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Radio and Recorder Unite For Dr. Kostelis Interview

by Ron Marq and Andrew O'Sullivan
Design/Layout Editor, Sports Editor



Interim President Dr. Kimberly T. Kostelis smiles during an interview at 107.7 The Edge's Studio A. Andrew O'Sullivan.

With all the recent changes in Central's leadership, it's easy to consider the upper echelon of authority figures as untouchable or at least, out of touch with the greater student body. That changed for Central on Wednesday Oct. 29 inside Studio A at the office of 107.7 WFCS New Britain Hartford The Edge when writer and host Ron Marq took to the mic with Interim President Dr. Kimberly T. Kostelis for an hour-long interview delving into her new found role. While being a decorated servant to Central over her twenty plus year tenure, Kostelis states that her new role feels natural as she'll be able to further serve students, faculty, and staff.

Aside from an upcoming Dave Matthews concert, the work of Central has been what drives Dr. Kostelis to do better. While the mass media hasn't greatly shaped her career, it is beginning to apply in different ways. "Stepping into this role... and advocating more so than ever. I would love to revisit this question in six months." A recap will be interesting when the time comes.

Her vision for Central has evolved over the years, but the focal point of the students has not. Access to Central is imperative, but more so are the opportunities to do things such as interviewing an interim university president. "And we do such a great job with that already across all of our majors, just to continue to do more of that, and how can we help have these experiences give you those opportunities when you're gone from Central as well, and you see those connections to what you did here to helping you as you take the next step in your career." A lot of her traits that brought her to this point stem from her past educational ventures, constantly highlighting her heart for service.

The media coverage hasn't affected her, though.

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Despite Recent Drop, High Gas Prices Continue to Burden CCSU Commuters

by Eary Banushi
Web & Social Media Editor

Gas prices in Connecticut have fallen slightly in recent weeks, but students commuting to Central University are still feeling the financial strain.

As of Oct. 31, the statewide average for regular gas was around $4.25 per gallon, down from approximately $4.36 in early October, according to AAA. Despite the decrease, prices remain about $1.22 higher than they were a year ago, leaving some students spending more money just to get to class.

For Rafael Romero, an undergraduate commuter senator with the Student Government Association, the higher prices have meant spending as much as $100 a week on gas to make the 60-mile drive from Groton. In a Sept. 30 interview, Romero said the cost of his commute had increased significantly despite driving a fuel-efficient 2013 Hyundai Elantra that averages about 30 miles per gallon.

"On average, I spend about 100 bucks on gas a week. It used to be 60, but since what's been going on around the world, it's gone up to like 100 or so," Romero said.

Romero said his commute takes anywhere from an hour to an hour and 15 minutes each way, depending on whether he encounters construction along Interstate 95 or takes Route 9 North. With gas costing him about $40 more each week at the time of the interview, he said there were days when he questioned whether making the trip was worth it.

"It's definitely discouraged me from driving up to campus," Romero said.

"These classes are optional. You don't have to come. You should come, and you have other responsibilities you should do on campus. But because of the added price increase, it's like I need a little bit more urge, and I just have to keep reminding myself that I'm here for my degree... But that $40 dollar difference makes it hard. So, whenever I can, if I can get away with skipping school,



Prices of gas at a Southington Mobil as of early October. Eary Banushi

like usually I'd have less to do on Thursdays, then I kind of do."

Romero has also tried to cut costs by doing his own oil changes, something he started last year. However, he said the price of the high-mileage synthetic oil he uses had increased by about $10 per jug, adding another expense to maintaining his car.

Dr. Alfredo Rosete, an associate professor of economics at Central, explained in a Sept. 30 interview that higher gas prices were largely tied to disruptions in the global oil supply caused by the ongoing conflict with Iran.

"All this oil goes into one market. Think of it as going into one bucket," Rosete said. "The oil in the bucket is called your supply, and the people who want it is your demand. I think 20 percent of the world's oil comes from the Middle East. Now think about 20 percent of that bucket getting dried up, or not being there... The price has to go up, because it's just harder to get the oil anywhere."

At the time of the interview, Rosete said gas prices had risen between 30 and 40 cents since June and more than $1.30 since the war began. For students driving a typical sedan or crossover with a 15-to-20-gallon gas tank and a 40-minute commute, he estimated that the increase could mean spending an additional $30 per week on gas.
That extra expense, Rosete

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said, can force students to make adjustments elsewhere in their budgets.

"That's 30 dollars that you can't use to do other things like buy food," Rosete said. "That's 30 dollars more that you cannot use for entertainment on the weekends. 30 dollars more that you cannot buy your kids food if you have kids, or if you need a babysitter for example. You're starting to eat into the budget that people might have."

Rosete said the effects of rising fuel prices aren't limited to students who drive. As of Oct. 31, diesel prices in Connecticut were averaging approximately $6.42 per gallon, compared to $3.75 a year ago. Higher transportation costs could also lead to increased prices for groceries, campus food deliveries and meal plans.

With winter approaching, students who live off campus may also face higher utility and home heating costs. Rosete pointed to his own experience with Hocon Oil, saying his heating oil budget plan increased from $275 when he first moved to Connecticut to $465 when he recently renewed it.

