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Blackout over west campus last weekend Residence halls and Conn. fell into darkness as generators on campus fail

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A generator failure in the campus Energy Center led to a six-hour power outage Friday, Sept. 10, cutting electricity and cable services to the west side of campus.

This included all residence halls, some offices, and Connecticut Hall, forcing dining services to relocate to the Adanti Student Center for the duration of the outage.

"I was in the middle of an important exam," special education major Hannah Clark, a junior, said. "This determines if I get in the education program or not. This is a super important test that just got ended. I'm, like, about to cry."

Elevators, running water and internet access were unavailable in the affected buildings.

The Student Center and academic buildings appeared to remain unaffected.

Shortly after the outage began, campus electrical services stated they were uncertain when power would be restored and lacked clear details on the source of the issue.

"[I'm] a little anxious," said elementary education major Anna Marvin, a sophomore, minutes after west campus went dark. "I need to get ready for work."

According to some residents, there had been a power outage earlier in the morning, although it was not announced over campus alert systems.

"I got up at like, 7:30[a.m.]. So I got up and it had come back already, but I noticed, like, the microwave and the stove timer were blinking," said psychology major Anna Jani, a sophomore and Schwartz resident. "And I heard the RAs talking about it."

Crucial dining updates were posted via Instagram and the Sodexo text alert system. However, students without Wi-Fi or who did not previously opt into Sodexo text updates for university dining may not have had access to this information.

"I wanted to get lunch at Conn., but they're not letting people in because their power is out too," said exploratory major Olivia Carluccio, a freshman who lives in Neff. "I have snacks in my dorm, but I wanted to get real food. I had breakfast, though."

Resident advisors in West said they knew just as much as students. They were not informed why the outage occurred or when the electricity was estimated to return.

Liz Floyd, marketing manager for Sodexo, said around 1 p.m. "we have not been informed yet on what the issue is or ETA on restoration, but our operations in the student center still have power."

Conn. allowed students to finish their meals inside the sunlight-lit dining hall but stopped taking new diners after the outage began.

"If students text OWLS to 82257, they can receive notifications, updates and promotions from campus dining," Floyd said.

This number was used to give students updates regarding the outage. Perishable foods in

Conn. were moved to the student center.

Food services manager Rinkesh Patel said, "we have coolers in the student center, so we can always transfer there. If for any reason they let us know there's no power for the whole day, we'll open for dinner services in the student center."

Approximately half an hour after Patel's comments, it was announced the power outage was due to a generator failure in the Energy Center.

The outage was unrelated to construction at the new School of Business site, which residential students were

notified via email may have affected internet access on Saturday, Sept. 11.

At 5:18 p.m., a SouthernAlert email informed students power had been restored to the west side of campus. More information on why the outage initially occurred was not provided.



PHOTO | SARAH SHELTON

Fire trucks purportedly responding to the power outage across West Campus on Friday.

First SGA meeting of term COVID-19 policy changes

By Ethan Sabetta
Contributor

On Sept. 10, the Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a weekly body meeting to discuss subjects of interest from all facets of the campus.

The meeting began with executive reports, first presented by Association President Sarah Gossman.

Gossman opened with an announcement regarding revisions to the liberal education program.

During the revision process, student input is preferred, and Gossman explained what form SGA expects their input to take.

"I think student government is gonna have a big role in this, of getting student input, whether it's releasing forms, whether it's posting forms. I think it's going to be a really good thing that we're going to be doing," Gossman said.

Following the executive reports, Brandon Lovene—Vice President of the Board of Student Experiences—discussed several concerns.

COVID-19 protocols were a particular subject of conversation. "If you are a vaccinated student you do not have to be tested weekly, and if you are unvaccinated and you have submitted your documentation of a non-medical or medical exemption, you are tested on a weekly basis," Lovene said, reiterating university policy.

Lovene also detailed conversations held with Erin Duff, the university's wellness coordinator,

regarding the state of vaccination rates on campus.

"Most students were looking for FDA approval, which if you know last week the FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine fully. Erin has reached out to those students and she has reported that she's gotten a lot of responses from students that they have booked their vaccine appointments," said Lovene.

After Lovene spoke, Vice President of the Board of Academic Experiences Krista Jones presented board concerns regarding the way classes have been conducted this semester.

"We discussed issues with modality changes recently. Some professors have switched classes from in-person to online without notification and without going through the proper channels. We're having discussions about that and we'll just see how we address that moving forward," Jones said.

Jones also mentioned concerns over challenges with class enrollment and virtual registration.

"There have been instances where students have been kicked out of classes by their [degree evaluation] or by the registration on Banner Web because [prerequisites] were added after the fact," said Jones.

When board reports concluded, conversation shifted back to Lovene and discussion of a training program provided by Connecticut Students for a Dream.

"[The training program] helps to educate students about how to support your peers who have undocumented status with their citizenship," Lovene explained.

"We wanted student government to be very active as an organization; hosting stuff where we would be holding ourselves accountable to saying, 'we are a social justice institution,'" Gossman said regarding the program. "So, learning about this stuff, not only doing training for SGA stuff but making sure we're going to events that embody social justice as well."

Daphne Alston, advisor to SGA, provided her own insight after having trained with Connecticut Students for a Dream when it was hosted five years ago.

"They challenged [the Student Government Association] to figure out how you make sure you are looking through the lens of an undocumented student when you are making recommendations for policy changes on behalf of the student body. It was really beneficial five years ago and it's well overdue for SGA to do it again," said Alston.

After a detailed discussion of what this training program would entail, the funding to host Connecticut Students for a Dream was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

As such, the \$750 fee attached to the training was approved.

SGA is prepared to begin the program in early October.

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Fluctuating COVID-19 policies have become the "new normal," like wearing masks in all indoor areas on campus, one visitor allowed per dorm and quarantining or self-isolating when coming into contact with someone with COVID-19.

"My area is more about the residence life side of campus and there are quite a few different policies that we have that center around COVID," Robert DeMezzo, director of Residence Life, said. "One is that we are still masking. We are masking whether you are vaccinated or not in all of our residential facilities and Connecticut Hall."

DeMezzo said the mask policy is about the same as last semester, but the biggest change now is the guest policy in the residence halls.

"We ask that anytime you are outside your private rooms that you are wearing your mask fully," DeMezzo said. "We are going to continue to do that as we are following the Department of Public Health and CDC guideline recommendations regarding COVID."

He also said all guests have to be masked unless they are in their rooms.

"The guest policy is the biggest thing that people talk about," DeMezzo said. "Last year we were only able to permit current

on-campus residents to visit and the reason why is because we knew those students were getting tested every week. We have expanded that now— now that we have such a high vaccination rate, any guest can now visit our resident halls.

The only limitation is you can only have one guest per bedroom. If you are in North Campus where there's two bedrooms, you can have two guests, but if you are in a first-year residence hall in a double, you can only have one guest. The only exception is in west campus, if you are in a single suite because they have four bedrooms, you are limited to two guests."

Besides the guest policy, DeMezzo said the biggest change in Residence Life is the events they are holding.

"We are committed to having on-ground experiences this year," DeMezzo said. "Last year the majority of our events were online, the RA's provided online experiences and socials, now we're seeing a mix, but mostly on-ground events for our students."

Police Chief Joseph Dooley said during the lockdown the university police department continued to work in-person.

"We were around the clock, as we always are, and there were some challenges. Obviously there weren't a lot of people here, there was facilities and university police, and even then

there was core groups of people," Chief Dooley said.

During the lockdown they were using personal protective equipment, or PPE.

The building was also cleaned on a regular basis. The university police helped with the National Guard to put those sick with COVID-19 in the Moore Field House.

