



## UConn Police actively investigating multiple reports of motorized scooter and vehicle theft

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University of Connecticut Police are actively investigating eight reports of motorized scooter thefts and one motor vehicle theft, according to a crime alert released by UConn Police Thursday morning.

“UConn Police have been actively investigating multiple reports of motorized scooter thefts and one motor vehicle theft. The first was encountered three weeks ago and we continue to see an uptick on the thefts. The locations of these thefts are in parking lots and outside residential halls. In each incident the suspect(s) searched for

unsecured and easily accessible vehicles. All these incidents have occurred between 6:30 pm and 3:00 am,” the crime alert said.

The suspect(s) remain unidentified. UConn Police are also reminding those on campus to make sure all scooters and vehicles are secure when left unattended.

“UConn Police would like to remind the campus community that these are opportunistic thefts and we ask you to please refrain from leaving motor vehicles running and unattended and always keep your scooters secured,” the crime alert advised.

UConn Police are encouraging people to call 860-486-4800 immediately to report any crime or suspicious activity.



The University of Connecticut's Police Department, renamed the “Public Safety Complex,” sits down the hill from Northwest dorms. This houses UConn's Fire, EMS, and Police departments that service UConn and the nearby community. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Sandy Hook shooting conspiracist ordered to pay \$965 million to families of victims



Infowars founder Alex Jones appears in court to testify during the Sandy Hook defamation damages trial at Connecticut Superior Court in Waterbury, Conn., on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. A six-person jury reached a verdict Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, saying that Jones should pay \$965 million to 15 plaintiffs who suffered from his lies about the Sandy Hook school massacre. Jones and his company were found liable for damages last year. FILE PHOTO/AP

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Conspiracy theorist and far-right radio show host Alex Jones was ordered to pay \$965 million to families of victims in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Wednesday. Jones used his radio show platform to create a conspiracy theory that the shooting never really happened, an AP news article said. Jones promoted the idea that the families of the 20 children and six educators in the 2012 shooting were hired actors.

The AP news article said Jones believed the shooting was all a hoax to exhort anti-gun sentiments to the U.S. public.

“All made up. Hilarious,”

Jones said outside the courthouse in an AP article. “So this is what a show trial looks like. I mean, this is the left completely out of control.”

Since the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, mourning families of the Sandy Hook shooting victims have been haunted by people who believed Jones' claims, an NBC Connecticut article said.

15 plaintiffs and an FBI

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CONSPIRACY THEORIST & RADIO  
SHOW HOST**

agent who responded to the mass shooting sued Jones, an NBC Connecticut article said. The suit accused Jones of defamation, emotional distress and violation of Connecticut trade practices.

Jones was on air on his radio show “The Alex Jones Show” when the verdict was read, an ABC news article said. Jones' attorney Norm Pattis has said he and Jones plan to appeal the court's decision.

“We disagree with the basis of the default, we disagree with the court's evidentiary rulings,” Pattis said outside the courthouse in an ABC news article.

Various plaintiffs have told reporters that they are grateful of the verdict and jury for coming to this decision, an NBC Connecticut article said.

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ATTORNEY TO ALEX JONES**

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont responded to the verdict as well, showing his respect towards the victims' families and apologizing for the harassment Jones caused in response to the shooting, an ABC news article said.

The amount that Jones can actually pay out of the \$965 mil-

lion is still not clear. In Texas during the trial, Jones testified saying he would not be able to pay more than \$2 million, an AP article said. However, an economist who testified in Texas said Jones and his company were worth \$270 million.

Families of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting are hopeful that this verdict will bring peace to their lives and put the harassment they have faced behind them, an NBC Connecticut article said.

“Every day in that court room, we got up on that stand and we told the truth,” The father of 6-year-old victim Robbie Parker said in an NBC news article. “While the truth is being said in the court room, he [Jones] was standing right here lying.”

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## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LEFT OUT OF CLIMATE PLANNING



India Scott sits in the living room of her home in New Orleans, Monday, Oct. 10, 2022. Activists, advocates, researchers and people living with disabilities say not enough is being done to include disabled people in climate action planning and policy, or disaster relief and recovery efforts. AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT

(AP) — When the inevitable hurricanes threaten New Orleans, it's hard for India Scott to figure where to go. In the city where she was born and raised, she's stayed in hotels, relief shelters and, during Hurricane Katrina, in the famously overcrowded Superdome.

But it is always a gamble choosing where to seek refuge. A lot of places that are safe for most people aren't safe for her because they aren't accessible to people like her, people living with disabilities.

Scott has used a wheelchair her entire life; she was born with a disability. Even when the weather is calm in New Orleans she is reluctant to leave home to visit friends or go out to shop or eat, because places outside her house can't guarantee that she'll be able to maneuver even basic things like using the restroom, passing through an entryway or getting into bed.

Scott's house in the Algiers neighborhood of New Orleans is comfortable with features that are required by code yet often missing, like widened entryways for her wheelchair. It has a bed lower to the ground that's easier to get in and out of it. But because she lives near a levee, she leaves that comfort behind whenever a major hurricane or tropical storm is forecast because rising floodwater that would challenge anyone would surely be fatal for her.

"I try my best to make my home comfortable," she said, "but if that water ever comes through, I'm in trouble."

Scott said she can't rely on the city, state or federal government when storms come, only

friends. She said there is inadequate support for disabled people before, during and after disasters, from emergency management agencies at all levels of government.

"We're on our own," she said, through tears, to The Associated Press.

Experts and activists echoed her view, telling the AP people with disabilities are left out of emergency and disaster planning, and face hurdles that able-bodied people don't when disasters strike.

As climate-related disasters become more common and more severe, most countries in the world are "neglecting their obligations to respect, protect, and fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities in their responses to the climate crisis," according to a June report from the Disability Inclusive Climate Action Research Program at McGill University and the International Disability Alliance.

The researchers found that only 32 of the 192 countries that are signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Paris climate accords in 2015 refer to people with disabilities in their official climate plans. Forty-five countries refer to disabled people in their climate adaptation policies and no country mentions disabled people in its climate mitigation plans. Many of the world's biggest contributors to climate change — the United States, China, Russia, Brazil, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom — don't figure people with disabilities into any of these plans, according to the report.

That is despite the fact that

185 countries ratified the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, drafted in 2006, which says that countries will take "all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in ... humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters." The U.S. was one of eight countries that signed the treaty but haven't ratified it.

People who are disabled are not a small segment of the population. According to the World Health Organization, there were over a billion people in the world living with a disability in 2011, which was 15% of the global population at the time. The organization plans to release an update on disability prevalence in December.

More recently, researchers with the Disability Data Initiative estimated the percentage of people with disabilities averages 12.6% across 41 countries for which they have data, as of 2021. One of them, Sophie Mitra, said the WHO figure of one billion is likely to have grown since 2011.

"We are still failing people with disabilities, especially multiply-marginalized people, before, during and after disasters," Marcie Roth, CEO of the World Institute on Disability, told the U.S. Congress during testimony in July. "We need your help to address urgent, immediate, lifesaving steps (government agencies) can take to serve disaster-impacted people and communities being left out and left behind."

A clear example of this failure took place at the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP26) in

November 2021. Israeli Energy Minister Karine Elharrar, who uses a wheelchair, was prevented from entering a conference event by police officers. A day later, after the incident was publicized, conference organizers and the British government constructed a ramp so she could attend.

"What happened to the minister of energy happens to us all the time," said Yolanda Muñoz, a professor at McGill University and co-founder of the Disability Inclusive Climate Action Research Program that co-authored the June report. "But, of course, it doesn't make headlines."

Another climate activist, Pauline Castres, who previously worked for the United Nations and has a disability, mourned the return to in-person climate talks that came with COP26 in Glasgow. "I've always found those meetings to be quite restrictive in terms of who can attend and who can take part," she said. "We called (virtual events) one of the few good things that came out of the pandemic."

But the problems people face go beyond access at international conferences and happen on the national, state and local level. When people can't access climate planning talks, it's more likely they won't be figured into emergency management plans.

And the climate crisis isn't only affecting people with physical disabilities, Grace Krause, policy officer for Learning Disability Wales, said in a 2019 blog post. Krause said it was "alarming" how little information on climate change

was presented in an "easy read" format for people with certain cognitive disabilities. That format uses short sentences, active voice and explanation of any complex words and ideas in a separate sentence.

Font choices that make text easier to read for people with dyslexia is another way climate communications can be more accessible.

In 2019, the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution calling on governments to take climate action that is inclusive of people with disabilities, but there still isn't much action from the UN's official climate policy arm, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

There were two disability-related events at COP26 — one on designing cities that are both climate resilient and accessible and another on mental health and climate action — but they were side events. Disability inclusion in climate action has rarely taken the main stage.