During the Sept. 30 interview, Rosete said he did not expect gas prices to return to previous levels anytime soon, even if the conflict eased. He explained that restoring shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, renegotiating marine insurance policies and getting oil shipments moving again could take months before consumers see lower prices at the pump.

"I'd say the rest of the semester. I would definitely say the rest of the semester. It could possibly be the rest of the school year," Rosete said. "They're elephants dancing, and we are chickens at their feet. That's the grim picture."

Although Connecticut gas prices have declined since early October, they remain substantially higher than a year ago. For commuters like Romero, that means continuing to face higher transportation costs, even as prices at the pump begin to ease.

CCSU Political Science Club Plans Trip To Freedom Trail

by Liam McCusker
News Editor

Central's Political Science Club will be touring the Freedom Trail in Boston on Nov. 14 free of charge. The club's leadership organized the trip because they wanted to arrange activities that are both fun and educational. They booked the trip through the Freedom Trail Organization, and secured funding from the Student Government Association (SGA) to cover the trip and provide a van to travel to Boston.

Political Science Club President Ash Devito said he proposed the idea at one of the club's first meetings of the semester. and Members supported the idea, so they began planning the trip. "There's so much you can learn from experiencing history and the Freedom Trail is a great way to do that," Devito said. Devito has been part of the club since the beginning of his sophomore year and was elected president this year. He is double majoring in political science and climate change studies with a minor in strategic communications. He said he was motivated to join the club because he has always had a strong interest in politics. Devito added that he received his certification to drive a 12 passenger van to the Freedom Trail, and five slots for the trip are still open.

Political Science Club Vice President and sophomore Jordan Aaron has been part of the club since the fall 2025 semester, and was elected vice president in the spring 2026 semester. Aaron is majoring in communications with a minor in political science. She said her favorite part of the club is getting together with other students, promoting civic engagement, having civilized discussions, and participating in activities. "I remember last year we had a civic Jeopardy game and we did a devil's den which was really fun," Aaron said. "I want everyone to know they don't have to be a political science major to be part of the club."

The club meets every other Wednesday at 4:30 in the 1849 room in the student center. "We're always looking for new members and we love to have new faces at meetings," Aaron said. Devito said his favorite part of the club is seeing everyone comfortable with discussing political events and policies and hearing different ideas and perspectives, especially because not all of the members are political science majors. Aaron added that she likes to see people who return for multiple meetings. She described the environment at meetings as "extremely welcoming."

"The room that we're in is a good environment to have a club meeting in because it just feels like a community," Aaron said. "We'll hear all perspectives and all points of view about what anyone wants to discuss." Aaron said the trip to the Freedom Trail is an opportunity for people to experience the Freedom Trail as well as Boston. "I've only been to Boston once in my life and I've never done the Freedom Trail," Aaron said. "I'm really excited to go, especially at no cost. It's also good to provide that opportunity to other students." Devito noted that he is happy the club is able to provide "unique opportunities" to other students and he hopes to plan more events like it in the future. "I love giving students opportunities that they might not have had," Devito said.

Anyone who is interested in going on the trip or has questions can contact Devito at a.devito@my.ccsu.edu and Aaron at j.aaron@my.ccsu.edu.



The Freedom Trail is 2.5 miles across Boston and Charlestown. Arlan Fonseca, Boston National Parks

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"Doing the media, you know, hasn't been a focal point to date, but I think I'm enjoying talking to folks and getting the word out about how special Central is too."

Kostelis would go on to explain the importance of being grounded in her mission and keeping students at the forefront no matter the major and providing opportunities for everybody on campus. A lot of her experience with students came from her time on the faculty at CCSU. "One of the greatest things that I enjoyed doing beyond teaching is working with students during advising. [...] I've been motivated by taking on those roles by really seeing how I could do things differently and that's the exciting part is to just see things, bring people together, collaborate, and make a difference."

It was a "true honor" to be appointed the interim president, Kostelis would explain, and she would also describe how she would approach the position. "You always treat people the way you want to be treated as I tell my boys all the time. And I want to make sure that I appreciate others hearing that or hearing that about others because, you know, that's true to who I am and what, what pushes me along." Dr. Kostelis was also asked about multiple prevalent issues in and around campus, such as inadequate heating/air conditioning in the dorms and AI usage in classrooms.

"I think those are the conversations that will help guide all of us, because I don't know that anybody has the answer, the right answer," the interim president said regarding artificial intelligence. "I don't think there is a right answer, because I also think people are bringing perspectives from different places. [...] Because I don't know that any of us have the right answer or the perfect answer. And I think even if we tried to, the technology is evolving, that it's going to change too."



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One of the largest recent objectives spearheaded by Former President Toro was an expansion in polytechnic learning, which included a complete retooling of the school as a fully-fledged polytechnic institution. With the departure of Toro, the idea has gone as well. Kostelis, however, still wants hands-on learning to be emphasized on campus.

"One of the greatest things that happened last spring with all the work that was done with the task forces is all of the examples that were collected and over 80% of our, I think, degree programs have that as a required part of our degree programs." "It's so nice to see," Kostelis further explained. "[We] would love to continue to see that grow."

Dr. Kostelis also voiced her support for the LGBTQ Center and other marginalized communities on campus, especially in the wake of the previous president's frowned upon behavior. "I definitely want to be able to learn more about all of the things that are going on and also support more things to go on as well. I think that that's important for all of our students to be able to connect. And I know that there's so many great ways for our students, and they have such great opportunities." "I've always said Central is such a special place. And the way I describe it is that it is large enough that you can find, you know, you have a larger community, but you can also find your smaller community."

