linda Sagnelli, after the win.

"Madelyn has really been running a great offense and has really been putting the ball in a good location for our hitters," Sagnelli said.

Along with Kaprelyan, fellow junior Erin McDermott recorded a game-high 23 assists.

One key to the success of the Blue Devils is starting each set strong. Sagnelli emphasized this when asked about the importance of being focused at the beginning of each set.

"I think it's great, it sets the tone of a match, establishes the rhythm of a match. The



The Blue Devils are in second place in the NEC.

JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF

connection of the setter and the hitter, if it starts well it normally stays good, especially in a more intense match-up," Sagnelli said.

In the first set, Central dominated FDU, scoring the first three points of the match. The Blue Devils kept the same energy throughout the set and scored the final six points, leading to a 25-10 rout.

The second set started the same, with CCSU showing their dominance through a five-point run to open the game. The Knights then rallied, bringing the score to 11-10, with the Blue Devils leading. Central would go on to win the set by a score of 25-17.

Sophomore Samantha McCreath started the third and final set by serving five straight points in a 6-0 Blue Devils run. The set ended with a kill by

Raquel Quirarte, leaving the final score of the match at 25-15.

After reaching the NEC finals last year, Sagnelli doesn't want the team to get too ahead of themselves.

"Our motto is to go 1-0 on the day, if we string enough of those together we will finish top-four," Sagnelli said.

This approach has benefitted the team so far this year, as they boasted a 4-1 record in the NEC after their victory against FDU, placing them second overall in the conference behind the reigning champions, LIU Brooklyn.

In the Blue Devil's second game of the weekend, they faced off against Sacred Heart and won 3-1 against the Pioneers. Kaprelyan posted her third triple-double of the season, leading the Blue Devils to a 5-1 NEC record.

The first set was close with the score tied at 14-14 during the game. Quirarte had a pair of kills during a five-to-zero run. The set was finished by a kill from Kaprelyan, with CCSU winning 25-22.

The second set began with the Pioneers leading 12-3. What seemed like a blowout got as close as 24-24, as the Pioneers prevailed by a score of 27-25.

The third set was a close one, with the score tied at 12 early. Kaprelyan served two aces during a five-to-zero run. The score was brought back within reach of the Pioneers, 19-18. An error by SHU gave the Blue Devils a 2-1 lead on the match.

The Blue Devils made the fourth and final set a convincing one. Senior Kaitlyn Kushman served three straight points and led CCSU to a 25-15 game.

Cross Country Takes On New England Championships

BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the Central Connecticut men's and women's cross country teams finished in the top half of the field at the New England Championships on Saturday. The men finished twelfth out of 26 schools, while the women finished tenth of 24.

On the men's side, senior Alex Norstrom continued to impress, finishing twelfth overall, running the course in 25:20:09. But on this day, it was junior Roberto Piotto leading the way for the Blue Devils, finishing in fifth place overall, besting his teammate by just over 15 seconds.

Sophomore Charles Taubl, who did not compete at the Ted Owen Invitational, finished just 30 seconds behind Norstrom at 25:53:1.

Junior Richard Grudzwick, who finished third overall at the previous meet, had a time of 26:22, good enough for 73rd place.

Rounding out the top five for the Blue Devils was freshman Tim McNamara, competing in his first ever collegiate race. He finished the course in three ticks under 28 minutes.

Senior Patrick Halloran and sophomore David Kerns also competed for the Blue Devils but did not count towards their total team score.

The team was without junior Julio Arredondo, who has been a staple in the top five in their previous races, and sophomore Jonathan Gill, who head coach Eric Blake sighted as a likely contributor before the season.

As for the women's team, they finished in the top 10 of the 5K race. This put them just ahead of Sacred Heart, who beat them at last year's Northeast Conference Championships and just a few weeks ago at the Ted Owen Invitational.

Sophomore Angie Rafter continued to lead the way for the Blue Devils, finishing tenth overall with a time of 18:17:8.

