



Community defense group opposes white supremacists in New England



People gather at the Charlottesville Candelight Vigil at the White House.
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In the aftermath of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court on June 24, growing acts of transphobia and sightings of white supremacist groups in Connecticut and New England have been reported. The Connecticut John Brown Gun Club has emerged as one of the groups most dedicated to combating far-right agitators and protecting vulnerable communities in Connecticut.

"Most of our work at the JBGC involves providing security and community defense, organization and activism with Black Lives Matter, pro-choice groups, and LGBTQIA+ groups. We do work around specific acts of police oppression and sightings of white supremacist or other far right individuals or organizations in New England," said Dan, a founding member of the Connecticut JBGC.

Dan, due to the group's frequent confrontations with far right organizations, declined to provide a last name for personal safety.

The organization, originally founded in Washington state in 2017, has spread to many states, including Connecticut in 2020. Members in each state work with each other and other groups, even traveling out of state to help in larger events, but without overarching national leadership. Dan describes how recruitment is often done via word of mouth or cooperation with similarly aligned organizations.

When asked about the presence of far-right groups in New England, such as Patriot Front and Massachusetts-based New England National Socialist Club, Dan suggested they rose in the aftermath of the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally in 2017, which forced many white supremacist groups un-

derground, but now have begun to reemerge.

"Connecticut has had a surprisingly long history of white supremacists. The Ku Klux Klan had thousands of members here in the 1920s, and the state only solved a court case on school integration this year. Policies of segregation still exist here, they just say it is a money issue instead of a race issue. So now that more conservative

places are becoming open with their stupid white supremacist ideas, they think they won't be opposed here," Dan said.

Dan provided an example of an event on July 2, where over 100 members of the far right group Patriot Front rallied in Boston, according to CNN.

Connecticut JBGC identified members known to them from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Nebraska.

"Patriot Front and subgroups under it makes almost 85% of neo-Nazi propaganda in this country" Dan said. "Unlike what happened in Idaho in June, these guys weren't arrested in the UHaul. The cops practically escorted them from their cars to the rally spot and back."

The New England National Socialist Club, or NSC, is what Dan showed greater concern for. He stated leaked messages from

their forums showed a greater willingness to commit violent or intimidatory acts. Left wing organizations, according to Dan, identified approximately 40 members in New England.

The group has made headlines after a series of leaflet campaigns in Connecticut, according to Connecticut Public Radio.

"You've probably seen their flyers on the road. They've been found in some of the northern and central towns in the state. Even if it's forty guys, it takes one with a few thousand fliers and a truck to frighten people of color and LGBTQIA+ people into believing they're a far larger group. And that's what they want — they want those people to be scared and leave, since these Neo-Nazis think they're 'ruining America,'" Dan explained.

The Connecticut JBGC also provided some basic advice for helping to combat white supremacists in the state, including disposing of leaflets or posters put up by far-right groups, attending protests and counter-protests, and identifying open white supremacists.

"While our job is more to protect protestors from neo-Nazis, if you can pick up the license plate or address or workplace of these people, there are several organizations that compile information on members of hate groups. These people often live otherwise normal lives, and showing an employer their behavior can lead to quick and severe consequences for them," Dan elaborated.

"Don't report these things to the police. We've seen time and time again these far-right protests are treated much more fairly by the police. Hell, the cops are probably in these groups half the time. That's why we help to protect people, because it's clear the cops have no obligation or desire to," Dan advised.



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UConn reacts to Biden's student loan forgiveness program



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President Biden announced late last week his administration's first steps to start to address the student debt crisis.

Fulfilling his campaign promise, Biden announced in his speech he is erasing \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for everyone in the United States making less than \$125,000 a year and a further \$10,000 for those who received federal Pell Grants.

He also announced a final payment freeze extension on current federal student loan repayments until Dec. 31 of this year. Anyone who made any payments since the start of the payment pause on March 13, 2020 is also eligible to get that amount refunded according to the Department of Education's website.

Biden's announcement also comes with a new income-driven repayment plan for federal student loans. While the exact details have not yet been announced, he promised to cap undergrad student loan payments at no more than 5% of a borrower's discretionary monthly income, now down from 10%. This includes absolving federal student loans if paid for more than 20 years.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program is also getting reworked. Those in public service jobs — such as teachers, police officers and more — who pay their loan(s) down for 10 or more years will be eligible to have their federal loan(s) totally forgiven. Biden's "PSLF program" is retroactive, meaning it includes those in public service who have already paid off their loans for 10

or more years according to the Associated Press.

UConn spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said the school hopes Biden's plan will help UConn students afford the cost of attendance on top of the aid UConn already awards students.

"One of UConn's primary goals as a public university is to be accessible to talented students — regardless of their income levels — by providing strong financial aid offers for those who qualify," Reitz said. "While we know that many students and families use student loans to help meet their college costs, UConn wants to help reduce their reliance on loans as much as it can by providing them with grants, scholarships and other gift aid that doesn't need to be repaid. We also know that about 30% of our incoming first-year class has personal or family incomes that qualify them for federal Pell Grant aid."

Reitz further explained via email that "UConn can't quantify how many of its graduates and current students might be benefiting from the new federal program because the debt forgiveness depends on the income levels of each individual," data which the University isn't privy to.

According to the Biden Administration, 95% of borrowers — or 43 million people — will benefit from this debt cancellation. Over 60% of those 43 million people are Pell Grant recipients, meaning 27 million people will get \$20,000 in debt forgiveness. 20 million people, or nearly 45% of all borrowers, will have all their student debt forgiven.

This student debt forgiveness includes current UConn

students as well, as long as their loans were issued prior to July 1, 2022.

Undergrad Student Government President Mason Holland thinks Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness plan is a step in the right direction.

"I think what it is, is a great first step... I don't think it's the only thing the Biden Administration should enact in relation to student loan cancellation," Holland said. "I also don't think it should be the last time that we hear something about what either the president or Biden specifically says about the student loan crisis, because it is one of the main things that students in our university struggle with ... So, while it is something that's substantive... and it's going to impact a lot of people's lives, it's not the end. It's the means to an end. It's definitely a great direction, but it's not where we end up, a lot more needs to be done."

While many at UConn will see Biden's student debt forgiveness program as positive, others will not. A UConn student who wished to remain anonymous said they are worried debt cancellation may cause other problems, such as furthering inflation without actually addressing the problem of student debt.

