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Freedom, Seven Months Later



Malik Naveed bin Rehman and U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal serve pizzas after Rehman and wife Zahida Altaf spent seven months in sanctuary.

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BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

As Malik Naveed bin Rehman served pizza slices to the crowd jam-packed in his and wife Zahida Altaf’s tiny pizza shop, it was hard to believe he just had an ankle bracelet

removed. “[It feels] unbelievable. Unbelievable. I’m very happy. I’m very thankful,” Rehman told reporters Thursday morning. The interview paused as Rehman held up a slice of pizza and called “Sausage!” to the convened community members, drawing laughter. “I came back after two-hundred

and fourteen days.” Behind the counter and at Rehman’s side, United States Senator Richard Blumenthal also supplied plates with aromatic cheese, pepperoni, vegetable and sausage slices to the crowd. It was a celebration of the couple’s return—a breath of fresh air, surrounded by supporters,

after seven months in sanctuary in rooms beneath the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme whose pastor, Senior Minister Steve Jungkeit, blessed the food and the couple at the gathering after Blumenthal paid for the pies with his gold credit card. “Our work is continuing for this family and for all families who are victims of a

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Jahana Hayes and Manny Santos debated last week at CCSU.

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On The Issues: Candidates Face Off At CCSU

BY SARAH WILLSON
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Little could be agreed upon for the candidates of Connecticut’s Fifth Congressional District at a debate last week that packed over 200 people in Central Connecticut’s Alumni Hall. Hot-button issues such as student debt, gun control, the opioid

crisis and more were addressed to Democratic candidate Jahana Hayes and Republican Manny Santos. Stan Simpson, host of Fox 61’s “The Stan Simpson Show” and Vance Chair at CCSU and Fox 61 reporter Jenn Bernstein moderated the debate. Questions addressed to the candidates included those from students and one professor.

Throughout it all, notable cheers and boos could be heard from audience members. **Gun Control:** The issue of gun control and school shootings was the first of many for Hayes and Santos. The question begged as to how school safety would be improved after the deadly Newtown

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Homecoming Week 2018

This past week commended Central Connecticut’s annual Homecoming Week for students, faculty, alumni and family. Students participated in activities such as pumpkin painting, a dodgeball tournament, pep rally and tailgate. It concluded with the football game against Sacred Heart.



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Central's Fresh Check Day Raises Mental Health Awareness

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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One in ten college students contemplates suicide. That leaves nine out of ten to reach out and help someone, according

to nineoutoften.org. Central Connecticut’s Student Government Association and Office of Wellness Education Services held Fresh Check Day so this statistic and mental health could be brought forward.

Coordinator Kate Ayotte from Student Wellness Services informs students on how to help others. “We are trying to educate those other nine out of ten on the resources, the warning signs and how they can help that one student

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Female Student Wins Construction Scholarship

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
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For Central Connecticut junior Emily Trezza, it's important that women know that there's nothing out-of-the-ordinary about being a female in construction management.

"When I first came into Central, my first day of classes, there was probably only one other girl with me in a class of 25 students overall. So at first, I was like, 'Maybe this isn't the field for me,'" Trezza said in an interview. "But then after a while, you just get over it."

Trezza is determined to pursue her construction management degree and minor in business and finance despite the stereotypes, investing herself in on and off-campus activities. She serves as vice-president for CCSU's Construction Management Club where she aids in bringing speakers from the industry to talk with students about career opportunities and helps organize the club's annual trip to the Associated General Contractors of America convention.

She also makes sure to take advantage of career fairs, finding advantageous leads in the

many offers, and leaps on any scholarship her advisor sends her, ready to put in the time and effort to rake in cash.

Additionally, Trezza just completed an internship at General Dynamics Electric Boat working as a program representative, with duties including prototype development for the boat, leading meetings, handling issues brought to her and assisting the head of the project.

And all of that hard work has paid off. Earlier this month, Trezza was awarded a check for \$2,500 as the 2018 Diversity Construction Group scholarship recipient. According to a press release, the award is given annually to a woman or minority student interested in pursuing a career in construction-related industries.

"I found out about applying for it from a neighbor who works with the zoning committee with them. It was really exciting [to get it]," Trezza recalled, adding that she plans on using the money for tuition and textbooks. "It was definitely good to receive any scholarship to help fund my education."

Even with the scholarship, Trezza won't rest easy. This upcoming summer, she's working on getting an internship at a construction company in either



Emily Trezza accepts a \$2,500 check from the Diversity Construction Group.

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estimating or safety, both areas of interest she'd like to go in after graduation, though estimating seems more exciting to her.

"It's just cool to estimate the entire project and come up with this big final number to bid out the project," Trezza stated.

But most of all, Trezza will continue to remain unbothered about being in a male-dominated field where only 9 percent of the labor force is composed of women,

according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Having always wanted to be in hands-on engineering management, in charge of creating and building a project not from behind a desk, Trezza won't let her gender stop her.

"I think it's important for women to be in this field. Not only are they underrepresented, but it's just women have a lot to offer in management and it would be good to have more women in the field in general," Trezza said.

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broken immigration system," Blumenthal stated, citing the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Rehman and Altaf, both Pakistani-born, had gone into hiding at the church in March from a deportation order, desperate to remain in the country with their 5-year-old daughter Roniya, who was born in the U.S. Earlier in the week, the two learned that Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials are not opposing their stay request pending with a federal appeals court.

"The way I feel right now is different, I feel like something else, someone else," Altaf said in a private interview. "I'm so happy. To see everything: my home, my pizza place. Even when we stepped out, it felt like real freedom. We know how people feel when

they're in prison and they step out. We are free."

Next to Altaf, niece Roshanay Tahir, a Central Connecticut student, wept from joy, barely able to speak through her tears and gasps.

"This is my first time seeing them after they came out of sanctuary. It's amazing to see them back to living their normal lives," Tahir managed.

Luis Torres headed Pizza Corner, Rehman's and Altaf's Broad Street pizza place, in the couple's absence. He and employees from his landscaping company went back and forth between the two businesses, and Torres is glad to hand the reins back to Rehman.

"I got my brother back. It was hard. He wasn't in prison, but he was in prison," Torres said, leaning against a wall in the kitchen while



Malik Naveed bin Rehman hugs Luis Torres.

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STAFF

pizzas were taken out of the oven.

The fight is not over. ICE ordered the couple to return to Pakistan last winter, saying that they'd overstayed their visas by more than a dozen years. Swindled by the immigration lawyers tasked to achieve permanent resident status for them, Glenn Formica has now taken over the case for free and has filed an appeal with the Second Circuit. Formica said he feels good about the case's status, believing that ICE will not go against the community's support for Rehman and Altaf.

"The community was so involved. I could say it was my brilliant legal argument, but it really wasn't. ICE was willing to listen to the community," Formica stated, adding that the appeal should be decided sometime next year.

That involvement still holds strong. Doina Gonci, a member of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, said that making

the 45-minute drive from Old Lyme Village to New Britain to see Rehman and Altaf will be frequent.

"They were a gift to us," Gonci commented, President Pro Tempore of the New Britain Common Council Eva Magnuszewski laughing at her side. "Much to my husband's chagrin, I will not be buying pizza locally. I will be coming here."

But for now, Rehman and Altaf would just like to live their lives. Little Roniya is with them again and back in an area school. Their home is welcoming. And they're back to making pizza like before, with Rehman visibly excited as he gave slice after slice away.

"I'm sorry, I serve too many, you know?" Rehman said to reporters, handing the on-camera interview off to Altaf before turning his attention back to the fresh pies. "Sausage!"



Zahida Altaf, left, and niece Roshanay Tahir, right, pose for the camera.

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From China To The US

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TaoTao Tan, a student from China, is pursuing his education at Central Connecticut.

TAOTAO TAN

TaoTao Tan started a new educational path when he came to Central Connecticut as an international student at age 19. Coming from China, Tan had never been to the United States, but was ready for the new academic opportunities that awaited him.

Tan, now a senior, is majoring in biology, hoping to do something with research after graduation. Tan says he has been at Central for about a year and three months.

“There was a program at my high school and they [sponsored] me with a full scholarship to come here. I applied and I got it,” Tan said. “You have to study in China for two years and then come here for another two years.”

Tan said that education is different in China. Students there only have three years of high school, which may sound easier, but Tan said in reality, it’s not.

“You study a lot in high school. We have a college entrance examination. It is more challenging and more competitive. Some of the first-year courses here I have studied in high school,” Tan said. “But for college in China, students here kind of relax because they study so much in high school.”

In high school, students repeat everything. Tan says that’s why students want to relax more in college.

“You just repeating everything. Then you have the final senior year and you have to repeat all the stuff you learned in high school and then try to pass that exam,” Tan said.

In China, Tan said students don’t have much freedom to choose their major, unlike the system in America.

The exam determines what college a student can get into based on their grades.

“To get the popular majors, you will have to get a higher grade, like economics and computer science,” Tan stated.

The transition to come to Central was a positive one for Tan’s family, with him remembering that his family and friends were “proud” of him.

Tan, with the support of family and friends to back him up on his new path, had to get used to a new culture. Being an only child with an upbeat character, Tan smiled and laughed when he recalled how weird it felt to hear that people in America can have so many siblings.

“You can have two kids in China, but they don’t want you having three. In my generation, many of my friends are the only children of the family. It is weird for me [hearing how people have many siblings] because my roommate had like ten siblings and that’s not so common in China,” Tan said.

Adapting to a new culture was difficult at first, but learning better English was just another challenge for Tan to overcome.

“It took me about one semester to learn. I knew some of it, but it wasn’t so good. I studied English [and] we have an English class, but they will never teach you how to say regular words. They said, ‘What’s up?’ and I didn’t know what that word meant. I thought that was a bad word,” Tan joked.

Tan was excited to transition to Central, but it, of course, came with nerves because it “was a new place.” Tan has only lived in the U.S. besides China, so the move has been a new, exhilarating journey for him.

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who is struggling,” Ayotte said. “The warning signs are trouble in school, changes in mood or behavior, seeming depressed or anxious, talking about suicide, maybe even writing about suicide, changes in eating and more risky behavior like self-harm, isolation from friends and family.”

Fresh Check Day had interactive booths, each one representing a new mental health topic. RECentral’s booth had ribbons for students to thread how they feel.

CCSU student Mackenzie Rossi sat at the table and was there to encourage students to participate.

“We are doing the common thread which has different phrases on it, so [like] ‘sometimes I feel alone,’ and basically you take a ribbon, and you connect and attach a ribbon to each one you feel connected to and it shows how the people around you are just as connected to you, and you are not alone,” she explained.

Helena Swanson, president of the Psychology National Honors Society, joined their table dedicated to mood matters, which educates students on mood and anxiety disorders while also combatting stigma.

There was a “More Than a Diagnosis” banner for students to sign their name and write a positive message to struggling friends and students.

Another piece was a mask standing behind Swanson, half rainbow on the left and the right displaying darker colors, showing students that people can have a variety of moods.

“We also have mood mask coloring so you color the mask half the emotions you show in public and half the emotions you hide,” Swanson said.

“We also have stress ball making. We have balloons and popcorn kernels so you can fill it and make a little stress ball,” Swanson added.

Following the idea of creating something meaningful for students, secretary of the Black Student Union, NaCari Martin, wanted every student to feel encouraged and welcomed.

“Black Student Union is for all students. It isn’t just for black students. We encourage all different types of people to come in. We talk about different ethnic backgrounds and different things that are going on in today’s society,” Martin said. “We don’t only want to uplift our club, we want to uplift everybody.”

The table consisted of an uplift kit. Students could pick up a small plastic bag and fill it with pieces each having a different meaning. Students got to take a clothespin to hold their lives together when it seems like it is falling apart, a rock to keep them grounded when life gets out of hand, an elastic to help stretch beyond their limits, an eraser to make mistakes disappear and a Hershey’s kiss to remind students that they are always loved.

