



EMERGENCY BLUE PHONES AT UCONN: ARE THEY RELIABLE WHEN IT MATTERS MOST?

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Emergency Blue Phones are an essential safety device found on college campuses across the United States, with the University of Connecticut being no exception.

These safety devices are intended to provide a quick and easy way for students and faculty to call for help in the event of imminent danger or an emergency situation.

The EBP's on UConn's campus serve as a vital part of the university's safety infrastructure. These phones serve as an important lifeline for students, staff or faculty who may be in the midst of a dangerous situation.

EBPs are easy to spot, with their blue lights and prominent locations. There are also a plethora of these devices around campus, so no one part is left in the dark.

According to UConn's safety website, "The Emergency Blue Phones (EBP) are strategically placed throughout the

campus and are designed to be an easily accessible means of communication in case of an emergency."

In an emergency, students theoretically can simply pick up the phone and be instantly connected with a trained dispatcher and police services.

A UConn student named Jazlin, who declined to give their last name, had a personal experience with these EBPs, and claims they do not work as the school intends. One night, when Jazlin was walking home from class, she felt uncomfortable due to the presence of somebody she was unfamiliar with and used the EBP for help.

Jazlin was lost and did not know how to navigate back to her dorm from where she was. With a lack of internet on her phone, Jazlin was left waiting for "nearly forty minutes" until law enforcement finally arrived at her location.

Jazlin further elaborated on the severity of her situation by revealing she has type 1 diabetes, and this all took place as her blood sugar was actively lowering.

"I waited a minute before they picked up the call and told them that I was a type 1 diabetic who had gotten lost and was unable to walk back to my residence because I had low blood sugar. I waited about 20 minutes for them to arrive, and it took around another 15 minutes to leave; all the while my blood sugar was heading continuously lower."

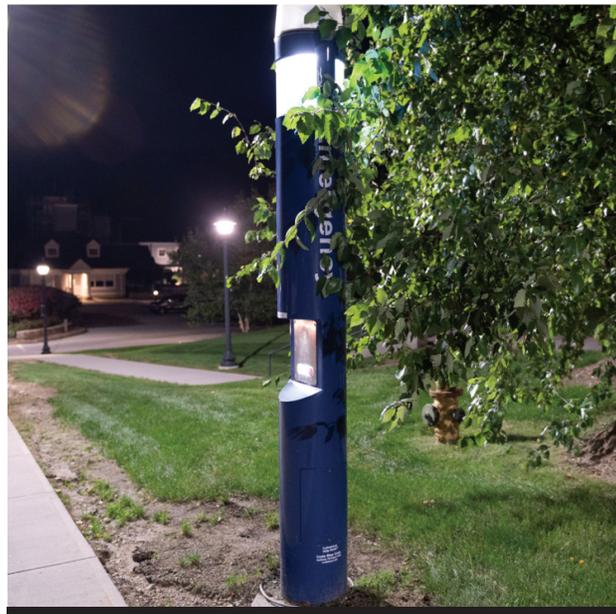
Jazlin's response to the question of whether the blue safety phones serve their purpose is telling.

"I believe the blue light system is simply a facade to make people feel like they are being actively protected," Jazlin said. Though this claim is unsubstantiated, it suggests that the phones may not actually be reliable when it matters most.

This testimonial exemplifies the importance these blue phones play in campus safety, especially for those with medical conditions.

"It took a total wait time of almost 40 minutes."

Within the midst of a medical emergency, every moment



The blue emergency lights are littered around campus to keep students safe. When the button is pressed, 911 is called and will send a police officer to the location.

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counts, and the delayed response time by police to help Jazlin may have caused her life to be in danger.

If there are any issues with the EBP system, it can lead to a direct delay in police response time. If there is a delayed police response to an impending crime, officers may miss the opportunity to apprehend a criminal or give a student critical aid. Time is a crucial factor in many emergencies, and these phones are only efficient if they work swiftly. After this experience, Jazlin no longer feels safe on campus, even opting to purchase her own protection tools.

According to UConn's "Campus Safety Practices" page on their website, "The University of Connecticut Police Department takes a multi-layered approach to ensuring the safety and security of the campus com-

munity, and the Emergency Blue Phones are an important component of that approach."

The page further says that the UConn police department "tests and maintains the phones regularly to ensure they are always in working order, and encourages students and staff to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity."

Emergency Blue Phones are an essential safety feature on the University of Connecticut campus. According to the testimonials of many students, this safety feature is inefficient at protecting students.

The Emergency Blue Phones (EBP) are a crucial safety feature on the University of Connecticut campus. Though many may question their reliability, both university and law enforcement officials continue to emphasize the importance of these safety devices.



The blue emergency lights are characterized by their blue exterior with a dark red button labeled "PUSH FOR HELP" on its front facing side. Once pressed, 911 is contacted and police are sent to the location.

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SCENES OF PAIN AND GRIEF ON WAR'S 10TH DAY

(AP) — Thousands dead and thousands more wounded and missing. As the war between Israel and Hamas rages, the countless individual lives upended by the conflict can be overshadowed by the enormity of the toll.

But in streets and shelters, homes and hospital wards, moments with those affected offer stark reminders of that impact.

Inside the emergency room of a hospital in Gaza City, a Palestinian boy, his face covered in blood, sits on the floor

waiting his turn for medical treatment. Inside a post-mortem room in Tel Aviv, a pathologist leans over an exam table, marking a bag holding the remains of one of the Israelis killed by militants.

Even as Palestinians, seeking refuge from Israeli airstrikes, take shelter inside a school in the city of Khan Younis, some of the Americans trapped in Israel when war broke out get ready to board an emergency evacuation vessel, in hopes of reaching home.



Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, center, and members of his cabinet pray for the victims killed during the latest Israel-Hamas war, at the start of a cabinet meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

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News

How the 'laws of war' apply to the conflict between Israel and Hamas

(THE CONVERSATION) — The killing of Israeli civilians by Hamas and retaliatory airstrikes on the densely populated Gaza Strip by Israel raises numerous issues under international law.

Indeed, President Joe Biden made express reference to the "laws of war" in comments he made at the White House on Oct. 10, 2023, noting that while democracies like the U.S. and Israel uphold such standards, "terrorists" such as Hamas "purposefully target civilians." Speaking the same day, the European Union's top diplomat Josep Borrell condemned Hamas' attack but also suggested that Israel was not acting in accordance with international law by cutting water, electricity and food to civilians in Gaza.

