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## RECentral Building Still Under Construction



The former Bubble is being transformed into a new, state-of-art recreation center.

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located on the edge of campus by Kaiser Lot and Ella Grasso Boulevard.

The new building is said to be decked out with gym equipment, two full multi-purpose courts and a suspended track that is open for 1/10 of a mile. Upon the top level, there will be fitness studios with cardio machines including ellipticals, treadmills and bicycles, while the first floor will consist of functional strength training equipment, such as squat racks, free weights and dumbbells.

Scott Kazar, recreation specialist for RECentral, has been anticipating the opening of the recreation center for quite some time and is looking forward to many of the new functions it will have to offer.

“The biggest goal is to create another space on campus that builds community,” Kazar said. “Right now it’s hard for us because we have only small locations, but I think once we have a main hub not only can we serve the students better but also have a safe zone community for students to feel comfortable.”

The Huang Family Recreation Center will become the “main hub” for the Athletics department and

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## The “Broke College Student” Joke Is A “Starving College Student” Reality

BY BRUNA VILA ARTIGUES  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As the school year begins, many of the college students enrolled have been a part of a growing segment struggling with food insecurity. Being a “broke college student” is the common joke, but getting the proper nutrition is an everyday struggle for some of them.

The Wisconsin Hop Lab, the largest national survey on this issue, reported on 43,000 students all around the country. The study found that during the 30 days previous of the survey, 42 percent of community college students and 36 percent of university students were “at the lowest or very lowest levels of food security.”

In fact, nine percent of community college students and six percent of university students “had gone at least one

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BY ISABELLA CHAN  
NEW EDITOR

Originally, the two-story recreation center was set to open in Spring 2019 but is now said to be delayed until Spring 2020. Based on information from Lawrence Brunoli Inc. General Contractors website, the project is about 55 percent complete.

The project manager could not be reached for comment.

According to a news release from Fall 2017, the recreation center will be a replacement to the building formerly known as the “Bubble”, transforming into a new 61,000 square foot space

In Fall 2017, Central Connecticut broke ground for the construction of the Huang Family Recreation Center; two years later, the \$25 million building is still under construction.

## New Volleyball Locker Room Shows Steps Towards Gender Equity

BY RYAN JONES  
SPORTS EDITOR

CCSU’s AD this year, has made it a goal to bring gender equity to Central Athletics.

“One of the areas that I felt we were behind in was locker room space,” Barrio said. “Over the years, our men’s teams have been able to make individual spaces for each team, where as a lot of our women’s teams had to share one big locker room.”

Volleyball’s head coach Linda Sagnelli, who has coached the team to more than 300 wins in her 19-year tenure, has campaigned for a new space for her team for “many years now” and believes it’s “an incredible thing that I wanted to see done in my time at Central. The people were in place to help make it happen and I am just so happy that it could get done.”

Talks of actually putting in a locker room started only a year and a half ago and had to be done by August 10, when the team got onto campus for their summer workouts. It took a dedicated



Central Connecticut Volleyball team enjoying their first look at their new locker room. BRIAN BARRIO | TWITTER

team to accomplish such a tall task in such a short time, and as Barrio put it, it’s not exactly “typical at Central to do things really quickly.”

According to Sagnelli, the real ones to thank for this new

addition are not themselves, but rather the family, friends and fans of the program.

“Through a lot of hard work and collective effort from the team and athletics, we raised

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## PROFESSOR CREATES AN ORIGINAL ART PIECE



History professor Matthew Warshauer brought a unique conversation piece to campus that doubles as a sociological piece.

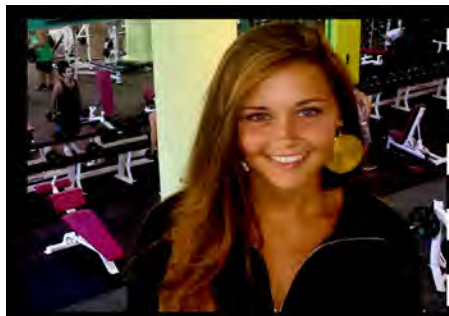
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## FOOTBALL DEFEATS FORDHAM



In their 2019 debut, Central Connecticut football knocked off Fordham due to a last-minute field goal.

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# New Year, New Parking System for CCSU



Central's new parking system has been met with mixed reactions.

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New beginnings always come with changes and Central Connecticut is no exception. The Fall 2019 Semester welcomed in a new parking system on campus, in which commuters, resident students, staff and faculty have been assigned parking zones.

With the new system being established, the Central community has certain concerns and disagreements involving losing approximately 300 parking spaces due to the several ongoing construction projects.

Construction is taking place all over campus which includes the renovation of Barnard Hall, the Library surface parking lot becoming the Engineering building and the new 600-car parking garage on Manafort Drive.

"It is impossible to fully satisfy everyone – no matter how much we wish to," Sal Cintorino, Interim Chief Facilities Officer stated in an email.

Some Central students took to social media to display their concerns. This past week, Twitter has been just one site where students have expressed their dissatisfaction even describing CCSU's parking situation as "trash" on multiple occasions.

"How do I receive compensation for

the sleep I have lost over CCSU's parking situation," (@HudickAmanda,) Amanda Hudick said.

"Wonder how much money CCSU made today from ticketing just about everyone from their new parking system," (@baileyje1213,) Jessica Bailey said.

The assigned parking zones means there are limitations throughout campus as to where certain people can park.

Some Central students are not pleased with the distribution of zones since they are restricted and told where to park.

As part of Phase 1 of CCSU's parking plan, several lots that used to be shared by commuting and resident students are now divided and off-limits to one of the two parties.

One of the changes said to be the most inconvenient for students is Copernicus garage, which is now assigned solely to resident students and has limited availability to staff and faculty.

"Losing Copernicus garage was a killer because the majority of people who parked there in the past were commuters," Derick Raganit, who commutes said.

"As soon as I got off the highway I parked in Copernicus," commuter Anissa Lara said. "It doesn't make sense to park at Mid and have Mid residents park at Copernicus."

Some students and faculty have found it to be especially difficult to find parking

later on in the day.

"From what I've noticed so far, the only guaranteed parking lot during the day is the lot behind Hilltop which is super far away from most of my classes," Raganit said. "You pretty much have to get to campus at least half an hour early to find a spot and be on time for class."

"My professor told the class that it took her 45 minutes to find a parking spot the other day," Ashley Forker said.

Resident student Carly Reynolds disapproves of living in Mid and having a parking zone located on the other side of campus.

"It is around an eight-minute walk," Reynolds said. "Let's say you want a late-night snack or groceries and you have to walk back with all that stuff by yourself. At night, for me personally as a female, it is pretty dangerous to be walking around."

However, not all Central students oppose the new parking changes being put into place and have been adjusting to the changes made.

"It is good for organizational purposes and safety and makes it easier for new students or staff to know where to park," commuter Amanda Dixon said.

Starting Sept. 16, anyone not following the new parking regulations will be fined. Those in need of parking decals may look for assistance from the parking tents around campus. — @BRUNAVILA

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## What's New, CCSU?

BY ISABELLA CHAN  
NEWS EDITOR

- Career Success Center hosts an On-Campus Student Worker Fair on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m..
- C.A.N. Bad & Bubbly Foam Party in Vance Lawn on Sept. 5 from 7-10 p.m..
- Drip Drop Tick Tock Art Exhibit in Maloney Hall Sept. 5 to Oct. 3
- Camp Kizer will offer s'mores and fun activities on Sept. 6 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in James Garden.
- CCSU Block Party on Sept. 7 in Kaiser Lot 3 - 5:30 p.m..
- Football: Blue Devils vs. Merrimack at 6 p.m. in Arute Field

## SGA Briefs

BY KRISTINA VAKHMAN  
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

The Student Government Association meets every Wednesday at 3:05 p.m. in Bellin A and B in the Student Center. These briefs are from the SGA's meeting on August 28.

- The Academic Affairs Committee is hosting an Academic Forum on Oct. 21.
- The Finance Committee has activated a request form on TheLink for clubs looking to apply for contingency or other forms of review.
- Roshanay Tahir was officially sworn in as the SGA's president.

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Construction is still underway for the Recreation Center.

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RECentral, which oversees all open fitness centers on campus, intramural sports and club activities. The building will be used for academic classes as well.

As of now, it is undetermined what will come of some of the former fitness spaces following the opening of the

recreation center.

Due to the Bubble and other projects, RECentral has had to adjust to having less space available for their activities which has created some bumps in the road.

“So even with the Bubble a lot of our club sports would have practices

in there so we’ve lost time for clubs sports,” Kazar said. “We’ve just done the best we can but its affected club sports [and] intramural times, it’s been tough. Its even affected athletics a lot too because they used the [Bubble] a lot.”

“In Memorial Hall, that’s where we

had all our fitness classes, so without the new building right now we don’t have a main hub for fitness, we have to do whatever we can in Mid Campus,” he expressed. “It’s definitely affected us a good amount and we’d like to do better as a department and serve the students better but right now it’s definitely tough.”

Despite difficulties though, Kazar has high hopes for the building’s potential and what it has to offer the Central community.

“I honestly know the students are going to be happy. Its going to be new and catered to the newer fitness trends that students are used to, I’m excited for that,” Kazar assured. “We’re going to get there.”

With the center’s anticipated opening, RECentral will be looking to hire 20 new staff members, specifically student employees, for Spring 2020. In order to be consider for a position, one must attend at least one of three information sessions held on October 23, 24 and 25. For more information on employment at RECentral please visit [ccsu.edu/recentral/about](http://ccsu.edu/recentral/about).

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money for part of it,” Sagnelli explained. “But our families and the funding they provided for us to raise what we had to was so heartwarming.”

Barrio attested the same for the support team with the project.

“We were beneficiaries of how Linda treats her student athletes. Their parents believe so strongly in that program that they were willing to really pony up, friends of the program as well, who were willing to step up and say ‘hey you deserve this’ and give the money necessary to make it happen.”

He also emphasized how facilities “moved heaven and earth” to get things done in time. “We needed help from a lot of different areas, and everyone rose to the challenge,” Barrio said.

Volleyball has done much to prove they deserve a space of their own. This past semester, the team finished with a 3.62 GPA, the highest of all sports teams on campus. This year also marked the 13th in a row that the team won the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award, given to teams holding a 3.30 GPA or higher.

Barrio, of course, has high praise for these student athletes and gives them all the credit in the world for their work effort.

“They believe every [positive] stereotype of what an athlete is at college. They’re unbelievable students, wonderful ambassadors to the school and are competitive every single year.” Barrio said.

Beyond that, Barrio believes that



Central Connecticut Volleyball team huddles in between sets.

CCSU ATHLETICS

this new space will help the team on the scoreboard as well.

“When you take care of the little things in the culture, the winning comes naturally,” Barrio explained. “Giving them their locker room space and eliminating those day to day annoyances will help them win.”

Sagnelli says that the locker room might not have gotten done had it not

been for Barrio, but he thinks that the way people normally perceive the hierarchy in athletics is actually the opposite.

“People tend to put the AD up top then the administration and so on. In reality, it’s the student athletes up top. What they do is what we’re here for,” Sagnelli said. “They’re why I have a job and come into work everyday. My job is to try and create the resources and

remove some of the obstacles so that they can be successful, and this was a case of that.”

A new space for volleyball is a step in the right direction for CCSU’s Athletics, but Barrio is quick to say that there is still “lots of work to do” in fully bringing gender equality to Central Connecticut sports.

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whole day during the last month without eating because they lacked money.”

“Their priority is usually not food, but cell phone bills, car payments, rent, and mortgage,” Freddy Rios, the Coordinator of Maria’s Place Central Connecticut Community Pantry said.