"Very early on our department was impacted by COVID, we had a number of officers that were sick and were out. And it was such an unknown at the time we had to really strategize and figure out how we were going to change some of our procedures and do things that will protect people that were working here so that we can keep people on campus and continue the function of what we were doing every day," Deputy Chief Kenneth Rahn said.

This year, the university police have been their social media and Brody, their K9 dog, as some ways to connect students this semester.

"I am optimistic that hopefully when these variants of COVID will not be an issue, that we'll be able to return to pre-COVID policies," DeMezzo said. "I am truly hoping in the spring, we're monitoring what the recommendations are, but there's optimism that at some point in the spring we'll be able to return to even more normal. This year is already different from last year."

STEM careers grow; Biopath teaches students



PHOTO | BENJAMIN PAQUETTE
Peter Dimoulas in an interview at the STEM Innovation and Leadership Conference room.

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As STEM careers continue to grow, demand for job-ready college graduates increased 17%, according to UC Davis. Bridging the gap in education and experience is the STEM Innovation

and Leadership Lab located in Jennings Hall. The Lab has prepared students for their careers in the STEM through research and internship opportunities. Within the STEM Innovation and Leadership office is Biopath, a program created in 2015 to help make more opportunities

for students to engage directly in the STEM. "A student who walks away with just a degree, but no additional experiences, will have a hard time getting a job in the field. A really hard time," said Peter Dimoulas, grant program coordinator since January 2020.

Dimoulas, who works at the Office of STEM Innovation and Leadership addressed just how vital practical, on-the-job skills training and experience are when looking for a job in the STEM field. Through Biopath, students gain experience in subjects like data analytics, technical writing, how to conduct and perform grant research, and even chemical and lab safety.

Its website states' Biopath "helps sustain the Greater New Haven region as a leader in bioscience by delivering specialized education, applied research, and promotional events to generate a pipeline of highly-skilled, well-educated citizens and workers."

"We have to unpack the labor market needs," said Dimoulas, "most companies not only want a degree, but they want a couple of years of experience."

As companies continue to evolve and change, they demand more knowledge and skills from graduating students, according to Dimoulas.

The focus of the Office is not just to place students in an internship. Their focus underlines one key tenant—individualization.

"It really is personalized," said environmental systems and sustainability major and Business Management minor Leana Mauricette.

After being recruited into the program as a marketing associate, Mauricette later joined Biopath. "They take the time to reach out to you and to check in throughout the semester just to make sure you're on track," she said.

Mauricette, who joined the Biopath program in Spring 2020, secured an internship with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals over the summer 2021. Mauricette highlighted how unique the support from the program staff put her at an advantage for her career.

"The Biopath has set me on the path to success. It's helped to clarify what field I want to go into," Mauricette said, attributing the involvement of the biopath program as a launching point for her

internship with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. "Biopath is here to help you."

Chemistry and biology major Alyssa Rolls, a senior, started her Biopath journey in the summer of 2020. Although her experience was not in-person due to campus COVID restrictions, Rolls appreciated the expertise she gained from the biopath research program.

"They have definitely helped my ability to find internships," Rolls said of the STEM Innovation and Leadership Office, "which is helpful because it does give me a wide variety of areas that I could look into for research versus looking it up on Google."

While Mauricette and Rolls found their place in the Biopath program, there are still plenty of opportunities for those interested in joining the STEM Innovation and Leadership office.

"If you want to work with us, we want to work with you," Dimoulas said, "We are here to help you get the skills and experience you need to get the job you want."

Flashback: 9/11

**By Ellis McGinley
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20 years ago, four coordinated terrorist attacks took the lives of thousands on United States soil. On Sept. 11, we remember those lost in the incidents which would shape a nation and spark the long war which followed.

In this first edition of our new flashback column, we take this opportunity to look at how the university students covered the aftermath of the attacks in the weeks after.

"In the wake of the terrorist attack on New York City and the Pentagon, the United States government is scrambling to outline how the terrorists made it through U.S. airport security," Meghan Stearns, then-staff writer, wrote just sixteen days after the attacks.

"Coolers and backpacks are being banned at baseball games. Airport security is getting tighter. Face recognition cameras are being ordered by public, municipal and entertainment

organizations," she wrote, years before these policies would become the norm for so many of us.

According to coverage at the time, campus hosted interfaith meetings, handed out pamphlets on grief or stress management and held counseling for students.

"Then there were those who weren't about to leave the T.V. which they'd been glued since last Tuesday," Nicole Bodnar, the staff writer at the time, wrote.

"I didn't go to classes," [Eddie Acosta, then-student] said. "I think that everyone should have been home to pay respects for those who lost their lives."

The article also urged readers looking to help to donate blood and included quotes from then-students requesting the university to hold a blood drive on-campus, although the Red Cross requested the campus to delay its efforts, reported the paper. The university excused students who participated in the National Day of Mourning, although they did not cancel classes.

Government taking steps to improve national security

President Bush aids effort by adding new cabinet position

**By Meghan Stearns
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In the wake of the terrorist attack on New York City and the Pentagon, the United States government is scrambling to outline how the terrorists made it through U.S. airport security. In response to the feeling of insecurity Americans have recently discovered, the United States government is outlining plans for the public to make sure such a breach on our nation's security never happens again.

The Senate and Congress have been hard at work this week discussing the finer points of allowing our nation's intelligence and defense more rights to use intelligence measures previously outlawed.

Tom Ridge, governor of Pennsylvania, has been in-

terpreting tighter. Face recognition cameras are being ordered by public, municipal and entertainment organizations. These cameras, used at last year's Super Bowl, match photos taken by the camera with police files, pulling up files and alerting the police as to the whereabouts of people with warrants out.

Along with government-sanctioned assassinations, public purchase of security technology, restrictions on movement and new office in the government, wiretap regulations may be loosened. The ramifications of loosening such restrictions are being considered against preserving the First Amendment.

In 1993 Donald Delaney, senior Investigator of the New York State Police, Dorothy Denning, Professor and Chair of the Computer Science Department at Georgetown University, John Kaye New Jersey prosecutor and Alan McDonald, Special Assistant Director, Technical Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation prepared a report on wiretap laws. This report explains the statutes that "provide(s) privacy protection for and govern the interception of oral, wire, and electronic communications." These rules are now subject to change.

eral or state judge "who is authorized to issue a court order for electronic surveillance"

Law enforcement must also show that all other investigation methods have been fruitless or dangerous to the safety of law enforcement officials. The period of time allowed for electronic surveillance cannot exceed thirty days, unless a re-application for an extension is permitted.

The rules are similar at the federal level, but a federal agent must submit his or her report to the U.S. attorney's office, F.B.I. field office legal advisor, the Department of Justice Office of Enforcement Operations and Deputy Assistant Attorney General, F.B.I. Headquarters Legal Counsel Division and Criminal Investigative Investigation, anyone in the Attorney General's office and a Federal District Court Judge.

In instances of organized crime, a threat to national security, life or personal safety to any person permits electronic surveillance under the condition that an application is made within forty-eight hours.

In the following weeks, a

PHOTO | ELLIS MCGINLEY
The Southern Newspaper discussing national security steps in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in NYC.

School of business has a new dean

**By Madeline S. Scharf
News Editor**

The school of business has officially welcomed its new dean, Dr. Jennifer Robin, to the board.

Dr. Jennifer Robin has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and HR management from the University of Iowa, as well as a PhD in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Following former dean Ellen Durnin's retirement, Robin has taken over. She plans to continue the work of her predecessor to grow and further improve the school of business.

According to Durnin's retirement announcement, the former dean "brought the school to the verge of

AACSB accreditation."

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, or AACSB, is the highest standard for schools of business.

Robin is planning to continue the work Durnin and bring the school to accreditation. "We are pursuing AACSB accreditation. It is a fairly extensive process," said Robin. "It is the gold standard for business schools."

