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Discover UConn with October's Month of Discovery



OPIM Innovate kicks off their Month of Discovery with the Makerspace Bounce on the Student Union Mall on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023. UConn's four makerspaces, OPIM, Innovation Zone, the UConn Library Makerstudio and Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute hosted several activities to jumpstart the month.

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This October is the Month of Discovery at the University of Connecticut, allowing students to discover what UConn has to offer in the fields of enrichment, research, innovation and creativity.

A variety of UConn programs, including the Innovation Zone, First Year Programs, Enrichment Programs at the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Werth Institute are hosting events to highlight research and innovation around campus and connect undergraduates to learn about opportunities they could participate in.

Micah Heumann, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, spoke about the Month of Discovery as a way for students to interact and engage with UConn through enrichment, research, innovation and informative experiences.

"Students choose UConn most often because of the opportunities offered, but find it challenging to engage with these opportunities. Month of Discovery brings the opportunities to the students," Heumann said.

There are four events occurring each week of October. The Fall Frontiers Exhibition, which is a showcase for undergraduate student research, happens today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room.

Heumann said Fall Frontiers is an opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase the research they have been developing and encourages students not engaged in research to learn from and interact with their peers who have engaged in research.

Caroline McGuire, executive director of enrichment programs said 90 students will present 75 research and creative projects during Fall

Frontiers. More information about Fall Frontiers can be found on UConn's undergraduate research website.

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Makerspace Bounce, which took place on Oct. 5, and Research Connections on Oct. 12.

The first event, Makerspace Bounce, was a scavenger hunt that took place between UConn's four makerspaces: OPIM Innovate, Innovation Zone, the UConn Library Maker Studio and the Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute.

The Makerspace Bounce kicked off the Discovery Quest challenge that will continue throughout the month. Students can register for the challenge and earn points by attending events. The top participants will be entered to win scholarship prizes. More information about the quest and how to register can be found on their website.

The second event, Research Connections allowed students to interact with researchers and discover the different facets of research happening at the university.

"[Students were] learning about what research looks like across a variety of fields, many of which they may not have encountered before like quantum cryptography, community oral history, musicology or precision health," McGuire said.

Additionally, McGuire explained how the event was a great opportunity for students to build awareness about resources at UConn that can support their future involvement in undergraduate research. McGuire said the Research Connections event was a success, as 250 students attended, and a third of them were first-year students who started at UConn this fall.

"This event is all about demystifying research and bringing students into conversations with researchers," McGuire said.

McGuire spoke about how each year researchers also benefit from the event, by creating connections with students. She gave an example, about how Dan Schwartz, Associate Professor in Physiology and Neurobiology, met Danielle Cafer, of the class of 2019, at the very first Research Connections event in 2015. She got involved in his lab as an undergraduate and

ended up continuing there as a graduate student, earning her Ph.D. this past summer.

"Researchers appreciate the opportunity to meet engaged students looking to learn through research! Professor Schwartz and many others come back year after year because of the connections they make with students," McGuire said.

She emphasized how that was just one of the many ways Research Connections and UConn's Month of Discovery can create research opportunities for students in the future.

The last event of the month is the Experience Innovation Expo which will occur on Monday, Oct. 23 in the Student Union Ballroom from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Aaron Rosman, the operations manager for the Werth Institute, said the expo is a great opportunity for students to discover what UConn has to offer involving creativity and innovation, regardless of their experience.

"Attendees will meet fellow students who have been involved with programs, resources, and activities that can shape their experience at UConn and beyond," Rosman said.

Rosman emphasized how students engaging with other students in a peer-to-peer environment makes the expo fun and unique.

"I highly encourage anyone to stop by the Experience Innovation Expo and I guarantee you'll walk out thinking that 'I see possibilities for myself that I hadn't realized before,'" Rosman said.

There will be a variety of programs including OPIM Innovate, the Innovation Zone, the NursEng Innovation Center, HackUConn and more. A full list of programs and additional information about the expo can be found on the Werth Institute website.