Food insecurity, defined as the lack of consistent access to enough food for an active and healthy life by The U.S. Department of Agriculture, among college students is real.

“I had to get a job this semester because I wasn’t able to get food the times I was hungry late at night,” Ian Krishnan, a student at CCSU said.

Krishnan is from Maryland, so his parents cannot cook for him and they do not send him money. The only way he can afford to go to college is because he has an athletic full-ride scholarship and although a meal plan comes with it, the cafeteria is not open 24 hours a day.

In survey conducted by CCSU, it was found that of the 385 college students that participated, 26 percent were aware of another student that did not have enough food for themselves or their household. In fact, 33 percent of the students stated that the food supply for another student had been inadequate three times or more per semester.

The problem with food insecurity among college students is complex because there are different risk factors involved.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that while having low income is the most common risk factor “being a first-generation college student, receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, being a single parent, being disabled, being homeless or at risk of homelessness and being a former foster youth,” are additional factors as well.

According to the Wisconsin Hop Lab, there are several elements that play a role when it comes to food insecurity

including gender, sexual orientation and race/ethnicity. It was found that females and non-binary students, homosexual and bisexual students, and black students are “at greater risk of food insecurity” than males, heterosexual, and non-Hispanic white students.

At universities, part-time students “exhibited higher rates of food insecurity” compared to full-time students. Along with that, independent students and older students also face an even greater risk.

Purchasing nutritious foods is a low priority for them, in part because there is always fast food.

“Why would you spend a lot of money on food if you can just go to McDonalds, spend a dollar for a burger and be on your way?” says Rios. However, eating fast food regularly can result in health issues. And “while they are here getting their degree,” says Rios, “we want them to be healthy.”

Food is a key factor for students’ success. The type and amount of food that students ingest will affect their performance both in their personal and professional life.

“Our body is a giant furnace. If you don’t put enough fuel in the furnace, it goes out, stops working, and it is freezing cold,” explains Michael Ericksen, Director of Athletic Performance at CCSU. “Well, our body works the same exact way. If we don’t put the right and enough fuel, our body starts to struggle and it stops to heat itself and function properly,” Ericksen said.

“If you are a kid that only eats cheeseburgers and has no vegetables or fruit in your diet, your body starts losing vitamin A, D, E and K,” Ericksen said.

He explains that vitamin A helps with the vision, vitamin D has to do with the bones, vitamin E is for the skin and vitamin K helps with overall the body’s immune system.

When not eating the right amount



Maria’s Place offers assist to Central students, faculty and staff without question.

ISABELLA CHAN | STAFF

and the adequate nutrients impacts both a person’s physical and mental state; from the lack of performance, ability and energy to constant fatigue, mood swings, irritability, stress and problems concentrating while learning.

“Research shows that if you eat right before you take an exam, your scores are 15 to 20% higher than they would have been without eating,” Ericksen explains.

The Wisconsin Hop Lab listed several recommendations for universities and students to help assist with the issue of food insecurity.

The most important thing for universities is to know how many students need support in order to correctly plan, resource, and execute the plans to address the issue.

For students, they can support each other, give out a “swipe” when they have extra meals on their meal card, get educated and involved. Most importantly, universities could create programs such as food pantries.

Central’s food pantry, Maria’s Place, has been active since 2017. During the first four months, it only served 12 visits.

However, later on in the year the number increased to 154 and it has kept growing ever since.

During the Fall semester of 2018, the pantry served 458 visits, in which 60 were first-time visitors.

“Sometimes students say that they do not have enough to eat and I always encourage them to go to Maria’s Place,” Sarah Atkinson, the Secretary of the Theater Department at CCSU said.

Every year, the Theater Department offers three regular main stage shows and chooses a local organization for donations for each one. Atkinson always encourages the department to do at least one to Maria’s Place. This year’s donations included a ton of non-perishable foods, toiletries, school supplies and even some funding that they were able to generate.

“I wish the pantry had been open when I was an undergraduate,” said Rios. “It would’ve helped me a lot.”

What got him through college was either his step mom or himself making food. However, not all students are this lucky. In fact, a big segment of students is not.

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## The Elements Of The Plastic Bag Ban



Central students are indecisive on plastic bag use.

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In light of the global climate change problem, multiple states have initiated plastic bag bans including California, Hawaii and New York. In 2021, Connecticut will be one of many states joining the fray with a plastic bag ban of their own.

Although the ban doesn’t officially begin for another two years, it is beginning to create a looming presence over Connecticut businesses as they learn to adjust to this venture’s new changes on their budgets.

As of Aug. 1, a new bill has imposed a ten-cent tax on every use of a “single-use plastic checkout bag” defined as a “plastic bag whose thickness is less than four millimeters and is provided by a store to a consumer”. The tax serves as a way for both businesses and consumers alike to become prepared for stronger plastic regulations in the future and an overall

plastic ban in Connecticut.

The ban has already been taken into full effect by several municipalities like New Britain, Fairfield, Glastonbury and Mansfield. The taxation of plastic bags is apparent throughout the Central Connecticut campus and neighboring areas.

At the CCSU Bookstore, the plastic bag ban hasn’t been fully enforced but the ten-cent tax is implemented with thicker plastic bags, deemed reusable by the Public Act 19-117.

As of September, the no-bag option doesn’t seem to scare Central students.

“I haven’t really gotten any negative feedback, most of the customers I speak with either choose one or the other and don’t seem really upset about it,” CCSU Bookstore manager Eileen Leib said. “I think it was well-publicized enough that it’s not surprising too many people.”

“My primary concern, however is that books are also made of paper and if they get wet it’s a problem. We don’t take back rental books with water damage. If a customer would

refuse a bag and take it out in the rain, it would be problematic for them when they come to return a wet book.”

Paper bags and paper books together might also increase the probability of water damage. This could prove worrisome to some students as many of these books cost at least \$100 to rent or buy. This goes for any bookstore in the vicinity that is faced with the new ban.

Though the ban does pose some concerns, major corporations are attempting to eliminate their use of plastic bags throughout the state.

Stop & Shop in Newington has completely removed plastic bags from their cashier stations, including self-checkout and are solely offering paper bags. The store is prompting customers to bring their own reusable shopping bag (four millimeters or thicker) or pay ten cents to obtain one.

Throughout the month of Aug., several Stop & Shops, including the Newington location, allowed customers to trade in their old plastic bags for new reusable bags, the limit being one per customer per visit.

Along with supermarkets, retail stores like Macy’s and T.J. Maxx have also been pushed to tax customers on plastic bags but are offering reusable bags as alternative options.

As of now, the removal of plastic bags is just one of many steps Connecticut plans to take in becoming an eco-friendly state.

Currently, there is another plastic ban in the works and is being discussed by Connecticut House of Representatives, in which they hope to propose a bill citing a ban of plastic straws in all restaurants unless requested by the customer.

There are no certainties on the potential plastic straw bill yet but if the plastic bag shows to be successful it is likely to take action.

# The Bright Side Of A Letdown



Savion Taylor shows a Letdown is not always a tragedy.

SAVION TAYLOR | INSTAGRAM

BY ISABELLA CHAN  
NEWS EDITOR

“Letdown means a person, place, or thing that causes disappointment. Something that falls short of your expectations. I’ve got plenty of those,” Savion Taylor, Central Connecticut student, admitted.

After bouncing back from a number of academic, financial and personal struggles during his sophomore year of college, Taylor turned tragedy into triumph with his clothing brand Letdown Apparel. Now as a senior, the brand has grown from baseball caps and beanies to sweatshirts and crop tops, all of which dawn the saying “Letdown: Everyone Has At Least One.”

With an eye for fashion and his mind on business, it seemed only natural for Taylor to become a business

owner. Using his brand, he promotes the potential window of opportunity a letdown can open while also creating a sense of community amongst those wearing the clothing.

“When someone wears Letdown, it means that they’ve experienced some sort of letdown in their life. But it also means that they didn’t let their experiences break them but make them,” Taylor explained while wearing one of his own Letdown hats. “Someone who wears Letdown sees their past letdowns as lessons they should learn from and future letdowns as obstacles they’ll overcome.”

As the sole proprietor of Letdown Apparel, Taylor tackles the reality of what running a business is really all about and experiencing the inside of the business world that no textbook could teach.

“Well getting the paperwork together was the first

part, filing for the sole proprietorship and getting a merchant license. Even before that I was busy making designs on Photoshop,” Taylor shared. “I also run the brands social media, not well though and website. If I’m not shipping out orders [then] I make sales from vending at different college events.”

But Taylor uses his sources wisely by recruiting his friends to help in various aspects of the business. Whether it be a photographer, graphic designer or even having them model his clothing for his Instagram page, - Letdown.apparel - Taylor’s friends have been helpful in the process.

“Letdown has been in the works for as long as I’ve known Savion, even a year before his first release of apparel,” Long time friend Ricky Hamilton shared.

“What I really respect about Savion is his ability to sty humble as a businessman. He’s not doing this to prove anything to anyone, he’s doing this because this is deep down what he wants to do.”

While being an independent business owner is hard enough on its own, Taylor also manages to juggle it along with his full-course load of classes and assignments as a student. Yet, the hard lessons of responsibility and discipline have done little to create any regrets of his business.

“Sucks in the sense that I can’t spend much on myself, can’t go out like that because I’m putting every bit I make towards the brand. But I grew up broke so it’s nothing I’m not already used to,” Taylor admitted. “It’s also the best time to be doing this though because I don’t have many responsibilities now and entrepreneurship is all about taking risks. I probably wouldn’t be down for this if I had a wife and kids to take care of.”

“It’s hard as hell but arguably the best time in my life to start a business.”

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## News In Brief

BY SARAH WILLSON  
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### Connecticut Town Offers Rehab Instead Of Jail Time For Some:

The town of Vernon in Tolland County is joining what the Hartford Courant said is a “growing trend” in offering drug addicts treatment rather than jail time.

Vernon police Chief James Kenny said he was intrigued by the option after seeing how neighboring city Manchester was treating those struggling with addiction, the Hartford Courant reported.

Berlin, New Britain and dozens of other towns and cities across the state are choosing treatment over incarceration.

Vernon Police said those in possession of large quantities of drugs will be arrested rather than treated.

### Another Mass Shooting Leaves Seven Dead:

Seven people were killed in West Texas on Aug. 31 after a man pulled over by state troopers pulled out a rifle and shot at law enforcement. The shooter, identified as a 36-year-old white male, then proceeded to drive two miles, firing at others in his path. Among the dead was a 15-year-old.

Uncoincidentally, Texas passed a bill making it easier

for guns to be carried in the state the next day. The law would allow for guns to be carried in churches, school parking lots and other public places. Governor Greg Abbott of Texas argued it would keep his state safer. 53 people died in mass shootings in August alone.

### Hurricane Dorian Batters The Bahamas:

A monster Category 5 storm made landfall in the Bahamas over the weekend, wreaking havoc on nearly half a million people. As of Monday, Hurricane Dorian was moving northwest towards the United States at 3 mph, threatening part of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

Wind gusts of over 220 mph were measured on the Abaco Islands, according to CNN. Multiple reports of destroyed homes have been reported, CNN also said. As of Monday, five fatalities had been reported.

Dorian, which was downgraded to a Category 4 hurricane Monday, was expected to get “dangerously close” to Florida’s east coast in the coming 24 hours. The state opened over 100 shelters in preparation and said it has the National Guard standing by.

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## EDITORIAL

*The Amazon Fires Are Man Made*

Record-breaking fires are quickly rising throughout the Amazon rainforest, causing an immense uproar from politicians, celebrities and those on social media.

