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FED HOLDS INTEREST RATES, GOVERNMENT FACING DOWN SHUTDOWN



The Capitol marks the epicenter of the budget showdown poised to shut down the government due to Congress failing to pass adequate funding legislation.

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Fed holds interest rates in place (for now)

The Federal Reserve has decided to keep interest rates unchanged but plans to increase rates later this year, the Fed chair Jerome H. Powell announced Wednesday, following a meeting on the topic. The decision to keep rates on hold would allow policymakers enough time to reflect on how much interest rates have increased over the past 18 months and whether or not inflation remains a threat. Fed officials also announced that more gradual rate reductions will follow the upcoming rise in 2024 and 2025.

Government expected to shut down

The federal government is approaching a potential shutdown due to Congress not having been able to pass adequate funding legislation for the president to sign into law. The shutdown

would cease all non-essential work and services, and no paychecks would be sent until the end of the shutdown. If House Republicans and Democrats are unable to come up with a deal by Sunday, Oct. 1, then the government would proceed with a shutdown starting that same day at 12:01 a.m. If it were to occur, a shutdown could remain in effect for weeks.

Former Iowa Senator dies

Dick Clark, a Democrat known to have unexpectedly won a term as a senator for Iowa in 1973, passed away Wednesday. Clark was 95 years old and died at his home in Washington, according to his family. He used his single term as senator to shift U.S. foreign policy to the left following the Vietnam War. He also joined the Foreign Relations Committee in 1974 and chaired a subcommittee related to African affairs, which inspired him to devote the remainder of his term to pushing forward policies that would help newly independent African nations.

Connecticut health commissioner fired during COVID-19 settles with state, dismissal now a resignation

(AP) — Connecticut's Department of Public Health has reached a settlement agreement with the agency's former commissioner, who was fired in the first weeks of the coronavirus pandemic. She had accused Gov. Ned Lamont of discriminating against her, a Black woman, by elevating several white people to lead the crisis response.

The agreement, signed on Monday, settles a federal lawsuit filed last year by Renee Coleman-Mitchell, who was ousted on May 12, 2020. While admitting no wrongdoing or violating state or federal law, the state agreed to pay the former commissioner \$200,000. The bulk of the money, \$160,000, covers "compensatory damages for emotional distress, personal physical injuries, and physical sickness" in connection with her dismissal.

The remaining \$40,000 will cover her legal fees and costs.

The agreement also stipulates the state will pay \$1,249 to the Connecticut Department of Labor to resolve an unemployment compensation benefits overpayment Coleman-Mitchell had received in May 2020 that she was not el-

igible for under state law. Additionally, Coleman-Mitchell agreed not to pursue further litigation in the matter or apply for employment in the future with the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Coleman-Mitchell's attorney, Cynthia Jennings, declined to comment on the settlement when reached by phone. Adam Joseph, a spokesperson for Lamont, said in a statement: "We are pleased to have reached this settlement. We believe the settlement speaks for itself and wish Ms. Coleman-Mitchell the best."

In her original lawsuit, Coleman-Mitchell said she was never provided severance pay or consideration for another position as promised by Lamont, a Democrat, when she was removed as commissioner. She said last year she was unable to find another job because of the damage done to her reputation. Under the agreement finalized Monday, the reason for Coleman-Mitchell's departure from state government will now be listed as "resigned in good standing," rather than "unclassified appointment discontinued."

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Coleman-Mitchell was among dozens of state and local public health leaders around the U.S. who resigned or were fired in the first months of the COVID-19 outbreak as local governments navigated politics surrounding mask-wearing, lockdowns and infection data.

In 2020, Lamont did not say publicly why he was replacing Coleman-Mitchell with Deidre Gifford, then-commissioner of the state Department of Social Services. At the time, a state official said Lamont removed her for several reasons, including being slow to act on a plan to protect nursing homes from the virus and refusing the previous year to publicly release school-by-school vaccination rates. The official was not authorized to disclose the information and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Coleman-Mitchell said the governor told her that her removal had nothing to do with her job performance and that she had decided to move in a different direction.

"Governor Lamont's 'different direction' was biased and discriminatory and simply on the basis that he did not pre-



Connecticut's state Capitol is located in Hartford, Conn. Connecticut's Department of Public Health recently reached a settlement agreement regarding the agency's former health commissioner.

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fer to have an older African-American female in the public eye as the individual leading the state in the fight against COVID-19," the lawsuit read.

In the lawsuit, Coleman-Mitchell said she had raised concerns about infections in nursing homes during the first week of March 2020 but her warnings were met with op-

position by Lamont and his administration. By firing her, she said, Lamont insinuated she failed in the response to the pandemic, and the lawsuit cited what it called "the thousands of elderly nursing home illnesses and deaths that needlessly occurred as a result of Governor Lamont's failure to act in a timely manner."

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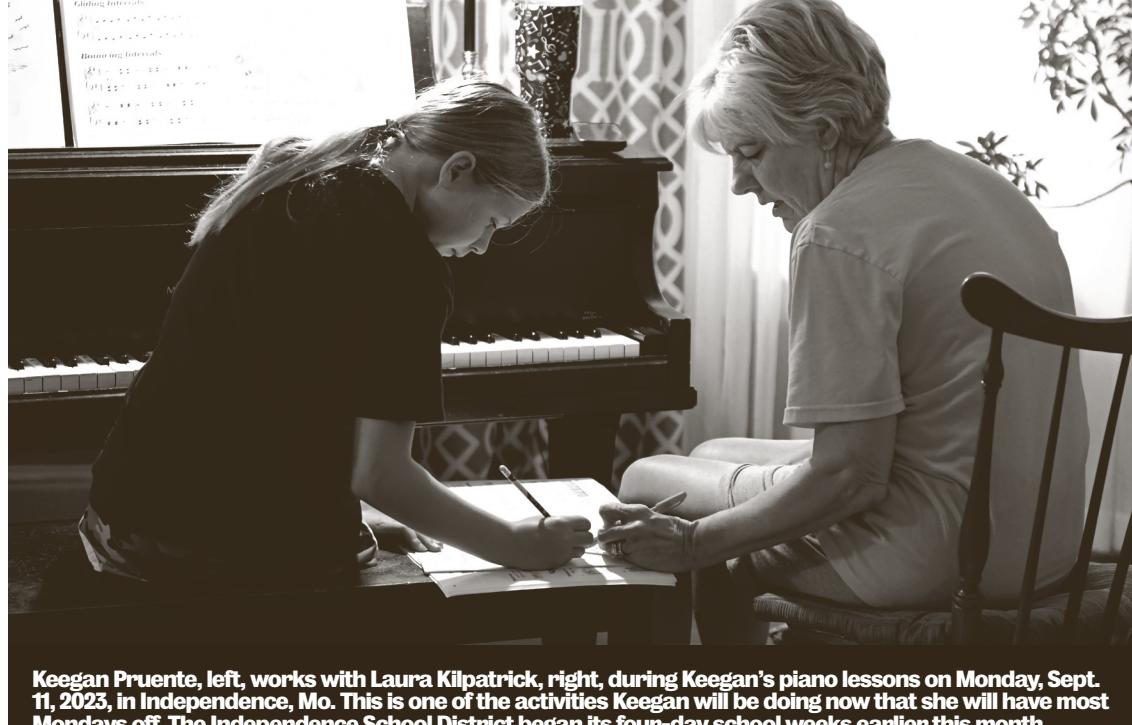
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More schools are adopting four-day weeks. For parents, the challenge is day five



Keegan Pruento, left, works with Laura Kilpatrick, right, during Keegan's piano lessons on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in Independence, Mo. This is one of the activities Keegan will be doing now that she will have most Mondays off. The Independence School District began its four-day school weeks earlier this month.