According to the Month of Discovery webpage, the first 100 students to attend each event will receive a Month of Discovery t-shirt.

Any questions about the Month of Discovery can be emailed to discovery@uconn.edu.



The Innovation Zone, located in Peter J. Werth Towers, hold incredible technology such as vinyl presses and 3D printers. All students have access and are welcome to visit. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Students start new STEM research journal

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A group of University of Connecticut students have established a new publication dedicated to STEM research being conducted at UConn. The initiative seeks to provide a platform for student research that is accessible to all.

The Undergraduate Science Journal (USJ), a brainchild of the collaborative efforts between faculty members and enthusiastic students, aims to promote student research in science, technology, mathematics and the arts as well as offering editorial and publishing experience. The journal will be accessible online in an open-access format.

"One of our main goals is to make STEM as accessible as possible," explained Ryan Durrell, a seventh-semester economics major and member of the journal. "Even [people] who do not hold a

strong STEM background can still have an understanding of the research being conducted."

Any undergraduate student at UConn is eligible to submit their complete scientific research paper to USJ, pursuant to some slight guidelines and policies. According to the group's webpage, every submission undergoes a "double-blind peer review process" by a committee of USJ student editors. Additionally, selected papers are reviewed by a board of faculty members from a variety of STEM concentrations including mathematics, cognitive sciences, chemistry and engineering among others. Submissions are scored on methodology, data, writing, scientific value and results presented.

"I'm looking to start a research study next year," said John Burke, a third-semester communications major. "Having a journal like this will help student research get exposure."

The mentorship aspect of USJ is designed not only to uphold the quality of the journal but also to provide valuable learning experiences for the students involved. The launch of USJ aligns with UConn's commitment to cultivating a research-centric environment that transcends traditional classroom boundaries. For student researchers like Emma Reynolds, a sixth-semester chemistry major, USJ represents an invaluable opportunity.

"Being published in a scientific journal is a dream for many students. It's not just about the recognition but the chance to share your passion with a broader audience," Reynolds remarked.

USJ also sponsors events for the student population, including a Writing in Research workshop to be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Gant Science Complex. The event, open to all undergraduate students, will include multiple guest speakers and ses-



The Science 1 facility opened on the UConn Storrs campus in June 2023. The new building houses the Institute of Material Science and has several new active learning classrooms, a new cafe and research facilities.

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sions to help students develop and improve writing and dialogue skills for scientific papers. Students will have the chance to learn about creating effective abstracts, strengthening credibility, figures and illustrations and learning

about the review and publication process. The workshop will also include free food and time to work with multiple professors to review work.

For more information or to join, visit the Undergraduate Science Journal page on UConn contact.

Israel-Hamas war means one less overseas option for WNBA players with Russia already out

(AP) — Alysha Clark has spent the past five WNBA off-seasons playing overseas in Israel, but with the country at war with Hamas she probably won't be going back this year — if it's even an option.

Currently the Israel women's basketball league has suspended play amid the war.

"It's another home for me when I go there. I don't know," Clark, the Las Vegas Aces' top reserve said of possibly returning to Israel. "Honestly my gut feeling is saying no. I'd prefer to stay home and be with my family, be in the market in Vegas and do that type of thing."

As Clark and other players evaluate their next moves with the WNBA season coming to an end this week, the overseas job market continues to shrink, between the situation in Israel and the ongoing war Russia-Ukraine war. Last offseason nearly half the league's 144 players made the trek to Israel, Australia, Turkey, Italy and about a half-dozen other countries to supplement their incomes.

While it's easier for veterans like Clark, and former league MVPs Jonquel Jones and Breanna Stewart to find places to play, younger players are having a more difficult time, especially with the 10-team league in Israel now out of the picture.

Connecticut Sun rookie Leigha Brown was all set to head to Israel a day before the conflict began. She's thankful

she hadn't gotten on a flight yet to head there, unlike a few other WNBA players.