Reactions have sparked due to the unpredicted amount of fires throughout Brazil in 2019, only intensifying in August. There have been more than 74,000 fires across the country, with nearly 40,000 fires across the Amazon, according to Brazil's National Institute for Space Research.

These intense fires have captured the planet's attention, being that the Amazon is the world's largest and most diverse rainforest, home to millions of species and trees. However, it is important for people to be aware that the fires across the ecosystem our planet depends on to survive, are caused from not only environmental issues but political issues as well.

Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, has enforced environmental policies that are condoning deforestation. According to a publication entitled *Folha do Progresso* from the southern part of the Amazonian state of Pará, "Farmers and ranchers in the region organized what they called 'a day of fire' for Aug. 10, where they would set forests aflame to clear land for pasture and planting."

In addition to condoning deforestation, Bolsonaro declined financial aid offered to assist in stopping the Amazon fires due to what can be seen as personal reasons. The Group of Seven (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States) offered Brazil \$20 million in aid on Aug. 27. However, Bolsonaro said he would not accept the aid unless French leader Emmanuel Macron apologized for insulting Bolsonaro.

"First of all, Macron has to withdraw his insults," said Bolsonaro. "He called me a liar."

In the following 48 hours after, forest fires spread rapidly in the region. The New York Times reported that farmers started the bulk of these fires, but that they supposedly targeted land that already was cleared for agriculture.

Similarly, the environment secretary for the state of Amazonas, Eduardo Taveria, told *TIME* that in the southern part of the state, "The agency has seen an unusually large number of fires in areas where man-made forest fires in the Amazon are an annual issue."

The whole situation has evoked anger and tension from politicians and celebrities. U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders published a tweet expressing his disdain last Thursday.

"The Amazon is being destroyed," tweeted Sanders. "So Trump opens America's largest rainforest, Tongass National Forest, to logging and mining... The president and his billionaire friends are a threat to our entire planet."

Actor and environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio discussed why he is upset about the Amazon burning in an interview with *Now This* news.

"There's a major tragedy going on in the world," said DiCaprio. "Having been to the Amazon, having stayed there and knowing not only the importance that it is for stabilizing climate, but the beauty of biodiversity and the cultures that live there, it's incredibly tragic... Governments around the world, including Brazil, need to work together to make sure this doesn't continue."

With several public figures and regular people voicing their disgust over the man made fires, we may be able to prevent such travesties from continuing.

## Technology Is Evolving Faster Than Humanity. What Does The Future Hold For Us?

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When I was around eight years old, I watched an anime movie in which technology had taken over the world. People had become so lazy that they had lost sensibility of their legs and had to move around in flying machines. It made me cringe. And it still does. Am I going to end like this?

Crazy and unimaginable technology keeps being invented at the speed of light. Did you know that there is a toothbrush that uses an app to show photos and live videos of the inside of your mouth? Or a toaster that can print your face on the bread?

The humans' ambition to create and make money might actually be working against us instead of for us. Do not get me wrong, I would not be able to go anywhere without Google Maps or to call my family from Spain without FaceTime. However, is it necessary to have a robot running around Stop & Shop to identify safety hazards when a real person can do it?

Robots and artificial intelligence are supposed to



Today's technology has become more advanced than we originally thought.

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be big breakthroughs these following years. A new report by the Brookings Institution found out that, "approximately 25 percent of U.S. employment (36 million jobs in 2016) will face high exposure to automation in the coming decades." Say bye to cashiers, drivers, bankers, security guards and postal workers, just to mention some. Even journalists are in danger. Big newspapers and even The Press Association have produced articles and stories with artificial intelligence.

Imagine that you are waiting for an Uber and a car

pulls up with no one sitting on the driver's seat. Imagine you go to the cafeteria and a robot is serving you the broccoli and chicken. Imagine you get a job in a warehouse and your partner is an automated machine.

Where is the beauty in that? What about the typical conversations with the taxi driver, the "enjoy your food" of the cafeteria worker and the maybe long-lasting friendship with a coworker?

Personally, if I ever make it to the real world and get a real job, I want to have human relationships instead of a cold conversation with a machine.

I want to go for a walk, get a coffee, have intimate talks and laugh and cry with them. I want to feel the human connection everywhere I go.

I have always remembered that scene in the movie, in which people had no mobility in their legs, because they had nothing to do. Technology was everywhere. Technology had outsmarted us humans. I thought to myself "How scary would it be if we ended like this?" However, now that it seems like the world cannot live without technology, I do not think I was that far from reality.

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## Has Donald Trump Ever Lied: Yes Or Yes?



During his time in office, Donald Trump has told lies on numerous occasions.

FOREIGN POLICY

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We have all supported a lost cause once or twice in our life, such as when my little cousin wanted to be a hairdresser and cut half of my aunt's hair unevenly. I still believed in her. However, you also know a lost cause when you see it or at least when you get to know it better.

President Donald Trump is one of the most popular presidents in the history of the United States, to say it lightly, although I am not sure that is for the right reasons.

During his years of presidency, he has proved multiple times that he is not fully reliable. In fact, people would not be surprised to hear that he has lied a ton. Or hasn't he?

Kayleigh McEnany, Trump's Press Secretary, likes to support lost causes as well. "You don't think this president has lied to

the American people?" asked CNN's Chris Cuomo. "No, I don't think the President has lied," responded McEnany.

So, how can McEnany explain the words "I've already started building the wall," when the wall is not there and the funding that the Congress approved was for repairs and fencing?

How can McEnany defend the words "It's the biggest reduction in taxes in the history of this country" when it is not even greater than President Barack Obama's?

How can McEnany prove that "The cages for kids were built by the Obama Administration in 2014 and that he had the policy of child separation? I ended it even as I realized that more families would then come to the Border!" when the kids were separated due to a policy from the Trump Administration?

All three statements by Trump are untrue, despite that McEnany continues to back them.

Some people love lost causes. Do not get me wrong, I love my cousin, but I knew she would not be a good hairdresser.

I guess there are people that just do not see it. The worst part is not his administration and himself covering up his lies, but that they are blaming his bad reputation due to bad media coverage.

"We're talking about a president that constantly has things made up about him," McEnany said during the interview. "The president is lied about constantly...He's frustrated with media coverage."

Media can be wrong and biased sometimes, I will give you that. But how can one be defending someone who has said over 10,000 false or misleading claims? Yes, you are reading it right: 10,000. The Washington Post started a Fact Checker of every single one of Trump's claims and the number keeps growing.

Even if the media is not always 100 percent right, how can one explain that more than half of one figure's media coverage is negative? At this point it is not the media, it is Trump. It is his words and actions.

"If he didn't lie, if he didn't take things out of context, if he didn't demonize people for being different, if he didn't make it okay to be bigoted, then he wouldn't get the same kind of criticism," said Cuomo during the interview.

One gets what one deserves. And it is great to support your people, only if you realize that they can be wrong too.

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# College Students Shouldn't Sacrifice Their Lives For Textbooks

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Now that my junior year is finally in gear, I am back to sitting in classrooms with fresh faces eager to know how intense the syllabus may sound and how many hours of sleep we will be losing due to class. It is not the number of exams or homework assignments that get the student's heads shaking, but instead the costly textbook that has its very own facial expression written with annoyance and pain.

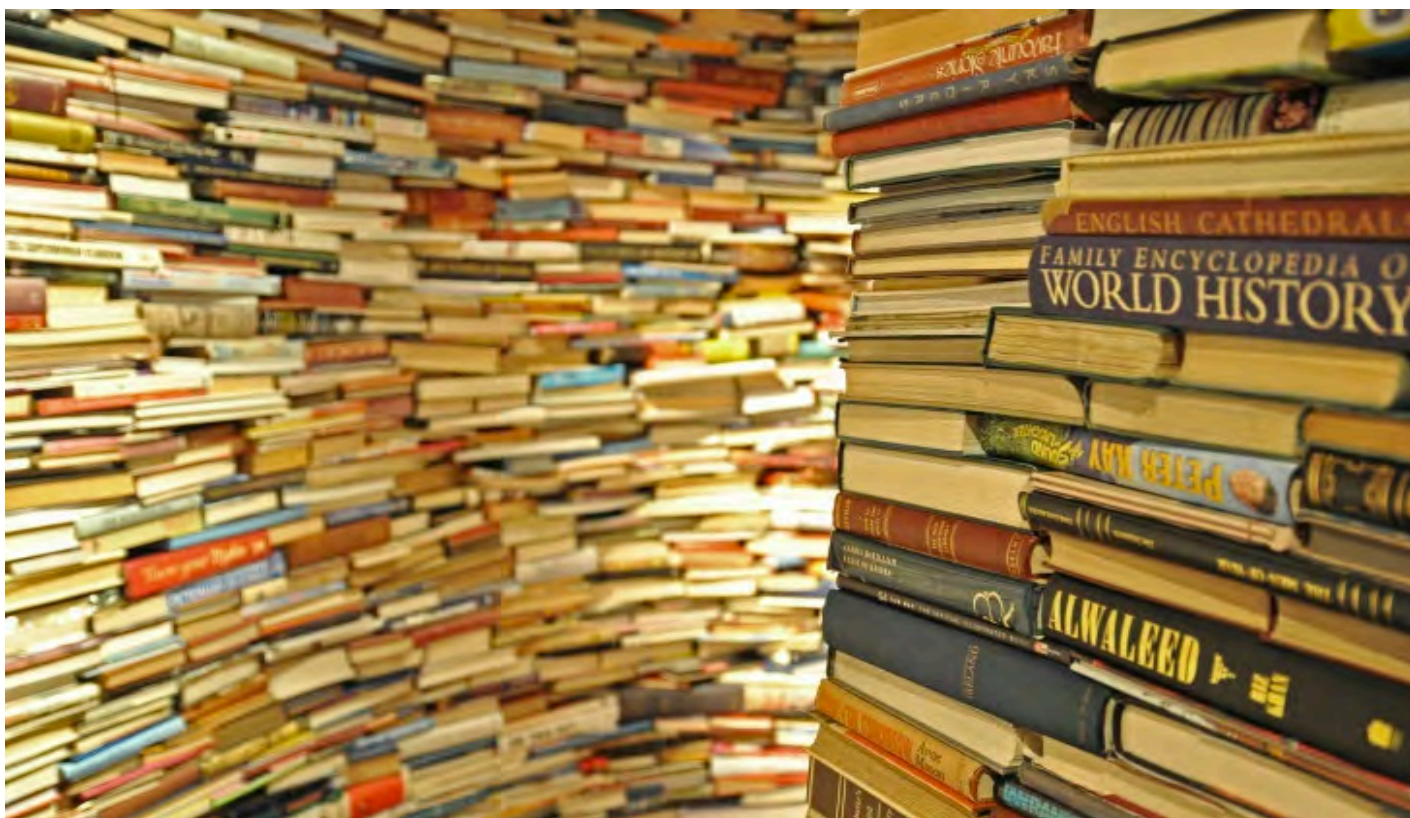
The National Association of College Stores says college students will spend about \$655 on textbooks each year and a single textbook can cost about \$300. According to The College Board, the cost of textbooks and other needed materials for an average student is around \$1,168.

Absolute ludicrous.

As a struggling, part-time minimum wage worker and full-time student, I sadly think about things I might have to sacrifice in order to purchase all my textbooks. Sometimes I luck out with a good Amazon deal, other times I am thinking twice about going out with friends for a night or being able to afford my new 300-page wallet emptier.

Turns out I am not alone.

A survey conducted by Morning Consult for Cengage, an educational technology and services company asked 1,651 current and former college students how buying textbooks has financially impacted them. Forty-one percent of those students said it "somewhat impacted" them while 46 percent said it had a "big impact," furthering that purchasing textbooks can knock certain people down into a deep financial stressor.