Julia Watts Belser, a Georgetown University professor who uses a wheelchair, said the inclusion of people with disabilities in climate mitigation and adaptation planning "matters deeply" to her. She leads an initiative exploring the intersection of climate change and disability at Georgetown and teaches a class called Disability, Ethics, Ecojustice.

"I think about wanting us as a society to invest in the infrastructure for our communities so that we are better able to adapt and respond," she said, "so we aren't leaving people behind, so we aren't leaving people to die."

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# India's top court split on school ban on Muslim headscarves

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two judges on India's top court on Thursday differed over a ban on the wearing of the hijab, a headscarf used by Muslim women, in educational institutions and referred the sensitive issue to a larger bench of three or more judges to settle.

Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia issued a split ruling after hearing petitions filed by a group of Muslims against a high court's judgment in Karnataka state. The state court had refused to stay a government order issued in February that banned people from wearing clothes that disturb equality, integrity and public order in schools and colleges.

Karnataka State Education Minister B.C. Nagesh said Thursday the ban on wearing the hijab in educational institutions in the state would continue until the top court settled the issue of whether the Muslim headscarf is an essential religious practice in Islam.

The dispute began early this year when a government-run school in Karnataka's Udupi district barred students wearing hijabs from entering classrooms, triggering protests by Muslims who said they were being deprived of their funda-

mental rights to education and religion.

Hindu students launched counter-protests by wearing saffron shawls, a color closely associated with that religion and favored by Hindu nationalists.

More schools in the state followed with similar bans and the state's high court disallowed students from wearing hijab and any other religious clothing. The Muslim groups petitioned the Supreme Court against the ban.

Supreme Court Justice Gupta on Thursday said there was a divergent opinion and that the matter should be referred to a larger bench of more than two judges. He dismissed the appeal by Muslim groups against the government order.

However, Justice Dhulia said venturing into essential religious practice was not needed and the state high court had taken the wrong way. "It was just a question of choice. One thing which was topmost for me was the education of a ... child," he said.

During the arguments, the petitioners insisted that preventing Muslim girls from wearing the hijab in the classroom would jeopardize their ed-



A group of veiled Muslim women shop for clothes in Bengaluru, India, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022. Two judges on India's top court on Thursday differed over a ban on the wearing of the hijab, a headscarf used by Muslim women, in educational institutions and referred the sensitive issue to a larger bench of three or more judges to settle. AP PHOTO/AIJAZ RAHI

ucations since they might stop attending school.

The state government, however, claimed that its order banning the hijab in classrooms was "religion-neutral."

The Karnataka state ban does not extend to other Indian states, but the Supreme Court

ruling could set a precedent for the rest of the country.

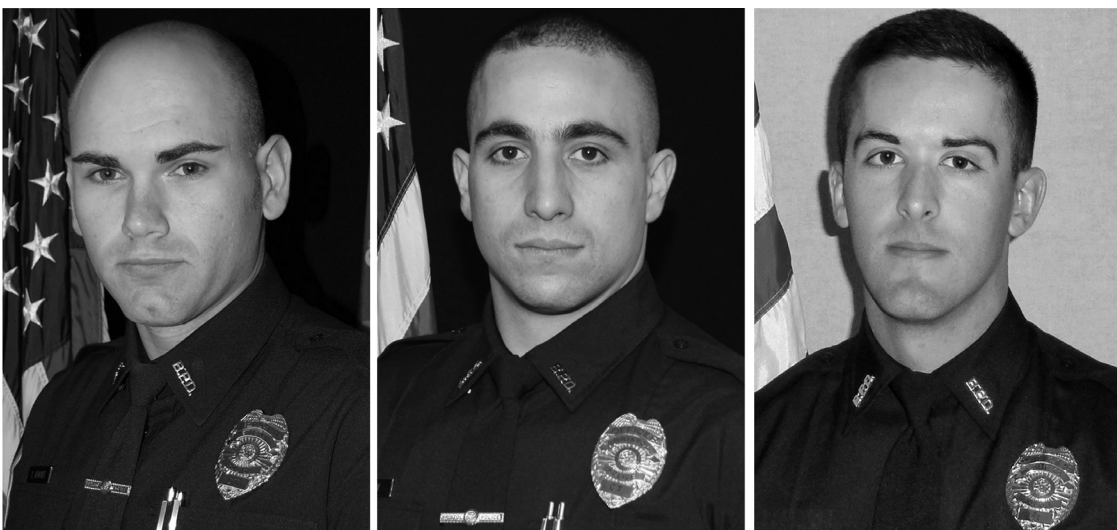
Violence and hate speech against Muslims have increased under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governing Hindu nationalist party, which also governs Karnataka state.

Muslims, who comprise 14%

of India's nearly 1.4 billion people, fear they are being shunted aside as a minority in India and see hijab bans as a worrying escalation of Hindu nationalism under Modi's government.

Some rights activists have voiced concerns that the ban could increase Islamophobia.

## Police: Officers may have been lured into deadly ambush



These images provided by the Connecticut State Police, show, from left, Bristol, Conn. Police Department Sgt. Dustin Demonte, Officer Alex Hamzy and Officer Alec Iurato. Authorities said Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, they believe that police officers Demonte and Hamzy, who were shot dead in Connecticut, had been drawn into an ambush by a 911 call about possible domestic violence. A third officer, Alec Iurato, was wounded but expected to recover.

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE VIA AP

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Two police officers who were shot dead in Connecticut had apparently been drawn into an ambush by an emergency call about possible domestic violence, authorities said Thursday. A third officer was wounded in the gunfire.

State police said in a release that the 911 call Wednesday night about a dispute between two siblings appears to have been "a deliberate act to lure law enforcement to the scene" in Bristol.

Bristol Police Sgt. Dustin Demonte and Officer Alex Hamzy were killed. Officer Alec Iurato was injured.

Police said the suspect, Nicholas Brucher, 35, was shot dead, and his brother Nathan Brucher was wounded. The surviving brother, 32, was hospitalized, and it wasn't immediately clear whether he or his family have an attorney or someone else who can speak for them.

Neighbor Danny Rodriguez said he was outside his home across the street when the gunfire rang out.

"I heard a whole war going on behind me," he said. "It was so loud and crazy."

At one point, he said, a woman screamed, "You ... killed them!"

The deadly encounter came during a week when at least 11 police officers have been shot around the country.

Nationwide, 54 officers have died by gunfire on the job so far this year, compared to 62 throughout 2021, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a nonprofit organization that tracks U.S. police officer deaths. (This year's overall number is far behind last year's pace, largely due to declining deaths from COVID-19.)

Connecticut state police said they were still working to answer many questions that remained about the confrontation. No video of it has emerged publicly.

State Police Sgt. Christine Jeltema said that when officers answered the call at roughly 10:30 p.m., they encountered someone outside the house, and shots were

fired.

Neighbors said they heard two or three sets of gunshots, about 30 in all.

Schalitda Strong, who lives diagonally across the street from the shooting, said she ducked into her room "because it sounded so close." Strong said she called 911, but police were already on their way.

Police haven't yet said who opened fire, who fired the fatal shots, or how many guns were fired in all.

"They thought they were going somewhere to give help, and their lives were needlessly taken, and another seriously injured," Bristol Police Chief Brian Gould said at a vigil Thursday evening. Gov. Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz joined the crowd that packed a local high school auditorium to pay respects.

Demonte, 35, was a 10-year veteran officer and co-recipient of his department's 2019 Officer of the Year award.

He was "very focused on his career and furthering

## FORMER YALE MED SCHOOL OFFICIAL GETS 9 YEARS FOR \$40M FRAUD

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A former official at Yale University's medical school was sentenced Thursday to more than nine years in prison for carrying out a \$40 million scam involving computers and other electronics.

Jamie Petrone was arrested last year and pleaded guilty in March to wire fraud and filing a false tax return.

According to the U.S. attorney's office, beginning in at least 2013 Petrone used her position as director of finance and administration for the school's department of emergency medicine to order millions of dollars of computer and electronic hardware for the school but shipped the goods to a company that paid her and resold them.

Petrone, 43, of Lithia Springs, Georgia, made individual orders of under \$10,000 that en-

sured she wasn't required to seek additional approval, according to prosecutors. She used the proceeds for luxury cars, real estate and travel.

Petrone also filed false federal tax returns from 2013 to 2016 and didn't file any returns from 2017 to 2020, according to the U.S. attorney's office, causing a total loss to the government of more than \$6.4 million.

In addition to her 109-month sentence, Petrone was ordered to pay full restitution and forfeit \$560,000 seized from her company's bank account in addition to six vehicles, including two Cadillac Escalades.

"Today in court, Ms. Petrone profoundly apologized to Yale University for her inexcusable actions," her attorney, Frank Riccio, said in an email. "She continues to accept responsibility and intends on continuing with making restitution."

his career and education," the chief said. Demonte, who earned a bachelor's degree in criminology, had worked as a school resource officer. He and his wife were expecting their third child, Gould said.