But international law and the very nature of the conflict itself — along with the status of the two sides involved — is a complex area. The Conversation turned to Robert Goldman, an expert on the laws of war at American University Washington College of Law, for guidance on some of the issues.

What are the 'laws of war'?

The laws of war, also known as International Humanitarian Law (IHL), consist of the four 1949 Geneva Conventions, their two Additional Protocols of 1977, the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907, as well as certain weapons conventions.

Simply put, these instruments seek to spare civilians and others who are no longer active combatants from the effects of hostilities by placing restrictions and prohibitions on the conduct of warfare.

It is important to understand that modern IHL is not concerned with the reasons for, or the legality of, going to war. Rather, that is governed by the United Nations Charter and a member state's own practice.

It is also important to note that violations of the laws of war are notoriously hard to prosecute and can be frustrated by lack of cooperation by the parties involved.

What is the nature of the conflict between Israel and Hamas?

The answer to this question is by no means clear.

Many humanitarian law experts would argue that Hamas and Israel are engaged in what is known as a "non-international armed conflict." In other words, it would be classified the same way as a civil war that pits the armed forces of a state against an armed non-state actor, rather than an international conflict between two or more sovereign states.

If that were the case, the conflict would not be governed by the entirety of the laws of war, but instead by the more limited Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions along with numerous customary law rules, which derive from general practices accepted as law. Common Article 3, which applies to civilians and those no longer fighting, prohibits practices such as torture, summary execution and denial of a fair trial. But Prisoner of War status only applies to conflicts between states so would not apply.

But some international observers, including the United Nations, view Israel as, in effect, occupying Gaza — a view predicated on

the fact that Israel controls Gaza's borders and airspace and it supplies most of its electricity.

If that is the case, then the recent outbreak of hostilities between Hamas and Israel would trigger the entirety of laws of war.

That said, I do not believe that Israel is an occupying power in Gaza under a strict reading of the law. This is because Israel ceased governing and pulled its forces out of Gaza in 2005. Since 2007, Hamas, after expelling the Palestinian Authority, has in effect governed Gaza.

Is the bombing of Gaza illegal under international law?

Today the rules governing the conduct of hostilities in both international and non-international armed conflicts are essentially the same.

The foremost requirement in all conflicts is that combatants must always distinguish between civilians and combatants, and that attacks can only be directed at combatants and other military targets.

Protecting civilian populations caught in warfare essentially depends upon three factors:

- Civilians must abstain from fighting;

- The party in control of the civilian population must not place them at heightened risk of harm by using them as human shields; and

- The attacking force must take precautions to avoid or minimize excessive civilian casualties when attacking lawful targets.

Not only are civilians in Gaza not lawful targets, they are also protected under IHL by the rule of proportionality. This rule prohibits an attack against a military target which foreseeably could cause



An injured Palestinian boy sits on the floor at the emergency room of the al-Shifa Hospital, waiting to receive treatment for his wounds following Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City, central Gaza Strip, Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

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civilian casualties that are excessive, or disproportionate in relation to the advantage anticipated from the target's destruction.

In the case of Gaza, this rule requires that before launching an attack, the Israeli military analyze and determine the likely effect on civilians. If it appears that such an attack will cause disproportionate civilian casualties, then it must be suspended or canceled.

Given Gaza's urban density, it will be extremely difficult for the Israelis to avoid substantial civilian casualties even when using precision weapons.

And this task will be nearly impossible if Hamas, as it has consistently done in the past, uses civilians and now hostages to shield military targets.

While Israel bears primary responsibility to avoid excessive civilian deaths in its bombardment of Gaza, Hamas' ability to claim the bombardment constitutes a war crime would be weakened if it deliberately places its own people in harm's way.

And while Israel is complying with its duty to give an advanced warning of an attack in north Gaza, the problem remains: Where do 1 million people go to seek safety when borders are closed and military targets are being hit throughout Gaza?

Is Israel's siege of Gaza illegal?

Unlike in the past, total siege warfare now is unlawful regardless of whether the warring parties are involved in international or non-international hostilities.

Blocking the entry of all food, water, medicines and cutting off electricity — as appears to be happening in Gaza — will disproportionately affect civilians, foreseeably leading to their starvation. This is a banned method of warfare under customary and conventional IHL.

No matter how horrific the actions of Hamas, IHL does not per-

mit an aggrieved party to respond in kind. Violation of the law by one party cannot, in principle, justify or sanction actions by the other that violate established prohibitions in international humanitarian law.

What are the status and obligations of Hamas under IHL?

IHL rules apply equally to all the warring parties irrespective of the nature of the conflict. This means that Israeli and Hamas combatants have the same rights and duties.

If, however, the conflict is non-international, then Hamas will be regarded as an armed non-state actor and its combatants ineligible for Prisoner of War status upon capture. Accordingly, Israel can try them for all their hostile acts whether or not Hamas complies with the laws of war.

But even if the conflict is an international one, then Hamas's fighters would still be barred from Prisoner of War status. They are not the armed forces of Palestine — which is recognized as a state by 138 nations and has the Palestine Authority as its government.

Rather, Hamas combatants are an irregular armed group. To be eligible for Prisoner of War status under Article 4A(2) of the Third Geneva Convention, members of an irregular armed group must adhere to very strict standards, both collectively and individually. These include distinguishing themselves from civilians and complying with the laws of war. Manifestly Hamas has not and does not meet these standards. As such, Israel could lawfully deny them Prisoner of War status upon capture.

Israel, the U.S. and others label Hamas fighters as terrorists. Hamas' recent acts — indiscriminately firing thousands of rockets into Israel, targeting, killing and taking civilians as hostages — are acts of terrorism in warfare and qualify as war crimes.



A forensic expert marks the body bag of an Israeli killed by Hamas militants in the National Center for Forensic Medicine in Tel Aviv, Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

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“AMNESIA: THE BUNKER” HAS MORE TO FEAR THAN THE DARK

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Welcome back to The Backlog, a column where we review various video games. October is the designated “spooky” month, and it would be remiss not to cover the potentially scariest game of 2023.

Any longtime horror game fans know the name “Amnesia: The Dark Descent.” This first of the series has become a staple point of the survival horror genre, and one of its defining characteristics is how even the darkness can harm the player. The fourth installment of the series came out on June 6 of this year, titled “Amnesia: The Bunker,” and was published by Frictional Games. It can be played on PS4, Windows, Xbox One, Series X and S.

