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SGA Treasurer: 'I'm Not In Violation' Of Student Conduct



Treasurer Kristina DeVivo and Ally Clark speak after she called for DeVivo's impeachment at last Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting.

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BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Kristina DeVivo, treasurer of Central Connecticut's Student Government Association, said she is in the clear per university policy after posting a private Snapchat video that captioned CCSU students who support Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh as supporters of rapists.

"During the meeting [with Student Conduct on Monday], it was established that I am protected under my first amendment rights," DeVivo wrote in a statement. "I maintain that I have not committed any act which would constitute grounds for impeachment."

DeVivo's Snapchat came to the forefront of attention after Ally Clark, who led the demonstration in support of Kavanaugh during last Monday's anti-Kavanaugh protest, called on the SGA to impeach DeVivo from her treasurer position for the "shocking" social media post during the organization's meeting last week.

Clark displayed screenshots from the Snapchat video, which DeVivo captioned with "THESE ARE THE FACES THAT SUPPORT RAPISTS ON THE CCSU CAMPUS." Clark, wearing her "Trump/Pence 2020" shirt and holding her "I Believe Kavanaugh #HimToo" poster, is clearly visible, as are the other students who later joined her counterprotest.

Clark announced during the meeting

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The National Eating Disorder Association hosted one of its 95 walks at CCSU on Saturday.

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NEDA Walk Brings Hope To Central

BY SARAH WILLSON
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With 30 million Americans battling an eating disorder in their lifetime, the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) works hard at making sure those struggling are not alone. As a result, nearly 100 walks supporting survivors are held across the country, with one of them being at Central Connecticut.

"Finding help was difficult for me, but I had to because I was in a position where I couldn't do it alone," Stephanie Lionetti, a survivor from Stanford University said to a crowd of around 100 people in the Student Center Circle. "My eating disorder consumed every thought, every decision, every action I made for so long."

The walk, which partnered with the retail and body-positivity store Aerie, had two goals in mind: raise money for prevention and support programs as well as create a unified force to show that eating disorders are no match for its victims.

For NEDA'S National Walks Associate Bri Mullins, those goals hit close to home.

"I actually went to my first NEDA walk in 2012 [when] I was in the depths of my eating disorder and it really changed my life," Mullins said. "[Although] it didn't propel me into recovery, I realized I loved [the] walks and, after volunteering for several years, I was hired by NEDA. It's just my passion."

That passion stems all the way across the country for Mullins, as she is one of the non-profit members that have the ability to attend some of the 95 walks across the United States.

Still, Mullins said her number one reason for attending is to spread hope and awareness to those around her.

"I'm hoping that we bring everyone together and celebrate recovery," she

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An Accent And A New Life

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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Emilia Vega was just 16 years old when her mother decided it was time for a new start. Her new plan included leaving the only place she knew: Cuenca, Ecuador. She would soon be gathering up all her things and the life she once had.

"My mom said, 'We're going to move, start a new life, and have new experiences,'" Vega recalled.

Vega wasn't alone; she had the comfort of her twin sister, Maria, right beside her. They left for the United States and stayed at their mom's friend's house in New Jersey. Coming to America was a new way of life and a new start that would come with uneasy feelings.

"I didn't like the town that we were in. It was near a train station so [there was always noise] in the neighborhood. The schools also weren't good," Vega said.

After staying in New Jersey for three weeks, the Vega family moved to New Haven, Connecticut where the twins attended Wilbur Cross High School.

Starting at a new high school junior year was a journey the twins got to experience together. Back in Ecuador, Emilia and her sister attended an all-girl private Catholic school. Now, the two would be entering into a public school system.

"They were mean. They didn't even try to understand me. My fear was being asked to repeat things over and over again and have people be like, 'What?' It was a lot different than what I was used to. At my old

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Flu Season Is Vastly Approaching

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Two years ago, Student Wellness Services had the ability to give flu shots to students. Now, they no longer offer them.

However, flu shots are still offered at the university to employees enrolled in a State of Connecticut health plan.

It is "less expensive for students to go through doctors," according to Student Wellness Services. During flu season, the center primarily sends students who wish to get their flu shots to Walgreens, the closest pharmacy to campus, which accepts most types of insurance.

CVS Pharmacy also offers flu shots at no cost for people with medical insurance or Medicare Part B. Anyone who would like a flu shot who doesn't have insurance can purchase a seasonal vaccine for \$40.99.

At Central Connecticut, students are referred to local pharmacies or doctors to get their flu shots.

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New Britain's First Latino Fire Chief Shares Story

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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The room filled with diversity, laughter and chit-chat suddenly became quiet as everyone's attention turned to speaker Raul Ortiz, New Britain's first Latino fire chief.

Central Connecticut's Latin American Student Organization (LASO) hosted the "Telling His Story" event Monday night, where Ortiz began his story on how he came to make history.

Raised in Hartford with three brothers and his mother, Ortiz grew up in a diverse setting. Coming to Central in 1993, Ortiz realized diversity was slim, which bothered him severely.

"I struggled. I struggled to adapt. I struggled to fit in. I kind of isolated myself and kept myself in my dorm room," Ortiz said.

Ortiz was pursuing an education in teaching, but he realized his low patience around kids would not work out. Becoming a firefighter was not on Ortiz's mind, but he decided to apply to the Hartford Fire Department in 1997, admitting he even partied before taking the written part of the test. It took two years for Ortiz to get the job.

It took six years for Ortiz to graduate and, in 1999, he got a taste of what it was like to be in the fire department.

"Chief walks in and you're on your feet," Ortiz said. "I said, 'I'm going to be that dude. People are going to stand up



Raul Ortiz discussed his experience on becoming New Britain's first Latino fire chief. JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF

when I walk in.' I was vocal about it. I said I'm going to be chief one day."

At the time, there were no Latino chiefs. Ortiz admitted that people thought he was crazy because there were no previous chiefs for Ortiz to follow. This did not stop him.

Nineteen years in the field, Ortiz served on every position on the Hartford Fire Department. Not only that but becoming fire chief does not usually happen this quickly. Ortiz got to where he is by never putting down a book. He never stopped reading, he never stopped studying and never stopping trying to improve because being Latino in a fire department comes with challenges and discrimination.

"In the fire service, it is historically

racist, probably one of the most historically racist organizations in the country. They put roadblocks in the way to limit people," Ortiz stated. "They would put a height requirement and well, Latinos don't grow tall. Then they said [we] need a college education, but not many Latinos were going to college back then."

Even now as fire chief, Ortiz emphasized that he feels that if he makes a mistake, people are going to say: "See, this is why I said we shouldn't hire him."

Racism was never shy in Ortiz's career, but experiencing it shaped him into the person he is.

"From day one, I always felt like [Latinos] didn't belong. They literally looked at me and said, 'What, you couldn't find a better job?' It wasn't until they said, 'Man, this kid is college-educated' and mentioned, 'Damn, this kid sharp,' but my whole point is never to tell them [they] don't belong here," Ortiz said.

As chief, Ortiz hired three African Americans, two Latinos, two women and one white male.

Breaking boundaries is something Ortiz strives to do every day and caught the attention of Central junior Kayla Natal.

"Being a Latina woman is very hard to get that recognition that you're just as smart and just as capable as your white counterparts," Natal stated. "You have to be happy in your own skin, and just listening to his story, it was very inspirational."

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high school, when there was a new student, everyone said hello to them," Vega stated.

Emilia admitted that she and her sister wanted to go home back to Ecuador. The school was not welcoming at first, and though Vega could write English and speak it, having an accent was always a worry.

Although high school came with difficulties, Emilia showed her academic strength and capabilities by applying for a scholarship at Yale and getting it.

This scholarship was for an Intensive English Program designed for individuals with high academic potential who have had their education interrupted, at some point during their educational careers for five or more years, according to Yale admissions.

"I loved the experience and getting to meet new people from all over the place. It was amazing," Vega said. Being there, Vega felt like

she fit in and the worry of sounding different became smaller.

"Having an accent doesn't define who you are. It helps people to know that you don't speak only one language, you are bilingual," Vega stated.

The twins both attended Goodwin College in East Hartford and were nursing majors. After realizing nursing wasn't for both of them, the twins transferred to Central Connecticut and now major in Spanish Education.

The sisters also moved from New Haven and relocated. Their journey came with surprises both academically and culturally, but without each other, the transition would not have been the same.

"It was a lot easier with [Maria]. She was my friend through it," Emilia said with a heartwarming smile.



Catholic Cathedral, Cuenca, Ecuador, which Emilia Vega calls "the Beauty of my city."

EMILIA VEGA

What's New, CCSU?

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR

- "Fresh Check Day," a mental health and suicide prevention event, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 18 starting at 11 a.m. in Alumni Hall in the Student Center and feature entertainment and free giveaways.
- CCSU will host its "CLASS Career Symposium" on Friday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Students majoring in Liberal Arts or Social Sciences are encouraged to attend to meet with potential employers and gain tips on navigating the post-college job world.
- "Food Truck Day" is on Oct. 19 beginning at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Circle.
- The 1950's classic "Strangers on a Train" will be shown Oct. 19 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Davidson's Torp Theatre.
- A "Public Planetarium Show" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Nicolaus Copernicus Hall building.
- CCSU and New Britain are once again competing to see who can collect the most food donations in its annual "Competition for a Cause" food drive. The drive will run from Oct. 22 to Nov. 16.

SGA Swears In New Senators

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Central Connecticut’s Student Government Association inaugurated its 2018 fall and run-off election’s winners last Wednesday, bringing new faces to the government’s meeting table.

According to President Cassandra Fruin, the general election’s turn-out was double than last year’s with 416 votes compared to 2017’s 211. 66 people voted in the run-off election, which occurred because of ties in votes for certain positions, a first in Fruin’s four-year-long career in the Senate.

“It was a bit stressful but absolutely necessary. It was a huge accomplishment that we had [over] 400 [voters] and I don’t believe the run-off would have been as successful if we had not reached that number in the general,” Fruin said.

Ultimately, 11 new senators joined the SGA.

We asked them one question: “What do you hope to achieve as an SGA senator and what is your biggest goal?”

First-Year Senators

“I hope that as an SGA senator, I listen to the community’s needs and wants and voice those concerns and have positive change come from it. My biggest goal would be to propose something which has a lasting impact here on campus for many graduating classes to come.” - Edward Anderson | 44 votes

“As president of my high school last year, I was able to bring about serious change in the way students were represented, something that hasn’t been possible in the past. I want to continue that trend. I want to ensure that students here can have the college experience they hope to have, without worry of budgetary restrictions or unnecessary boundaries. My biggest goal is to continue representing the student body throughout my time here at CCSU.” - Matthew Kuroghlian | 56 votes

“I hope to learn what role the SGA plays in the CCSU community and how I personally can help with concerns, community involvement, student affairs and share ideas that can continue improving our CCSU experience. My



Central Connecticut’s Student Government Association swore in its newly-elected senators last Wednesday.

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biggest goal is to make a difference by enriching our college community so everyone can take advantage of all CCSU has to offer.” - Melody Rivera | 41 votes in the general election, 18 votes in the run-off election

Caleb Wells, Kei Jahaj and Olivia Porter could not be reached for comment.

Commuter Senators

“I hope to help students find a way to express their concerns which will result in a more successful college career. My goal is to promote Blue Devil pride and help students feel involved in our campus community. I am thrilled to be a member of not only the SGA but the Student Life Committee. Go, Devils!” - Adrianna Aresco | 115 votes

“I hope to connect with the student body and use my power to push for the greater good.” - Humera Gul | 60 votes in the general election, 48 votes in the run-off

German Rojas could not be reached for comment.