Philip Demonte Jr. called his brother "an all-around good guy" with a great sense of humor.

"No one had anything bad to say" about him, his brother said. "Terrible loss, someone who died for no reason."

Hamzy, 34, had gotten many letters of commendation during his eight years on his hometown police force, the chief said. Like Demonte, Hamzy was an advisor to a police cadet program.

"The outpouring of love, support and prayers from so many is deeply appreciated," Hamzy's family said in a statement.

Scores of officers lined a street and followed a vehicle carrying Hamzy's body from the shooting scene late Thursday morning. Demonte died at a hospital.

Iurato, 26, joined the Bristol department in 2018 and has a bachelor's degree in government, law and national security, the chief said. Iurato was released from a hospital Thursday morning.

Bristol, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) southwest of the state capital of Hartford, is home to about 60,000 people and to the sports network ESPN.

The governor called the shooting "a senseless tragedy," ordering flags to be lowered to half-staff in the officers' honor.

It followed shootings of police officers this week in Greenville, Mississippi; Decatur, Illinois; Philadelphia, Las Vegas and central Florida. Two of those officers, one in Greenville and one Las Vegas, were killed.

The last fatal shooting of a Connecticut officer was in 2018, when Preston Constable William Kinney was gunned down while serving an eviction notice, according to the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation.

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# 'ON WHOSE LAND ARE WE PLAYING?':

DISCUSSING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPORTS AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE



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Indigenous Peoples' Day is a United States national holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October, with the purpose of honoring the Native American history of our country. To fully honor the Native land the University of Connecticut sits on, this day has been extended into a full week of events in tribute to Indigenous peoples, all run by the Native American Cultural Programs (NACP).

The land UConn inhabits is more specifically the territory of the Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett Nipmuc and Lenape peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. One of the main missions of Indigenous Peoples' Week here at UConn is to further educate the student body of their impact on this Indigenous land, and their obligations to act with respect towards it.

One of the events of this week was titled "On Whose Land Are We Playing?" The presentation was hosted by Dr. Chen Chen — an assistant professor in sports management and a faculty member of

Native American and Indigenous Studies — who curated a conversation on how to play and consume sports in a way that's respectful and reciprocal to cultivating a relationship with Indigenous land.

Chen began by acknowledging the unspoken idea of how sports aren't usually associated with the focus of Indigenous peoples and how they've been suppressed in American culture. What may first come to mind when thinking of sports is its superficial purpose in providing entertainment through exercise. However, sports are an enormous part of all cultures across the globe and tend to have much social influence.

This conversation on sports can be viewed as a tool to help non-Indigenous athletes and sports fanatics become more aware of Indigenous peoples' struggles — through the lens of their own passion.

Chen referenced historical events that tie sports into Indigenous culture, including one from 1984 when Alwyn Morris became the first Canadian Aboriginal athlete to win an Olympic gold medal. Morris raised an eagle feather on the podium to honor his heritage. Another was an event that took place at the 1904 Olympic Games in St.

Louis called the "Anthropology Days." This extremely racist competition was created to test the physical capabilities of Indigenous peoples, who the white game-makers thought of as unintelligent but possibly more physically fit, due to their more "primitive" ways.

These incidents go to show the trials and tribulations Indigenous people have faced for centuries, and how — as a D1 school located on Indigenous land — UConn is deeply intertwined in the lasting impacts of these problems.

According to Chen, further diversifying UConn's Indigenous population — both on campus and in sports — is not the most effective way to improve and strengthen the university's relationship with the Indigenous land it occupies. Although, it certainly wouldn't be a negative goal.

Instead, the most important course of action to take is to further educate oneself on the land's history and to acknowledge the adversities Indigenous people face. Creating a kinship between the UConn community and the Native community, and living with respect for Indigenous peoples is paramount in ending the suppression of Indigenous voices and culture.

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'Is Giving

BIRTH

Comparable to

WRITING  
BOOKS?'

A comparison everyone should listen to

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The title of this lecture will likely strike you with confusion. Not only do the physical and mental capacities of both activities differ greatly, but so are the ways the two are deemed by society. Some believe that there cannot possibly be a comparison between giving birth and writing books, yet perhaps that that is exactly the problem.

Dr. Noelle Leslie Dela Cruz, a philosophy professor at De La Salle University and well-versed poet, visited the University of Connecticut yesterday to give a lecture comparing giving birth to writing books. This strange comparison opened the audience's mind to more concepts than anticipated. The comparison revealed the effects of assigned gender roles and how something so natural and socially expected harms all of society in ways that are not talked about enough.

Dela Cruz began her lecture discussing the definition of work. Crediting Andrea Veltman, she listed the four criteria of work. These included: the process of developing capabilities, a process which supports a worker's values, something that provides a purpose and something that integrates elements of the worker's life. Dela Cruz listed these criteria to fur-

thermore compare the two different types of work of writing and birthing. Although they are both considered types of work, one is more highly respected than the other, as not everyone is expected to become a writer, yet every woman is expected to become a mother.

For much of her presentation, Dela Cruz pulled much of her inspiration from Simone de Beauvoir, a French philosopher, writer and feminist. Beauvoir's view on reproductive work stemmed from her ideas on transcendent versus immanent work. She explained how transcendent work expands horizons to the future while immanent work does not produce anything durable. This raises the question of which is which. Is the work that women put into motherhood transcendent or immanent? Which one is writing?

Dela Cruz pulled from Beauvoir's opinion that literature is good when one is committed to it. Beauvoir tied this concept to the fact that women cannot become good writers since they cannot offer the commitment, as they must dedicate their lives to housework. She then took this claim a step further by offering a possibly controversial notion: Not all women want to be mothers, nor can all women be good at it. This idea sparks the thought that society places a pressure on women to be good mothers and nurture the next

generation, but how can someone who was not born to be a mother be expected to execute such an important task well?

Veltman's voice made another appearance when Dela Cruz made note of her question on what kind of labor is valued and what kind of labor isn't. Veltman asks a very intriguing question: Is the labor of the oppressed less valuable because the oppressed are performing it, or do the oppressed perform it because it is less valued?

Whether society acknowledges it or not, the labor put into motherhood is not valued to the extent that writing is. However, because the responsibilities of motherhood supersede all other aspects of a woman's life, mothers cannot dedicate their time to whatever is deemed as "meaningful" or "valuable" work such as writing. They are therefore deprived of opportunities to be seen in the many positive ways that men are.

Dela Cruz's lecture was not only intended to expose the fact that women are deprived of chances to prove themselves in society, but also to alert the need that parental responsibilities should be shared equally so as to give women the opportunity to learn how to become a great writer without having to face judgements from the rest of society.



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# BJÖRK IS ONE WITH EARTH ON THE ENCHANTING 'FOSSORA'

STRONG THEMES OF LOVE AND MOTHERHOOD FEEL RIGHT AT HOME AMONG THE WOODLAND SOUNDSCAPES BJÖRK CONJURES.

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Icelandic artist Björk's love for the world blooms on her tenth studio album "Fossora." Arriving five years after her last album "Utopia," this release finds her experimenting once again with new sounds, concepts and collaborators.

Dubbed her "mushroom album," "Fossora" is a word invented by Björk herself that stems from the Latin word for "digger." This descriptor holds true; the soundscapes conjured on this album evoke the feeling of wandering through an overgrown forest. In typical Björk fashion, she handles the majority of, well, everything. Of course, she sings — her thick Icelandic accent and expressive vocal style has made her one of my favorite voices in music. But she also composes, produces and spearheads art direction.

If you are looking for catchy hooks or an easy listening experience, the opening track "Atopos" will direct you elsewhere. The song features reggaeton-inspired drums, and if it wasn't for the six dissonant bass clarinets and Björk's off-kilter vocal melodies, it would almost

be danceable. Regal horns and complex drum programming back the following song "Ovule," a dedication to putting past traumas aside and beginning new relationships with a clear state of mind.

"Sorrowful Soil" and "Ancestress" are odes to Björk's mother who passed away in 2018. The former is a powerful a cappella boasting one of the best vocal performances on the album. On the other hand, "Ancestress" acts as a stream of consciousness, an epitaph made even more potent by featuring Björk's son, Sindri Eldon.

"Victimhood" is a foreboding track that feels like trudging waist-deep through swamp water, with only its soft downtempo beat serving as a guide. "Allow" is a much-needed breather; fluttering flutes and swirling vocal harmonies from both Björk and Emilie Nicolas elevate listeners above the treetops. It provides an excellent contrast to the oppressive fog of "Victimhood."