Classmate Megan Brawner played bridesmaid to Rafter for the Blue Devils for the third time in that many meets, Brawner completing the course in under 19 minutes.

Dawn Hubbell, in her second race of the year, finished in 51st place overall with a time of 19:18.

Two runners that appear to be emerging as top-five runners for the team are sophomore Sabrina Chesters and freshman Ashley Dana. Both have competed in all three races for the Blue Devils, finishing in the top five each time.

Chesters finished 30 seconds behind Hubbell, while Dana came in just a second over the 20-minute mark.

The emergence of these two will surely provide the Blue Devils with depth as they await the return of senior Madeline Mondo, who has still yet to race on the season.

Sophomore Kailyn Accetura also took to the course, finishing with a time of 21:33:3, not contributing to the Blue Devils' team score.

Next up for both teams is the CCSU Mini Meet, which will take place on Friday, Oct. 19 at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain. It will be the final gear-up for both squads before they take on the NEC Championships the weekend after.

Jackson's Return Sparks Women's Soccer



Jackson has recorded eight points in 11 games this season. **JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF**

BY DANIEL FLORES
STAFF WRITER

Hailing from Glasgow, Scotland, junior Carla Jackson has made a very strong impact on and off the pitch for Central Connecticut's women's

soccer team.

Prior to becoming a Blue Devil, Jackson played for the pride of Glasgow, Celtic FC Ladies under manager David Haley. There, she reeled in awards, helping to lead the club to a Scottish Cup and a League Cup, while also being named Player of the Year and Player's Player of the Year.

"Obviously I was young, but it was probably my favorite time in my soccer career, it was a lot of fun," Jackson said, reminiscing on her time with the club.

Transitioning to American soccer, Jackson stated that the way the game is played is very different, as well as the environment, but that she met a lot of amazing people at Central who have made the game enjoyable.

Proving she was able to adapt well, Jackson started her freshman year off as she did for Celtic, reeling in awards. She was honored with Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year, All-NEC First Team, NEC Rookie of the Week three times and finished second in the league for

points (11) and goals (five), both of which happened to be a team high for the Blue Devils.

"It was a surprise because coming in as a freshman, you're nervous and you look up to the older ones and I didn't know what to expect but it was a good year, the team did well so big credit to them," Jackson said of her first year at Central.

Unfortunately, after such a strong season, Jackson's sophomore year took a sharp turn when she came up with an injury that cut her season short after just nine games.

"I've had problems with my knee for the last couple of years and that came about again, but I worked hard in the last year which helped me play this season and for next season as well," Jackson said of her injury.

Jackson's hard work has certainly paid off as she has been a solid player this season, netting two goals and bagging four assists (tied team-high alongside freshman Roma McLaughlin).

Jackson carries a very positive and grateful attitude stating, "It's good to be back playing again and I'm happy to be out there so anything's a bonus."

On the topic of the team's chances moving forward, Jackson revealed a civil humility.

"Obviously this year we're doing well, we're now 4-0 [NEC record] and it's exciting. It's not really about me it's about the team so if I'm playing well then hopefully that will help the team out."

Jackson has the ability to influence the team on and off the pitch and she is highly valued by her coach and teammates.

Head coach Mick D'Arcy had high praise for Jackson.

"Carla's just a wonderful player and a wonderful person. She makes the people around her better, she does little things that help bring out the best. She's got wonderful feet, she's got the ability to score goals and does a lot for the team on and off the field so we're really happy to have her," D'Arcy said.

Jackson hopes to finish out the season strong and to help lead the Blue Devils to the NEC title, whether she bangs in shots like her previous goal, an "arguable goal of the year," according to Coach D'Arcy, or lifts her team's spirits throughout their outstanding campaign.

Men's Soccer Shows Resilience Despite Two More Losses



The Blue Devils are now 0-2 in NEC play.

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BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Another week of contests has gone by without a win for Central Connecticut's men's soccer team. A shutout loss at LIU Brooklyn and a home loss to Fairleigh Dickinson leaves the team with three losses in the Northeast Conference.