Students shouldn't need to have general education requirements.

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Keeping a social life in college can even be a challenge due to the cost of textbooks and other needed course materials. It may sound silly but some math classes require special scientific calculators that can cost up to \$80 and that is enough to do some damage.

After buying some needed supplies, I have had to make several trips to the campus dining hall because I could not afford snacks for my room. Although I feel lucky enough to have a meal plan purchased by my parents, buying snacks and other food is up to me.

The dining hall closes around 7:30

p.m. and I felt worrisome not being able to have a stash of snacks at my disposal when I'm hungry later on at night or early in the morning.

Some college students also worry about buying groceries and sacrifice way more.

Forty-three percent of Morning Consult survey respondents said they have skipped meals to be able to afford textbooks. Thirty percent said they have not gone home to see family on certain occasions and 69 percent said they have signed up for fewer classes all due to a costly college material.

Over half of the survey respondents said they won't buy some of their required

textbooks.

Students shouldn't have to make these sacrifices to be able to go to school to try and manage their classes.

Textbooks, if not made free, should come at a much lesser cost.

There are a lot of variables that can affect someone's decision about buying a textbook. Choosing not to eat, unable to visit family and questioning graduating should not be an option.

College textbooks are just one reason why students struggle financially, this needs to change.

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## No, Trump Is Not Pro-Military

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Every time President Donald Trump praises our men and women in uniform, it's all a charade for the cameras. There is no other president in modern history who has neglected our troops as much as Trump.

Citizenship no longer being automatic for children born to United States military members living overseas is just the latest example in an egregious trend of dismissing the needs and struggles of soldiers and veterans.

The new Trump administration policy – which states it affects the likes of children of parents who recently naturalized or who are U.S. citizens but never lived here, among others – is a pointless attempt at immigration reinforcement that only makes the lives of military members more difficult than they already are.

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, only a few hundred people will be impacted by this change per year. That doesn't make the detrimental significance any lesser. These military members are dedicating themselves to a country they've never set foot in or were not born in; that is all the more reason to ensure they don't have to take extra steps to attain citizenship for their kids.

But Trump doesn't appear to care even about the U.S.-born military members here at home. Time and time again, he has signed off on cuts to programs that are meant to support our country's troops and veterans.

In July, the Trump administration announced plans to divert \$6.1 billion in Department of Defense funds to the border wall. That \$6.1 billion includes money for Medicaid, Medicare and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Slashes to these initiatives "hurt the millions of veterans who rely on them to access health care and achieve economic security," the House Committee on the Budget wrote in response.

Nonetheless, Trump finds his border wall, which is simply a reelection strategy, to be more important than the 1.8 million, the 9.4 million and the 1.4 million veterans who depend on Medicaid, Medicare and SNAP, respectively.

Moreover, earlier this month, a ProPublica investigation reported that Trump's Department of Veterans Affairs turned the other cheek to a new regulation that "would make it far easier to deny green cards to low-income immigrants," including veterans and their families. Though the Defense Department worked to minimize the policy's influence, it still takes effect in October and will not affect active-duty military members as much as it does those who have already served.

There's more: denying transgender troops from being in the military, pushing a controversial antidepressant on veterans, attacking gold-star families and widows, telling veterans to their faces that he could give himself a Medal of Honor. The list of shameful actions is seemingly never-ending.

It's true that Trump has done some good; he recently signed an executive order that "seeks to remove the bureaucratic barriers for [25,000] permanently disabled veterans to qualify for student loan forgiveness," according to The New York Times. He has also vocalized support for "red flag" laws that would take guns from the mentally ill, including military members so that they don't kill themselves or others.

However, sporadic gestures like these, likely done for damage control after the other harm Trump's caused, still do not erase the unreasonable injury his administration has done to crucial aid programs.

Saluting with a coffee cup in your hand is not disrespectful to our military. What's actually disrespectful is consistently giving our troops and veterans the cold shoulder by denying them and their families the benefits they earned a right to after risking their lives for our country.

But that else can be expected from a five-time draft dodger?



President Donald Trump has displayed a lack of support for our Veterans and troops countless.

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# Pop-Up Art Installation Beautifies Campus



Warshauer's pop-up art exhibit, located between Marcus White Hall and Ebenezer Bassett Hall.

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Warshauer also said that certain books with political or controversial titles have either been flipped over so that no one can see the cover or simply disappeared from the bookshelf. This has also turned the art piece into an experiment in censorship.

As previously mentioned, Warshauer is responsible for several gardens and campus beautification projects.

One day he asked the Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Bachoo, what was going to be done with the space outside of Marcus White. Bachoo told Warshauer that there was money in the budget and asked Warshauer if he wanted to do something with the space. Working with contract landscapers on campus, they designed an entire garden in two weeks.

Every year after that, Bachoo asked Warshauer if he wanted to do another project on campus. Since then, Warshauer created the Hilltop Cafe garden, installed all of the hammocks on campus and even restored the Marcus White garden to what it used to look like, which hadn't been done since the 1960's.

"I think having a beautiful campus is incredibly important," said Warshauer. "I think when the campus doesn't look good, people who visit take that and think, 'Well if the campus doesn't look good, the programs must not be good. They must not care about the overall look of the university, so how much could they care about programs and students?'"

Overall Warshauer hopes that everyone on campus enjoys the beautification and appreciates the effort.

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If you've recently taken a stroll between Marcus White Hall and Ebenezer Bassett Hall, you may have seen a couch and chair with flowers growing from them and thought to yourself, "Huh?"

This pop-up art installation was done by History professor Matthew Warshauer, the man behind most of the beautification projects at Central Connecticut. Along with the couch and chair, there is also a bookshelf stocked full of books, a jar filled with goodies that are free to take, potted plants and pinch pots made by Warshauer's

daughter.

He and his daughter set up the art piece one afternoon earlier this year. Warshauer had seen a similar art installation somewhere else and figured it would be a cool conversation piece for campus.

"It's just funky," said Warshauer. "It's just meant to make you stop for a second, take a moment out of your day when everybody is busy and rushing around and just sort of stop. If it gets a smile out of people, then its done its job. That's what gardens and art are, I think, supposed to do."

Warshauer said that the most interesting part of the art installation

has been the public's reaction to art in a public space. For example, the books on the bookshelf are there just to see what people will do with them. Some people simply look for a second and move on and some take books off the bookshelf.

"What is basically an art piece has also turned into a sociological piece," said Warshauer. "There was Barack Obama's book 'The Audacity of Hope' on the bookshelf. And I was driving across campus one day and I saw a woman walking with 'The Audacity of Hope' in her hands and I went 'I bet she took that from the bookshelf!' Sure enough, I came over and it was gone."



## Fall In Love With These Fall Events



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It's time to bid sandcastles, pool parties, ice-cold lemonade and those long summer nights goodbye. Yes, that's right, September is here. Inevitably, the leaves will soon start to change, temperatures will drop and pumpkin spice will seem to dominate every coffee shop within a 100-mile radius (in case it somehow hasn't already). But if you're dreading any of these (or all of them), not to worry, the next 30 days are sure to bring a whole lot of feel-good fall activities that are simply just too hard to resist.

### The Connecticut Renaissance Faire, Aug. 31-Oct. 14:

Guests can experience a blast from the past with old-fashioned fun from the Connecticut Renaissance faire. Step into 16th-century village charm in North Haven and meet kings, queens and even experience a real joust. Thousands of gift treasures can also be discovered at the Medieval Marketplace.

### Hebron Harvest Fest, Sept. 5 - Sept. 8:

If you're willing to travel a bit east, the Hebron fair, about a 40-minute drive from CCSU, the Hebron fair might be the perfect place for you and your friends. Known to be one of the biggest fairs in Connecticut, this four-day-long event features animals, truck pulls, country music and a whole lot of rides. The best part: admission is only \$1 on opening night.

### The Big E, Sept. 13 - 29:

It's perhaps everyone's favorite festivity- "New England's Great State fair." Located in West Springfield, Massachusetts, the Big E offers more food, entertainment and activities than perhaps any other fair in the area. With new and exciting events taking place constantly, visitors can wander for hours and without ever becoming bored. Whether you're looking for crafts, live music or even livestock, there's a good chance the Big E has it.

### The Durham Fair, Sept. 26 - Sept. 30:

Kick off the last week of September with the

states largest agricultural fair. Rides, crafts, food, games and even a museum are available to those in attendance.

### Kent Fall Festival, Sept. 27 - 29:

If you're looking to avoid the craziness of carnival rides and live entertainment, Kent, Connecticut's Fall Festival may be a good alternative for you. Admission is free and those visiting can get a glimpse into America's farming history by checking out working farm equipment, a blacksmith shop, sawmill, exhibits, vendors and more.

### Six Flags Fright Fest, Sept. 21 - Oct. 27:

Though it's not a fair, you can't go wrong with having the bejesus scared out of you at a theme park. Six Flags Fright Fest is considered to be one of the most terrifying Halloween attractions in New England- and rightly so. "Scare Zones" are located throughout the park for those who are brave enough to enter.

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# Devils Den Kicks Off With Trivia Night

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The start of a new school year means waking up early, catching up with friends and here at Central Connecticut, it means the return of “Devils Den @ 10 p.m.”

This past Thursday’s Devils Den hosted a trivia night as a part of C.A.N.’s Weeks of Welcome. This took place in Semesters and consisted of teams answering ten pop-culture related questions per round with five rounds total.

The questions ranged from “In 2018 what rock group released their album ‘Mania,’ to “What soundtrack hit number one on the charts in 2018?”

When answering these questions, teams would bet points based on how

confident they were in their answers. Their answer cards would be handed in and each student was told which two teams scored the most points. Then one representative from each winning team would battle on stage for a prize.

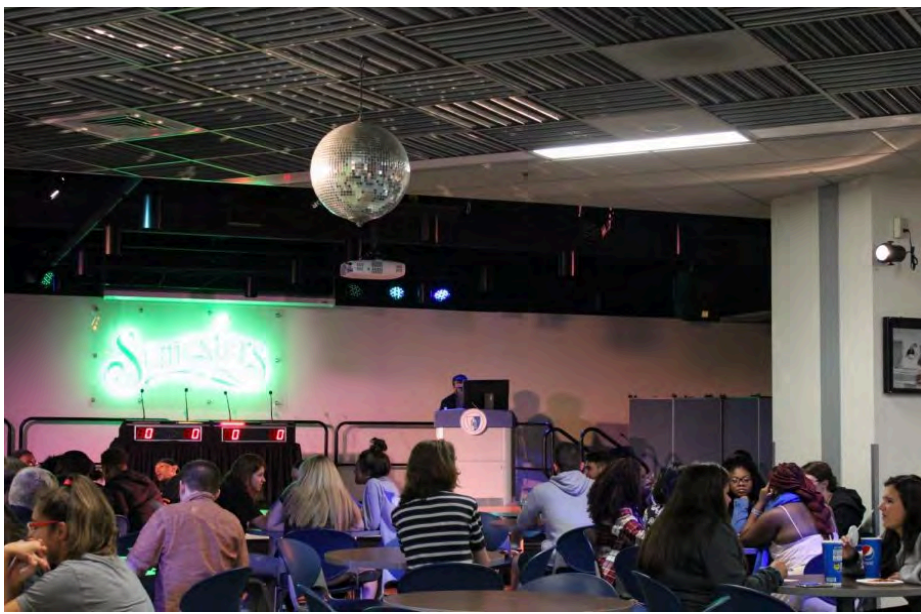
Those two people were asked a series of trivia questions exclusively about Central. Those questions ranged from, “What is the name of the school newspaper,” to “What is the full name of the library?” The team with the winning member then all went up on stage and faced off against each other for a prize. During this portion, each question a student got right earned them five points and each question they got wrong would cause them to lose five points.