"I'll just say that anything that we do here, you know, I think the planning is so important and talking to all the right folks, because that's what makes things successful, if you put more time into planning anything, the implementation of something is going to not only be better, but it's going to be sustained, and hopefully you see that with some of the programs that you just mentioned as well."

Currently, the race for a new full-time president at Central is unclear. Kostelis would explain that the process is controlled by the system office. However, if Kostelis were to be chosen as a permanent replacement, she says that she would be ready. "I think I would go about it the same way I've been going about this and just going about what got me here as well. And, you know, I'm the same person. I would just be who I am and continue to do the work. And make sure that, you know, I can continue to make a difference."

"It's exciting to be able to be able to support more great work that can be done," said Kostelis, "[And] be available to provide more opportunity." She also wanted to give more chances to interact with the student populace, which she considers important to the balance between staff and student. "I have a meeting coming up with the SGA and I want to hear what some of those ideas are. I know in the past I've done - I think they call it spill the tea, AKA Open Forum in my world. I'm always open to what is best to be able to hear from students and be able to have those conversations." "I don't have all the answers, and I don't pretend to either. Wanting to hear and learn from others is so important."

The Electricity Rate Debate

by McKenna Dalek
Contributor

Electricity costs remain a major concern for Connecticut residents, and both Gov. Ryan Fazio Lamont's opponent says he hopes voters will see the current governor's relationship with Eversource as a reason to vote for him. The question stands if Lamont is doing enough or if Fazio's message is swaying the vote.

As we turn to colder months Melissa Urrunaga says she worries about the rising energy cost and what she describes as corporate greed.

"It's been the same for the last 9 months, but I'm worried about the next one because of corporate greed," Urrunaga Connecticut resident said.

Both governor Ned Lamont and challenger Ryan Fazio both have said they want to bring down the bills for ratepayers. In recent weeks Lamont has faced some scrutiny from Fazio and his campaign for having associations with the CEO of Eversource. In a debate on WFSB, Fazio mentioned the relationship.

In the debate Fazio also said that with the associations a rate increase would get approved and be guaranteed if Lamont is back in office.

"The CEO of Eversource was bragging on a conference call that Lamont calls him a friend behind closed doors and guarantees that the rate increase that's proposed will go through after the election" Ryan Fazio said.

Lamont would come back with saying it doesn't mean he's not holding them accountable.

"I do have a relationship with the business leaders in this state, that does not mean I do not hold them accountable" Governor Lamont said.

Urrunaga still plans on voting Democratic in this upcoming election even though she says Lamont still has work to do.

"So I'm voting for Ned Lamont and I know he has done some work trying to bring down prices. I'm hoping he does more work with corporate pay rates before they start raising our rates" Urrunaga said.

She also says that knowing Lamont has associations with the CEO of Eversource it could go either way.

"I could see it going either way, leveraging his friendships to do what's right for the greater good or manipulating," Urrunaga says.

While Urrunaga is still voting democratic in this election it remains inconclusive that Fazio and the republicans hope their message with the electricity rate debate will play out to voters when the polls close.

THIS WEEK'S CAMPUS EVENTS

The Gem Grab
Commuter Student Association
Tuesday 11/3 @ 3:00 PM
Wells Street Lounge,
Student Center

Slime Out
Central Activities Network (CAN)
Tuesday 11/3 @ 6:00 PM
CAN Office,
Student Center, 2nd Floor

Day of Giving
Student Government Association
Tuesday 11/3 @ 3:00 PM
Wells Street Lounge,
Student Center

Spanish Karaoke
Student Club
Thursday 10/5 @ 5:00 PM
Blue & White Room 133,
Student Center

Ron Farin (Alumnus)
Central Authors
Tuesday 11/4 @ 12:15 PM
Central Bookstore,
Student Center

How Did Central Students Celebrate Halloween?

by Ny'Asia Martin
Lifestyle Editor

For CCSU students, Halloween is a chance to dress up, spend time with friends and family, and take a break from their usual routines. But beyond the parties and costumes, the holiday also brings back childhood memories and traditions that students continue to carry with them. Some CCSU students spent Halloween going between parties and haunted houses with friends, while others took it as an opportunity to spend time with their families.

For Junior Antonio Rodriguez, Halloween has always been a big part of growing up. Rodriguez's favorite memory was going trick-or-treating with friends for the first time. “Not only was I able to grab three whole bags of candy, but it was the most fun I ever had as a kid.” Rodriguez said. Rodriguez’s same love for the holiday continues today. This year Rodriguez celebrated by going to several parties and visiting a haunted house with a cousin. “My family had always embraced Halloween and celebrated it to the fullest,” Rodriguez said. “I plan to always keep these festivities alive, so I always have memories to relive.”

For other students, Halloween has started to feel different with age. Jaedin Latham, a junior at CCSU, spent the night walking around after missing out on several parties that had been shut down before they arrived. Although the night did not go as expected, walking around on Halloween night gave him time to reminisce about Halloween's he had as a child. “Now that I’m older, I feel like less and less people care about it,” Latham said. “I don’t see many trick-or-treaters, and it’s kind of sad to see. Sometimes I still want to go trick-or-treating. Now it’s just parties and stuff.”

