



## UConn participated in a “FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise” preparing for “civil unrest” situations

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The University of Connecticut participated in a “FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise” preparing for ‘civil unrest’ situations on Jul. 7, 2022.

The departments involved in the training included University Safety, Facility Operations, University Communications, Student Affairs, the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Representatives from other universities, health care systems, municipalities, federal agencies and a Tribal nation also took part in the training.

A ‘civil disturbance’ means “activity such as a demonstration, riot, or strike that disrupts a community and requires intervention to maintain public safety,” according to the official FEMA glossary.

UConn Spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz provided a full-description of the event.

“This Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) is designed around events in the state that lead to civil unrest and protests. The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures,” Reitz wrote.

The format of the training also “included three discussion modules, local discussion with

guided questions facilitated by an on-site facilitator and brief-outs from each participating location, after each module,” according to Reitz.

When asked if this training was a response to ‘civil unrest’ situations, as was seen in the 2020 Black Lives Matter movement, Reitz made clear that this FEMA training was not meant to combat any one group.

“...to be clear, the event did not focus on that group or any other specific organizations or ideologies; nor were there any scenarios presented that discussed BLM gatherings locally or elsewhere,” Reitz said.

UConn’s response to a ‘civil unrest’ situation is to follow an “All-Hazards approach” while upholding the rights of all individuals, according to Reitz.

“UConn follows the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS). This includes taking an All-Hazards approach that provides the University community with an emergency management framework that guides UConn’s ability to handle an event or incident,” Reitz said. “UConn’s emergency operations plan contains a checklist in the event of civil unrest that is designed to provide overall coordination considerations for such an incident. It’s UConn’s policy to uphold the rights of all individuals, which includes the right to free speech and the right to peacefully assemble on public property.”



Students protest outside the Rowe Building on Feb. 7, 2022, to speak out against sexual violence on campus. The organizers called out the university administration for what they said was a lack of action against alleged perpetrators of sexual violence.

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Throughout the training, “the participants and organizers emphasized the need to protect the rights to assembly and free speech, and to ensure that safety and response planning includes those considerations,” Reitz wrote.

An ‘All-Hazards approach’ involves taking in all potential threats and developing a plan in response. According to FEMA, “there are many different threats or hazards. The probability that a specific hazard will impact your business is hard to determine. That’s why it’s important

to consider many different threats and hazards and the likelihood they will occur.”

Reitz also noted that UConn has participated in many FEMA training exercises over the years, including active shooter training.

“Some of the other recent FEMA trainings in which UConn has participated over the past few years have included: scenarios envisioning severe weather (to include hurricanes and ice storms), responses in case of a nuclear incident, infectious disease response, avian influenza,

vehicle ramming incident, and family reunification during and after a crisis,” Reitz wrote. “Others are being organized, including a flood mitigation and safety exercise later this academic year in addition to the on-going response and recovery from the coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic.”

Lessons learned from this “FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise” and others may also be incorporated into any upcoming revisions of the UConn Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

## DOS DAUGHERTY DISCUSSES STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

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The University of Connecticut’s Dean of Students Elly JB Daugherty meets monthly with a group of students, the Dean of Students Advisory Group, to gain a better understanding of students’ concerns and needs.

“It’s very much meant to be an open door [policy] that talks about things that matter to students and help me do my job better as dean of students,” DoS Daugherty said of the group.

As the dean of students, Daugherty believes it is important to frequently meet with students in person, which she is able to do whenever she holds DoS advisory group meetings.

“It’s really essential that if you’re going to do this job well, you need to get out of the office and get into the community, and live with those you serve,” Daugherty said.

Daugherty formed the group nine years ago when she first started working at the DoS office. Since then, the group’s discussions have inspired initiatives such as the Bias Action Group.

“Individuals on a previous advisory council had said, you should report the bias numbers [and] you should be more forthcoming about bias on our campus,” Daugherty said. “So I did [form a bias action group] and we now have a tab on the dean of students page that shows all that data.”

In the past, students in the DoS advisory group sug-

gested that Daugherty take a more familiar speaking tone in her emails to the student body, a practice she has been following ever since.

“I’m trained as an academic like many of you right now,” Daugherty said. “A few years ago, the advisory group said, if you could just be the person we see every day when you message us, that would make a big difference.”

Daugherty said she enjoys writing her emails similarly to how she speaks to students.

“There’s very incomplete sentences in those emails, but I love writing them,” she added.

Popular topics of discussion in past years include the financial aid process, diversity and inclusion initiatives, task forces led by the DoS, mental health, construction and staff organizations, according to Daugherty.

Daugherty said membership changes each year and that students are welcome to attend any meeting at any point.

“It’s, very intentionally, not a group that you need to audition for to get in,” Daugherty said. “This is really just an open door, it’s a time for students to come. There’s a loose commitment that we’ll come to every meeting if we can.”

The next meeting takes place Monday, Oct. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Wilbur Cross Building. There is also a virtual option for students at regional campuses. Additional details on the meeting and how to RSVP can be found on the DoS website.



The open-door DoS advisory group works with Eleanor JB Daugherty to discuss student concerns and how to address them.

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# Parkland shooter prosecutors call for probe of juror threat

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Prosecutors of Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz called for an investigation Friday after a juror said another panelist threatened her during the deliberations that ended with a life sentence for Cruz's murder of 17 people four years ago at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Prosecutor Carolyn McCann told Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer during a brief hearing that prosecutors are not trying to invalidate Thursday's jury vote and reported the threat only for safety reasons and so the Broward County Sheriff's Office can investigate.

In their written motion asking for the hearing, prosecutors said the juror told them another juror did something during deliberations that "she perceived to be a threat."

McCann said they did not ask any further questions because they didn't want to taint any

investigation and said the Broward state attorney's office has no intention of getting involved further.

"We don't want to touch this with a 10-foot pole," she said.

Scherer agreed that if a possible crime was committed, deputies should investigate. The information has been turned over to sheriff's investigators, who will contact the juror.

Florida criminal defense attorneys Richard Escobar and David Weinstein, who are both former prosecutors, said in interviews that even if a threat was made to a juror, the jury's decision cannot be overturned because of double jeopardy, or trying the same defendant twice for the same crime.

Weinstein pointed to a 1990s case involving two drug kingpins who bribed a jury and were acquitted. Even under that circumstance, prosecutors couldn't retry the duo for drug trafficking, but did convict

them on charges stemming from the bribery.

Scherer said two jurors tried to speak to her after Thursday's decision was announced, she said, but she told them that wouldn't be appropriate.

Scherer said a bailiff told her later that one juror wanted to speak to her during Thursday's reading of the decision. That juror sat slumped over during the 50-minute reading but did nothing obvious to indicate he wanted Scherer's attention. When the jurors were polled, he agreed the life sentence was the panel's decision.

Jurors have told local TV stations that the final vote was 9-3 for death, with one of the three voters for life adamant she would never change her mind. Under Florida law, a death sentence requires a unanimous vote, and jurors decided there was no point in continuing deliberations.

That means Scherer will sentence Cruz to life without parole at a Nov. 1 hearing — a punishment whose announcement left many families of the victims angered, baffled and in tears. They will be allowed to address Cruz at the hearing.

Jury foreman Benjamin Thomas told local reporters "It really came down to a specific (juror) that he (Cruz) was mentally ill."

Cruz, 24, pleaded guilty a year ago to murdering 14 Stoneman Douglas students and three staff members, and wounding 17 others on Feb. 14, 2018.

Cruz's jury unanimously agreed there were aggravating factors to warrant a possible death sentence, such as agreeing that the murders were "especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel."

But one or more jurors also found mitigating factors, such as untreated childhood problems stemming from his birth

mother's excessive drinking during pregnancy. In the end, the jury could not unanimously agree that the aggravating factors outweighed the mitigators.

The jurors pledged during the selection process that they could vote for a death sentence, but some parents, including some who attended the trial almost daily, wondered whether they were all being honest.

Juror Denise Cunha sent a short handwritten note to the judge Thursday defending her vote for a life sentence and denying she intended to vote that way before the trial began.

"The deliberations were very tense and some jurors became extremely unhappy once I mentioned that I would vote for life," Cunha wrote. She did not explain her vote. McCann said she is not the juror who reported the possible threat.

Thomas did not say whether that adamant life vote was Cunha's.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooter Nikolas Cruz reacts to the verdict in his trial at the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022. Cruz will be sentenced to life without parole for the 2018 massacre of 17 people at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. That sentence comes after the jury announced Thursday that it could not unanimously agree that Cruz should be executed.

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# Native Americans recall torture, hatred at boarding schools

MISSION, S.D. (AP) — After her mother died when Rosalie Whirlwind Soldier was just four years old, she was put into a Native American boarding school in South Dakota and told her native Lakota language was “devil’s speak.”