At-Large Senators

“I would like to achieve a more diverse campus. I would like to see more in the way of academic and social supports on campus, including, but not limited to, tutoring in more subjects and more special interest organizations, respectively. My biggest goal is to do everything in my power to make the campus a better place and serve the needs of our students and our community, to serve the greater good.” - Demitric Baez | 218 votes

“I hope to achieve good relationships with my fellow senators. My biggest goal is to obtain positive academic policy changes across campus. As a member of the Academic Affairs Committee, I can do a lot to strengthen the relationship SGA has with faculty while expanding the use of open educational resources such as free online textbooks.” - Andrew Pilkons | 168 votes in the general election, 66 votes in the run-off election.

Hartford Superintendent Speaks Success At Latina Talks

BY ISABELLA CHAN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine seeing the student that constantly disrupts the teacher one day become that teacher’s boss. That is the story of Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez.

Young Torres-Rodriguez came into class one day with so much energy that she started to teach her classmates herself. When the teacher stopped her and asked what was wrong with her, Torres-Rodriguez promptly replied, “No, what’s wrong with you? You’re so boring!”

“Well, when you become the teacher, [then] you can tell people what to do. You have no place to tell me how to do my job,” her teacher, Torres-Rodriguez recalled, had told her.

“I will,” Torres-Rodriguez simply said. “Someday I will be telling teachers what to do. I’m not going to become a teacher. I’m going to be the principal so I can then have a bigger impact.”

Now, years later, Torres-Rodriguez has gone even further and is the superintendent of Hartford’s public schools.

This past Wednesday, Torres-Rodriguez was the guest speaker for Central Connecticut’s “Latina Talks” hosted by the Latina Leadership Personal Development Group (LLPD), in the Connecticut Room of Memorial Hall.

After personally greeting each guest in attendance, Torres-Rodriguez gave a brief background on herself.

Her world changed when her mother moved her and her brother from Puerto Rico to Hartford. They lived in a “very cramped,” one-bedroom apartment with five other relatives.

“The beautiful beaches in Puerto Rico were quickly replaced with the concrete sidewalks of Park Street,” Torres-Rodriguez described.

Despite being able to only speak Spanish at the time, Torres-Rodriguez loved learning and was inspired from a young age to become an educator.

“It was in my first experiences as an educator that I learned the power of having someone who I was able to identify and connect with. As a 9-year-old student, I was so fortunate that I happened to have my first teacher [in America] be a Latina.”

Moving forward in life, Torres-Rodriguez went on to pursue a career in education. She attended Manchester Community College and the University of Connecticut to become a teacher. But after dealing with financial difficulties, she went to graduate school at Central, where she earned her doctorate degree in social work.

Today, Torres-Rodriguez implements strategies like community partnerships and a higher focus on reading programs, as well as in-depth looks into school absences, to help students in the Hartford district. Her biggest goal is to make every school a community.

“I want our students to have opportunities during school and before



Students snap photos with Hartford Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez.

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and after,” Torres-Rodriguez said. “The magic just cannot happen during the school day. Our students need so much more support.”

Much of the audience was enamored by her story and inspired by her hard work. Olga Frito, a CCSU graduate assistant for the Women’s Center, believes Torres-Rodriguez is helping to inspire women of color to change the world.

“Although people may give you labels, you don’t have to live up to them. I work with the kids that are called ‘at-risk,’ but they can also be labeled ‘with promise,’ which is what I think Dr. Torres-Rodriguez labeled herself as,” Frito said. “It’s why she was able to rise and get [to] the position she is in.”

Demesis Negron-Figueroa, LLPD

Coordinator and graduating CCSU senior, was able to empathize with Torres-Rodriguez’s experience and relate to it personally.

“I remember my teachers telling me I shouldn’t do this because I barely speak English, that because they’re in a position of power they can tell me what to do. And I remember telling my teacher, ‘No, one day I’m going to be your leader.’ So hearing her talk about her experience really touched me,” Negron-Figueroa explained.

As a future CCSU graduate with a degree in social work, Negron-Figueroa aspires to be like Torres-Rodriguez.

“I told her that I would love her job. That’s one of the jobs I have as a goal,” she stated. “I see my place in her job and see her as a mentor that I can look up to.”

CCSU Focuses On Disabilities In The Workplace

BY SAM SHEPARD
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Disability Resource Coordinator for Capital Workforce Partners Jill Larmett came to CCSU to speak to students about disabilities and employment.

The presentation was set up by Student Disability Services in cooperation with Central's Career Success Center on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Larmett presented many questions and pieces of advice for students seeking employment, especially to those students who have disabilities. She began by asking students to reflect on who they are.

"It is a really deep, deep question and it's not just about doing a bunch of assessments," Larmett said, continuing with other questions to ask oneself. "Take it a step further and interview your friends, your family [and] your professors. How do they see you?"

Larmett then encouraged students to look at the labor market when seeking employment, claiming that "the bachelor's degree is the new high school diploma." Larmett stated that right now is a great time to enter the workforce given the aging workforce and that Connecticut has one of the

oldest in the nation.

Larmett commented specifically on Pratt and Whitney, saying that the company has "13,000 jobs they need to fill." She advised students to ask themselves, "What's currently working for you?" and "What's not working for you?"

"These are things you need to fix now before you go to work," she said.

The next part of Larmett's presentation talked about how to get to your goal. She classified three categories of skills that employers are looking for: hard skills, soft skills and transferable skills. Hard skills, she explained are skills that can be measured and taught. Soft skills are personality driven, less tangible and are proven through showing. Transferable skills include aptitude and knowledge and can be learned through jobs, school and other activities.

When it comes to seeking a job, Larmett said that networking and maintaining a clean social media account are very important factors. For interviews, Larmett advised students to "do [their] homework."

"Practice, practice, practice. Research the company. Look at their mission statement. Arrive early, but not a half hour early. Dress



Jill Larmett poses for a photo while speaking on disabilities and employment at a presentation by Student Disability Services. CASSANDRA WEIR | STAFF

appropriate for the job," she explained.

The final part of the presentation dealt with disabilities in the workplace. A key tool and protection is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Larmett said. Passed in 1990, the ADA is a civil rights legislation protecting people with disabilities from discrimination.

"It is the employer's responsibility to put accommodations into place if you need one in order to perform the essential functions of the job," Larmett told the students in attendance. "Experts will tell you not to disclose unless you need an accommodation. It is nobody's business but yours. It is never too late to disclose that you need an accommodation."

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that she'd be pursuing DeVivo's impeachment through a petition, saying that DeVivo violated the rules of Student Conduct and the SGA Constitution.

The SGA Constitution states that impeachable offenses include "violations of the Student Code of Conduct" and "violations of the Student Government Association Constitution and/or Bylaws," which Clark claimed DeVivo had done. Clark also alleged that DeVivo had violated her privacy by filming her, however, individuals do not need permission to film on CCSU, which is a public university.

Clark's petition, per the SGA Constitution, will need to be "signed by at least a majority of the members of the Senate and four hundred [students]," as well as be submitted into the SGA's meeting minutes.

As of now, Clark said she has 22 signatures. One SGA senator who signed it, Justin Boutin, stated he now regrets doing so, elaborating that he'd signed it thinking DeVivo had violated university policy. As that is now known to not be the case, he wishes to rescind his comments to The Recorder and his signature.

"I agree with Senator [Thomas] Mitchell that [DeVivo] has been a great treasurer and does not deserve to be impeached. We all make mistakes sometimes and I think we can let this one go," Boutin said.

DeVivo apologized to Clark during the meeting's open floor, saying she'd never meant to cause her harm. She also said that she has not ever and would not ever allow her personal biases to affect her work as the SGA's treasurer and that the Snapchat video was not a representation of her as treasurer.

"I was representing Kristina DeVivo, not Treasurer DeVivo," DeVivo told Clark and the SGA on Wednesday. "I know Treasurer DeVivo follows me in my life, but I stand by my beliefs. This incident is not a reflection of me as treasurer. We are allowed to have our own opinions and views as senators. I am sorry. I know I went too far, but my actions do not reflect the SGA."

After her meeting with Student Conduct, DeVivo stated there was no evidence to suggest grounds for impeachment on either Student Conduct's or the SGA's end.

Though the office's Interim Director David Braverman could not comment specifically on the situation, he said that, hypothetically, a student in DeVivo's position could face individual consequences through the organization they belong to rather than through Student Conduct.

"Violations of standards that exceed those specified in the code are resolved directly by those groups," Braverman explained, saying that free speech factored into decisions on Student Conduct's end. "Of course, there are social norms and ethical behaviors that are not necessarily a violation of a policy, but of a community standard or expectation."

Additionally, he stated that the students who directly threatened others online and who've been reported to police, like in Clark's case, could potentially face disciplinary action both through Central's Police Department and through Student Conduct.

"Direct violations would be dealt with through my office, and of course threats to safety are immediately addressed by the police and, once the situation is contained, if a violation has been committed, it would be referred to my office," Braverman said.

When asked whether she'd drop the petition if it turned out DeVivo had not violated anything through Student Conduct, Clark said that she would.

"I would respect the rules of the university," Clark stated. She added that she has not met with administrators on the matter or filed a formal complaint, but plans to go to Student Conduct "sometime this week."

"I hope that [Clark] can move past this and find solace in her studies," DeVivo said.

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BY SARAH WILLSON
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Peak Breeding Season Causes Roadway Concerns:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is urging state drivers to take extra caution when on the roadways due to the "peak breeding season" for deer and moose, which takes place from late October until late December.

According to DEEP and AAA, the animals are most likely to be on the roads in the early morning and evening hours.

Last year, over 4,000 deer were reported killed as a result of vehicle collisions, though DEEP said most of the accidents go unreported.

In the event of a collision, call the police and report the incident to DEEP at 860-424-3333.

Violence Erupts As Midterm Elections Near:

Incidents of violence across cities in America have broken out as a result of the fast-approaching midterm elections.

In Seattle, Washington and New York, extremists from both sides of the political spectrum took to the streets late last week to voice their opinions on an election that has control of Congress hanging in the balance.

The incidents taking place have been a result of the far-right group "Proud Boys" and far-left group "Antifa," which is short for "anti-fascist," NBC reported.

The violence, some politicians say, comes as a result of a "trickle-down effect" from some candidates' harsh rhetoric.

Pennsylvania Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Wagner is partially to blame for that, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said. Wagner, who was speaking against his Democratic opponent Tom Wolf, threatened to "stomp on [Wolf's] face with golf spikes."

Wagner later took down the nearly three-minute-long video and said his reference to hurting Wolf was a "metaphor."

Though the violence has calmed down, some fear that it could continue to escalate, as midterms are still three weeks away.

Britain, U.S. Could Boycott Saudi Conference After Journalist's Disappearance:

The United States and Britain are "considering boycotting" a major international investment conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia over the vanishing and possible death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, BBC News reported.

Khashoggi, who is said to be a critic of his country's government, has been missing for over two weeks now. President Donald Trump has said that he would "punish" Saudi Arabia in response to his disappearance.

Some sponsors and media groups have already made the decision to abandon the conference.

Authorities in Turkey claim that Khashoggi was murdered by "Saudi agents" when visiting the country's consulate in Istanbul. Turkey also claimed they have audio and video evidence of the journalist's murder. Saudi has denied the allegations, calling them "lies."

As of Monday, no other information regarding Khashoggi's disappearance or the conference was available.

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stated. "I just [want to] give everyone who comes today the community they need for their own recovery or for the support they're providing someone else with."

Despite the rain and fallen temperatures, those from across Connecticut, including a group of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority Sisters from Southern Connecticut, also came to show their support.

"I want lots of positive vibes and good thoughts not only for myself but for other people going through eating disorders as well," sorority sister and SCSU student Gianna Hutchins said. "The sisters that came with me are also ones that have gone through eating disorders and we're just here in support of others because this is such a big deal to us."

Hutchins also emphasized

that her sorority donates money for eating disorder awareness, part of the reason she said she and her sisters came to campus.