Formerly the Associate Dean at Bradley University in Illinois, Robin is hoping to bring accreditation to the table. "Bradley has been accredited since the 1970's," said Robin, "so I have been through the re-accreditation process but never the initial process." Because of her

previous experience, Robin believes AACSB accreditation is on the horizon.

Being at Bradley also prepared Robin for, moving. "We also just opened a new business building at Bradley," said Robin. From the previous move at her old school, she is more prepared than most for what difficulties may lie ahead during the future move to the new school of business.

Bradley University is a very different setting from Southern, something Robin was excited for. "Southern is a public school, while Bradley is a private school," said Robin. "I am looking forward to getting a different experience."

Getting started at the University has not been a walk-in-the-park. "One

thing I would say about the School of Business," said Robin, "they did not slow down waiting for a new dean. Most schools of business do. Southern kept moving."

This did not hinder Robin. "I started the process before I formally began in June," said Robin, "so I could help facilitate the success of our faculty, staff, and students."

The first few weeks on campus have been good for the new dean. "It has been great, everyone is very welcoming, so I appreciate that," said Robin. "It is also nice to see students back on campus."

Robin said she is happy to be here. "I am excited to be here, and I look forward to meeting more students and celebrating their success."

September 27, 2001

Terrorist attack did not close Southern's doors

Campus stays open in wake of national tragedy

**By Nicole Bodnar
Staff Writer**

As the U.S. tries to pick itself up from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, people all over the nation are organizing blood drives, food drives and various other means to help those victims of the tragedy.

All over the world organizations and businesses are putting their everyday routines aside to help those in need, but what is Southern Connecticut State University doing?

"We set up a real institution of

Schwartz Hall, said that he has not seen or heard of any efforts to help.

"I pay plenty of attention," Morin said, "There has been nothing in the dorms, and I haven't heard of anything being planned on campus."

Eddie Acosta, who is a Physical Education major, agrees that nothing has been done in his residence hall.

"I haven't seen any efforts to help," Acosta said. The only thing he did see related to the tragedy were signs saying that classes were cancelled the day of the attack.

But if students are so unhappy with the actions Southern has made during this time, what would they suggest the university do?

"I think there should be some blood drives on campus," Morin said.

PHOTO | ELLIS MCGINLEY

Article about the University remaining open after 9/11.

‘I believe in you:’ mental health encouragement

By Danielle Campbell
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The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light many challenges. One of those is mental health. From personal experience, filling your schedule with work can do a lot to help you forget you are struggling. I have done this for years; kept active to forget how inadequate my life was in other areas.

I was recently diagnosed with persistent depressive disorder with anxious distress and post-traumatic stress disorder.

One thing the pandemic taught me: if I was going to get the help I needed, I had

to do it myself.

Telling people to meditate, journal or say affirmations is not going to cure those with deeper mental health problems. We all dip and rise mentally, but there are many, like me, that have struggled their entire lives and not known why.

I have had depression for as long as I can remember. I remember having suicidal ideations as a small child. I did not know why I was this way, but for fear of being called crazy I avoided any professional help.

I saw my first therapist after being granted a medical leave for depression from a

disastrous spring semester of my sophomore year of college.

I stopped going to all of my classes and would lock myself in my dorm room for days. I would either stop eating or binge eat after being so hungry from not eating. I won a prize for attending the most campus events as a sophomore—while so depressed I could not attend classes. I would roam the city. I was in New York at night. I would wander around, not knowing what was wrong with me or why.

I went for help at the school counseling office. They were full, so I was referred off-campus

counseling. I was too afraid to take the extra step, so I ignored the fact that I needed help. It was not until the end of the semester when I went back to the counseling office, and they admitted they dropped the ball and gave me a medical leave.

The first therapist I saw was an older white woman with a dog. I was still terrified of canines then. I never opened up too deeply, so the most I got out of that experience was my first job at a grocery store and I was no longer terrified of dogs.

Mental health struggles take many forms and shapes. So many of us fall by the wayside. As a

Black woman, I knew my struggles offered me a stigma in my community that could only be solved by “a deeper faith.” I am not “healed,” but I have stories and a wealth of knowledge and advice for others struggling like me.

One thing I would like other students to know is that you are never alone no matter how isolated your mind makes you feel. Many of the people around you will not understand your struggle, but they do care. They may need to learn to have compassion and empathy for themselves before they can have any for you.

Never stop trying to find what works for you. I have

downloaded apps, piles of unused journals, attended therapy, joined self-love groups and I still struggle every day. I still fill my schedule to avoid severe emotions from rendering me completely incapable of doing what I need to, to live.

We all have varying degrees of mental health that will continue to ebb and flow for the rest of our lives.

High points do not last forever, but neither do low points.

Reach out to campus counseling or find a therapist off-campus.

It is always the first step that is the hardest, but I believe in you.

Marijuana not allowed on campus after legalization

By Madeline S. Scharf
News Editor

As of July 1, marijuana was legalized for recreational use in the state of Connecticut. This makes CT the 19th state to allow cannabis for recreational use.

I was personally unsurprised by this ruling. Taxation of marijuana would bring in more revenue for the state.

This is exactly what has begun to occur with gambling, where it has become legalized for states to put taxes on an untapped source of revenue. It is also the first steps taken towards

de-criminalization, which I felt was a long time coming.

Despite state legislation allowing people 21 and older to possess and use marijuana, the university is not expected to make any adjustments to its current policy on weed.

I was unsurprised to learn this, if not slightly disappointed for those students who smoke recreationally.

But why not change, if it is now legal in Connecticut?

Christopher Piscitelli, director of student conduct and civic responsibility, commented as to why the university will not be

changing any policy.

“Nothing has or will change. All institutions in the CSCU district will still be holding true to federal policy to receive federal funding,” said Piscitelli.

The university is a school receiving Title IX funding. According to Piscitelli, “80% of students have Title IX funding.”

Title IX is a federal law “requir[ing] colleges receiving federal funding to combat gender-based violence and harassment and respond to survivors’ needs in order to ensure that all students have equal access to education,” according to Ventura College.

Robert DeMezzo,

director of Residence Life, explained via email why receiving federal funding prevents the school from allowing cannabis on campus. “Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, and, as an institution which receives federal financial aid funds, we must be in compliance with these regulations.”

DeMezzo also explains what happens if a student were caught with marijuana on campus. “Students found in possession of marijuana will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Civic Responsibility.”

He added: “additionally, University Police will

be notified when there are marijuana incidents involving students under the age of 21, as this remains illegal under state law.”

For students under the age of 21, this is both an infringement of state law and university policy. For students over the age of 21, it is a university policy violation.

According to housing protocol, “students must comply with all university regulations; otherwise, they will be subjected to appropriate penalties up to and including expulsion from the university.”

Is this a fair policy? For now, I believe so. If we

receive federal funding, it makes sense we have to follow their guidelines, and not just the laws of the state.

If federal law pertaining to the possession and consumption of marijuana changed, however, I think the CSCU schools should rethink their policy so it may be something like alcohol on campus.

For now, smoking weed is not allowed on campus or in the dorm halls.

If, someday, the federal laws change, we here on campus might just see a change.

But for now, any THC must be dabbled with well off university grounds.

On-campus laundry: in dire need of a wash

By Ellis McGinley
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“It’s really not that expensive,” my mother told me, standing in my dorm-apartment—or dormpartment, as I like to say, for the first time. Across one of the unused mattresses, I arranged three towels, hand-washed in our bathtub and now smelling strongly of vinegar and mildew.

“It’s not the money,” I said, stubbornly and while holding my nose. “It’s the principle of the thing.”

I do not like paying for laundry. I find it ridiculous it is not wrapped into the costs of residential

living, particularly when on-campus laundry only allows residents to use their HootLoot cards to pay.