Throughout "Fossora," Björk likens the beauty of others to the beauty of nature. "Trunks bursting through the moss from our love," she sings on "Fungal City." On "Freefall," she portrays love as a cosmic-scale event: "our

solar systems coalesced, softly surrendered into itself, formed a nebulous cloud."

Although "Fossora" covers a lot of sonic ground, the lack of catchy choruses and the overwhelmingly persistent atmosphere can leave listeners tired by the end. Thankfully, two of the strongest songs on the album provide an excellent finish. The title track is an uncanny combination of whimsical woodwinds with hardcore EDM percussion. Meanwhile, the closer "Her Mother's House" is a stunning ballad where Björk and her daughter, Ísadora Bjarkardóttir Barney, play off each other to great effect.

Decades into her musical career, "Fossora" marks a very strong release from Björk. It borrows elements from prior albums such as the a cappella of "Medúlla" and the jittery percussion and nature imagery of "Biophilia" but in keeping its own identity, surpasses both. Strong themes of love and motherhood feel right at home among the woodland soundscapes Björk conjures. "Fossora" was well worth the wait.

**RATING: 4/5**

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Björk performs at Deer Lake Park, Burnaby in Vancouver in 2007. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB



# Opinion

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### ► Rapid Fire

# Midterm season stress

If we're lucky in the Opinion section, we work through our beliefs completely and support them with great arguments. But sometimes, we don't need a deeper reason to hold our convictions. Rapid Fire is for those tweet-length takes that can be explained in just a sentence or two — no more justification needed.

In this Rapid Fire, writers gave their opinions on the question: What's the best coping mechanism for dealing with the stress of midterm season?

### MADELINE PAPCUN, OPINION EDITOR

Definitely screaming. Whether into a pillow, in your car on the way home or just into the general void, there's nothing like a good scream to get you through the stress of midterms. People might look at you a little funny, but deep down inside, they wish they were screaming with you.

### OWEN SILVERMAN, WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Eat a pomegranate. They are: a) magically delicious and b) extremely infuriating to consume. Being overtaken by rage as a small red orb staves off your endeavors to ingest it is a surefire distraction that will take your mind off of the pain and suffering that is midterm exam season.

### NELL SRINATH, ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

Nothing whips me into shape like a crazed and desperate boost of adrenaline! Take my tried and true advice: Don't study beforehand, wake up at 5 a.m. the morning of and drink an entire pot of coffee while scrolling through half a semester's worth of course materials at Mach 9. When you walk out of that cold, unfeeling lecture hall as wired as the back of a '90s personal computer, you'll probably have zero recollection of the questions you answered, but, boy, will you be chemically manipulated to feel at the top of the world!

### HARRISON RASKIN, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Get your wisdom teeth removed. It's a great way to take a week off of school and get some relaxing prescription drugs. Also it won't hurt, the recovery is simple and pain-free, and you won't have to worry about it during finals!

### KEEGAN RECK, STAFF WRITER

Start a new project you always wanted to do. Midterm season is the best time to pile on responsibilities. Now you can procrastinate to numb the stress by diverting your attention to other fun things where, let's be honest, you would have never done if you had the free time.

## Mutual aid at UConn then and now

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"Mutual aid" is a fancy term for "helping one another out on equal terms." It's often described in contrast with traditional charity, an unequal model in which wealthy individuals donate portions of their wealth to organizations which use that wealth to assist the poor, usually with some strings attached. Mutual aid is both an everyday practice and a form of organized praxis, and our community at the University of Connecticut is no stranger to either.

Day-to-day mutual aid consists of acts like giving your friend a ride to work when their car breaks down, or helping a roommate with their chores when they're sick. These everyday acts are easily overlooked, but many people rely on day-to-day mutual aid for their very survival. As social beings, mutual aid comes naturally to us and whether we know it or not, we all depend on it.

Mutual aid can also be a more structured effort to pool community resources for everyone's benefit. Disability justice organizer and author Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha describes one such practice in their book "Care Work," wherein disabled people come together to form structured "care collectives" to ensure their very survival and break from dependency on charities and the state.

Another common practice is food distribution; organized efforts toward food distribution have a long and rich history on this continent. From the Black Panther Party's free breakfast programs, to Food Not Bombs, to quarantine grocery collectives, organizers have made conscious efforts to ensure the survival of their own communities when businesses and the state fail to do so. Organized mutual aid is the lifeblood of countless marginalized communities worldwide, and gives many hope that a better world is possible.

Here at UConn, this history likely began towards the end of 1969. On Sept. 25 of that year, several dozen Black stu-

dents would come together to create the Black Student Union, or BSU. From their dedication to anti-capitalism and the self-sufficiency of the Black community, and in the footsteps of the Black Panther Party, the BSU would begin work at creating a "free breakfast program" for the schoolchildren of Willimantic.

In a Feb. 12, 1970 issue of "UConn Free Press," a radical "zine produced by UConn's New Left" — and one that is still running today — the BSU called for donations. Then on Feb. 24, the Hartford Courant reported that the program began out of the First Congregational Church, with students from the BSU volunteering to serve Willimantic school children every morning Monday through Friday.

The program would eventually relocate to El Barrio, or "The People's Place," a community-run and financed Puerto Rican community center in Willimantic. In July of that year, the Hartford Courant reported that the program expanded to include free lunch for students. Unfortunately, it would seem that the program ran out of resources and was forced to cease in the fall of 1970.

That winter, Puerto Rican organizations operating out of El Barrio would begin collecting donations to restart the free breakfast program. In the spring of 1971, the Courant reported that the program was off to a good start. This program again drew volunteers from UConn, including the Black Student Alliance — an organization which would pick up the BSU's torch — and the Puerto Rican Student Alliance, alongside students from Eastern Connecticut State University.

This program would come to a premature end too. In the summer of 1971, El Barrio ran out of funds and was no longer able to pay its rent. Despite the short existence of these programs, they were vital community building efforts and most importantly, ensured that dozens — if not hundreds — of children never went to school with an empty stomach. 50 years later, student organizers at UConn

have revived the tradition — and to be transparent, I've been part of these efforts.

In the spring of 2021, students in UConn UNCHAIN began a food distribution program called "Food Aid." Every other Sunday, organizers carpool for the short journey to Memorial Park in Willimantic, where we set up tables and distribute food and other goods to community members. Despite many logistical challenges, food aid continues to serve the community in Willimantic over a year and a half after it began.

Like the free breakfast programs from the BSU and El Barrio, food aid relies entirely on donations from members of UNCHAIN and the local community, and serves anyone with no strings attached. Unlike those programs, UNCHAIN takes a more sustainable approach by distributing bi-weekly rather than every weekday. Similar programs like Hartford Food Not Bombs also take this approach by distributing just once a week. Food Not Bombs has been a well-loved staple of community parks for decades, serving hot vegan meals to communities across the continent with no strings attached, no questions asked.

Organized mutual aid is a delicate balance of sustainability and impact. At times, these projects can also blur the line between mutual aid and charity, and a continued commitment to mutual aid as its own unique practice is the subject of repeated discussion among organizers.

Despite the challenges, mutual aid programs continue to serve communities all over the world. Every program, no matter its size or its aims, depends on contributions from average people like you and me. As rich as its existing history is at UConn, we have our own histories to make. Organized mutual aid gives us a glimpse of a better world to come. By recognizing day-to-day mutual aid and by contributing to organized mutual aid, we can start to bring a better world into being.



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# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Rain Strolls



UConn students make their way around a rainy campus in Storrs on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

### Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 "The Mandalorian" actor Weathers
- 5 Half of hexa-
- 8 Parrot
- 13 On track to win
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- 16 Jungian archetype
- 17 Cozy spot to read a book, perhaps
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- 20 Feeling under the weather?
- 21 Omniscient
- 23 Fencing move
- 26 "Born a Crime" memoirist Trevor
- 27 Keeps in office
- 30 Fit
- 32 Have a bug
- 33 Spot where soap scum may accumulate
- 37 Some forensic drama spinoffs
- 39 Little bit
- 40 Feeling under the weather?
- 41 "That's hardly a surprise"
- 46 Syncopated work
- 47 Feeling under the weather?
- 48 Practice of slicing open a bottle of champagne
- 50 Sported
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- 56 Bath toy
- 57 Fire sign of spring
- 58 Expenditures that can't be recovered
- 63 Asian gambling mecca
- 64 Feeling under the weather?
- 65 Bridal gown part
- 66 Proto- finish
- 67 U.K. part
- 68 Bridge payment

- 4 Legitimate
- 5 Internet abbreviation before an internet abbreviation?
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- 7 Ames resident
- 8 Wild duck
- 9 Spinning
- 10 Rogers of "Bosch: Legacy"
- 11 Little devils
- 12 Bulk buy
- 14 Double daggers, in printing
- 18 "Goes without sayin"
- 22 Tolkien trilogy, to fans
- 23 "Braxton Family Values" sister
- 24 Caper film event
- 25 Chicago dog component
- 28 "... and your little dog, too!" dog
- 29 Graceful swimmers
- 31 Indigenous New Zealanders
- 34 Old Icelandic text
- 35 Director Reitman and tennis great Lendl

- 36 "Passing" actress Ruth
- 38 Stir-fry vegetables
- 42 Marsupial that plays dead
- 43 "Now \_\_\_ talking!"
- 44 Tablet download
- 45 Censor for security reasons, e.g.
- 49 Sharp comeback
- 51 Nail polish brand in square bottles
- 53 Like-minded group
- 54 Hard-to-cheat-on exam
- 55 Costa \_\_\_
- 56 Rare blood type, briefly
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# Forgetting has its merits

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A picture is worth a thousand words, and if you take as many pictures as I do you have probably accumulated enough words to write a very long book. Every cute dog, personal joke and pretty tree finds its way into the thousands of photos in my camera roll, or else turns into, "I wish I got a picture." I'm quite familiar with the desire to capture something beautiful, especially when using the phone camera has become so easy. For many of us taking out your phone and clicking the camera circle requires such a small amount of conscious thought that it's practically automatic. It's such a problem that my photos and videos have overflowed onto two different cloud services.