More than anything, those who attended, including Lionetti, wanted to share that the journey to recovery, no matter how long it may seem, is always possible.

"There are people who love and believe in our

recovery even if we don't. I still work hard at recovery today and have a life that is worth fighting [for] and so do you," Lionetti stated. "I promise that recovery is possible for anyone who wants it. No matter the feelings you're experiencing, you are never alone."

Anyone struggling with an eating disorder is encouraged to call the NEDA helpline at (800) 931-2237.



The National Eating Disorder Association Walk on Saturday aimed to raise awareness on eating disorders.

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Flu Season Is Vastly Approaching

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Students who possess symptoms related to influenza are encouraged to visit either a walk-in clinic, emergency room or primary care doctor, as they have more resources for students who have the virus. Student Wellness Services cannot administer flu testing.

The Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) is set to host a total of nine flu clinics this month. They ask that attendees bring their insurance cards and if they do not have insurance, there is a \$25 fee. For more information or to fill out a registration form, visit www.ccthd.org.

[ccthd.org](http://www.ccthd.org).

The CDC recommends that people get a flu shot by the end of October each year. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial in preventing the spread of the flu virus. Vaccination will be offered all throughout flu season and will continue to be offered until at least January or February.

As flu season starts, it is important to take preventive steps to ensure the flu doesn't get you down. Things, like washing your hands and keeping surfaces clean, can really help in preventing the spread of the influenza virus.



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SGA Briefs

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
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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 10.

- Newly-elected SGA senators were sworn in by Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Peter Troiano after a motion to ratify the 2018 Fall Election results and 2018 Run-Off Election results passed.
- The Academic Affairs Committee will be working with the CCSU's branch of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) on initiatives mentioned in the Oct. 5 Work-Life Family Conference, including making CCSU a more age-friendly and breastfeeding-friendly campus.
- The following items passed in a consent agenda:
- A motion to allocate \$216 for the Anthropology Club for two conference registration tickets.
- A motion to add under Title 1, Section 1-4 Subsection B, Subordinate Point 3: "Edit and maintain the grammar, format, spelling and standard writing conventions of the By-Laws in a way which does not change the meaning, essence or intention of the language."
- A motion to add under Title 5, Section 5-2: "In the event of an election being declared invalid, a restitutory election will be held over a period of time decided by the Senate, in accordance with the following:
- The Candidates shall be given at least two (2) days prior to voting to campaign.
- Voting shall take place within a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours.
- The restitutory election will follow the same Campaign Guidelines employed in the invalid election.
- No additional students outside of the already established candidates from the invalidated election shall declare their candidacy."

EDITORIAL

Free Speech Is Granted To Those For And Against

I disapprove of what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it."

Voltaire was not the only enlightened thinker to fight for the First Amendment right of freedom of speech. Our Founding Fathers deemed the sentiment as vital, who was then followed by many including, George Orwell, Mahatma Gandhi, Ja Rule and Zooey Deschanel.

Contrasting opinions have been the age-old adage that has led to more than a handful of disagreements, fights and even wars.

But who has the right to speak? Everyone.

According to a poll by Gallup, the Knight Foundation and the Newseum Institute, 73 percent of college students believe their free speech rights are "very secure or secure."

Students at Central have led and participated in multiple protests that were not disbanded or discouraged by the university.

You, as a human protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution, have every right to say what you think. We, as people, are also afforded the same rights and justification to proclaim our differences in opinion without any repercussions.

Today's society is too concerned with themselves and forgets to acknowledge that others are also granted the same freedoms. Everyone is always 'triggered' and instead of accepting the juxtaposed perspectives, individuals are trying to impose punishments for others freedom of speech retorts.

According to the academic writings in The Conversation U.S., utilizing the right to free speech enabled women and minorities to challenge already established beliefs regarding their perceived inferiority. Even unorthodox ideas should be accepted, but they are also capable of scrutiny — especially during a public protest.

The Constitution has gone to lengths to protect hate speech, unless it is direct, personal or threatening, according to lawyers.com. Hate speech is classified as derogatory language, particularly regarding demographics such as race, religion or gender towards an individual or group. This differs from free speech, which allows individuals to express their beliefs and ideas without restrictions from the government.

The accusations against newly appointed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh do not meet any of these requirements, yet the victims who came forward against him are being shamed by the public.

On the coattails of public outcry, individuals on either side of the debate have identical rights to speak their minds without fear of reprisal. Protests, on both sides of the spectrum, stimulate the pursuit of knowledge.

People who uphold conservative views on college campuses often feel like their opinions are not as valued as those who uphold liberal views. On college campuses and everywhere across the country, people should feel that their opinions matter and are heard.

Though people's opinions are protected by the Constitution, they are not protected from backlash, protests or criticisms stemming from other individuals who are also expressing their endowed rights to free speech.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions. Opinions create challenges. Therefore censorship of opinions prevents society from developing further.

The question is where is the line that defines what is deemed hate speech or free speech?

Letter to the Editor: Treasurer's Response To Call For Impeachment

Dear Editor,

My name is Kristina DeVivo. I am the Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Last week, a concerned student came forward over a post on my private Snapchat. She spoke publicly to both the Senate and The Recorder. Regarding the post, I would like to note that I have apologized to Ms. Ally Clark publicly and privately as it was never my intent to cause her distress. However, I am deeply troubled by the accusations which are being made by Ms. Clark.

The rally was a peaceful protest about Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his confirmation process. It also intended to show solidarity for Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and other victims of sexual violence. My personal belief is that the expedited Kavanaugh confirmation disregarded the traumatic experiences of Dr. Ford and other survivors, which stems from established attempts aimed at keeping women quiet and oppressed.

The #MeToo movement supports implementing systematic long-term changes and accountability. Rather than validating Dr. Ford's claim, the nation watched as 11 white male senators criticized the claim, questioned the legitimacy of Dr. Ford's memory and talked about how Judge Kavanaugh was the real victim in his confirmation process. #HimToo was coined, through the victimization of Kavanaugh, which is nothing more than an excuse to reassert male privilege.

Ms. Clark's #HimToo sign deeply offended me. #HimToo gives a platform of overemphasizing the occurrence of false accusations. Cindy Dampier of the Chicago Tribune wrote: "Your son is more likely to be sexually assaulted than to face false allegations." #HimToo attempts to shift the narrative and

denigrates survivors of sexual assault.

I understand the need for due process, but due process was never taken away from "him" to begin with. This counter rally decentered the issue and discussion that was at hand. Ms. Clark had every right to be there with her sign and to exercise her First Amendment rights of free speech. However, by that same merit, my First Amendment rights protect me in my criticism, no matter the way in which it's stated, especially a private criticism posted only for my friends on Snapchat to see.

What does seem hypocritical though, is that Ms. Clark is now seeking my impeachment from a position which I was elected to by 598 students. Ms. Clark has stated that I violated the Student Code of Conduct's privacy clause, however, this clause indicates that violations can occur when a student records or photographs a student without their consent with the intent to cause injury or distress. As stated, I did not seek to cause Ms. Clark either injury or distress, I didn't even know her. I posted to Snapchat a group of counter-protesters, as a whole. Ms. Clark also has stated that I violated the Student Government's Constitutional Human Rights Clause embedded in the mission statement, which I have not, as her rights have not been infringed upon. I bring this up not only to defend myself and my reputation but to ask, where is my due process? These statements have been made as if a trial, verdict and sentencing has happened. We do know that printed false statements which damage one's reputation are what define libel.

Sincerely,
Treasurer Kristina DeVivo

Kanye West's Visit To The White House Was Shocking



Kanye West visited President Donald Trump in the White House last Thursday.

TOWNHALL

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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Kanye West is an interesting character, always going off on some rant that leaves the audience stunned. Half the time, it's like his brain can't settle down and is always spinning in circles. He's known for his tangents about mental health, and now his outspoken personality has visited the White House.

As I watched West's full speech with President Donald Trump that took place last Thursday, I couldn't even keep my mind focused on one thing. West's wife, Kim Kardashian West, went to the White House before to speak to the president about prison reform.

Johnson, a first-time nonviolent drug offender who had been serving a life sentence since 1996, had Kardashian to thank for her freedom. Kardashian went to

the White House and pleaded her case to Trump. He commuted her sentence.

West, on one of his rants, started speaking about Larry Hoover, who is serving life in prison in a supermax prison. Hoover allegedly ran a Chicago gang called the Gangster Disciples and oversaw a \$100 million a year illegal drug business from jail, according to The New York Times.

As West spoke more and more, it was like his words weren't real; it was hard to believe that these sentences were spilling out of his mouth.

"Really the reason they imprisoned him was because he started doing positive for the community, he started showing that he had power, that he wasn't one of a monolithic voice, that he could wrap people around. It's very important for me to get Hoover out because in an alternate universe, I am him and I have to go get him free because he was doing positive inside of Chicago, just like how I'm moving back to

Chicago," West said.

As he spoke, Trump sat there nodding almost looking like he wasn't even paying attention. West is very proud of the hat he wears on top of his head and voiced it to Trump, while again, he just sat there.

"They tried to scare me to not wear this [Make America Great Again] hat, my own friends... But this hat, it gives me power in a way," West said. He didn't stop there.

"I love Hillary, I love everyone, but the campaign 'I'm with her' just didn't make me feel like a guy that didn't get to see my dad all the time like a guy that could play catch with his son. Something about when I put this hat on it made me feel like Superman. You made a Superman, that's my favorite superhero and you made a superman cape," West told Trump.

Trump let out a half-smile. As West continued his speech, he showed a picture of a plane to Trump and described that the president needs to have the fanciest things because when he doesn't look good, the U.S. doesn't look good.

"[Trump] has to be the freshest, the flyest, the flyest planes, the best factories and we have to make our core be in power," West said.

As I kept watching, I didn't even know what I was watching. West spoke about how African Americans get shamed for liking Trump and how blacks have this view that they should be Democrats because Trump is racist. West doesn't believe in this view, saying, "You think racism can stop me?"

He got up out of his seat, looking somewhat hunched over and looked to his side where more people stood, while Trump just sat comfortably in his chair. The way West spoke and carried himself just felt unreal, like a grown person who can't sit still.

His visit to the White House actually stunned me. His presence was overly exhausting to keep up with, but I have to admit, it kept me at the edge of my seat wondering why this sort of thing was taking place.

Should The SEC Have Forced Elon Musk Out Of Tesla?



Elon Musk has been forced out of this chief executive position at Tesla Inc.

GETTY IMAGES

BY SAM SHEPARD
STAFF WRITER

The United States Securities Exchange Commission settled a three-month-long suit against Tesla Inc. and Elon Musk last week following Musk's attempt to take the company private.

According to a joint letter to the U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, the settlement has six terms. The first two terms deal with enjoining Musk and Tesla with violating the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The

third term orders Musk to pay \$20 million in civil penalties out of his own pocket. The fourth orders Tesla to pay \$20 million in civil penalties. Term five orders Musk to resign as chairman of Tesla's board of directors for three years.

It also orders that Tesla put into place procedures to provide oversight on Musk's Tesla-related public statements. Term six states that Tesla must appoint a new chairman and new broad committee members to handle disclosures and other forms of transparency.

How did all this begin? On Aug. 7, Musk tweeted: "Am considering taking Tesla private at \$420. Funding secured."

The latter part of the tweet is where Musk's and Tesla's problems began.

The Securities Act of 1933 requires that "investors receive financial and other significant information concerning securities being offered for public sale." Tesla and Musk failed to provide investors this information in the days after the announcement.

Musk's claim that his funding was secure was also problematic. In an article published by Wired, it is revealed that Musk didn't have the funding necessary to make Tesla private. Musk's tweet caused a stock fluctuation for Tesla. At the time of his tweet, stock prices soared, but then returned to their original price.