In case students wanted to have a snack or take a break from trivia, free food and a photo booth with props were



The “Duckbergs” answer questions about Central.

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Students gather at Semesters for Devils Den.

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provided. However, most students just wanted to play, as gift cards to the bookstore, shirts, air pods, an Amazon Fire Stick and a TV were the prizes up for grabs.

This event really seemed to bring everyone together. The community atmosphere allowed everyone to relax, even when they were up on stage. They didn’t seem worried about getting an answer wrong. Everyone was far too busy having a good time.

Yet, when a wrong answer was given, the students watching were quick to react, holding back the urge to scream the correct answer out themselves. But it ended in the contestants on stage and the students watching simply laughing it off.

The team “Legends” knew the feeling of laughing off their wrong answers all too well. The four members

Isaiah Thornton, Indya Lumpkin, Trinitee Williams and Sihame Aboradio struggled to give the correct answers. From getting multiple questions in a row wrong to losing the few points each of them would get. However, it ended well for Williams when she took home the Amazon Fire Stick.

Another team had the opposite time. Team “Duckbergs” knew their Central trivia well. The four members Alyssa Hammond, Sam King, Charlie Tabris and Myles Place battled it out against each other until both Tabris and Place were tied. In the end, Place was victorious, winning the coveted TV.

If you missed this event, fear not. You will have another chance to attend Devils Den every Thursday night.

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## Netflix It: ‘13 Reasons Why’ Season Three

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Spoiler Warning!

Trigger Warning!

The Netflix original ‘13 Reasons Why’ is one of the most controversial yet popular TV series. On August 23, Season Three was released with a significant plot twist; the main antagonist of the show Bryce Walker (Justin Prentice) was murdered.

The season was narrated by the new girl at Liberty High School, Ani Achola (Grace Saif). She speculates throughout in the show who could have killed Walker. Many characters were suspects who had reasons to why they killed Walker.

### Clay Jensen (Dylan Minnette)

Jensen had many pieces of evidence that led the police to believe he was involved in the murder. Before Walker’s death, Jensen threatened to murder Walker. Walker had raped Jensen’s close friend Hannah Baker. Walker also had a crush on Jensen’s love interest, Achola. Walker and Achola were caught kissing which made Jensen heart broken and angry. However, Jensen did not kill Walker. To avoid getting framed, he investigates his friends who also had reasons to kill him.

### Jessica Davis (Alisha Ilhaan Boe)

Jessica Davis had a strong reason why she wanted Walker dead, since he raped her during a party in Season One. While the investigation on Walker’s death was going on, Davis fought to cancel men’s sports, since she believes they promote sexual assault and violence. By raising her voice, she helped many people come forward with their sexual assault stories and made a significant influence. She did not kill Walker.

### Justin Foley (Brandon Flynn)

Justin Foley kept a lot of secrets. But killing his former best friend Walker was not one of them. Even though Walker had raped his ex-girlfriend Davis at the time and eventually had a fallout with Foley himself. Foley had suffered from

drug addiction since Season Two of the show. Later, Foley admitted that Walker, before his death, had saved Foley by giving him available drugs to avoid heroin.

### Tyler Down (Devin Druid)

Tyler Down had the motivation to kill someone. At the end of Season Two, he almost shot up the school. But in Season Three, Down recovers and changes to better himself. He did not kill Walker. Walker had saved him by threatening his ex-friend Monty Cruz, who raped Down in Season Two.

### Zac Dempsey (Ross Butler)

Dempsey was friends with Walker before he found out that Walker raped multiple girls. Dempsey confronted Walker and fought with him during the baseball game in Season Two. During Season Three, Dempsey had feelings for Walker’s ex-girlfriend Chloe Rice (Anna Winters). During the football game, Walker fought with Dempsey and destroyed Dempsey’s legs. But Dempsey was not the one who killed Walker.

### Chloe Rice (Anna Winters)

Rice was Walker’s ex-girlfriend, and at one point was pregnant with his baby. She had an abortion in Season Three and explained her struggles through it. She told Walker before his death about her abortion and that his ex-friend Dempsey helped her get it. However, Rice did not kill Walker.

### Montgomery de la Cruz (Timothy Granaderos)

Cruz was a violent person who had a horrible childhood. His only friend was Walker, who had abandoned him after the trial in Season Two. Even though he did have a motive to kill Walker, there was no evidence. Cruz was arrested for raping Down in the end and was eventually murdered in prison.

### Alex Standall (Miles Heizer)

The actual killer, who found Walker’s bleeding body on the ground, threw him into the water and left him drowning,



Netflix released season three of “13 Reasons Why” on August 23.

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was Standall. Walker had raped Standall’s two closest friends. Walker was also the reason Standall created a “hot or not” list in Season One that led his former friend Baker to kill herself. The rest of the students decided to cover for Standall and framed Cruz for the murder instead. Since Cruz was also dead, he could not defend himself. Therefore, Walker’s murder case was closed.

Overall, many fans who watched the season believe Walker deserved redemption as throughout the whole season he asked his peers for forgiveness. The show explains vividly how the world is not black and white that a person who makes the most significant mistakes can also change. However nobody was willing to forgive him and eventually killed him.

# D23 Announces A Plethora Of New Movies And Shows

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Disney's D23 Expo, a special fan convention akin to their own version of Comic-Con gives supporters an inside look into the future of the multi-billion dollar film & show industry.

There the past, present and future of Disney entertainment are celebrated and presented to their millions of fans. It is a three-day event, named after the year when Walt Disney founded the company (1923). There, executives from every major film production studio under the Disney umbrella will have the opportunity to share updates on upcoming film and television projects.

They will also share special looks at their most anticipated ventures. Their most prolific productions are often attached to studios like Marvel, Lucasfilm, Pixar and now 21st Century Fox. D23 is quickly becoming one of the year's most popular film industry-related events. This is the result of news about the latest Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and "Star Wars" films popping up in social media every two years. This has led Disney to foster more billion-dollar films each year.

This billion-dollar standard started with Disney's most recent batch of MCU films, each consistently grossing over \$1 billion. As the year comes to an end, they are expecting their final chapter to the "Skywalker Saga in Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" to follow the trend. But this year from August 23 to 25, Disney announced much more, leaving their fans overabundant in entertainment satisfaction.

After the massive success of "Game of Thrones" (last season included), Disney has decided to adopt a less theatrical approach to their biggest properties going into the next few years. This year they announced the launch of their brand new streaming platform called Disney+. On this Netflix-rivaling \$10 a month film and television service, Disney is looking to expand the universes of "Star Wars" and Marvel into several mini-series'.

The MCU, whose 23 film longitude has grossed the mega-studio \$22.5 billion

over 11 years, is going to continue its next phase of storytelling in the form of many hero-centric mini-series'. The new slate of MCU series' will look to further the stories of the Avengers from Endgame in various genre-bending shows. These include: "Hawkeye," "Loki," "WandaVision," "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier" and "What If...?" These are all set to release on Disney+, but they won't coincide with the streaming service's launch on November 12 of this year. Instead, they are set to begin releasing them late next year and into 2021. Some other surprising announcements included the production of shows for "Moon Knight," "Ms. Marvel" and "She-Hulk."

On top of these shows, the MCU will appropriately continue their film releases with "Black Widow," "The Eternals," "Shang-Chi: The Legend of the Ten Rings," "Dr. Strange and the Multiverse of Madness" and "Thor: Love and Thunder" between May 2020 and November 2021.

Further down the line "Blade" starring two-time Oscar winner Mahershala Ali, "Black Panther 2" and an untitled "Fantastic Four" project was announced.

With these new shows and films, Disney is looking to diversify the Marvel Universe by using genres that have not commonly been associated with comic-book films. "Dr. Strange and the Multiverse of Madness" is said to be the first-ever horror MCU film, "WandaVision" is set to be a superhero sitcom, "The Eternals" will delve into a purely fantastical element and "What If...?" will explore how the universe would have unfolded if certain details in the films were tweaked through the style of animation.

Additionally, "Shang-Chi..." will feature their first Asian superhero while "Black Widow" will be the first superhero without special powers to be explored in a solo film. Although there have been comic-book films in the past that have touched upon these concepts, the MCU under Disney has solidified itself as the gold standard of this genre and has given new a definition to the art of genre-bending.

In similar context with the MCU, "Star Wars" has also embarked on the Disney+ series journey with three new shows



The D23 Expo announced several movies and shows that will be released in the next few years.

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announced. They will be centered around three defining eras in the "Star Wars" timeline. "The Mandalorian," set between the events of "Return of the Jedi" and "The Force Awakens," will debut alongside the launch of Disney+ while a new series revolving around Obi-Wan Kenobi starring the celebrated original actor Ewan McGregor is set to start production early next year. Another series centered around the popular character of Cassian Andor from "Rogue One" is set to be released next year, as well as the final season of the "Clone Wars."

But beside these eye-popping, ever popular blockbuster films, Disney still has a significant amount of entertainment to offer from their home Disney Studios and Pixar. The next few films developed from Pixar were announced this year, including "Frozen 2," "Onward" starring the voice talents of Chris Pratt, Tom Holland, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Octavia Spencer and "Soul" by Pete Docter of "Monsters Inc.," "Up" and "Inside Out." To add to their live-action Disney classic slate, "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" starring Angelina Jolie, "Lady and the Tramp," "Mulan," "Cruella" starring Emma Stone and "The Little Mermaid" were announced to be released in the next few years. Among these were a few Disney produced live-action films of

various genres and plot lines.

Coupled with these new films comes a plethora of new Disney+ series from Disney Studios and Pixar. Hillary Duff will reprise her role as Lizzie McGuire in the sequel series, taking place in modern-day. "High School Musical" is coming back as a series, exploring East High with completely new characters. A show following a new character from "Toy Story 4," "Forky asks a Question" will debut with the service along with "Monsters at Work," a show set in the Monsters Inc. universe described as a workplace comedy following the events of the 2001 film.

To say that the three days of D23 this year were full of excitement and surprise is an understatement. Disney+ is looking to be a titan in the upcoming streaming wars with Amazon, Netflix and even Apple TV+. We are now seeing the world of film transition into the digital world of television as more and more film properties are being broken up into series.

With many of the most popular film franchises under the umbrella of Disney, it looks like Disney+ won't have any trouble being on top, not to mention that the Hulu slate is also included in their services. Whether or not this does happen, Disney fans will be excited to witness this very expansive future.

## Poem: Silver Surfer

BY MAURIAH JOHNSON  
LAYOUT EDITOR

Silver – Second for some, always first for me.

Not grey, the cloudy unforeseen gloom.

Silver, the shimmering definition of the mood I carry – beneath the surface.

Behind the radiant pops of color staining my lips, mimicking emotions I long to feel.

Transparency at its finest, but silver is honest.

Reflecting my caramel kissed skin, as rays of heat beam on my Sterling Silver.

The only tangible reminiscence remaining of a lost friend.

The only permissible shade allowed on my childhood fingers and toes.

The only deserving color left to resonate where the heart speaks.

Mirroring the wallowing nights, I could no longer fight;

Inconvenient drops of pain, blemishing my silver dipped frames.

And the last shade I'll ever be, as my remains are blown across a thousand seas.

# Students ‘Dive In With C.A.N.’

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**D**ive In With C.A.N., the aquatic themed welcome week event was ironically rained out and relocated to Semesters. But that didn't stop students from coming out and having a good time.