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INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — It's a Monday in September, but with schools closed, the three children in the Pruento household have nowhere to be. Callahan, 13, contorts herself into a backbend as 7-year-old Hudson fiddles with a balloon and 10-year-old Keegan plays the piano.

Like a growing number of students around the U.S., the Pruento children are on a four-day school schedule, a change instituted this fall by their district in Independence, Missouri.

To the kids, it's terrific. "I have a three-day break of school!" exclaimed Hudson.

But their mom, Brandi Pruento, who teaches French in a neighboring district in suburban Kansas City, is frustrated to find herself hunting for activities to keep her kids entertained and off electronics while she works five days a week.

"I feel like I'm back in the COVID shutdown," she said.

Hundreds of school systems around the country have adopted four-day weeks in recent years, mostly in rural and western parts of the U.S. Districts cite cost savings and advantages for teacher recruitment, although some have questioned the effects on students who already missed out on significant learning during the pandemic.

For parents, there also is the added complication, and cost, of arranging child care for that extra weekday. While surveys show parents approve overall, support wanes among those with younger children.

On this Monday, Brandi Pruento was home because Hudson had a mysterious rash on his arm. Most weeks, her oldest would be in charge, with occasional help from grandparents.

She has no interest in paying for the child care option the district is offering for \$30 per day. Multiplied by several kids, it adds up.

"I want my kids in an educational environment," she said, "and I don't want to pay for somebody to babysit them."

Even then, the district-provided child care isn't as convenient because it's not in every school. And in other four-day districts, so many parents adjust their work schedule or enlist family to help that the day care has been discontinued because of low enrollment.

That is especially concerning for parents of younger kids and those whose disabilities can make finding child care an extra challenge.

In more than 13,000 school districts nationwide, nearly 900 operate on a truncated schedule, up from 662 in 2019 and a little more than 100 in 1999, said Paul Thompson, an associate professor of economics at Oregon State University.

The practice has taken off mostly in rural communities, where families often have a stay-at-home parent or nearby grandparent. But Independence, known best for its ties to President Harry Truman, is anything but rural, with 14,000 students, including around 70% who are eligible for government-subsidized meals.

The district offers meals on Mondays, but not at every school. Starting in October, struggling students will be able to attend school on Mondays for extra help. Superintendent Dale Herl said discussions with officials at other districts convinced him parents will figure out child care for the other students.

"You have to go back and look, you know, what do parents do during the summertime? What do they do over, you know, spring break or Christmas break?" he said, adding that schools already had weekdays off for occasions such as teacher conferences.

In Missouri, the number of districts routinely getting three-day weekends has more than doubled since the pandemic hit, from 12% to 30%. Some Missouri lawmakers have pushed back, arguing students need more time with teachers. One failed legislative proposal would have let students in four-day districts transfer or attend private schools, with their home districts picking up the tab.

Some turn to a shortened schedule to save money. An analysis by the Economic Commission of the States found such savings were modest, totaling 0.4% to 2.5% of their annual budgets.

For many school systems including Independence, which lengthened the other four school days, the hope is to boost teacher recruitment and retention. Some schools making the switch are competing against districts that are able to pay up to \$15,000 more, with just 15 minutes added to the commute, said Jon Turner, a Missouri State University associate professor of education.

But when one district switches to a shortened school week, it gains a recruiting advantage over the others.

Other districts soon follow, making shortened schedules a "Band-Aid" solution with diminishing returns, Missouri Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven said.

"If everybody becomes a four-day school week," she said, "that is no longer a recruitment strategy."

In some communities, a four-day week is better for families. In the Turner district in north-central Montana, taking Fridays off avoids situations such as basketball games played at districts three or more hours away that leave only a small number of students at school, Superintendent Tony Warren said.

The change also provides another day to work on family farms in the district with a little more than 50 students, Warren said, although he now also sees some larger districts adopting the schedule.

"They're making the shift to the four-day week because all the districts around them have adopted a four-day week," he said.

The effect on academics is murky, although some studies show the schedule doesn't hurt test scores if the other four school days are lengthened to make up the time, Thompson said.

However, the Rand Corporation found achievement differences in four-day districts, while initially hard to spot, became apparent over multiple years.

That worries Karyn Lewis of the research organization NWEA, whose recent study found students are not making up all the academic ground they lost during the pandemic.

"Now is not the time to do anything that threatens the amount of instruction kids are receiving," she said.

In Independence, the hope is that the soon-to-start off-day program for struggling students will help them catch up

with their classmates. Older students, meanwhile, can take classes at a community college.

Only a few large districts have adopted a four-day week. The 27J district north of Denver made the switch in 2018 after several failed efforts to increase taxes to boost teacher wages. With surrounding districts able to pay more, teacher turnover had become a problem.

Superintendent Will Pierce said the district's own surveys now show nearly 80% of parents and 85% of teachers support the schedule. "Quality of life is what they're reporting," he said.

Demand for day care hasn't been huge, with fewer than 300 kids using the off-day program in the district of 20,000 students, he said.

Still, a study published this year found test scores dipped slightly in the 27J district, and that home values also took a hit compared to those in neighboring districts.

"Voters need to think about trade offs," said Frank James Perrone, one of the study's authors and an Indiana University assistant professor of educational leadership.

Teacher retirements have dropped in Independence and job applications have increased since switching the schedule. And that's all good, Brandi Pruento acknowledged.

"But," she added, "it can't be at the expense of the community or families of the district."



Hudson, 7, left, Callahan, 13, middle, and Keegan Pruento, 10, right, stand outside their school on their first Monday home during the new four-day school week on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in Independence, Mo. Hundreds of school systems around the country have adopted four-day weeks in recent years, mostly in rural and western parts of the U.S.