The settlement is a blow to Tesla and Musk. Should the SEC have pursued this and forced Musk out of his company's board? Why target Musk?

Musk is a prolific figure not just in the automotive world with Tesla being a pioneer in electric cars, but in the tech world at large. He famously used his company SpaceX to launch his Tesla Roadster into space.

SpaceX also pioneers rocket technology, making great strides in reusable rockets. Musk recently sent water filtration systems and nearly \$500,000 to Flint, Michigan, which has been without clean drinking water. All of this publicity and his cavalier attitude makes him a prime target for an enforcement agency to take him down a peg.

Yes, what Musk and Tesla did was against the rules. Yes, their investors should have been notified of the company going private before Musk's tweet. But stock fluctuations because of cavalier CEOs happen all the time. The SEC cannot possibly get to them all. Therefore, Musk should not have been forced from his position just because an enforcement wanted to flex their muscles.

Needless, exercises of force are what give regulatory agencies a bad reputation, something the SEC can and will afford.

Politics And Creating Excuses For Rape Culture

BY SHELBY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

When a sexual assault victim comes forward, they must be heard in a space that provides validity to their experience and justice in their trauma.

Sexual assault and harassment is an unwanted and aggressive attack on an individual. For the report of a sexual assault attack to be dismissed is another form of attack not only on the individual, but against all victims.

As a result of the 50/48 decision made by senators across the country, Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as the next Supreme Court Justice. As a consequence of this decision, policies previously set in place that have provided women with the civil right to make decisions regarding their property, like with their bodies, are in jeopardy of being reversed.

In both a political and societal narrative, the decision sends a message to the citizens of the United States: sexual assault is okay. Reason being, the decision regarding Brett Kavanaugh's position, as well as the decorum exercised during his hearing, normalizes unjust behavior.

In Kavanaugh's case, the disregard towards Christine Blasey Ford's experience left him with little to no scrutiny and an opportunity to judge the case for potential victims of sexual assault. Our legal system abides by a justice system that stands for 'innocent until proven guilty.' In the same light, the system intended to provide a fair trial justifies the actions of rapists and sexual assault predators.

To receive protection from the



Allegations of sexual assault stirred controversy on Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation.

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same system that is expected to exact justice on those who have violated the living experience of another human being is unethical in its practice. In the discussion of sexual assault and violence, Kavanaugh's decision sends the message to sexual assault survivors that consequences for one's actions are not promised.

During his hearing, his language and lack of self-control showcased his inability to not only compose himself but entertains the idea of him being guilty of his allegations. Kavanaugh's blatant disregard towards the questions asked of him and his response to a series of interrogations has left the country in

a frenzy.

When asked about his drinking habits, Kavanaugh's lack of respect and rational were showcased within his response to Senator Amy Klobuchar in demanding information of her drinking habits. The outburst was an act of disrespect toward legal processes and the seriousness behind his allegations. In refusing to answer the question, it speaks volume.

The entirety of the interrogation was met with the same childlike demeanor. If a similar situation had arose in Kavanaugh's case as Supreme Court Justice, he would have dismissed the individual entirely for their inability to maintain proper

decorum and failure to have answered the question. Being a Supreme Court Justice requires a deep political understanding of the justice system as well as a high level of literacy in social justice.

With Kavanaugh, the inability to compose oneself during a testimony of the same justice system shows illiteracy not only in its legal processes but a lack of understanding of its purpose. The institutions upheld in the legal system seem to not apply to Kavanaugh's case. Instead, deflecting questions and using lewd language is best suited for the country's current Supreme Court Justice.

Orange You Glad It's Fall... Fashion?

BY SHAINA LAPUEBLA
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The leaves are changing and the time has come for you to box up those bathing suits, summer dresses and shorts, but what exactly should be brought out for the autumn season?

As always, the staple fall colors are entering every fashionista's wardrobe: orange, yellow and green. Fashion and Design Club Treasurer, Xhesika Sejdiraj commented that on top of these three shades, brown and hints of red are hitting the shopping bags and overflowing the closets.

Following this year's fashion trend requires a little more effort than a crazy collaboration of these colors because the clothes are reverting to a more retro style meshed with what's up-and-coming.

"Fashion is really split in two in my eyes. Like there's the 70's style coming back and then there's streetwear, which is taking the 90's meets future type of style," Sejdiraj said.

Incorporating these decades means that the days of leaves changing and falling off the branches met with muted tones is a thing of the past because hello color. New York Fashion Week this September featured everything but subtle clothes for this fall season.

New York Fashion Week was held on Sept. 6 to 14 this year.

The recent street style embodies the nostalgic trends of the iconic Cher Horowitz from "Clueless" and Neo, Trinity and Morpheus from "The Matrix" — Your eyes are not deceiving you, the 1999's science



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fiction classic film is the current fall inspo. With this chilly seasonal change, throw on a long leather coat and rock the daily wear of Keanu Reeves from "The Matrix." Spice up any outfit with a subtle addition of shine, similar to the Mylar-like leather at Calvin Klein or the iridescent fabrics at Sies Marjan.

In addition to the big autumnal three colors, fuchsia is also hitting the racks. Wearing pink became an iconic color when millennial pink took storm, but this darker, purple-ish version is the new pink. Dark colored fur — faux or real — is being replaced by colorfully dyed fur with their streetwear styles.

Approximately 43-year-old tracksuits became a non-athletic staple and is coming back around after its brief stint in the late 90's when Spice Girls Sporty Spice rocked this on stage. During New York Fashion Week, designers like Michael Kors, Alexander Wang, Jeremy Scott, Pyer Moss and Juicy Couture incorporated this high-class sweatpants combo with sparkles, classic fall colors and the new fuchsia bomb.

Patterns are also taking this season by storm: plaid, animal print, contrasting florals and statement tights. Layers are always a given when the temperature begins to drop, but instead of packing on articles of clothing, try staying toasty with sexy prairie and Victorian long dresses or sophisticated, slightly not safe for work suits.

Fall fashion this year is blending so much diversity, which goes hand in hand with Fashion and Design Club's fashion show set to hit the runway on Nov. 9.

"The theme is vibes, it represents different types of fashion, music and people... It's very diverse in all topics and areas," Sejdiraj stated.

We have fallen for you fall and all your eccentric trends coming in with the wind.



Michael Myers Returns For 40th Anniversary Of 'Halloween'



Actress Jamie Lee Curtis returns to the role of Laurie Strode in the newest reboot of the classic horror film "Halloween" in theaters Fri, Oct. 19.

VARIETY

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Acclaimed as one of the most iconic and classic horror villains, Michael Myers returns to theaters for the newest rendition of "Halloween."

Fans of the original "Halloween" franchise are eagerly anticipating to see Jamie Lee Curtis' return to her roots as the role of Laurie Strode, one

of cinema's most unforgettable babysitters. Appearing on the big screen starting Friday, Oct. 19, audiences across the nation can expect to see a frightful reunion between the two.

"I have prayed every night that he would escape," Laurie Strode says in the newest trailer for the 40th-anniversary reboot. "So I can kill him." Now, Strode's prayers have finally been answered.

The masked murder from director John Carpenter's 1978 film flees captivity after a bus crash. Returning to his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois, actor Nick Castle performs the role of Myers, wreaking havoc across the town, again.

As for Strode, she is no longer a babysitter, but rather a gun-carrying grandmother who is set out and determined to protect her and her family. Preparing for

her rematch against the knife-wielding masked psycho murder, she is more than ready this time around.

With the help of Storde's daughter Karen, played by Judy Greer, and granddaughter Allyson, played by Andi Matichak, Curtis believes that this terror tale is very much a movie for our time.

"Well, I do not believe that when David [director] and Danny and Jeff [co-writers] were writing this, that they were looking at it as a way of incorporating the #MeToo movement into this retelling or revisiting of this story," the actress told EW.

"Clearly this movie will be another voice in that same chorus of women taking back their stories, saying, 'We are not that story, we have arrived, and we will be the ones that write our own stories,' and that only comes from the bravery of a few," Curtis added. "This movie will be a part of that wave. I didn't realize it until we were making it, and I realized what Laurie was doing, and that's very powerful."

Although Carpenter is not directing this version of "Halloween," he did come on board as an executive producer for this story. Jason Blum, who is

producing this \$10 million film through his label Blumhouse, said that is was pretty much essential that Carpenter give his blessing that Curtis returns to her character.

"You can't make 'Halloween' without John Carpenter and Jamie Lee Curtis," Blum said, according to Variety. "If you did, you'd be starting out with two and a half strikes against you."

This happened to be Curtis' third time revisiting her character of Storde, previously returning to the part in 1998's "Halloween H20: 20 Years Later," an experience she stated she found disappointing.

"H20 started out with best intentions, but it ended up being a money gig," Curtis said. "The film had some good things in it. It talked about alcoholism and trauma, but I ended up really doing it for the paycheck."

However, that is not true this time around. Blumhouse applies a low-budget model to the films he produces, according to Variety. It was an approach that Curtis seemed to embrace with open arms; a project that is going to be unforgettable.

"Despite writing books for children, all of my advocacy, all of my politics, all of my own personal journey, my legacy will always be 'Halloween,'" Curtis concluded.

'Bone House' Grapples More Than Bone Deep

BY SHAINA LAPUEBLA
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"Bone House" not only is a collection of poems but a collection of consciousness. It is a collection of coarse sensibility, somber stories and the fleeting moments of ecstasy in between.

"If you have a girlfriend you aren't appreciating, a mom you're not calling, a dog you're not petting, I want you to know time is finite, and when those things go away you won't get a second chance," author Scott Laudati said.

Laudati published his second collection of poems, "Bone House," from Bone Machine earlier this year, touching on topics regarding "celebrity, love, dogs, New York City, youth, drugs and faith," according to its Amazon listing.

Laudati penetrates the readers so they feel his pain and angst, but at the same time, he makes his fans hopeful. Unlike the rosy, Kerouac-esque "Hawaiian Shirts in the Electric Chair," this collection is a reconnaissance through murkier, more private panoramas.

"I'm not sure what the purpose is, but if something makes me feel emotional, I tend to trust that others will find meaning in it as well," Laudati said. "Poetry is my way of coping with almost always making the wrong decision and then having to live with that," he continued.

Laudati published his first short story at the age of 24, which was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Since then, he has been recommended twice for the award but has yet to win. Laudati has published 100 poems and several essays, and is currently working on another project.

"I'm working on the third [book] right now, in my apartment in Bushwick,

with my new adopted mutt named Drake sitting on my lap," Laudati stated.

Laudati has a distinct fashion for tailoring the reader's journey in each piece, which transports poetic devotees into his own personal mental space. "Bone House" is the perfect luggage carrying instant classic after instant classic.