We live in a world that encourages this digital documenting habit, and what could be the harm? Photo opportunities seem to multiply right before us. Photo experience "museums," like the Museum of Ice Cream, are cropping up in every big city. More photo and video apps are facilitating people to capture ever smaller units of our lives: from BeReal to Snapchat to 1 Second Everyday. I could reiterate that the habits of our picture-obsessed culture highlight its egocentric tendencies; I could tell you that it's inauthentic, and that taking photos with the intent of posting actually changes your perception. Yes, taking pictures "ruins the moment," but what if there's more to it than that? What if it also ruins our view of the past?

Most of us aren't recording, snapping and documenting with calculated, ingenuine motives. We take more pictures thinking it will help to remember the moment better - the sounds, details and feelings. It's natural to want to be able to look back through one's personal past and to preserve this from the decay of our memory. The combination of this desire, societal pressures and the ease of taking smartphone photos leads to a unique sort of information overload, where every nice thing jumps out with the potential to be documented.

This obsessive attempt to remember everything through digital means is futile. With so many photos, each individual one begins to mean less. When I look through my own camera roll, I am overwhelmed with clumps of photos from vacations, formal events, and a miscellany of images from my daily life. It doesn't feel truly repre-

sentative of the most meaningful, significant memories I have. The same could be said of the ease of documenting things through text messages, social media or phone notes rather than old-fashioned letters or print photographs.

Relying on digitizing everything to store all our memories also leads to a worsened memory overall. By comforting ourselves that every detail is stored on our phones, we never feel prompted to encode these memories ourselves. A memory is more than a photo, and maybe we are cheating ourselves of real memories with the false promises of a picture-taking habit.

Of course, memories will always fade over time, and with them goes the vividness and detail. Our brains will never be able to recall things in finely pixelated clarity; they settle naturally into more of a fuzzy essence. And in the case of bad memories this is helpful. Seeing the past with a set of rose-tinted glasses can help hold a more satisfying view of life. While this isn't to promote the harmful repression of traumatic memories, there's no need to relive all the small embarrassing and painful moments inhabiting our camera rolls. We can let them slip away quietly with time like they are meant to instead of coming back every year in Snapchat memories to haunt us.

By forgetting the little things, practical cognitive processes also become more efficient. We are able to prioritize, learn and create. Forgetting is what makes memory a functional component to our survival, rather than an unremitting catalog of intense imagery and feeling. We can make sense through all the noise in a world with endless digital chaos. Forgetting isn't a glitch in our brain, it's what makes our memories useful. It's frustrating to fail to remember things but a normal level of forgetting is also how we manage to move forward in the world. Lingering reminders of embarrassment and past mistakes can leave a paralyzing feeling that hinders you from being the person you are at the moment.

Though it won't be an easy change, we can unlearn our digital documenting habits. The desire to remember might come from the existential fear of forgetting and being forgotten. Still, by reminding ourselves of the practicality of forgetting, we can set aside the pressure to remember things so thoroughly and let the past settle on its own.

# Men's Hockey: Huskies put to test versus Ohio State



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The University of Connecticut men's hockey team will look to extend their undefeated start to the season in a two-game, out-of-conference matchup with Ohio State University this weekend.

The No. 17 Huskies have built off of the success of last season with a blistering start to this new campaign, resulting in the program receiving its highest national ranking ever. After a two-game sweep to start the new season against Vermont, Connecticut played their first two home games last weekend against Union College at the XL Center. UConn took game one on Friday by a convincing 4-1 score, with goals coming from Hudson Schandor, Nick Capone, Jake Percival and Chase Bradley. The Huskies were also triumphant in Saturday's follow-up contest, though the game proved to be a much more tense affair. Bradley secured the 4-3 victory with a score in overtime, with other goals being provided by Jake Flynn, Capone and Percival.

Bradley was named Hockey East Co-Player of the Week for his performance over the weekend. In each of the Union contests, the sophomore tallied one goal and one assist apiece. His goal in the latter Union game came at a crucial time, securing the victory for the Huskies in overtime. Through four games, Bradley leads Connecticut in points (five), game-winning goals (two) and plus/minus (+6), is tied for the team lead in goals (three) and is tied for third in assists (two). The second-year forward appears to be taking a leap to the next level, as his nine points in 29 games ranked 14th on his squad one season ago. Bradley will hope to keep his hot streak go-

ing against a tough Buckeyes squad.

Another player to keep an eye on for UConn in the upcoming contest will be forward Ryan Tverberg. A junior from Canada, Tverberg was the second-highest scorer from last season's team when he recorded 32 points and 14 goals, both the ninth-best marks in the Hockey East, while his goal total led the Huskies. A selection of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2020 NHL Draft, Tverberg has gotten off to a hot start as his team's facilitator on offense. He is tied for second on the team in points (four) and assists (three), and has managed one goal. Using his speed to race past defenders, Tverberg's unique skill set has allowed Connecticut's offense to create opportunities near the goal and open shots for his teammates.

The No. 14 Buckeyes will be a worthy opponent for the Huskies. Like UConn, Ohio State has opened their season with victories in four consecutive contests, sweeping consecutive two-game sets against Mercyhurst and Big Ten foe Wisconsin. In their most recent win over the Badgers, the Buckeyes found themselves down 3-0 early in the second period. However, two goals in each the second and third periods secured the comeback victory for Ohio State.

The Buckeyes will be led offensively by forward Travis Treloar. A junior from Kalmar, Sweden, Treloar currently leads his team in points (six), and is tied for the team lead in goals (two) and assists (four). His goal on Oct. 2 proved to be the game-winner against Mercyhurst, and he also managed a score in Ohio State's most recent victory over Wisconsin. Treloar, who had a team-best three assists and four points in the Mercyhurst series, was named Big Ten Second Star of the Week

earlier this season, his second career weekly honor. In 2021, he was his team's Rookie of the Year award winner and was the first Buckeye freshman to lead his team in scoring since Ryan Dzingel in 2011 to 2012. He enters this weekend with 40 career points, on 17 goals and 23 assists, in 61 collegiate games. He'll be a focal point for the Buckeyes' offense in their upcoming tilt versus Connecticut.

Also looking to stay hot for the Buckeyes will be freshman Stephen Halliday. After recording four points in a Big Ten sweep of Wisconsin, Halliday was named Big Ten Second Star of the Week. An Ottawa Senators prospect from Glenwood, Maryland, he recorded one goal and three assists, as well as nine shots on goal, over the weekend. In game one, he converted on the power play for his first collegiate goal. In game two, he recorded three assists, including on the tying and go-ahead goals in the third period. He is tied for first on the team in assists (four), and is second in points (five) this year. He has tallied a point in each of the last three games.

How the Huskies perform this weekend will be a testament to how the team can perform against elite competition. Connecticut will be in search of their first ever victory against Ohio State, as the program has gone 0-4-2 in six past contests. In their most recent contest, on Oct. 16, 2021, the Buckeyes blanked UConn 3-0. All three of the Buckeyes that scored goals - Patrick Guzzo, Tate Singleton, and Treloar - will be returning for the weekend set.

Game one will take place on Saturday at 7 p.m. while game two is set for Sunday at 4 p.m. Both games will be played at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vermont, and each can be streamed online with ESPN+.



The UConn men's hockey team defeat the Boston University Terriers 3-1 on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. This playoff win advanced the Huskies to the Hockey East Semifinals game played at TD Garden in Boston, where UConn faced Northeastern.

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# Women's Hockey: No. 14 Huskies look to capture their first Hockey East win of the season.