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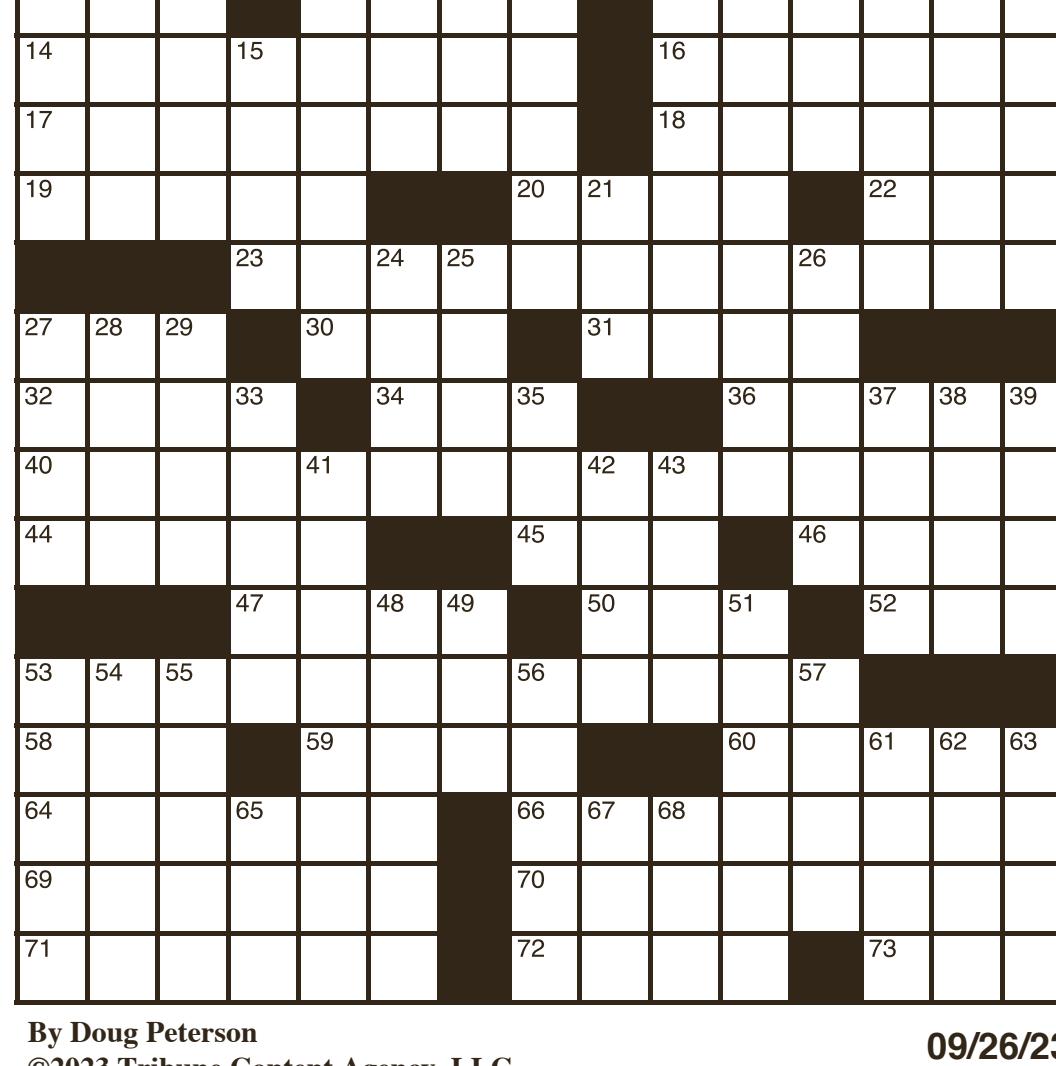
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FIVE-TIME EMMY AWARD-WINNER TELLS UCONN STUDENTS:

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The University of Connecticut welcomed Neil Mandt yesterday at the School of Business. Mandt is a five-time Emmy Award-winning producer who gave advice at his event, "How to Make it in the Entertainment Business."

Mandt began by asking the audience to step forward, shake his hand and introduce themselves. Certainly, an unorthodox approach, Mandt explains that one of the most important things about the entertainment industry is first impressions. To get his foot through the door, Mandt was only 10 years old when he approached a production team filming a wedding scene near his suburban neighborhood in Detroit. Six weeks later, his mother received a phone call on their avocado-colored rotary phone saying that Mandt had landed an audition for a Buick commercial.

This was only the start of Mandt's journey, as he would go on to be in more commercials. "Detroit was the headquarters for the automotive industry, which made it the headquarters for the advertising industry," stated Mandt. At a young age, Mandt learned how to be a businessman and noted that this experience "made [him] realize you could do anything." His own content that started his career was the "VTV Special Report: Rock Interviews," which aired in 1986. Mandt interviewed various stars such as Lenny Kravitz and Paula Abdul. His reason for starting the show is what many 16-year-olds wanted at the time: "I wanted to drink with Billy Idol backstage and shotgun beers with rock stars," said Mandt. Since this reporting allowed him to get hired by many notable news outlets, one of his biggest coverages was the O.J. Simpson trial for ABC News.

His next lesson was on how individuals could bring their ideas to life. Mandt asked the audience what they thought was the most important thing to people. Students pitched words such as happiness, family and money. Mandt remarked that the one who said money was greedy and earned a chuckle from the audience. The most important thing, according to Mandt, was time. "You can't buy time," declared Mandt. In Hollywood, time is everything. Mandt estimates that studios get thousands of pitches, yet only a handful get pilot episodes. "The odds are not in your favor," Mandt said, which is why your content must be interesting enough to pitch in just one minute.

"You can't buy time."

NEIL MANDT



'BE LOUD, BE DARING'

With the advent of the internet and social media, Mandt tells students to "be loud, be daring" on their profiles. The most important site for employers is LinkedIn. Students should enhance their presence online and their brand. Mandt has his own website highlighting his accomplishments at neilmandt.com. He urges all UConn students to start networking and building their profiles now.

"You cannot operate in this business without honesty and ethics, and honesty starts with yourself."

NEIL MANDT

As for the future of entertainment, Mandt's biggest concern is the usage of generative AI, such as ChatGPT.

His thoughts turned to the Writers Guild of America strike in Hollywood. He states, "You cannot operate in this business without honesty and ethics, and honesty starts with yourself." Despite the tentative deal between Hollywood studios and the Writers Guild, Mandt says, "It is inevitable that they will be gone; one or two will survive per show, but they will be gone." He mentions various other jobs that used to exist in the entertainment industry such as owners of VHS stores.

Mandt concluded the event by discussing the future of advertisements, which he theorizes will be interconnected with augmented reality technology. Mandt mentioned the Google Glasses and the Apple Vision Pro, but a common way that people recognize AR is "Pokémon Go" and SnapChat. An example that he showcases is the "Game of Thrones" ice dragon lens on SnapChat from 2019. Mandt posited the question, should owners of these properties have protec-

tions against AR advertisements? He warns that property owners need to think about the future of AR and if companies should be able to make a profit from advertising on their buildings, even if it's not physically there.

Mandt urges students to enroll in human resource courses to learn how to deal with people capable of hiring or firing them. He tells the audience to "be someone that gets stuff done." Mandt also mentioned that he is looking for two interns to work an internship for five hours a week over the course of six weeks. Mandt emphasizes that past interns have become producers and directors, saying that the opportunity to work with him has opened the doors for many people to become a part of the entertainment industry. Students interested must create a one-minute video, or sizzle reel, that tells him why they should be hired. To get in contact with Mandt, students should reach out to Pamela Costa at pamela.costa@uconn.edu.



Five-time Emmy Award winner, Neil Mandt, spoke to UConn students at the UConn School of Business on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, offering advice on how to make it in the entertainment industry.

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UConn women's tennis at their preseasn practice at 7 a.m. on Sept. 9, 2023.

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UConn men's football in the rain at the end of their game against Duke on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Rentschler Field. UConn lost to Duke making their record now 0 wins and 3 losses.

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UConn women's lacrosse in their huddle before the start of their annual blue and white game on Friday, Sept. 22 at Morrone Stadium. UConn blue played UConn white with alumni on each team to show appreciation to their alums.

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UConn men's soccer warming up to face off against CCSU on Sept. 19. UConn ended by beating CCSU 3-1 making their record 5 wins and 2 losses.

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BAZ MILITARY AT UCONN RECRUITMENT

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I grew up in an environment that was fiercely critical of American militarism. My parents, both immigrants, were largely untouched by military jingoism birthed during the genocide of Indigenous peoples in North America, refined throughout the anti-communist McCarthy era, and made an integral part of the American identity with the 20th-century wars of suppression that stamped everywhere from Buena Vista to Incheon to Safwan with the bloody boot of U.S. imperialism. Although my childhood was not devoid of problematic political biases of its own — none are — I am grateful to have been brought up in an environment that did not dehumanize and vilify the people of Afghanistan and Iraq during the mass slaughter that took place in the perversely-led “War on Terror” led by the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

At the same time, I often listened in with fear and confusion as my classmates spewed vitriol against South and Southwest Asians and North Africans — anyone with an orientalist “Middle Eastern” effect. These extremely heterogeneous groups, who had near-nonexistent representation in my hometown of Granby, Conn. with the exception of yours truly, were lumped together as disposable. They were obligated to answer on behalf of the orchestrators of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, and the CIA’s convenient boogeyman of the week, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Of course, neither my grade school peers nor the majority of Americans understood these dimensions at the time, nor did they know how their prejudices were being exercised in real-time by the U.S. military through the unimaginably gruesome torture of non-combatants at Abu Ghraib prison or the continued detention — often without trial and involving torturous prosecution methods — of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. The willful ignorance of the American public and media outlets made it acceptable to lionize the American armed forces without hesitation.