She recalls being locked in a basement at St. Francis Indian Mission School for weeks as punishment for breaking the school’s strict rules. Her long braids were shorn in a deliberate effort to stamp out her cultural identity. And when she broke her leg in an accident, Whirlwind Soldier said she received shoddy care leaving her with pain and a limp that still hobbles her decades later.

“I thought there was no God, just torture and hatred,” Whirlwind Soldier testified during a Saturday event on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation led by U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, as the agency confronts the bitter legacy of a boarding school system that operated in the U.S. for more than a century.

Now 78 and still living on the reservation, Whirlwind Soldier said she was airing her horrific experiences in hopes of finally getting past them.

“The only thing they didn’t do was put us in (an oven) and gas us,” she said, comparing the treatment of Native Americans in the U.S. in the 19th and 20th centuries to the Jewish Holocaust during World War II.

“But I let it go,” she later added. “I’m going to make it.”

Saturday’s event was the third in Haaland’s yearlong “Road to Healing” initiative for victims of abuse at government-backed boarding schools, after previous stops in Oklahoma and Michigan.

Starting with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the U.S. enacted laws and policies to establish and support the schools. The stated goal was to “civilize” Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, but that was often carried out through abusive practices. Religious and private institutions that ran many of the schools received federal funding and were willing partners.

Most closed their doors long ago and none still exist to strip students of their identities. However, some, including St. Francis, still function as schools — albeit with drastically different missions that celebrate the cultural backgrounds of their Native students.

Former St. Francis student Ruby Left Hand Bull Sanchez traveled hundreds of miles from Denver to attend Saturday’s meeting. She cried as she recalled almost being killed as a child when a nun stuffed lye soap down her throat in response to Sanchez praying in her native language.

“I want the world to know,” she said.

Accompanying Haaland was Wizipan Garriott, a Rosebud Sioux member and principal deputy assistant secretary for Indian affairs. Garriott described how

boarding schools were part of a long history of injustices against his people that began with the widespread extermination of their main food source — bison, also known as buffalo.

“First they took our buffalo. Then our land was taken, then our children, and then our traditional form of religion, spiritual practices,” he said. “It’s important to remember that we Lakota and other Indigenous people are still here. We can go through anything.”

The first volume of an investigative report released by the Interior Department in May identified more than boarding 400 schools that the federal government supported beginning in the late 19th century and continuing well into the 1960s. It also found at least 500 children died at some of the schools, though that number is expected to increase dramatically as research continues.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition says it’s tallied about 100 more schools not on the government list that were run by groups such as churches.

“They all had the same missions, the same goals: ‘Kill the Indian, save the man,’” said Lacey Kinnart, who works for the Minnesota-based coalition. For Native American children, Kinnart said the intention was “to assimilate them and steal everything Indian out of them except their blood, make them despise who they are, their culture, and forget their language.”

South Dakota had 31 of the schools including two on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation — St. Francis and the Rosebud Agency Boarding and Day School.

The Rosebud Agency school, in Mission, operated through at least 1951 on a site now home to Sinte Gleska University, where Saturday’s meeting happened.

All that remains of the boarding school is a gutted-out building that used to house the dining hall, according to tribal members. When the building caught fire about five years ago, former student Patti Romero, 73, said she and others were on hand to cheer its destruction.

“No more worms in the chili,” said Romero, who attended the school from ages 6 to 15 and said the food was sometimes infested.

A second report is pending in the investigation into the schools launched by Haaland, herself a Laguna Pueblo from New Mexico and the first Native American cabinet secretary. It will cover burial sites, the schools’ impact on Indigenous communities and also try to account for federal funds spent on the troubled program.

Congress is considering a bill to create a boarding school “truth and healing commission,” similar to one established in Canada in 2008. It would have a broader scope than the Interior Department’s investigation into federally run boarding schools and subpoena power, if passed.

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- 9 Snares
- 14 Birthstone after sapphire
- 15 Without rocks, in a bar
- 16 During
- 17 Texas Hold ‘em, e.g.
- 19 “\_\_ Meenie”: Kingston/Bieber song
- 20 Annual honorees in chemistry, physics, economics, etc.
- 22 “One Night in Miami” actor Goree
- 23 Notice
- 24 Corn discard
- 27 Doctrine suffix
- 29 Red root vegetables
- 33 Military division
- 38 Lavish party
- 39 Bowler’s target
- 40 Online auction giant
- 41 WordPress, for one
- 46 “That’s unfortunate”
- 47 \_\_ for the course
- 48 Animal in some fables
- 49 Fibs
- 52 Dot on a domino
- 54 Tex-Mex fare found with increasing spiciness in this puzzle’s circled letters?
- 61 Tim who was the first sophomore to win a Heisman
- 62 Vanish
- 64 NBA venue
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- 66 Music genre of the boy band BTS
- 67 Late
- 68 Adjusts, as a clock
- 69 Conifers with pliable wood

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- 1 Jump on one foot
- 2 “\_\_ further reflection
- 3 Powerful shark
- 4 West Point cadet
- 5 School subject with lots of reading
- 6 Lunch or brunch
- 7 Two of the “California Dreamin’” quartet
- 8 Totally believed
- 9 Woofer’s counterpart
- 10 “Better Call Saul” Emmy nominee Seehorn
- 11 “You \_\_ seen nothin’ yet”
- 12 Ballet bend
- 13 Recognizes
- 18 Archaeological artifact
- 21 Post-shower wrap
- 24 Bygone NYC punk club
- 25 Exams for Ph.D. candidates
- 26 “The Jungle Book” bear
- 28 Deck-swabbing tools
- 30 Nights before special days
- 31 Fibula neighbor
- 32 Improvises vocally
- 34 Badgers constantly
- 35 In shape
- 36 Small cut
- 37 Peepers
- 42 In the middle
- 43 “Garfield” dog
- 44 Diapers, in Britain
- 45 Holds tight
- 50 Barely beats (out)
- 51 Fern seed
- 53 Hard to get rid of
- 54 Bit of sports trivia, for short
- 55 Hard drive capacity prefix
- 56 Ridesharing rival of Lyft
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# This Week In History

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Greetings fellow historians, and welcome back to This Week in History! This week is full of amazing events, all of which have had a lasting impact on the world we live in today — let's jump in!



## Oct. 17, 1814

This week begins in the grimy suburbs of 19th century London, when on Oct. 17, 1814 approximately 300,000 gallons of beer would surge through city streets.

As a result of poor brewing equipment, a pressurized barrel of beer burst, impacting other barrels around it and causing waves several meters high to tear through the brick walled brewery and into the surrounding area.

Interestingly, beer barrel bursts were a typical occurrence back then, since the wooden constructions often had structural faults and fell over. In most cases, such an event was not a concern, as the impact was minimal, usually contained within the brewery itself.

Yet, in this case the waves and debris made their way through the city, causing eight people to lose their lives. The deaths were ruled an “act of God” and the cause of death “misfortune,” showing how unsure the nation was

to react. The brewery itself was not deemed to be at fault and only minimal payments went out to fix some of the damages.

As a consequence, the population became extremely intoxicated after locals began drinking the remaining beer from the streets, and wooden brewing equipment would be phased out in exchange for lined concrete.