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The No. 14 UConn women's ice hockey looks to get back in the win column this weekend as they have a two game series against the No. 15 Vermont Catamounts. UConn will go on the road for game one, which is set for Friday at 6 p.m. They then will return home for a 3 p.m. game on Saturday.

The Huskies come off an ugly slate last weekend, being swept by No. 3 Northeastern in a two-game set. UConn's only goal came from senior Camryn Wong early in the first period of the second game on Saturday, as their explosive offense they had exhibited their first four games was shut down. As a unit, the team was outshot 74-43 on the weekend and saw the end of their undefeated season, as they were 4-0 entering the series.

However, the team looks to bounce back from their recent losses and capture their first Hockey East conference wins of the season this weekend. A player to keep an eye on this weekend is sophomore goaltender Megan Warrenner. With a team-leading .936 save percentage, she has certainly been near perfect in the crease. Warrenner was named to the Hockey East All-Rookie team for her freshman season (2021-2022) and is undoubtedly a huge part of the Huskies' defense trying to restrengthen after being battered down against Northeastern. The team is likely going to turn to senior captain Coryn Tormala to help them get back into

their groove offensively, as it is certain they have to be on top of their game against the conference opponent in Vermont.

The Catamounts are currently 3-1 on the season as they also come off of a weekend conference series in which they battled Holy Cross. They split the series 1-1 with the Crusaders and are 1-1 in Hockey East conference play. Graduate forward Theresa Schafzahl leads Vermont in goals, with five on the season. Another big contributor to the team's offense is junior forward Natálie Mlýnková, who has six assists across the team's four-game season so far. Not only is the Catamounts' offense impressive, but their defense is too. The team is a dominant 10-11 (92%) on penalty kills, meaning the Huskies are going to have to bring their A-game when given power play opportunities in order to crack the tough Catamounts' penalty kill defensive line.

Vermont is currently tied for fourth in the conference standings, whereas UConn can be found in the seventh slot. The Huskies are most definitely going to have to perform this weekend, as Vermont will not be easy on them as they look to add to their conference wins. UConn head coach Chris MacKenzie, who is in his ninth season at the helm, is no stranger to tough conference matchups and what it takes to pull the win off. Therefore, it is certain the Huskies are going to leave it all on the ice this weekend, as they need to come ahead in order to not fall further in conference standings so early on in the season.



The UConn Huskies face Stonehill College on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 at Freitas Ice Forum. The Huskies secured another win with a final score of 7-1. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Up in smoke



UConn football players run through smoke onto the field at the beginning of a game. The Huskies battled past Fresno State to capture a 19-14 victory on Oct. 1, 2022 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn. This win marks the Huskies' first FBS victory since defeating UMass in 2019. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



# PEARLMAN CUP:



## THE DAILY CAMPUS SET TO WHIP UCTV INTO SHAPE

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This Saturday, one of the biggest rivalries in all of sports will resume after a three-year hiatus. That's right, the Pearlman Cup is back and will be more exciting and heated than ever. If you're wondering what the Pearlman Cup is, you've probably been living under a rock, but we'll fill you in because we don't see the television folks covering it.

The Pearlman Cup is a yearly fall 7-on-7 flag football game between The Daily Campus, UConn's independent student newspaper and UCTV, UConn's former television station. While UCTV has done well in the past, it's a brand-new era as the DC looks to create a streak of their own.

"A win would mean the world for the Daily Campus," said Zachary "Big Business" Wisniefsky, current DC business manager. "We have heard the stories of the struggle in this last decade, and we have heard the commentary leading up to this championship. We know we have few supporters out in the world of punditry, but we like it that way. The more people doubt us, the more it fuels our fire. On Saturday, the Daily Campus will run out onto the field as a team on a mission. We will be locked in until the final whistle blows. In life, winning is not everything, but right now the Pearlman Cup means everything to the Daily Campus. UCTV should start getting ready, because they do not know what is coming on Saturday."

In fact, spirits are high coming into Saturday's beatdown, with Team DC putting in plenty of work throughout the three long off-seasons. The day of pain and reckoning has come for UCTV, according to the paper's editor-in-chief and head coach.

"We need to come out on the field and win," noted Harrison "Madden" Raskin. "There's no way to sugarcoat things. We've been putting in the work and the investment all season, it's what we've built towards and our team knows we have what it takes. We're definitely pulling for a division upgrade soon. Tier IIIs just haven't been putting out in this conference and in future seasons we deserve to face a fair competition."

That work and investment culminated in what definitely wasn't the team's first practice, held this past weekend at the site of the game. There was teamwork and camaraderie abound, and the whole squad knew it.

"What I loved in practice last weekend was our synergy," ex-

plained Wisniefsky. "UCTV is likely coming into this game thinking they only need to stop two or three players to lift the trophy. Little do they know we are a team that loves to spread the ball around offensively. We are a defense that feeds off each other's energy; when one person makes a tackle, the whole team celebrates. From our coaching staff to our players, we are one cohesive unit. That was clear at practice last weekend and that will be clear at the game tomorrow."

"We came together like I knew we could," Raskin said of the team's practice. "Offense was tight, we were ahead of our own plays and I've never seen us hit that hard. We better take it easy this weekend or we'll be looking at some serious penalties!"

There are a couple important keys to the game — just like the imaginary key that UCTV uses to get into their imaginary building — which will likely turn the tide for the winning team.

"Teamwork and execution are the keys to victory," said Carson "Big Dawg" Swick, copy editor for the DC. "We can have all the talent in the world, but UCTV will beat us if we don't play together and in sync. That means running crisp routes and pulling flags."

The DC has an influx of five-star recruits thanks to some Hurley and Co.-esque maneuvers. Before UCTV gets completely thrown by the team's talent, let's look at the skillsets of just some of the Fighting Campus Correspondents.

"I would describe my playstyle as a QB as wavering between being a game manager and a gunslinger," Wisniefsky noted. "The Daily Campus offense is designed to break defenses down. We can both methodically trot down the field, but also surprise you with a big play. If I had to pick a QB to compare myself to, I would say it is Andrew Luck. There are many facets to my game (I would consider myself a dual-threat) but I am by no means perfect. There will be mistakes, there may be interceptions, but when you need a drive down the field to win the game, I will deliver."

"My play style is very fast paced," said Jon "Sticky Fingers" Synott, current sports editor. "I may not lead the team in targets, but know that I'll always be that threat downfield for a flashy play. On the opposite side of the field, I pray that UCTV doesn't underthrow their receivers, because they'd be asking to get picked off. I don't like to look

towards my subordinates, but if I had to make an NFL comparison, I would say I am a cross between Tyreek Hill, Calvin Johnson and prime Darrelle Revis."

"I feel like I'd be doing myself a disservice by just putting myself in a box and limiting myself to a single position," mentioned Stratton "Silly Steve" Stave, current associate sports editor. "I can really do a variety of things, but at the end of the day, it's whatever it takes to bring home the dub. I can deal out an insane blindside hit, return punts, deliver pancakes, whatever the team needs. I just want to be that guy for the Fighting Campus Correspondents."

"Consider me the team Swiss Army knife," explained Nick "Roundhouse Kick" Spinali. "Wherever coach tells me to play, I'll play. I'm hoping that I can bring an all-around style of play to my team this Saturday. I hope that translates into very few mistakes taking place on the field among my teammates and I."

To bring up some final thoughts before the big game, Stave cited an excellent point — the differences between the two Tier III organizations and how it will affect the final score.

"At the DC, we have a certain level of superiority when you compare us to UCTV," noted Stave. "For starters, we have our own building. UCTV just can't relate, which is kind of e m b a r -

rassing. That doesn't surprise me though, seeing as they also forgot to do what they were created to do. For an organization called UCTV, they seem to be lacking the TV part with nothing but static showing up when I try to go to channel 14. At the Daily Campus, we have a mission that we follow through on. We produce a daily paper. With our ability to actually do our job, I feel confident in our ability to take home the hardware Saturday."

The slaughtering-to-be will take place at 12 p.m. this Saturday on the Founder's Green between the Austin and Family Studies Buildings. The game will be broadcast live by none other than DC staff writer Cole "Coleumn" Stefan on YouTube starting at kickoff, with an Instagram Live pregame show.



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FOOTBALL

# Huskies take on Ball State in search of third straight win

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The UConn football team last won three consecutive games in 2015 when they beat East Carolina University, Tulane University and the then-No. 13 University of Houston. Led by head coach Jim Mora, the Huskies hope to change history as they travel to Muncie, Indiana and take on the Ball State University Cardinals in the hopes of winning their third straight game.

UConn is in this position after a 19-14 home upset of the Fresno State University Bulldogs and a 33-12 domination over the Florida International University Panthers in Miami last weekend. This will be the Huskies' last game before their well-deserved bye week.