With these atrocities and countless others not far behind us in the rearview mirror of history, now immediately accessible to all through the internet, I find

it beyond disgusting that UConn regularly allows grotesque displays of militaristic propaganda intending to recruit students into the U.S. Military, the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and private military contractors. Not only do military and military-adjacent recruitment options uncritically endorse an organization that has conducted 469 foreign interventions in its two centuries of existence, with over one-half taking place after 1991, according to the Congressional Research Institution, but they deepen the dependency of academia on the military-industrial complex as well.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, uniformed recruiters for the Army National Guard occupied Fairfield Way. The armored vehicles and inflatable carnival games advertising “100% free tuition for CT state graduates” were an unmistakable sight as students made their way to classes. Here on our familiar route was the same institution that was weaponized to suppress anti-segregation protests, kill four student anti-war protesters at the infamous Kent State massacre, round up racial justice protesters responding to the police killing of George Floyd and, most recently, quash demonstrations against the construction of Cop City in Atlanta. Although most people are simply unaware of the blood-stained legacy of the Army National Guard being used for suppressing progressive social movements resisting the immoveable weight of capitalism and white supremacy, the UConn administration just doesn’t appear to care; after all, the administration has its own history of calling in big guns to disrupt student anti-war and anti-racism protests in the ‘60s and ‘70s.

Beyond institutional apathy of war crimes and the like, UConn’s relationship to the military is actually integral to the continued functioning of departments like the School of Engineering, where no less than a quarter of its more than 20 research centers are directly affiliated with defense contractors or branches of the military,

and one-third, or nearly \$25 million, of its research funding was awarded by the Department of Defense, according to the SoE’s annual report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The report further elucidates the pipeline between the SoE and the ironically-named “defense” industry: “Local industrial partners, such as Raytheon Technologies Research Center (RTRC), need a steady stream of Ph.D. students qualified to work on export-controlled research and other Department of Defense projects.”

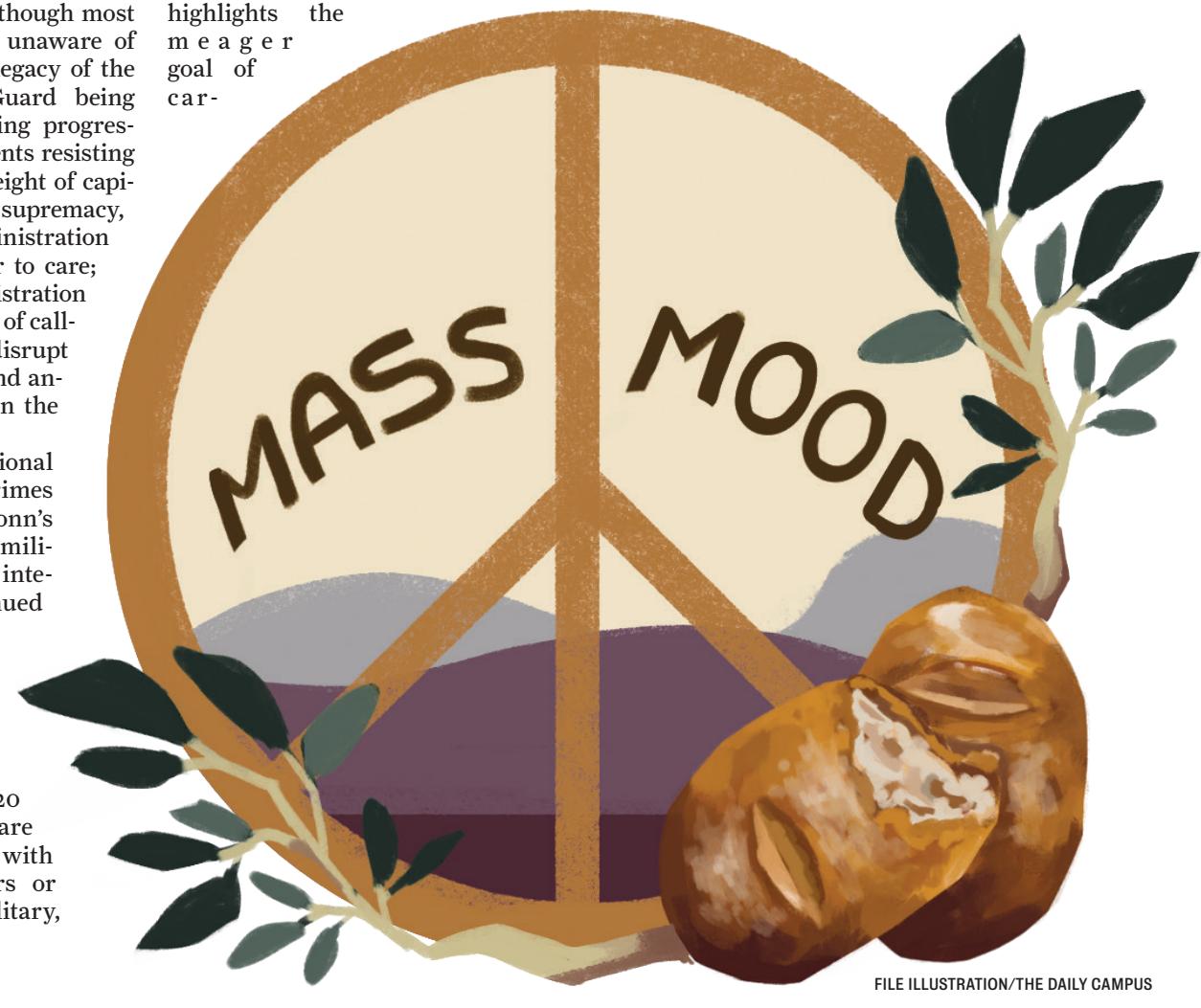
The report adds, “The goal is to recruit and educate Ph.D. students with expertise tailored for RTRC, Pratt & Whitney, Collins Aerospace, and General Dynamics Electric Boat that leverages UConn SoE’s existing pool of students and attracts additional talent from schools around the country.” I belabor these problematic connections further in last week’s column. In short, UConn has a vested fiscal interest in aligning with the military-industrial complex; however, the consequences of this continued relationship are dire.

Currently, the U.S. military

is one of the world’s worst air polluters, and the only climate action plan offered by the Pentagon thus far highlights the meager goal of car-

bon neutrality by 2046 — rubbing right up against the 2050 deadline for achieving net-zero emissions globally. As we face irreversible climate change, diverting resources towards a military buildup in Asia and weapons sales to countries with human rights concerns like Egypt and Israel, instead of prioritizing the development of environmental and socially-necessary technologies, is glaringly counterproductive. By continuing to preserve the university’s deep relationship with the military apparatus, UConn is willingly accelerating our descent into the climate crisis, as well as perpetuating the “poverty draft,” whereby low-income people may have no other choice but to join the military to escape economic destitution or afford an education. For the sake of our community and our planet, UConn must do its part to disrupt the U.S. Military’s vampiric extraction of wealth and human life from our society. In order to do this, we should start at home by prohibiting military recruitment at this university and, for students’ part, no longer tolerating the deceptive enticement of our community members into the war machine.