Generally speaking, I do not keep money on my HootLoot. It is only once every few weeks, when I can no longer pretend my jeans are clean and I am out of pajama shirts I can pretend are just artfully oversized, that I have to go through the hassle of transferring the abhorred three dollars to get my clothes washed.

This was an inconvenience I could forget during a summer at home, where my parents’ ancient laundry machines were blissfully free-to-use and I spent most of my time

in pajama pants anyway.

But as we settle into life on campus, I have at last been forced to traverse the eight floors to the laundry room, obscenely overstuffed laundry bag in tow, Hoot Loot in hand. And it is just as much a mild annoyance as I remember.

Then there is the state of our laundry rooms.

In Chase, my freshman hall of choice, each floor except the first had a total of ten washers and dryers, two per floor. In Schwartz, we travel to the basement, where the musty, cement room awaits, equal parts “abandoned laundromat” and “abandoned bunker.”

From there, it is a familiar routine. Shovel your clothes

into the washer. Pay. Wait 30 minutes, shovel them into the dryer. Pay. Wait fifty minutes, shovel them into the hamper, sigh in exasperation when they are either faintly burnt-smelling or still damp, depending on the machine, day, load weight and alignment of the stairs. Trek home.

Cry a little. Is it really that big of a deal?

Research suggests clean laundry may go farther than we think.

According to the New York Times, some elementary schools implemented free laundry programs for their students and, as a result, saw class

attendance improve.

I know I feel more comfortable and confident right after I finally do the laundry, which I tend to avoid—both because of the cause and discomfort of the experience.

At Eastern, our sister school in the Connecticut system, students can use coins, debit and credit cards.

At Western, students can use an app to pay using their mobile devices or IDs.

But here, your only option is your ID and the swipe-boxes installed in each laundry room.

After you pay and punch in your machine number, you are treated to the loud rattle and screen of

the who-knows-how-old thing behind you, eagerly awaiting your next instruction. Never mind the lint trap, which is always full and will always try to pop out when you clean out some stranger’s shirt-fuzz.

For the quality of laundry on our campus, one would hope it would be rolled into the other fees charged at the start of term or given as a courtesy to students—or we should be allowed to pay in more accessible forms, like coins or cards, or have access to newer, more reliable machines.

As it is, I know I will still be begrudgingly reliant on the current system—at least until I figure out a clothesline.

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The university held the annual involvement fair last week in the Academic Quad. With COVID-19 guidelines more relaxed, the involvement fair took place

outside rather than online. Students could walk around the various club tables laid out and talk to club members.

The fair aimed to help promote clubs and other student-run organizations in order to get students, particularly first-years,

involved on campus.

Sororities, fraternities and intermural sports promoted their organizations.

Clubs and organizations such as Folio Magazine, Tabletop, V.P.A.S, the SAGE Center and many more are just a few that attended the involvement fair.



Representatives of Folio at the club table.



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Education major Sam Martin, sophomore, discussing a club with a student.



Member of organization telling a student about their sorority.



Student typing out their email to receive club updates.



Beta Mu Sigma representing their fraternity at the involvement fair.



Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center club members informing students.



Students at the involvement fair dancing in front of Buley Library.



Sigma Iota Alpha presenting the sorority at the involvement fair.



The SAGE Center offering a rainbow-themed table for students.

Field hockey nets their first win, 3-2

The Owls bested Franklin Pierce on Sunday backed by a pair of first-time scorers

By Morgan Douglas
Sports Editor

Field hockey picked up their first win of the season in their home opener against the Franklin Pierce University Ravens on Sunday to improve to 1-2 on the year.

Franklin Pierce got the scoring started after a first-quarter goal from forward Feline van Doorn. They would end quarter one with a 1-0 lead.

The next three goals were all scored by the Owls. Forward Kiley Jackson, a sophomore, got the offense going, scoring her first college career goal in the second quarter unassisted, knotting the score at a goal apiece.

"I was running down the field and I got a pass from Bri Caffrey—and I noticed it was just me and the goalie inside the circle," Jackson said. "We've worked on it, and I knew that all I had to do was go around and try to get there."

Get there she did. Jackson was not the only Owl to record her first college career goal in this contest either. In the waning moments of the first half, midfielder Josephine Nolet, a freshman, was able to give the Owls the lead, scoring on a Brianna Shaw assist.

"I knew I needed to get to post," Nolet said. "A man was on me; I knew it was

coming across. The left side of the goal was wide open. I had my chance and I pushed it right in."

The third quarter did not see too much action until the closing moments, in part because of the weather. It was a warm day for field hockey, without much cloud cover, possibly leading to some fatigue on both sides.

Midfielder Kaitlyn Bourque, a junior, put the Owls up 3-1 in the final seconds of the quarter, doing some nifty maneuvering and making a move to score unassisted.

"I knew I was by myself," Bourque said, "so I figured I had to get by the goalie somehow and make her fall down and get around her, and it worked out."

It certainly did. The fourth quarter was all about protecting the lead. Goalkeeper Janelle Ward, a junior, deserves credit for her efforts defensively. She tallied 14 saves for the afternoon, including a clutch save early in the fourth to keep the Ravens at bay.

Pierce did manage to rally late. With just over a minute left in the game, van Doorn scored her second goal to bring the Ravens within one.

The Owls were able to close it out and hang on for the 3-2 victory. They had to earn it after the late threat by Pierce.

"I think the importance of this win, really, is to set a standard and set goals for our team for the whole season," Nolet said.

Field hockey's next game will be at Jess Dow Field on Wednesday Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., against Adelphi University where they will look to improve to 2-2.

"There's a lot of little things we need to improve. It's the details," head coach Kelley Frassinelli said. "But I think they're already improving on how they communicate with each other, how they stay strong together, and how they encourage and push each other to be their best."

For Nolet and Jackson, they will remember this as their first college field hockey win and the game where they each scored their first college goals.

"I was really happy," Jackson said. "And once you score a goal, the team gets hyped up and we know that we can keep going."

Getting the first win out of the way is a big deal for any team, and after dropping their first two games, pulling out a close one like this is important for establishing some momentum going forward.

Bourque said, "we've been putting in the work and I think it finally showed."



PHOTO | BRIA KIRKLIN

Abbey Kellerman and Julia Schaff running downfield against Franklin Pierce on Sunday, Sept. 12 at Jess Dow Field.



PHOTO | BRIA KIRKLIN

Field hockey won their first game of the season on Sunday against Franklin Pierce.

Cheerleading squad holds tryouts

By Bancroft Nicholson
Contributor

After no season last year, the university cheerleading team is gearing up for their first competitive event in almost two years.

On Friday, they held the first of three tryout days, hoping to add some talents to their already talented veteran squad.

At first, the returners, led by captains Shania Fleeting and Dominique Dickenson, stretched and warmed up while going through a couple of routines.

Then the tryout hopefuls started to file in for tryouts. At the beginning of the tryouts, they were led by the

captains in stretches and warmups before coach Angie Alston explained what the day would hold.

The returners taught them cheers and chants they would have to learn to be able to be on the team.

Some of the veteran cheerleaders performed routines with them step by step to make sure they got it down pat; while other returners were around to watch and see if anything was done wrong to assist whoever needed help.

Attention to detail was key. The returners made sure to point out everything done wrong because whether it be hand placement or footwork every motion counts.

After running through

the cheers and chants, the group split. Some returners worked on tumbling with some of the hopefuls while others kept going over the routines with anyone who still needed help with them.

To finish up the first day, everyone went through the chant and cheers again before coach Alston explained what they would be working on for the next two days.

Although this team is in rebuilding mode after having to sit out for nearly two years, there is a sense of excitement and many goals for this upcoming season.