Despite their offense clicking on all cylinders, UConn paid a price in rushing for 295 yards and three touchdowns. After collecting a career-high 135 yards, Devontae Houston will be unavailable this week with a sprained ankle. The loss of a team's top three running backs would derail any offense, but the Huskies have depth in Victor Rosa. Rosa, who scored two touchdowns in the first half, is expected to make his first career start while Robert Burns backs him up.

In addition to his speed and his arm, quarterback Zion Turner proved he can be a good receiving option on trick plays. Although Turner does not collect as many yards as the average collegiate quarterback, he finds ways to connect with his wide receivers while missing as few passes as possible.

Despite the contributions in the air, these past two games have been less about Aaron Turner and Kevens Clercius and more about Justin Joly, who gained 96 yards on eight receptions during that span. Joly has emerged and stepped up his playmaking abilities and is bound to have another breakout game this weekend.

Although the defense allowed more yards than UConn generated on offense, they have made significant strides in limiting the opposition from scoring. Over their last two games, the defense has allowed two touchdowns with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Jackson Mitchell, Ian Swenson

and Tre Wortham have been at the forefront of the Huskies' efforts.

Mitchell is the anchor as his 75 total tackles are second in the country behind Old Dominion University's Jason Henderson entering this week's games. He also has four tackles for a loss and a career-high 2.5 sacks, showing that he can be a versatile player wherever he is put. Swenson has contributed in multiple ways as well through his 1.5 tackles for a loss, .5 sacks and lone interception. No one has had the ball in his hands defensively more often than Wortham, who has three picks in his last two games and is hungry for more. Together, with shutdown defensive tackle Eric Watts (five tackles for a loss and three sacks) and Brandon Bouyer-Randle (3.5 tackles for a loss and two interceptions), UConn can contain anyone.

Ball State (3-3, 2-1 MAC) enters this matchup on a two-game winning streak of their own. Their wins have come via close decisions against Mid-American Conference foes, beating Northern Illinois University 44-38 in double overtime at home and surviving a scare from Central Michigan University with a 17-16 win. This will be the fourth meeting between the two schools with the Cardinals leading the all-time series 3-0 and taking the last game 24-21 in the Nutmeg State back in 2002.

John Paddock is the passing game for Ball State. Through six games, Paddock has 1,660 yards for 12 touchdowns and six interceptions. He has four great options to throw the ball to, especially tight ends Tanner Koziol and Brady Hunt. Koziol and Hunt have fewer receiving yards combined than top wide receiver Jayshon Jackson (the tight ends have 443 while Jackson has 496 on 42 receptions), but the two tight ends do their most damage in the end zone as they have eight combined touchdowns. While Jackson has lit up the gridiron for the wide receivers, Yo'Heinz Tyler is a great secondary option with his 344 receiving yards and single touchdown.

Like the passing

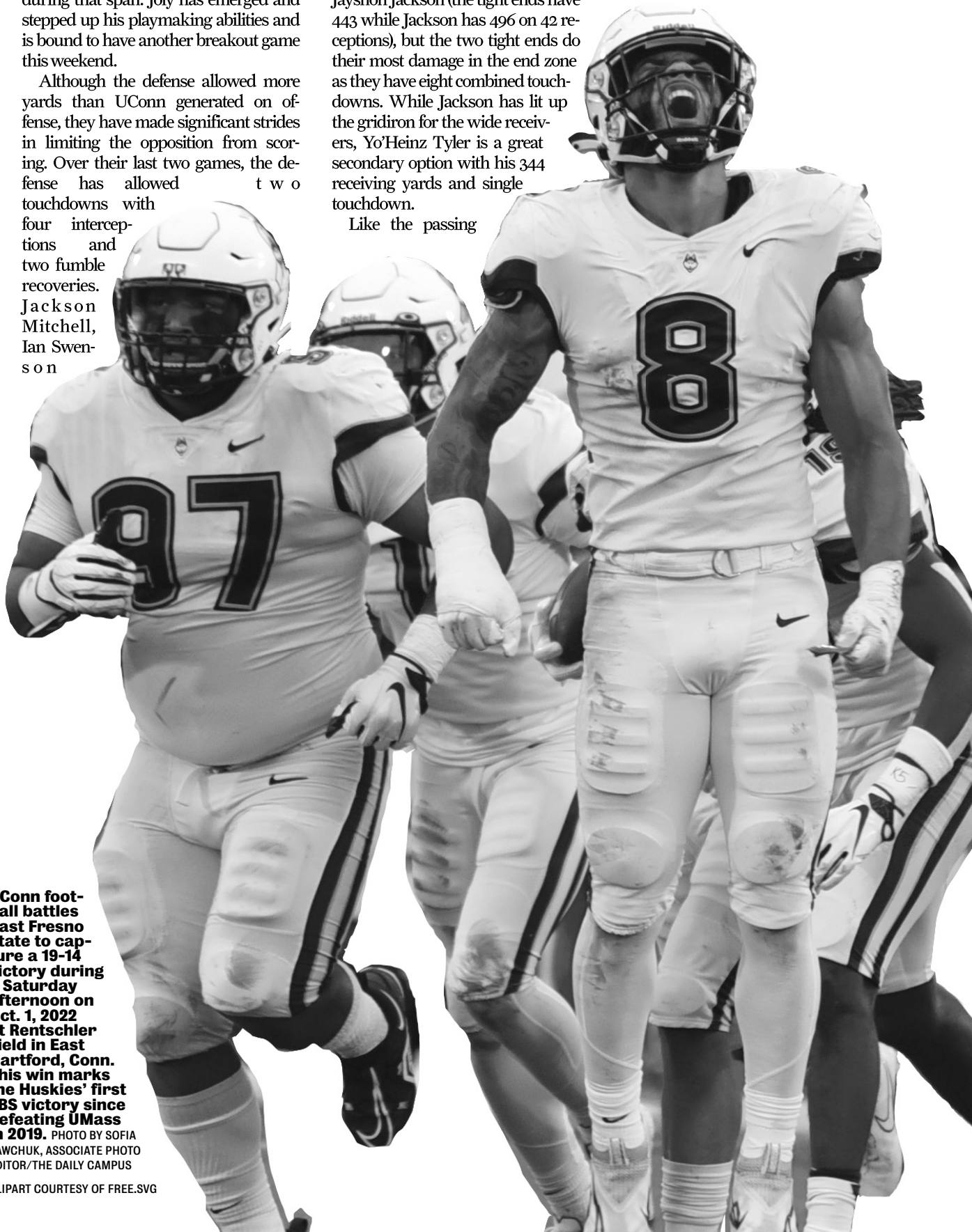
game, the running game relies on one single player. That person is MAC West Division Offensive Player of the Week Carson Steele, a sophomore with 610 yards and five touchdowns through half the season. Steele has rushed for over 100 yards in a game four times and the Husky defense needs to contain him if they want to keep the Cardinals off the board.

The defense does not have any big names that stand out from the crowd, but they have two aggressive tacklers in Clayton Coll and Jordan Riley. The two know how to stop plays as they have over 40 tackles individually and a combined 88 total tackles with three of them for a loss. Ball State also has a guy that brings the pressure up front in Cole Pearce, who has 6.5 tackles for a loss and 1.5 sacks. Despite the lack of nationally renowned stars, the Cardinals can bring the heat on defense through their 30 tackles for a loss, nine sacks and four interceptions as a team.

This will be a game between two evenly matched squadrons despite Ball State being favored by 9.5 points at home as The Athletics' Chris Vanini has the Huskies ranked 109th and the Cardinals 102nd. The key in this contest is going to be converting on fourth down. UConn is 5-10 and Ball State is 5-11 on such chances with both marks exceeding 45%. As proven in weeks past, choosing to go for it and converting the down will alter the result of the game, and whoever is more successful in that situation walks out of Muncie with a win.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 on ESPN3. Also, you can listen to the game on the UConn Sports Network on 97.9 FM.

**UConn football battles past Fresno State to capture a 19-14 victory during a Saturday afternoon on Oct. 1, 2022 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn. This win marks the Huskies' first FBS victory since defeating UMass in 2019.** PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS  
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# Sports

# BASKETBALL

## HUSKIES KICK OFF SEASON WITH FIRST NIGHT FESTIVITIES

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As is tradition for the UConn men's and women's basketball teams, the Huskies will celebrate the start of their season with "First Night." The event is designed to be centered around the players and the students, with only students and season ticket holders having access.

The festivities will begin around 2 p.m. on Friday, when students will first be able to line up outside of Gampel Pavilion to gain entry. At 5 p.m. UConn will be hosting a block party on Jim Calhoun Way, which will likely include food trucks and lawn games. An hour after the food trucks, doors will open. At 6:45 p.m. the show will begin, with a broad set of events. They typically start with player introductions to

help the students get to know the players a bit better ahead of the season.