As soon as students signed in to the event, they were offered a C.A.N. promotional item such as a notebook or a charger. If you came to the event early enough, you could get a pet fish. Little tanks with water, rocks and fake plants were provided. Facts about ocean life, fish, sharks, and beach pollution were posted all around the event to both raise awareness of issues occurring in the oceans and to spread simple fun facts. An example of a fun fact is that “Sharks need to keep moving in order to breathe,” while a serious fact was, “600,000 barrels of oil a year are accidentally spilled from ships.”

Dip and crackers were available for students to eat, as well as beach themed

desserts. Little cups were filled with crushed graham crackers meant to look like sand, a blue pudding-like substance meant to look like water, with gummy worms and gummy fish. For a drink, students could either have water or blue lemonade. At the front of the room, three tanks with sea creatures were set up for students to touch. A representative from Mystic Aquarium monitored the tanks and answered any questions about the creatures. Students could touch a horseshoe crab, green crab, spider crab, hermit crab, purple sea urchin and more.

Various parts of sea creatures were laid out on the table next to the touch tanks.

These included shark teeth, lobster claws, seal fur and a tiger shark jaw.

Overall, C.A.N.'s goal was to inform students about sea life and raise awareness about issues concerning the ocean.

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Shells, jaws, teeth and many other relics were on display for students to admire.



A representative from Mystic Aquarium holds up a horseshoe crab for students to look at and touch.



Beach themed dessert cups were offered alongside spinach avocado dip and blue lemonade.



Central students had the opportunity to touch a purple sea urchin, a green crab and other sea creatures.

## How To Maximize Success As A CCSU Freshman

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**M**ost people come to college for the same reason: to be successful. Starting out as a freshman, you may not think you need to search for success until you've got that degree and go job hunting. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. Central offers so many opportunities to get a jump start on success and it would be unwise not to take advantage of them. Here are just some of the things you should be doing to guarantee success throughout college.

### Join Success Central

Success Central is a program for Central Connecticut freshmen and sophomores who may be nervous about college or want a bit of extra guidance. Mentees get paired up with a junior or senior mentor who has already experienced life at Central for a couple years. The mentor and mentee meet once a week and discuss which areas the mentee feels they are lacking in. Each week, the mentor and mentee make a goal for the mentee to achieve. For example, if the mentee knows they need to spend more time studying, the goal for the week could be to spend at least thirty minutes per day studying. Overall, it's a helpful way to keep yourself in check during your first couple years of college.

### Get an on-campus job

Having a job during the semester is a great way to earn money to pay off your student loans. However, some off-campus employers don't take into account the busy schedule college students have. This is why it can be ideal to get a job on campus. Employers on campus understand that school is your first priority, therefore, they are lenient with scheduling your work hours. You may

find yourself working less than ten hours per week, which is ideal if you're just starting college and getting used to the workload. In addition, getting an on-campus job can help you become more involved in the university. It'll help you build relationships with faculty members, therefore expanding your horizons and gaining more business connections.

### Join a club

Many of the clubs Central offers would look great on a resume. This is especially true if the club you join pertains to the type of career you want in the future. If your major has to do with politics, Student Government Association would be useful. If you're a communications major, Central Activities Network would be a great club to join. Not only would it look good on a resume, these clubs can also help you build connections within your field of study.

### Utilize the Learning Center

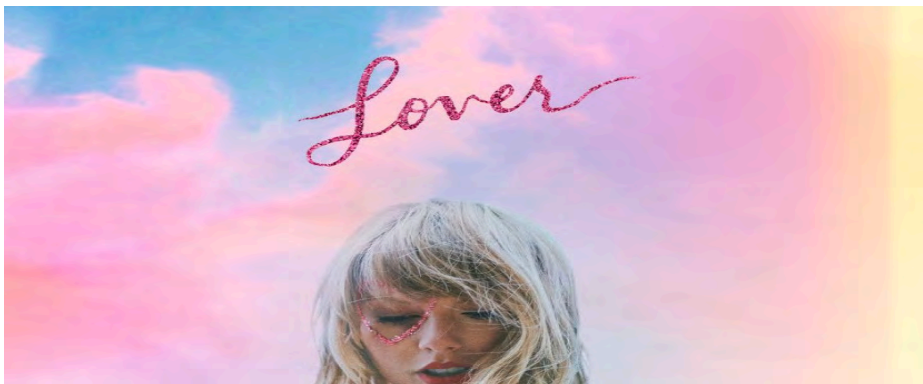
In case you weren't aware, Central offers free tutoring for all of its students. If you're having homework trouble, don't understand the way your professor explained something to you in class or just want a healthy environment to study in, the Learning Center is the place to go. Simply check the Learning Center's website to see when they offer tutoring for the subject you need help with and walk in when the time comes. The Learning Center is located in Willard-Diloreto Hall, room 316.

Any combination of these tips could be helpful for an incoming freshman or sophomore looking for a path at Central. Following even one of these ideas will hopefully increase your success rates and provide you with a brighter future.

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# Taylor Swift Returns To Past Glory With “Lover”



“Lover” is Taylor Swift’s seventh studio album.

STEREOGUM

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After the disaster era of “Reputation,” Taylor Swift rises once again to claim her throne as the music industry’s leading pop sensation with the release of her seventh studio album, “Lover.”

Walking in the footsteps of her most lyrically and musically gifted pop-album “1989,” “Lover” reaches new heights of musical liberation leading the way for Swift’s newest era, almost as “Reputation” never even existed.

Released Aug. 23, Swift’s latest declaration of musical ambition is heavily inspired by dreamy 80’s music and romantic freedom. Rolling Stone is calling it her “most epic album” yet, one of uncharted territory.

With a growing number of 18 tracks, “Lover” commences with a track entitled “I Forgot That You Existed,” a post-trap house acknowledgment of “indifference” to her haters. A great sentiment to kick off the album, “Forgot” inspires inner peace with the use of a simple beat of a piano, straying away from her previous album’s feistier hip-hop flourishes.

Following track “Cruel Summer” takes inspiration from an 80’s pop anthem, including the iconic staple use of synths. Written with Jack Antonoff and Annie Clark, Swift tells a simple tale of

taunted love in just three short minutes. Singing the lyrics, “It’s cool, that’s what I tell ‘em, no rules / In breakable heaven but, It’s a cruel summer with you,” this upbeat potential single is addicting to the ear.

Title track “Lover,” lands as both the third track and third single off the seventh album. Serving as the album’s lead ballad, the track is highly vulnerable and honest with a laid-back aesthetic. With the slow tempo of acoustic guitar matched with drums and a single tambourine, the lyrics seem inspired as if they were taken from wedding vows.

Swift takes a quick break from the romance with track “The Man,” an anthem tackling sexism and double standards against women. Behind the lead of an electronic uptempo beat, Swift sings, “I’m so sick of running as fast as I can, wondering if I’d get there quicker if I was a man / And I’m so sick of them coming at me again, ‘cause if I was a man then I’d be the man.”

Following “The Man” is “The Archer,” a track lead by a sugary-sweet synth reverb in the background. Instead of building to an ecstatic beat drop, the track stays consistent and ends up slowly dissolving. However, the lyrics make up for the lack in buildup, as Swift sings “I wake in the night, I pace like a ghost, the room is on fire, invisible smoke / And all

of my heroes die all alone, help me hold onto you.”

“Miss Americana & The Heartbreak Prince” could have been a potential “1989” hit, a track that shows the familiarity of Swift’s lyrical genius. Arguably one of her best pop anthems on “Lover,” “Heartbreak Prince” is a deceptively layered tune that opens on the scene of a high-school romance, completed with a chorus of call-and-response echoes.

The song’s story opens with the lyrics, “You know I adore you, I’m crazier for you, then I was at sixteen, lost in a film scene / Waving homecoming queens, marching band playing, I’m lost in the lights.”

Following is “Cornelia Street,” a song that gets its title from a street in the West Village where Swift once rented an apartment.

“It’s about the things that took place, the memories that were made on the street,” Swift said on the Elvis Duran Show. The 29-year-old confessed this song to be one of her favorites and notes that she wrote it alone.

“Death By A Thousand Cuts” takes a special place on the album due to its inspiration behind the film “Someone Great,” a movie about a woman who ends a long-term relationship before she moves across the country.

The song’s electric guitar melody is perfectly matched with only Swift’s voice and a subtle beat. The beginning of the song is simple with just vocals, leading up to a constant piano melody paired with a single violin in the background.

A notable collaboration with the Dixie Chicks follows next on the track “Soon You’ll Get Better.” One of the albums rather sadder ballads, Swift wrote this song about her mother’s battle with cancer, which has been ongoing for a number of years.

With a simple acoustic guitar, banjo

and background vocals from the Dixie Chicks, Swift revealed that it was “a family decision” to put this song on the record, calling it “something that I am so proud of.”

Number one single on the iTunes chart “You Need To Calm Down,” finally lands at track number 12. Being one of the top summer anthems of 2019, the second single off of “Lover” was released just in time for Pride Month in June.

The single speaks directly to the homophobic individuals who go against the LGBTQ+ community, specifically when Swift sings, “You just need to take several seats and then try to restore the peace and control your urges to scream about all the people you hate / ‘Cause shade never made anybody less gay.”

“Lover’s” first single follows shortly after, being another number one single entitled “Me!” featuring Panic! At The Disco’s frontman Brendon Urie. With a leading drum line and trumpet, this single serves as an anthem for those who need a confidence boost.

Both Swift and Urie in unison sing, “You can’t spell “awesome” without “me”, You’re the only one of you, baby, that’s the fun of you / And I promise that nobody’s gonna love you like me-e-e.”

Concluding the album is “Daylight,” one of “Lover’s” dreamiest tracks. Leading the album to a close, “Daylight” is a slow-paced track that rests upon a drum machine, while Swift reflects upon her past relationships, as well as her current one. She sings about stepping out of the “dark night” and into the “daylight.”

It’s the vulnerability, diverse instrumentation and pop mechanisms that make “Lover” shine in its own light compared to her previous 2017 release, “Reputation.” Defining moments of romance and self-love have helped Swift create her newest pop-fueled machine, an era finally worth supporting.

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## Word Search: September 4

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### Word List

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6. RECENTRAL
7. PLASTIC
8. COPERNICUS
9. LOCKER
10. LETDOWN
11. FORDHAM
12. GEORGETOWN
13. MCQUILLIAN
14. BAGLEY
15. DOLEGALA

# Bagley: “I Like To Be On An Island”

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After a full season of playing out of position, Central Connecticut senior cornerback Tajik Bagley is ready and excited to get back to where he feels most comfortable, on an island with the opposing team's best receivers.

Bagley spent his junior year playing safety for the Blue Devils but looking at his statistics, it would not cross anyone's mind that he was out of position.

Last season, Bagley was fourth on the team with 50 tackles, second on the team with nine pass breakups and added an interception on his way to being voted on the All-NEC First Team.

Now for the first time since 2017, he is heading into the season as the starting cornerback for the Blue Devils. Last time he was a full-time corner, Bagley led the NEC conference with 16 pass breakups.

“The position fits me,” Bagley said. “I like to be on an island. That's just me mentally as well, I feel like I can handle myself one-on-one with anybody ... the corner position fits my life; it fits who I am as a person.”

Bagley's move back to corner position had left a question mark next to starting safety Dj Exilhomme, but it appears that role has been filled by another corner turned safety, sophomore Jahlil Brown.

“Jahlil is my bro ... he's legit. I think he's going to be great,” Bagley said on his replacement.

Despite the position change, there is one thing that has remained consistent throughout Bagley's career, his special-team contributions.

In 2018, as a kick returner, he averaged 22.0 yards per return and as a punt



Central Connecticut cornerback mirroring an opposing receiver against Fordham University.

returner, 13.1. Including an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown against Columbia.

As a corner, Bagley has impressed his new quarterback Aaron Winchester, who in a recent interview, described him as, “lockdown.”