"I'm really excited. The past two seasons got taken away from me due to COVID, so this is my last season. I'm just really

excited to rebuild this program and see what the SCSU Cheer could bring," said Dickenson.

Tryouts continued throughout the weekend, in the mornings on Saturday and Sunday.

"I'm pretty excited since we have a chance to go to nationals, I'm excited to work on the number one thing I wanted to work on like tumbling and now that I'm a captain showing leadership to my team," said Fleeting.

Coach Angie Alston had this to say, "I'm excited that we have a lot of potential new cheerleaders coming in and hopefully we're going to rebuild this program the way we want it and go to nationals for game day like we planned."

This team has a big year ahead of them. They are trying to rebuild their program and also go to nationals. One thing to help them get there other than their talent is something important to them: their bond with each other.

"I'm just really excited to get the new team together, you know team bond, get us all close and see what we are capable of this year," said returner and co-captain Bianka McDougal. "I would like for us all to be close, my teammates. That's always good because that helps with spirit building, working at games and competing and all that. So, I would love to just have a successful year and be happy."

"The best thing about being a cheerleader is the spirit part. Sometimes you get people who are introverts and cheerleading is probably the only thing that makes them be extroverts and become a whole different person because they're comfortable in the environment that we have," said captain Shania Fleeting.

"Past teams that I've been on, we were very connected," Fleeting said. "We try to bond with each other to a point where we feel like we're family so just coming to that environment and away from everything else makes it feel very exciting to be a part of another family aside from our actual family."

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Men's soccer drops home opener

The Owls scored their first goal of the season in a losing effort Saturday

By Morgan Douglas
Sports Editor

Men's soccer lost Saturday to the Dominican College Chargers 2-1 and remain winless to begin the 2021 season, with their record sitting at 0-2-1.

The first half got off to a sluggish start. The Owls had a scoring opportunity in the 20th minute, but failed to capitalize.

Goalkeeper Bailey Bassett had two saves in the first half for the Owls, but allowed one unassisted goal to Chargers Forward Nicholas Julien in the 40th minute.

"For the first half we really didn't compete and play the way we're capable of," Head coach Tom Lang said, "and as a result, we gave up a goal and were chasing the game after that."

Dominican College improved to 5-1 after their victory in this non-conference matchup. In the first half, they had three shots on target compared to the Owls' one.

"There's always things that we can improve upon," Coach Lang said. "I think for us we just need to be a little bit better in front of the ball, with the final pass or quality of the final shot that we have at goal."

The Owls came out more aggressively in the second half—and were more focused too, as five of the six shots they took in the

second half were on target. Unfortunately, all the shots resulted in only one goal.

The first goal of the season for men's soccer was scored by a freshman. In the 70th minute, defender Matthew Jaansalu found the back of the net off a Juan Avila assist. It marked the first goal of his college career.

"The ball came into the box off a corner, it was coming through a bunch of bodies, just coming straight at me," Jaansalu said. "I didn't really know what to do, I just hit it and it went in."

Though Jaansalu makes it sound rather fluky. There was a method to the madness. Orchestrated chaos is often such a major factor in sporting outcomes. Expect the unexpected and be prepared.

"We practice those kinds of plays," Avila said, "so I knew where I needed to put the ball, and Matt was there to put it away."

With the score tied, it breathed new life into the Owls, but also gave a jolt to the Chargers. The closing moments would come down to, as it often does, execution.

For a few moments, it felt as though the momentum had shifted to the home team's favor. Then, in the 78th minute, Chargers' midfielder Antonio Zhu Sanchez scored, assisted by Maximino Martinez.

With 12 minutes left in

regulation, the Owls were quickly running out of time to make something happen late and came up short.

"These losses are where you really learn what's wrong with the team and what we need to do better," Avila said.

One thing both coach and players alike remarked on postgame was the slow start the team got off to in the first half, and how it left them playing catch up for the rest of the afternoon.

"I don't think there are a lot of positives to take from it," Coach Lang said. "Other than we learned a lesson that if we don't come prepared and ready to play for 90 minutes at this level, you get hurt."

Men's soccer will look for their first win on the road Sept. 15 when they take on Wilmington University in another non-conference matchup.

"We just need to be better," Jaansalu said. "I don't think this is a game that they won, it was more of a game that we lost."

In the meantime, the group will work on righting their course while the season is still in its infant stages.

"We want to be known as being hard to beat," Avila said. "Hard to score on, making it difficult for the other team, and I think we've done it for a short period of time, but now it needs to be a full 90 minutes."



PHOTO | MORGAN DOUGLAS

Zachary Tuccito executes a pass during Saturday's loss against Dominican College.



PHOTO | MORGAN DOUGLAS

Coach Tom Lang high-fiving Joshi Munoz as he subs out during Saturday's 2-1.

Wrestling fans rejoice

By Morgan Douglas
Sports Editor

On Sept. 5, a sold out Now Arena just outside Chicago was packed with professional wrestling fans chanting "Yes! Yes! Yes!" Somewhere, Vince McMahon was screaming "No! No! No!"

For the first time in over two decades, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) has actual competition in the form of All Elite Wrestling (AEW).

AEW's most recent pay-per-view, All Out from Sept. 5, saw the in-ring return of former WWE champion and UFC fighter CM Punk, seven years after he walked out of WWE due to frustrations with the company.

All Out did the best buy pay-per-view buy rate in the company's history, according to AEW President Tony Khan.

In addition to Punk's well-executed and exciting return match against up-and-comer Darby Allin, the show also saw the AEW debuts of several former WWE wrestlers.

Ruby Soho (f.k.a. Ruby Riott) appeared during the women's battle royal to bolster what has been an underwhelming women's division to this point.

The big fish to debut at All Out though were Adam Cole, the former face of WWE NXT, and Bryan Danielson (f.k.a. Daniel Bryan), founder of the 'Yes Movement', and dear to wrestling fans across the globe.

When Danielson's "Ride of the Valkyries" entrance music hit, the crowd came unglued. They were throwing babies in the air.

In one night, AEW debuted three of the top stars from WWE's television over the past 10 plus years. It was basically the pro wrestling equivalent of LeBron James and Chris Bosh joining Dwyane Wade in Miami to play for the Heat, only AEW is based out of Jacksonville, Fl.

AEW's follow-up to All Out was their weekly show, Dynamite, which airs Wednesday nights. Sept. 8's episode of Dynamite drew 1.319 million viewers, according to Showbuzz Daily, ratings went up 25.98% from the previous week.

Near as important nowadays are the ratings in the key demographic, ages 18-49.

Sept. 8's episode of Dynamite defeated WWE's flagship program Monday Night Raw in the key demographic for the first time in history.

All of this is not to say whether WWE's goose is cooked or not. My expectations for AEW have tempered ever since the first show they put on in May 2019, but for the first time, I can honestly and objectively say they have the momentum.

WWE has trimmed their talent roster for years to save at the margins and possibly gear up for a potential sale, but this is a story for another day. During the time, AEW has been Ellis Island for

former WWE wrestlers.

All those wrestlers to jump ship had not really moved the ratings needle though. But CM Punk and Bryan Danielson are major names in the world of pro wrestling and with possibly more names to come, like Ric Flair, AEW has the chance to make a major leap forward while WWE ratings decline as they continue to run off viewers and wrestlers alike.

WWE is on the verge of desperation trying to create new stars, and in the interim are using older guys like John Cena, Goldberg and Brock Lesnar to draw crowds and ratings. AEW buys up everyone else. McMahon may be a billionaire, but Khan can buy and sell him multiple times over.

AEW is far from perfect, it should be said. In fact, it is often a poorly booked wrestling show, making little sense from week to week.