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## Oct. 18, 1867

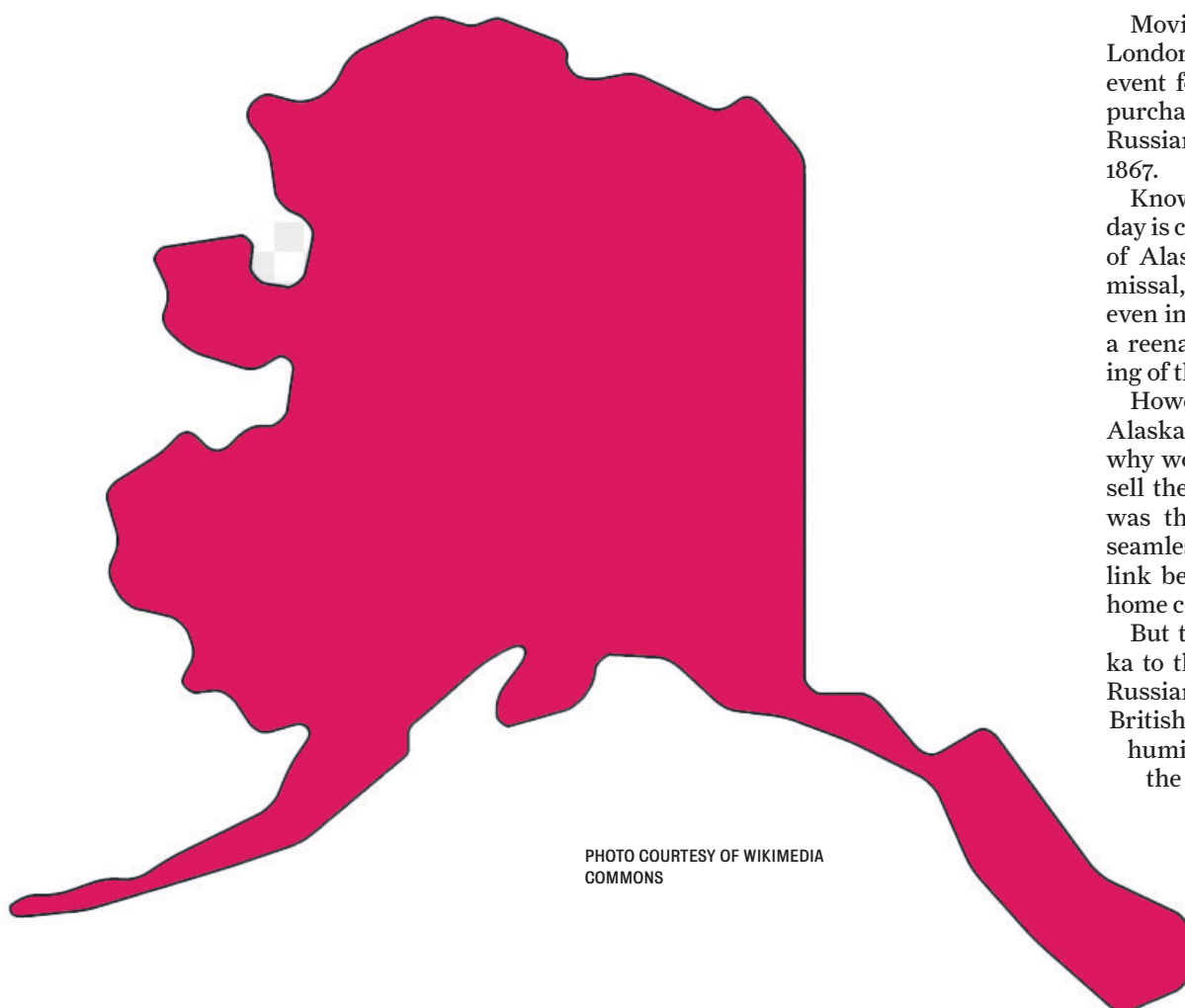


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Moving on from the hectic London Beer Flood, the next event for this week is the U.S. purchase of Alaska from the Russian Empire, on Oct. 18, 1867.

Known as Alaska Day, the day is celebrated across the state of Alaska by early school dismissal, business closures and even in some cases parades and a reenactment of the first raising of the U.S. flag.

However, when looking at Alaska in a geopolitical context, why wouldn't the Russians just sell the land to Canada? If that was the case, there would be seamless borders and a direct link between Alaska and their home country.

But the decision to sell Alaska to the U.S. revolved around Russian competition with the British Empire, who had just humiliated the Russians in the Crimean War. Fearing the expansion of British power in the Pacific, the Russians hoped that America would even the playing field.

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Leaving Alaska and heading to the beautiful countryside of northern France, on Oct. 19, 1453, the Battle of Castillon and subsequent treaties would see the end of English dominions in France.

It's easy to forget just how much animosity was shared between the English and French throughout history, with the Hundred Years' War pitting the two against each other for the better part of 116 years.

Throughout the conflict, the English had conquered several regions of mainland France, with much of the south and north of the nation coming under English rule for a substantial amount of time.

However, by the end of the conflict the French gained the upper hand. In the Battle of Castillon, the English suffered a military defeat that forced their withdrawal from most of their holdings in France – with some minor exceptions such as the Channel Islands.

In the following years, the English would face political instability, and the balance of power tipped in the favor of France.



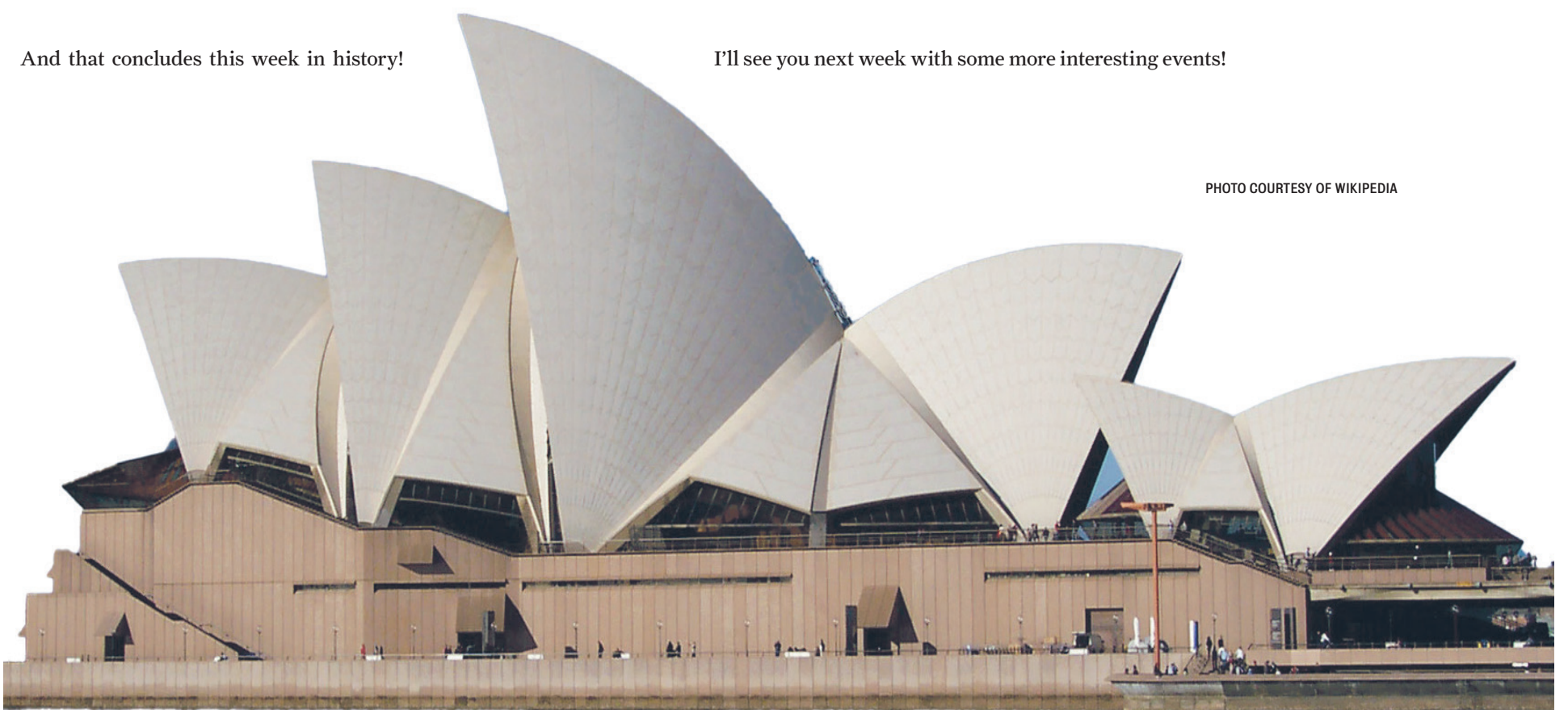
The final event for this week will feature the recently passed Queen Elizabeth II, who on Oct. 20, 1973, instituted the opening of the Sydney Opera House in Australia. According to UNESCO, the Sydney Opera House is listed as a World Heritage site, ranking it amongst other human constructs such as the Pyramids of Egypt and the Great Wall of China.

Such high praise for the building comes from its innovative design and architecture, along with its use as a force to bring countries together to celebrate arts and culture. Becoming an international icon in the years following completion, the Sydney Opera House is still in use today, serving as an inspiration for the result of human collaboration and creativity.

And that concludes this week in history!

I'll see you next week with some more interesting events!

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# Life

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## Hulu's 'Rosaline' tells the untold story of Romeo's jilted ex