Not every celebration went according to plan, but some students still found ways to make the most of the night. Junior Daniella Gonzalez spent Halloween traveling between parties with friends, keeping the celebrations in Hartford rather than New Haven. The highlight of the night came when Gonzalez and their friends showed off their costumes before ending up on a party bus. “The highlight of the night was when my girls and I put on our best costumes and ended up on a party bus. That was the best," Gonzalez said. For Gonzalez, Halloween is more than just going out. It’s a chance to express creativity and spend time with those you care for the most. “I believe it’s both a night where you can let your creativity free through your costume and have fun with your people.”

Despite different experiences, students found their own ways to celebrate the holiday. Whether it was keeping family traditions alive, remembering childhood trick-or-treating, or making new memories with friends, Halloween gave CCSU students a reason to step away from their everyday routines and enjoy the moment.

Walter Koenig (1936-2026)

by Liam McCusker
News Editor

The recent passing of actor Walter Koenig on Oct. 25 has caused people across the country to feel sorrow and reflect on Koenig’s career.

Koenig was known for his role as ensign Pavel Chekov, a Russian officer in Star Trek: The Original Series and Star Trek films, serving as a helmsman of the USS Enterprise, serving alongside William Shatner as Capt. Kirk, Leonard Nimoy as Cmdr. Spock, Jimmy Doohan as Lt. Cmdr. Scott, George Takei as Lt. Sulu, Nichele Nichols as Lt. Uhara and Deforest Kelly as Dr. McCoy.. He was one of the few remaining living cast members and leaves only Shatner and Takei as the last two surviving members.

Koenig joined the series during its second season. His character was introduced during the Cold War when tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union were high. Having a Russian officer serving alongside American officers showed that the writers believed in a future where people from different countries could work together.

Koenig portrayed Chekov until the series was cancelled in 1969 and later reprised the role in seven Star Trek feature films in the 1980s, including Star Trek: The Motion Picture and Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan. He, along with Shatner and Doohan, also appeared in Star Trek: Generations in 1994.

Although Koenig was excluded from playing Chekov in Star Trek: The Animated Series in the 1970s due to budget restrictions, he still contributed to the series as a writer. He wrote an episode of the series titled, “The Infinite Vulcan,” where a giant clone is made of first officer Mr. Spock. Koenig said he was offered this opportunity by the creator of Star Trek, Gene Roddenberry who read something he had written, and asked him to write an episode for the series, allowing him to remain part of the crew even though he was not hired back to play Chekov.

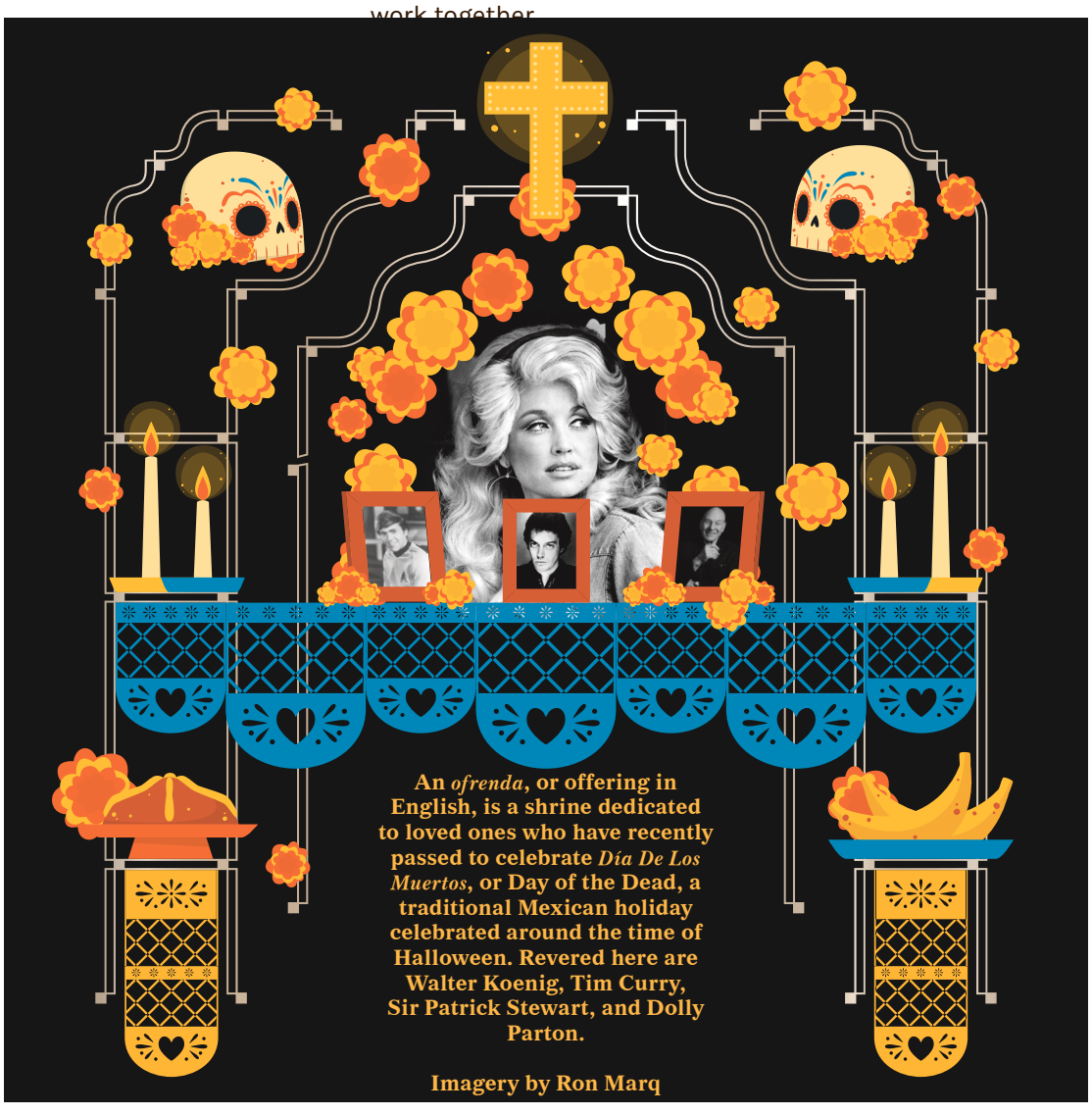
Koenig also played Alfred Bester in Babylon 5 and appeared throughout the series. Bester was a telepath and officer in Psi Corps, and his character was a lot more outgoing and intimidating than Chekov.