“Amnesia: The Bunker” follows its predecessors of having the main character wake up with a case of amnesia, where the player must survive by finding hints of the story sprinkled throughout the map. This game is different from previous ones as it

doesn't feature the defining “fear of darkness” mechanic like the others have. Also, it has a much more open-world aspect, where the player can return to explored sections of the underground bunker instead of going through the story in a linear fashion. I'd argue that this makes the game scarier, the feeling of being trapped underground with a monster that is capable of immediately finding you.

I am not a huge fan of survival games, not because they are bad but, because I jump at anything remotely scary. The atmosphere is already creepy, with flickering lights and the general ambiance. Sound design is essential to a good horror game, and “Amnesia: The Bunker” does this perfectly by equipping the player with the loudest flashlight known to man. But anyone who has played the game will know that if there's one thing you want to do, it's to keep the lights on.

Spoilers for “Amnesia: The Bunker” story beyond this point!

The game is set in France during WWI, where the player, Henri Clément, is a French soldier trying to escape an underground bunker while being hunted by a creature that the gaming community has dubbed “the Beast.” By searching the game's files, however, the Beast is also referred to as “the Stalker.” I'd argue that the Beast is one of the scariest enemies, specifically because of how smart the creature is. While you cannot kill him until the end of the game, players are still able to find ways to stun or prevent the Beast from reaching them. This includes little tricks like blocking tunnels, pouring gasoline on the floor, hiding in rooms with metal doors, or shooting it with their revolver. What's impressive is that the Beast is more than a mindless monster; it's capable of bypassing traps the player sets up, finding alternative routes or even opening doors like a human would. Its intelligence is what makes the Beast terrifying, especially since he cannot be killed with conventional methods.

Moving on to what makes an “Amnesia” game unique is how hopeless players can feel. Frictional Games has mastered the art of “shut up and don't move” with this installment. The Beast is attracted to any sounds, which makes being quiet a priority for Clément. Unfortunately, many necessary items are loud; shooting the pistol, for example, is a surefire way to attract him. Not to mention the flashlight that sounds like a lawnmower. While it doesn't require fuel like the lamp in previous games, it does require the player to pull a cord repeatedly, similar to a motor. Also, it's incredibly loud, so players must make the conscious decision to either keep the generator fueled to keep the lights on, or make do with the flashlight.

Another running theme of the franchise is that players are usually unable to defend themselves-- they have to use stealth or tricks to avoid getting caught by the enemy. “Amnesia: The Bunker” does give Clément, the player, a revolver, yet its real usage should be for anything

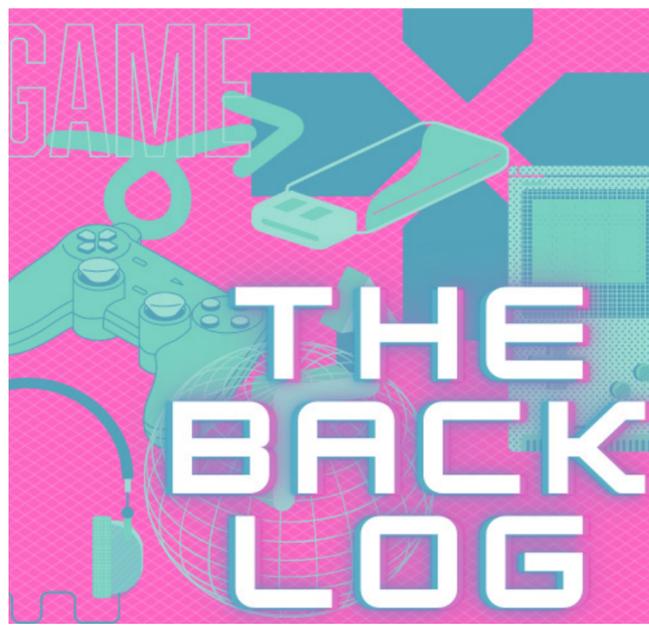
besides defense. The Beast can only be stunned by the gun, but it becomes extremely apparent as you play the game that bullets are scarce. This genius game design lets the player know that they should never be used for something as hopeless as beating the Beast. Instead, the gun should be used to solve puzzles. A good example is how some doors are locked and the locks can be broken by shooting it. Personally, I find this feature quite clever, as it forces you to be conservative with your decisions and, pun intended, not jump the gun.

There are countless other aspects that make “Amnesia: The Bunker” one of the most terrifying games of the year. The level of immersion makes you feel less like you are playing a game and more like you are trying to survive a “Saw” situation. Your limited inventory, dwindling resources, the clever Beast chasing you and the constant reminder that the Germans are knocking on your door makes this game one of the scariest experiences I've had.



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4.5/5



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“Awareness”:

A compelling sci-fi film that needed better execution

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The Spanish sci-fi thriller, “Awareness,” which premiered on Prime Video last Wednesday, introduces us to Ian and his father, Vicente, living on a fishing boat on the outskirts of society. Ian is a “perceiver,” which means he has the power to make illusions. Together with Vicente, he uses his powers for small scams, but things go wrong during a failed attempt to steal alcohol from a convenience store. This incident exposes Ian’s ability to also enter people’s memories and leads to a dramatic chain of events.

Their troubles escalate as a police officer starts pursuing them. Ian creates an illusion of a hailstorm, catching the attention of two rival organizations, the Agency and the Awareness, both interested in taking him.

Both of these organizations clash while searching for Ian, and it becomes evident that the member from Awareness is also a perceiver. The Agency eventually captures Ian, and at their headquarters, he discovers the truth

about his identity and powers. The story continues to unfold by revealing that Ian is a naturally-born perceiver, someone who has the ability to disillusion people with his mind. It is also revealed that he possesses a formula in his memories that can create more perceivers. The revelation about the formula was especially compelling since it explains why the two organizations really wanted him. It was also interesting to hear that the formula was planted into his memory by his mother from a young age. Ian also learns about the legend of the Mule, the most powerful perceiver, capable of manipulating people’s will. After hearing about him, I was curious as to who he really was.

During a reunion with Vicente, Ian enters his memories, uncovering that he isn’t Ian’s biological father and that he has a past with Adriana, the Agency’s leader. She encourages Ian to find his real mother. At the same time, Adriana is determined

to unlock Ian’s third ability to bend people’s will, but Esther, another member of the Agency, helps Ian escape.