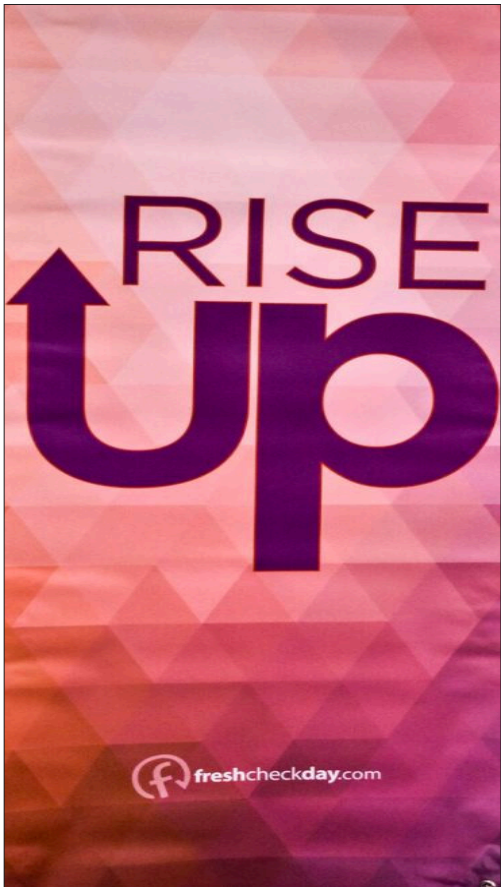
Ayotte wants students to know that feeling loved and seeking help doesn’t mean you have to leave campus.

“We have counseling services on campus that are free and confidential for all students. There is a 24-hour text line and lifeline as well,” Ayotte said.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health and suicide, talk to on-campus counselors or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.



Central Connecticut’s annual “Fresh Check Day” featured everything from ribbon messages to therapy dogs.. CASSANDRA WEIR | STAFF



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Career Symposium Held For CCSU Liberal Arts Majors

BY RYAN JONES
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With hundreds of degrees being awarded by Central Connecticut's Liberal Arts and Science branch, many upcoming graduates fear that the job they dreamt of when choosing their major is either out of reach or just plain nonexistent. Friday's Career Symposium proved that narrative wrong, showing that not only are there jobs for Liberal Arts majors, but a wide variety of them.

Mary Horan, who ran the event with Laura Minor, emphasized this point in her opening.

"If you're going to be an accountant, you go account. You want to be a nurse, you go nurse. When you're a Liberal Arts major, you can do anything," Horan said.

The event held panels throughout the day to demonstrate Horan's point. Volunteer jobs, internships and post-graduation plans highlighted the first half of the program, with a focus on business and nonprofit jobs during the latter part of the day.

One of the companies featured at the volunteering panel was New Britain's own Hospital for Special Care, where CCSU student Kyle Kelley currently volunteers

as a therapy partner. "It's very important to volunteer, and the panel brought up a lot of good points about the benefits of it. Having the extra experience sets you apart from other people applying for entry-level jobs, so it's a key skill to have on your resume," Kelley stated.

Kelley's volunteering has already helped her with a career after college.

"I'm learning a lot of techniques and terms needed for the field, gaining patient to client interaction and I see how full-filling it is to be by someone's side. People are able to relax when you're with them, it's very gratifying," Kelley said.

Keynote speaker Dr. Steve Yavner, a journalism professor, started the day off with a speech regarding his own career path. Dr. Yavner has a list of media jobs under his belt, holding positions to the tune of sports anchor for CNN and a



Central Connecticut exposed its Liberal Arts students to the idea that their majors will take them far.

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news manager at CBS Miami. For Yavner, the most important factor into success for Liberal Arts majors is to "just be open."

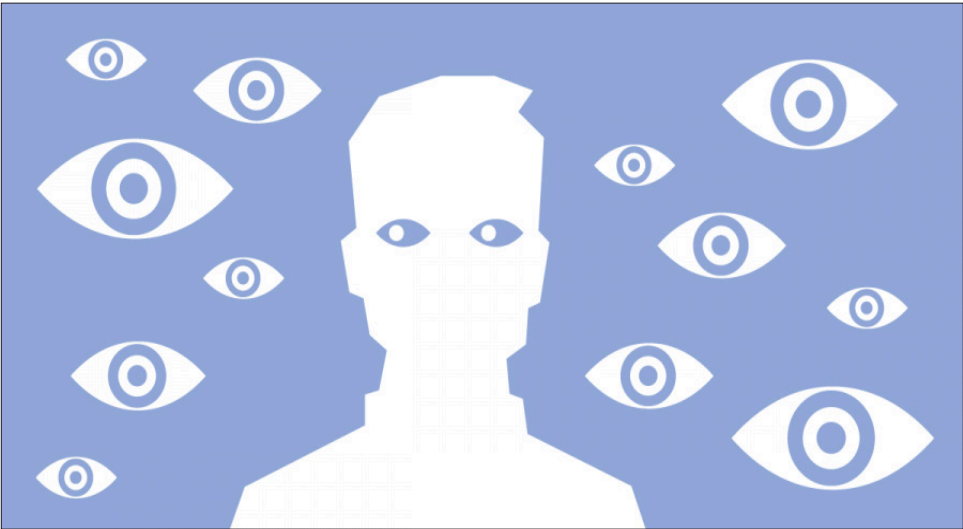
"Realize that you're going to do many different things over the course of your career and life, and to prepare for that as best you can. That is what the Liberal Arts does," Yavner told the crowd.

Rawle Carryl, a CCSU student

majoring in graphic design, applied some of Yavner's advice to his own life.

"You have to take risks and put yourself out there, you have to be ambitious. I didn't get the internship that I first applied for, but like the speaker said, I have to accept rejection. I use that as a stepping stone for moving forward with my plan," Carryl said.

Central Students React To Facebook Data Breach



Facebook's security breaches have left Central Connecticut students feeling uneasy.

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BY SAM SHEPARD
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On Oct. 12, Facebook released a statement detailing a vast data breach that meant 30 million accounts had been hacked. Peoples' names, dates of birth, username, passwords, places of employment and other information were accessed and stolen.

"It's very concerning that it's become easier and easier to steal people's information," Emily DeNote, a junior and business management major, said. "So many people put so much information on Facebook and if people are able to steal that and recreate a new account, they can post whatever they want, and others will think it's you. That can be damaging to people's social lives or their careers."

"Even though you put this information

for people to see, there still should be an element of privacy that is held. Things that are supposed to be private or for only certain people to see should truly be private and protected by Facebook," DeNote went on.

How did this happen? Back in September, the hackers involved in the data breach exploited what Facebook called "vulnerability in Facebook's code" in the "View As" function. The View As feature allows users to view their profile as if they are someone else. This allowed the hackers to hijack a user's access token, a kind of key that allows users to stay logged in.

The brief released by Facebook states that the hackers had access to around 400,000 accounts which were all linked as friends. Using this, they were able to steal millions of access tokens. Facebook was able to determine how many accounts

were accessed and what kind of information was stolen.

"I'm in the middle of the situation. I don't like that they track our data, but they make it known that they are doing so. I don't like my data to be stolen than to be sold. Makes me feel unsafe," senior secondary education major Marian Jainchill stated.

According to Facebook, 15 million people had their names and contact information stolen. For 14 million people, things are much worse; Facebook said their names and contact information were stolen along with their gender, locale, language, relationship status, hometown, current city, birthdate, device information, education, work, the last ten places they were tagged in or checked into, website, people or pages they follow and the 15 most recent searches. Finally, one million people had no information accessed.

"It's a terrible thing," Dara Miller, a sophomore education major, said.

Marie LaMarre, an elementary education earth science major and a senior, found the situation to be frustrating, as she personally knows friends who've been affected.

"I know so many people who have a Facebook account that has been hacked, and the process that they had to go through to get their account back was horrible and irritating," LaMarre said.

"I believe with the advancements with technology and with security and with being in the age of social media and technology. The security of these sites should be updated and enforced," she continued.

It can be argued that the students

are right to be concerned and scared. In an age where social media is a crucial part of society's everyday lives, having personal data accessed and stolen is understandably disconcerting to some. Is prevention of data breaches possible? How do we protect our data online?

The unfortunate truth is that no system is perfect. Even with a team of hundreds of computer scientists and cybersecurity professionals, things get overlooked. System weaknesses exist, and if a person is determined enough, those weaknesses can be found and exploited.

But in a world of ever-increasing interconnectedness, cyber security is more important than ever. To prevent data breaches, companies hire what are known as "white hat hackers." These individuals are tasked with breaking into the company's servers by finding exploits in the code. This is one way that security is bolstered.

For an individual to protect themselves online, users should be careful to never open emails that are not from a trusted source. Spam email is one of the key transmission vectors of computer viruses.

Passwords are another way to protect oneself online. In a Ted Talk, Professor Lorrie Faith Cranor, a computer science and engineering researcher at Carnegie Mellon University, talks about passwords.

"We found that the long passwords were actually pretty strong, and the complex passwords were pretty strong too," Cranor said on a study examining 5000 passwords. "However, when we looked at the survey data, we saw that people were really frustrated by the very complex password."

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CCSU Alumni 'Fiya Bomb' Returns For 'Walk Of No Shame'

BY ISABELLA CHAN
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When Police Constable Michael Sanguinetti suggested that “women should avoid dressing like sl*ts in order not to be victimized,” he ignited the fire in women across the city of Toronto, Canada. Sanguinetti’s “sl*t” comment empowered women to unite and create the first Sl*t Walk in February 2011.

Each year, Central Connecticut’s Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center curates their own Walk of No Shame to help women and men across campus rally together for women empowerment and equality.

Jacqueline Cobbina-Boivin, director of the Women’s Center, hoped the event helped empower young women to dress how they want without the fear of getting hurt.

“They have the right to wear whatever they want to wear and they at no time are the cause to why rape happens,” Cobbina-Boivin said.

Julia Ferraguto, a CCSU senior and senior coordinator for violence against women programs at the Women’s Center, began the night by saying that women “stand together as one to condemn policies that embolden and condone rape culture and call out the disproportionate impact this has on un-marginalized groups.”

Organizations such as the CCSU Police Department, the Counseling and Wellness Center, the LGBT Center and the YWCA of New Britain, were also in attendance to

show their support in the fight against sexual violence.

This year’s event welcomed international gallery artist, Olivia Nguyen, known better as FiyaBomb, as the keynote speaker. She shared her story of uneasy beginnings, her current life as an artist and how she uses her art to empower others.

Nguyen, a Hartford native, graduated from CCSU in 2013 as an art major with a minor in marketing. She would trudge down the hill from Gallaudet Residence to Maloney Hall, thinking to herself, “What am I doing here? Why haven’t I dropped out?” But even when art professors said her work “wasn’t aesthetically pleasing” and attempted to convince her to change majors, Nguyen persevered.

“I went to school to be a studio artist. That’s what I wanted to do [and] that’s what I was empowered to do,” she proudly stated.

Now, six years later, Nguyen has held over 150 art showcases nationwide and has a lengthy celebrity clientele list, including famous names like Big Sean, Drake, Spike Lee, Travis Scott and many more.

“I just wanted to share my story so people can change their story, the stories they don’t like, the stories they want to edit about their own life. I wanted people to leave with hope,” Nguyen said.

Hope and the feeling of empowerment is exactly what CCSU social work major, Julia Ferraguto, left with.

“It empowers me because it gives me a sense of purpose,” Ferraguto explained.



Olivia 'Fiya Bomb' Nguyen speaks about her art and women's freedoms. ISABELLA CHAN | STAFF

“People tell me all the time, ‘You’ll never really make the same money that a businessman makes.’ [But] I chose to do what I’m passionate about, which is helping people.”

Ferraguto says Nguyen’s life experiences show that “just because you’re doing what you love doesn’t mean you aren’t going to be successful or make money, you can still do it and you have it in you.”

Nguyen continues to share her life experiences with her followers on social media to inspire them. She proudly labels herself as a socially active feminist, looking for equality for both men and women.

During the event, Nguyen recalled seeing the “sl*t” comment by Sanguinetti and thinking, “That was the most ignorant thing I’ve ever heard.”

“I have to cover my figure because it makes you uncomfortable? That’s not fair, and even if I do cover it, what gives you the reason [that] someone will stop raping women?” Nguyen said.