"Personally, the debt relief decision frustrates me very much because it does not address the root cause of why attending university is so expensive," the student said. "Many public universities used to be very affordable for in-state students, in some cases even free."

The anonymous UConn student further emphasized their frustration with the plan.

"My frustration with Biden's decision stems from this: It is

fiscally irresponsible in a time of rampant inflation, does not solve the root cause of the problem, and is really only a carrot to 'buy' votes using the public's money... Make no mistake, every single one of us will pay the price for Biden's decision... Bribing the public with their own money, and spinning it as it is being done 'for the people,' while the country is coming dangerously close to monetary crisis, is criminal beyond words," the student said.

The White House has not released any concrete number on the cost of the student loan forgiveness plan, but White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told CNN that they estimated the program would cost \$24 billion per year. Biden had also said in his speech that the program should pay for itself.

"Independent experts agree that these actions, taken together, will provide real bene-

fits for families without meaningful effect on inflation... There is plenty of deficit reduction to pay for the programs — cumulative deficit reduction — to pay for the programs many times over," Biden said in his remarks to the nation.

Economists are mixed on the economic impact, however. For example, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates the cost of the plan will be about \$500 billion over the next 10 years, while the Penn Wharton Budget Model estimates the 10-year cost of Biden's plan at \$605 billion on the "conservative side," perhaps as high as over \$1 trillion.

Until the fine details are actually announced regarding the Public Service Forgiveness Plan and the income-driven repayment plan, an exact estimation on the cost of Biden's student loan forgiveness programs and its effect on inflation cannot be said for sure.

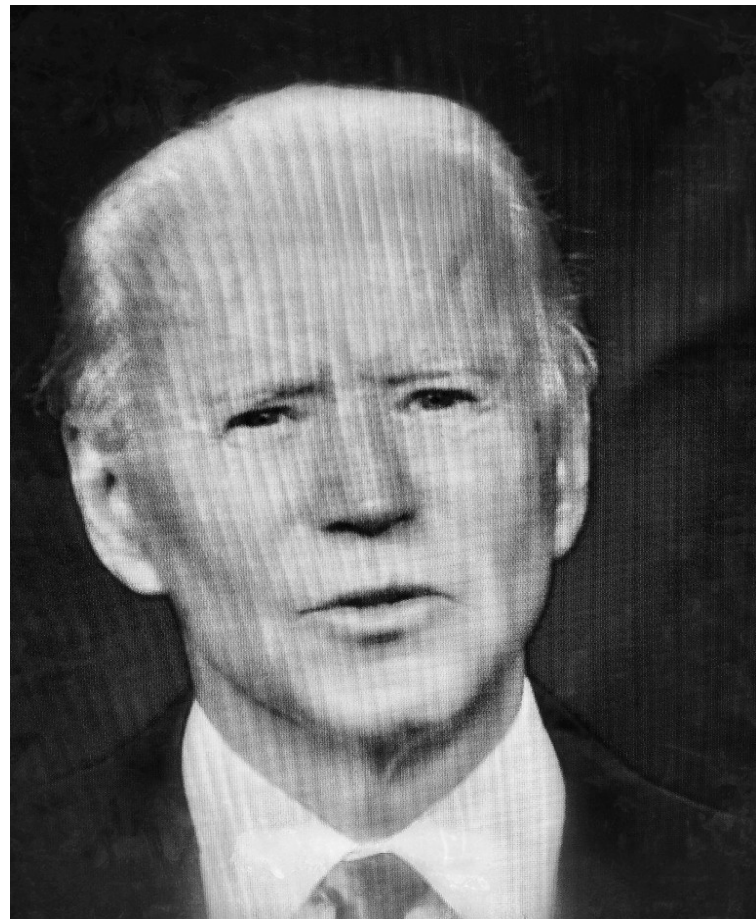


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The best things in Life

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ESTHER, LIFE EDITOR:

“Writing is like sex. First you do it for love, then you do it for your friends and then you do it for money.” Virginia Woolf said this over 50 years ago, yet somehow she managed to illustrate my exact thought process when joining The Daily Campus in 2019.

That’s a joke, of course. My membership with the DC never started with a love for writing. It was more so an instinct, driven by fear, boredom, curiosity and mostly fear. As a freshman, getting involved was the last thing I wanted to do. Everything was bigger, everyone was older and my surroundings were scarier.

Being afraid to put yourself out there is completely normal, and it’s a feeling I still experience today. The least helpful advice would be to stop feeling scared because for most people, it never really goes away. So instead, even if you are petrified, do it anyway.

By following this advice, I ended up at The Daily Campus. And as a senior, I can finally say that joining the DC’s Life section gave way to so much more than gained experience. It acted as a space where I could connect with people and make new friends, and above all, it provided me with an outlet that I didn’t know I needed.

Among the four writing sections we have at the newspaper, Life is arguably the most creative. As Life editor, I happen to be obligated to say that, but it in no way lessens my belief in the statement. Aside from campus events and organization features, our section covers the arts and pop culture, wheth-

er it be the newest exhibition at the Benton Museum or the 1975’s newest single that just released (shameful promo, I know).

Unlike hard news, there is no right or wrong structure to follow when writing for Life, which may be the best part about it. Life is a section that supports writers who want to develop their own voices and styles by writing about what they’re interested in. I owe a lot to my music column from sophomore year, which allowed me to both grow as a writer and also discover the type of writing I’m most comfortable with.

Moreover, comfort is a fundamental aspect of our section. Not only do we want our writers to feel included in their work, but we also want them to have fun while doing it. Life is meant to be enjoyable — in the context of the DC, but also in reality.

I joined The Daily Campus with no intentions of staying for long. I figured I would write a story or two, and then dip once I realized it wasn’t for me. After being a part of it for three years, I guess you could say my predictions were wrong. But the most important part is that I gave it a shot.

To reiterate, my involvement at the DC may not have come out of a love for writing, but it did help me realize it. In the long run, it may have even affected my career prospects, which now lean entirely toward journalism. Speaking from experience, negative emotions like fear or disorientation can often be the best catalysts for discovering solutions. Like mine was, perhaps yours is at The Daily Campus.

JOANNE, ASSOCIATE LIFE EDITOR:

While talking to my friend about my new responsibilities as Associate Life Editor, I was given something to think about; “Don’t take this the wrong way, but do people actually read The Daily Campus?” she asked.