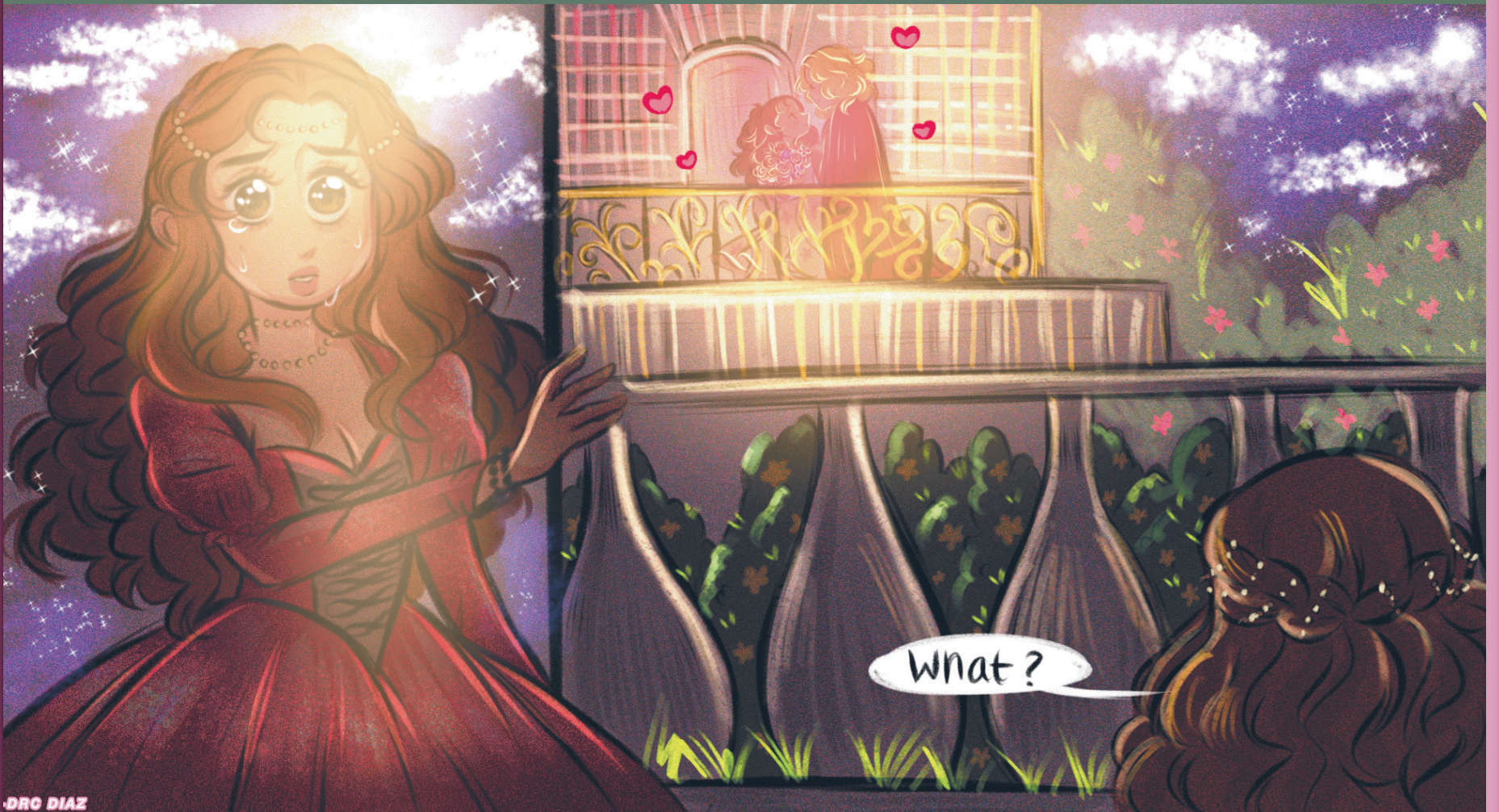


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Oh Rosaline, Rosaline, wherefore art thou Rosaline? Hulu's new rom-com 'Rosaline,' released on Friday, Oct. 14, aims to answer that very question; after all, Shakespeare certainly didn't bother to tell us.

For those of you who have read or watched a production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," you may or may not recall Rosaline, the lady Romeo was once smitten with. All thoughts of her vanish, however, when Romeo sets sight on Juliet.

'Rosaline,' directed by Karen Maine, retells the tragic tale we all know and love from Rosaline's perspective, loosely based on "When You Were Mine" by Rebecca Serle. Serle's novel takes place in the modern day, while the Hulu movie sets the scene in Verona, with cast members clad in periodic hairdos, outfits and weapons. 'Rosaline' presents itself as a comedy, with characters all using modern verbiage out of place for the setting.

After spending a romantic night on her balcony, serenaded by Romeo's sonnets, Rosaline extends him an invitation to a Capulet ball the next evening. Of course, Romeo is a Montague

and thus barred from showing up to Capulet events. But Rosaline assures her boyfriend that the masquerade theme will keep their secret relationship from being uncovered.

Rosaline's plans go downhill, however, when her father forces her to spend the evening with a suitor, causing her to miss the ball. Romeo, now infatuated with Juliet, completely ghosts Rosaline. Heartbroken, Rosaline befriends Juliet, kick-starting her scheme to steal back her true love.

Played by Kaitlyn Dever, Rosaline is witty and unafraid of morally questionable acts. Dever, known for "Booksmart" and "Last Man Standing" is set to hit the big screen this week with her role in "Ticket to Paradise," alongside Julia Roberts and George Clooney. Rosaline's cousin Juliet, played by "Instant Family" actress Isabella Merced, is just as charming — although her plan to feign death isn't the smartest of moves.

The star of the film, however, is Rosaline's unwanted suitor Dario, played by Sean Tale. Dario assists Rosaline across her adventures and is a refreshing contrast from the other suitors sent her way. Interestingly enough, Dario's character was invented just for the movie; he makes no appearance in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

"Rosaline" as a whole fits the definition of a rom-com well: the film is funny, but simultaneously leaves something to be desired. Most characters, like leading man Romeo, were depicted as flat-out dumb or in Steve the courier's case, entirely incompetent. While this was likely done to amp up the comedic aspect, the film could have been much stronger had the characters been fully fleshed out. Rosaline's nurse, for example, had unfulfilled potential due to her lack of screen time. Some of the fight scenes were also left unexplained with Rosaline showing up at inopportune moments.

There were also quite a few jarring continuity errors that made an appearance, bringing "Rosaline" down in the production department. Even the post-credits scene, while appreciated, was a bit lackluster. The tie-in of Shakespeare's narration, delivered by Rosaline in the third act, was a clever addition to the story though.

Hulu's "Rosaline" may be worth the watch for rom-com lovers and English majors, but its invented narrative, while interesting in concept, isn't particularly special.

**Rating: 3.5/5**

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## Take your time, Huskies

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With graduation peeking around the corner for the Class of '23, I've been reflecting recently on what it means to complete one's college career and venture off into the "real world." As a fellow senior, part of me longs for the prospect of closure. The completion of a degree or plural degrees, friends selecting their own unique branches of the world to pursue and the anticipation of not spending Friday nights writing last-minute discussion board posts all evoke a bittersweet gratitude. For lack of a better word, we've all more-or-less 'made it,' whatever that means.

Yet, something hasn't sat quite right with me. The pressure and expectation to graduate college in four years was always a force I failed to recognize up until now, as the possibility of spending additional time as an undergraduate has fallen upon me.

College is not a four-year endeavor. Much of this stems from a much broader belief I hold close to me, that no student should be asked to declare their major until well into their college careers. Although I accept that 18-year-old me was fairly confident about the

fields I did not want to explore – sorry to the mathematics department, nothing could have won me over – however, I do think a fair bit of naivety was at play as well. I recall being equally confident that I was to attend medical school as I was confident that math wasn't for me. Yet, like most overzealous first-years, I, too, was misguided.

This is not to say I made the "wrong" decision selecting Physiology and Neurobiology as my preferred major; I was fascinated by the brain, read a little too much Oliver Sacks and felt so damn sophisticated when I told family members that I was studying neuroscience. Rather, the journey coming to the academic conclusion of a major was a multi-year process, one which took me through various backroads of Allied Health and Economics detours before finding my philosophical main road.

All this goes without saying that I still have no clue what I want to do with the near and far versions of myself, hence the hesitancy to graduate this coming spring. And still, I can with most confidence say that undergraduate students should not be asked to decipher their own interest puzzles in the space of four years.

The practice that all students will conform to a traditional,

four-year education system largely rests on ableist beliefs of the "average" or "normal" student and leaves little leg room for any shift in a student's finances, mental health or other significant situations. "Leaves of Absence" do not come without a stigma aided by this four year expectation, one which perpetuates the taboo that taking time off is reflective of one's failures to complete college in time, resulting in students questioning whether they should be prioritizing their mental health.

Further, we mustn't accept the notion that additional semesters are a privilege. College and all forms of education exist as a fundamental human right, and a four-year education is merely a minimum standard, not a maximum. Universities grow less accessible each year, and the lack of government aid in supporting student's undergraduate pursuits is the primary issue that must be addressed within this conversation.

On the bright side, there are some initiatives that I believe could help wane this pressure. All incoming matriculants should spend at least their first year in the ACES undecided program or the equivalent at other universities. Allowing for all students to explore multiple fields simultane-



ously and early into their experience promotes a more meditative approach to deciding one's major. Additionally, programs such as engineering, computer science and other tracks which allocate little-to-no space for students to consider other academic interests must be restructured, as we've all been the victim of or in close proximity to someone going through their cliché junior year crisis – the realization that they committed to a program too quickly and are too invested to switch into a new field of study without going over the eight semester barrier.

Lastly, I think it's valuable to acknowledge that the pressure of attending college at all is harmful enough. The invalidation

of trade schools and other non-academic certificate programs – and not to mention professional experience in lieu of a college education – as less-than is nothing but blatant elitism and classism against individuals unable to attend college for a myriad of possibilities. Keeping this in mind, any additional stress added to the platter of burdens served to college students on a – let's be honest – hourly basis is damaging to every aspect of student wellbeing. A four year college education is not a universal truth, nor should it be presented as the extremity of one's undergraduate timeline; Things take time, people change and my goodness is college anything but painless.