Koenig wrote scripts for television programs, including Family and The Incredible Hulk. He later published his book, “Warped Factors: A Neurotic’s Guide to the Universe,” looking back on his career and experiences in acting.

Following his death, his former Star Trek co-stars released statements commending his work. Takei wrote in a social media post that his “heart is heavy” and recalled when he first met Koenig on the Star Trek set in the 1960s. He added that they had stayed friends for nearly six decades.

Shatner said he saw a man in Koenig who genuinely loved the Star Trek community and he was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of his former co-star.

Ultimately, Walter Koenig’s legacy will likely live on for generations, especially Star Trek as one of the helmsmen of the USS Enterprise. His contributions helped to make him part of the legacy of Star Trek: The Original Series as well.



An *ofrenda*, or offering in English, is a shrine dedicated to loved ones who have recently passed to celebrate *Día De Los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated around the time of Halloween. Revered here are Walter Koenig, Tim Curry, Sir Patrick Stewart, and Dolly Parton.

Imagery by Ron Marq

Nine New Players Means New Identity for Men's Basketball in Upcoming Season

by Cody Dzis
Staff Writer



Central men's basketball head coach Pat Sellers. Andrew O'Sullivan

As their strong season continues, Central football got their fifth consecutive win on Saturday, October 31, stretching their win streak to five wins after crushing Robert Morris 49-14. After another dominant home win against the New Haven Chargers the previous week, the Blue Devils sought to keep the win streak going when they faced off against the Colonials.

Central's defense only allowed seven points in the entire first half as the offense piled on a massive haul of points. Brett Griffis opened the scoring early in the first quarter with a rushing touchdown, later connecting with Davon Smith Jr. following a blocked punt. Defensive back Chris Jean took an interception to the house to make it 21-0 as the first quarter would end. The offensive production would continue into the second quarter, with Smith Jr. and John Manning IV punching in two more rushing touchdowns, marking the score at 35-0 before the Colonials finally found the endzone through the air late in the quarter. Central, however, continued the onslaught as Griffis ran in his second touchdown of the day right before halftime.

During the second half, it was mostly clock management for the Blue Devils as they were focused on securing the victory, with the conservative play style exemplified in a nearly eleven minute drive that led to a third touchdown from Davon Smith Jr., continuing his impressive season in New Britain. Robert Morris was able to score a long touchdown in the fourth quarter, with Central conserving their lead as the game would end with the Blue Devils out front by a 35-point gap. Central totaled over 300 rushing yards during Saturday's game, the second time the team eclipsed that mark, as well as becoming the first team in NEC Conference history to score 40 or more points in four straight games. QB Brett Griffis threw 10 for 13, 120 passing yards, 1 TD, and rushed for 10 carries for 117 rushing yards and 2 TDs with his longest being 35 yards. RB Davon Smith Jr. rushed for 15 carries for 96 yards and 2 TDs with his longest being 58 yards and caught 4 passes for 37 yards with his longest being 18 yards and 1 TD.

When asked about this performance, head coach Adam Letchenberg said that it took everybody to win, giving special shouts to his running backs and receivers, the latter of which he described as "one of the best cores in FCS football". "When we play like that, a team effort all the way around our offense played well and the defense played better today. If we play like that we're gonna be tough to beat." Regarding if the team will continue the dominant streak into November, Lechtenberg said "I think it's week by week. [In] football, every week is a new week, we just gotta play it one at a time."
Quarterback Brett Griffis would talk about his game and the offense on field, giving credit to his offensive line to let the rushing attack flourish.
"...Most of them were from short yardage so you gotta give credit to the o line... the o line did an unbelievable job today creating gaps." He would also give praise to his running backs, Smith and Manning. Sharod Watkins discussed the defense's performance for only allowing 14 points the whole game, saying that "We're just honing in on our technique, we gotta stay in the game so we made a statement." Watkins describes how it's all about the little things like technique and it allowed the defense to play as well as it did. He also praised the Blue Devil crowd on Saturday, saying that their presence felt great to play in, which was echoed by his head coach.
"We had a great crowd, our kids played well here, we're hard to beat here which is fun, but it doesn't matter where we play, we gotta produce and that's the bottom line," Lechtenberg said.