I’m proud to say they do. The first thing I do on mornings I have a new article out is visit our website. Whether my piece has eight clicks or 800, the results put a smile on my face.

I’ll admit, I thought the same thing when I first joined the paper. Though I grew up watching my grandfather read the paper, I never bothered to open one up. Rolls of plastic-wrapped papers tossed on our driveway by delivery drivers would go straight into the recycling bin. Sometimes I’d skim through a magazine, but I’d always jump straight to any pop culture or book sections.

And while I recognize that News, Sports, Opinion and Photo are all important parts of The Daily Campus, nothing piqued my interest quite like Life.

As one of our previous editors used to say, “Being a part of Life is like being a part of every club on campus.”

You truly get to see and participate in it all. Beyond this, Life is an amazing place to talk about things you love. Watched a movie recently? Write a review on it! Passionate about a topic? Start a column!

My column, “Let’s Get Lit-erary” has been the best outlet to talk about all things bookish! I’ve been able to recommend stories, talk about the intersection of reading and social media, not to mention explore the highs and lows of adaptations.

I, much like Esther, was first intimidated by the prospect of writing for The Daily Campus. But as a political science and English major, I was worried about my creativity being stifled. I wanted some sort of reprieve from the constant bombardment of essays. Writing for Life gave me just that; instead of fizzling out, my passion for writing grew tenfold.

So don’t be shy! Email Esther or me for more information on how to join Life — we’d love to have you!

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Box Office Breakdown

“SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME” SWINGS BACK ON TOP



A poster for the theatrical re-release of “Spider-Man: No Way Home.” The movie took the No. 1 spot in box office rankings for Labor Day weekend 2022, earning \$7.6 million.

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In honor of National Cinema Day on Saturday, September 3rd, theaters around the country sold tickets for the discounted price of \$3. This brought in a 2022 record 8.1 million movie-goers to domestic theaters. Even with the decreased prices, every film this weekend had quite impressive drops.

Coming in first place this weekend is “Spider-Man: No Way Home.” No, this is not December 2021. With the release of the film’s “The More Fun Stuff Version,” fans of the friendly-neighborhood superhero came to theaters in spades, earning the film another \$7.6 million. This pushed the film to \$812 million domestically and \$1.911 bil-

lion worldwide. Unfortunately for “No Way Home,” it does not appear enough is left in the tank to push the film into the elite company of \$2 billion worldwide grossers. “Avatar,” “Avengers: Endgame,” “Avengers: Infinity War,” “Titanic” and “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” are the only members of that bunch, though perhaps “Avatar: The Way of Water” will join later this year.

In second place this weekend, in its 15th weekend of release, is “Top Gun: Maverick.” With \$7 million over the Labor Day weekend, the “Top Gun” sequel usurped \$700 million domestically. With the help of National Cinema Day’s decreased tickets and the boost of the holiday, the high-flying feature gained 16.5% since last weekend. This film keeps defying conventional modern box-office logic, put-

ting together a box office run that might not be matched this decade. With September not having any franchise-fare, “Top Gun: Maverick” has a chance to stay in the top five until Halloween.

In third place, coming back from the depths of the charts is “DC League of Super Pets” with a surprising \$6.97 million this weekend. This is a 31.7% boost from last weekend, making the film climb three spots on the charts. “DC League of Super Pets” was the only PG film in over three thousand theaters this weekend, making it the main choice for family audiences. With families venturing to theaters over the holiday weekend, this is the likely cause of the animated-superhero film’s boost. We will have to watch to see if this boost lasts into next weekend.

In fourth and fifth place were “Bullet Train” and last week’s number one “The Invitation.” The locomotive-based film may have finished in third this weekend, splitting sources due to a tight margin, but grossed around \$6.8 million over the four-day weekend. The film had a negligible drop from last week, being helped by National Cinema Day. “Bullet Train” had a successful weekend, but will need to keep repeating this to get to a \$100 million domestic cumulative audience. “The Invitation” grossed \$5.75 million over Labor Day weekend, a 30.9% drop from last weekend. With all the other films increasing or dropping virtually zero from the previous weekend, the horror film has a scary result. With more than a 30% drop during National Cinema Day weekend, there is a very low chance “The In-

invitation” is welcome back in the top 5 next week.

Last week, I predicted “Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul” would gross \$8 million. Unfortunately, the film was only released in 1800 theaters, and thus only earned \$1.75 million over the holiday weekend. Audiences also did not seem to enjoy the film, as it earned a “C-” from CinemaScore. With this result, we can officially chalk this up as a poor prediction.

Next week brings the release of the horror film “Barbarian” as the sole new entrant to theaters. Low-budget horror always tends to do well in its opening weekends, thus I predict this film will earn \$5 million as it launches onto the silver screen.

Will “Barbarian” eat up at the box office, or will it be consumed by its competitors?



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MASS MOOD

Political consciousness and joy can coexist

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Being politically aware — which is to say being nominally conscious and critical of political processes, social movements and oppressive systems — isn't too far off from opening Pandora's Box. In fact, it's probably the closest real-world equivalent that we have to myth.

Truly, having a political consciousness sends you down an icy ravine of helplessness and hopelessness. There is a suffocating sensation you experience when imagining the distance between yourself and a frontline nation experiencing the brunt impacts of climate change. The feeling's severity compounds when the suffering communities are separated from you by a road trip, or a plane ticket, or a week off work. As a high school student watching the uprisings in Minneapolis, Minnesota over the police killing of George Floyd, I couldn't outrun the faint idea that I had some idea to be there, providing aid and energy on the ground — clearly impossible for someone whose knowledge about the world is a grain of sand in a sprawling desert.

This in mind, it makes sense that many of the most politically conscious individuals in

our lives are either miserable or a little bit insufferable to be around — I've definitely been both simultaneously. One often wonders, "Would I be happier if I had just kept my eyes and ears shut?" Even if trying to answer the question of whether or not ignorance is bliss leads you to a paradox — you can't really unignorant yourself — I'm resolutely certain that life wouldn't be qualitatively better if people rejected political consciousness for a worry-free life. Take this from someone who is still trying to climb out from the depths of political nihilism: Choose joyful awareness.