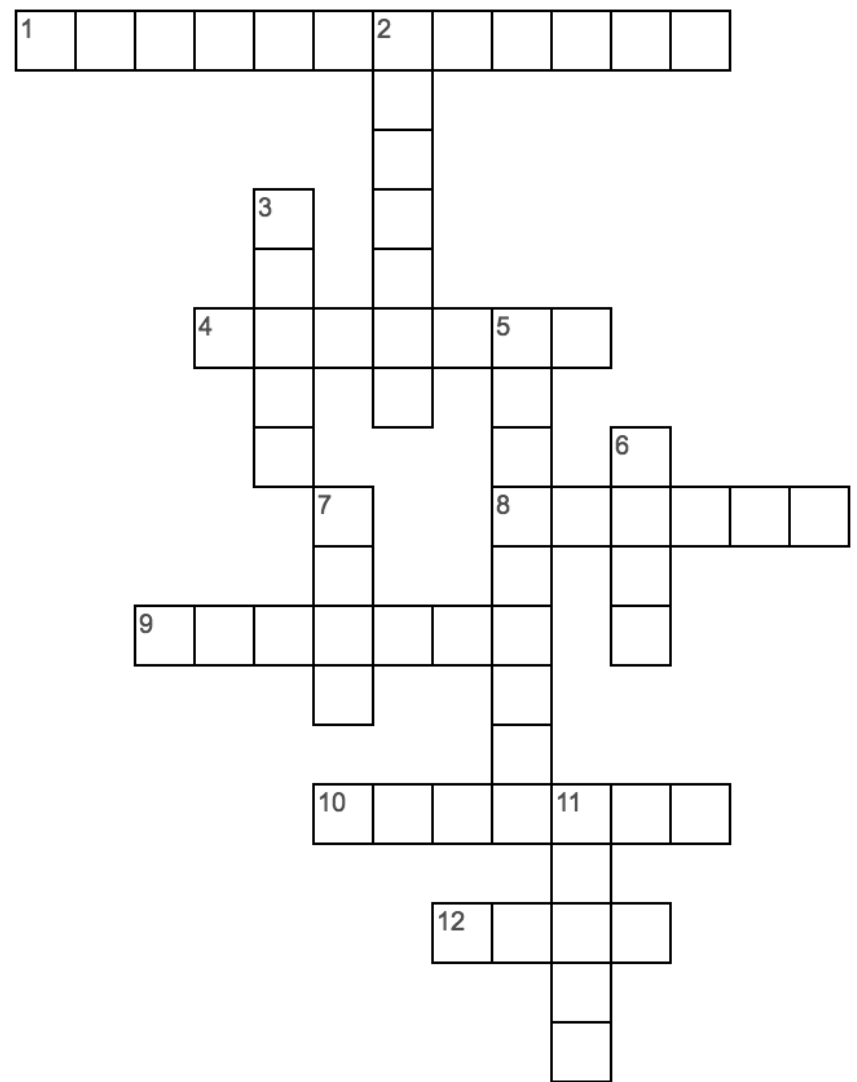
Before Punk, Danielson and Cole showed up, AEW did not have anybody who could draw serious ratings or money consistently on a mainstream basis like The Rock or 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin. They did not have anyone who could draw money with paper and green crayons.

Now is another chance for AEW, and the lifelong pro wrestling fan in me hopes they do not blow it like they have with almost everything else they have done. Still, it must be said, this is an exciting time to be a fan.

Weekly crossword puzzle

Wrestling & cheerleading terms

By Ellis McGinley
Managing Editor



Across

- 1 A murder weapon in Clue; a cheerleading move
- 4 Like the bell; a cheerleading move
- 8 Rock-a-bye baby; a position dominant wrestlers may be in
- 9 Spot them in Egypt and among the cheerleaders
- 10 Like the comedians do; a wrestling maneuver
- 12 Give this to your beloved; where wrestlers fight

Down

- 2 Someone who helps both weightlifters and flyers stay safe
- 3 A power tool; a repeated practice in sports
- 5 The Pats don't make enough these days
- 6 blast; a cheerleading move involving a front flip
- 7 Gets bad in summer; enthusiasm/response from wrestling fans
- 11 Just....; both an element of cheerleading and a team here on campus

Getting to know one another with bingo

By Sarah Shelton
Features Editor

Students gathered on the third floor of West Campus for music, juice, chips and to have fun and win a free gift card.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, West Campus Resident Advisers, or RAs, held a small event for students to get to know one another. They decided on a small Bingo game for students to figure out each other's hobbies and interests.

"I'm an RA on the suite side of the third floor," West RA Azaria Porter, a senior, said. "During RA training we had a 'get to know you' like this with all the other RAs, so I thought it would be a good idea to make that a social for this floor so as a community we could get to know each other. As you can see, not a lot of people showed up."

Even though they did not have as many people as they expected, Porter still thinks it was a good event to host.

They advertised through their group chat for the third floor, with flyers, and using Owl-Connect.

Each paper card handed out had 4x4 squares with different words in each box such as, "TikTok," "Certified Loverboy," (Drake's new album)

"STEM Major," etc. Each student with a card had to find someone who fit in these categories to sign the specific box, however, each person could only sign one box on each player's card.

"We used a Bingo generator online for this event and we put questions that are currently popular so it would be easy to get signatures for that," Porter said.

There were three rounds and students had to get a new card after each round, whoever gets four in a row—or Bingo—first won a gift card. There were three different options for gift cards, each with different dollar amounts. The resident advisers running the event let each winner pick which gift card they wanted instead of choosing for them.

The first winner of the event was psychology major Alexandria "Ali" Depaul, a junior, who chose a \$10 Chipotle gift card.

"It's only \$10, but that's enough for a burrito so I'm really happy," Depaul said.

The second winner of the event was elementary education major Dave Lee, a senior, who earned a \$25 Dairy Queen gift card.

"I came because I heard there were prizes,"

Lee said. "I like free ice cream."

At this event, they had small bags of chips and Capri Sun juice pouches.

Lee said he got Doritos. Other students, such as business management major Dylan Olesen, a junior, said he did not have any of the snacks because he had just gotten food with his friends. He lives on the third floor, so he just happened to be there at the right time.

"I just came back from Conn and I saw the event in passing," Olesen said.

Olesen happened to be the third winner of the night, getting a \$5 Dunkin' gift card.

"I'm happy I was walking by. I love free money," Olesen said.

Other students who do not live in West Campus, such as commuter Noah Falcioni, came with their friends who live in West to have fun, get some snacks, and try to win a gift card.

Lee said he expected more people to come, but still believes the event still had a "pretty good turnout."

Lee said he feels he did not get to know people well. He did not even know the majority of their names, just where they fit on the Bingo card.

"They were not very sociable," said Lee.



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Students signing in and waiting to start the bingo game at West Campus.



PHOTO | SARAH SHELTON

Outside of West Campus Residence hall, where the event was held.

Kicking up the dust with Make-A-Wish

By Danielle Campbell
Online Assistant

After a round of everyone's highs and lows of the day, the philanthropy chair of Omega Zeta Pi sorority gave a PowerPoint presentation. Sisters and a few prospective sponsors to the organization filled the room, listening intently to the presentation on Make-A-Wish.

The presenter was business administration major Alexandra Baptie, a senior, who had a personal connection with the Make-A-Wish foundation.

"They connected my family after everything went well with my surgery," said Baptie, "and then before I started radiation, they actually gave me permission, like the hospital I think, to travel and to go where I wanted to for my Make-A-Wish. Since it was just Florida, I got approved."

Baptie had a rare bone cancer, ewing sarcoma, as a child.

Her illness qualified her and her family to have a wish granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This fundamental experience with the foundation is what drew her into the philanthropy chair role in Omega Zeta Pi.

"I feel like I could bring a different aspect to the philanthropy in a sense because I have a perspective and people don't really have perspectives on what happens, what's the process you have and the people who actually give you the wish and stuff," said Baptie.