## Brazil: The new turn of South America

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Earlier this month, Brazil began its series of elections. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, better known as simply Lula, came out ahead of Brazil's current president Jair Bolsonaro. Lula is the leader of the Brazilian Workers' Party, a center-left to left-wing party. Bolsonaro has had many issues in his presidency, namely corruption and late last year his approval rating was less than 25%. This is not surprising considering the leader's disastrous COVID-19 response that mirrored former President Trump's and resulted in rampant infections and nearly 700,000 deaths. But the election was too close per Brazilian law, and now a runoff election will be held on Oct. 30. This election plays into larger historical regional factors. These factors put Latin America at a crossroads and will shape the road it takes from this moment forward.

From the moment of independence from Spain – and in the case of Brazil, Portugal – Latin America was thrust into a very conservative, landed elite. These figures, known as caudillos, were mainly wealthy landowners who were not looking to give up their privileged positions now that independence had been achieved. Instead, worker and peasant rights were often violated and popular opposition grew. Possibly the first major instance of this was the Mexican Revolution. This uprising was largely



Brazil's former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, leaves for the cemetery to attend the funeral of his 7-year-old grandson, in Sao Bernardo do Campo, Brazil March 2, 2019. Lula won the first round of voting for Brazil's presidency against incumbent Jair Bolsonaro earlier this month. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

triggered by peasant discontent at landlord practices ennobled by the conservative military dictatorship. The U.S. supported the crushing of the rebels and one should remember the long existing Monroe Doctrine which had for years been used to justify intervention in numerous Latin American states.

The pattern of U.S. intervention and exploitation of the region would continue. The United States perpetuated severe mistreatment of Latin America. Many know of the infamous United Fruit Company which helped engineer the 1954 coup in Guatemala to secure their massive land holdings. But the

mistreatment continued as the U.S. oversaw numerous regime change operations in the region including in Chile, Brazil, Argentina and several others. They also supported existing oppressive regimes from popular ousting including in Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and many more. Often, the status quo was maintained in Latin America and the United States profited immensely from the exploitation of the region's people and resources. In the three years from 2018-2020, U.S. firms invested \$18 billion in operations linked to Amazon deforestation. Therefore the crises in the region

are often very linked to U.S. imperialist exploitation which has kept wages low, labor conditions undesirable and the state of life often marred by right-wing dictatorial repression.

But resistance to this has never ended. There have been outright revolutions such as in Cuba and Nicaragua and electoral victories such as in Venezuela in 1999 with the Bolivarian revolution. This has grown in recent years with the so-called Pink Tide. The Pink Tide has been a major center-left to left-wing movement since the turn of the century that has seen many Latin American nations engaging in anti-neoliberal movements that emphasize

American grip. As mentioned above, it should be clear why this is needed. Recently the movement has gained much momentum, and if Lula is able to claim victory, the Pink Tide will actually have won in essentially every South American nation. The prospect of this is exciting as this presents the region with the opportunity to form a bloc of resistance to U.S. attempts at sabotage and sanctioning. I think this movement further dispels the colonial image of Latin America as an incompetent people in need of guidance from outside rationality. We need to remember how things got this way. I can think of no better quote to end with than this one from Marxist scholar Michael Parenti:

"But that expropriation of the Third World that's been going on for 400 years brings us to another revelation – namely that the Third World is not poor. You don't go to poor countries to make money. There are very few poor countries in this world. Most countries are rich. The Philippines are rich. Brazil is rich. Mexico is rich. Chile is rich. India is rich. Congo is rich. Only the people are poor. But there's billions to be made there and to be carved out and to be taken. There's been billions for 400 years. The capitalist European and North American powers have carved out and taken the timber, the flax, the hemp, the cocoa, the rum, the tin, the copper, the iron, the rubber, the bauxite, the slaves and the cheap labor. They have been taken out of these countries. These countries are not underdeveloped, they're overexploited."

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Photo of the Day | Say cheese!



The Bhangra competitive dance team's e-board poses for a photo. The club is getting ready for a year of competing. PHOTO BY ANDREW KOTAIT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Who you want to be: How to figure out life as a twenty-something

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I always knew that college was going to be more difficult than high school, for obvious reasons. But there was a stress factor I didn't consider when I was imagining my life in college, which often mirrored what I had seen in the movies, and did not turn out to be very true. Now, after recently turning 20, the pressures that I hadn't expected seem heightened — that is, the pressure of having life figured out in one's 20s.

What are the pressures I speak of? Our 20s are when everything seems to happen, both in our personal and social lives. With all these stressors, it's hard to feel as though one should know everything in their 20s, such as what to look for in their career or in a partner. And yet in our time, these things have

become harder than ever. In our professional lives, we face uncertainty. Having a college degree is no longer a way to stand out; instead, it is often a requirement for many jobs. This change has made the college-to-career path more difficult with the job market being far more competitive and the need for a well-paying job, heightened by the loans students often take on, is becoming greater. Within our social lives, we often feel pressured to find our life partner in college, despite the fact that the age at which many people are getting married is rising. Personally, at least, I am at a loss, so for my solution I look to what I often refer to: books. Specifically, I look to the novel 'The Defining Decade,' a novel that

details the learnings of clinical psychologist Meg Jay in her many years aiding individuals in their 20s and 30s in finding a path they love.

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Jay describes how, indeed, we should have goals and ambitions in our lives, but having everything planned out is not always in the cards or possible. What I learned is

the key to a successful 20s is determining what you truly want — a want that is even sometimes hard to admit to yourself. By deciding this, you can make every decision according to what you truly want. And yes, that path can take you in many different directions, but you would end in a place that you were truly content in. For example, in Jay's novel, she describes how many 20-somethings wanted surety in their relationships, but since they did not find that in themselves at the time, they fell into hookup culture for longer than they wished. In their careers, individuals often found themselves in a place they found no joy in, and instead of looking at what they knew they enjoyed

they stayed in that place and felt adrift.

At 20, we have all the time in the world and yet feel like we have none at all to figure out what we would like to do with all that time — what career or which person we would like to spend our life with, if anyone. And society does not always seem to make it easier with nine-to-five jobs and hookup culture, among other things. But if we align our decisions to our goals in our life — goals that align with who we wish our future selves to be — we can take paths as winding as they come and still get the opportunity to feel content in the one we have taken and content in knowing our future selves are striving towards or have reached their goals.

I highly recommend reading "The Defining Decade." It's a wonderful mix of scary, promising and a reality check.

## WHAT WE GET WRONG ABOUT KANYE

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This week, rapper Kanye West has made rounds in the news over his erratic slew of tweets, most notably tweeting antisemitic remarks where he stated, "I'm going to death con 3 [sic] on Jewish people." Justifying this threat, he remarked in the same tweet saying, "the funny thing is I actually can't be Anti Semitic because black people are Jew also You guys have toyed with me and tried to black ball anyone whoever opposes your agenda." Following this event, West's Twitter account has been locked, preventing him from making any more tweets for the time being.

West typically finds himself involved in some type of controversy and it is no surprise we now face another one. This recent development in West's political views has been in the limelight on social media and news outlets. A week earlier, West and Candance Owens, a popular conservative commentator and Connecticut resident, were seen wearing t-shirts displaying the text "White Lives Matter", a phrase usually used by right leaning individuals in retort to Black Lives Matter, at a Paris fashion show.

West later defended his actions in an interview with Fox News' Tucker Carlson. "I do certain things from a feeling,"



Kanye West has been in news headlines this week after tweeting antisemitic rhetoric. The artist is no stranger to controversy, sporting a "White Lives Matter" t-shirt a few weeks ago in Paris. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

West said. "I just channel the energy, it just feels right. It's using a gut instinct, a connection with God and just brilliance." As well, he stated "because the same people that have stripped us of an identity and labeled us as a color have told us what it means to be black and the vernacular you're supposed to have."

West does not lead much explanation to his statement saying "so the answer to why I wrote 'White Lives Matter' on a shirt is they do. It's an obvious thing," West said. Since then, West has run into not only criticism, but business trouble with Adidas reconsidering their contract with West and JP Morgan severing ties with the rapper.

Though West considers his social martyrdom a vindication of his views, his statements do not go any farther than their face value — they are superficial and only serve as a provocation to instigate others. It is doubtful West garners any actual hate, but rather he takes on the image of hate and, in his mind, places some deeper meaning behind it

that can only be accessed if one accepts erratic and provoking behavior.

And yet, though his recent actions lack nuance, there is a larger picture. Why is West even in a position to promote watered down political commentary? Him, along with the majority of celebrities, demonstrate the social power imbalance that celebrity figures have in the media. The advent of technology has given celebrity figures unprecedented power and social influence. Celebrity figures deserve little to none of their outreach — generating cult following around certain icons is an ultimately asocial behavior and must be entirely reconsidered in events like these.