She encourages women to take control of their bodies and love themselves and others.

“You are more than welcome to have sex, as an adult, with whoever you want to have sex with, men and women [because] that’s equality. Feminism is the equality of both men and women, we have to vouch for men as well. Things only change when they stand behind us,” Nguyen stated.

Nguyen ended the night by sharing a story of a personal male friend who was date-raped by a woman.

“We hear those stories and think, ‘What, you didn’t like it?’ or, ‘How is that possible?’ But it is,” she said. “It’s something that not only women live with, [but] it’s something men live with, too. A man has to remember thinking, ‘A woman took advantage of me and I didn’t like it.’”

Nguyen hopes to continue to be “an additional vessel to [women’s] lives.” She wants to be able to help guide them in the direction that is best for them, she said.

Students Express Their Hopes To Bysiewicz



Susan Bysiewicz is gubernatorial candidate Ned Lamont's choice for lieutenant governor if elected. KRISTINA VAKHMAN | STAFF

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidate Susan Bysiewicz came to Central Connecticut last Thursday for a personal, quiet conversation with a small group of student leaders, primarily female, about what they wanted to see from the next state legislature.

Lindsay Farrell, president of the Connecticut Working Families Party, and Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut Sarah Croucher accompanied Bysiewicz. Farrell brought her party’s perspective on middle-class working families and Croucher discussed access for quality reproductive care for women.

“On issues of women’s rights, there couldn’t be more different sides to this,” Bysiewicz said on her and opponent Republican Joe Markley’s views.

Before turning the talk to the students in attendance, Bysiewicz first asked Farrell and Croucher to speak. Croucher brought up issues with Connecticut’s reproductive freedom, touching particularly upon “crisis pregnancy centers,” better known as fake abortion clinics, which use deception to disguise themselves as abortion clinics but are actually anti-abortion.

“There are many states where Roe v. Wade is still standing, but where one abortion clinic is hanging by a thread,” Croucher stated, citing Missouri as an example, which is on the brink of having its one clinic close. Croucher made it clear that crisis pregnancy centers are not a substitute to fill the gap.

“We want to make sure that people who actually want healthcare get to the right place,” she said.

Farrell then chimed in, talking about how the Working Families

Party is slowly replacing the Republican Party as the Democratic Party’s opposition, as it has already in Hartford where the city council is six Democrats and three Working Families Party members.

“Our folks are pulling the Democrats to the left,” Farrell said.

The conversation then maneuvered to the students. Amanda King, a Student Government Association senator and CCSU’s new Student Advisory Committee representative, asked the first question, drawing attention to LGBT issues, wanting to know Bysiewicz’s stance on Connecticut’s anti-discrimination laws.

“Once gay marriage was legalized, everyone said, ‘Okay, the fight is over!’ But it isn’t. I’m really interested in seeing more anti-discrimination laws passed, especially to be applied to schools,” King told the trio.

Bysiewicz replied by bringing up the Family Institute’s, an organization that does not support gay marriage and LGBT protection, endorsement of Markley.

“They support candidates like my opponent who have been unfriendly to the LGBT community and to women’s rights generally. All of these issues are on the ballot because President [Donald] Trump has launched this assault on the LGBT community,” Bysiewicz said.

King was satisfied with Bysiewicz’s answer and said after that she was pleased overall with getting to speak with her, Croucher and Farrell.

“It was empowering to talk to a woman who has been in local politics for so long, and I hope to see more representation like that in this upcoming election,” King commented. “I appreciated the opportunity to directly advocate for issues in Connecticut that I believe in. I want to make sure the state government knows what policies citizens want to create and enforce.”

Armando Osario, president of PRIDE and a former SGA senator, piggy-backed off of King’s question, asking her own about businesses discriminating against LGBT persons.

“I know people who are getting married and they have to disclaim, ‘This is a gay wedding. Are you willing to provide your services?’ and a lot of people are saying no. It’s very disheartening and familiar,” Osario said.

Though Osario will be voting for Bysiewicz, she stated that the candidate’s answers had too much spin to her liking.

“I think the two women that were with [Bysiewicz] spoke better about the work that they’ve done and their goals while [Bysiewicz] mainly focused on what her opponent didn’t support,” Osario stated.

“I will [vote for Bysiewicz], but I will be voting under the Working Families Party. I really liked what I think Farrell said about what the Working Families Party stands for so I’m going to look into it more,” she went on.

What's New, CCSU?

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR

- * If you're dreaming of Italy, join Memorial Hall's "Little Italy Premium Dinner Night" on Wednesday, Oct. 24 starting at 4:30 p.m.
- * The Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity and the Lambda Theta Alpha Latin sisters are inviting students to the 1849 Room in the Student Center for "Cafe Con Leche" and a game of Kahoot on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The annual Red Flag Campaign, which aims to bring awareness to dating violence, is coming to campus on Thursday, Oct. 25.
- * The 2018 Civil Rights Lecture Series Meet and Greet is taking place on Oct. 25 with LaDonna Brave Bull Allard at 11:45 a.m. in Torp Theater in Davidson Hall.
- * The Anthropology Club is hosting an afternoon bake sale in the Student Center on Oct. 25 to help raise money for their trip to San Jose, Puerto Rico.
- * The "Fall of 2018 Conference on Addictions and Trauma" is happening on Friday, Oct. 26 in the Constitution Room of Memorial Hall beginning at 9 a.m.
- * The Red Cross will be at CCSU's Student Center Circle for a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- * One bag of food for Maria's Place food pantry will be donated throughout the remainder of the month for every faculty, staff and commuter meal plan purchased with CCSU dining.

On The Issues: Candidates Face Off At CCSU

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Elementary School shooting that claimed the lives of 20 children in 2012.

"I'm very supportive of a lot of the proposed enhancements on security [for schools]," Santos said. "I want to make sure that any legislation that goes to ensuring the security of our students in our most vulnerable schools also has a very focused component to address the mental illness that comes with this in today's society."

"Several things I'd like to do, [one of which includes] expanding universal background checks," Hayes said. "I am not trying to take away anyone's guns, I am not trying to control anyone's guns. I respect the Constitution and the Second Amendment."

Hayes also said that her husband, who is a police officer, has to pass checks and practice shooting every year in order to be a responsible gun owner. She said she wants every gun owner to have to do the same.

Student Loans and College Debt:

Audible gasps and groans could be heard from the crowd

when Santos said students loans are "Frankly, something a lot of students bring upon themselves."

"It's a serious issue, but it's an issue we have to take responsibility for," Santos continued. "This isn't something someone else can bail you out of."

Santos, however, did advocate that the rising cost of tuition is becoming a larger problem.

Hayes, who said she graduated with more than \$100,000 in student debt, advocated that she understands the burden associated with loans.

"I think one of the first things to do is stop predatory lenders from targeting students," Hayes said. "[We need to] invest in grant programs and opportunities for young people to access money that will not be required as payback."

Environmental Issues:

"We have to make sure every aspect, every regulation, every law that gets passed, we have to make sure [we know the impact] on our economy," Santos said. "Nobody wants

dirty water, dirty soil or dirty air, but we also have to make sure that the businesses that have to operate in our society have the flexibility to be able to do what needs to be done in order for them to stay in operation."

Hayes fired back, arguing that she would not be willing to trade the environment for the economy.

"This idea that we have to ignore what manufacturers and businesses are doing to make money and ignore what happens to the [environment] is something I will never sign onto," Hayes said. "We have to have mandates and measures so that the agency that is protecting the environment is intact."

Opioid Crisis:

With New Britain Emergency Medical Services averaging five overdose deaths a month, the opioid crisis continues to grip not only the nation but the state of Connecticut as well.

"We have to make sure that our medical community is involved in reaching solutions to this problem," Santos said, adding that 115 deaths a day

are due to overdoses.

Hayes, who said she has dealt with addiction in her family for decades, agreed that something must be done.

"We have to address this as the disease that it is and begin with education," Hayes said. "Also [we have to demand] that our prescription drug companies are not overmedicating or putting out pills or drugs that are addictive."

Gay Marriage:

One of the last and perhaps most disagreed upon questions dealt with gay marriage, which has been legalized in all 50 states as of 2015.

"Yes, I support gay marriage. I will make sure they have the same Constitutional Rights as anyone else," Hayes said.

"I personally am not in favor of gay marriage," Santos said. "I think marriage is more of a belief between a man and a woman."

Though not a supporter of gay marriage, Santos said that does not mean he is not in support of civil unions, adding that he would be supportive of anti-LGBTQ discrimination.

News In Brief

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR

First Flu Death Hits Connecticut

The first flu death of the season in the state was reported by the Connecticut Department of Public Health on Monday.

Senator Richard Blumenthal announced the death, stating that the victim was over 65. He also urged state residents to get their flu shot.

So far, 22 people have been hospitalized in Connecticut as a result of the flu.

Last year, more than 80,000 people died in the United States as a result of the virus. Federal officials say that more than 150 of those people were Connecticut residents.

Trump Could Rollback LGBTQ+ Rights

The Trump Administration is considering narrowing the definition of gender to one that only comes down to biology, marking what could be a setback in transgender rights and protections, the New York Times reported.

The rollback from President Donald Trump comes after former President Barack Obama implemented policies that widened the definition of gender in both education and healthcare. Instead of determining one's sex at gender, it was considered an individuals choice. Still, the decision prompted backlash from Evangelicals and sparked fights regarding gender-neutral bathrooms, dormitories and more.

Trump's new definition of gender would essentially be "defined out" and eliminate the rights of nearly 1.5 million Americans who chose not to identify with the body they were born into.

Despite the motion Trump is attempting to put in place, a memo obtained by the New York Times claims that the Department of Health and Human Services is working towards establishing a "legal definition" of sex that would ban discrimination on the basis of gender in education programs that receive governmental financial assistance.

Thousands Of Migrants Head For U.S.

Over 5,000 migrants from Central America are continuing their journey to the United States from Southern Mexico, prompting Trump's decision to cut off foreign aid to some of the countries, BBC reported.

Trump said he will discontinue aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador due to the fact that the countries "were not able to do the job of stopping people from leaving their country."

The majority of the migrants, BBC said, are fleeing from poverty, violence and persecution.

Mexican authorities have attempted to halt the group at the border bridge between Mexico and Guatemala. As a result, migrants have registered in shelters along the Mexican border.

Trump also reminded people to "remember the midterms," blaming the Democrats for what is happening on the border.

Fire Erupts In Energy Center

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR



Oil spilled all over the Energy Center's floor after a generator fire.

SARAH WILLSON | STAFF

A fire in Central Connecticut's Energy Center broke out Monday evening, prompting the presence of numerous firetrucks and police cars on-campus.

The fire began after one of the lines from the two generators located in the Energy Center blew open, causing oil to spill out and the generator to overheat.

"[It started] from the oil being out of the engine. The engine obviously overheated and with the oil on the floor, it ended up ultimately igniting," Interim Chief of Facilities Officer Sal Cintorino said. "Once the fire started, we shut the engines down and the fire department showed up."

One of the generators, Cintorino said, was installed three days ago as of Monday.

"[The generator] ran without oil in it and the fire was inside the engine," Cintorino said. "The most important thing is that there's no damage to the building at all, but that engine could have quite a bit of damage. It's a very expensive engine."

SGA Briefs

BY KRISTINA VAKHAM
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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 17.

- The next Good Neighbor Campaign will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center.
- CCSU's annual "Competition for a Cause" food drive, which pits Central against New Britain to see who can donate the most food, began this week and will run until Nov. 16.
- The following items passed in a consent agenda:
- A motion to ratify the 2018 Special Election Results, which named Senator Amanda King as the new Student Advisory Committee Representative.
- A motion to allocate \$898.63 to International Society of Automation for materials for club projects.
- A motion to approve the Fundraising Loan Request for the CCSU National Society of Black Engineers in the full amount of \$646.20.
- A motion to allocate \$15.00 to the Copy Center to print flyers for the Polish Community event on Oct. 20 was denied.

EDITORIAL

When Journalists Die, So Does Democracy

Jamal Khashoggi did not deserve to die.