The Blue Devils traveled to Brooklyn on Friday to take on LIU Brooklyn, who won their first game in Northeast Conference play. Central was unable to knock them off and achieve its first win, falling to the Blackbirds by a score of 1-0.

The lone goal on the game came in minute 64 when midfielder Daniel Quiros intercepted a CCSU pass and then found forward Romario Guscott, who put it past Blue Devil goalkeeper Carson D'Ambrosio.

The Blue Devils had one last-ditch effort when freshman Larson Richards took a shot in the 88th minute, but missed wide right, getting shut out for the second

straight game.

Richards' shot at the end of the contest was one of only five taken by the team. Freshman Panos Ravanis was once again aggressive, taking three shots, but has still yet to find the net on the season.

The Blackbirds only took seven shots on the contest, while D'Ambrosio made two saves.

The Blue Devils then returned home for just the second time this season to host Fairleigh Dickinson, who was also winless in the conference at the time. The battle for conference win number one went to the Knights, defeating CCSU by a score of 2-1.

The Knights came out strong, scoring in just the twelfth minute, Fredinho Mompremier found Ahu Obhakan who put it past D'Ambrosio. Blue Devil defenders contested that Obhakan was offside, but the goal stood, and the score of 1-0 held until halftime.

Head coach Shaun Green felt his team turned the ball over too many times and called it a "slow start."

But this would change in the second half. Following another Knights goal, the Blue Devils were on the attack, taking three shots on goal within a 10-minute stretch, but were still unable to find the goal.

Green attributed to the spike in energy to a strong talk at the half.

"As coaches, we can't give them any tactics, there are no formations that have ever been invented that is going to compensate for turnovers and poor passing," Green stated. "So, if we can get that right, we can cohesively work as a team. Each individual player had to improve at that and I think they did."

Central finally broke through and scored in the 82nd minute when freshman Jonathan Maldonado scored his first career collegiate goal on a cross from junior midfielder John Wilkins.

"It was amazing. I'm really thrilled for him," Green said of the Wolcott native. "This kid is like 'Johnny Rocket,' he just keeps going and going and I was really pleased for him and his family in the

stands."

The Blue Devils nearly tied the score in the last minute when forward Panos Ravanis took a shot that was merely a few feet above the crossbar.

Following the two losses, the Blue Devils sit at 0-3 in the NEC and 0-9-1 overall. Despite still having not won a game, Green feels his team has continued to show resilience.

"I told these guys on Friday that I couldn't be any prouder of them if we were 8-0," Green said.

"We've had eight away games, it's tough. And they have never once laid down. They've fought. They've been in every single game. Where some people would complain or look for excuses, they haven't," he continued.

Green says the approach from a coaching standpoint remains the same.

"We realize they are young players. If you go in as a coach and try to get in their face and get at them because they're losing games, then you'll lose the players," he said. "I want the players to follow me."

OPINION

WWE's 'Evolution' A Step In The Right Direction

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In recent years, women have been given more opportunities in the realm of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). From no longer being referred to as "divas," to getting their own variations of the "Royal Rumble" and "Money in the Bank," women wrestlers have slowly but surely become mainstream performers rather than pieces of eye candy for the largely male-based audience.

Women wrestlers will have another opportunity to break barriers on Oct. 28, when they take part in the pay-per-view event, "Evolution." "Evolution" marks the first time in WWE history that a pay-per-view will feature only women. Both past and present women's wrestlers will have a PPV all to themselves to show why they are just as good as the men on the roster.

On paper, this seems like a great idea. Women will finally have a chance to prove they are just as capable and could be just as hard-hitting and acrobatic as men's wrestlers. However, the circumstances surrounding the PPV shows that women in the wrestling industry are still not being taken as seriously as men.

The WWE has recently been holding events in Saudi Arabia, first "The Greatest Royal Rumble" on April 27 and "Crown Jewel," set to take place on Nov. 2. These events make the WWE massive amounts of money, with some estimations at around \$49 million per year.