Although, it's nothing new for Bagley to be giving his quarterbacks trouble.

“Jake Dolegala. Man, it gives me the chills to see him play because I was a guy that gave him problems and now he's in the NFL,” Bagley said.

“It makes me think I can do this at the next level. So I'm just remaining humble and trying to get there.”

Dolegala was Bagley's teammate

throughout his career at Central but is now continuing his career in the NFL as a backup quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Meanwhile, Bagley still has his senior year remaining with the Blue Devils and has matured as a leader and has learned valuable lessons, especially from last season.

Central fell one game short of another potential NEC Championship but while teammate J'Von Brown avoids any talks about last season, Bagley learned his lesson.

“We learned that you can lose any game at any time so you have to keep your

foot on the gas throughout the season,” Bagley said.

When asked what his goals for this season are, Bagley did not go off stating any individual stats nor did he mention winning any awards.

Instead, he kept it simple and to the point, just as some of the best leaders on any football team would.

“Lead my team to the NEC championship and then take it from there,” Bagley said.

Tajik Bagley would welcome anyone on an island with him, but he probably cannot guarantee a pleasant stay for any opposing wide receiver.

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## Men's Soccer Shutout In Season Opener

BY RYAN JONES  
SPORTS EDITOR

The start of the season can be a grueling process. Taking on out-of-conference teams with tough talent and enduring long road stretches can be brutal, but also a great learning experience. Central Connecticut men's soccer has its first game of the year under its belt and gained a bounty of experience on the road against the Pirates, despite the end result being a 6-0 loss.

Seven of Central Connecticut's eight freshmen saw playing time in the teams' match against Seton Hall, with five more players getting their first playing time for the Blue Devils (per CCSU Athletics). Freshmen forward Jamie Simpson led the way on offense with four shots, two of which coming on the goal. Freshmen Liam O'Brien and John Michael Torres also had a shot a piece in the game. The only shots to not come from freshmen came from sophomore midfielder Noah Silverman, who added on two shots of his own. On the day, the Blue Devils were outshot 28-8 by a red hot Seton Hall.

Last season, the Blue Devils offense was lead by senior Louis Beddouri who scored seven of CCSU's 12 goals. In his absence, the young core stepping up on offense and getting opportunities for the Blue Devils is an early sign for the future.

The Blue Devils started last season against Seton Hall as well, losing to the Pirates 2-1 despite eight saves from graduate goalie Carson D'Ambrosio. D'Ambrosio fulfilled

his eligibility last season.

Appearing in his first career game for the Blue Devils, sophomore goalie Jason Dubrovich had the daunting task of facing a Seton Hall offense that was continually throwing up shots. After 11 shots on goal, six goals landed for the Pirates to Dubrovich's five saves.

Dubrovich had a impressive rookie campaign at Saint Peter's before transferring to CCSU and was named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference All-Rookie team thanks to 60 saves and a .779 save percentage, both good enough for fourth in the MAAC. Some first game jitters mixed with a high volume of shots on the net can could've lead to the score being what it was, something the Dubrovich defense will look to improve on before conference play starts.

Central Connecticut will be on the road for two more games against Rider and Army West Point on September 4 and 9, respectively. These will be the last away games for the Blue Devils before they start a six game home stand, leading into NEC play on September 27. With one lone victory in last season's campaign, head coach Shaun Green and the Blue Devils will immediately look to compete in the NEC with its young core.

Green will be entering his 35th season as Central Connecticut's head coach. Along the way he's coached the team to a program record 275 wins thus far, and as the program celebrates its 50th season of varsity competition, Green will be looking to add more this season (per CCSU Athletics).

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## CCSU Weekly Sports Schedule



### Football

- Saturday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m. vs. Merrimack

### Volleyball

- UConn Challenge, Friday, Sept. 6 - Saturday, Sept. 7

### Men's Soccer

- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. @ Rider
- Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. @ Army West Point

### Women's Soccer

- Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. vs. Iona
- Sunday, Sept. 8, TBA @ Siena

# Aaron Dawson: Down But Not Out



Dawson (above) suffered a potential season-ending foot injury.

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After leading the Blue Devils in rushing a season ago, junior running back Aaron Dawson suffered an injury to his right foot. A re-aggravation to the same injury is threatening to potentially end his season.

According to Dawson, the initial injury occurred on April 11, 2019, during spring practice on a Thursday afternoon.

"I was running an option route out of the backfield. I planted so hard that my foot just literally broke," Dawson said.

Dawson suffered a fifth metatarsal fracture, which is a fracture of the long bone on the outside of the foot during Spring and "rebroke" his foot when he came back for summer workouts.

"It was in July, we were doing the three-cone drill," Dawson explained. "I came around the corner and my foot got stuck in the turf, I already knew what was

about to happen and I tried to stop it but my foot just broke again."

After the re-aggravation, Dawson recalls the feelings floating around as "a lot of disappointment."

"I thought my foot was going to be good, I wanted to ball out with my brothers but I can't. It's all good though, God has a plan so I'm not worried."

Dawson rushed for 896 yards (7.3 YPC) and 13 touchdowns a season ago, both leading the team, while also adding an additional 123 yards receiving (1 TD). After being second in all-purpose yards on the team a season ago, he was expected to be the starting running back for Central Connecticut this season.

Initially, the speculation was that Dawson would miss the entire season, but depending on how the rehab goes, that might not be the case.

"I can be back by November," Dawson said. "My doctor said I'll be 100% in

November, so I'm going to talk to my doctor and if he says 'Yeah you can come back during the season,' I'll come back. If he says 'chill and come back next season,' that's what I'm going to do."

Although Dawson has been away from the football field, he has been "training twice a day, every day."

Beyond the physical work, he has also grown mentally.

"I'm getting stronger and I'm getting better mentally on the field, when I come back I'm going to be a smarter player on the field," Dawson said.

"The stuff that I know now, film-wise, I didn't even know last year honestly, like my key reads on certain run plays, I see football from a different perspective."

Dawson believes the thought of a dominant running back just now understanding his reads and still improving, should scare a lot of opponents.

"I always tell people pain changes

people, it really does and when I get back on that field, I'm going to be unstoppable," Dawson said.

"I'm definitely going to be stronger, I'm just going to keep going harder and harder, man. No one is going to stop me, no one is going to stop this team."

Central definitely missed their lead running back in their season opener against Fordham University, the leading rusher was a quarterback, Aaron Winchester. Despite that, there were still bright spots.

Redshirt freshman running back Kenyata Huston scored a 34-yard touchdown on his first touch of the season and got awarded NEC Rookie of the Week honors while other backs contributed.

"They're going to do great, we have a four-headed monster so I'm not worried at all, I know they'll get the job done," Dawson said on his fellow backs.

When Dawson returns to the field, whether it's this November or next season as a redshirt junior, he has high expectations for himself.

"After next year, I believe that I'm going to go all the way and I believe that I'm going to be the best back in the country," Dawson said.

Going all the way, aka making the NFL is no small task, but it is not impossible.

"I got the work ethic. No one is going to outwork me," Dawson said confidently.

If Dawson returns to the thousand-yard back that he was a season ago and improves physically and mentally like he suggested he did multiple times, there shouldn't be a reason why he cannot reach his goals, despite his recent setback.

Dawson mentioned multiple times and even ended the interview by saying, "remember what I said, pain changes people," and he clearly believes this will change him for the better.

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# Jake Dolegala: Officially a Bengal

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Dolegala officially made the Bengals' 53-man roster heading into Week One of the NFL season.

Jake Dolegala has made the initial 53-man roster of the Cincinnati Bengals and has achieved his dream of making the NFL. He is one of only two quarterbacks that went undrafted who made the initial 53-man roster of their teams.

Dolegala did not play a single snap in the first two preseason games for the Bengals, which raised red flags for anyone monitoring his progress.

However, in the third preseason game when the Bengals hosted the New York Giants, Dolegala got his chance and made the most of it.

Teams often consider the third preseason game as the "dress rehearsal" for the regular season and Dolegala made his case as to why he should be around for the regular season.

Dolegala completed 10 of 12 passes for 94 yards (7.8 AVG) and two touchdowns in limited action. He also had a carry for three yards.

The former Blue Devil made multiple impressive plays, which landed him on NFL.com's list of "Top Plays by Rookies in Week 3" multiple times.

In the final game of the preseason, Dolegala went full circle in his short NFL journey

and was told he would start and play the entire game against the Indianapolis Colts.

Dolegala completed 27 of 41 passes (65.8%) for 253 yards (6.2 AVG) and rushed twice for nine yards.

"It was great, it was an opportunity for me to get more reps," Dolegala said in a post-game interview via Bengals.com.

"I think I left it all out there on the field."

He finished the preseason 37 of 53 (69.8%) for 347 yards (6.5 AVG) and two touchdowns.

Dolegala is no stranger to filling up the stat sheets. Currently, he is Central Connecticut's all-time leader in passing yards (8129) and touchdowns (48).

Beyond his statistics on the field, Dolegala's measurements are the reason he got a good look from NFL scouts, according to new CCSU head coach Ryan McCarthy.

"I mean it's size, man. Jake is standing at 6-foot-7-inches, 240 pounds, of course, he's going to get a look," McCarthy said.

Dolegala's size is what got him the initial looks, but he has impressed with his arm strength, smarts and playmaking ability. All could help lead his opportunity to stick around in the NFL for the foreseeable and long-term future.



Dolegala (above) holds the school record for passing yards and touchdowns.

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# Women's Soccer Draws Tie In Interstate Showdown

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Central Connecticut's women's soccer team has a long rooted history against UConn. Sixteen years ago, the Huskies took the Blue Devils to double overtime in the NCAA Tournament before defeating CCSU 3-2. Thursday's game against UConn also went to double overtime, but the Blue Devils were not focused on history and certainly did not repeat it.

The interstate rivals fought toe-to-toe throughout the first half of play. Both offenses were held without a goal and were unable to gather much momentum. The Blue Devils only had two shots in the period, still one more than the Huskies. Just nine minutes into the game, the Huskies were awarded a corner kick, but were unable to get anything going with it. Offside calls stalled the Blue Devil offense twice in a three minute span,

but as head coach Mick D'Arcy puts it, "if you play too cautious and try to stay onside the whole time, you never get the benefits of it."

The Blue Devils came out of the half recharged, with Junior Erica Bardes throwing a shot on goal just three minutes into the period. She would finish the day with a team high four shots, including one as regulation ended that almost secured a Blue Devil win. Both teams were more aggressive, with CCSU again landing one more shot than UConn with six, while Central had three on goal to UConn's one.

With 12 minutes remaining in regulation, sophomore Jamie Collimore finally broke the stalemate, scoring her first goal of the game and season. While Central was quick to celebrate, UConn got themselves on the board just three minutes later. Both teams had opportunities to seal the victory as the clock winded down, including a shot on goal from Tess Atkinson in the final two

minutes of regulation.

"We stood up and took control of the game in the second half," D'Arcy explains. "If you look at the amount of chances we had compared to what they had, we were the better team in the half."

Both offenses had their chances throughout the two periods of overtime, with both teams totaling six shots in extra time. Despite the chances, neither team was able to score in the final 20 minutes.

"It was a battle today, we had some great chances." D'Arcy said. "You could see the emotion from the team, they were pumped up, they wanted to win this one."

Playing in its second overtime game in three games, the Blue Devils had "a lot of wear and tear on the body" according to D'Arcy. While the level of play never took a hit, some players had to use substitutions late as a result of cramping up, a common occurrence over the course of a 110 minute game.

"You move forward to the next game..."

you have to learn but then quickly you have to put that in its own little box, that game is done and on to the next one which is Albany on Sunday," said D'Arcy.