“I find it beyond disgusting that UConn regularly allows grotesque displays of militaristic propaganda intending to recruit students into the U.S. Military, the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and private military contractors.”



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The music and drama building is where numerous students pass through on a daily basis. This section of the building was newly renovated 2 years ago.

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A VOICE FOR THE UNDERDOGS

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An underdog is a person or team thought to have a low chance of winning. The odds are clearly stacked against them. That, however, does not stop them from continuing to push and fight to the end for their desired outcome. By this definition, that surely would make women the ultimate underdogs.

Women are constantly handed the short end of the stick, whether it comes to receiving less traction in sporting events or being told how they are supposed to present themselves. We have to work harder to gain even a fraction of the respect men get by existing, and most of us do so with a smile on our faces. Women tend to realize what they want and push themselves in calculated steps to reach each of those goals. Often, it is to prove that we are capable, either to ourselves or others, because gender truly doesn't determine your abilities. We might have to back ourselves up more, but a woman can be just as impressive as a man, which means we should be treated as equals.

Take football, for instance. It's a sport known to be dominated by men with a toxic fanbase, but it should be able to be enjoyed by all. Women are subjected to behaviors that make them severely uncomfortable and can be disturbing to witness. At the game against FIU on September 16th, I and many others were forced to listen to a drunken student at our school request that dancers "turn around" so he could see their backsides and "take off their clothes." In a situation like this, they cannot speak up for themselves; however, I did notice one dancer who looked ready to cry. This is an issue that more men would care about if they were in these women's positions. Still, people will make excuses for this boy's actions and try to blame a woman. They will say that the dancers and cheerleaders wear outfits that show their bodies, and on that note, I think it should be stressed how damaging this mindset is for women. An outfit that shows shoulders, stomach, legs, or even accentuates the chest area does not mean someone is requesting for you to

ggle their bodies. It's nowhere close to fair or acceptable that this happens, yet this behavior is normalized, and somehow, the victims of sexualization like this are convinced it's their fault.

By the same token, some actions aren't inherently sexist against women but noticeably land under that category. Another male student at the football game decided to bounce on the bench and stood on it continuously despite it bothering the person next to him. Her friend politely asked him not to do so because who would want to deal with that when trying to focus on the field? His reaction was to say, "Why don't you show some spirit and not tell me to get rid of mine? You're at a close game, sitting in the student section; maybe you should get on your feet?" Over the next five minutes, he continued to speak to her with sly remarks at random. He even said, "Oh, maybe I should calm down, huh? Fourth down." The entire exchange was unnecessary, not to mention sickening to witness, because this student was one of the most audacious people I've ever met. It can be assumed that if the

person to call him out was a man, the chances are that he wouldn't have acted that same way, which is important to recognize. This woman was quite literally talked down to and made to feel like a small request was a massive deal, and it's heartbreaking to know this was not a one-time occurrence. Women experience misogyny no matter what they do; that's what happens when the odds remain stacked against someone.

Women are constantly told their place in the world with added barriers that make basic tasks like walking down the street hard for some to do. It is crucial for all women to hear that it is unfair for you to work twice as hard as a man for respect. It is horrible to

know that there are always more obstacles or people who try to make you feel inferior along the way, but that does not mean you aren't a champion. We are the underdogs which means we have no choice but to keep moving until the tides change for the better.



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Women's Tennis: Huskies make some noise at Army Invite

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After three days, six brackets (or flights) and many matches, the Army Invite has come to a close. Although not every UConn player progressed far in their respective flights, there was still some serious improvement from last

Wright in the second round, ending singles play for the Huskies in the flight.

Flight B

Three Huskies participated in the second flight: senior Aleksandra Karamyshev, sophomore Cameron Didion and first-year Victoria Matos. Quinnipiac sophomore Vera Sekerina defeated Matos in round one, but Karamyshev

again proved to be too much as first-year Madison Smith won the match 6-2, 6-3.

Flight D

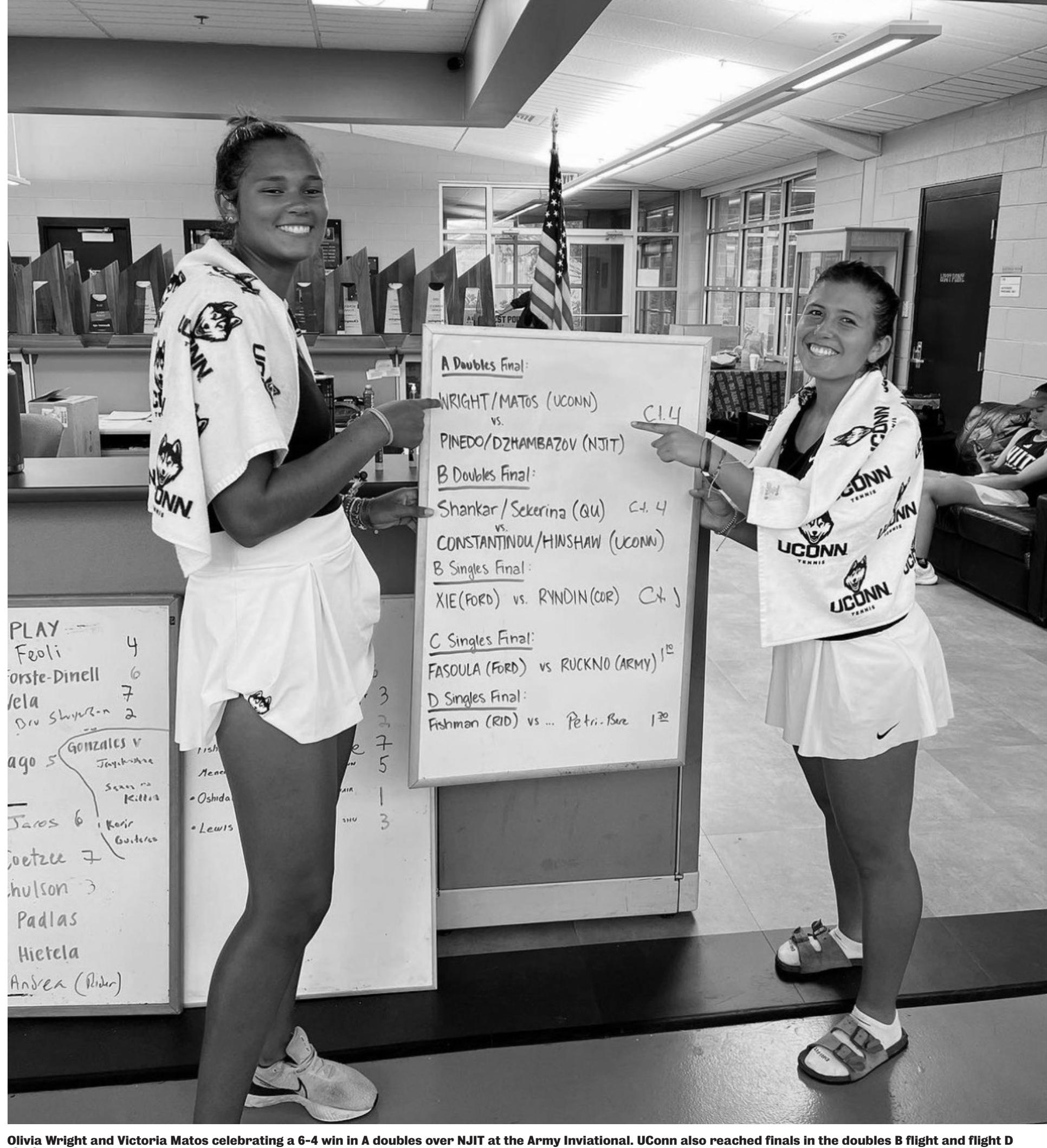
With the last chance for the Huskies to bring home some singles hardware, senior Nansi Toskova and junior Isabel Petri Bere tried to do just that in the final singles flight. While Toskova lost to Sacred Heart junior Renee Sharma in round

and Matos won with a score of 6-4 vs. senior Sandra Dzhambazov and graduate student Sofia Pinedo of the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Flight B