While it is true that consciousness kicks the amount of things to get upset over into overdrive, I don't necessarily think this warrants despair. The assertion that being aware breeds unhappiness is, after all, ignorant of the fact that millions, if not billions of people on Earth suffer the consequences of politics without having knowledge of the specific mechanics oppressing them. Being poor, lacking access to education, living in crumbling physical and bureaucratic infrastructure, being persecuted on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion and more are conditions in which you cannot escape politics, even if you don't know the reasons for which they exist.

In a wealthy Global North community, consciousness

seemingly limits the ability to seek joy and absurdity in life; in Global South as well as poor Global North communities, the reverse is true: knowledge is a tool, a weapon against oppressive social conditions when systemic underinvestment in education is the norm. Awareness and critical analysis give way to a boundless radical imagination wherein the solutions to social and political oppression, even if early in development, make themselves available for interpretation and debate.

Deliberately apolitical people — excusing the fact that posturing as "apolitical" or opposed to politics is itself a political position — are limiting themselves to a base level of analysis, especially when they come from a position of social privilege. In fact, they block out the joy of a liberatory imagination, of freedom dreams envisioning a healthy, equitable, abundant and sustainable world. Although it's entirely reasonable that visualizing massive systemic oppression and human suffering causes mental paralysis, this is the largest hurdle guarding the gate in front of meaningful political action. Such action includes community discussions between marginalized peoples, providing food, job, housing, and substance use assistance when the state cannot provide it, as well as harnessing creativ-

ity to produce powerful art. My first mutual aid table, in which I distributed food and care items to folks in Hartford while learning from their experiences with economic and racial injustice, fueled me through the tangible positive results of being politically aware.

In reality, being the annoying politics person is only one end of the spectrum; opposite the hectic social justice infographic-slingers are the joyful practitioners of social struggle. Through a few short years of engaging in political organizing and education, I've met countless people who wear their hearts on their sleeves and confront huge, doom-and-gloom issues with revolutionary optimism. This optimism is cultivated through tear-jerking conversations with your politicized friends, as well as the experimental process of doing community work.

Joy and awareness are true bedfellows when we overcome the alienating distance between different communities driven by a competitive, capitalist society where disturbing headlines dot our news feeds like seeds on fertile soil. To embrace the truth that we are not alone and can be uplifted through political consciousness will reveal a new world of possibilities from which a better future can be born.

In death, Gorbachev leaves a mixed legacy

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Last week, news broke that the final leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, had died at the age of 91 after a long illness. Gorbachev's death was first announced by the non-profit organization he founded in 1991, and it prompted a wide array of reactions around the world.

Indeed, this should be expected for a man of with Gorbachev's importance to history. As "Gorby" ruled the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991, older Americans will remember the actions he took to reform his country and decrease stockpiles of nuclear weapons globally. Some University of Connecticut alumni may also remember Gorbachev's visit to Storrs in October 1996, during which he called upon his inept, frequently drunken successor, Boris Yeltsin, to resign from office.

And who can forget the infamous Pizza Hut ad, which resurged in popularity online after Gorbachev's death?

One would assume history will treat Gorbachev kindly for these reasons, but with NATO-Russia relations at their lowest point since the end of the Cold War, his true legacy remains much more complicated.

To many in the Western world, Gorbachev was a flawed, yet decent man who presided over the relatively peaceful end of an empire antithetical to the fundamental freedoms they enjoyed all their lives. Thanks to his signature policies of glasnost (government transparency) and perestroika (less cen-

tral planning in the economy), the Soviet people were freer than ever.

But Gorbachev never truly intended to make his people free; in many ways, he was just a skilled politician trying to save his country. Although he never fully moved away from communism, Gorbachev had enough sense to recognize that some major changes were needed if the Soviets were going to keep pace with NATO's aggressive foreign policy — led by then-American President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

For Gorbachev, giving his people an inch would strengthen the negotiating power of Soviet elites as they seemed to be losing the Cold War. But when given an inch, the people took a mile and the rest is history. Down with Gorbachev came the Berlin Wall, the Iron Curtain and all the other communist institutions that had dominated Eastern Europe for decades. When Yeltsin took over in 1991, hopes of freedom and capitalism quickly gave way to anarchy and widespread poverty. For these reasons, many Russians and other former Soviet citizens do not maintain such a rosy view of Gorbachev today.

One of these citizens, a KGB Lieutenant Colonel named Vladimir V. Putin, watched the Berlin Wall come down while he was on assignment in East Germany. As crowds dismantled the wall with hammers and pickaxes, Putin reflected on what he would later call "the greatest geopolitical

catastrophe of the 20th century." Nope, this was not a tagline he reserved for events that occurred because of the actions of the likes of Hitler or Stalin. For Putin, Gorbachev bore responsibility for surrendering the Soviet empire, and his "betrayal" needed to be undone by any means necessary.

Of course, that spiteful KGB officer would succeed Yeltsin as president of the Russian Federation in 1999. An entire generation of Russian adults — those around our age and even a bit older — now only know life under the Putin regime, which has dismantled the progress toward de-

mocracy begun by Gorbachev and (briefly) Yeltsin. State-run media, police crackdowns on dissent and intervention in foreign wars, like the Syrian Civil War, — have all returned to the Kremlin under Putin. And Russia's ongoing is widely seen as Putin's most serious attempt to reverse the collapse of the Soviet Union under Gorbachev. The invasion of Ukraine is widely considered Putin's most serious attempt to reverse the collapse of the Soviet Union under Gorbachev.

The aging Gorbachev had plenty to say about the incumbent Russian leader in recent years. During opposition-led protests in 2011, he accused Putin of "dragging the country into the past when it is on fire with modernization." He opposed Putin's decision to run for a third term in 2012 and a fourth term in 2018. Though he never spoke publicly about the war in Ukraine, opposition journalist Alexei Venidiktov alleged in July that Gorbachev felt Putin was "destroying" his life's work.

For his part, Putin has been similarly cold toward Gorbachev since the former leader's death last week. It took several hours for the Kremlin to issue a vague statement acknowledging Gorbachev's "huge impact on the course of world history." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov then clarified the ambiguity by essentially calling Gorbachev a naive statesman and praising Putin's effort to correct his "mistakes."