However, when the WWE goes to Saudi Arabia, women are unable to perform due to the customs and laws of the country. When these events take place, women are barred from even flying to the country.

Clearly, in events that take place in Saudi Arabia, WWE values money much more than they do their women's wrestlers. While the WWE is a business, and the purpose of a business is to make money, by holding events in countries that have such strict rules against women, they are showing their women that they aren't as good as men.

Which is why "Evolution" is a step in the right direction, but not a solution to the issue of women's wrestlers not getting enough respect in the industry.

They shouldn't have to be given an entire pay per view to themselves to prove their worth. Women should be allowed to headline shows like Wrestlemania. They should be given the same opportunities as men.

"Evolution" is a ground-breaking show, but it feels more like a novelty than an actual opportunity for women to shine. If the WWE truly valued their women's wrestlers they would be allowed to compete at every pay per view, and at the highest level, proving their just as talented as the men.

Henderson Excels In Second Season As Blue Devil

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It looks like someone is not in Kansas anymore. Emma Henderson, a sophomore outside hitter hailing from Prairie Village, Kansas, has shown brain, heart and courage in her time with Central Connecticut volleyball.

Henderson has been a key factor in the Blue Devils' success in her short time with the team. In her freshman campaign, Henderson was able to do more than just contribute, starting in 10 of the 20 games she played.

During CCSU's run to the North Eastern Conference Championship last season, Henderson posted 2.57 kills per set, ranking third on the team and added four double-doubles.

Perhaps the most impressive of these double-doubles came in the Blue Devils' final game of the season. In the championship game against LIU Brooklyn, Henderson put up a monster stat line highlighted by 16 kills and 17 digs.

Henderson has been just as impressive in her second season at CCSU. For her second season, Henderson looked to "just be better

than last year, get better at the things I didn't do well, continue with the energy and just help be more of a leader as a sophomore."

Coming up on the halfway mark of the year, Henderson is second in kills (141) and digs (150), and ranks first for the team in service aces (27).

As noted by Henderson, energy and enthusiasm is incredibly important for the outside hitter.

"I play well when I smile," Henderson noted. "I'm always smiling and going for balls and yelling. It helps me out and helps my teammates too. Even if I'm having a bad day, I smile through it."

Henderson's strong effort has been infectious for the Blue Devils, who have played hard enough to earn a 5-1 record in conference play. This hot start puts them at second in the NEC behind the reigning champion LIU Brooklyn, who are currently undefeated in the conference sitting at 6-0.

"We know that we can win the NEC. LIU is our biggest rival so we're working on being on top of the NEC," Henderson said.

The strong coaching of Linda Sagnelli and Greg Shell has already left an impact on Henderson in her two years



Henderson had four double-doubles in her freshman season.

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playing for the Blue Devils.

"[Sagnelli] and Greg are great. They really make this team a family. It's a great environment to be coached in," Sagnelli said. "We want her to be impressed by us, and I've already learned so much in not even two years playing here."

Expect Henderson to continue smiling for the Blue Devils, who are rolling after winning both of their in-conference games this past weekend. Henderson and the Blue Devils will look to keep the momentum rolling against Bryant this Friday.

Week Six Fantasy Football Picks

BY THE RECORDER SPORTS STAFF

The Recorder sports staff gives their takes on the fantasy landscape for week six in the NFL.

Who is your sure thing for the week?

Trevi Alickolli- Staff Writer: Robert Woods (WR, Los Angeles Rams)- Woods has had a spectacular season while splitting targets between the Rams dynamic receivers. But in week six, he might be the only one healthy enough to play, with Brandon Cooks and Cooper Kupp both suffering concussions. This leaves Woods in a great position for lot more targets than he already gets, leading to even more productivity.

Patrick Gustavson- Sports Editor: AJ Green (WR, Cincinnati Bengals)- Green has consistently proven to be the number one target for Andy Dalton. In what is expected to be a shootout against Pittsburgh, who has given up the second most fantasy points to opposing receivers, Green has a great chance to stockpile yardage and find the end zone.