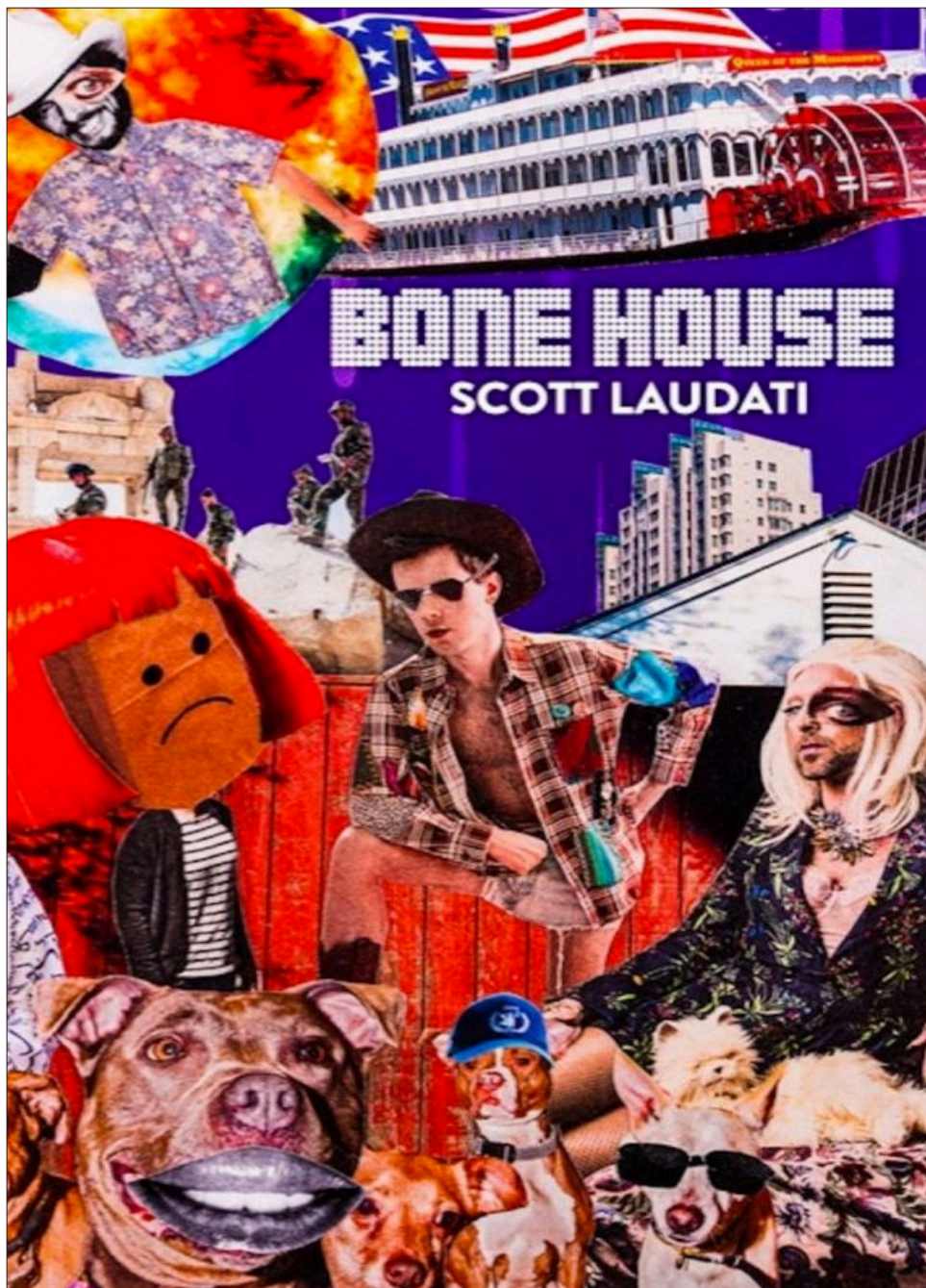
"If I think about anything long enough, it makes me sad and I need to be having an extreme emotion to write something that is good," he said. "Most of these poems were written in winter so they aren't very optimistic."

According to Laudati, his favorite poem in this collection is "The Wholly Mammoth" because it describes the legend of the first girl that took him by storm. He described himself as "shy and obedient" so he swallowed her rebellious side like his lungs need oxygen. This perceived phenomenal woman "didn't follow any rules, fought with every teacher, ran away from home," according to Laudati. Immersed in her way of life, Laudati feeds off her energy before drugs took over this girl, who was his temporary legend.

This poem illustrates the captivating curiosity that is first love, but also the tragedy that typically follows suit with such an overload of emotions.

Laudati also went above and beyond to illustrate his body of work by filming a video inspired by his poem "Buffalo Bones," which weighs in on the pros and cons of aging in today's society.

Despite the vibe of this book being downhearted, each poem brings the beat back to the readers' heart and gives them promise for the seemingly bleak future. The biggest life lesson I learned from each page is no matter the turmoils drowning me on a daily basis, I have the capability to keep swimming to safety.



The cover of Laudati's second collection of poems, "Bone House."

SCOTT LAUDATI

Netflix It: 'Gossip Girl'

BY SHWAR ZAIDI
STAFF WRITER

We all have heard it, but how many have truly taken the plunge and entered the melodramatic world of "Gossip Girl?"

Gossip Girl is an American teen drama television series based on the Gossip Girl book series written by Cecily Von Ziegesar. The TV series was created by Josh Schwartz and Stephanie Savage, which originally ran on The CW for six seasons from Sept. 25, 2007, to Dec. 17, 2012.

Many who have watched the show agree that it is worth giving a chance.

"The show is really great. The couples are super cute, and I love the drama," Halleberry Henry said.

The show is about a snoopy blogger who spoils the secrets of the characters in the show full of drama.

"Gossip Girl" follows the lives of privileged teenagers on the Upper East Side in New York City. Serena Van Der Woodsen (portrayed by Blake Lively) is the main character, who is featured on the blog curated by the mysterious narrator "Gossip Girl."

The variety of teen



All six seasons of the CW's "Gossip Girl" is available to stream on both Netflix and Hulu.

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personalities sets this series apart from some of the other teen dramas.

"I really like the diverse types of people in the friend group and how they interact with each other. The show is pretty unique and definitely give it a try but it's a girl show," student Soren Rigby said.

Van Der Woodsen is the most popular girl at school, getting everything she wants because

of her good looks, energy and charm. Her best friend Blair Waldorf (portrayed by Leighton Meester) is an overachiever who is both snobbish and occasionally sensitive.

Waldorf has the tendency to seem insecure, especially since she dwells in the shadow of her best friend. However, once the audience gets to know her, Waldorf does show her caring,

soft side and is a good girl by heart.

Dan Humphrey (portrayed by Penn Badgley) is one of the central male characters in "Gossip Girl," who is described as attractive, sensitive and a lover of poetry. He is often called the lonely boy because he rarely has friends and nobody seems to truly know who he is.

Nate Archibald (portrayed

by Chace Crawford) seems to have the perfect "Golden Boy" life among his well-off classmates. He is best friends with Chuck Bass (portrayed by Ed Westwick), yet another snobbish rich boy, and has been dating Blair since kindergarten. Throughout the series, it becomes evident that Archibald has feelings for Serena, which irrevocably complicates his relationship with Blair.

In juxtaposition, Archibald does not actually have the "easy life" because his parents are constantly pressuring him to lead a certain path. He does not want to pursue the same aspirations that his parents have created for him, so he fights for his own dreams.

Each episode throughout the series sucks you into a world so far from reality yet so relevant to everyone's typical teenage angst.

"It was a great show, worth watching," student Rachelle Sainval said.

The success of "Gossip Girl" led to adaptations outside the United States. The show has received numerous award nominations and won 18 Teen Choice Awards.

"XOXO, Gossip Girl."

Now Spinning: Wesleyan University's Record Fair



Music lovers have an expansive library of CD's from a variety of artists in an array genres.

STORY & PHOTOS
BY CAROLYN MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

For most people, Sunday is a day to sleep in and relax. However, that is not what Sunday means for these record collectors.

For them, it is a day to dig and browse through multiple bins to see what they can find and add to their ever-growing collections. This record fair is held at Wesleyan University in Middletown in Fayerweather-Beckham Hall each fall and spring. It is presented by Wesleyan's radio station WESU 88.1 FM.

This year some of the vendors were Redscroll Records (Wallingford), Records The Good The Bad Kind (Vernon), Bad Kitty music (Macomb, IL) and Spin That Records (Springfield, MA). These record stores predominantly feature alternative and rock artists, but do carry a few releases to cater to the country, pop and rap music listeners.

Some tables featured records from the seller's personal collection. And there was nothing close to a shortage of Beatles records, so if you like them, you will definitely find something here — or a few things.

One of the best parts for the people here is how each vendor is eager to talk about music, what they are selling and just music in general. It really brings the record collecting community together.

Besides that, collectors learn from each other. They learn about artists, concerts, even about other record fairs. The day is about a lot more than just making a few purchases.

However, records are not the only

thing being sold. Most booths sell CDs too and there was one booth just selling posters of musicians and pop culture like David Bowie, Frank Sinatra, The Joker and "Suicide Squad."

Another booth featured band shirts and concert shirts from various bands and festivals — Fall Out Boy, Avenge Sevenfold, Warped Tour, Global Citizen festival — along with books on bands and musicians like Green Day and Kurt Cobain.

There was really something for everyone.

Now it should be said that this record fair caters to oldies as a genre — but do not let that scare you into not going. There are a select few bins each table has that feature newer releases and soundtracks — if you are into to that sort of thing.

And do not forget to stop by the WESU table and pick up some of its swag; they sell canvas bags, which are extremely useful.

WESU also accepts record donations; any donations the station receives and what is sold at the record fair helps keep WESU 88.1 FM going.

If you are a record collector, know someone who is and missed out on this, or just want to experience the Wesleyan record fair fear not, you will get your chance to go in spring 2019 when the next fair happens or like them on Facebook so you know when the next fair is.

But if the fair does not fit into your schedule, check out these record stores and local stores in each state on [Recordstoreday.com](#).

Happy collecting!



Not only were CD's for sale at the fair, but vintage records could be invested in.



All ages of music lovers came to the Wesleyan University record fair to expand their collections.



WESU radio station accepted donations to continue the legacy of the record fair.

Central Faces

THE UNCOUNTED WOMEN

"She was your mother, your daughter, your sister, your cousin, or your aunt. She was your neighbor, your neighbor, your friend your co-worker, or your boss. She lived among us. She worked with us. Her children go to school with your children. She was abused and killed by someone who was supposed to love her. Her murder was unsolved, or her death was ruled accidental. We miss her. Today she stands here to remind us that her life and her death must not be in vain." - Ruthe Boyea Women's Center

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Therapy Dog Paws Way Into Students' Hearts



Therapy dog Annie came to Central last week to help students de-stress around exam time.

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BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

So many students clumped together in Central Connecticut's Student Center Circle that it was hard to see the pitbull they were petting. But when Annie emerged from the cluster, tongue lolled out and tail wagging, it became apparent why everyone couldn't keep their hands off of her.

"This is fulfilling every need I have to pet every dog on the street," Aliza Del Vaglio, a freshman majoring in psychology, said. Her friend Asia Lumpkin, also a freshman and a nursing major, laughed in agreement.

Annie, a therapy dog who came to Central last Wednesday as part of Mental Health Week,

drew such a big crowd that the event needed to be moved outside from the Student Center Lobby. Student Government Association Senator Kristina Rodrigues, who helped coordinate Annie's arrival, said that the students were even beginning to be riled up the longer they waited.

"People were verbally talking about how they were disgruntled that Annie wasn't there exactly at 1 p.m. They were not exactly happy," Rodrigues recalled.

However, it was obvious that Annie didn't mind the overwhelming attention, inviting strokes to her glossy coat and giving kisses to whoever could withstand her wet tongue to their face.

"She's very social. She loves

people," owner Melissa Tardif stated. As she spoke, she let Annie lead her around the Circle, giving the pitbull free range to sniff at the students who stopped to touch and take photos of her.

"I had seen the ad [for therapy dogs] before and thought it was pretty interesting, but never thought I had a dog that would fit the bill until I got Annie," Tardif said.

Annie had been found in a dumpster in Waterbury over seven years ago. Her age at the time was unknown, and Tardif estimates that Annie's now 10 or 11—she's started graying this year. It was clear that she'd been nursing puppies, but the litter was never found.

Animal control officers took

Annie to Our Companions Animal Rescue in Manchester, where she lived with the foster family that named her after the fictional orphan Annie. Tardif's mother then found the pitbull while scrolling through Petfinder and Tardif went to meet her; she took Annie home that same day, completely smitten.

"She sleeps upside-down on her back and snores, but she dreams," Tardif said as an example of what makes Annie so special. "One night, she was upside-down and making noises and her legs were going and her tail was wagging the whole time. I was videoing her for ten minutes and was like, 'She's having an awesome dream.'"