In the last flight of the invite, the partnership of Constantinou and Hinshaw, along with Toskova and first-year Isabel Asenov, both had the last opportunity for UConn to

year, UConn advanced four of eight. This is a clear improvement, even though they did not win a flight championship. Petri Bere was a standout for the Huskies in singles play, advancing the farthest out of the eight players, but lost in the final match of Flight D. Last year, in doubles, the two pairings advanced to the second round and the quarterfinals,



Olivia Wright and Victoria Matos celebrating a 6-4 win in A doubles over NJIT at the Army Invitational. UConn also reached finals in the doubles B flight and flight D singles. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNTENNIS ON INSTAGRAM

year. For the most part, the Huskies continued their hot start to the season.

Singles:

Flight A

The two players representing UConn in the first flight were juniors Olivia Wright and Maria Constantinou. The two had been the best singles players for the team leading up to this Invite, both undefeated to start the season in singles play. Wright advanced to the second round, defeating Fairleigh Dickinson senior Anastasia Lim in straight sets. Constantinou didn't fare as well, falling to Fordham senior Xiaowei Hu. Cornell senior Lauren Stein got the better of

and Didion advanced to the quarterfinals. Unfortunately, that's as far as both would go, as Fordham first-year Anlin Xie bested Karamyshev, and Didion lost to Army sophomore Venmukil Mathivanan.

Flight C

Following a promising second flight, UConn had first-year Caroline Hinshaw as their sole representative in Flight C and she didn't disappoint. Hinshaw beat Fairfield graduate student Laina Campos and Cornell sophomore Tanya Fan in the first two rounds, both in straight sets. Hinshaw only lost one game out of the first 25 combined. In the quarterfinals, an Army player once

one, Petri Bere advanced to the final round. In a match that went to three sets, Rider first-year Laila Fishman ultimately outlasted Petri Bere.

Doubles:

Flight A

In the first flight of doubles action, the Huskies that paired up were Wright and Matos, as well as Petri Bere and Karamyshev. After winning their first-round matches, Petri Bere and Karamyshev got eliminated by Fairleigh Dickinson's pairing of Lim and junior Namie Isago. Wright and Matos advanced to the finals in the flight, marking the second finals appearance for UConn up to that point. In the big match, Wright

secure another flight championship. Toskova and Asenov had a respectable showing, losing in the second round to Fairleigh Dickinson graduate student Alena Kubanova and senior Gauri Bhagia. Constantinou and Hinshaw continued to advance, earning another finals appearance for the Huskies, where they'd square off against the Quinnipiac duo of Sekerina and first-year Anagha Shankara. In another tough loss, Sekerina and Shankara edged out the victory with a score of 6-3.

Overall

After having only one of seven singles players make it to at least the quarterfinals last

which isn't bad, but something that could be improved upon. This year showed that improvement as Wright and Matos won the only championship for the Huskies this invite, the Flight A Doubles Championship. Both doubles pairs made it to the finals, proving to the other teams that this squad has made a real jump in quality. Overall, these results should be something for the squad to be proud of and can motivate them to keep firing on all cylinders throughout the season.

After a week off, the Huskies return on Oct. 5-8 for the ITA Division 1 Regional Championships hosted by Harvard in Cambridge, Mass.

Photo of the Day | 'Defending' GPAs against midterms season



UConn women's soccer takes on St. John's for their ninth game of the season on Sept. 24, 2023. The Huskies walked away with a 2-1 win after Abby Jones (not pictured) scored the final goal of the game. PHOTO BY EMMA MEIDINGER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

The Weekly Reed:

Can the Steelers defense continue to carry their offense?

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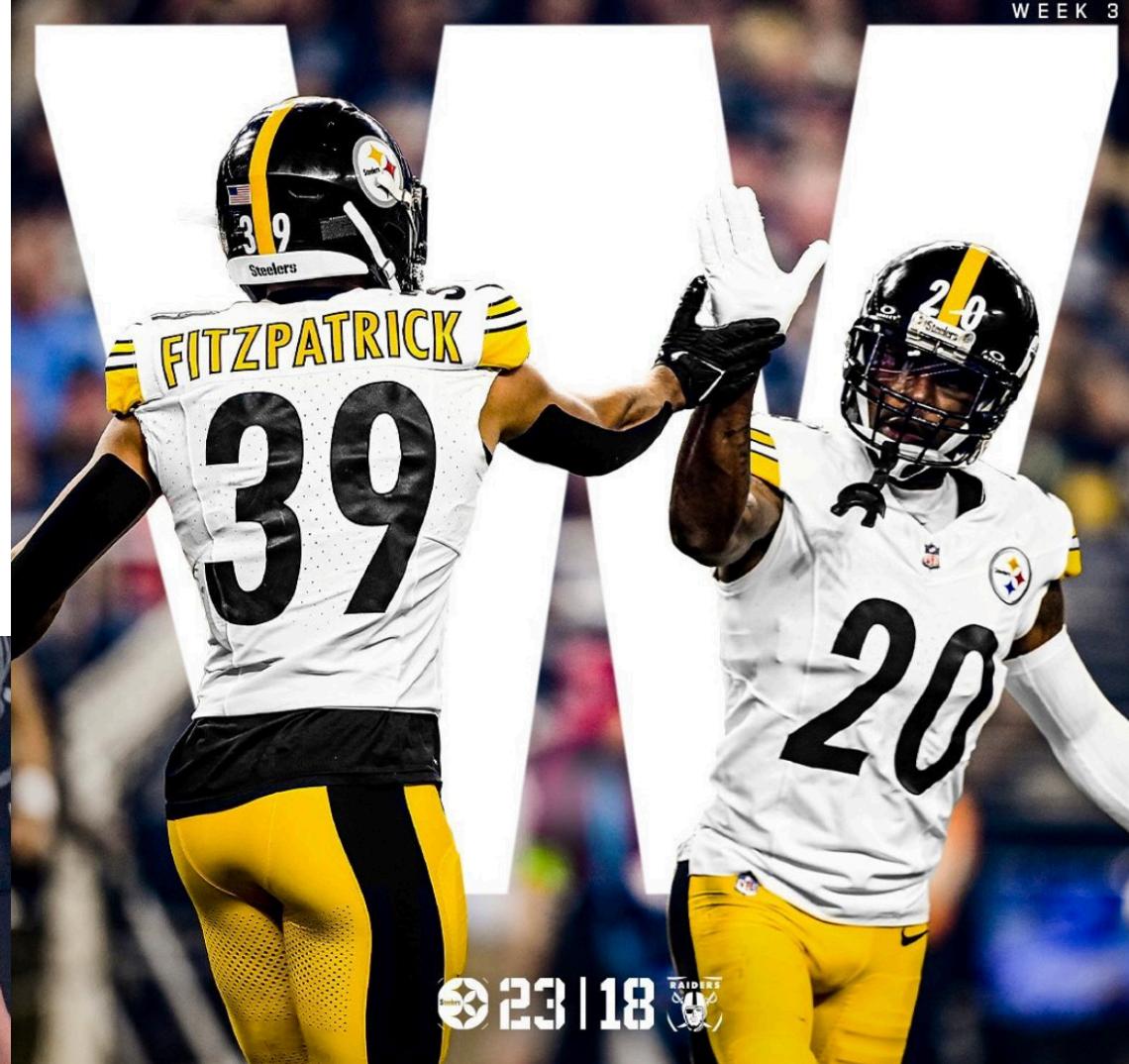
Three weeks into the season, the Pittsburgh Steelers sit at 2-1 following their Sunday night victory against the Las Vegas Raiders. It was yet another game where the defense was disruptive, causing three turnovers and sacking quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo four times. While the offense looked much better than their first two games, they still only managed to score two touchdowns, and their inability to run the clock allowed the Raiders to make a two-score game a three-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Cornerback Levi Wallace came to the team's rescue, catching his second interception of the game with just five seconds left to secure the win for Pittsburgh. Though their record looks good, the offense will need to improve if they have any hopes of a playoff spot.