"My flight was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on that Saturday morning," she said. "I was already right at the airport hotel, getting ready when my coach from Israel called me and said don't come. He said the league is suspended until further notice."

About a dozen current or former WNBA players played in Israel last season but Brown said her family was happy she didn't make the trip in the middle of the conflict. Especially since this was going to be her first prolonged trip overseas.

"They didn't really voice that until after the fact," she said. "My whole family was grateful. It put a lot of perspective that basketball is my life and it's something I love to do, but it's not the end all be all. There are a lot more important things."

After not getting much playing time as a rookie with the Sun, Brown was hoping to hone her skills in Israel — a place that has helped many young WNBA players improve their game. For now she is training in Colorado, hoping for a chance to play either somewhere else overseas or in the domestic Athletes Unlimited league.

"I just want to find somewhere else to play, get the experience," Brown said. "At this point I'm not picky, I just want to find something."

Russia will not be an option for her.

While there are still lucrative overseas alternatives to the marketing deals that the WNBA offers players to remain in the U.S. during the off-season and promote the league, following the wrongful detainment of Brittney Griner in 2022 and its war with Ukraine, Russia is off players' lists.

"I thought I was going to be playing in Russia until I was done playing basketball," said Jones, who is from the Bahamas. "The money was great. They treated us great. It was amazing, the living conditions were amazing. I had no problem signing a five-year contract and going back there because

I enjoyed my experience. Then the Ukraine war happened."

Though top players like Jones and Griner can now make \$700,000 in the United States when factoring in all possible revenue streams offered by the WNBA, players continue to play overseas.

China has returned as a top landing spot, with Jones and Connecticut Sun MVP candidate Alyssa Thomas both planning on playing there this off-season. The country had been closed to international players because of its COVID-19 policy for the past few years.

The season in China is shorter than some of the other international leagues, and has worked out well for Jones.

"I didn't think twice about it. I went to China before and it was a really, really good experience," said Jones, who has also played in Korea and Russia.

Players have always weighed several factors when deciding where they would like to play overseas, including security, health, finances, family obligations and quality of life.

Now they have one more: the WNBA prioritization rules. For the 2024 season and beyond, players with more than two years of experience must report to teams by May 1 or the start of training camp — whichever is later — or be suspended for the whole season.

With the Paris Olympics next year, the WNBA season may begin earlier to fit in the 40-game schedule and the usual nearly month-long break for the Games.

New York guard Marine Johannes said she plans to start the season with the Liberty before heading to France to prep with the national team for the Olympics. France has already gotten an automatic bid as the host nation.

Playing for your national team is one of the few exceptions to the prioritization rule. Stewart, like many other WNBA players, continues to consider her options.

She might end up joining Jones in China, but that's far from decided with her wife, Marta, expected to give birth to the couple's second child later this month.

"I haven't figured it out yet," Stewart said, "I'm going to take some time."



Las Vegas Aces' Alysha Clark (7) and New York Liberty's Jonquel Jones (35) watch a free throw attempt during the second half in Game 3 of a WNBA basketball final playoff series, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, in New York. WNBA players have one less option to play overseas with the conflict in Israel, adding to diminishing opportunities amid the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. But China has returned as a top landing spot with stars Alyssa Thomas and Jonquel Jones both planning on going to the Asian nation.