Khashoggi is smiling in the headshot beside his one-line biography on The Washington Post's website. His biography speaks about him in the present tense: "Khashoggi is," not "Khashoggi was."

The last column Khashoggi's editor received for publication is about the Arab world's need for a free press. In it, he writes that an independent press would give the people freedom from the government propaganda currently dominating the public psyche—give them the human right to think for themselves.

That column is Khashoggi's final work. He died for his words. He was dismembered alive, presumably on the order of the Saudi Arabian government, for wanting to preserve freedom of the press, freedom of expression and freedom of speech. In the United States, we take these rights for granted, but Khashoggi and the rest of Saudi Arabia had to fight for them. Khashoggi fought until he unjustifiably paid with his life.

Jamal Khashoggi did not deserve to die.

It is fitting that Khashoggi wrote for a publication that bears the slogan "Democracy Dies in Darkness" under its name. The Post has always been a symbol of democracy. It made history by having the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, Katharine Graham, who proved women could lead equal to men. It was home to Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the duo that brought down President Richard Nixon for undermining our democracy during the Watergate scandal. Khashoggi, an emblem of freedom in an oppressive regime, wrote for a paper that has always protected the freedom of American democracy.

But what killed Khashoggi in Saudi Arabia may one day reach U.S. shores. Hostility toward U.S. journalists is more dangerous than ever before. President Donald Trump's mantra that the press is "the enemy of the people" has inflamed it even further.

If Trump continues down the road of the dangerous rhetoric that he's been on, he could soon have blood on his hands. Within just a matter of two years, the U.S. Press Freedom Index has fallen from number 43 to number 45, citing that the president's attacks on reporters both at home and abroad have dimmed the light on the press' freedom that it is guaranteed in the First Amendment.

What Saudi Arabia and Trump have failed to understand is that the press keeps the world honest, no matter how hard the truth may be at times. A journalist's job is essential in spreading this news nation wide, and without them, the world would be left in the dark.

No one should ever be killed for their craft, but Jamal Khashoggi had to lose his life in order to shine light on this issue.

When journalists die, so does democracy.

President Trump, You Can't Discriminate



Senator Elizabeth Warren proved her Native American ancestry in a DNA test. GETTY IMAGES

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
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President Donald Trump has been in a love-hate relationship with the media for years. He loves the attention, but only when it's good. He hates when he is confronted with negative comments mostly about what he has done or said. Well now, the latest derogatory comments involve Trump calling Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren "Pocahontas."

Trump is denying his comments about Warren, claiming he did not say that he would pay her \$1 million towards the charity of her choice if she took a DNA test, which proved she had Native American Heritage.

Warren revealed the DNA test proving she has very distant Native American ancestry last week.

Trump took the results as a way to mock her, although there is no need to mock anyone for having a Native American bloodline, even if it is very minor.

The expert Warren sided with said her

Native American ancestry is from about six to ten generations ago. Warren believes those ancestors were a part of the Cherokee nation, although she herself does not claim any tribal citizenship.

When a reporter asked Trump for his reaction about Warren's DNA test, Trump seemingly annoyed and in denial, said, "Who cares?"

Trump, who has been known for his foul language and demeaning comments, clearly cared or he would not have made this a huge issue to begin with.

Trump repeated it again and again on camera in front of thousands of people. So clearly he cared.

"Pocahontas, that's Elizabeth Warren," Trump said during one speech he gave.

"I have more Indian blood in me than Pocahontas, and I have none," Trump said waving his arms in the air as if he was trying to prove something. In fact, Trump did prove something—he further proved that his arrogance will never go away.

Trump was on camera calling Warren "Pocahontas" several times and has no regret or guilt. Trump is always in denial even when there is proof on camera.

Instead of owning up to it, Trump reworted himself saying he would only pay Warren if she won the nomination. Then, one of the most ridiculous things to come out of his mouth was that he did not owe Warren an apology, but rather that she actually owed the country an apology.

I think Trump may have some thinking to do about that. Using racial slurs or calling someone anything to mock them isn't funny.

Pocahontas was actually captured by an English captain and lured onto a ship during the First Anglo-Powhatan War. It's believed that she might have even been raped and her abduction kept her away from her family.

It wasn't a funny story. Trump using derogatory language isn't a funny story. What worries me is seeing the president of the United States speak in such a way that people watching him adapt to this. How can the president use harsh language and it's okay, but people in the workforce, for instance, can't do it? If the president does it, it must be okay, right?

People, especially those who are young, will grow up watching Trump lessen people, even if their DNA test shows little heritage of an ancestry Trump doesn't like.

Not paying Warren was not okay, but neither was mocking her. Mocking anyone, in general, is never okay and the president is a bad example of how the world should be treated.

Scrap Those General Education Requirements

BY SARAH WILLSON
MANAGING EDITOR



Students shouldn't need to have general education requirements. PACT CHARTER SCHOOL

One of the best parts about college is having an endless number of courses to chose from that can satisfy almost any interest. Whether it's arts or science, math or criminology or something in-between, there seems to always be something for everybody. And though choosing your favorite courses can often help breathe life into an otherwise dull semester, having to take classes that don't pertain to your interest or major can suck it right out.

Unlike high school, college provides the unique opportunity of allowing students to pursue interests they may otherwise not outside of campus. Alongside that, the variety of classes also gives them a chance to follow a passion they may have otherwise never discovered. Despite the fact that students should be filling their credits with classes they're passionate about, they're often left stuck in the ones they care little about.

While anyone can and should appreciate the diversity of a good education, some courses, particularly ones that

don't pertain to a student's major, are more often than not unnecessary.

Take a music major, for example. Most likely, no aspiring musician wants to take a scientific lab, let alone another math course. The same thing could be said about a math or engineering major; why would you force them to take a poetry class to fill an arts and humanities requirement when they could be taking another physics class that's going to benefit them in the long-run?

As someone with a major that has a large emphasis on writing, and as someone who is taking a variety of general education courses, I can vouch for the fact that some

classes I'm required to take are often needless. At least, it feels that way at times.

A good and meaningful education should include a number of classes that help cover topics and issues that may not otherwise be addressed in the real world. However, when I'm forced to take four required math courses instead of ones that pertain to my major and minor, I'm left feeling defeated.

Aside from that, the majority of the courses are similar, if not almost exactly like the ones in high school. Essentially, it feels as if I'm paying extra thousands of dollars to learn about something I already have. Not

only that, but the information being taught will most likely never be used again.

I understand, as I'm sure the majority of students do, how important it is to have a basic foundation of knowledge when it comes to subjects such as math, science, English and history. The problem, however, arises when the courses required merely feel like a waste of time.

While I do want to be a well-rounded individual, I also want to be an expert in my field. And, at this point in my college career, I would much rather be learning about ethics, politics or international relations than how to find "x."

Two Cultures Blended Together By Art

STORY AND PICTURES BY JOSE VELASQUEZ
STAFF WRITER



"Otoñal Wu-Chu" by Miguel Trelles, made with charcoal, ink and acrylic on paper, exhibited in Maloney Hall, Oct. 15, 2018.

Miguel Trelles' artwork, which blends pre-Columbian and Chinese art will be on display from Oct. 9 to Nov. 1 in Maloney Hall in the exhibit "Chino-Latino: Barbarian Brush." The Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Center (LALCC) is the organizer of the event, while the Central Connecticut Art Gallery, Africana Center, Modern Languages Department, Confucian Institute and Office of Diversity and Equity are co-sponsors.

On Oct. 15, there was an "Artist Talk" from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Maloney

Hall Room 127. During his presentation at the "Artist Talk," Trelles talked about his background and the reasoning behind his artwork.

He uses the term "barbarian," as Westerners used it to describe Chinese art. Trelles said he connected with Chinese art because of "linear rhythm." Many of his paintings involve colorful, tropical images with traditional Chinese strokes. Many of the characters he draws have traditional Chinese composition but with features of non-Han. He described hues as important and that his drawings are very saturated.

He frequently works with ink in his paintings, which is something he got into through comics like Superman. He also uses charcoal, oil on linen and acrylic on canvas, among other materials to create his paintings.

Trelles talked about the history of the Americas and China stating that "Columbus wanted to get to Asia through the Americas, while I wanted to get to the Americas through Asia."

He hopes that in this century there will be a larger focus on the relationship between the Americas and



"Montero's Montuno" by Miguel Trelles, created with charcoal, ink and acrylic on canvas, exhibited in Maloney Hall, Oct. 15, 2018.

China.

He continued to show doodles that depict traditional Chinese and Mayan drawings. Another slide contained pictures of his working table, with several sketches, showing the hard work of an artist.

Another drawing shows an Asian version of "La Rosa de Guadeloupe," a famous symbol that symbolizes the Virgin Mary from Mexico.

Some of the drawings are scenarios of 'what ifs,' with one of his paintings depicting European colonizers as being mostly female, speculating on what their relation towards the natives could have been.

Many of his sketches contain relatively modern objects like planes. He said he had trouble finding objects that would make his drawings relatable to people, due to most of the most famous Latino and Chinese paintings being from an era long ago. Back in that time, many of the objects had featured things like donkeys, which are not as common today.

Throughout the years, his Chino-Latino artwork has



"Kaka p'al ahau" by Miguel Trelles, made with charcoal, ink and acrylic on paper, exhibited in Maloney Hall, Oct. 15, 2018.

been exhibited at the Gabarron Foundation in Spain, El Museo Del Barrio in New York and the Museo de Arte de Ponce in San Juan, as well as in cities such as Lima, Buenos Aires and Paris. He received a Bachelors in art history at Brown University and a Master of Fine Arts from Hunter College. Since 2006, Trelles has been a curator of the art exhibit "Borimix," an art collection that fuses his native Puerto Rican origins with that of other Caribbean countries such as Cuba and the Dominican Republic. He currently teaches as an assistant professor in visual arts at Hunter College.



DARYL LAPUEBLA | CONTRIBUTOR

Central Faces



TREY ARCHAMBAULT
HISTORY MAJOR

"I think Central is a great place because it has a great community if you know where to look, like RECentral. It is where I work, where my friends are and I hang out there whenever I need a good pick me up."

Continuing Literary Traditions At CT Book Awards

BY SHAINA LAPUEBLA
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For 34 years, the Library of Congress established the Center for the Book, which is supplied by all 50 states, U.S. Virgin Islands and District of Columbia affiliate programs. The intent is to highlight the importance of literacy across the nation and to celebrate each area's literary legacy. To keep the heritage alive, the Connecticut Center for the Book at Connecticut Humanities named this year's book awards on Oct. 14 at Staples High School in Westport.

"These awards are a wonderful way to pay tribute to Connecticut's talented literary community -past, present and future," Lisa Comstock, Director of CT Center for the Book, said. Not just any work is eligible for this prestigious award, the publication must be written the past year and have specific ties to the state. The requirements note that the author or illustrator must be born in the state or a legal resident for three consecutive years, or the body of work has a CT setting. This year's competition received a total of 140 submissions. "We congratulate all of this year's

participants and especially our winners, who join the ranks of our state's rich list of literary greats," Comstock continued.

The 2018 Connecticut Book Awards winners are:

Fiction
Georgia Hunter, Rowayton, "We Were the Lucky Ones," Penguin Books

Nonfiction
Virginia DeJohn Anderson, Boulder, CO, "The Martyr and the Traitor – Nathan Hale, Moses Dunbar, and the American Revolution," Oxford

University Press
Poetry
Gina Athena Ulysse, Middletown, CT, "Because When God is Too Busy," Wesleyan University Press

Young Readers – Young Adult
Jake Burt, Hamden, CT, "Greetings from Witness Protection!," Macmillan

Young Readers – Juvenile (includes authors and illustrators)

Susan Hood, Southport, CT, "Double Take! A New Look at Opposites," Candlewick Press



Pictured from left to right: Jake Burt, Susan Hood, Virginia DeJohn Anderson, Georgia Hunter, Gina Athena Ulysse.

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REVIEW

Russ' 'ZOO' Tour

BY KELLY LANGEVIN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Russ, who was once just a SoundCloud rapper, now is on tour with no headliners, showing even his skeptics that he has what it takes. His first Columbia Label album There's Really a Wolf went platinum and his sophomore album ZOO has the potential to do so as well.