Annie was never meant to become a therapy dog. Tardif had just lost one of her huskies and thought Annie would be a perfect comfort to her other husky, Kiana. But seeing how well Annie got along with Kiana, Tardif's other pitbull Princess and humans, it seemed natural to get her certified. Tardif doesn't regret it.

"The biggest thing that has changed my life is this volunteering. I'd never volunteered before. It's the best thing I've ever done. Volunteering is amazing. It makes me feel good to know that she makes people feel happy," Tardif said.

Besides coming to Central for about three years, Annie visits sick children at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and frequents New

Britain's public schools. Tardif takes the opportunity to teach the kids that pitbulls aren't bad dogs.

"She may look intimidating, but she's very gentle. She's very sweet and patient," Tardif explained. "I fell into, 'She's a pit.' I was hesitant with a lot of stuff because [of that], but I shouldn't have [been] because she's amazing."

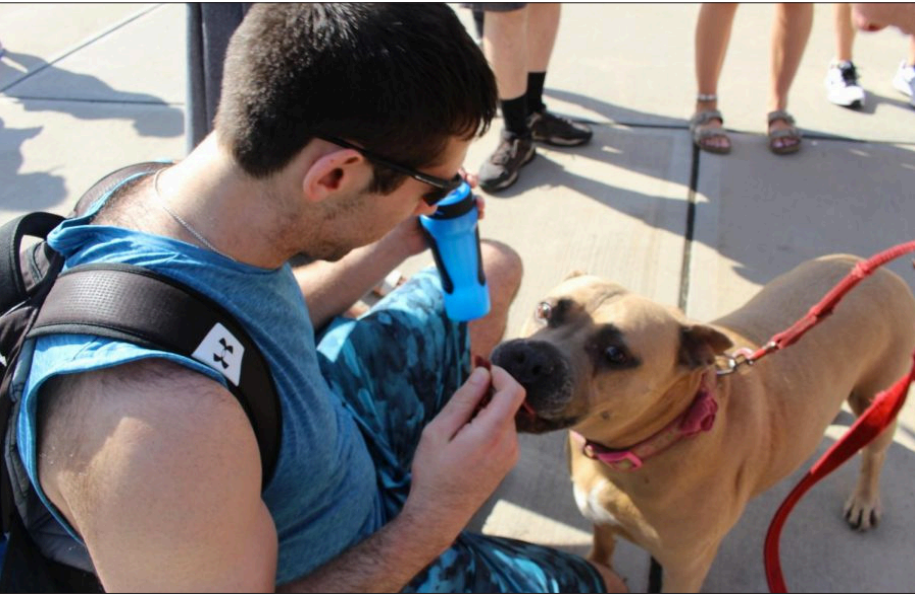
It seemed that CCSU's students thought Annie was amazing, too. "She's so cute!" one exclaimed. "She's so good!" another commented. "Can I hug her?" several asked. Through it all, Annie welcomed pets, scratches and embraces, especially when offered a bacon treat, her favorite.

"She's very food-driven. Takes me about ten minutes in the backyard to work on a trick with her," Tardif said. Annie 'sat' and 'stayed' while Tardif spoke, staring slightly cross-eyed at the bacon treat that hovered over her. "See the size of her? She's not afraid of food."

As a therapy dog, Annie is meant to de-stress, and de-stress CCSU students she did. Del Vaglio and Lumpkin both admitted that they were anxious as first-years encountering exams and stated that meeting Annie had eased some of the tension.

"Yes, definitely," Lumpkin replied enthusiastically when asked if she hoped Annie would return again in the future.

"Especially before midterms, [it helps]," Del Vaglio added. "Therapy dogs are good. That's my 'medical' diagnosis."



Want some kisses? Offer therapy dog Annie a bacon treat.

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"She may look intimidating, but she's very gentle," owner Melissa Tardif said on her therapy dog Annie.

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Blue Devils Homecoming Weekend 2018

BY NATALIE DEST
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Put on a pair of your blue devil horns because it's Homecoming. That's right, Saturday, Oct. 20 is Central Connecticut's annual Homecoming and Family Weekend.

There is something for everyone, whether that be from family-friendly campus activities to the Bloody Mary / Mimosa brunch on Kaiser Lot, there is room for tons of fun before cheering on our own Blue Devils as they take on their NEC rival Sacred Heart later in the day.

Whether you're attending with your roommates, friends or family, below is a compiled list of all the Homecoming activities you can participate in.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Breakers Game Room (Student Center, Breakers Game Room)
Open play, pool tables, ping pong tables and more

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Trick Your Tailgate (Kaiser Lot)
CCSU clubs and organizations; All are welcome to hang out!

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Campus Funfest (Sam May Lawn) Check-In
Inflatables, games, music and much more

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cupcake Wars (Student Center, Devils Den)
Cupcake decorating challenge, sponsored by Residence Life

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Homecoming Football Game (Arute Field)
Go Blue Devils!

'My Hero Academia: Two Heroes' Film Review

BY SAMUEL PAPPAS
STAFF WRITER

When I went to see this film, it was hands down my best movie experience yet. The movie theater was packed, with the tickets completely sold out. You could tell everyone there was a fan of the series in some way or another — wearing merchandise or cosplaying as their favorite characters. The whole place was buzzing with friends and strangers. Everyone gathered there was socializing and hyping themselves up for the opening credits.

“My Hero Academia: Two Heroes” had a short theatrical debut in the United States from Sept. 27 to Oct. 2 with both the original Japanese and English dub versions available.

The film is an anime stand-alone experience based on the original manga and anime, with character designs and supervision by the writer, Kohei Horikoshi.

For those of you not familiar with “My Hero Academia,” it is the Japanese take on American superheroes like the “Avengers;” the writer and artist for the series being a massive fan of western superheroes himself.

Since its animated television debut in Jinan on 2016, the series picked up a larger following around the world and in America, going full circle to the country it took inspiration from.

The story takes place in a world where 80 percent of the population has some kind of special ability called a “quirk.” It can be anything from super speed, controlling fire, becoming giant or something more obscure like doing everything a frog can, having an earphone jack physically connected to your ears, or shooting lasers out of your belly button, because... why not?

The film itself follows the young Hero-in-Training, Izuku “Deku” Midoriya, his mentor and number one hero, All Might, along with Deku’s friends and classmates. Deku and All Might are at the futuristic moving ocean city “I-island,” which houses scientists and heroes working to develop technology, along with restaurants, amusement rides and other public attractions. During the course of the film, the cast becomes tangled in a terrorist attack and



The Japanese anime creation "My Hero Academia" is taking both Japan and the U.S. by storm. FUNIMATION FILMS

hostage situation, where villains attempt to take over the island and steal a powerful piece of technology.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, I would recommend checking out the anime first. While the film is a fun action romp with plenty of awesome battle animation and excellent music; It's ultimately a hollow experience with little to add to the established franchise. The original story is a fun and thought-provoking tale with plenty to say about the nature of heroics and what people perceive as heroism, with some of the most masterfully crafted characters, both aesthetically and ideologically.

Watching the battles build up to an epic crescendo, leading into the most explosive and climactic final attack was all very fun. Being surrounded by fans in the theater all on the edge of their seats as All Might reeled

back, preparing himself to deliver his signature "Detroit Smash," each viewer practically cheering him on, was an incredibly immersive sight.

If you're a fan of the series and you missed your chance to see the film, don't worry about it. The only thing you missed out on was a fun way to spend 97 minutes, but you can redeem yourself.

If a Japanese imagining of classic American superheroes sounds interesting to you, I urge you to check out the anime, which is available on streaming services like Crunchyroll in Japanese and Funimation in English. I can attest that both versions feature phenomenal voice acting. Even if you aren't familiar with Anime in general, “My Hero Academia” is pretty easy to watch and feels familiar given how much it takes inspiration from the U.S.

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'Team Connecticut'

BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

This offseason, Central Connecticut men’s soccer head coach Shaun Green saw a new vision for his squad, to become “Team Connecticut.”

Despite consistently bringing in players from within the state in recent years, he came to the realization that those were the players he wanted to invest in.

“Last year was a big jump. We had been bringing some Connecticut players in, but I just felt that this is a state university and we want to attract the best players in the state that we can,” Green said. “Our first choice cannot be to go overseas. Our first choice needs to be ‘let’s look in-state and find the best players we possibly can.’”

With 24 players on the roster, 17 of them are from Connecticut, including six of the seven freshmen that arrived this season.

“We can provide them an opportunity, from day one, to play Division I soccer. And not just to sit on the bench, but to actually play Division I soccer,” Green said on what the school has to offer these local players.

Only four Blue Devils have found the net so far this season, but three of them have been Connecticut freshmen.

Aidan O’Brien of West Hartford made his presence known early, scoring an equalizer in the team’s first game of the season against Seton Hall of the Big East Conference, though the Blue Devils went on to lose the contest.

O’Brien had opportunities elsewhere to play D-I, such as Hartford and St. John’s, but it was his familiarity with the coaches that brought him to CCSU. He played at the Connecticut Football Club for assistant coach David Kelly, where he also became familiar with Green.

“I just knew them really well. I knew how they were. I knew how they coached,” O’Brien said.

Another thing Green wanted to do was pack the stands with Connecticut



Aidan O'Brien is one of the CT freshman that is expected to contribute for years to come.

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families.

O'Brien stressed how important it was for him to have his family in attendance at home games.

“It’s everything. It’s so much different than if I was playing across the country. It makes you feel better. It makes you play better having their support,” O’Brien said.

For the team’s contest against Fairleigh Dickinson, “probably 100 people” were in attendance to support freshman Noah Silverman of Berlin, including a local youth team.

Silverman has contributed two goals and one assist on the season for the Blue Devils. Though only finding the goal twice, Silverman has been a focal point of

the offense, firing off 19 shots, the third most on the team.

Jonathan Maldonado of Wolcott scored his first collegiate goal in that game against FDU with his parents in attendance, per Green.

Larson Richards from Mansfield Center, has started all 11 contests and nearly scored his first career goal against Mount St. Mary’s. Midfielder and Middletown native Jeffrey Turro has seen action in all but one contest.

Despite the promise of these young players, the success has yet to come for “Team Connecticut,” who have still not won a contest on the season, with a tie against Hartford acting as their best

result. But Green understands that this transition may be a lengthy, difficult one.

“The difference is that young players are going to take a year or two to develop. They don’t have the skills that international kids who have been at a pro club have,” Green said.

“Bear in mind, they’re only six weeks out of high school, they’re going to need time, but they’re going to be really good. Anything worth building takes time. It’s not done overnight. And we understand the consequences. We understand it’s going to be hard.”

“But it’s going to be a proud day, not too far away, where ‘Team Connecticut’ is going to win the NEC,” Green stated.

Volleyball Drops Crucial Match To Bryant

BY GRIFFIN GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

It was a crucial Northeast Conference volleyball match when Central Connecticut hosted Bryant on Friday, as the two teams were top three in the standings. But it was Bryant who prevailed, beating the Blue Devils in straight sets.

With the loss, the Blue Devils are now in a tie with the Bulldogs in second place in the conference standings. Despite the loss, the Blue Devils had 10 more blocks than Bryant, winning the battle around the net 15-5.

Head coach Linda Sagnelli addressed this statistic after the game.

“Their defense picked up an incredible amount of balls, some of them were really hard hits, and our defense did not match theirs tonight,” Sagnelli said.

Juniors Madelyn Kaprelyan and Erin McDermott each recorded double-digit assists and sophomore Emma Henderson had a seven-kill outing.

Other notable performances for the Blue Devils include junior Gala Galabova, who posted a match-leading eight blocks and senior Kaitlyn Kushman with 12 digs.

The first set began with Central looking to have control of the match,

coming out to a lead of 4-1 and expanding that lead to as much as 14-9.