After encountering Vicente once more during their escape, Ian finds out his mother was last seen in Warsaw. Ian and Esther then head to the city, where they discover information about the lab where his mother was held. Back home, Adriana convinces Vicente to continue to support Ian. With Esther’s help, the perceiver from the Awareness finds Ian and reveals that he is Ian’s biological father. He also learns about how truly bad the Agency is.

Soon, the Agency finds all of them in Warsaw, and Ian and Esther escape to his father’s house in Madrid while Ian’s father gets captured by the Agency. While he is kept at the agency, Ian’s father reveals himself as the Mule and uses the third ability to escape the Agency. To me, this revelation was somewhat predictable since he was the only other perceiver

in the film and it was obvious that Ian himself wasn’t the Mule.

After escaping from the Agency, Ian’s father introduces Ian to his mother who is now in a vegetative state. Ian enters her memories, and realizing that his mother only wanted Ian to know the formula and no one else. The Agency finds Ian again, and he uses his new ability to bend people’s wills to wound the Agency. Before Ian goes too far, Vicente intervenes.

In the chaos that follows, Ian’s biological father uses his power to force Vicente to end his own life. After this, Ian decides to hunt down his biological father, leading to a battle of their abilities. Adriana steps in to save Ian, and soon, he gains the confidence to act and kill his biological father. This moment definitely kept me on the edge of my seat with how two important characters died so quickly. While Ian was hunting down his father, I was definitely rooting for him and hoping that

he could get revenge for all the distress he had caused him. The final fight scene between Ian and his father was also done extremely well, and you never really were sure who would come out victorious.

The movie then concludes with Adriana attempting to obtain the formula from Ian, but he refuses. A closing scene reveals that Ian planted a fake person in Adriana’s mind whom she takes orders from and believes to be real when, in fact, every decision she made was her own doing.

Overall, “Awareness” offers a compelling plot with some intense moments that leave you rooting for the protagonist, Ian. But despite this, the movie to me wasn’t anything completely new. At times, it was predictable, and many of the usual sci-fi tropes could be seen.

RATING:
3/5



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THE ABUSE OF NUANCE, THE ABUSE OF PALESTINE.

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In heated arguments, the most “nuanced” position always seems to reign victorious. Juxtaposed with parochial, black-and-white ways of thinking, evoking nuanced signals that your stance takes into account every moving part, point of view and potential rebuttal to an issue. And while it does follow that truth — an abstract concept shaped by the night-infinite contradictions affecting the concrete world — must also be nuanced, it is also possible to weaponize the veneration to undercut the severity of situations that aren’t so complicated under the guise of fairness and neutrality. Such is the case with the world-historic disparity in violence committed by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people compared to vice versa. The tragic and escalating war in Gaza has fully demonstrated the differential in both firepower and destructive intent between the Israeli occupation’s internationally-supported military and Hamas, the governing authority of the Gaza Strip; however, appeals to nuance and a passé “it’s complicated” principle in media and

ity Committee holding “the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence” concentrated on the Gaza Strip. The letter attributes the escalating war in Gaza that has resulted in over 2,600 Palestinian and 1,400 Israeli deaths to the State of Israel’s violent oppression of Palestinians, which includes tactics from “systematized land seizures to routine airstrikes, arbitrary detentions to military checkpoints, and enforced family separations to targeted killings.”

ation routes and multi-generation family homes. The bombings and blockade leave a specter far beyond immediate casualties. More than 1,000 people, dead or soon to be, are believed to be trapped under rubble by the government of Gaza as a result of a ruthless bombing campaign. Hospitals in Gaza, including those immobilized in zones ordered to evacuate by the occupation military, are running

dehumanization — and thus dispensability — of Palestinians as the government’s unofficial policy.

Aided by U.S. support for its advanced military, the occupation can exert virtually one-sided force against the civilian population of Gaza — as well as the West Bank, where settlers and occupation troops have killed almost 50 Palestinians in order to seize Palestinian land amidst the wartime chaos. It is undeniable that Hamas is responsible for widespread death among civilians — albeit

Normally a staunch critic of Israel and advocate for Palestinian people to the point that it jeopardized his professorial career at Harvard, West voiced the understandable concern that between the occupation military and Hamas, “neither has a right to kill innocent people.” But in stating something so obvious for the sake of “nuance,” West and other progressive political voices are equivocating the unilaterally-imposed genocide and apartheid conditions for which Israel is responsible by placing these



popular discourse only serve to obscure the reality of the occupation’s century-long assault on Palestinian lives and self-determination.

“Largely right but lacking nuance.” This is how Green Party presidential candidate Cornel West characterized the critiques of pro-Palestine students at his former employer, Harvard University, in an interview with Politico published Oct. 10.

Last weekend, student organizations at the renowned Ivy signed a letter produced by the Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidar-

PSC’s rhetoric, undersigned by 30-some Harvard student organizations, is extremely pointed — but not without reason. In the week since the letter’s publication, the occupation military has devastated the densely-populated Gaza Strip with a blockade on food, water and electricity; the forced relocation of over one million people living in the northern half of Gaza to the south, stretching scarce resources among twice the population; and indiscriminate airstrikes on evacu-

out of power and supplies to treat the mass influx of patients.

Underpinning rampant violence against the Palestinian civilian population is flagrant racism and warmongering among Israel’s leaders. President Isaac Herzog expressed that “an entire nation out there” is responsible for deaths in Israel, rendering the fleeing, deprived masses of Gaza as enemies of the state. Defense Minister Yoav Gallant stated, “We are fighting human animals,” establishing the

not to the extent that many atrocity propagandists decrying unverified accounts of “beheaded babies” claim. However, the international emphasis on Hamas overshadows completely how Palestine has continuously experienced forced expulsion from their homes, extrajudicial murder, strangulation of its economic capacities via a militarized blockade and bombardment of civilian centers by the occupying Zionist state.

egregious actions on the same level as the (imperfect) acts of Palestinian resistance to them. This is absolutely an abuse of nuance.

Nuance is understanding that Gazans view Hamas as a valid means of resisting the abject horrors of Israeli settler-colonialism. Nuance is understanding that the presumption of innocence is granted to civilians illegally settling in occupied Palestinian territory bordering Lebanon and within the West Bank itself. Nuance is understanding the context around violent Palestinian resistance, not jettisoning it entirely to save face with apartheid and ethnic cleansing apologists. In the face of historic violence against a caged-in and dispossessed nation of people, it is not only acceptable, but necessary, to declare some things as uncomplicated and stand unflinchingly with those bearing the harshest consequences. The genocidal tactics of Zionist occupation and blockades do not deserve the good graces of nuance.