The event was part of the Omega Zeta Pi recruitment process, and this particular event was to showcase what the organization was passionate about, which is serving others. The theme for this semester's series of events is "cowgirl."

"I believe this semester our events are about three weeks long. We welcome all to come to our events. Really want to get to know people and make connections and let

everybody kinda know us and what we stand for. What our organization is about," said elementary education major Kaitlyn Moore-Markey, a junior.

The Kick Up the Dust with Make-A-Wish is the second of many events of the semester meant to introduce potential sisters to the organization.

"I went to a different Greek tent first, but then I saw pink cowgirl hats so I was like, I have to go over there—and then they started telling me about Make-A-Wish... I had a friend who had a wish granted for her. So that was a big thing for me, that they did something for Make-A-Wish," said elementary education major Sydney Anderson, a sophomore.

After the presentation, the group gathered to use materials to make bracelets and cards for sick children to encourage them in their hard times.

"I thought this was just gonna be like they talk to us (about) what we would be doing if we were in with the sisters in the so-

riority, but I like that we're actually doing things right now for it, even though we're not technically in it yet," said Anderson.

The group filled a table with cards of encouragement and bracelets with motivating words on them. The sisters had been sitting between prospective sisters to learn more about them and answer questions about the organization.

"When I went to Meet the Greeks, I did the breakout room with them, and then that's how I just kinda knew right away that this feels like it's a fit for me," special education major Olivia Carter, a sophomore, said.

The Omega Zeta Pi mission statement says they "strive for academic excellence, sisterhood development, Greek unity, community involvement, and leadership."

Moore-Markey said "we really want to build our community, get our voices out there and really build an empowering group of women."

Crossword answers from last Wednesday

Answers for last week's crossword "Our first crossword."

Across

2. A new Netflix animated series
Answer: QForce
4. Legendary poet & playwright of the Elizabethan era
Answer: Shakespeare
5. Storm's light; an electrical discharge
Answer: Lightning
8. The day on which Paint n'Chat happened
Answer: Wednesday
9. The university library
Answer: Buley
10. The hall which houses campus's primary programming space
Answer: Farnham

Down

1. Charlie Brown's beagle companion
Answer: Snoopy
3. The organized and complete list of books in a library
Answer: Catalogue
6. An optional class taken by student's choice
Answer: Elective
7. The Zodiac sign which rules December and January
Answer: Capricorn
10. Recently overflowed southern Connecticut's streets
Answer: Flood



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Students make cards for sick in the Make A Wish Program.



Folio Open Mic

Thursday, September 30, 2021 @ 7 p.m.
Uncommon Room - ENG D253 & WebEx

Show off your poetry, prose, or art for the semester's first open mic!
Pumpkin treats and apple cider provided.

BLACKPINK member releases solo album

By Sarah Shelton
Features Editor

BLACKPINK is one of the biggest K-pop groups in the world and one of their members is here with a new solo project.

The group released their album, "THE ALBUM," back in October 2020. For "THE ALBUM," they had a virtual show back in January which many fans attended. One of the group members, Rosé, unveiled her debut solo song "Gone" there.

Rosé became the second member of the four to release a solo song, the first being Jennie with her song "Solo," released back in 2018. Rosé, however, released two solo songs.

Gone is a slower song, which the girls do not do often. It is a sad song about an ex-lover with lyrics such as "all my love is gone and the hate is gone" be standing all alone and I'm searching for something, but I can't feel nothing."

On March 12, 2021, Rosé released her second single, "On The Ground," which is very different from the type of music we hear from her.

"On The Ground" has an EDM beat with a country-sounding guitar and,

surprisingly, the two go well together. It has a very different style compared to the work she does with the group.

Fans have been waiting for this moment since YG Entertainment, their record label, announced that each member will have a solo. Fans have been asking the K-POP group through Twitter when Rosé's song would come out since Jennie's "Solo" came out in 2018. It was also speculated for a long time Lisa would be next.

There was a big gap of time between Jennie's project and Rosé's project, but this is not the case for Lisa, as her songs just recently came out Friday, Sept. 10—within the same year as Rosé's.

Lalisa Manoban, known as Lisa, is the main dancer and the rapper of the group.

Lisa recently came out with her new solo project, a mini-album titled "LALISA," featuring two songs.

The title track is called "LALISA" and I really enjoyed listening to it; It is very catchy, fun and features both Korean and English lyrics; unlike Rosé's, whose songs are both fully in English.

The music video for

"LALISA" displayed her individual style and showed us a different side to her we never knew we needed. At first, I was thinking "this looks like a typical BLACKPINK video," but then as I got further into the video, it's very different from those videos—but in an amazing way.

Lisa definitely looked powerful.

The video came with amazing bold visuals which made it hard to look away.

A lot of fans on Twitter also noticed she was able to add some cultural mix to her video set. She is the only non-Korean girl in BLACKPINK (she is from Thailand), so I really appreciated seeing the Southeast Asian representation. I am very happy for her.

"MONEY," her second song, is more what I expected from a Lisa solo rather than "LALISA." I personally feel like a lot of the group's songs sound too "pop" for Lisa's style, except for their song "Pretty Savage."

"MONEY" is more her style and I am happy we have the opportunity to see what she is capable of as a solo artist. "LALISA" sounded more "pop" than

I expected, however, I did get very excited when she started rapping in it because, in my opinion, she is a better rapper than a singer.

Since she is known as the rapper and dancer of the group, I always wondered what her solo songs would sound like, especially when she is singing—and honestly, I am impressed.

It seems many other people are also in love with these songs. According to @BLACKPINK-GLOBAL on twitter, Lisa

is the first K-pop female soloist to hold the top two spots on the iTunes Worldwide chart and according to @PopCrave, "LALISA" became the fastest debut music video in YouTube history to hit 10 million views, doing so in 90 minutes.

"LALISA" also became the fastest music video by a soloist to reach a 100 million views on YouTube, breaking the record previously held by PSY's "Gentlemen," According to Pop Crave.

Considering BLACK-

PINK is such a popular group, I am not too surprised her song is breaking so many records, but I am genuinely excited people are starting to see the girl's potential as solo artists.

Now the only member from BLACKPINK left to release a solo music project is Jisoo, but Jisoo did star in a K-pop drama movie, so it is fair to say all the members of the group have successfully created their own solo projects while remaining in one of the biggest girl groups in the world.

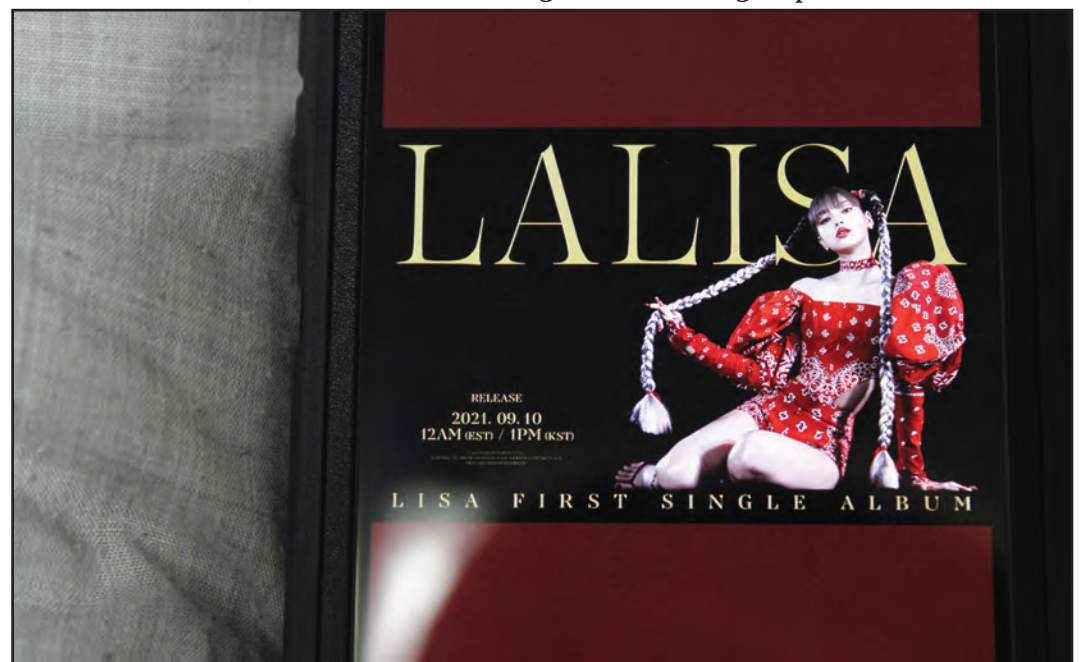


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LALISA's, Lalisa Manoban's first solo project, teaser picture from Twitter.