The Bulldogs responded to CCSU’s intensity and went on an 8-2 run to take a 17-16 lead. The game stayed close after the run, at 21-21 after a Kaprelyan kill. Bryant would proceed to go on a 4-0 run and end the match 25-21.

“It was frustrating. You could see that we had a breakdown in execution and that hurt us in that first set,” Sagnelli said of her team’s struggles in the first set.

The second set of the night was started off strong by Bryant, as the Bulldogs came out to a 6-1 lead.

Bryant’s start set the tone for the entire set, as Central would not be able to get as close as 6-3 for the entire match. The set ended with a score of 25-14 in favor of Bryant.

“You can’t be worrying about points that have already been scored while trying



Central is now tied with the Bulldogs for second place in the NEC.

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to win the point being played,” Sagnelli said of her team’s second set performance.

The Bulldog’s dominance followed into the third set, going on a 5-0 run to start and forcing Sagnelli to call an early timeout.

After the timeout, Central looked much more composed, closing Bryant’s lead to 16-14. Despite the Blue Devil’s

momentum swing, Bryant was able to keep their lead and eventually close out the match-clinching set at 25-21.

After this match, the Blue Devils’ conference record fell to 8-10 overall and 5-2 in the NEC.

Central will be looking to bounce back in their next match at Robert Morris, who has a 2-5 NEC record.

Men's Soccer Falls To The Mount



The Blue Devils will look for their first win at Saint Francis (PA) on Friday.

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BY DANIEL FLORES
STAFF WRITER

Central Connecticut’s men’s soccer team played a tight game against Mount St. Mary’s, suffering a tough 2-1 loss and making their overall record 0-10-1 with a Northeast conference record of 0-4.

The Blue Devils started off taking heavy pressure from the opposing attack and conceded the opening goal in the 22nd minute of the first half. Mount St. Mary’s Jonathan Godette took a shot inside the 18-yard box and teammate Boris Nana Tonzi deflected it enough to get it away from Central’s graduate goalkeeper Carson D’Ambrosio.

Early into the second half, Central grabbed an equalizer when senior Louis Beddouri got onto the end of a freekick from freshman Noah Silverman and placed

the ball into the right side of the net.

Beddouri leads the team in goals with four, proving his influence in the attack. The Bordeaux, France native drew praise from head coach Shaun Green.

“He’s got experience, he’s our leader up front, and he’s a very good player. Louis is the type of guy who has shown a lot of leadership for these young kids and he’s going to leave a good legacy, he really is,” Green said.

After the Beddouri goal, the Blue Devils had a burst of energy and were pushing hard for a match winner. Unfortunately for them, MSM was able to get the goal first with Andrew Lasso rebounding a shot and putting it above D’Ambrosio. Despite the goals, D’Ambrosio made five saves to keep the Blue Devils in the match, giving him a total of 43 in the season.

Central kept their pressure heavy on the attack, refusing to go down but would hear

the whistle blow before they could find the back of the net.

“I thought we could’ve come back, I thought we had another goal in us. The evidence was pointing to us and we were playing some very good soccer in the second half and when they scored I felt we could’ve penetrated,” Green said of his team's desire to press forward.

They ended the match with a plentiful 16 shots compared to Mount St. Mary’s eight shots, showing they had the chances to win but were unable to finish them off.

Two players who contributed the most this match were freshmen Noah Silverman and Larson Richards. The majority of plays went through them and they distributed well to create attacking options and space for the team.

Green has high confidence in the two, and all his freshmen, despite not yet obtaining the results they search for.

“It’s called belief without evidence, you can’t see it right now, but we believe in them 100 percent. Just look at the players tonight, they were super,” Green said.

Despite the tough loss, Green believes their first win is near.

“We’re knocking on the door because we can’t get any closer than we are getting right now,” Green stated. “I’m always proud of their efforts, their efforts have been outstanding. When people see our record, it doesn’t reconcile with our performance.”

The Blue Devils look to get their first win of the season and compete for an NEC playoff spot when they travel to Saint Francis (PA), the conference leaders, on Friday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

Swimming And Diving Wins Five Events In Season Opener

BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Central Connecticut's swimming and diving team took to the pool for the first time this season when they took on Sacred Heart and LIU Post in a dual meet, falling to Sacred Heart but having a score to just edge out LIU Post. A Blue Devil placed first in five of the 16 events of the meet.

The star of the day was junior Valentina Gomez, who won three events, including the 1,000-yard freestyle, where she was the only Blue Devil competing.

Gomez also won the 200-meter butterfly, beating the second place finisher by over 12 seconds. She finished off the trifecta of victories by taking 100-yard butterfly, this time barely defeating the runner-up.

Gomez also took part in the 400-yard freestyle rally, teamed with senior Kaitlyn Troy, sophomore Katelyn Mann and freshman Jeannette King. The team finished second, trailing the Pioneers.

Freshman Alex Lindgren also had a strong showing in her first meet as a Blue Devil, winning the 200-yard breaststroke by seven seconds and finishing as the runner-up to her teammate, fellow freshman Mariana Espino, in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Espino added a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

Another newcomer who made an impact on the meet was King, who acted as the bridesmaid in three individual events, the 200-yard freestyle, 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke.

The emergence of these freshmen will help a Blue Devil squad that graduated four swimmers last season. Maeve Awiszus, Lauren Czulewicz, Maddy Garber and Luna Milne were all key contributors over the last four years, meaning these freshmen, as well as returning swimmers such as Gomez, will need to pick up where these graduates left off.

Troy competed in two events as an individual, finishing second in the 100-yard backstroke as well as a fifth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, edging out teammate Hallie Perrin by a mere two-tenths of a second.

Mann contributed a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke, an event her teammate, Lindgren, won.

The other major loss to graduation for the team was losing diver Annemarie Durham, who the lone diver on last year's team even won Northeast Conference Diver of the week and competed at the NCCA Diving Zones.

Freshman Megan Romaniello is the only diver listed on the roster, though she did not compete in Saturday's meet.

The Blue Devils will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 20 when they take on Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University.

NBA Season Preview

BY GRIFFIN GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

Eastern Conference:

Boston Celtics

The Celtics are coming off of a season in which they lost game seven of the Eastern Conference Finals to the Cavaliers former star player, LeBron James, in a series where they did not have all-star caliber players Gordon Hayward and Kyrie Irving. With all of the major pieces of last year’s team returning and Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum continuing to progress, the rest of the league, even the Warriors, should be scared of the Celtics.

Toronto Raptors

After an offseason that included losing a franchise great, DeMar DeRozan, the reigning one-seeded Raptors are in a much better place than they were a year ago. Acquiring a two-time former NBA Defensive Player of the Year Kawhi Leonard will make them a contender in the 2018-19 season, as long as Leonard is fully engaged.

Philadelphia 76ers

After a disappointing 4-1 series loss to the Celtics, the young and talented 76ers are poised to have a breakout season in 2018-19. Adding veteran forward Wilson Chandler and a new and improved Markelle Fultz to the bench will add a spark. With Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons finally playing full seasons and proving their talent, the 76ers will look to make some noise next April.

Western Conference:

Golden State Warriors

The defending champions of three of the last four NBA Finals lost two rotation players in the offseason and in an effort to compensate, added a fifth perennial all-star, Demarcus Cousins, to fill in the weakness at center. Adding quality bench pieces Jonas Jerebko and Jacob Evans also makes them even less vulnerable. Do not expect much of a drop-off from Golden State this season.

Houston Rockets

The Rockets certainly raised some eyebrows by letting Trevor Ariza, a player who was seemingly built to play in the Mike D’Antoni system, walk away in free agency and proceed to bring in an aging Carmelo Anthony. Despite the questionable move, the Rockets still added a young and athletic player in Marquese Chriss, who will thrive playing alongside reigning MVP James Harden and all-time great Chris Paul. Houston will look to finish what they started last May in the Western Conference Finals.

Oklahoma City Thunder

Last offseason, the Thunder went all out to improve by acquiring Paul George. While they made no moves on that scale this offseason, the signings of Dennis Schröder and Nerlens Noel were great depth additions and resigning ultra-versatile defender Jerami Grant was critical. Combining these moves with the loss of Carmelo Anthony makes the Thunder’s offseason look like a success.

Award Predictions:

Most Valuable Player

Lebron James, *Forward (F), Los Angeles Lakers*
Giannis Antetokounmpo, *F, Milwaukee Bucks*
Kyrie Irving, *Guard (G), Boston Celtics*
Dark Horse: **Joel Embiid**, *Center (C), Philadelphia 76ers*

Rookie of the Year

Luka Dončić, *G/F, Dallas Mavericks*
Deandre Ayton, *C, Phoenix Suns*
Kevin Knox, *F, New York Knicks*
Dark Horse: **Wendell Carter Jr.**, *F/C, Chicago Bulls*

Defensive Player of the Year

Embiid
Anthony Davis, *F/C, New Orleans Pelicans*
Rudy Gobert, *C, Utah Jazz*
Dark Horse: **Al Horford**, *F/C, Boston Celtics*

Most Improved Player

Jamal Murray, *G, Denver Nuggets*
Julius Randle, *F, New Orleans Pelicans*
D’Angelo Russell, *G, Brooklyn Nets*
Dark Horse: **Doug McDermott**, *F, Indiana Pacers*

Reliving The Mayhem Of The UFC 229 Main Event

BY ROBERT GULLO
STAFF WRITER

Khabib Nurmagomedov retained his lightweight title by defeating Conor McGregor in a wild fight both in and out of the cage.

Khabib improved to 27-0, remaining undefeated with his first title defense while McGregor falls to 21-4.

Leading up to the fight, the two big questions were if Khabib could handle McGregor's left hand, and if McGregor could avoid or make Khabib's wrestling ineffective. This was a matchup between the division's most dominant grappler and the most dominant kickboxer. Stylistically, Khabib had the advantage and used it very well in the fight.

Khabib wasted no time using his grappling and wrestling skills. Less than 30 seconds in, he went for a shoot and successfully took McGregor down in less than a minute. He would maintain his guard and be on top of McGregor for the rest of the round, controlling the pace. Though he did not have much ground and pound in the first round, he easily dominated, landing continuous strikes.

Less than 30 seconds into the second round, McGregor got dropped from a right hand by Khabib but recovered quickly as Nurmagomedov was looking for the finish.

Less than a minute later, Khabib landed his second successful takedown, picking McGregor up in the air and dropping him. Now, Khabib began to get busy on the ground. He started landing and throwing more shots, draining McGregor. Khabib eventually stood up while McGregor was flat on his back getting smashed.

The third round was more interesting. McGregor became more aggressive with his striking and opened the round targeting Khabib's body with crosses and kicks. This was the first time he was able to defend a takedown from Khabib, but not without cost. While defending, McGregor was also being grappled up against the cage with some hard shots.

The two traded shots collectively for a majority of the round, with McGregor looking to land the clear and significant strikes. The round ended with Khabib scoring another takedown.

McGregor again opened the fourth round with some kicks to the body and tried to keep his distance until Khabib was able to drive him into the fence, securing another takedown. With less than two minutes left in the round, Khabib advanced the ground game into a back mount where he submitted McGregor via neck crank to end the fight.

Following the victory, one of McGregor's teammates, Dillon Danis, shouted racial slurs to Khabib, causing him to jump out of the octagon, leading to a brawl ensuing both in and out of the cage.

Both are expected to be suspended, with punishments being announced on Oct. 24.

Despite the following aftermath, Khabib proved why he is the undefeated defending lightweight champion of the UFC.

Ruddy Represents Her Country In UEFA U19 Championships

BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
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Sunday's contest for Central Connecticut's women's soccer team marked the return of freshman midfielder Tiegan Ruddy, who missed three games while playing with the under-19 Irish National Team in the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Championship qualifying.