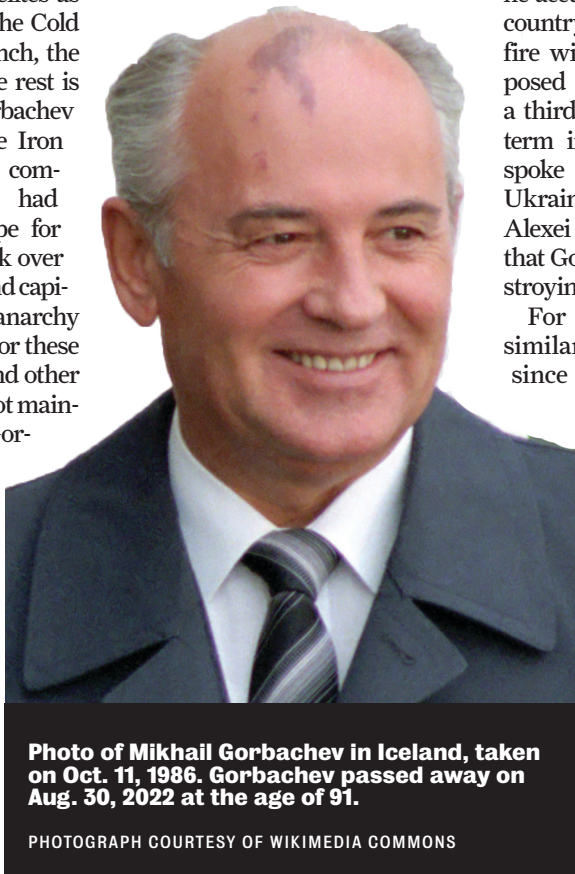


Photo of Mikhail Gorbachev in Iceland, taken on Oct. 11, 1986. Gorbachev passed away on Aug. 30, 2022 at the age of 91.

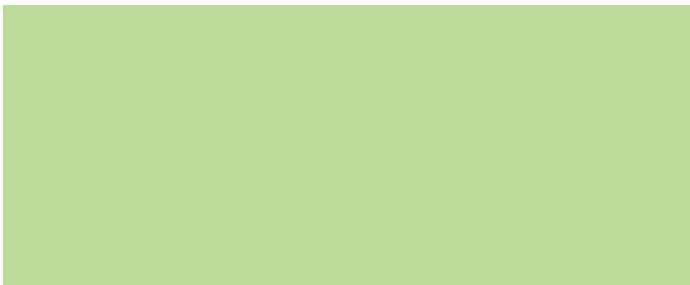
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Photo of the Day | Early bird gets to Bookworms



After the first week of classes, students are busy completing assignments in the Bookworms Café since the Homer Babbidge Library is closed in celebration of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022. PHOTO BY IZZI BARTON, STAFF ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

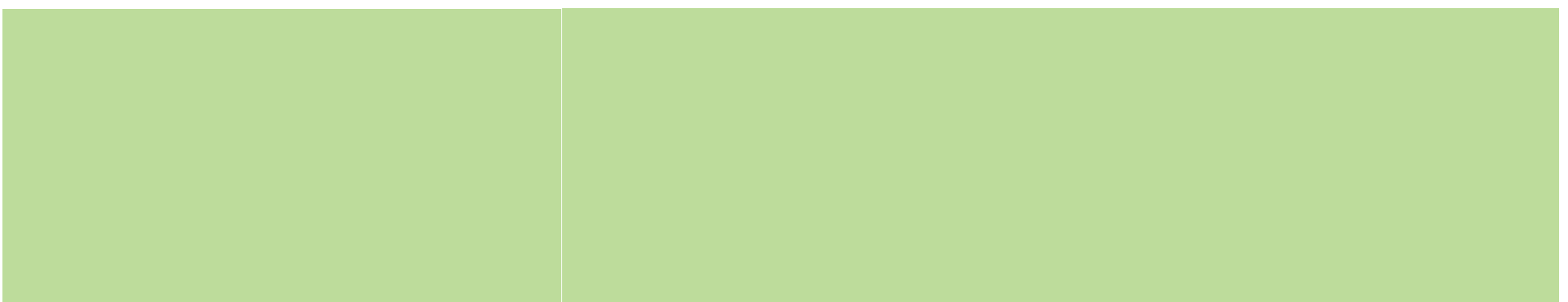


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Cross Country: Huskies sweep Marist Invitational

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What a start to the season for the UConn cross country team.

For the second straight year, the Huskies took home the team title at the Marist Invitational in Poughkeepsie, New York, finishing top dogs amongst seven qualifying teams. Connecticut took home the gold over schools like Hartford, Iona, Marist and Siena. This year, UConn also took home the individual title, with senior

Caroline Webb setting a new personal record on the five-kilometer course. She finished with a time of 18:20.8.

“What a great opener at Marist, a great start for us,” said director of cross country and track and field Beth Alfond-Sullivan. “Certainly an opener for the teams running today and for us, we ran our freshman and sprinkled some upperclassmen into our lineup. Just really proud of our efforts,” said Alfond-Sullivan. “I thought we closed really well today and were a dominant pack out there.”

Those words certainly rang true, as the Huskies truly did lead the pack. Aside from Webb, a talented group of five freshmen placed in the top 10: Chloe Trudel, Calista Mayer, Megan Minicucci, Madelaine Sweeney and Logan Hughes. All five finished the 5K in 19:03 or less in their collegiate debuts.

“Just a dominant win for Webb, and a new PR by over a minute,” Sullivan said. “Chloe had a tremendous race and her last mile was outstanding, really closed well. Calista, using her 800-me-

ter speed at the end, closed really well. We are going to see a lot from this freshman class over their four years at UConn. They really showed great intensity and desire.”

Also finishing for the Huskies were Caroline Towle in 12th, Ally McCarthy in 22nd and Megan Perrota in 28th out of 69 finishers. With great depth and a ton of youth behind Webb, there’s plenty to be excited about in Storrs. Sullivan is in her first year as director as well, and it looks like the sky’s the limit for this crew.

Up next for UConn is the Providence Friar Invitational on Friday, home to this year’s Big East Tournament. The underclassmen on the team should get some great experience at the Mark Coogan Cross Country Course at Highland Park, prepping for another podium finish come late October. While the field has yet to be announced, the Huskies should get their first top-30 test, as Providence was voted the No. 15 team in the country this preseason. It will be the Friars’ first competition of the season.



Part of the girls cross country team practices on the track to improve their speed. Many of the athletes in cross country continue their season into track and field.

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Photo of the Day | Anyone Open?