This is not an issue that Steelers fans are unaware of. In week one against the 49ers, a game in which the Steelers managed to put up just seven points, fans were chanting for the team to fire Matt Canada.

gest headline in Pittsburgh: despite the defense scoring 14 of the Steelers' 26 points against Cleveland, the offense still looked lost. A 71-yard touchdown to George Pickens was all that the offense had to show for and they caused their defense to be on the field for the majority of the game.

If Pittsburgh is to continue to win games, they need their offense to stay on the field and keep their defense fresh. They've already lost key de-

Pittsburgh, showing their inability to move the chains and gain yards. In week one, it was the 49ers who had the ball for 37 minutes, while the Steelers only had it for 23. Then, in week two, Cleveland had the ball for 35 minutes, and the Steelers had it for 25. Even this Sunday, Las Vegas and Pittsburgh split the possession time down the middle with roughly 30 minutes each. Four of their first five drives against the 49ers were three-and-outs, with the fifth



Steelers players #39 Minkah Fitzpatrick, #20 Patrick Peterson, #88 Pat Freiermuth and #29 Levi Wallace celebrating after strong plays against the Raiders. The Steelers went on to win the game 23-18. PHOTOS COURTESY OF @STEELERS ON INSTAGRAM

being an interception thrown by Pickett. Against Cleveland, Pickett threw a first-possession interception to start the game. This Sunday against the Raiders, Pittsburgh started with two three-and-outs against Vegas before a third down 72-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Austin III prevented their third consecutive one. The offense is averaging around 12 first downs a game in their first three games, ranking them in the lower third of the league.

Even after their win last Monday night against the Cleveland Browns on primetime, the offensive coordinator was the main topic reporters asked head coach Mike Tomlin about. That was the big-

fender Cam Heyward for a few weeks of the season due to an injury against San Francisco and can't afford to have any more players go down. Time of possession has been a real issue to start the season for

season, and it took 16 total NFL games to achieve this. While this is Pickett's first season as an NFL starter for an entire season, hopefully, we'll see more improvement on his end because there were plenty of questionable throws coming from the sophomore quarterback. However, the blame should not be entirely on Pickett as he is still young and has time to grow, plus the team's running game isn't really helping him out. Najee Harris only has 139 yards rushing in the team's three games, with no touchdowns and the Steelers are 30th in the NFL with 67 rushing yards per game. The offense has just four touchdowns through three weeks, while the defense scored two, ranks first in sacks (13) and is tied for third in picks (4).

Pittsburgh's offense has done the bare minimum to start the season, and the defense has picked them up. All it would take for the Steelers to remain a playoff contender would be for them to gain first downs, so the defense isn't always on the field. Against the Raiders, the offense looked better at times, but failing to get first downs late in the fourth made the game closer than it needed to be if the offense had just converted. The defense will always be there for the offense, but to maintain their health and stamina, they must produce offensively both on the ground and through the air.

USL Championship: Hartford continues losing streak after 3-0 loss to Detroit

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The Hartford Athletic's search for a win continued Saturday after being shut out by Detroit City FC. To say this season was bad for Hartford would be a massive understatement. Currently, the team not only sits last in their conference, but they sit last overall in the league with only 16 points out of a possible 84. They have also endured 20 losses and conceded 64 goals before this game. Lastly, they are eliminated from playoff contention with still a handful of games left in the season. The Athletic have much soul-searching to do and must reinvent themselves as they prepare for the 2024 season.

The work for a better team and overall better organization began with the announcement of the organization's new CEO, Nick Sakiewicz, at the start of the week. In a statement from the team, "Nick is the perfect

at the feet of Dario Suárez, who managed to score, putting Detroit in the lead. While the Athletic made many great efforts to turn the tide of the match, that did not stop Detroit from doubling their lead after Michael Bryant successfully took advantage of a set piece from a free kick. At the end of the first half, Hartford had a free kick that came close to becoming a goal, but Detroit's goalkeeper's stellar performance once again saved the team.

The second half of the match saw a more fired-up Athletic side. Multiple impressive plays from players like Tristian Hodge and Prince Saydee showed promise of a possible comeback effort by the team. Hartford came close to achieving that ambition in the 53rd minute when Danny Barreras attempted a shot after Amoh crossing the ball to the penalty box area. Still, the Detroit goalkeeper prevented Hartford from returning to the board. The Athletic's aspiration of a



Kembo Kibato controlling the ball on defense in their match against Detroit FC. Their defense let in 3 goals by the end of the match. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HFDATHLETIC ON INSTAGRAM

addition to drive the growth of Hartford Athletic on and off the field," said Chairman Bruce Mandell. "Nick has the skills and track record of success necessary to move our club forward by building a competitive team on the field, establishing a best-in-class youth academy, and deepening our roots in the community." With new leadership and the sense that the club must go in a new direction, the foundation for an Athletic comeback is slowly forming; however, that is still much easier said than done.

In the game's opening minutes, Hartford was keen on rushing the Detroit defense. In the 12th minute of the game, the Athletic's Antoine Hoppenot won possession of a passed ball from Kembo Kibato and created a shot on target, which Detroit's goalkeeper Nathan Steinwascher saved. After being blocked, Hartford's Elvis Amoh shot a ball that Steinwascher deflected. As time raged on, it did not take long for Detroit to answer to the Athletic's offensive efforts. With 24 minutes left, Hartford's goalkeeper deflected the ball off a shot from Connor Rutz. The ball would land right



Midfielder Conor McGlynn handling the ball as Hartford Athletic got shutout by Detroit City. Their overall record is now 4-21-4. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HFDATHLETIC ON INSTAGRAM



Antoine Hoppenot winding up for a kick downfield in the Hartford Athletic vs Detroit City FC match. Even as a striker, Hoppenot went on to score 0 goals this game. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HFDATHLETIC ON INSTAGRAM

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Baseball: Small ball sets the tone in Hook C's 28-run outburst

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During their three intercollegiate fall ball exhibitions in 2022, the UConn baseball team scored at least 15 runs in each contest (18, 21, and 17, respectively) and allowed 11 total. Opening fall ball play against the regional campus UConn-Avery Point Pointers, who replaced Niagara Community College on the schedule, the Hook C showcased their explosive offense in a 28-6 beatdown at Elliot Ballpark.