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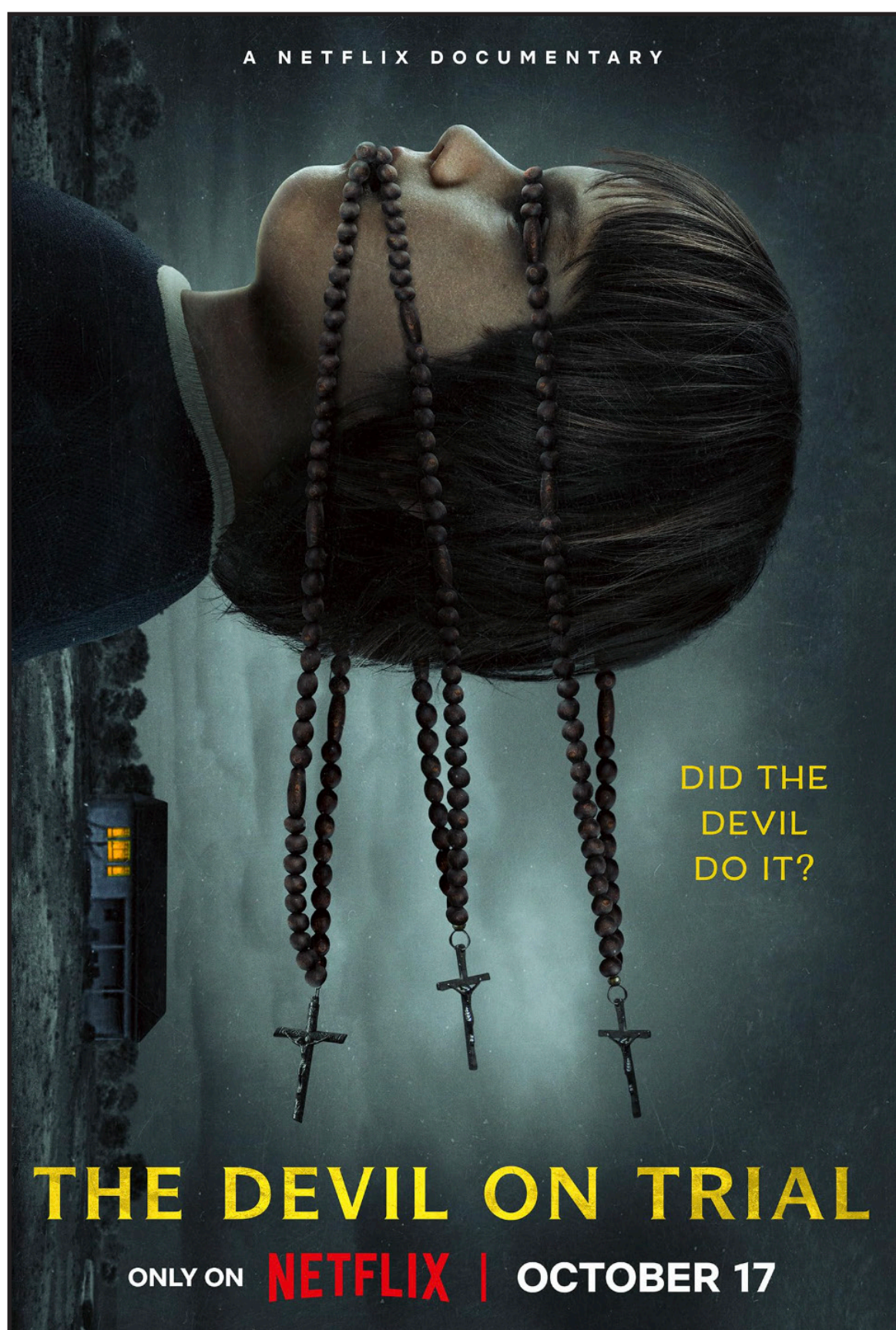
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THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT:

‘The Devil On Trial’ tells the story of the famous court case of 1981



Netflix's 'The Devil on Trial' recounts the true story of a Brookfield, CT family's alleged encounters with the supernatural. The documentary focuses on the trial of Arne Cheyenne Johnson who claimed to be possessed when he killed his landlord Alan Bono in 1981.

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On Tuesday, Oct. 17, “The Devil On Trial,” a fictionalized documentary about the only time “demonic possession” has been used as a defense in a U.S. murder trial, premiered on Netflix.

The story begins with the Glatzel family’s account of their son David’s alleged 1980 demonic possession when he was 11. David’s mother, Judith Glatzel — mostly referred to in the documentary as Judy — called upon Ed and Lorraine Warren, who the family believed to be credible demonologists.