UConn men's soccer defeat the NJIT Highlanders 3-1 following a Friday night matchup on Sept. 2, 2022 at Morrone Stadium in the UConn Storrs Campus.
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Spin Cycle: Getting to know the UConn golf freshmen

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Amidst a stretch of several successful seasons, the UConn men's golf team put together yet another formidable performance in 2021-22. Led by juniors Caleb Manuel and Tommy Dallahan, the team placed in the top five ten times in the 12 tournaments that the Huskies participated in over the fall and the spring. The team showed both resilience and consistency all season long and went on to earn a third place finish as a team in the Big East Championship to put the final cherry on top of their most recent campaign.

As the 2022-23 golf season draws closer, the Huskies will look for some of their younger players to take the next step and become major contributors to a strong tournament

team. Manuel, the team's top player from one season ago, announced over the summer that he would be transferring to the University of Georgia for the fall semester. Subsequently, UConn is left without their star and will hope that they can receive immediate aid from their in-house reinforcements. While we could see sophomores Vikram Konanki and Trevor Lopez take on a more prominent role on this team as they continue to grow as players heading into their second seasons, the Huskies will also give a long look at the three new faces that will be coming to Storrs this fall. Freshmen Connor Goode, Christopher Sacher and Colin Spencer will all be making their collegiate debuts for UConn this fall. With the regular season underway this upcoming Saturday, this is your opportunity to get to know the future of UConn golf.

Connor Goode

Goode is a product of Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he attended high school. A member of his school's golf and football teams, Goode served as the golf team's captain and was a three-time All-Conference and two-time All-State selection as well as an All-New England pick during his high school tenure. His recent accolades include victories in the Connecticut Junior Amateur and Connecticut Junior PGA Championships last summer, followed by the Connecticut Division I State Championship in the fall.

"Living in Connecticut, the opportunity to represent UConn was something I just couldn't pass up," Goode noted in a press release. "UConn is a great academic school with a solid business program for my life after college. It has a great campus and community with great sports teams that are fun to watch... Once I met [head] coach [Dave] Pezzino and the guys on the team, I knew it would be a great fit for me. They have created a great culture that I wanted to be a part of."

Goode won the Connecticut Junior PGA title in early July with a final-round score of 69 at Keney Park Golf Course in Windsor, winning by one stroke. Three weeks later, he defeated defending champion Matt Doyle, 4 and 2, to capture the Connecticut Junior Amateur at Watertown Golf Club, by sinking an eight-foot eagle on the 16th hole. In October, he even-par with a score of 70 at Chippabee Country Club in Bristol to win the Connecticut Division I State Championship individual title by three strokes.

Colin Spencer

Spencer is a Massachusetts native where he attended Mashpee Junior-Senior High School in Mashpee. A Boston Globe All-Scholastic athlete, his stock soared this summer when he captured the Massachusetts Junior Amateur title and followed with another stellar performance in the New England Junior Amateur tournament in August.

"That was a big boost for my confidence," Spencer said while addressing the press following his Junior Amateur performance. "Then playing well in the first round at the US Junior was cool to see, and then it just kind of all came together at the Massachusetts Junior and then the New England Junior a couple weeks later... Match play was hard... it was all about staying focused and ready to go," Spencer recounted.

Spencer has been noted for having a very strong mental game on top of his physical abilities. "Everybody hits bad shots — it's going to happen," Spencer's father has told the media when reflecting on his son's capabilities. "Some people don't have the ability to get past that. He does. He's only 18, but he's much wiser and more mature than that — he just is. That's who he is."

Spencer has also been credited for adapting a complex workout regime. He enjoys hitting the course and practices hitting balls into a net, but he's also learned to include stretching, various forms of strength and conditioning or meditating into his workouts.

Christopher Sacher

Hailing from Schoeffengrund, Hesse, Germany, Sacher signed a National Letter of Intent with UConn earlier this summer to join the golf team for the 2022-23 season. He attended Goetheschule Wetzlar for high school and has played out of the Frankfurter Golf Club for the past two years at the Golf Club Schloss Braunfels, as German high schools do not offer golf competition. He was number one in the German Junior Golf Rankings in 2020 and he shot a course record 63 at Erster Golf Club Westpfalz last year.

"The entire athletic atmosphere at UConn, with the sportsmanship and support between teams, inspired me to become a Husky," Sacher said in a press release. "I chose to commit to UConn because of the high level of education students receive, along with being able to be an athlete for such an immensely competitive school. After having met Coach Pezzino, I knew that I had found the right match for me."

Playing in many high-level events all around the country, Sacher won the Men's State Fourball Championship in 2022, the Junior State Team Championship in 2021 with the youth team of the Frankfurter Golf Club and the Men's State Amateur Championship in 2020.

"I'm very excited to bring a player of Chris' talent into our program," coach Pezzino said when asked of Sacher's arrival. "He has an outstanding international resume and he's an outstanding student. The more I got to meet with Chris, the more I knew he perfectly fit the profile of the young men we recruit. He will be a great addition to our program."

Good old-fashioned Connecticut football

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There was a lot to get excited about in East Hartford entering Saturday's contest despite the UConn football team having an 0-1 record. Seven days earlier, the Huskies put up a fight against the Utah State Aggies, a team receiving AP votes, losing by just 11 points. It was clear from their first offensive drive that this team differed from years past, as proven by UConn's ability to stay in the game after a disastrous second quarter. With this kind of performance, it was not a matter of if but by how much the Huskies would beat the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils.

Husky Nation showed up in troves to witness a team no longer known as the punchline of an overused joke. 18,782 attended UConn's home-opening loss against the College of the Holy Cross in 2021; 22,442 fans bought tickets and attended this year's home opener. Although the difference in attendance seems minimal given the stadium's maximum capacity of 40,642, it had an effect on the game's overall atmosphere.

The Huskies felt different in the first half, but they still made mistakes that hinted at iterations of years past. Whether it was turning the ball over twice in the red zone or allowing the Blue Devils to take a 3-0 lead on a productive second quarter drive, UConn found themselves walking into the snares of a trap game. Despite trailing for 5:30, UConn entered the half with a 7-3 lead. The Huskies may have led by four points, but it was better than being down at the break. The Huskies found their footing in the second half, reaching the endzone three times and preventing CCSU from scoring once. Not only did the UConn defense do its job, but a bounce of bad luck on the Blue Devils' first drive of the second half tilted momentum in the other direction.