Ryan Jones- Assistant Sports Editor: Odell Beckham Jr. (WR, New York Giants)-Beckham lived up to his paycheck in week five, tallying 131 yards and hauling in a touchdown against the Panthers. The Eagles were torched in week five by Adam Thielen (116 yards) and Stefon Diggs (91 yards), and Beckham has a strong chance of doing similar damage in week six.

Who is your sleeper for the week?

Alickolli: Austin Ekeler (RB, Los Angeles Chargers)- Ekeler has had a sneaky good season so far and carved out a role for himself in an offense that features star back Melvin Gordon. The fact that he's the second running back on his team probably scares away a lot of people as he's owned in less than 50 percent of leagues on NFL.com, but he

has been a steady force who's scored more than 11 points in three of five games so far this season.

Gustavson: Chris Carson (RB, Seattle Seahawks)- Despite the emergence of Mike Davis, Carson had a strong week five against a stingy Rams run defense. He now faces the Raiders, who have given up 20 plus points to the opposing backs in four of their five games.

Jones: Blake Bortles (QB, Jacksonville Jaguars)-Despite the rough outing in week five against the Chiefs, Bortles has a good shot at a bounce-back week against a young Cowboys secondary that gave up 375 yards to a (very) injured Deshaun Watson. Look for Bortles to carve up the Sean Lee-less defense in week six.

Who is your bust for the week?

Alickolli: Derrick Henry (RB, Tennessee Titans)- Henry has failed to live up to the hype as the lead workhorse back in a Titans offense which isn't very dynamic passing the ball either. He hasn't been able to take advantage of his opportunities and he faces a tough Baltimore defense in week six.

Gustavson: Jordan Howard (RB, Chicago Bears)-Howard's workload became non-existent in week four, as Tarik Cohen was not only the feature back, but heavily utilized in the passing game. If the Bears continue with their aggressive style, Howard could once again take a back seat.

Jones: Cam Newton (QB, Carolina Panthers)- Looking past their record, the Redskins' defense has done well in containing quarterbacks this season. They have given up a total of 22 rushing yards to quarterbacks through their first three weeks, and have a chance at containing Newton if they can be effective against his mobility.



Drew Jean-Guillaume (right) celebrates his second touchdown of the day with teammate Courtney Rush (left).

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Run Game Leads Football To First NEC Victory

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In their third straight away game, the Central Connecticut football team opened Northeast Conference Play against Robert Morris and did not disappoint. They accomplished a 56-35 shootout victory led by an offensive explosion that pushes them to 3-3 on the year and 1-0 in NEC play.

The Blue Devil offense was able to move the ball at will against the Colonials, putting up almost 700 yards of total offense and ending the game just one yard shy of the mark.

On a rainy Saturday afternoon, perhaps the most impressive aspect of the CCSU offense was their rushing attack, running for 358 yards and six total touchdowns by four different ball carriers.

Junior tailback Drew Jean-Guillaume led the way as he continues to prove he is

a dynamic three-down, workhorse back.

Jean-Guillaume set the tone early in the game as he rushed for three touchdowns in the first quarter alone and finished the game with 157 rushing yards on 13 carries and the three touchdowns.

He was also the team's second-leading receiver with six catches for 82 yards. He finished the game with 239 total yards on 19 touches.

Fellow back Aaron Dawson also cracked the 100-yard mark with a 46-yard run late in the fourth quarter to put the game away, as he continues to make good on his touches.

The receiving title on the day belonged to wide receiver Courtney Rush, who caught six balls for 167 yards and two touchdowns as quarterback Jacob Dolegala looked his way whenever he needed a big play.

Rush also showed his versatility when he took an end around for an eight-yard

rushing touchdown.

Dolegala finished with a very impressive stat line on a day where it felt like the rushing attack was the main focus.