Furthermore, this symptom of technology generates a dramatic polarization of the online political space. It leads us to indulge in the tendency to create fine divides where celebrity figures, like West, are now forced into certain categories and associations within the political environment. Social media allows us to now bring extreme judgment against any individual in a larger social context, and as demonstrated generate a media storm for no other purpose than for the sake of media itself.

West's comments and actions were insensitive and the consequences are expected, but we must reconsider the relationship between social media and celebrities and the role that these figures have in larger discourse.

# Field Hockey: Huskies grab two much-needed wins

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This was a vital weekend for the University of Connecticut field hockey team, as it added two essential wins to its already impressive list, defeating conference rival Villanova on Friday 3-0 and No. 19 Boston College in overtime on Sunday 2-1. The Huskies came into the weekend trying to recollect themselves after a tough loss to the best team in the country in North Carolina last Sunday, and that they did.

The first match of the weekend was at home at the Sherman Family Complex in Storrs against the Wildcats, who rode into Friday's contest with a 8-5 record coming off a thrilling overtime victory versus Towson. Nova looked to keep the momentum heading up to Connecticut, but unfortunately it could not overcome UConn's superior offensive attack and defensive lines. The first goal of the afternoon came off the stick of Julia Bressler, assisted by Claire Jandewerth, in the 17th minute, putting the Huskies up early. Though the scoreboard seemed to indicate that the match was a stalemate for most of the rest of regulation, it was far from that, as UConn peppered Villanova with shots, leading to 18-5 and 9-3 differentials in total shots and shots on goal, respectively. As the game progressed, it was clear that the Wildcats were getting worn out by the aggression shown by the Huskies, and relented two goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation, first with a shot from Juana Garcia thanks to a pass from Natalie Brown, and a shot from Bressler, her second of the match. Having dealt the killing blows, the Huskies held onto their lead, making it a 3-0 final score.

Sunday's match proved to be much more difficult despite still being at home, as the challengers were another top-25 team coming to town in the form of Boston College. Regardless of what their mediocre 6-7 record might say about them, Boston really did come to play. Bressler would once again put the Huskies on the board early in the second quarter, courtesy of a pass by Sol Simone. However, the Eagles responded: half-way through the 25th minute, Margo Carlin put one in off a Milagros Arteta assist, locking Boston and Connecticut in a 1-1 tie. From then on, the game became a defensive showcase, as both teams tried their hardest to score one more time. Perhaps due to it being their second bout in three days, the Huskies were outmatched energy-wise, and allowed 18 shots on their goal while only being able to manage six on their opponents. Despite that, goalie Cheyenne Sprecher became a brick wall after giving up that first score, saving all four shots on goal after the second period, totaling five saves in the day. Without her, the match likely would not have headed to penalties, where she also performed well, only allowing one of five attempts to hit the back of the net. That proved to be enough, thanks to Aiyi Young and Simone getting the ball by Eagles goalie Carine Van Wiechen, and the Huskies eked out a 2-1 victory.

At the conclusion of this weekend, UConn will be left with only three more matches: two Big East games, one versus Georgetown in Washington, D.C. and another against Temple at home, and likely the biggest test this team could have heading into the postseason, a fixture with No. 2 University of Maryland. It will certainly be intriguing to see how the Huskies play as the head into the Big East Championships, as they will be seeking a conference title.



**UConn beats Boston College 2-1 after overtime and a penalty shootout on Sunday Oct. 16, 2022. They will now prepare to take on Georgetown on Friday, Oct. 21, in Washington D.C.**  
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## Men's Hockey:

### No. 17 Huskies off to best start in program history after defeating Ohio State

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This past weekend, the No. 17 UConn Huskies hosted No. 11 Ohio State in a two games series. There was a lot of hype revolving around this matchup as both teams are nationally ranked.

Coming into the match, the Huskies and the Buckeyes were each undefeated, both with a 4-0 record. The first game ended in a tie 0-0. Keeping the Buckeyes scoreless, sophomore goaltender Logan Terness had a career high 43 total saves. Ohio State's goaltender Jakob Dobes also kept the Huskies from scoring with 20 saves. After three periods of intense hockey with both teams playing dominant de-

fense, the game went into a sudden death overtime.

In overtime, neither team had any solid scoring opportunities with both goaltenders standing their ground. The amount of second chances were limited by the defense which led the game to a shootout. The Huskies sent freshman Matthew Wood, juniors Andrew Lucas and Ryan Tverberg but were all denied at the net. To give the Buckeyes a shootout victory, junior Travis Treloar scored a goal followed by a save from sophomore Jakob Dobes.

UConn continued its play against Ohio State on Saturday to wrap up the series.

Right from the puck drop, UConn attacked Ohio State, firing shots at the goaltender and looking for the right opportunity to score early in the game. In the first period, UConn

got its chance after a high stick penalty for the Buckeyes gave the Huskies the man advantage. Shortly after the penalty time was up, Lucas found Wood who fired the first goal of the game past the goaltender, giving UConn a 1-0 lead. Ohio State wasted no time and tied up the game 1-1 with a goal from Kamil Sadlocha in the last minute before the period break.

UConn continued to put pressure on the Buckeyes and take advantage of all their mistakes.

Graduate student Ty Amonte fired a shot from right in front of the net to score, giving the Huskies a 2-1 lead. To beat Buckeyes goaltender Dobes and to give the Huskies a two-goal lead, Tverberg made a move to get the puck past the net. The second period ended with UConn leading Ohio State 3-1.

The third period was all Huskies and they did not take their foot off the gas. They silenced Ohio State at one goal and their offense went off in the final period. A minute into the period, freshman Jake Percival slid the puck through the goaltenders legs off a rebound from junior Hudson Schandor's scoring attempt. This put UConn up to a 4-1 lead. The Huskies kept their offense thriving as Amonte found the net for the second time this game, adding a fifth goal. Lastly, a one timer from senior Jake Flynn would cap off the night, extending the Huskies lead to 6-1.

"I thought it might've been our best period of the season," said Head Coach Mike Cavanaugh of the final frame.

Amonte finished the game with two goals and played a

large role helping the Huskies overpower the Buckeyes.

"If you want money go to the bank, if you want goals go to the net," noted Cavanaugh of the team's strategy.

Freshman Arsenii Sergeev finished with 28 saves, holding the Buckeyes to one goal. As the final buzzer sounded, UConn skated to a 6-1 win over Ohio State and its best start in program history. After this win, the Huskies improved their record to 5-0-1.

UConn will travel to Boston University next weekend to face the No. 9 Terriers in a two-game series. This will be a huge series for the Huskies to see if they can compete with teams at the top 10 level. At Agganis Arena in Boston, the puck drops are scheduled for Friday Oct. 21, at 7:05 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.



**The UConn men's hockey team competes against Ohio State for the second time this season at the XL Center. After a tie in their last match, the Huskies won in a demanding fashion, scoring six goals against No. 11 Ohio State's one.** PHOTO BY SKYLAR KIM, GRABS PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | The fight to break the tie



UConn men's soccer triumphs over Providence 3-2 with a tie-breaking goal in the 89th minute on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, at Morrone Stadium. The goals were scored by Eli Conway (23), Mateo Leveque (8), and Scott Trestori (21) respectively PHOTO BY IZZI BARTON/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Football: Huskies let the ball drop in loss to Cardinals

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The taste of losing is easier to manage when you're used to it. For the first time in a long time, UConn football fans managed to put aside their chronic hopelessness after the Huskies managed a 3-4 record, already tripling their win total from last year. Saturday, UConn looked like it was going to win—until it didn't. And all of a sudden, after a two game win streak, losing again feels exactly as it should—like a punch in the stomach.

Ball State started the game out right around half field, but turned it over on downs after managing just one first down. Two nice runs from running back Robert Burns and quarterback Zion Turner later, the Huskies were in business in Cardinal territory. A bizarre play saw Zion Turner whip the ball short to wide receiver Aaron Turner. Aaron Turner bounced off a Ball State defender, stumbled a

bit and then sprinted untouched into the end zone.

The teams traded punts, giving the Cardinals the ball at their own 27. Consecutive first down plays put them into UConn territory and a series of shorter attempts got them all the way to the goal line. UConn held strong for three downs, but ultimately, RB Carson Steele punched it in for his first score of the game to tie things up.

As has been the case for the past few games, the Husky offense didn't let that deter them and marched right down the field. Aaron Turner ran the ball to get it almost to half field, and a few solid runs by Burns and Rosa positioned UConn a short 39 yards away. Zion Turner sent the ball to an open Justin Joly and the freshman did the rest himself to get past the pylon to take the lead.

Ball State made another move down the field in an attempt to tie the game again, but the resilient Husky defense kept the Cardinals to just a field goal. A pair of punts later gave UConn

the ball at its own 36. Zion Turner made a few impressive plays through the air and on the ground to get the Huskies onto the other side of the field before Burns and Rosa ripped off consecutive big runs. At the one yard line, Burns hopped over the pile and gave his squad a commanding 21-10 lead going into the half.