Ruddy played a crucial role in Ireland topping the stage, scoring two goals in three games as they defeated Lithuania, Ukraine and Faroe Islands.

But Ruddy said it was her time playing at CCSU that helped improve her game at home.

"With the Irish team, especially at the under-19 level, it's not as physical," she said. "When I went back, I was a lot stronger. I was winning a lot in the air. Here, I'm not one of the strongest on the team. I think the physicality and the pace of the game [are] much higher here."

CCSU head coach, Mick D'Arcy, who is from Ireland himself, spoke highly of Ruddy and her experience.

"Any time you get a chance to represent your country in anything is an honor," D'Arcy said. "For Tiegan, she's done this before. She takes great pride in representing Ireland. What a great experience for an 18-year-



Ruddy scored two goals in three games in Lithuania.

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old to go to Lithuania and play some of these countries."

Ruddy came to CCSU to improve her future both on and off the pitch.

"I wanted a change. I've been playing in Ireland for a few years now. I wanted to keep my football career going and I've been training every day," Ruddy said.

"And going to school and getting an education, My parents especially wanted me to get an education. If I had gone somewhere else in Europe, I wouldn't have gotten an education."

The connection to D'Arcy was what brought Ruddy to CCSU in the first place and said that having an Irish coach made the transition easier for her.

"Well, Mick is Irish, so he kind of knew of me. He knows a lot of Irish players. We got in

contact with Mick. It all kind of happened really fast," she said.

"It made the transition a lot easier," she continued. "It feels like he understands me and understands when I get homesick."

Ruddy said the most difficult aspect of the transition was missing her family and friends back in Ireland but says this experience "is going to benefit [her] in the future."

But Ruddy was not alone in her transition, as rookie Roma McLaughlin also made the transition from Ireland. Teammate Carla Jackson made a similar transition a few years ago when she came to Central from Scotland.

"Me and Roma are best friends," Ruddy said. "Moving across the water with your best friend is a big help. We spend a lot of time together."

"And Carla has been great. I live with Carla. She's been so helpful in the transition. We have good fun together," Ruddy said of Jackson.

The draw for the groups of the Elite Round of the UEFA U19 Championship will take place next month, though the teams will not be back in action until next Spring. Eight teams will advance to the finals, a feat Ruddy believes her country can achieve.

"We are a confident bunch and we believe in each other," she stated. "I think we can get all the way to the finals. It depends what group we got put in, but I'll take anyone."

In the meantime, Ruddy will continue to help the Blue Devils in their quest to win the Northeast Conference, as they are off to a 5-0 start with just two matches remaining.

Week Seven Fantasy Picks

BY THE RECORDER SPORTS STAFF

The Recorder sports staff gives their thoughts on the week seven NFL fantasy landscape.

Who is your sure thing for the week?

Trevi Alickolli- Staff Writer: Sony Michel (RB, New England Patriots)- Typically, New England goes with a running back by committee, but this year is different. Michel has emerged as a lead back who receives most of the carries and produces. He has 316 yards the past three weeks to go along with four touchdowns. Look for him to continue to make good on his opportunities this upcoming week.

Robert Gullo- Staff Writer: Adam Thielen (WR, Minnesota Vikings)- Thielen has been the most consistent wideout in the league this year, registering 100 yards in every game this season. With the chemistry building up with Kirk Cousins, he's surpassed Stefon Diggs as the Vikings number one. I expect 130 yards and a touchdown.

Shaina Lapuebla- Arts & Entertainment Editor: Todd Gurley (RB, Los Angeles Rams)- Gurley has been a matchup nightmare for all the teams this season, tied for first in touchdowns among running backs and shows no signs of stopping against a week 49ers defense. In PPR leagues, he is a monster.

Who is your sleeper for the week?

Alickolli: Corey Clement (RB, Philadelphia Eagles)- Clement entered the year as a deep sleeper and with Jay Ajayi now done for the year with a torn ACL, he can only stand to benefit. Despite sharing the workload with fellow back Wendell Smallwood and facing a tough defense this week, the versatile Clement is going to get his opportunities and capitalize on them with a high scoring week.

Gullo: David Johnson (RB, Arizona Cardinals)- It's crazy to even consider Johnson a sleeper. After being sidelined for most of last season, he has started off slow for the Cardinals. In six games, he's averaging less than 50 rushing yards per game and only has five

total touchdowns. Part of his regression has to do with the lack of the passing game after Carson Palmer retired. With a matchup against the Lions, who give up the second most rushing yards, Johnson could have over 100 all-purpose yards with a pair of touchdowns.

Lapuebla: Cole Beasley (WR, Dallas Cowboys)- Last week, Beasley put up a monster stat line of nine receptions on 11 targets for 101 yards and two touchdowns against arguably the top secondary in the league. This week, he will be facing the Redskins and Josh Norman, but the once lofty cornerback seems to have lost his step. Look for Beasley to continue to make a living in the slot with the majority of screens and check-downs going his way.

Who is going to bust this week?

Alickolli: Christian McCaffrey (RB, Carolina Panthers)- McCaffrey has surpassed 100 yards rushing just once this season and will go up against a tough Eagles front-seven who is just beginning to gain their confidence. Philadelphia is going to focus on McCaffrey and he will not have a good output.

Gullo: Blake Bortles (QB, Jacksonville)- Bortles will either get you a lot of fantasy points or get you close to none. Although he has had a few impressive games this season, including a 400-yard performance against the Chiefs, Bortles is just too inconsistent to rely on. Against decent defenses this season, he consistently throws for less than 200 yards. With a pass rush including JJ Watt and Jadeveon Clowney, the Texans should hold Bortles to a low scoring fantasy game.

Lapuebla: Alvin Kamara (RB, New Orleans Saints)- With Mark Ingram back in the lineup, look for the Saints to return to their running back by committee. After being the bell cow prior to Ingram's return, Kamara is nursing some injuries. The Saints will stick to their "thunder and lightning" attack with Ingram set to see goal-line touches. The Ravens defense will not do them any favors either, who held Titans running backs last week to 30 yards in a 21-0 rout.



The sideline reacts to a long run by Drew Jean-Guillaume. JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF

Football Takes Over Top Spot In NEC

BY DANIEL FAPPIANO
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After falling behind by 14 points early in the first quarter, Central Connecticut's football team was able to rally, scoring 48 unanswered points to defeat Bryant 48-14. The win puts the Blue Devils in sole possession of first place in the Northeast Conference.

It was Central's offense that led the way again as their 48 points marked their third highest total of the season. They rushed for a school-record 442 yards while the offense as a whole gained 667 yards, just 32 short of the school record they set last week against Robert Morris.

Quarterback Jacob Dolegala had one of his best games of the season,

completing 14 of 20 passes for 225 yards and a score. He also rushed for 76 yards and three touchdowns. After throwing a pick-six early in the game, the senior quarterback was able to bounce back and play mistake-free football in the victory. Dolegala is now just four passing touchdowns away from tying the school record of 45.

His one passing touchdown came on a 61-yard throw to Courtney Rush, as the senior receiver was able to break away from his defender and run easily into the end zone. Rush led all receivers with 146 yards through the air. His 520 receiving yards on the season rank third-best in the NEC.

On the ground, the Blue Devils were led by running back Drew Jean-Guillaume. Fresh off of earning NEC Offensive Player of the Week for his

efforts against RMU, the junior was able to rush 23 times for 203 yards and a score.

The 203 rushing yards marked a career higher for Jean-Guillaume.

Overall, four different Blue Devils scored on the ground in a record-breaking rushing day.

While its offense shined, the team's defense put together one of their strongest performances of the season against the Bulldogs.

CCSU limited Bryant to just seven points, their lowest of the season, and just 292 yards of total offense, also a season-low. Despite giving up a touchdown in the first drive, the Blue Devils were able to keep the Bulldogs off the scoreboard with their only other points coming via an interception return.

Central was able to come away with two takeaways of their own, forcing two fumbles. One of the two fumbles came on a crucial play from safety Tymir Hinton who was able to strip sack Bryant quarterback Price Wilson in the red zone with little time remaining prior to the half.

The Blue Devils were able to fire all cylinders offensively and limited one of the NEC's best offenses on their way to a victory. They now sit 2-0 in conference play and have put themselves in a strong position to earn their second straight NEC title.

Central will return to Arute Field for the first time in four weeks on Saturday as they take on Constitution State rival and NEC opponent Sacred Heart at the Homecoming game.

Women's Soccer Remains Perfect In NEC Play



The Blue Devils are in first place in the NEC with two games remaining.

BY DANIEL FLORES
STAFF WRITER

Central Connecticut's women's soccer team displayed two more strong performances, dominating both sides of play against Bryant and shutting out LIU Brooklyn, improving their perfect Northeast Conference record to 6-0.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring against Bryant in the 11th minute of the match, with senior Charlotte Maurer heading a corner kick from junior Carla Jackson into the right side of the net. Maurer increased her team-high record of goals to eight, with Jackson now leading the team in assists with five.

"It's a phenomenal return for someone who is a legitimate center midfielder, not our attacking one. For someone in

that position to score that many goals, I don't think there are too many players in the whole country doing that right now," head coach Mick D'Arcy said of Maurer.

"She's our leader, she's our captain and she just leads by example in so many things. The goals stand out, but she does so much more besides just score goals so we're really happy for her because the goals are a nice reward for all the work that she has done."

Then in the 39th minute, sophomore Tess Atkinson solidified her status as 'Friday Night Lights Tess,' coming into the match and making a sliding finish to extend Central's lead to 2-0. Classmate Jenna Rae Covello supplied the assist, winning the ball at midfield, racing down the right flank to the corner, and then crossing it low on the ground for Atkinson.

"A replica goal from a week ago, great run from Jenna down the line, a terrific ball across, and Tess sliding through to [the] finish. Those two have played together before they came to CCSU, they're best friends, they have a connection on the field, and it's fun to see," D'Arcy said of the two sophomores.

Covello has aided Atkinson in scoring a goal in now three consecutive matches.

In minute 56, Bryant was able to get a goal back, with Jamie Irwin sending a freekick into the heart of the box and teammate Jade McCarthy getting enough of a touch to deflect the ball past Blue Devil goalkeeper Ashley Cavanaugh.

"We didn't want to sit back on the lead, we wanted to be the aggressor and go attack. If we sit back, we just invite

trouble, so we were searching for the third goal to try and kill the game. By staying on the front foot we had our best defense," D'Arcy said about the teams focus after the opposing goal.

The Blue Devils held Bryant to only four shots while raining down 27 of their own.

Despite the unlucky goal against them, Central's defense had an outstanding performance, physically dominating the opponents and shutting down all attacks. This provided Cavanaugh with yet another easy night, with the senior only having to make one save compared to Bulldog keeper Meghan Dalton's 12, some of which were very well done.

The Blue Devils then traveled to Brooklyn on Sunday where they defeated LIU Brooklyn by a score of 3-0.

They netted their first goal of the match just minutes into the second half. Senior Danielle Pearse notched in her sixth goal of the season with a shot from the 10-yard spot. Assisting her was sophomore Tess Atkinson, who supplied a solid pass for her teammate. Atkinson has now registered two assists so far in the season.

The second goal came from freshman Jamie Collimore, who would later score another only a minute later. Collimore positioned herself well to put away a shot from junior Carla Jackson that the Blackbirds goalkeeper handled poorly.

Collimore then netted the final goal after forcing a deflection error from the Blackbirds keeper again.

The Blue Devils once again dominated the attack, with a blistering 26 shots compared to LIU's four. Of those four shots, senior goalkeeper Ashley Cavanaugh saved them all, improving her shutout record this season to nine matches.

The Blue Devils will look to keep their NEC record perfect, with only two conference matches left to be played before the tournament. They will start by hosting Mount St. Mary's Friday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. for their senior night.

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