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Opinion

Photo of the Day | Fall is here!



Fall foliage changes outside of Oak Hall, which houses many majors including journalism and political science. Students and faculty can utilize the various rooms in Oak Hall to view fall scenery on campus.

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Free Palestine.

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Nelson Mandela wrote, “If the oppressor uses violence, the oppressed have no response but to respond violently.”

A system of apartheid is an institutionalized regime of oppression and domination by one racial group over another. Palestine has been under brutal Israeli military apartheid since the late 1940s. Under this system, Israel controls every aspect of Palestine’s autonomy and enacts multiple measures to ensure this system of oppression.

Through the construction of settlements in the West Bank and the total expansion of control in the occupied territories, Israel is exerting control over Palestinian land and resources, displacing and ethnically cleansing its people. This is colonialism at its finest. And it’s no surprise that a colonizer would be backed by other colonizers, specifically the United States, which has provided Israel with billions of dollars in military aid; from FY2019 - FY2028, they pledged to give \$38 billion of military aid to Israel.

The Zionist movement constructed one of the most complex and successful settler-colonial states, the State of Israel. The State of Israel was brutally birthed in 1948 - Palestinians describe what happened after the 1948 war with Zionist forces as Nakba (catastrophe). The Nakba was a turning point for the Palestinian people, as 12

million people were displaced and ethnically cleansed as a result of the establishment of the State of Israel. Zionist settler colonialism is based on the logic of “eliminating the native” and failing to utterly marginalize and “minoritize” them. The mere presence of Palestinians on their own land is an obstacle to this goal.

They have enforced movement restrictions on Palestinians in the OPT (Occupied Palestinian Territories) by imposing a land, air and sea blockade on the Gaza Strip, restricting the movement of goods and people in and out of Gaza. Their homes are regularly bombed, and their land has been systemically stolen. They are denied access to essential services such as healthcare, education, food, clean water and electricity. They have no military, navy or army to defend themselves against brutal attacks from land, sea and air. Most of all, they have no right in their own land and are being ethnically cleansed and slaughtered. Gaza is the world’s largest open-air prison, where 1.5 million people are living under what the UN Human Rights Commissioner described as “catastrophic” conditions. Make no mistake: Palestinians are experiencing genocide.

The oppression of Palestinians culminated on Oct. 7 when Hamas, a Palestinian militant group that has ruled since 2007, entered Israel and launched an attack with rockets, triggering a chain of events that killed more than 1,300 people. In response, the Israeli

Defense Forces launched a barrage of airstrikes on Gaza, vowing to wipe Hamas “off the face of the Earth.” Israel has cut off Gaza from food, water and fuel. The death toll in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank has reached 2,383 Palestinians dead and 10,814 injured. The brutalization of bodies and the death of civilians on both sides is a travesty, but we must acknowledge the context behind the situation. Palestine was entering its stolen lands, which were unlawfully occupied during the Nakba. The violence of the colonizer is never comparable to the violence of the colonized; when the colonizers use violence, it is a part of an oppressive structure that is maintains its dominance and control over the colonized. They are asserting their power over people they have already taken all the power from. The violence of the colonized is resistance - fighting for their right to live freely and wholly on the land that is theirs. It is unfair and unjust to ask those who have been persecuted to not fight for autonomy over their land and their very beings. These are things we should demand from those in power, from the colonizer, from the State of Israel. We cannot expect Palestinians to sit back and watch as they are being horrifically slaughtered.

Free Palestine.

“I have a million nightingales / On the branches of my heart / Singing the song of liberation.” Mahmoud Darwish: ‘Defiance’

USL Championship: Hartford ends season with a crushing loss to Tulsa

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Hartford Athletic ended their season at home but failed to do so on a good note with a 5-2 loss to Tulsa.

It has been a long and disappointing season for Hartford Athletic. Going into this final game, they have only recorded four wins while piling on 21 losses. Their last fixture was marketed as “Fan Appreciation Night.” This match was an opportunity to showcase to supporters that there is hope left for the team and deliver a much-needed moral victory after a winless run spanning back to early August.

From the half's opening minutes, the Hartford defense was uncoordinated and gave up opportunities for Tulsa. In fact, it only took five minutes for Tulsa to strike first. The goal came from a right-footed shot off Marcus Epps' boot that found its way to the back of the net after being shot from an awkward angle. Hartford's homecoming soon became a nightmare in the ninth minute when Tulsa's Blaine Ferri tapped in a goal and doubled their lead, which Epps assisted. With only 10 minutes of play in the books, Hartford was once again faced with an uphill battle.

They came close to going on the board with a 12th-minute corner, but Connor McGlynn's came up short after Tulsa goalkeeper Austin Wormell saved it. As Hart-

ford ramped up their offensive plays, so did Tulsa. Tulsa's efforts proved more effective when their lead extended to three in the 17th minute. Epps once again assisted inside the penalty box after passing it to Moses Dyer who took the shot and got past the Athletics. With another 28 minutes of play left in just the half, things were looking bleak for Hartford.

Then came Prince Saydee, who found an opening in the Tulsa defense and scored from outside the box in the 30th minute. The first half came to an end with four combined goals.

It was a strong start for the Athletics in the second half, as their offense pressured the visiting side. Antoine Hoppenot nearly scored for Hartford in the 54th minute with a header, but it was too wide. Just minutes later, the Athletics attempted another shot but missed again and hit the top of the crossbar. While Hartford did a great job early in the frame, pressing the Tulsa defense, Tulsa soon regained control. Once in possession, they wasted no time to transition, resulting in another goal that Angel Bernal taped in.

The half continued to be a quiet one up until the closing minutes. That's when Tulsa's Nathan Worth extended their total to five after Hartford left more than enough space for him to shoot and bury the ball with a shot on target. It was set to be a bleak ending for Hartford, but defender Robin Lapert lightened the atmosphere with an 89th-minute header that

went over Tulsa's goalkeeper's head. While the scoreline is not at all what Hartford or the fans wanted, the ending moments saw a more inspired Athletics side.