Turner started out the half with an unfortunate tipped-ball interception that took some of the air out of the offense at the wrong time. Ten plays later, the Husky defense once again showed its improvement, holding Ball State to just three points.

Three punts later, Ball State had the pigskin and looked to tie things up as the third quarter wound down. Instead, quarterback John Paddock threw a pick right into the hands of Malik Dixon-Williams, but the Huskies couldn't do anything with it, kicking the ball right back after three plays.

The theme of the matchup was UConn's bend-don't-break

defense that stayed together after a 13 play Ball State drive that took the Cardinals to the 30 as the game clock ticked under 10 minutes remaining. The home team lined up for the field goal, but a well-timed jump allowed Malcolm Bell to not just block, but swat the kick, giving UConn the ball back.

Instead of taking advantage of the opportunity, the Huskies totaled -17 yards on the ensuing drive. On third and 27, Rosa took the handoff, but couldn't hang on after a hit, fumbling the ball and giving Ball State possession just outside of the red zone.

Steele took just three plays to get all 24 yards himself and the touchdown, but a failed pass play kept UConn up by a pair. A long, methodical drive would have iced things for the Huskies, but a mere two minutes after they received it, they kicked the ball right back.

With a chance to win the game, Ball State and Steele took the field at their own 41. Steele ran for 47 of the 59 possible

yards, getting into the end zone for a third time to give the Cardinals the four point lead. Turner and the Husky offense couldn't manage another first down, giving Ball State the win, 25-21.

It's a painful game, but looking at things from a bigger picture lens, UConn football is ahead of schedule. They're already over Vegas 2.5 over/under and they're back to playing tight games. Yes, getting to a bowl is looking like it's going to be near-impossible this year, but that was never the plan this early. If you told a rational UConn fan that they'd get four wins this year, that fan would be over the moon. There's a lot to like about the way the team is coming together and it's important not to lose sight of that in the hands of an excruciating loss. They now have two weeks to refresh and regroup before they host Boston College. UConn football may not be back just yet, but the excitement is, which is more than anyone around the program could ask for this early.

## Women's Hockey: UConn winless in series against Vermont

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No. 15 Connecticut visited Burlington to play Hockey East foe No. 8 Vermont in a two-game series. After coming off two straight losses against No. 2 Northeastern, UConn looked to get back on track as it faced the Catamounts.

On Friday, Vermont scored first in the first period with under a minute to go. In response, senior forward Kate Thurman tied the game in the second period with just under six minutes remaining, assisted by fellow senior forward Coryn Tormala.

Goaltender Tia Chan and defensemen Claire Peterson and Ainsley Svetek helped the Huskies hold the Catamounts scoreless in the third period. Vermont dominated defensively in the third period too, holding the Huskies to just one shot on goal.

In overtime, neither team found the back of the net, thanks to the work of Chan and Vermont's goaltender. With overtime ending in a tie, neither team added a win. It was the first tie in the teams' matchup history since Nov. 15, 2019.

In a shootout, Amy Landry, Meghane Duchesne-Chalifoux, and Carlie Magier were all denied by Vermont goalie Jessie McPherson. Catamount Tynka Patkova secured the shootout win.

On Saturday, the Huskies sought revenge from the day before. Despite this, the second game was all about Vermont.

At the Gutterson Field House, the Catamounts scored three unanswered goals in the first period and four overall, scored by Sini Karjalainen, Theresa Schafzahl, Ellice Murphy (all first period) and Lara Beecher.

Just about three minutes after the fourth unanswered goal, Tormala finally put the Huskies on the board, with the help of Peterson and Thurman.

Vermont's Ellice Murphy scored late in the second period, and Beecher capped off the 6-1 win with her second goal of the day.

The power play was effective for both teams in the second game, with UConn's only goal coming a man up as well as Ellice Murphy's goal for the Catamounts.

The Huskies beat Vermont in the Hockey East Semifinals last season, but the Catamounts got revenge this year.

Both schools will meet again on Jan. 14, in the brand-new Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs.

Coming up next for Connecticut is a home-and-home against Merrimack, with the first game this Friday, Oct. 21, at Lawler Rink in North Andover, Mass, while the second game of the series is at Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum on campus.



The UConn women's hockey team glides past Stonehill College snatching a 7-1 win on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, at the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. The following night the Huskies kept the win train going by defeating Stonehill again, capturing an electric 3-2 overtime victory away in Stonehill. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Women's Soccer: Huskies beat DePaul and fall to Butler in two game home stint

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The Huskies went one for two this weekend as they faced off against two teams having very different seasons. The DePaul Blue Demons, who were 2-10 coming into this game, continued to display their sluggish play as they were unable to match UConn's offense. UConn set the tone early on as midfielder Cara Jordan and forwards Jada Konte and Chioma Okafor all had shots on goal in the first five minutes. Connecticut was able to capitalize on DePaul's poor play, as the Huskies dominated possession for the majority of the first half. Okafor put UConn in front in the 13th minute of play from a header which was assisted by Jordan. The Huskies remained in the driver's seat even as the sky began to open up. The second goal came from midfielder Emma Zaccagnini and served by Abby Jones in the 35th minute of play. Up 2-0, UConn looked to keep the Blue

Demons at bay but DePaul forward Katie Gooden snuck one in before the half ended at 44:25 with an assist from midfielder Olivia Beam. The third and final goal of the game came in the 52nd minute by Jordan, unassisted. The remaining time of play was all UConn's as DePaul was unable to get any momentum going as they struggled to find seams and had difficulty finding their shape. UConn moved to 7-5-1, 3-3-0 after this game as DePaul notched another loss, making it a six-game losing streak.

The Huskies had a short few days to recover as they hit the pitch once again against the 6-7-1 Butler Bulldogs on Sunday. Although on paper this would be an equally matched game, Connecticut struggled early on and lingered throughout the match. Both teams were tied in the Big East standings with identical 3-3 records going into the game. As play got underway, the Huskies soon found themselves on the defense as they struggled to win 50/50 balls and could not pre-

serve their depth. Both of Butler's goals came in the first 17 minutes of play. In the 12th minute, redshirt junior Abigail Isgar put the Bulldogs up 1-0 from an assist by Talia Sommer. Only five minutes later, UConn committed an own goal, putting the Bulldogs ahead 2-0. No further goals were scored throughout the rest of the match. UConn only began finding its shape as the minutes were counting down. While Mahoney did let two past her, she showed her brilliance as she put her body on the line to keep it a low scoring game. Mahoney made seven saves on the day and still remains in the top rankings of saves per game. Although UConn was unable to pull away with two wins this past weekend, an important acknowledgement came during halftime against Butler as UConn celebrated 50 years of Title IX and honored its alumni on the field. The Huskies are on the road this Thursday, Oct. 20, as they take on the 3-8-2, 2-5 Villanova Wildcats. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. in Pennsylvania.



UConn women's soccer claims a 3-1 victory over the DePaul Blue Demons on Thursday night Oct. 13, 2022, in Marrone Stadium. The goals were scored by Chioma Okafor (20), Emma Zaccagnini (11), and Cara Jordan (26) respectively. PHOTO BY IZZI BARTON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Volleyball: Huskies had a successful week, blowing by Villanova and Georgetown this past weekend.

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UConn welcomed Villanova to Gampel Pavilion this past Thursday and wasted no time getting things going, jumping to an early 10-6 in set one. The Huskies seniors went off in this game, increasing their lead as Villanova continued to make mistakes. UConn jumped to a 20-14 lead, taking set one 25-17. Caylee Parker finished the frame

with six kills and a .750 hitting percentage.

More senior production came from Kennadie Jake-Turner as she started set two on a high note with two consecutive kills. The Wildcats came back to tie the game at seven. The Huskies maintained control and went on a 4-0 run, taking set two by a final of 25-16. Junior Taylor Pannell and Jake-Turner finished the set with four kills each.

Villanova avoided the sweep, taking set three. Parker continued her hot streak, putting

up six kills in set three. Senior Madi Whitmire finished with 13 assists.

In set four, Villanova took an 8-6 lead to start. The Wildcats extended their lead to seven deep into the set. The Huskies did a late substitution with Mia Ruffalo and Emma Werkmeister coming in to start the comeback. UConn climbed its way back to set four 25-22 and won at home.

Georgetown came into Gampel Saturday night to take on UConn in another Big East matchup. Jasmine Davis put up

14 kills to lead the Huskies to a victory. Parker posted nine kills, and Junior Taylor Pannell had eight. Senior Karly Berklund led the match with 10 digs. Pannell and Allie Garland both had four block assists in this match. UConn pulled ahead in the first set 18-14 with back-to-back kills from Davis.

UConn went on a 16-0 run in the second set and caught a rhythm against the Hoyas. Whitmire threw down an ace to force Georgetown to call a timeout. The Huskies put more pressure on the

Hoyas to go on a 12-0 run. Jasmine Davis served an ace, and UConn won the set, 25-9.