Upon investigation of the Glatzel home, the Warrens suggested that David was possessed by a demonic spirit. The church was called to perform an exorcism, however, during the ritual, the demon believed to control David entered the body of Arne Johnson, the boyfriend of David’s sister. The exorcism did not carry out as planned.

After these events, Johnson killed his landlord, a man named Alan Bono. When arrested by deputies, he didn’t seem to remember what he did and claimed his actions were influenced by the possession. On Oct. 28, 1981,

Johnson and his attorney presented to the trial that he would plead not guilty, his defense being: “the Devil made me do it.” This case became famous fairly quickly; after all, it would be the first time in the history of the U. S. court system that someone argued demonic possession as a defense. The trial became well known as the “Devil made me do it” case.

Johnson was found guilty and sent to maximum security prison for 10 years. The Glatzel family, who had already endured so much, felt angered by the situation and wanted to tell the world their story. Judy Glatzel, with the help of the Warrens, appeared on multiple talk shows and discussed everything that happened in addition to David’s experience with the supernatural. This attention increased public interest and further inspired the Warrens to share what had happened.

David’s story was told by Ed and Lorraine in a much more sensationalized light and brought even more public attention to the situation. The Glatzel family’s story was shared more recently in popular horror movie series “The Conjuring,” with the 2021 entry “The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It.”

This short documentary was definitely full of plot

twists. It was dense and full of information, yet fast and dynamic at the same time. It highlights events involving demonic possession and activity for those who believe in the paranormal world, and for those who don’t, it’ll be an interesting watch.

It’s easy to speculate that some people are on the fence about paranormal behaviors and activities as there’s no way of proving them, likewise, one could argue there’s no way to completely disprove them. Viewing this documentary was scary and unsettling, yet I was unable to stop watching until the very end.

“The Devil on Trial” is definitely worth checking out, especially if you are a true crime fan and/or enjoy paranormal explanations and stories. Who knows, maybe you will become a true believer in paranormal activity. Either way, you will definitely be on the edge of your seat!

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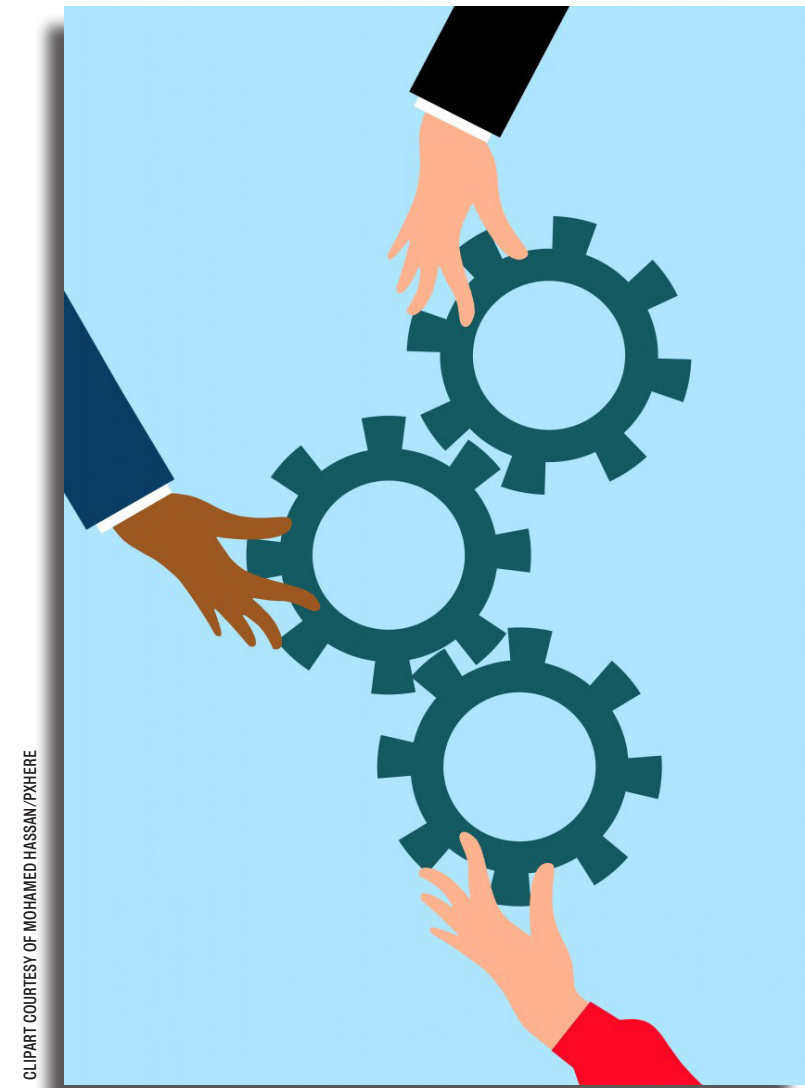
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INCLUSIVITY IN STEM:



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ENGINEERING EDUCATION AND POLITICS

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Dr. Desen Özkan, an Assistant Professor in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Connecticut, recently led a discussion on Thursday, Oct. 17. The topic at hand is the experiences of underrepresented engineering students. This research is vital for making engineering more inclusive and secure. Sociotechnical engineering education, which gives equal importance to social, political and economic aspects as it does to the technical side, forms the basis of her vision.

Özkan's research covers various areas, including engineering education, the societal impacts of engineering, justice, diversity, equity in the field of engineering and sustainable energy development, particularly in offshore wind. Her research project focuses on the experiences of underrepresented engineering students, with the goal of encour-

aging and inspiring those who are often left out of this field.

While engineering is often seen as a neutral and objective discipline, this discussion highlights its deep connection to politics. The curriculum introduces a sociotechnical way of thinking, allowing students to think more critically about and position themselves within engineering.

Özkan's mission aligns with the ideas in several notable works she recommended, including "Pollution is Colonialism" by Max Liboiron, "Engineering Justice: Transforming Engineering Education and Practice," by Jon A. Leydens and Juan C. Lucena, "Viral Justice: How we Grow the World We Want" by Ruha Benjamin and "Engineers for Change" by Matthew Wisnioski. These works emphasize the importance of societal impact, inclusivity and critical thinking in engineering.

In her research, Özkan interviewed seven students in their early years of engineering, each coming from diverse backgrounds. These interviews revealed crucial insights in the development of her sociotechnical approach.

One engineering student she interviewed raised concerns about the usual one-size-fits-all approach to engineering solutions. They pointed out that this approach can unintentionally ignore the needs of underrepresented groups and lead to negative outcomes, such as racial bias in technology and designs that don't consider people with disabilities. The students' insights brought attention to the broader societal implications of engineering decisions.

Finally, Özkan delved into what it means to be an individual in STEM and how engineering education can unintentionally undermine the experiences of students, especially those who have been

historically left out. Women, students of color, LGBTQ+ students and others from marginalized communities often face identity-based disparities and discrimination, whether in technical or non-technical spaces.

Özkan's work to foster inclusivity and sociotechnical awareness in engineering education and practice is pivotal for the field's progress. Her research highlights the importance of integrating social, political and economic concerns with technical elements in the engineering curriculum. For further inquiries, feel free to reach out to her directly at desen.ozkan@uconn.edu.

[DR. DESEN ÖZKAN'S] RESEARCH IS VITAL FOR MAKING ENGINEERING MORE INCLUSIVE AND SECURE. SOCIOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING EDUCATION, WHICH GIVES EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS AS IT DOES TO THE TECHNICAL SIDE, FORMS THE BASIS OF HER VISION.