This all added up to a 28-3 victory that marked the first time UConn beat an FCS institution by more than ten points since 2011. Whatever head coach Jim Mora said in the locker room at the break worked because the team turned into a well-oiled machine for most of the second half. If the Huskies play like they did in the final 30 minutes for more games than not this season, then do not be surprised if they finish with anywhere between four to six wins.

Give credit to CCSU, they looked and played like the better team throughout the first half despite trailing in most offensive categories. The strategy for staying in a game for as long as they did was in their defense. The Blue Devils consistently forced the Huskies to turn the ball over and carried momentum into the break after an endzone interception with a second left. Even though the result shows otherwise, CCSU forced the Huskies to make numerous mistakes despite being unable to capitalize off most of them. CCSU even contributed to the impressive fan turnout as they had their own student section opposite of the packed Husky student section and their spirit team working with UConn's on the sidelines.

Zion Turner showed signs of improvement. In his first career start, Turner went 14-22 for 172 yards with two touchdowns, an interception and a fumble loss. The most impressive number from that game is 150.2, which was

Turner's passer rating, nearing the perfect passer rating of 158.3, a definite improvement from his rating of 66.0 that he posted against Utah State.

There were times when Turner played like a true freshman, whether it was on the strip sack or some errant passes, but most times Turner looked like a third-year starter. After the game, he discussed with the media about how he took accountability for his mistakes and how he will learn from them to improve, signs of someone who is maturing to the collegiate style of play and developing faster than expected.

He was not the only big playmaker. Weeks ago, Jacob Flynn was a walk-on, working tirelessly for reps and a chance to make a name for himself. Saturday, he col-

lected his first career receiving touchdown on a full scholarship and got mobbed by his teammates in the endzone. Flynn has a nickname of "sweet feet" and his touchdown catch was the cherry on top of a sugary cake.

With the Huskies icing the game late in the fourth quarter, running back Victor Rosa got to see the field for the first time ever. Rosa, a Bristol Central High School alumnus and former teammate of UConn men's basketball freshman Donovan Clingan, made the most of his time. On just the second carry of his collegiate career, Rosa evaded multiple defenders and plowed his way into the endzone for his first career touchdown — a ten-yard rush to the left side. Like Turner a week earlier, Rosa gave the coaches a lot to like.

"I think we will see more and more out of Victor Rosa," Mora commented after the game. "He proved something to us [Saturday]."

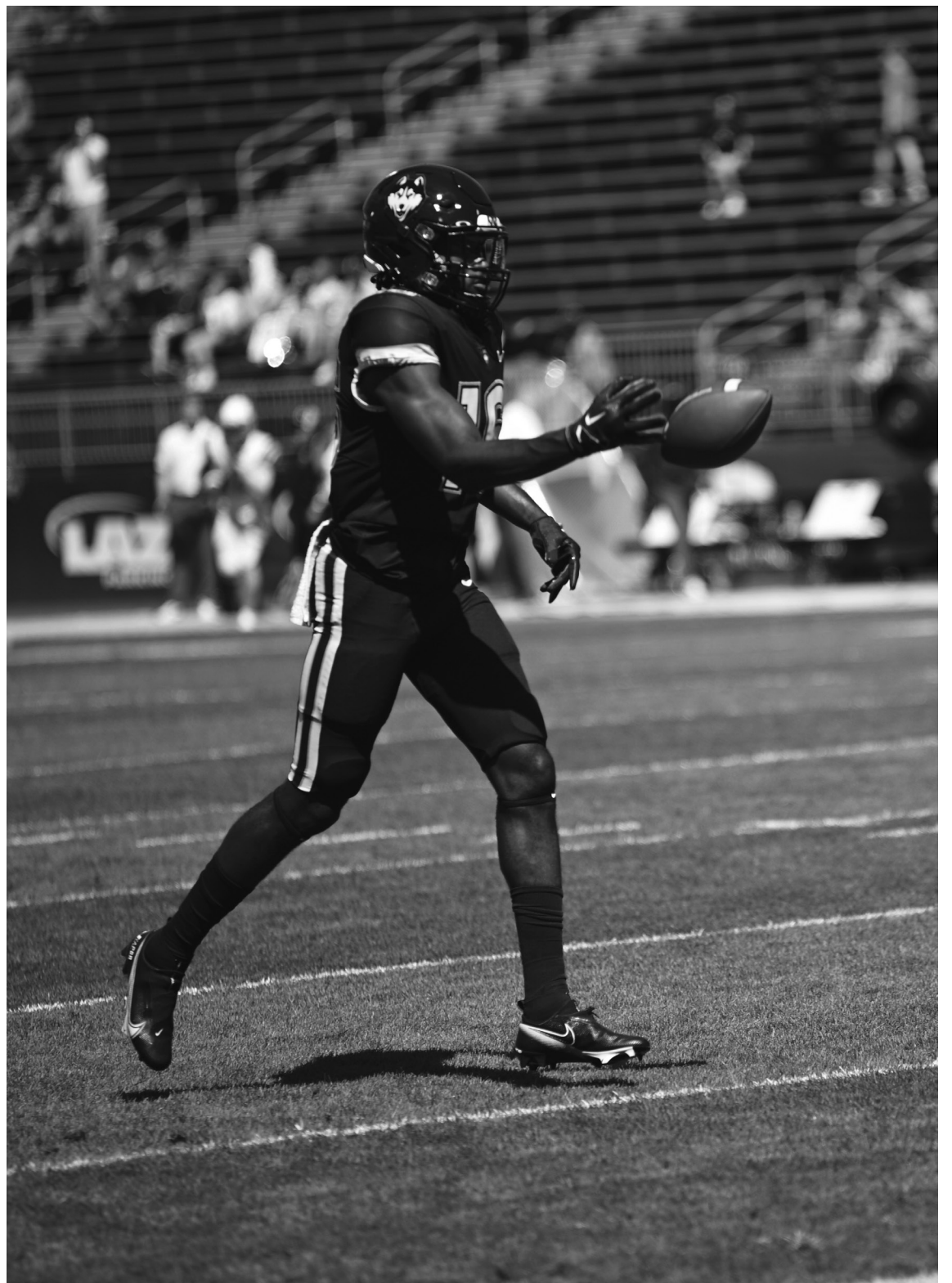
Rosa contributed only a small fraction to the running game's pie. UConn rushed for 274 yards on 54 carries with two touchdowns to boot. Nathan Carter ran for 123 yards his second game reaching the century mark this season and found the endzone once His 313 total rushing yards over two games currently lead the nation. Brian Brewton had the best game of his career by rushing for a career-high 62 yards on ten carries.