On Friday, Russ took the stage at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, Connecticut, and the crowd was not shy. Oakdale was his first stop of the ZOO tour. I watched him and the rest of the crowd light up as the rapper took the stage.

Russ opened with his first new song off the album called The Flute Song and immediately the crowd was drawn in.

The opening lyrics "I do whatever I want whenever I want I love it. People keep talkin', I just keep winning," has become a motto for Russ. The rapper who has gained a lot of supporters has also been constantly criticized. As Russ stood high on the stage, I looked at my friends as the fire was blazing behind him ready for the next couple of hours.

From the new album, Russ sang his most popular songs including The Flute Song, Missin' You Crazy and Serious.

"Sometimes I start missin' you crazy ain't nothing quite like you, love like this keeps going and going, I cannot forget about you," played with a soft beat behind is then brought in with a heavier sound, but the song itself sounds like it has an old twist to it, an old but easy to vibe to ring.

His new songs brought enjoyment to the

crowd, but bringing back the old gems brought life. My all-time favorite, Cherry Hill, blasted throughout the theater. The song is emotional. Russ calls himself a "fool" throughout the whole song but states he would give anything for this girl is the backbone to the lyrics. The verse is calmer, while the bridge builds, leading into a dramatic chorus with the beat dropping, guitar and drum filled amazement.

I have always liked Russ' more intimate songs including Ride Slow where the beat itself is soothing and again has an upbeat chorus. I personally feel the lyrics of his songs, so Ride Slow is a song that takes you on a journey and makes you feel like you're experiencing his own issues.

A car driving with lights illuminating Russ was on stage while he sang, "I've been tryna soak you up, maybe learn something. I said I would never chase but you keep on running. You know all of my ex's, you think I still do too. I just had to change my number. but I'll never lose you. I just got back into town, I'm just tryna unwind. Let me ride around your mind."

Losin' Control, another deep, slower, but powerful song was sung with the crowd's cell phone lights in the air swinging back and forth for those to feel the impact the song had.

For those who didn't want just the emotional aspect of Russ, he sure delivered. What They Want, another one of Russ's most well-known songs is about his stardom, what people demand of him and expect of him. Russ also sang his old SoundCloud songs to bring the audience down memory lane.

Russ doing the tour all on his own without any headliners delivered the greatness the crowd was anticipating.



Following his album "Zoo," Russ embarked in a hotly anticipated tour.

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Spending A Night With The Dead



Philip Corbin tells the crowd about his companies. CAROLYN MARTIN | STAFF

BY CAROLYN MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Halloween is almost upon us and in the spirit of all things spooky, what is better than spending the night walking through one of New Britain's oldest cemeteries and learning about their most prominent residents? This is the tenth year of this walk and they tell the stories from past

years. This year "Timeless Tales" told the audience about the lives of John Klingberg, Thomas Lynch, Philip Corbin, Elsie Traut and Sherman Avery.

The night began with our tour guide, Sara Lankton, telling the audience about the first person ever to be buried at Fairview Cemetery in 1756. Just about 38,938 residents reside here. She took wanderers to the first grave, Reverend John and Magdalene Klingberg.

The story of the Klingberg's began with Mrs. Klingberg praying for her husband's safe return from retrieving three homeless boys. These boys were found living in a shack all alone. When Mr. Klingberg got home, they discussed how they would feed everyone. Mr. Klingberg assures her that all will sort itself out. A week after the boys came to live with them, they were offered a bigger house and reduced rent. Many people got involved with the church. Over time the orphan children found homes. Mr. Klingberg however, had bigger plans. In 1920, the cornerstone for the Klingberg children's home was laid. Today, it is a family center.

After leaving the Klingberg's, the group went on to meet "the greatest umpire one could be," Thomas Lynch. Lynch was the son of Irish immigrants. In the 1880s, umpires would face abuse. As an umpire it was his job to call those behaviors out — however, when he did he

found himself in trouble.

Lynch prided himself on his fairness and honesty and keeping quiet about the mistreatment ended up hurting him deeply. After 13 seasons, he gave up being an umpire and came back to New Britain, becoming the Superintendent of New Britain Parks and Recreation. After that, he went into the advertising business. He still kept being an umpire "as long as it was for a good cause."

Next was Philip Corbin. He is the namesake and reason for the existence of Corbin Avenue in New Britain. He founded the P and F Corbin Company, which specialized in decorative hardware: hooks, door knobs, etc. This hardware is featured in the capitol. However, he did not stop there. When he reached his 80s, he went into the automobile business and created the Corbin Model H touring car. However, two years after Corbin's death, the company fizzled out. Corbin's monument is the second tallest private headstone in all of America.

Now it was time to visit Elise Traut. Traut was of German descent, coming to America as a baby, arriving in New Britain in 1888. She was on the board that created New Britain General Hospital and stayed on the board for the rest of her life. She was well-known for being the most zealous lover of Christmas in New Britain. She even wrote a song, "The Christmas Tree Carol." This love of Christmas helped her fund and found the tradition of the people's Christmas tree in New Britain's Central Park. She wanted

a tree in New Britain after seeing poor children decorating a bush for Christmas — it was the closest thing they had to a Christmas tree.

To this day, each year a tree shows up in downtown New Britain. Her part ended with the group wishing her a "Merry Christmas" and Mrs. Traut wishing us a "Happy Halloween." As the tour passed the graves of New Britain veterans, there was a moment of silence.

The final stop was Sherman Avery, the creator of Avery's Soda. Avery was a lifelong resident of this town. He was originally in the milk industry, but then he began bottling products for Coca-Cola. However, Avery found himself bored with just dealing with one flavor. He wanted more flavors, especially his own. This is how Avery's Soda came about. The original flavors were: cream soda, birch beer and ginger ale. Avery delivered soda door-to-door. He began with a horse-drawn wagon and eventually a delivery wagon. Prohibition helped his business in the first few years of its creation, especially during the Great Depression. Everyone on the tour was given a ticket that could be redeemed at the end of the tour for a complimentary bottle of Avery's cream soda and remember always ask for Avery's.

All in all, lots of history and stories were taught and told on the brisk Friday night. If you are into history, or just want something to do around Halloween, keep up with this event so you can get your tickets next year.

Bringing Families Together

BY GABRIEL ANTON
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With Homecoming taking place at Central Connecticut this weekend, many students, friends and family have surely experienced a communal celebration of relaxation, togetherness and entertainment. With many events taking place on Saturday, Oct. 20, there were many opportunities to soothe the stress and worries of the week and enjoy a fun and exciting time on campus.

It was also a time for families to spend quality time together doing things that sponsor their inclusive appreciation, which also happens to be the purpose of one of the weekend's wildly popular and important events: the Homecoming Family Social. The Department of Student Activities and Leadership Development worked together with RECentral to provide a meaningful and well-organized event and their hard work paid off.

Upon approaching the quad near Kaiser Hall, families had their hands full with the plethora of activities. If one wanted a memento of the event, the Inter-Residence Council moderated family pictures, where each family would take a picture together and choose from a variety of creative family day frames. There were many delicacies to choose from, such as snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. Adding to the activities were some enjoyable yard games for all ages such as corn hole, mini golf, a corn maze and the popular bouncy house.

"I feel like there was a much bigger turnout this year. I worked [the event last year], and it seems much more successful this year, everybody seemed to have a good time so we're happy with the turnout," RECentral graduate assistant James McMaster said. "It seemed like it was more organized, and that people were more energized this year."

This was present as each activity was surrounded by families that enjoyed themselves.

Compared to other homecoming events, the Family Social seemed to be tailored more to social bonding and inclusion than the others. That theme was prevalent in every activity and every booth.

Brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins were brought together to this public celebration of family. This allowed each participant to enjoy being surrounded by the ones they held most dearly while being given an occasion that sponsored their togetherness. Every activity was customized in a family setting, appealing to all ages and promoting togetherness. It felt like a warranted addition to the homecoming roster and it seems like it would become one of the most popular events in the coming years.

"It's celebrating homecoming and it's also incorporating families that don't see their kids that live on campus to come and visit and it's a good way to get the family more involved on campus," IRC president Morgan McGinnis said, who was in charge, amongst others, of regulating the family picture booth.

As the event came to a close, families were filling the quad with laughter and chatter. The cold and windy Saturday afternoon didn't stop the crowd from coming. Despite it being labeled a family social, this event attracted many others who wanted to enjoy a fun time on campus.

People came with friends to participate in activities, lauding the inclusion of new activities such as mini golf and respecting the fact that many families were enjoying their time with their children who lived on campus that they haven't seen in a while. There were opportunities for everyone to come and celebrate their relationships in a fun environment.

Now that Homecoming Weekend has come to a close, mothers, fathers and close relatives will say goodbye to their kids again and bid them good luck for the rest of the semester. Given the growing popularity and the success of this year's event, next year's Homecoming Family Social will be something to look forward to.

Trick Or Treat At Burritt Library

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Join your fellow Central Connecticut students for a "spooky" night of Trick or Treating at Elihu Burritt Library on Tues, Oct. 30. Attendees will have the chance to win numerous prizes and enjoy refreshments by partaking in the "E-Resources Fair."

The fair includes short demonstrations of some of CCSU's library's best tools for research offered to its students. By taking the "fright" out of research, students will leave the fair having a more comfortable relationship with the idea of researching. To make it more interesting, for every demonstration that you attend, you will receive a raffle ticket. If you attend all six demos and get two bonus tickets, you can have up to a total of eight chances to win great prizes, including a brand new iPad.



The possible prizes are listed as follows:

Grand Prize: iPad (32 GB), \$10 Gift card to Barnes and Noble (Campus bookstore) and Burritt Library hoodie

First Prize: Kindle Fire 7 (8GB), \$5 Gift card to Starbucks and Burritt Library hoodie

Second Prize: \$10 Gift card to Barnes and Noble (Campus bookstore) and a Burritt Library t-shirt

Third Prize: \$5 Gift card to Starbucks and a Burritt Library mug

So whether you want to Trick or Treat alone, with your roommates, or with a couple of friends, make sure to stop by Burritt Library for a night of research and fun.

Tommy's Tattoo Convention Culminates Tattoo Lovers

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After working within the tattoo industry for over 20 years, family owners Tom Ringwalt Sr. and Tom Ringwalt Jr. have concocted the popular ink brand Star Brite and orchestrated a tattoo convention to bring like minds together in celebration of art that lives on fans.

Tommy's Tattoo Supplies have hosted the seventh annual Tommy's Tattoo Convention in Hartford from Oct. 19 to Oct. 21. This convention draws more than New England and East Coast-based artists, but tattooers from Florida, California, Washington, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas, Georgia and internationally from Greece and Belgium.

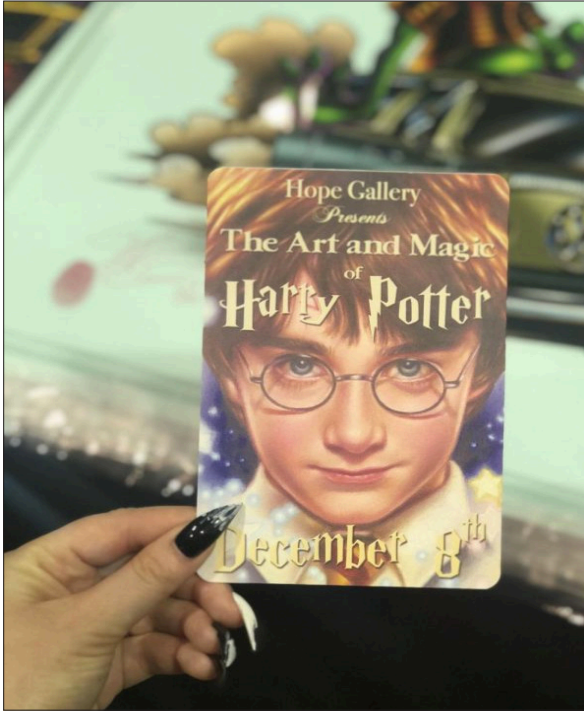
Tommy's Tattoo Convention has been attended by over 225 international, national and local professional tattoo artists, over 30 vendors, and approximately 4,000 fans throughout this three-day weekend.