Hartford Athletic ends the season with historic lows, but there are many striking takeaways from the USL Team. Hartford clearly has a drive to win. It was seen early in the season when they would take on early leads or be close many times to come back from two to three-goal deficits. The problem is they have trouble finishing. They came up short time and time again. This issue must be resolved if they want the chance to come back to form. However, the most striking thing about Hartford Athletic this season did not come from the players or the coaching staff but from the fans themselves. For example, even coming off a historically low season, Hartford's final game of the season was a sellout crowd. A packed Trinity Health Stadium was not just seen in this game but throughout the whole campaign. The average attendance for the season was over 4,800 for a stadium that has a capacity of 5,500. The Athletics' fanbase has stuck by Hartford through it all. From the highs of clinching first place in their conference in 2020 to their historic losing streak this season, Hartford's fanbase will always show out and support their local team. And that support will carry on next season, as Hartford will return for the USL Championships 2024 Season.



Kembo Kibato, Hartford Athletic midfielder, clearing the ball upfield. This clear resulted in a turnover, allowing Tulsa to score. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HFDATHLETIC ON INSTAGRAM



Juan Pablo Torres and Elvis Amoh working together to move the ball upfield away from Hartford Athletic's goal. They were unsuccessful in this effort, allowing Tulsa to score a goal. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HFDATHLETIC ON INSTAGRAM

Sports

Photo of the Day | It's 'ball'-ready Tuesday



Both the UConn men and women's basketball team came together for First Night at Gampel Pavillion. As the Blue team faced the White team in various challenges, the White team won 2-1.

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Women's Tennis: Huskies handle business at Brown Invite

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After two weeks of individual competition, the UConn Women's Tennis team returned to their usual format of school vs. school matches. This past weekend, the Huskies squared off against the University of Rhode Island, Boston University, Yale and the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Overall, the Huskies looked sharp following their two-week stretch of individual tournament play, and as a result, there were plenty of UConn players with standout performances.

vs. URI Singles

Connecticut came out ready to roll for the first day of the invite. In singles play, they finished with a 6-2 record, highlighted by a three-set nailbiter by junior Maria Constantinou that saw her win the tiebreaker set by a

score of 14-12. Every other Husky won in straight sets in a true display of dominance for the opening matches of the invite.

Doubles

UConn didn't drop a match in doubles play against URI, going 4-0 on day one. The pairing of junior Isabel Petri Bere and freshman Caroline Hinshaw won their doubles match without dropping a game with a score of 6-0.

Overall, day one was a success for the Huskies, but day two would prove to be a tougher task.

vs. BU Singles

After such a great showing on the first day of the invite, nobody expected the day two results. Connecticut ended the day with only one singles win out of six matches. The lone winner was Hinshaw, who defeated sophomore Emily Zhao in another three-set affair. That match ended 1-4, 4-2 and 12-10.

Doubles

The doubles results were slightly better than the singles in this one. UConn went 2-2 overall, with the pairing of junior Olivia Wright and freshman Victoria Matos winning the first doubles match of the day. Hinshaw and Petri Bere continued their strong overall performances, securing the only other win in doubles for day two.

While Hinshaw and Petri Bere had strong individual performances up to his point, the team would've liked to do better on day two.

vs. Yale Singles

After a disappointing second day, Connecticut couldn't improve much against Yale. They once again finished with a 1-5 record in singles, with Matos snagging the only win of the day. She won in three sets by a score of 2-4, 4-2, 7-2, while every other Husky was defeated in straight sets.

Doubles

Once again, UConn fared better in doubles after their less-than-ideal singles results. They finished with a total record of 2-1, kicked off by the pairing of Constantinou and senior Nansi Toskova, who got the first doubles win for the Huskies. That win was followed up by Hinshaw and Petri Bere winning by default in a match that kept their hot streaks going.

vs. UNCW Singles

The Huskies were able to bounce back in their fourth set of matches against UNCW. After their back-to-back 1-5 singles record days, they were able to improve that to a 4-2 record. Petri Bere and Hinshaw were responsible for two of those wins, continuing their excellent play and leading the way for Connecticut.

Doubles

The Huskies capped off their return to form with a 2-1 dou-

bles record. Wright and Matos squeaked out a 7-6 victory in match one, while Petri Bere and Hinshaw finished as they started with another dub under their belts. They won in very convincing fashion, with a score of 6-0, which brought the invite to a close.

Overall

As a team, UConn played to their standards on two of the four days. That being said, there were some great individual performances, specifically by Petri Bere and Hinshaw. Hinshaw, who is only a first-year student, produced big wins in some tough spots where the upperclassmen players couldn't succeed. It was only fitting that the two standout singles players partnered up and dominated for Connecticut in doubles competition as well.

Next weekend, the Huskies head back to West Point, N.Y. for the ITA Super Regionals from Thursday, Oct. 19 to Sunday, Oct. 22.



UConn women's tennis team competes at home during the UCONN invite on Friday Sept. 15-17 2023 against Sacred Heart, Wesleyan, Bryant, Stony Brook and Army.

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The Weekly Reed: HOW THE OFFSEASON BETTERED THE CELTICS' FINALS CHANCES

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This NBA offseason featured plenty of big moves and shake-ups, some of which involved the Boston Celtics. Led by their young stars Jayson Tatum and

to the Memphis Grizzlies as part of a three-team trade that landed the Celtics Kristaps Porzingis. Developing big man Robert Williams III was another big name sent away this off-season in a move that brought in defensive guard Jrue Holiday. Grant Williams, who av-

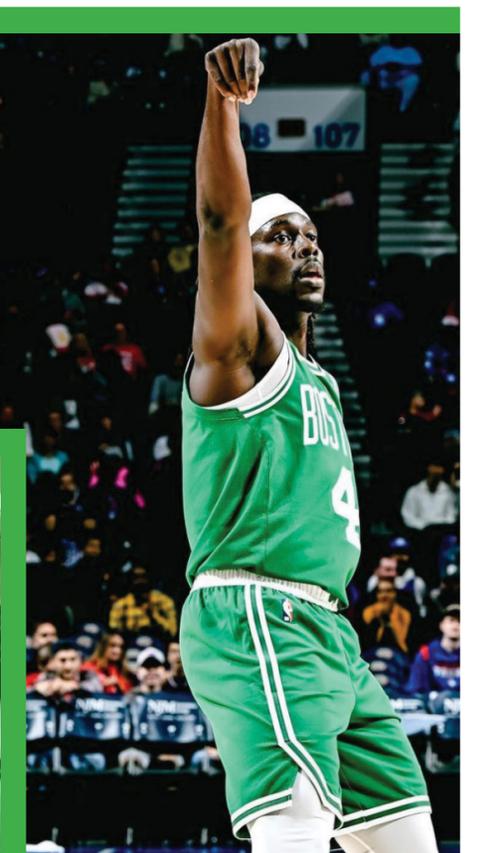
Holiday is notoriously a stellar defender, and he'll be paired alongside Derrick White this year. White finished with a defensive rating of 107.2, while Holiday's was at 107.9 with the Bucks. Those are two of the best ratings out of all positions in the NBA, with White even playing in all 82 games last season. Holiday is also coming off his second-ever all-star appearance and his third NBA All-Defensive First Team honor.