Jackson Mitchell, the Ridgefield resident, led the defense with seven total tackles despite not at his best. With 23 tackles through the first two weeks of the season, Mitchell has steadily improved his draft stock and continues to look like a future second-day draft selection.

ror, I walked away from that video feeling energized for this season. This is more than a marketing strategy by the athletic department: this is the end goal of Mora's master plan to bring UConn football back to relevance.

Even during their tumultuous and downright bad years, the Huskies continue to represent the Nutmeg State in college football. With Saturday's victory against the Blue Devils, UConn extends their winning streak against an in-state opponent to 28 seasons. The last time a fellow Constitution State foe defeated the Huskies was in 1994, when they lost 28-17 to the Yale Bulldogs at the Yale Bowl.

If the win against CCSU was the appetizer, then Saturday's game under the lights against the Syracuse University Orange is the main



The UConn football team takes on Central Connecticut State University at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in their second game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 4. The Huskies beat the Blue Devils 28-3, and will play their next game against Syracuse on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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For months, UConn football has called themselves the Husky Revolution. As I wrote about in my Coleman two weeks ago, I have bought into that mantra, turning the team culture upside down. At Saturday's game, Husky Nation learned about a new slogan: The heart of New England. It will take some time, but given the recent season-opening loss to Rutgers University from Boston College's football program, I can be sold on this belief.

Dan Orlovsky, a Bridgeport native and arguably the greatest quarterback in UConn's FBS era, joined the revolution with wise words about the program and culture in the opening video. If you have not checked it out, I recommend that you do. The video got the people fired up, but would have made more of a lasting impact if the marching band did not play over it. Ignoring the coordination er-

course. The last time these two schools met, Syracuse stomped all over the Huskies 51-21 at the newly named JMA Wireless Dome in 2018. Although the Orange took down the University of Louisville Cardinals this past Saturday 31-7, the revitalized culture of UConn's football program and its eager fans excited to witness history at Rentschler Field will make it hard for Syracuse to walk out of East Hartford with the win.

UConn football did a lot of things right and had a lot of things they need to work on as all ten of their remaining games are against FBS opponents. Above all else, the Huskies made Connecticut proud of the football team that played on the gridiron and brought back a sense of state pride to those who attended. UConn football may not be back yet, but this is only the beginning of something special.

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Sports

Men's Soccer: Huskies fall to rival Orange in rainy affair

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Early on in Monday night's contest, a cross was sent in right by UConn goalkeeper Jayden Hibbert. Hibbert jumped, attempting a routine punch of the ball to clear it. He missed an opportunity for strong contact, with the wet ball slipping past his fist.

Another UConn defender, positioned well, attempted a volley clearance. He too saw the ball slip past his foot. With Hibbert taken away from the net via his momentum, the ball was perfectly placed for Syracuse's Lorenzo Boselli, who found an easy open-net goal to put the Orange ahead 3-0.

It just wasn't the Huskies' night.

Amidst consistent rain all night, the UConn men's soccer team was unable to extend their winning streak on Monday, falling to No. 15 Syracuse by a score of 5-0.

"I think you give Syracuse a lot of credit," said Huskies head coach Chris Gbandi postgame. "I thought it was a game of chances, they had some good opportunities and they put (the game) away. We had quite a few and then we didn't put it away... that's the

a perfect through ball from senior forward Levonte Johnson, giving sophomore forward Nathan Opoku a 1-on-1 with Hibbert. Opoku had perfect placement, giving the visitors an early two-goal lead.

One of the Huskies' best opportunities to score occurred early in the second half, when sophomore midfielder Mateo Leveque received a ball on the ground from the 18-yard box. Leveque delivered a strong one-touch strike that ricocheted off the far post. UConn's Okem Chime was able to secure the rebound and put the ball in the net, but an offside call took back the goal.

Things got particularly interesting in the 71st minute, when a fight broke out between the two sides, forcing the referee and some of the players to break up the physicality. In the aftermath, UConn's

game of soccer."

The game ended up being quite a back-and-forth affair, with both UConn and Syracuse getting their fair share of opportunities to score and possess the ball. In fact, the Huskies had more shots than Syracuse and had a higher time of possession. The tone was set early on, however, that the Orange had better chances at the net. Throughout the game, the visitors had plenty of breakaways, showing off their abilities through counterattacks. Some of their strikes came when the Huskies least expected it, giving themselves higher percentage looks. At the buzzer, Connecticut had 17 shots, seven of them on target, while the Orange had 11 shots with seven on target.

The Orange's first goal came just 15 minutes into the contest, when Noah Singelmann received a wide-open ball in the corner of the 18-yard box. Instead of shooting or crossing it, he played a low ball to his teammate, who redirected it to the foot of Colin Birus, striking it right by UConn's Hibbert in goal.

Syracuse struck yet again in the 28th minute thanks to



UConn men's soccer gets blown out by Syracuse 5-0 on a rainy Monday night, Sept. 5, 2022 at Morrone Stadium
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Christos Charalambous received a red card, leaving his team to play down a man for the rest of the match. Also receiving a yellow card was Syracuse's Giona Leibold, who was on the bench at the time.

After the cards were handed out, the Huskies started to collapse, allowing a couple of goals within a few minutes of each other to

extend their deficit to five goals. The fourth goal saw a 2-on-1 breakaway opportunity for the Orange, peppering Hibbert with a couple of shots before finally finishing on one of the rebounds.

The Huskies had another solid opportunity to score just before Gbandi decided to give the bench a few minutes of play. A well-placed lob pass in the 80th minute found the head of an unmarked Soren Ilsoe, who missed just wide right.

Syracuse did a great job holding their back line up, particularly in the second half. Every time the Huskies were looking for a through ball, the entire defense

stepped up, drawing an offside call. By the end of the game, UConn had accumulated eight offside calls to the Orange's one.

One notable absence from this game was junior forward Moussa Wade, who leads the team in scoring over the still-young season. Wade went down with a non-contact injury early in Friday night's contest against NJIT.

The loss drops the Huskies to 2-2-0 on the year, while the Orange rise to 3-0-1 and extend their undefeated start to the season. Up next for UConn is a Saturday night clash at the University of Rhode Island.



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