Griffis would preview the upcoming game by saying "It's all about going 1-0. The goal now is to celebrate tonight and go 1-0 versus Stonehill next week."
Central will face the Stonehill Skyhawks in Easton, MA on Saturday, November 7th.

Football Rumbles Over Robert Morris To Extend Winning Streak



Brett Griffis rushed for a career-high 117 yards and threw for 120 more in the Blue Devils win over Robert Morris on Saturday afternoon. Steve McLaughlin

CENTRAL 49, ROBERT MORRIS 14

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Central-Brett Griffis 1 run (Jack Hennessey PAT). Central 7, RMU 0.
Central-Davon Smith Jr. 3 pass from Griffis (Hennessey PAT). Central 14, RMU 0.
Central-Christopher Jean 27 interception return (Hennessey PAT). Central 21, RMU 0.
Central-Smith Jr. 1 run (Hennessey PAT). Central 28, RMU 0.
Central-John Manning 2 run (Hennessey PAT). Central 35, RMU 0.
RMU-Noah Schaerli 10 pass from Carson Haggard (Lucca Valens PAT). Central 35, RMU 7.
Central-Griffis 8 run (Hennessey PAT). Central 42, RMU 7.
Central-Smith Jr. 2 run (Hennessey PAT). Central 49, RMU 7.
RMU-Schaerli 68 pass from Cooper Panteck (Valens PAT). Central 49, RMU 14.
Records: Central 5-3 (4-0 NEC), Robert Morris 4-5 (2-2 NEC).

by Vic Isaacs
Staff Writer

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When asked about this performance, head coach Adam Letchenberg said that it took everybody to win, giving special shouts to his running backs and receivers, the latter of which he described as "one of the best cores in FCS football". "When we play like that, a team effort all the way around our offense played well and the defense played better today. If we play like that we're gonna be tough to beat." Regarding if the team will continue the dominant streak into November, Lechtenberg said "I think it's week by week. [In] football, every week is a new week, we just gotta play it one at a time."

Quarterback Brett Griffis would talk about his game and the offense on field, giving credit to his offensive line to let the rushing attack flourish.
"...Most of them were from short yardage so you gotta give credit to the o line... the o line did an unbelievable job today creating gaps." He would also give praise to his running backs, Smith and Manning. Sharod Watkins discussed the defense's performance for only allowing 14 points the whole game, saying that "We're just honing in on our technique, we gotta stay in the game so we made a statement." Watkins describes how it's all about the little things like technique and it allowed the defense to play as well as it did. He also praised the Blue Devil crowd on Saturday, saying that their presence felt great to play in, which was echoed by his head coach.
"We had a great crowd, our kids played well here, we're hard to beat here which is fun, but it doesn't matter where we play, we gotta produce and that's the bottom line," Lechtenberg said.

Griffis would preview the upcoming game by saying "It's all about going 1-0. The goal now is to celebrate tonight and go 1-0 versus Stonehill next week."
Central will face the Stonehill Skyhawks in Easton, MA on Saturday, November 7th.

Men's Soccer Falls Short In Road Game Against FDU

by Dylan Romagnoli
Staff Writer

Central's Men's Soccer team was held to just one goal in a 3-1 loss at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey on Thursday night. With the loss, Central falls to 6-8-1 in the regular season and 4-2-1 in conference play with just one game remaining.

FDU started the scoring in the 28th minute of the first half with a goal by junior forward Julian Ramirez, assisted by Joshua Bartels. The Knights kept up the pressure throughout, scoring again just before halftime on a goal by senior forward Genti Dauti assisted by Yugo Yamamoto-Hodges. The Blue Devil attack was held without a shot attempt in the first half, but finally broke through the Knights defense with a penalty kick goal by sophomore Santiago Marin Gutierrez.



Santiago Marin Gutierrez controls the ball during a match.
Steve McLaughlin

The goal marks Gutierrez's 10th of the season which as of Thursday night leads the NEC. FDU ended Central's hope for a comeback in the 83rd minute with an unassisted goal by senior forward Ryan Calheira. Central goalkeeper Carter Fitzgerald made five saves in the loss. Fitzgerald currently ranks fourth in total saves and second in save percentage (.803), only behind Le Moyne's Wyatt Dupell by .001 with an extra game played.

The Blue Devils play their final conference game at home against New Haven on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6 P.M.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 3, CENTRAL 1 (At Macron Stadium, Teaneck, NJ)

FDU: 2 1 - 3
Central: 0 1 - 1
Goals: FDU - Julian Ramirez 1, Genti Dauti 1, Ryan Calheira 1; Central - Santiago Marin Gutierrez 1.
Assists: FDU - Joshua Bartels 1, Yugo Yamamoto-Hodges 1.
Saves: Central - Carter Fitzgerald 5; FDU - Matheus Franca 3.
Records: Central 6-8-1 (4-2-1 NEC), Fairleigh Dickinson 9-3-3 (3-1-2 NEC).