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HALF BAKED SUPPORT

IS NO SUPPORT AT ALL

On Monday, Oct. 9, the University of Connecticut President Radenka Maric addressed the community with a statement on the violence that had then afflicted the Gaza Strip and surrounding areas for three days and had led to hundreds of Palestinian and Israeli deaths.

Highlighting the widespread impact felt by students, staff and faculty at UConn, Maric restated the university's commitment to "upholding human rights, safeguarding innocent civilian lives in all contexts, and advocating tirelessly for global peace." Maric also took a hard stance against what she characterized as terroristic violence, urging support for the "countless innocent people who once again have had the atrocities of war thrust upon them."

Over a week later, over 3,000 Gazans and 1,400 Israelis have died, and tens of thousands more are injured. The Daily Campus Editorial Board recognizes the many UConn community members who feel deep uncertainty, anxiety and loss as they worry about family members, friends and fellow human beings who are caught in the dust and beneath the rubble of war. We reaffirm that it is necessary for university leaders to be communicative with and supportive of all of their constituents who carry the trauma of horrific current events exemplified by the violence in Gaza.

However, between Maric's condemnation of terrorism and call for peace is an unmistakable absence: specifically, any mention of Palestine proper or Palestinian people.

Having past criticized the university for its connections to the State of Israel, which itself facilitates unthinkable human rights abuses against Palestinians, the Editorial Board is disappointed but not surprised that UConn's leaders have almost exclusively expressed solidarity with Israel

against aggression while neglecting the violence it has exacted many times over against the people of Gaza and the West Bank.

Two days after the release of Maric's statement, students rallied in solidarity with Palestine and to challenge the lack of support for Palestinian students by the university and international community. Shortly after, UConn Students for Justice in Palestine, one of the organizations hosting the rally, released a letter via a mass email and social media calling out the double standard against Palestinians around the world, writing, "Only when victims of a tragedy are not Palestinian does it seem to warrant sympathy and an official University response." Further, the statement, signed by 11 other student organizations, called on UConn to "divest from any initiatives that support the Israeli apartheid state" and speak up for the human rights of Palestinians.

The Editorial Board voices SJP's concerns towards UConn's silence on the historic oppression of Palestinians by the State of Israel. We believe that any condemnation of rights abuses and war crimes that include one affected party but erase another is no condemnation at all; rather, it is a subtle statement on whose oppression is acceptable and whose is not. UConn has an obligation to treat every community under its stewardship with equal compassion and recognition — one which it has not met in recent weeks as it rations sympathy from victims it considers imperfect. We urge UConn to embody its duty to represent all of its constituents fairly by officially acknowledging the harm of airstrikes, blockades and forced displacement perpetrated by Israel against Palestinians.

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Photo of the Day | Ant attack



The Biology/Physics Building is located on the North side of Storrs campus. Located in the lobby of the building, the 'Be Our Guest' art exhibit is open every Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PHOTO BY ALAN CORDOVA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

—THE HOUSE OF— DYSFUNCTION

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For the last two weeks, I've basically dedicated my column to discussing who could become the next Speaker of the House after the removal of Kevin McCarthy. As a political junkie, this unprecedented scenario has given me a goldmine of material to analyze and make wise remarks about. But as the process to select a Speaker drags on into its third week, House Republicans are nowhere close to rallying enough support for the next Speaker and it's getting old fast. The infighting that has ensued within the House Republican Conference has exposed them as a group of dysfunctional ideologists who have no credibility to be leading one of the largest democratic legislative bodies in the free world.

Now, I had low expectations for the newly elected Republican majority coming into the opening of

the 118th United States Congress. After all, the modern Republican Party is a party that continually denies the overwhelming scientific consensus on climate change, bashes their Democratic opponents as "radical liberals who want to destroy America" and rewards loyalty to a former reality television star who somehow became a world leader. Nonetheless, they won back control of the House in the 2022 midterms, though with a much smaller majority than many pundits predicted. They rode in on their high horse of their vague and misleading "Commitment to America" that promised to rid

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American voters of evil Democratic rule and "get the country back on track." Their ambitions were almost as high as Trump's ego as they entered Congress in January, and were determined to hit the ground running.