Campus gets a taste of New Haven

By Danielle Campbell
Online Assistant

A large crowd suddenly started forming outside the Farnham programming space before the event. Programs Council, ProCon, was putting on its first big food event since the pandemic.

Eric LaCharity, associate director of student involvement, announced to the crowd of students, to have patience while they followed COVID-19 guidelines to let them all into the building.

"I mean after, really, three semesters of not being able to do that kind of event, it was really exciting for us to be able to bring it back," said LaCharity.

The crowd outside mingled, anxiously waiting to get inside. The cut-off was 10 people at a time. After one group went in, the doors were shut to ensure safety and security. This is one of the remaining COVID-19 limitations on campus, but students still seemed excited to get out of their dorms.

"I'm glad to be back. I love living on campus. I love campus life and I love Southern," said elementary education major David Lee, a senior.

Once inside, ProCon members served students buffet-style to follow COVID-19 event guidelines. Each student went down the line and was given a plate of New Haven-sourced treats. A dessert table also handed out individually wrapped items and a drink table housed canned and bottled drinks.

"We had to make sure that we took all the necessary precautions. Serving students wearing gloves, making sure the capacity never [went] over the limit, but I mean that

all went I think pretty well, and it was just nice to be able to provide that service for students," said LaCharity.

Some students came to the event to be introduced to New Haven culinary delights because they were not used to traveling around the city.

"I used to come to all—not only Farnham Programming Space events—but also student involvement events, and I just felt like even though I've been dorming in New Haven, I haven't really tried all the foods. I haven't been experimented with all the cuisine that's nearby, so it's a really good experience," said accounting major Khanna Burgess, a senior.

Yorkside Pizza provided alfredo pasta, penne a la vodka and caesar salad. Insomnia Cookies and Donut Crazy provided their staple assortments. Chen's Kitchen provided veggie lo mein and veggie fried rice. Tomatillo provided chips with guac and salsa and Bonchon provided an assortment of wings.

"I'm really not aware of much of what's going on in New Haven and I know they're known for their food, and I wanted to taste what they had,"

said political science major Holly Trumpler, a freshman. "I think they did a great job of combining so many different styles and cultures—at least American and Chinese, which is always a fan favorite, and they nailed all of it."

ProCon wanted to provide this event for students who may not have been able to attend these events last year. Many students on campus had not gone to some of the more well-known and attended reoccurring campus events.

"This is really our one big event to really kind of normalize [things]—bring the normal back," said ProCon nighttime programmer and bilingual elementary education major Kimberly Roig, a senior.

The line was still out the door and up the steps as students exited the event so others could enter. The students who remaining in line chatted with smiling faces, seemingly excited for free food.

LaCharity said, "I think after being separated for so long, I think students have a desire to be out in the physical campus and interacting with other students and getting to know their peers."



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Students getting food at Taste of New Haven event.

This weeks horoscope

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Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You are always so grounded. Allow yourself to have some fun this week or take some time to yourself if you find you have been wearing yourself down. What can you do to relieve your burdens?

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Are you keeping organized in the new term? Do not forget to balance the social and the academic and put your energy only into the prospects you are most passionate about.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Do not let the stress put you on the defense. Spend some time with yourself - what's really bothering you? Remember to celebrate the little victories.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 22

Turbulence is a part of transition. Keep your chin up and remember, your

optimism is your strength! Keep your focus and do not be too hasty to act on recent worries.

Capricorn
Dec. 23 - Jan. 22

Things are looking up, Capricorn. Remember to see things as what they are, not what you want them to be. Seize a new opportunity.

Aquarius
Jan. 23 - Feb. 22

Sometimes teamwork is worth the extra effort. Strive for your goals with confidence and trust your intuition. You know both more and less than you think.

Pisces
Feb. 23 - March 22

You may be facing both harsh criticism and encouraging compliments recently. Remember what matters most is who you think you are, and do not let frustration cloud your focus.

Aries
March 23 - April 22

Social obstacles should not impede professional success. Keeping your cool and trusting those

closest to you will be key to healthy adjustments. Do not be afraid to reorganize.

Taurus
April 23 - May 22

You will finally see peace on some fronts this week. Gather with your closest friends and relax. Keep your work ethic steady.

Gemini
May 23 - June 22

Give someone a helping hand this week. Keep a close eye on your finances. Do not be afraid to take care of yourself: is it really spoiling if you have earned it?

Cancer
June 23 - July 22

You will have a spot of good luck this week. Some larger decisions will stay in limbo, but this only gives you more time to think. Plan an activity for yourself.

Leo
July 23 - Aug. 24

You will find yourself working harder this week, but also reaping more reward. Seek peaceful resolution. Look outside yourself.

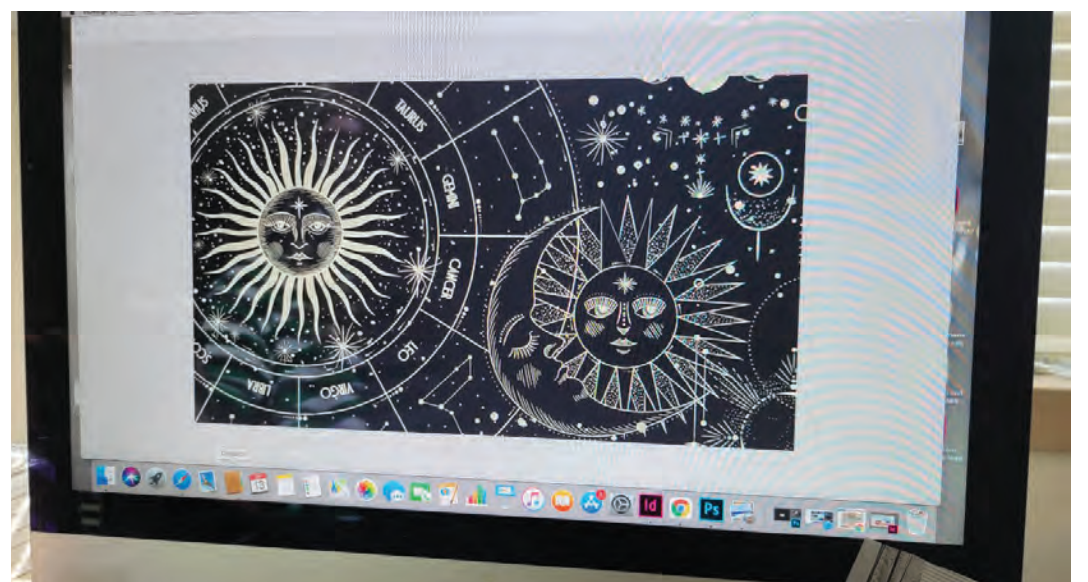


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