Kristaps Porzingis (aka Tingus Pingus) was the other significant addition for the Celtics. During last year's playoffs, it was easy to see that Robert Williams's injuries and Al Horford's age really weakened their rebounding and rim protection. Porzingis is supposedly Boston's response to such struggles. The 7'3 Unicorn

per game. These are all better offensive numbers than Marcus Smart was able to produce. Porzingis, on the other hand, has averaged over 20 PPG each of the last five seasons, and he's a threat from behind the arc as well. Another player to look at is rookie Jordan Walsh out of

and they don't look like they're satisfied with just making it there. Philadelphia with Joel Embiid are pretty solid, but if they somehow can get James Harden to play for them it could take the 76ers to the next level.

With an improved defense and the further development of



Top Left: Tatum throwing down a dunk with a pose. Top Right: Holiday holding his follow-through after a 3-pointer from the field. Bottom Left: Brown throwing a dunk down at practice. Bottom Right: Williams III smashing a dunk in-game. Center: Celtics lockerroom after practice
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Jaylen Brown, the Celtics have solidified themselves as one of the top teams in the Eastern Conference and the entire NBA but felt like changes were needed following last season. The first move came when former coach and now general manager Brad Stevens secured Jaylen Brown on a five-year supermax extension valued at \$303.7 million, the highest ever in NBA history. While a big move in most aspects, it was just the tip of the iceberg for this year.

Numerous Celtics, many of whom played vital roles on the team in years prior, were sent to new homes. Stevens sent fan favorite and Boston's longest-tenured player, Marcus Smart,

eraged over 25 minutes a game last season, was shipped to Dallas on a sign-and-trade. The roster, which had been similar for a few years, started to look a lot different, but let's look at the returns.

Jrue Holiday and Kristaps Porzingis were the two big names coming to Boston this summer. Holiday was one of the pieces traded from Milwaukee to the Blazers as part of the Damian Lillard trade, and the Blazers flipped him to Boston just a few days later. The Celtics ended up sending last year's sixth man of the year, Malcolm Brogdon, and defensive big man Robert Williams, plus two first-round picks for the guard.

has had his fair share of injuries in his career, but his 65 games played last season was his most since 2016-17. If he can stay healthy, his blocked shots can be very helpful to an already productive Celtics defense. Despite missing 17 games, Porzingis still finished eighth in the NBA in BLK with 1.5 per game, behind players like Embiid, Myles Turner and Jaren Jackson Jr.

As a team, the Celtics had the second-highest defensive rating in all of the NBA at 110.6 last season, behind only the Cleveland Cavaliers (109.9). With Tatum and Brown still developing into their prime, the additions of Porzingis and Holiday can help provide some assistance. Holiday averaged 19.3 PPG with a 47.9 FG% and 38.4 3pt%, all while averaging 7.4 assists

Arkansas. The guard has impressed plenty of fans with his summer league performances and can be a good piece going forward. There are plenty of good things going on for the Celtics, but replicating Smarts tenacity and Williams interior defense is going to be hard.

Looking at their competition in the East, it's still fairly strong. Milwaukee improved offensively by adding Lillard, but it cost them Holiday, who really beefed up their perimeter defense. Despite rumors about Miami trading for Lillard or Holiday, they whiffed on both, but they're still a threat. Jimmy Butler has led this team to the finals in both 2020 and 2023,

Tatum and Brown, the Celtics are looking to win now. Trading away plenty of picks and Robert Williams is what I think proves this philosophy. Boston is only two years removed from a final's appearance, and they just added some of the biggest names they have in years, which I think is a turning point.

As with last year, I think it'll be between both Milwaukee and Boston for the top seeds in the Eastern Conference, but I think it'll be the Celtics that come out on top. With White, Holiday and Porzingis, I think it can be one of the best defenses that we've seen in a while, hopefully leading to another deep playoff run and potentially even a ring.



Sports

STRATTON'S STAND: Rentschler Field isn't that bad

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This past Saturday, the US Men's National Soccer Team came to East Hartford, Conn., for the first time since 2018. The occasion was an international friendly played against Germany, a perennial powerhouse across the Atlantic. It was the eighth time the men's team played at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, and the crowd did not disappoint. Over 37,500 fans came out to watch, the biggest soccer crowd in stadium history. But not everyone was satisfied.

"Gray day in a gray, second-rate stadium for a first-rate visitor," Washington Post's Steven Goff tweeted pregame.

The first-rate visitor was Germany, an accurate statement. Dubbing Rentschler Field as a second-rate stadium, though? That's disrespectful - and not totally accurate. Perhaps it's easy to go to the best stadiums in the world and get underwhelmed by The Rent.

But why say that in the first place? I wouldn't go to a friend's house for dinner and then tweet out, "iffy house for a good family." That's one way to not get invited back. Where I come from, I try to be a respectful visitor, but maybe people had different upbringings than I did.



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a 40,000-person capacity. This is small enough to feel intimate but big enough to really rock when there's an exciting game.

The Stars and Stripes have been much more focused on growing their crowd in other regions of the country these past few years. Friendlies have recently been played in the Midwest and West,

placed on the back burner as of late. With the lack of games, this showdown was a hot ticket. As a paying customer for this one, I tracked ticket prices intensely in the week leading up. The lowest offering for a ticket never dipped below \$100, a sign of a desirable contest to attend.

section was the rowdiest, but the entire stadium was packed as the players seemed to feed off the crowd's energy.

This was all the more true when captain Christian Pulisic scored a fantastic goal to kick off the match's scoring. Everyone supporting the States went wild, but that was, unfortunately, the

Pulisic shared Turner's sentiment.