The Huskies continued to dominate in the third set with a .609 hitting percentage. They jumped out to a 5-0 lead. Garland and Pannell played some quality defense with a block each. Parker then recorded a kill to push the Huskies to 19-9.

Freshman Jess Perry had two kills and a block, and Pannell had the final kill to win the match 25-12.

UConn will continue their homestand, taking on Providence this Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.



UConn women's volleyball beat Brown 3-1 in its second of three wins this weekend on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Gampel Pavilion. UConn also won against Lindenwood 3-0 and Bryant 3-2 this weekend. PHOTO BY IZZI BARTON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Men's Soccer: Huskies earn draw versus Big East bottom dweller Marquette

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The UConn men's soccer team earned a 1-1 draw against the Marquette Golden Eagles on Saturday night at Valley Fields, the team's second-consecutive shut-out loss.

Marquette began the contest with authority, firing off three shots in the opening 10 minutes, though the team was unable to manage a score. The Connecticut defense made the necessary adjustments and held the Golden Eagles to a single shot attempt over the final 35 minutes of the first frame.

In the 16th minute, UConn's Nicolas Tomerius headed a pass from teammate Kai Griese, but his shot was collected by Marquette goalkeeper Chandler Hallwood. Five minutes later, the Huskies' Eli Conway man-

aged a steal on the Golden Eagles' side of the field. The freshman forward caused a turnover on Marquette's last defender and was quickly swarmed by defenders as he was not able to get a clean shot on goal.

Connecticut's Mateo Leveque was awarded a free kick just off the Marquette box in the 38th minute of action, who looked toward teammate Soren Ilsoe. Ilsoe's attempt missed just wide of the goal. At the end of the first half, both teams were still in search of their first points. The Huskies outshot the Golden Bears 5-4 in the period.

Much like the first half, Marquette took the field with force to begin the second frame. In the 51st minute, the Golden Eagles used a strong counter to get on the board first as midfielder Mitar Mitrovic pushed the ball just to the right of Connecticut goalkeeper Michael Stone in front

of UConn's six-yard box. Lukas Sunesson and Beto Soto were each credited with an assist on the play. It was the second goal of Mitrovic's career, and it gave the Golden Eagles a 1-0 advantage. The Huskies responded quickly, generating two chances on goal in the 53rd minute, but could not convert on either opportunity.

UConn came up with a breakaway in the 68th minute. On the play, Ilsoe threaded a through ball to Okem Chime, who dribbled the ball to the front of the Golden Eagles' net before dumping the ball back off to the trailing Ilsoe. His shot was deflected, though Scott Testori was to secure the rebound, tapping the ball back into the unguarded net. The tally equalized the score at one apiece. The goal was Testori's third of the season.

The Huskies continued to give themselves opportunities

to tally points, recording five shot attempts over the game's final 20 minutes, though they could not convert any of their chances. Both teams made impressive plays in the winding seconds of the contest to keep their opponent from stealing the go-ahead score.

"[I was] disappointed in the result, but happy with the performance" head coach Chris Gbandi said after the contest. "Going down a goal on the road, to fight back and ... almost have a chance to win [the game] I think shows a lot of character and shows the character of the group. They're willing to fight and not give in."

The Huskies attempted four more shots than Marquette in the second half and attempted five more shots, 14-9, over the duration of the contest. UConn managed only four shots-on-goal, compared to Marquette's

five. A combined 26 fouls were committed by both clubs, with the Huskies committing 15 and the Golden Eagles committing 11. Connecticut won the corner kick battle, recording six to Xavier's two. With the draw, the Huskies' move to 4-6-2 on the season and 1-3-2 in Big East play. Marquette, meanwhile, moves to 4-7-3 with the tie and 0-3-3 in conference play. The Huskies and the Golden Bears currently both occupy the two spots at the bottom of the Big East standings, with Connecticut in 10th and Marquette in 11th.

The Huskies' next game will come Wednesday Oct. 19, against Villanova University. Kick-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Higgins Soccer Complex in Villanova, Penn. The game can be streamed online using FloSports, with live updates provided by Stat-Broadcast.



# Sports

## First Night: Fudd, Johnson highlight successful season kickoff



UConn men's and women's basketball teams, student fans, and season ticket holders all gather in Gampel Pavilion on Friday, Oct. 14, for First Night. The annual event introduces members of both the men's and women's basketball teams, followed by a free throw shoot-off and a dunk contest. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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In front of a full crowd of students, season ticket holders and media members, the UConn men's and women's basketball teams put on a show for their fans on Friday at First Night, the official kickoff to the 2022-2023 season.

While last year's First Night had no musical act, there has been a precedent of artists coming to Gampel Pavilion to help kick off the basketball season, with T-Pain performing in Storrs in the Fall of 2019. While extra entertainment can be fun for fans, men's basketball coach Dan Hurlley seems to take the lack of music as a positive.

"We've got such an incredible fanbase here," said Hurlley. "To get the type of crowd we're going to get here with students and season ticket holders without having to use a musical act to draw fans speaks to how big sports are at UConn, how big basketball is at UConn."

Last year's First Night caught quite a bit of negativity due to a hoop malfunction. The Gampel Pavilion court crew had a tough time securing the hoop to the court after player intro-

ductions. There was a change of plans mid-event, leading to an impromptu dunk contest for the men's team and a very short 3-on-3 basketball game for the women's team.

"We wanted to generally do a better job than last year's," Hurlley said pre-First Night with a chuckle. "I haven't been over (to Gampel) to see what the basket situation is yet, so we'll see. We have high hopes."

It was safe to say that festivities went much better than last year's. With a block party complete with a mechanical bull, Dunkin' giveaways and giant pong setups, fans were able to start their First Night strong. By the time entertainment started at 6:45, the crowd at Gampel was loud and ready to cheer on their favorite Huskies. There were appearances by groups like the UConn Cheer Team, UConn Dance Team and the UConn Drumline before the main event started. Women's basketball legend Renee Montgomery was in the house, emceeing the pregame while plugging the University's Women's Weekend as well.

**Intros**

Like years prior, each coach and player was announced, all

getting their moment in front of the fans. Players got to pick their walk-up songs, do their favorite dances and give plenty of high-fives to the 300 students that received floor access.

There were plenty of notable entrances and applause. Junior guard Andrew Hurlley got plenty of love from the Storrs crowd, with cheers almost louder than his dad got a few minutes prior. Caroline Ducharme had a clever walk-out to Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," while Big Sean's "IDFWY" was the perfect complement to Nika Muhl's aggressive playstyle on the court. There was a large ovation for hometown freshman Donovan Clingan, hailing from nearby Bristol, Conn. No ovation was louder, however, than that for former National Player of the Year Paige Bueckers, coming out to Future and Gunna's "pushin P."

Before First Night, team captains Bueckers and Andre Jackson drafted squads from both programs, with Bueckers taking the blue team and Jackson taking the white team. Gampel was split down the middle, with fans receiving blue or white pom-poms depending on their seats. With hype man Conor Geary's classic "Blue/White"

chant, the white side earned themselves five points towards the ultimate prize: t-shirts thrown their way.

**Three-point contest**

Not wanting to risk another hoop malfunction, the teams decided to have two events on the same side of the court. The duo of Ducharme and Jordan Hawkins was up first in the three-point contest for the Blue Team, putting up 17 total points out of 30. The Blue Team duo of Naheim Alleyne and Aubrey Griffin quite literally one-upped them, putting up 18. Azzi Fudd dazzled alongside Alex Karaban, posting 18 for the White Team, while Lou Lopez Senechal and Joey Calcaterra hit the very last shot to score 17 total, tying things up at 35 headed into the finals.

As intense as the first round was, the finals were a blow-out. Alleyne and Griffin combined for a night-low of 16 total, while Fudd and Karaban combined for 21 total points, thanks to Fudd nailing her last six straight deep balls. This put the White Team out to an early 10-point lead. The crowd on Friday loved every minute of the action, cheering for every ball that went in throughout the whole contest.

**Dunk contest**

For the dunk contest judges, UConn Athletics brought out the big guns, having legends Khalid El-Amin, Stefanie Dolson, Emeka Okafor and Montgomery back on campus to see some high-flying skills. Hawkins threw down a nice one-handed windmill dunk in the first round, while Richie Springs threw a reverse cradle dunk that got the Gampel crowd rocking. Alleyne struggled to find the basket with his outing, but Samson Johnson stole the round with a catch off the side of the backboard from fellow teammate Tristen Newton, flushing it for a perfect 40.

In the finals, Hawkins provided a similar dunk to Springs in the first round, but it was impressive nonetheless. Judges knocked him down a few points due to the repeat, leading the way for Johnson to take it home with another perfect 40, this time coming from a lob dunk over Jonathan the Husky.

Post-exhibition games, the women's team will kick off its season on Thursday, Nov. 10, when they take on Northeastern at Gampel Pavilion. The men's team will start its year just three days prior, facing new Division I school Stonehill at the XL Center in Hartford on Nov. 7.

**WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK**

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