He finished with 341 passing yards on 19 of 22, passing with two touchdowns and added another score on the ground along with 67 total rushing yards.

It is no surprise that the Blue Devils offense exploded on Saturday as the Robert Morris defense was struggling through their first four games, allowing over 525 yards per game to opponents going into Saturday's game.

What was surprising, however, was the Colonials' ability to keep the game close going toe-to-toe with Central for a while.

Perhaps the turning point of the game came in the second quarter when the Central defense came up big and forced Robert Morris to punt for the first time on the day.

That punt turned into a 14-point Blue Devil lead and put Robert Morris behind for the whole game.

After a slight weather delay right before halftime, the back and forth shootout continued into the fourth quarter where Central's defense again came up with a play when they needed it.

Late in the fourth quarter, senior defensive back Tymir Hilton came up with an interception to seal the deal for good.

The defense on the day was led by young and promising defensive back Dj Exilhome, who had nine total tackles and Tajik Bagley who had seven.

Central will look to go 2-0 in conference play as they visit Bryant this Saturday in yet another away game. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. for the second straight week of conference play.

Women's Soccer Remains Perfect In NEC Play



The Blue Devils have not lost in 11-straight games.

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Central Connecticut's women's soccer team played a hard-fought match against Sacred Heart Friday night, winning 1-0 to improve their overall record to 10-1-2 with a Northeast Conference record of 4-0.

The start of the match proved a test of the solidarity of the Blue Devils' defense, who did well to absorb heavy pressure from SHU and eventually bring the game to the Pioneers.

Head coach Mick D'Arcy was pleased

with how his defense held up.

"They closed us down, they put us under a lot of pressure, but we stood up to it," D'Arcy said. "You'd love to think it's always going to be lovely soccer being played and it just wasn't one of those nights, it was a night where we had to dig deep and grind it out and that's what we did."

The Blue Devils certainly did so as they halted every attack from their opponents before there was any danger facing their net. Since that transition in pressure, the match flowed in Central's favor, creating plenty of attacking opportunities.

The closest chance to a goal at the

beginning was in the 34th minute when freshman Roma McLaughlin hit a volley that would knock the crossbar and go out. Despite not netting, McLaughlin has been displaying strong performances for the Blue Devils, drawing the praise from her coach.

"She does a lot for us. She wins a lot of balls in the air, she's very good penetrating off the dribble and taking the ball into the other team's half, and she wins a lot of tackles as well," D'Arcy said.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 60th minute when senior Danielle Pearse found sophomore Tess Atkinson in the right corner of the pitch, who then took a shot on goal that was deflected by an SHU defender, heading it over her own keeper then hitting the bottom side of the crossbar and into the net.

Atkinson's well-deserved goal marked her second of the season. She has acted as an attacking influence coming off the bench to net her goals. D'Arcy spoke highly of the match-winner.

"Tess 'Friday Night Lights' Atkinson is her new name. She loves Friday night games and she loves the atmosphere. She was phenomenal tonight with the work that she put in," he said. "She closed down, she pressed people, I mean she's a nightmare for

defenders to mark, and she got that goal for herself. I think you make your own luck and she certainly did tonight."

The Blue Devils were able to hold onto the lead for the remainder of the match, preventing any danger and keeping strong pressure offensively. Central vastly outnumbered the shots on goal, 19-5, representing well who dominated the attack.

On defense, senior goalkeeper Ashley Cavanaugh had another easy match, only needing to record two saves to improve her shutouts to eight total, thanks to strong performances by classmate Shelbie Carr and junior Shauny Alterisio.

"They're working hard, they're hungry, they want to get shutouts, and they want to win the game. I think we saw tonight that they dig deep when they have to," D'Arcy said, of his team's defense.

D'Arcy shared his confidence in his team's ability and shared the approach going forward.

"We want to be 5-0. It really is one game at a time. Each one is a puzzle that we have to solve, we know we can adapt, and we have many different ways of playing," he said.

The Blue Devils are back in action Oct. 12, hosting Bryant at 4 p.m.