In Sunday's game against Albany, the Blue Devils appeared to be feeling the wear of a few long games in a row. The Great Danes started off the scoring in the 32nd minute, and quickly gained a 2-0 lead out of the half. Central would fight back in the second half, as sophomore Roma McLaughlin scored her second goal of the season (a team high).

Central Connecticut was not without its chances. Through the game, CCSU totaled seven corner kicks to Albany's one. This marked the Blue Devils' second loss of the season, matching their total from last year.

They'll look to bounce back against Iona Sept. 5 in their final home game before a grueling six game road stand.

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## McQuillan Brings Professional Experience To Women's Soccer

BY RYAN JONES  
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"I've got big boots to fill, but it's exciting," Central Connecticut starting goalkeeper Amanda McQuillan said.

The Blue Devils' sophomore McQuillan perfectly summed up her role on this year's team. In her first year playing for Central Connecticut, McQuillan has the impossible task of replacing Ashley Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh led the Blue Devils to an NEC Championship on the back of 11 shutouts, a Central Connecticut record.

But there's a new face roaming the crease for the Blue Devils this year and she's got plenty of experience of her own to bring to the table.

McQuillan came to Central after a more than accomplished career in her native Ireland. She began her professional career in 2014, signing to Raheny United, which later merged to become Shelborne FC. The goalkeeper continued to play for the club in the rest of her time in Ireland, last appearing in July, where she allowed one goal over a two game stretch.

In 2017, McQuillan was called up to the Republic of Ireland's Under-19 team for Championship Qualifiers of the United European Football Association. After all of her accomplishments overseas, McQuillan was ready to "move on from the league I was playing in." McQuillan explains that she had already "won everything that you could win in Ireland and needed new challenges."

McQuillan has excelled in all of the challenges she's faced thus far for the Blue Devils. The goalkeeper took home the Northeast Conference's Defensive Player of the Week honors in just the first week of the season. This came after an impressive first showing in the goal against No. 19 Rutgers, where McQuillan totaled nine saves against the potent offense, which is so far a season high.

The Irish connection is strong on this year's Blue Devil team, with head coach Mick D'Arcy and fellow sophomore Roma McLaughlin also hailing from Ireland. "It's a really nice feeling," McQuillan explained, "I feel at home here."

As for any goals in her first season, they remain simple, help the team repeat



Sophomore Amanda McQuillan replaced Ashley Cavanaugh as CCSU's new starting goalie.

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as NEC Champions.

"[This season] is really exciting to look forward to." McQuillan said. "We've got a really great team, and we've got a good chance to go out there and prove

ourselves."

McQuillan and the team will be able to prove themselves soon, as they get their first taste of conference play September 20 against Bryant on the road.

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## Week One Fantasy Football Picks

BY THE RECORDER SPORTS STAFF

With Week One of the NFL season around the corner, members of The Recorder sports staff decided who will shine, surprise and disappoint in the league's 100th season.

**Trevi Alickolli, Assistant Sports Editor**

**SURE THING:** Davante Adams WR, Packers @ Bears  
Adams is a sure thing every week, but the task of facing the Bears defense might scare some people. The fact is, Chicago has good but not great corners and one of the best receivers in the NFL will find a way to get his production.

**SLEEPER:** Damion Willis WR, Bengals @ Seahawks  
Willis is projected to score 2.13 points in Week 1 according to NFL.com Fantasy, but it was reported earlier in the preseason that he will take the role of WR1 with AJ Green out with injury. After an impressive preseason, Willis should receive a good amount of targets and potentially a scoring opportunity as WR1 for the Bengals.

**BUST:** Saquon Barkley RB, Giants @ Cowboys  
The last time Barkley visited Jerry's world, the Dallas

defense held him to only 28 yards rushing, 80 yards receiving but no scores. Dallas defense did not get worse this offseason and Barkley should expect the same results Week 1.

**Ryan Jones, Sports Editor**

**SURE THING:** Baker Mayfield QB, Browns @ Titans  
Mayfield is coming off a Rookie of the Year season and added wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. to the fray. While the Titans had a strong defense last season, the offensive improvements of the Browns should lead Mayfield to Top Five week.

**SLEEPER:** Sam Darnold QB, Jets vs. Bills  
Playing against fellow 2018 NFL Draft pick and division rival Josh Allen, Darnold will prove the Jets right for picking him four selections higher than Buffalo's head man. Darnold has looked strong all preseason and doesn't appear to be approaching the dreaded "sophomore slump."

**BUST:** Antonio Brown WR, Raiders vs. Broncos  
After all of his off-field antics this offseason, Brown will have to put his money where his mouth is in Week One. Facing a tough Broncos' secondary including stud cornerback Chris Harris, AB will struggle in his debut for the Black & Silver.

**Daniel Fappiano, Editor-in-Chief**

**SURE THING:** Leonard Fournette RB, Jaguars vs. Chiefs

Taking on arguably the league's best offense, the Jaguars will need to show a spark of their own. While Nick Foles was the big offseason signing, Fournette will return to his dominant roots trying to keep up against a league average defense.

**SLEEPER:** Lamar Jackson QB, Ravens @ Miami  
After being deemed as just a running quarterback as a rookie, the Ravens went out and added multiple pass-catchers for sophomore Jackson. He should be able to shine in both the air and on the ground against arguably the worst football team in the league.

**BUST:** Joe Mixon RB, Bengals @ Seahawks

While Mixon shined last season, he is now playing under a new head coach and a new offense. Facing a stout Seahawks defense that just added Jadeveon Clowney and likely playing from behind throughout will spell doom for the Bengals' running back.

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Quarterback Aaron Winchester, (above) helped lead the Blue Devils to victory. **CCSU ATHLETICS**



Central Connecticut football team breaking down the huddle against Fordham University. **JULIA JADE MORAN | STAFF**

## CCSU Football Wins In Dramatic Fashion At Fordham

BY TREVI ALICKOLLI  
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Fordham University had momentum and was riding high after driving down the field and scoring a touchdown to tie the game at 23. With only 1:53 remaining on the clock for the Blue Devils, an overtime period was all but certain.

The Blue Devils brought in an experienced, battle-tested graduate transfer quarterback in Aaron Winchester for moments just like this.

"I feel like I'm very poised, nothing really rattles me. I've been in a lot of situations where I've succeeded and failed," Winchester said during an interview days before the matchup against Fordham.

"My first career start, I didn't know I was starting until the day of, as a redshirt freshman. I'm just like 'Man, alright let's go,' so ever since then I realized if I can

handle this, I can handle anything."

Winchester handled the situation and led his offense down the field, with a 6 play, 61-yard drive that set up senior kicker Francis Cole to hit the potentially game-winning kick as time expired.

Cole did his job and delivered the 31-yard game-winning field goal, sealing the 26-23 victory for CCSU. This kick came after two attempts to "ice the kicker" by the Rams, neither of which panned out for Fordham.

This victory is the first in the Ryan McCarthy-era for the Blue Devils and the hope is that there are many more on the horizon.

The Blue Devils were led by their quarterback all game long, not just during the closing minutes of the game.

Winchester accounted for 221 of 367 total yards for CCSU. He threw for 113 yards and a touchdown, and added on 108 yards on the ground. Winchester

even showed his versatility while catching a pass during a two-point conversion attempt.

Often on the receiving end of Winchester's passes were tight end Arthur Gilmore and wide receiver Tyshaun James.

The former led all pass catchers in passing yards with 38 while the latter was tied for most catches on the night, with 3 receptions for 32 yards and a touchdown.

Following the win Winchester took to social media and credited all phases of the team for the victory.

"Team balled out in all phases when called upon," Winchester said.

Special team delivered the game-winner, the punting unit averaged 44.6 yards per kick, the offense scored multiple touchdowns and the defense forced multiple turnovers, which included a pick-six.

Starting cornerback Dexter Lawson, Jr. delivered the pick-six, the first

interception and score for the defense this season.

Lawson was also credited with a forced fumble, four tackles and half of a sack, which combined earned him Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The leading tacklers for the Blue Devils on the night were safety DJ Exilhomme and linebacker Mike Mushaw with seven each.

Exilhomme was the leading tackler for Central a season ago.

The Blue Devils head home after the exciting game to open their season and will try to carry that excitement and momentum into their home opener this week.

Central faces Merrimack University at home, under the lights, on Sept. 7. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Following the contest the team will be away for the next four weeks. [@ATREVI013](#)

## Volleyball Picks Up First Win In Georgetown Classic



Central Connecticut picked up their first win of the season against Rider. **CCSU ATHLETICS**

BY RYAN JONES  
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In the Blue Devils' first match of the season, they took on a Central Arkansas team that finished last year with an impressive 26-7 record. Central Connecticut looked strong out of the first set against the powerhouse.

With the game tied at 16, CCSU would benefit from six Central Arkansas errors to help them push it to a 22-18 lead. The Blue Devils quickly took care of business, with reigning NEC Player of the Year Madelyn Kaprelyan scoring six kills en route to a 25-21

set victory.

Central Arkansas would be the beneficiaries of nine errors in the second set, which contributed to them losing 16-25.

After a split of the first two sets, the two teams went back and forth through the third. Central Connecticut stormed back from a late five-point deficit and drew within a point before a kill from Central Arkansas put the nail in the coffin, securing a 25-22 set victory.

The fourth was another contentious set between the teams. CCSU would break away from the Sugar Bears with a 6-1 run to put them up 24-20, before winning on an error from UCA.

The Sugar Bears ran away with the fifth and final set, coming out the gates scoring seven straight. CCSU was able to come back to within three, but ultimately lost the set and match 15-10.

Senior setter Erin McDermott moved the ball around well for the Blue Devils, finishing the match with 30 assists, the second-highest mark of her career.

After Friday's tough loss, the Blue Devils came to play Saturday with a chip on their shoulder against Rider University. CCSU was quick to assert its dominance in the first set. The first four points of the set fell to Central with the help of back-to-back kills from junior Samantha McCreath. The Blue Devils would lead by as much as 14 through the set, easily winning 25-15.

The second set showed more of the same. Nine straight points, with three coming from Henderson, contributed to a commanding 24-7 lead. The Blue Devils hit a jaw-dropping .348 as a team in the second set, with an impressive line of .255 for the game.

Nine errors in the third and final set made it easy for the Blue Devils to lock up their first victory and the first sweep, of the season, winning 25-11. Rider would commit 29 errors while CCSU played an extremely clean game, with only seven errors on the day. Due to all of the errors from the Broncos, the Blue Devils only needed 31 total kills to knock down Rider. Nine different Blue Devils

would score these kills, with senior Emma Henderson leading the way with seven.

The Blue Devils would play the Tournament's namesake last, taking on Big East's Georgetown. The Blue Devils looked primed to take down the goliath that is the Bulldogs, even leading by three midway through the first set. Georgetown would storm back to tie the game at 18 and use a 5-1 run to push a lead of their own. The Bulldogs would take the first set 25-22.

CCSU looked strong to start the second set, using three errors from the Bulldogs to jump out to a 5-2 lead. Georgetown's offense was quickly ignited, however, scoring seven straight points. The Blue Devils would not lead again through the set, losing 25-22.

Georgetown did not look back in the third set, using a run of eight to catapult themselves into the lead. The Blue Devils would not draw closer than five, ultimately losing the final set 15-25.

The Blue Devils will continue their tour of powerhouse teams, as they have the UConn Challenge Tournament next weekend, Sep. 6-7. The team will be playing Boston College and UConn and will also take on head coach Linda Sagnelli's coaching alma matter Iona. Sagnelli coached for 14 seasons at Iona, while also coaching softball. She was named coach of the year in both sports, a feat that has never been accomplished before in the MAAC.

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