Wacky Chad rides his skateboard on his hands for an onlooking crowd at Tommy's Tattoo Convention.



Artists at the convention hung banners, sported their flash or original art work, and talked to potential clients and other artists from different shops.



Upcoming Harry Potter-inspired art gallery show at Hope Gallery was advertised at the convention this weekend. The gallery is on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.



Alexis Kovacs, from Electric Cheetah Tattoos in Bethlehem, Penn. tattoos a zombie pizza on a fellow artist.



Connecticut Association for Professional Tattooers (CAPT) booth educating current in-state tattoo artists about joining its union.



CAPT held a raffle at Tommy's Tattoo Convention for a variety of prizes such as, tattoos by certain artists and original art.

Netflix It: 'Circle'

BY SAMUEL PAPPAS
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We see the strangers go from panicking to questioning their morals in selecting who dies next, to using prejudices to target or expose someone, to eventually strategizing their votes into a majority to deceive one another.

What would you do in that situation? Take charge and get the others to vote in your favor? Lie and deceive others? Feed them a sob story about your family? Or stay completely silent, and never even vote?

If you are looking for another horror

movie to add to your Halloween film list, "Circle" is one to consider.

With all these big budget horror films dropping recently, my friends asked me if I wanted to see "Venom" during its opening week. Being the film connoisseur I am, it made perfect sense to bail on "Venom" and see a small time indie movie no one remembers or cares about anymore.

There is no worse fear for college students than avoiding working on their essay that is due tomorrow to watch some spooky films on Netflix instead. October is the month of horror after all.

"Circle" (2015) is more of a psychological story, so if you want to see something that's eerie in concept, rather

than jump-scare spooky town, you're in the right place.

50 random people are trapped in a circle in a dark room. Every two minutes, they must vote on the next person to be killed. Touching someone, or stepping off of your spot, results in death. The death is dished out instantly by an electrical pulse from the center of the room that kills the player painlessly, so don't worry about any gore if it's something you'd want to avoid.

I've heard people complain that the film drags out its concept for too long, but I found the whole experience rather entertaining. Enough to watch the film three separate times on three different occasions.

It takes the concept as far as it can go. We don't learn much about the characters trapped within the circle, as they discover that revealing personal information makes you a target for the other strangers, but there is more depth to the concept than you might assume.

It's all the cathartic joy and interest in watching people lose their humanity and passion, without any overly graphic content for those of you with weak stomachs.

It's also engaging whether you watch it alone while putting off the essay for just a little longer, or in a group with friends, catching a quick break before you get back to "studying."



CCSU alumni celebrated Homecoming Weekend at the pregame tailgate.

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Central Activities Network decorated their table with a jack-o-lantern and skeleton for Homecoming tailgate.

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Pep Rally: Generating Blue Devil Pride

BY KEYAN YOPP
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Forks up, Central!

It was a chilly week so it was only fitting to warm things up Friday, Oct. 19 with some enthralling homecoming activities. The Student Government Association and Central Activities Network teamed up to host the Pep Rally at the top of the hill quad. The pair brought a twist to this year's rally, which included arts and crafts, a variety of different foods, performances and raffles.

Sophomore Morgan McGinnis and Inter-Residence Council president introduced a brand new idea to the rally. IRC offered pre-painted blue and white pumpkins to represent school spirit with other crafts to make the pumpkins resemble Blue Devils. In conjunction with the pumpkins, the table included mason jars which could be painted brown to form a football in support of the CCSU's team.

"I love fall, it's almost Halloween and it's Homecoming so I thought it'll be cool," McGinnis stated when asked about the pumpkin decorating.

A pivotal aspect of the fun was achieving stamps. SGA and C.A.N. had a fun way for students to enjoy several different parts of the rally.

In order for students to be able to enter the raffle and receive small things such as school apparel and beaded necklaces, the students had to obtain three stamps from the various activities featured. Students could gain stamps from Ladder Ball, Corn Hole and food trucks.

Freshman psychology major Kenajah Rollins played corn hole and stated that she enjoyed the idea. For her first homecoming experience at Central, she found herself having a good time.

"This is so fun, my main goal is to get me some school apparel," Rollins said.

The performances of the night include Central's Marching Band who performed Bruno Mars "Uptown Funk" and Pharrell's "Get Lucky," exciting the watching crowd.

Following the band, the Blue Devil Cheerleading team and the Dance team performed their routines.

Head Football coach Pete Rossomando made a special appearance, ahead of the football team's homecoming game against Northeast Conference rival Sacred Heart, hyping the crowd up and asking fellow students to support the players.

"This is my third one [pep rally]. It's good to see a lot of people here," junior offensive guard Jevon Brown said.



Kaiser battles students in an intense game of beer pong; He lost.

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CCSU's 'Dinner Downtown'

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In the very cold and windy afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 18, Central Connecticut celebrated a homecoming event known as 'Dinner Downtown,' from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. During this event, CCSU students and staff were able to visit downtown New Britain to get a taste of what some of the restaurants had to offer.

Each student earned two \$5 vouchers so that they could spend \$10 at any restaurant(s) that they were interested in dining at. From the Puerto Rican and American cuisine of Mofongo (which seems to be one of the most popular restaurants in New Britain and the establishment that students had visited the most), to the Thai cuisine of Mae Kong, students had many different options to choose from.

The list of restaurants which are located in downtown New Britain and were available for students to visit to spend their vouchers on included: Criollisimo (a restaurant that has a food truck that was located at Central Park), Mofongo (which is named after the traditional Puerto Rican dish which consists of mashed plantains, garlic, and topped with a type of meat), and Riley's Hot Dog & Burger Gourmet (a restaurant that serves a Mac & Cheese Burger). It also included KC's on Main (which serves a variety of different dishes from sandwiches to seafood), Peppino's Pizza, Mae Kong Thai Restaurant, CTown Supermarket, and Dunkin' Donuts (which was purposely built right next to the New Britain Police Station and apparently will be called just Dunkin' in the future).

Central Park, which is located in the middle of downtown New Britain, was filled with music, tents, smiling and laughing CCSU students, and the most noticeable of all, the color blue. CCSU students were truly able to show their pride with how much blue was used for the decorations there. It was almost as if downtown New Britain was completely invaded by blue devils. Even the infamous blue devil mascot, Kizer, was there.

The Dinner Downtown event included many other activities to do such as karaoke, taking photos in the photo booth, and playing corn hole. In celebration of homecoming week, students were also rewarded with free CCSU Homecoming long-sleeved shirts. For the photo booth activity, there were so many different props that were available to uses for the photos. Colorful hats, gigantic glasses, elegant crowns, red horns, the photo booth seemed to have it all.

Dinner Downtown was a major hit with CCSU students and staff alike as they were walking down the streets of downtown New Britain to check out these diverse restaurants. Although many students were complaining about the extremely cold weather, it did not seem to take away the fun out of the event. If anything, almost everyone there who had participated in Dinner Downtown was having a good time and seemed to enjoy all kinds of food that were offered, especially the food that came from Mofongo as many students were walking down the sidewalks with big white bags in their hands.

Football Drops Homecoming Game

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On Homecoming Day, in front of over five thousand fans, the Central Connecticut football team was not able to overcome a slow second half and received their first Northeast Conference loss of the season at the hands of Sacred Heart, by a score of 28-25.

Central drops to 4-4 overall (2-1 in NEC) while Sacred Heart moves to 4-3 overall (2-0 NEC), securing their first win in four weeks.

In a classic nail-biter NEC showdown, Central's junior placekicker, Francis Cole, was unable to connect on a late 44-yard field goal that would have tied the game and sent it into overtime, missing wide left.

Head coach, Pete Rossomando, had confidence the kick was going to be executed well and that his team was going to have a chance in overtime.

"That's well within Francis' range, we were actually eight to 10 yards inside what I thought his range was, it just wasn't a great kick," Rossomando said.

Cole had three field goal opportunities throughout the game, hitting a 43-yarder in



The Blue Devils fell to 2-1 in the Northeast Conference with a loss to Sacred Heart.

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the first quarter and having one blocked late second quarter.

This game can be described best as a tale of two halves for the Blue Devils as they stormed out of the gate to start, scoring 17 first-half points while holding the Pioneers to only seven.

Drew Jean-Guillaume, who was named NEC Player of the Week for the past two weeks has been a key contributor to Central's success as of late.

Jean-Guillaume was able to surpass 100 yards rushing for the third straight week as he

finished with 146 rushing yards on 20 carries while adding a highlight play with his 70-yard touchdown run.

"We just ran an inside zone to the left, I saw a small hole, I creased in and after that I was just looking at the jumbotron if anyone was going to catch me," Jean-Guillaume said, laughing as he looked back on the play.

He also added 40 yards receiving, but it was fellow running back Aaron Dawson who had 51 yards on two catches, acting as the receiving leader on the day. Dawson also added 44 yards on the ground and a

touchdown.

Senior quarterback, Jacob Dolegala, had 251 passing yards and one touchdown while adding 38 yards on the ground.

Central's defense started the game well, allowing just one touchdown in the first half, but the Pioneers stormed out of the gates in the second half and that's when they did most of their damage.

The Blue Devils were not able to slow down the Pioneers three-headed monster, as they are key to their success.

Quarterback Kevin Duke had over 400 yards through the air and on the ground while wide receiver Andrew O'Neal caught 10 balls for 170 yards and two scores. Running back Jordan Meachum gained 112 yards rushing and 73 receiving yards to boot.

"Their scheme is great. Meachum is one the better running backs we'll face this year, and O'Neal is just a phenomenal player, he made a lot of great plays," Rossomando said of the Pioneer playmakers.

The Blue Devils need "a great week of preparation," according to Rossomando if they hope to get back to their winning ways against Wagner this Saturday in another home game.

Cross Country Hosts CCSU Mini Meet



The women placed fourth in their 3K on Friday.

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Looking to stay hot for the Northeast Conference Championships this Saturday, Central Connecticut cross country was able to land fourth and fifth place finishes in the women's and men's races at their Annual Mini Meet at Stanley Quarter Park.

The women finished fourth in their 14 team three-kilometer run, tallying 99 points on the day. Angelia Rafter did more of the usual for the Blue Devils,

finishing first for the women and fourth overall in the 3K with a 10:12.3 time. Close behind Rafter was teammate Megan Brawner, who finished tenth with a 10:22.5 time.

Teammates Dawn Hubbell and Ashley Dana finished shortly after Brawner, placing 20th and 27th, respectively.

In her first race of the season for the Blue Devils, senior Madeline Mondo placed 38th with a time of 11:04.1.

The race was "a good start by [Mondo]" for coach Eric Blake. "She's been training and just needed to get a

race under her belt."

As for the senior's usage in the upcoming championship, Blake said: "she will be up to her normal form by next week."

Blake took a different approach in the usage of Alex Norstrom, who did not race at the Annual Mini Meet.

Blake explained why Norstrom didn't run in the mini meet.

"With Alex being a fifth-year senior, he's run in a lot of college races. We've got some big plans for him next week for the NEC Regionals, so he's just focusing on that. He didn't really need

the experience of this 5k."

The men certainly picked up the slack in Norstrom's absence. Roberto Piotto was first for the Blue Devils, finishing fifth overall in the 5k after posting a 14:59.3 time. Richard Grudzwick completed the race just 18 seconds after, good for a 15th place finish.

Charles Traubl finished 27th with a time of 15:30.5.

The men finished the day with 147 points in the 12-team race, putting them in fifth place.

Looking forward to the NEC Championship at Bryant next weekend, Blake believes "the team is looking good, they're healthy."

The shorter race lengths (5K for men, 3K for women) were ideal for the Blue Devils, as explained by Blake.

"The recovery is less because it is shorter. I like it because the way it falls before the meet, being shorter, they are gonna run at a faster pace. The idea is to get their legs turning over and to get ready for next week, and I think it accomplished that."

One point Blake looks to emphasize before NECs is running with a teammate.