After, there will be a mix of a student half court challenge to win \$10,000, a three point competition and a dunk contest that includes guest judges and potentially a mixed scrimmage.

Last year, there were supposed to be full-court scrimmages, but this did not happen because of a malfunction with the basketball hoops that prevented them from standing up, putting a considerable damper on the event.

The frontrunners for the three point contest are Azzi Fudd and Jordan Hawkins, both of whom are absolute sharpshooters. Fudd shot 43% from deep last year, which was with an injury that hampered her ability to get into a rhythm. Although that figure puts Fudd into the upper echelon of shooters, there's reason to believe she

could eclipse the 50% mark this year if she's able to minimize her injuries. Hawkins only made a third of his threes last year, but his stroke from deep is pure enough to think that he should be able to hit around 40% this season. Similar to Fudd, consistency will be key for the sophomore breakout candidate.

For the dunk contest, Hawkins is the leading contender to take home the hardware on the men's side, while women's freshman Ayanna Patterson should raise some eyebrows with her ability to punch it home. Andre Jackson would have been right there too had he not injured his pinky. Hawkins was on the better end of some filthy posters last season, so students should get an in-person look at what he's been working on over the summer. Although Patterson is yet to dunk it in game, she's shown an ability to consistently do

so in practice, a testament to her insane athleticism.

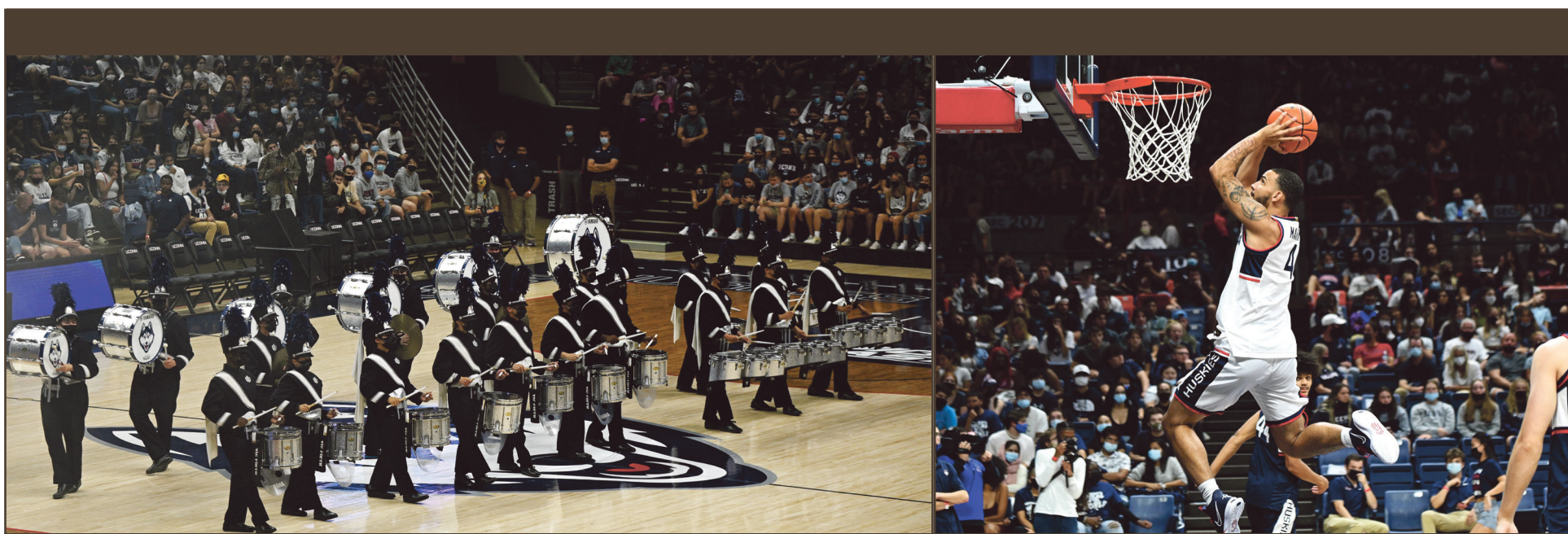
Looking ahead to each of the team's outlooks for the season, the projections are as similar as they've been in several years.

For the men's team, there are several question marks surrounding the Huskies. With so much turnover and four new transfers on the roster, the talent is there, but it's unknown how well the team will gel together. Jackson and Hawkins look poised for breakout years while Adama Sanogo looks to extend the magic he had throughout the first portion of last season all the way through this year. Perhaps the biggest factor will be what Samson Johnson can do. The Togolese forward has all the tools but is yet to make an impact. If he shines, so will the Huskies.

The women's team will be without former Nation-

al Player of the Year Paige Bueckers, which lowers their ceiling considerably. There's still plenty of talent on the team to make another championship run, but having Fudd and Caroline Ducharme step up will be key for any magic to happen. Fairfield transfer Lou Lopez-Senechal should also be able to make a jump with the increased competition level, but the biggest key? Finding a center who can rival South Carolina star Aliyah Boston when the teams play. Junior Aaliyah Edwards and freshman Ice Brady are contenders to do so, but only time will tell.

Regardless of anything else, as long as the hoops are able to stand and there aren't any injuries, it should be a good night for all involved. The players will get to bring excitement to their respective teams, giving students a brief glimpse into what's in store this season.



The UConn basketball teams introduce themselves to the student body through friendly competition for First Night in Gampel Pavilion on Oct. 15, 2021. While there normally is a concert prior to the players entering the court, this year's event did not have one. Furthermore, many students left after one of the baskets could not be set up after player introductions.

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## MEN'S SOCCER: Huskies face Golden Eagles in winnable matchup

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After the squad's second unit mounted a comeback win over UMFK on Wednesday, the UConn men's soccer team is looking to send out their typical starters in a winnable showdown with Marquette on the road Saturday night.

The Huskies (4-6-1 overall, 1-3-1 Big East) have struggled thus far this year, especially in conference play. Aside from a comeback win over Providence at home last week and a tie with top dog Xavier, there hasn't been too much to cel-

brate lately in Storrs. UMFK, a school not operating under the NCAA but rather the US-CAA, notably jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on Wednesday and held Connecticut to zero shots in the first half, an embarrassing start for the historic program. The Huskies were able to bounce back in a come-from-behind win, looking to not make the same early mistakes this weekend.

UConn, projected to finish eighth overall in the Big East this preseason, have played pretty true to that mark, currently sitting in ninth. While 4-4 at home, the team has yet to claim victory on the road with an 0-2-1 record, but look

to change that in Wisconsin.

Connecticut is led by none other than 2021's Big East Freshman of the Year Mateo Leveque, who leads all Huskies with nine points, thanks to his two goals and five assists. The sophomore recently earned a spot on the Big East Honor Roll for his one goal, one assist effort in the team's comeback win over Providence. Leveque is a playmaker and will play a pivotal role in the results of the upcoming matchup.

Marquette (4-7-2 overall, 0-3-2 Big East), like UConn, has had a slow start to the year. Initially projected to finish seventh in the conference, the Golden Eagles sit in sole pos-

session of last place in the Big East, a spot they look to leave immediately. They have struggled particularly lately, not winning a single game since the team's 5-2 rout of Milwaukee back on Sept. 20. Their biggest successes over the past month include that contest, as well as ties with then-No. 19 Xavier and Providence on the road.

The Golden Eagles are coming off of a 3-2 loss to Seton Hall, a team that recently beat the Huskies 0-1 at Morrone Stadium. In Marquette's loss, the team took an astounding 19 shots while allowing eight, but couldn't make the most of their opportunities. Breaking through with goals were Edrey Caceres and Beto Soto, taking home their fourth and third scores of the year, respectively. They look to each find the back of the net yet again on Saturday.

Compared to UConn, Marquette has demonstrated great scoring talent this year. Many of the Huskies' top scorers have two goals, with five play-

ers hitting that mark. The only player with more is graduate student Frantz Pierrot, tallying three on the season. The Golden Eagles have six players with at least three scores thus far. The trio of Caceres, Abdoul Karim Pare and Lukas Sunesson have a collective 14 goals on the year with 37 points to show for it. Each of these three takes multiple shots per game and hopes to apply lots of pressure on the Connecticut back line.

In terms of all-time record, the Huskies currently lead the Golden Eagles by a considerable margin, going 5-1-1 in their short history. Facing each other for the first time last year since 2012, it was Connecticut that came out on top, scoring early before a penalty kick was granted to each team late in the 2-1 win.

Kickoff is set for 7:05 p.m. on Saturday night at Valley Fields in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The game will be broadcast live on FloSports with stats provided by StatBroadcast.

### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

**UConn SCOREBOARD**

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**Upcoming Games**

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### TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Holy fuck UConn Football is so back it's not even funny

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