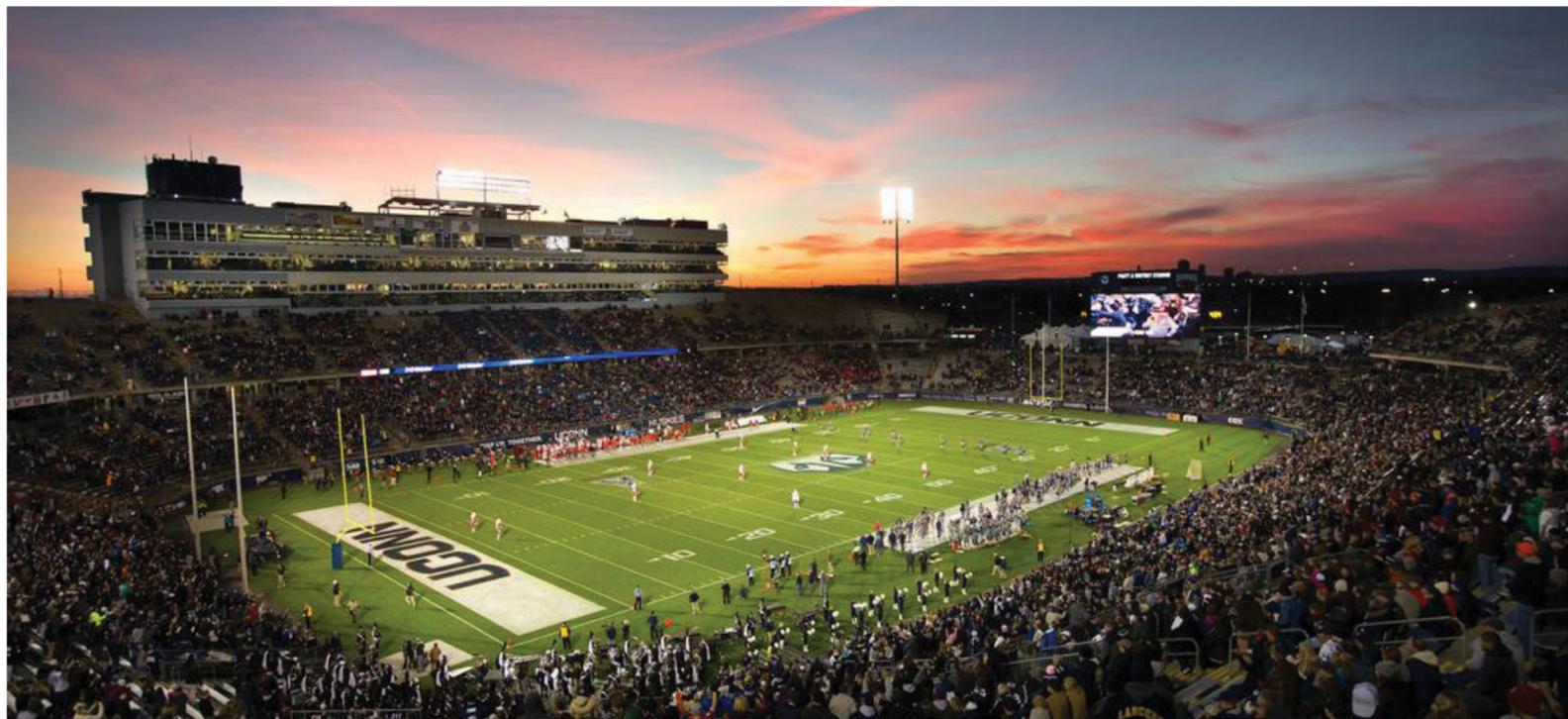
"It was phenomenal," the captain said. "First time I've been out here. It was really great, all the support you could see outside, all the support in the stadium. It was awesome, so I was really appreciative of that."

This game proves that the general issue with Rentschler Field has much more to do with its inhabitants than any inherent flaws. Aside from parking and exiting, it's a great environment to watch a game, so long as the stadium is full. When the product on the field is as unappealing as UConn football has put out lately, barring last year, people aren't going to attend. But time and again, The Rent has been electric when there's been an exciting show to watch. The US-MNT is the latest example, but this dates back to the stadium's earlier days when Connecticut football was at its peak.

"When we played at UConn my freshman year, that was the loudest place I've ever been as a football player," former Baylor and NFL QB Robert Griffin III noted after he graduated. "The stands are right next to the field, it was packed and everyone was yelling."

That's not a bad review for a "second-rate" stadium.

Maybe Rentschler Field isn't the dream location, nor does it have perfect amenities.



Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, the homefield for UConn's football team. This weekend it was used by the US Men's National soccer team to play a match against Germany. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN ATHLETICS

Putting any respect aside, Rentschler was the perfect venue for the game. Starting with its perks, they have great concessions highlighted by Connecticut staples Bear's BBQ, the UConn Dairy Bar and Worcester Street Pizza. These eats are all above what most venues have to offer. In terms of size, it's also great with

the Northeast something of an afterthought. New Jersey hosted the national team's last game in the region all the way back in 2019, more than four years ago.

For an area that makes up so much of America and is so densely populated, this feels like it should be a location to focus on. But alas, it's one that's been

In the hours leading up to kick-off, the parking lot filled and people dribbled into the stadium. By the time the match was underway, the stadium was full. The crowd was alive in the first half with the rain holding off and the USA offering many exciting attacks. The area typically reserved for the UConn football student

last one they got to cheer for.

"It was amazing," US goalkeeper Matt Turner noted postgame. "I thought the atmosphere was great. I wish we could have given them a little bit more, but I think we gave them some moments kids that might not have a chance to see the national team very often can be inspired from."

But it's perfect for its purpose and was a fantastic place to host USMNT Saturday. It's loud, energetic and there's not a bad seat in the house. Regardless of what some may think, The Rent should welcome more soccer matches, as a great atmosphere with the perfect capacity.

<p>WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK</p>		<p>INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY </p>		<p>TWEETS OF THE DAY </p>			
<p>UCONN SCOREBOARD</p> <p>3 vs. 1</p> <p>Volleyball Saturday</p>		<p>Upcoming Games</p> <p>Volleyball, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Storrs, Conn</p> <p>Women's Soccer, 7 p.m. Thursday, Storrs, Conn</p>		<p>@Jonathonthehusky It's national veterinary technician week! We're so thankful for all the vet techs!</p>		<p>Front Office Sports @FOS UConn Men's Basketball has unveiled their championship rings 5 diamonds for 5 team titles. 76 bezel stones for title game score. Final score of each round. Tournament margin of victory inscribed inside: 120.</p> <p>UConn Men's Soccer @UConnMSOC 2 goals and an assist Scott Testori is your @BIGEAST Offensive Player of the Week!</p>	
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