"You may not have a pack, but Angelia and Megan were pretty close, and in a 5K, Dawn will be right there too. On the guy's side, you plug Alex in and he'll be right in there with Roberto. If they can get with a teammate that's at a similar level, it just makes it easier," Blake said.

The Blue Devils have high expectations for Saturday, where the men will look to win their tenth straight NEC Championship, while the women seek to match that feat.

How Will The Rag Tag Lakers Work Together?

BY RYAN JONES
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We've seen the Bad Boy Pistons of the 1980s terrorize the league with their fighting and cheap shots. Dennis Rodman did much of the same for the '90's Bulls teams. In '04, the Pistons and Pacers had a bench-clearing brawl that swept into the stands.

Is it time to put the 2018 Lakers in this same category?

In a primetime game against a tough Houston Rockets team, an altercation between Brandon Ingram and reigning MVP James Harden resulted in a brawl between the two teams. In only his second game playing for the Lakers, Rajon Rondo spat in the face of Rocket Chris Paul before punching him. The two went on to exchange punches before getting broken up (noticeably LeBron James pulling Chris Paul away from the fight). Before teammates and officials could step in, Ingram rushed in from half court, looking to land a punch of his own against the 13-year vet. Luckily for both Paul and Ingram, the late cheap shot did not land.

The NBA was swift in its punishments for the players involved in the Staples Center skirmish, handing down four and three game suspensions to L.A's Ingram and Rondo, respectively. Paul and the

Rockets were not without repercussions, however, as Paul's involvement in the fight resulted in a two-game suspension.

James is widely seen as the ultimate teammate across the league, but some of his teammates on the new look Lakers do not garner the same respect. Many of these players are new to the team after a summer of questionable signings by the Lakers.

Rondo was the first major name to sign with the Lakers over the offseason, signing on a one year deal on July 6. Rondo was not a bad move for the Lakers, who could benefit from a veteran guard for Lonzo Ball to work with. Despite this, it is still head-scratching that the Lakers would sign Rondo, a player who never exactly got along with many in the league, James included.

Another player known to have a poor history with James and many around the league, Lance Stephenson, was also signed to the Lakers over the summer. Stephenson is widely known for his pestering of James, most notably in the



The Lakers combination of characters has already led to on-court drama.

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2014 playoffs where he often flopped and blew into the ear of James.

A less flashy and more surprising signing came by way of Javale McGee, the former Warriors Center who managed to lock up James in some stretches of last year's finals. Michael Beasley, a former teammate of LeBron, was one of the last moves made by the Lakers. While there is an argument for the chemistry that Beasley and James might have from an albeit short stint

together, the guard has had numerous off the court issues and is still a risky signing despite his upside.

Pairing this cast of questionable characters with the young core of Lonzo Ball, Ingram and Kyle Kuzma and all-time great LeBron is something that still raises eyebrows for sure. How this band of misfits can gel together and perform in the tough Western Conference will be one of the more exciting storylines to watch for in an already crazy season.

Senior Spotlight: Ashley Cavanaugh



Cavanaugh (above) was named NEC Goalie of the year last season.

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BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night’s game for Central Connecticut’s women’s soccer team was a night where they honored their seven seniors, marking their final home game as a Blue Devil. But it won’t be their final game on CCSU turf because they clinched the Northeast Conference regular-season title. This means they will host the conference tournament, as they have yet to lose an in-conference game on the season. Though it was a quiet night for one of the seniors being honored, goalkeeper Ashley Cavanaugh (who had to record just three saves) has been

perhaps the most instrumental piece to the teams’ success, posting a shutout in 10 contests of the year while allowing no more than one goal in per game with the exception of one game this season. Despite the overwhelming success, it is only Cavanaugh’s second year as the starting keeper for the Blue Devils. For two years, she sat behind Nicki Turley, who was a three-time NEC Goalkeeper of the Year. Though she only appeared in eight contests in the two-year span, she did not mind sitting and included some words of wisdom from goalkeeper coach Shawn Kelly. “You come here with the

intention to play,” Cavanaugh said. “Our goalkeeper coach tells us at the beginning of the season ‘your job is not to be a backup goalkeeper. Your job is to be the best goalkeeper on this team.’ That’s what motivates all of us to work hard. I had no problem sitting on the bench and I will support whoever is in front of me and I expect the people behind me to do the same.” Cavanaugh said she enjoyed her two years playing behind Turley and called herself “a better goalkeeper today because of her.” But when she was finally handed the reigns, she made her impact quickly, posting nine shutouts, including a streak of six

to end the season, propelling her team to the NEC tournament, all while averaging under one goal given up per game. This performance led to her being named NEC Goalkeeper of the Year, a feat she is surely in contention to achieve once again. But Cavanaugh attributes her success to the stellar play of the team’s defense. “I’ve had that support every year that I’ve been here,” Cavanaugh said of the defense. “We’ve always had a strong defense. Any of my success, I completely accredit to them. I’d be absolutely nothing without them. It’s always a team effort.” She continued by saying “my team makes me the best goalkeeper I can be because I’d be nothing without them. I just try to come out here and work as hard as I can every day, every game, every practice and hope that good comes out of it.” But following the conference tournament, Cavanaugh will pass the torch to a new goalkeeper, and she has strived to be the same kind of mentor that Turley was to her. “We have to challenge each other. If we don’t challenge each other, it’s just a race against ourselves at that point. You might not be getting better if that’s the case,” she said. Cavanaugh feels her team can continue its NEC dominance once the tournament starts and is pleased it will be taking place at home. “I think we can go far,” Cavanaugh said. “I think we’re going to have a great atmosphere here, our home field. I can’t wait.”

Swimming and Diving Beats SCSU, Falls To UConn

BY PATRICK GUSTAVSON
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight week, Central Connecticut’s swimming and diving team split a tri-meet, defeating Southern Connecticut but falling to UConn. The Huskies were the dominant team of the meet, taking first place in 17 of the 24 events, soundly defeating the Blue Devils by a score of 164-82 while beating the Owls 175-102. Despite the Husky domination, Central still managed to win three events on the day. A team consisting of freshmen Katie Czulewicz and Jeanette King, senior Kaitlyn Troy and junior Valentina Gomez won the 400-yard freestyle relay. King won the 100-yard backstroke as an individual, finishing just under the one-minute mark, the only in the event to do so. This comes as a breakthrough for King, who finished second in three individual events in her collegiate debut last weekend. She also placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle. Rounding out the trio of Blue Devil winners was senior Aidan Devers, who won the 400-yard individual medley. She also finished second in the 200-yard backstroke and finished eighth in the 200-yard freestyle. This was a strong start to the season for Devers, who did not compete in last weekend’s meet. Czulewicz was also making her season (and career) debut for the Blue Devils, placing fourth in the same 200-yard freestyle as Devers. She also competed on the team that placed fifth in the 200-yard medley relay. Gomez, who won three events in the season-opener finished third in the 200-yard butterfly and also competed in the 200-yard medley relay, a part of the Blue Devil squad that finished fourth for the event. Freshman Alex Lindgren, who also won an event last weekend, finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke in addition to a fifth-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. The Blue Devils will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 27, when they travel to New Hampshire to take on the Wildcats. The meet will be their last before they begin competition against fellow Northeast Conference schools when they take on Bryant and Wagner on Nov. 2.

2018 World Series Preview

BY JEREMY GANAVAGE
STAFF WRITER

After a long regular and postseason, the 114th World Series is set featuring the league’s two best teams. The Boston Red Sox are coming off their most winning season in team history while cruising their way to the Fall Classic. The Dodgers struggled before the all-star break, but with the late acquisition of Manny Machado, caught fire and made their way to the top of the National League. The Red Sox have been nothing less than dominant this postseason. The offense is generating just over six runs a game while carrying a .253 batting average. Center fielder, Jackie Bradley Jr. completely transformed from his regular season self into a hitting machine. Bradley, who hit less than .160 before the break, leads the team in runs batted in this postseason with nine along with designated hitter J.D. Martinez. The lineup as a whole is clicking and looks to continue their success in the series. The defense and bullpen for Boston have been just as impressive. The bullpen carries 3.78 ERA and has only allowed 34 runs in their nine postseason games. Starters Nathan Eovaldi and Rick Porcello are rolling with wins in both of

their starts while the bullpen has been holding its own. The big question mark heading into the postseason for the Sox was the pen, which has been quickly answered, with Ryan Brasier pitching seven innings giving up zero runs, while Matt Barnes has given up only one run in 6.1 innings pitched. The outfield, to no surprise, has played exceptionally well while the whole defense has played clean with only three errors. The only question heading into the Series is their ability to close out games. Closer Craig Kimbrel has been unlike himself pitching to a 7.11 ERA. He will have to improve to beat a talented Dodgers squad. On the other side of the field are the Dodgers, who are coming off a highly-contested NLCS. Their offense has been consistent with a .218 BA and 43 runs scored in 11 games. Shortstop, Manny Machado, has led the offense with nine RBI and 11 hits and right fielder Yasiel Puig has 10 hits while batting .333. With Cody Bellinger struggling, Chris Taylor has more than made up for it with his .360 average while scoring six runs. With Clayton Kershaw, well, being Clayton Kershaw, the pitching on this Dodgers squad could very easily help

them win this series. Aside from his first couple of outings at the beginning of the postseason, Kershaw has been dominant, giving up only three hits and one run in his game five win over Milwaukee. Rich Hill has been the other bright spot on the mound with two wins and a 2.67 ERA. Defense in the infield has been more than impressive including strong infield play by third baseman Justin Turner and Machado. Elsewhere, the defense has committed seven errors, which will also need to be cleaned up to beat the high powered Red Sox offense. With both teams playing exceptionally well, it’s hard to choose a winner. But if I had to bet on the series, it would go to the Boston Red Sox. They are dominating every position on the field and have caught fire at the right time. With David Price finally getting his first win in the postseason and Chris Sale coming back from his game off due to a “rash from a belly button ring,” the Red Sox have everything going for them. The Dodgers will definitely put up a fight, including a game one match-up for the ages with Sale and Kershaw on the mound. However, I have the Red Sox as the 2018 World Series Champions with a 4-2 series win.

OPINION

In Today's NFL,
Offense Wins
Championships

BY TREVI ALICKOLLI
STAFF WRITER

For as long as we can remember, the oldest saying in the National Football League has been, “offense wins games, but defense wins championships!” But in today’s NFL, that’s simply not the case anymore.

The last two super bowl champions, The Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots won their rings scoring 41 and 34 points, respectively, with hardly any defense being played during those games.

The NFL has trended toward more of a safe approach in the last couple of years that makes playing defense that much harder, and they didn’t help the defensive guys this past offseason either. In fact, they made playing defense impossible.

This past offseason, the NFL Competition Committee passed a number of rules and changed a number of points of emphasis, including new kickoff rules and usage of the helmet.

But the most important changes were adding more protection to the ball carriers on offense, meaning the defense can hardly deliver bone-crushing hits anymore. They added more protection to the quarterbacks, or their “moneymakers,” making it nearly impossible to hit them any longer.

And lastly, they are focusing more on illegal contact calls down the field, meaning no more touching receivers as they are going for the ball.

Part of these rules is, of course, safety, but also there are business decisions involved as well. The average NFL fan does not want to turn on the game and watch a 6-3 defensive battle, they want to see highlight plays and offensive explosions.

These changes have set up offenses perfectly to succeed and they are not failing to produce. During the 2018 season, through six weeks, the NFL has broken numerous offensive records. There have been 4,489 points scored, 504 touchdowns and 328 touchdowns passes, the most in NFL history.

On top of that, there are six quarterbacks on pace to pass for 5,000 yards, something that has never been done in NFL history.

If you look around the NFL today, the best teams are not the teams with the great defenses. In fact, there are very few “great” defenses left in the NFL.

The best defensive teams are probably the Baltimore Ravens and the Jacksonville Jaguars. One in complete turmoil, Jacksonville, and the other struggles whenever they face a legitimate offense, as they proved in their week seven loss vs the Saints.

People around the NFL, general managers and owners among them, have realized defense is not how you win in today’s NFL. If they haven’t realized yet, they soon will.