Rather than relying on the longball like they did 78 times in the spring, the Huskies got all but three of their runs on the ground, consistently attacking the plate and swiping bags. While the final score seemed one-sided, the Pointers looked like the better baseball team out of the gate, taking starter Garrett Coe deep two batters into the game for an early 1-0 advantage.

Paul Tammaro's first pitch bunt single in the bottom half immediately got the offense going, but none of their runs in that frame could have been possible without Korey Morton's speed. Reaching on a game-tying fielder's choice, the senior outfielder swiped second and third with Matt Garbowski at the dish, accounting for two of his three stolen bases on the night. Morton subsequently scored for a 2-1 UConn lead, but Avery Point took it right back with one fell swoop.

Capitalizing on a dropped routine flyball that started the second inning, the Pointers smacked a go-ahead two-run shot into Connecticut's bullpen for a sudden 3-2 advantage. Coe bounced back with three straight outs, but by then, the graduate lefty allowed more runs in one exhibition (three) than he did with the Falmouth Commodores (two) all summer.

For all of the struggles the graduate lefty had on the hill, fellow Falmouth pitcher Stephen Quigley had his back out of the bullpen. Quigley, exercising his final year of eligibility, prevented Avery Point from scoring for a third straight inning and set the stage for the Hook C offense to tie the game in the third. Knotted at three, the Huskies opened the floodgates behind their small-ball offense and multiple Pointers' defensive miscues.

Across the next two frames, Garbowski collected two of his three hits on the night, which included a two-run double in a six-run fifth that several Avery Point players lost in the lights near the left foul line. Batting .257 in 144 at-bats in the spring, a 3-3 performance with three RBIs in the fall ball opener should have fans excited for a powerful 2024 campaign from the junior backstop.

Ian Cooke entered a half-inning earlier with a comfortable three-run advantage and made the most of it, looking much better than



Tyler Minick running the bases in UConn's blowout against the Avery Point's Pointers. UConn won the game 28-6 in the standard nine innings. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNSB ON INSTAGRAM

when he went 3-3 with a 5.74 ERA in 12 starts as a sophomore. Across two scoreless innings, Cooke demonstrated improved velocity with a deadly slider, leaving Avery Point's hitters looking silly on numerous occasions. With the Detroit Tigers drafting southpaw Andrew Sears, the junior righty should be the team's ace once again.

In three years at Tufts University, Cameron Mayer went from a starter to a bullpen arm, sporting a 2-0 record with a 3.93 ERA in 12 appearances (one start) this past spring. Relieving Cooke in the seventh, Mayer ran into early trouble when Avery Point scored their first run since the second inning. It started with a throwing error that sailed past Luke Broadhurst's glove at first base, but an RBI triple and an RBI groundout on consecutive pitches opened the possibility that the Pointers could come back. Finishing his outing with three total runs allowed, Mayer showcased his potential as a reliable reliever with an arsenal of pitches released from a 90-degree arm slot.

Still ahead 15-6, freshman Tyler Minick gave UConn those runs back in the bottom half with one powerful swing. Walking in his first at-bat, the freshman from South Setauket, New York, blasted a three-run shot that landed on the Rizza Performance Center roof beyond left field. During his senior year at Governor Mifflin High School in Pennsylvania, Minick batted .431 with 22 stolen bases, seven homers and 17 RBIs. Expect big things from the six-foot freshman, who was one of the first infield replacements in the game alongside Broadhurst, especially if he gets used in early regular season contests against quality non-conference foes.

Connecticut scored once more in that inning, but by then, the

Pointers' chance at commencing another comeback attempt had dissipated. After 2023 NECBL All-Star Braden Quinn struck out the side in the eighth, something he did several times with the Danbury Westerners over the summer, the Hook C offense exploded for nine runs in the bottom half and essentially iced the contest.

Freshmen Brett Davino and Michael Oates stood out the most in the later frames with at least one base knock. The former earned a spot on GameTimeCT's All-State Second Team as a shortstop at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury, while Perfect Game ranked the latter as the No. 1 catcher in Massachusetts. Although nowhere near a save situation, UConn's projected closer Brady Afthim pitched the ninth, swiftly finishing the 22-run blowout with two strikeouts.

Out of everyone in the starting nine, Jake Studley and Ryan Daniels played the most at seven full innings while everyone else stayed in at least four. Even though the Huskies had several extra base hits, including triples from Eastern Connecticut State transfer Matt Malcolm and sophomore outfielder Niko Bruni, sluggers such as Drew Kron and Bryan Padilla reached on a mixture of infield singles and throwing errors. Even with a significant portion of the power no longer on the roster, especially in Big East Player of the Year Dominic Freeberger and All-Big East First Team selection Ben Huber, the Hook C can outslug opponents with their small ball.

UConn continues their Fall Ball slate with their second exhibition against the Long Island University Sharks on Oct. 6. First pitch from Elliot Ballpark is at 3 p.m.

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We will play a doubleheader against Bridgeport on Friday starting at 4:00pm.

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Field Hockey: Huskies flip the script sweeping the Hoyas and Blue Hens

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programs first played in 1972. On Sunday, the Huskies looked to continue their win-streak, this time facing Delaware. Sunday's matchup also marked the 10-year anniversary since UConn won the 2013 Field Hockey Championship by a score of 4-0 over Duke.

It was a tough start for the Huskies as Delaware quickly scored three minutes into the game. Despite this, UConn regained their momentum in the first half with a goal from Kratz, adding to her two-game goal streak.



UConn field hockey beat Delaware on their home turf 3-1. Their overall record is now 4-6. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNFHOCKEY ON INSTAGRAM

Princeton Tigers, looking to turn their year around.

Friday's game against Georgetown had a slow first quarter of

fensively. Although the Huskies gained nine shots, with six on goal, the game quickly revved up in the second quarter. Junior Madi Herb put the Huskies on the board before the start of the half with a rebound goal against the Hoyas.

Connecticut started the second half of the game with a goal from sophomore Sol Simone, and in the final quarter, they polished off their win with a set of goals from grad student Julianna Kratz, her first two of the season.

The Huskies shut out the Hoyas 3-0, outshooting them 29-4, showing their strengths in all aspects of the game.

Freshman goaltender Natalie McKenna stopped two shots on defense throughout the entire match.

The offense was the main star of the show, with 21 of those shots being on goal, preventing the need to defend against the Hoyas on the other side of the field.

"We want to be on offense as much as we possibly can and to try and restrict their opportunities to attack and counterattack," Coach Paul Caddy said of the depth of UConn's defense and their sustained ability to stop Georgetown's offense.

Connecticut remains undefeated against Georgetown since both

The Bressler sisters were able to solidify this incredible win with a goal from sophomore Belle Bressler in the fourth quarter and a follow-up goal from grad student Julia Bressler.

UConn finished Sunday's 3-1 win by outshooting Delaware 22-6, marking the third loss in a row for the Blue Hens.

With their current three-game win streak, Connecticut has a record of 4-6 at the midway point of their season. In comparison to this point last year, the Huskies were on the opposite end of the spectrum with a record of 6-2.

The team will face tougher opponents in the second half of their season with nationally ranked teams such as No. 9 Liberty on Oct. 20 and No. 5 Duke on Oct. 22.

With such a young team, it has certainly been a tough year for them. These three games will give them the confidence they need as they progress toward playoff contention and a push for the coveted Big East Championship.

Hoping to increase their winning streak to four, the Huskies have two crucial Big East conference games this coming weekend against members of the top three. They will travel to Philadelphia for a battle against Villanova on Friday at 4 p.m. Then, they'll return to Connecticut for a Sunday afternoon game at 3 p.m. in Hamden against Quinnipiac.