Women's Volleyball Roundup

by Cody Dzis
Staff Writer

Setter Anja Milosevic produced a combined 55 assists, 11 digs, four kills, an ace and seven service points over a 2-day stretch as Central women's volleyball lost 3-1 and 3-0 to Long Island on Friday and Saturday.

Set scores for Game 1 were 24-26, 26-24, 25-14, 25-16. Set scores for Game 2 were 25-21, 25-17, 25-16.

For Long Island, Sara van Gisteren combined for 34 kills, 20 digs, an ace and 35.5 service points in both games.

LONG ISLAND 3, CENTRAL 1 (Game 1)
(at Steinberg Wellness Center in Brooklyn, NY)
24-26, 26-24, 25-14, 25-16

Central: Breanna Ginley 6 kills, 2 aces, 9 service points; Meg Barkland 5 aces, 1 assist, 5 service points; Olivia Keckler 10 kills, 2 aces, 12.5 service points; Isabella Aviles Martinez 5 kills, 3 digs, 5.5 service points; Anja Milosevic 31 assists, 5 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace, 3.5 service points; Hanley Schmidt 9 kills, 2 digs, 9.5 service points; Adele Macer 8 kills, 2 digs, 9 service points.

Long Island: Dilara Elmacioglu 39 assists, 5 digs, 2 aces, 1 kill, 6 service points; Yasmeen Muhammad 5 kills, 4 blocks, 10 service points; Bella Correia 8 kills, 9 digs, 11.5 service points; Miabella Musignac 14 digs, 3 aces, 2 kills, 5 service points; Sara Garcia 7 kills, 2 digs, 9.5 service points; Sara van Gisteren 25 kills, 13 digs, 1 ace, 26 service points.

LONG ISLAND 3, CENTRAL 0 (Game 2)
(at Steinberg Wellness Center in Brooklyn, NY)
25-21, 25-17, 25-16
Central: Breanna Ginley 4 kills, 1 dig, 5 service points; Olivia Keckler 10 kills, 6 digs, 10.5 service points; Anja Milosevic 24 assists, 6 digs, 2 kills, 3.5 service points; Madison Fulgencio 6 kills, 1 dig, 6 service points; Adele Macer 4 kills, 1 dig, 5.5 service points.
Long Island: Dilara Elmacioglu 29 assists, 4 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace; Yasmeen Muhammad 7 kills, 4 digs, 8 service points; Miabella Musignac 9 kills, 7 digs, 10 service points; Bella Correia 12 kills, 11 digs, 12.5 service points; Sara Garcia 2 kills, 2 assists, 1 dig, 8 service points; Sara van Gisteren 9 kills, 7 digs, 9.5 service points.
Records: Central 6-17 (4-6 NEC), Long Island 14-7 (10-0 NEC).

Club Hockey Wins First Home Game

by Vic Isaacs
Staff Writer

Central's Club Hockey team won their first home game of the season against the Trinity College Bantams on Friday, October 30, in a high-scoring game ending 11-8.
Central's first home game of the season was the previous Sunday against the visiting Quinnipiac Bobcats, which saw the Blue Devils get out to a 2-0 lead only to allow 4 unanswered points en route to a loss.

This week, head coach Mike Tenney was asked about how to improve on the ice. He described that "We gotta clean up the penalties and play more lock down", a game plan that was eventually proven right.

In the first period, the Blue Devils played electric as Trinity kept committing penalties. The score was 6-2 Central as Will McCarter and Alex Rodriguez both had goals, the latter coming with the assistance of Ben Wosko. During a power play Owen Davidson scored, later assisting Brady Narus for another goal. The goals for Central would keep coming: Will McCarter with the help of Alex Rodriguez, Brady Narus, Owen Davidson with the help from captain Sam Segar, and Grayden Selstad all recorded scores close out the first period, although Trinity would record two goals of their own to keep the lead within shouting distance.

During the second period, it was mostly clock management but several Central players including Will McCarter entered the penalty box this period. Trinity scored first to make it 6-3, but with the help of Declan Bane assisting both Brody Davidson and Nathan Thomas they put up 2 scores for Central making it 8-4 as Trinity put one in the net before the end of the period.

Entering the 3rd and final period Central had to run the clock out and keep the puck away from Trinity, but the Bantams were able to counter Central's attack and score early in the 3rd. Will McCarter sealed his hat trick with the help from captain Sam Segar and Alex Rodriguez to respond to the Trinity score, with Ben Wosko with the assistance from Brody Davidson making it 10-5 as Trinity kept committing penalties. Trinity wasn't done yet as they scored 2 unanswered to make it 10-7, Dylan Goldstein with the assistance from Nick Paolitto scored the final goal from Central making it 11-8 as at the last seconds Trinity scored 1 final time. When it was all said and done Will McCarter and Owen Davidson led Central in goal to help lead Central over the top.

Central Club Hockey will continue the series against the Bantams, with their next game taking place on the Trinity College campus on November 6.



Central senior forward Riley Powers.

Steve McLaughlin

Women's Swimming Takes Eight Events in Double Dual Meet Wins

by Cody Dzis
Staff Writer

Sophomore Sophie Milhomens won the 200 butterfly (2:07.93), the 500 freestyle (5:09.29) and was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay team (3:34.29) to help the Central womens swimming and diving team earn two wins over Wagner and Southern in a double dual meet on Thursday and Friday.