Teams have started to hire coaches who are offensive-minded and are creative offensively.

The top three Super Bowl 53 favorites, according to Vegas, are the Los Angeles Rams, Kansas City Chiefs and New England Patriots, all of which can light you up with a schematic offensive and cannot stop you defensively. Yet they are still Super Bowl favorites.

As the NFL continues to move towards this direction, more and more teams are going to realize offense is the key.

Even if your opponent has a good defense, it’s next to impossible to defend everything these great schemes throw at you.

In today’s NFL, if you have a halfway decent defense, but a great offense and offensive scheme, you are going to be one of the favorites to win the Super Bowl.

Men's Soccer Gets First Win

BY DANIEL FLORES
STAFF WRITER

Over the weekend, Central Connecticut’s men’s soccer team gave their all to achieve their first win of the season in their second game when they traveled to Robert Morris. The Blue Devils had been fighting hard in their fixtures and despite being close on several occasions, have been unlucky to secure the winning goal.

However, this was finally accomplished due to a strong display from the entire squad. The team’s overall record improves to 1-11-1 and their Northeast Conference record to 1-5.

Central did everything they could in a tough match, doing well to hold a solid line on defense and to make the most of their attacking opportunities, eventually securing their first win of the season by a score of 1-0 against the Colonials.

The match was a mix of play, resulting in a deadlock until the last 10 minutes. It was in these last 10 minutes where the Blue Devils scored the match winner, when freshman Larson Richards took the ball down the right flank of the pitch and delivered a cross to the far post where Louis Beddouri headed the ball into the right side of the net.

With the goal, Beddouri leads the team with six goals for the season while Richards registered his first assist of the season.

For the remainder of the match, the Blue Devils defense held up



Louis Beddouri (above) scored the lone goal in the win. JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF

strong against a heavy attack from the Colonials. Central only notched half the amount the shots of RMU, 9-18, but made the most of their chances.

Goalkeeper, Carson D'Ambrosia, made crucial last-minute saves to maintain the lead and win the team’s first match of the season. He ended the game with a total of nine saves, keeping the team alive and registering his first shutout of the season.

Their win was a bounce back from their first game of the weekend, where Central was defeated 4-2 by Saint Francis (PA).

The teams had an exciting first half, with a total of five goals before minute 45 of the game. To open the scoring, Mario Mastrangelo of SFU scored two goals within twenty minutes to pull ahead.

Then, a couple of minutes after the second goal, they scored again off a header by Gabriel Castro from a corner kick.

The Blue Devils refused to stand down and started bringing the game to SFU. Senior, Sebastian Calderon, would intercept a turnover and went through on a breakaway to score his first goal of the season and Central’s first goal of the match.

Then, several minutes later, Beddouri stole the ball and shot from a close angle on goal to help take the match back for Central.

The two teams were then locked in a mixture of play, with Central trying to find the third goal to equalize. Unfortunately, the Red Flash would extend their lead with another goal before the end of the match when Leonardo Ribeiro would find the back of the net.

The Blue Devils took 10 shots while SFU marked 16 of their own. D'Ambrosio registered three saves to keep the team in the match.

Week Eight Fantasy Picks

BY THE RECORDER SPORTS STAFF

The Recorder sports staff gives their take on week eight of the NFL fantasy landscape.

Who is your sure thing for the week?

Trevi Alickolli- Staff Writer: Zach Ertz (TE, Philadelphia)- The Eagles offensive line is banged up and has not played well up to this point in the season. A dominant Jacksonville defense will be tough to counter. Carson Wentz will look to Ertz to bail him out early and often. I expect him to have a big fantasy output in the form of yards and touchdowns.

Patrick Gustavson- Sports Editor: James White (RB, New England Patriots)- With Sony Michel going down, White could be the feature back in both the running and passing game. The Patriots should feast on the Bills and White will surely be a focal point in the potential beatdown.

Tom Hopkins- Staff Writer: Adam Thielen (WR, Minnesota Vikings)- The paragon of consistency, Thielen has surpassed the 100-yard mark in every game this season. There's no reason to think his stellar play won't continue against a Saints defense that gives up the most points to receivers in a game that could turn into a shootout at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Who is your sleeper for the week?

Alickolli: Aaron Jones (RB, Green Bay Packers)-The problem this year with Jones has not been his production, but his opportunities. When he gets the opportunities, he produces. Hopefully, after the bye week, the team will realize that he is their best back and give him more opportunities, therefore more production.

Gustavson: CJ Uzomah (TE, Cincinnati Bengals)-

Despite a tough loss to Kansas City, the Bengals will likely bounce back in a matchup with Tampa that has shootout written all over it. Especially with the tight end position lacking depth, Uzomah, who found the end zone last week, should end the week as a TE1.

Hopkins: Dede Westbrook (WR, Jacksonville Jaguars)- Westbrook has been inconsistent, but at least part of the blame rests on quarterback Blake Bortles, who was benched last week. A fired up Bortles will likely start this week, so look for Westbrook to put up a nice stat line against a Philadelphia defense that gives up a ton of points to receivers.

Who is going to bust this week?

Alickolli: James Conner (RB, Pittsburgh Steelers)- If you haven't gotten rid of Conner yet via trade yet, I suggest you do so immediately as Le'Veon Bell is said to return in the near future, meaning Conners' touches will decrease drastically and so will his production. Move on while you can.

Gustavson: Christian McCaffrey (Carolina Panthers)- McCaffrey has had two straight weeks with less than 30 yards rushing. The Ravens have proven to have one of the best defenses in the league. Though he may be utilized in the passing game, I don't expect him to eclipse double-digits.

Hopkins: Mark Ingram (RB, New Orleans Saints)- Ingram came back hot from his four-game suspension, finding the end zone twice. Last week, he disappointed, only getting 32-yards on the ground. Granted, the Ravens were a tough matchup, but his running mate, Alvin Kamara, managed to do more with his opportunities. This week, Ingram has another tough matchup against a stout Vikings defense that kept a strong Jets run game in check last week.

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With their shutout win over Mount St. Mary's, CCSU clinched the NEC regular-season title with a perfect 7-0 record.

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Women's Soccer Clinches Home-Field In NEC Tournament

BY DANIEL FLORES
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On their senior night, Central Connecticut's women's soccer team dominated Mount St. Mary's to the tune of 4-0, their seventh consecutive win. With this win, the Blue Devils clinched the Northeast Conference regular season title for the first time since 2009 and will host the conference tournament.

"It was fantastic, one of our goals going into the season was to bring the tournament back here. It was a long way when the conference started seven games ago but to go 7-0 is fantastic," head coach Mick D'Arcy said, praising his team's achievement.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring in the seventh minute when junior defender Shauny Alterisio scored her first goal of the season by firing a 40-yard free kick on goal, with the ball bouncing over the keeper's head.

"Her job is to keep goals out, she'll be thrilled with the goal but probably even more so about the shutout. We don't expect

the goals to come from a defender but it's a nice bonus when they do," Coach D'Arcy said of the co-captain.

In the second half, Central would extend their lead by three goals in quick succession. The first came when senior Danielle Pearse cut inside from the right flank and took a weak foot shot into the upper left corner of the net.

Pearse has now registered seven goals in the season, second on the team.

The main forward drew praise from her coach with D'Arcy.

"She's been so consistent, she's been our main target forward all year long," he said. "She takes a beating but she's brave, she's strong, she stands up and she takes it, and tonight she proved she can score with her right or her left foot, and it was a wonderful finish."

Pearse was assisted by classmate Charlotte Maurer, her first of two assists on the night, leading to praise from her coach.

"Charlotte is the engine in the middle of the field, she dictates the tempo for us, she covers every blade of grass, and she's

even our leading goal scorer which is a phenomenal return for a center midfielder," D'Arcy said

"She has a big sister mentality, she has so much respect from her teammates, she just has everything you want in a player, and a wonderful person on top of it too, doing right by people."

The third and fourth goals of the match would then come from freshman Roma McLaughlin, her first two of the season.

For the first, McLaughlin received a pass from Maurer, then took a strong shot just outside the box over the keeper and into the net. This goal marked Maurer's fourth assist of the season.

Then four minutes later, McLaughlin collected the ball and fired it into the bottom right corner of the net.

D'Arcy stated his thrill with the midfielder.

"I'm delighted that she scored. It's the old expression that you can wait all day for the bus and then two can arrive and that was her with the goals, she could've had ten goals this season, but she's been so unlucky.

They were lovely goals and I'm delighted she's added the goal scoring to everything that she's been doing, she's been a fantastic performer for us all season," he said.

Central dominated both sides of the ball. They outshot the Mount 14-6. Meanwhile, senior goalkeeper Ashley Cavanaugh only had to register three saves and collect her tenth shutout of the season. The whole back line did well to stop dangerous attacks and interrupt opposing play at midfield before it could build up.

Ecstatic with his team's performance, D'Arcy said, "it was an emotional game today. We had our senior banquet earlier. All seven seniors gave their speeches and there weren't too many dry eyes in the house. So, tonight I think the team showed how much love they have for the senior group. Right from the beginning, they were battling to make sure their seniors got the result they wanted."

The Blue Devils will finish their regular season when they travel to Saint Francis (PA) on Friday, Oct. 26, before they return home to host the NEC tournament.

Volleyball Bounces Back In Weekend Series



The Blue Devils are tied with Bryant for second place in the NEC.

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After a tough loss to Bryant last weekend, Central Connecticut volleyball has regained control, winning both of their weekend games. With their victories against conference rivals Robert Morris and Saint Francis (PA), the Blue Devils continue to creep up in the standings.

Now sitting at 7-2 in conference play, only reigning Northeastern Conference champions LIU Brooklyn stand in their

way, who holds a perfect 9-0 record.

CCSU visited Robert Morris for their first match, facing a Colonial team with the second-worst record in the NEC (2-5). The matchup was perfect for a Blue Devil team trying to come back after getting defeated in straight sets by Bryant last week.

After taking an 8-6 lead, the Blue Devils never looked back, leading by as much as four and finishing off the first set with three straight points.

Central looked poised to make similar work of the second set, taking a 4-3 lead after a Madelyn Kaprelyan Kaprelyan kill.

The Colonials halted CCSU's momentum, using a 12-2 run to jump out to a 16-5 lead.

The Blue Devils would battle back to tie the game at 21 after a block from Emma Henderson, but three blocks and a kill would seal the second set victory for the Colonials.

The third set saw many lead changes, as both teams would exchange runs. After a 12-9 Colonial lead, the Blue Devils fought back to regain a 21-18 advantage. Two straight kills from Kaprelyan and Quirarte, respectively, would set up game point. A block from Kaprelyan and Nicole Kraemer would win the CCSU the set.

Never straying from the dramatics, the Blue Devils had another close set in the fourth. Trailing by three early, they were able to score five straight on a run highlighted by a Kaprelyan kill and Erin McDermott ace. They never trailed after this and would close out the final set with a 25-19 victory, winning the Blue Devils the game.

Kaprelyan posted yet another triple-double in the win, landing 17 kills, 17 assists and 14 digs. Quirarte was able to notch a double-double for her efforts, adding in 12 kills and 19 digs for the Blue Devils.

But Central had to fight harder in their

second match, coming back from a 2-1 set deficit against Saint Francis (PA).

The Blue Devils fought early for a 6-5 lead, but trailed for the remainder of the set, with a Red Flash block and ace winning the set, 25-19.

CCSU was in the driver's seat for the second set, extending an early lead to 19-10. Two straight kills and an SFU error would decisively win the Blue Devils the second set 25-15.

Continuing to trade sets, the Red Flash would secure the second set after taking a nine-point lead early. CCSU was able to piece together runs but ultimately lost 25-19.

The fourth set was anyone's game down the stretch tied at 17, but an 8-3 run secured the must-win set for CCSU.

Disaster struck early in the final set, as SFU easily bust out the first five points of the set. A timeout quickly shifted the momentum in CCSU's favor, scoring six straight to regain the lead. The Blue Devils would not trail for the remainder and won the set 15-13, taking the critical road victory.

CCSU will travel to Bryant, who they are tied with for second in the NEC, on Saturday, Oct. 27.