The final scores of the meet were as follows: Central 172.00, Wagner 89.00; Central 180.50, Southern 80.50; Wagner 144.00, Southern 117.00. Central earned wins in eight events throughout the 2-day event, winning six individual events as well as both team relays. Addison Kenney, Grace Young and Lauryn Cowing were part of the winning 400 freestyle relay team with Milhomens, as well as the winning 200 medley relay team with Zariah Townsend (1:46.36). Young also won multiple individual events, winning the 100 breaststroke (1:08.22), the 50 freestyle (23.94) and the 100 freestyle (52.04). Kenney won the 200 backstroke (2:03.62) for the Blue Devils' final individual event win.

Wagner and Southern won a combined five events throughout the double dual meet, with Wagner winning three and Southern winning two. For Wagner, Rachael Harris won the 100 backstroke (1:05.08), Lovisa Ramsten won the 100 butterfly (56.76) and Brooke Woolfe won the 200 individual medley (2:14.55). For Southern, Molly Kennedy won the 200 freestyle (1:55.44) and Ellie Baker won the 200 breaststroke (2:25.68). Central continues their season with a 2-day meet at Binghamton University on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7 at 5 P.M. and 1 P.M.

Central 172.00, Wagner 89.00
Central 180.50, Southern 80.50
Wagner 144.00, Southern 117.00

EVENT RESULTS:
200 Medley Relay: Central (Grace Young, Zariah Townsend, Lauryn Cowing, Addison Kenney) 1:46.36; 1000 Freestyle: Maggie Rutledge (CCSU) 10:30.67; 200 Freestyle: Molly Kennedy (SCSU) 1:55.44; 100 Backstroke: Rachael Harris (W) 1:05.08; 100 Breaststroke: Grace Young (CCSU) 1:08.22; 200 Butterfly: Sophie Milhomens (CCSU) 2:07.93; 50 Freestyle: Grace Young (CCSU) 23.94; 100 Freestyle: Grace Young (CCSU) 52.04; 200 Backstroke: Addison Kenney (CCSU) 2:03.62; 200 Breaststroke: Ellie Baker (SCSU) 2:25.68; 500 Freestyle: Sophie Milhomens (CCSU) 5:09.29; 100 Butterfly: Lovisa Ramsten (W) 56.76; 200 IM: Brooke Woolfe (W) 2:14.55; 400 Freestyle Relay: Central (Grace Young, Sophie Milhomens, Lauryn Cowing, Addison Kenney) 3:34.29.

Records: New Hampshire 1-0, Central 0-1.

Women's Soccer Outlasts Stonehill

by Ronan Hinckley
Staff Writer

Central's Women's Soccer beat Stonehill 2-1 Sunday at Central Soccer Field, clinching a spot in the Northeast Conference Tournament. The Blue Devils improve to 9-6-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the NEC. Stonehill falls to 6-7-4 and 6-3-0.

The game, Central's second to last at home in the regular season, was a pivotal one as the Blue Devils looked to end their regular season strong heading into the postseason.

The first half ended level at zero goals, but the Stonehill attack put pressure on Central for the opening minutes, with multiple shots on goal from the Skyhawks just off the mark. CCSU responded with chances of their own, including one near miss from Valentina Mangles' corner kick. A save from Melina Ford inside the box during a Stonehill free kick prevented any lead from the visitors as halftime hit.

After the scoreless first half, Emma Radoncic was able to put CCSU ahead on a penalty kick 63' deep. Stonehill would counter with a penalty of their own, as Dani Lomusci drove in a shot in the 66'. The tie, however, lasted just 38 seconds. Riley Powers scored her sixth goal of the season at 67:18, assisted by Leah Howe and Emma Gupta, and the score would remain 2-1 in favor of the Blue Devils up until the final whistle.

The victory clinched Central a home semifinal game in the NEC Tournament later this month.

CCSU hosts FDU in the regular-season finale November 8. The NEC semifinals take place Nov. 12, with the championship Nov. 15.

Central 2, STONEHILL 1
(at CCSU Soccer Field in New Britain)
STONEHILL 0 1 - 1
CENTRAL 0 2 - 2
Goals: Central - Riley Powers 1, Emma Radoncic 1; Stonehill - Dani Lomuscio 1.
Assists: Central - Emma Gupta 1, Leah Howe 1.
Saves: Central - Melina Ford 6; Stonehill - Allie Sougaris 2.
Records: Central 9-6-1 (7-1-1 NEC), Stonehill 6-7-4 (6-3-0 NEC).



Maggie Rutledge won the 1000m freestyle on Friday night's double dual meet.

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WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
MEN'S SOCCER
(Central 1, FDU 3)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING
172 Points (Overall Victory)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
(Central 1, LIU 3)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
FOOTBALL
(Central 49, Robert Morris 14)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
MEN: 2nd Overall | WOMEN: 2nd Overall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
WOMEN'S SOCCER
(Central 2, Stonehill 1)

CENTRAL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
11/3 @ VCU
11/5 @ James Madison

MEN'S SOCCER
11/5 • vs New Haven

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING
11/6-11/7 • @ Binghamton

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
11/6-11/7 • vs LeMoyne

FOOTBALL
11/7 • @ Stonehill

WOMEN'S SOCCER
11/8 • vs FDU

MEN'S BASKETBALL
11/5 • @ Syracuse
11/8 • @ Dartmouth

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