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that lasted four days. A group of Republican hardliners, dubbed the "Never Kevin" caucus, led a fierce opposition to McCarthy due to his status as a slimeball establishment shrill, a label that I can't even disagree with. It took McCarthy 15 rounds of voting to win the gavel, with the final round occurring in the early morning hours of Jan. 7. The voting process featured numerous tense moments, including a heated incident when Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL) had to be restrained by his peers when he went to confront the leader of the Never Kevin caucus, Matt Gaetz (R-FL) after the 14th round. Though McCarthy succeeded in becoming Speaker, the voting showed how fractured the Republican majority was and how extraordinarily difficult it would be to manage such a narrow majority to legislative success.

For the next nine months, McCarthy floated along without any serious threats of rebellion from the far-right wing of the conference. However, tensions were boiling from within the group as they became increasingly dissatisfied with McCarthy's leadership. The breaking point came when McCarthy passed a bipartisan emergency stopgap bill to prevent government shutdown. For

Republican hardliners, this was the last straw. Soon after this, Gaetz returned to the forefront of opposition by invoking a "motion to vacate" the speakership, a compromise provision that allowed McCarthy to win the gavel in January. All it took was eight members of the Republican Conference to vote with every House Democrat to remove McCarthy as Speaker, plunging the House into unprecedented chaos.

Since McCarthy's removal, it has been an absolute dogfight among Republicans to determine who will serve as Speaker. House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) initially won the nomination before withdrawing when it became clear he lacked the necessary support to win. Now, notorious hardliner Jim Jordan (R-OH) is the party's nominee, but he also faces an uphill battle to the gavel. The conference is so torn and divided that it appears impossible that they will be able to unite around a single candidate for speaker. They're a rudderless ship that's sinking under its own weight of bitter division and incompetence. If they can't even lead themselves, why should Americans trust them to

run a legislative body? They've done absolutely nothing to prove that they are capable of competent leadership and have made a mockery of themselves and the House.

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Even once a new Speaker is hopefully selected, I highly doubt their ability to lead a deeply fractured majority to pass actual legislation. They'll likely continue to fight amongst themselves about who's more loyal to Trump, and keep bringing up baseless and overdone talking points about the "damage that Democrats have done to this country" that Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham spew every night. At the first instance that the next Speaker passes a bipartisan bill, another right-wing rebel will invoke the motion to vacate and leave the country without a Speaker again. I have zero reason to believe that the next Speaker will manage to serve for the rest of the 118th United States Congress and neither should the 54,506,136 Americans who voted for this Republican house of cards that has come tumbling down in spectacular fashion. Until the next election in 2024, we're stuck with a house of dysfunction that I have no faith will be able to stand.



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Men's Soccer: Huskies begin final stretch of season at Providence

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The UConn men's soccer team looks to continue building momentum as the end of the regular season quickly approaches, beginning with an away match against the Providence Friars Wednesday evening.

The Huskies enter the midweek tilt fresh off of a thrilling victory against a stout Marquette squad on Saturday. After finding themselves down 2-0, UConn's Kieran Chandler scored a goal just before halftime to cut the deficit in half. When the second half commenced, the two sides engaged in a heated exchange that matched the intensity of play. Connecticut used the scuffle as motivation, as Scott Testori drilled home the game-tying goal in the 71st minute. Testori cemented himself as the games' hero when he scored the game-winner 10 minutes later. The junior was all-business, as he hardly celebrated the two scores and kept his game face on. It was the first two-goal performance for Testori, who was named the Big East Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his effort. Chandler was named the Big East Freshman of the Week following his score versus Marquette.

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Providence welcomes the Huskies having just upset No. 5 Georgetown, 1-0. Gevorg Diarbian scored off a header in the second half to win the contest for the Friars. According to the Providence Athletics webpage, the last time the Friars upset a top-five team was when they defeated No.1 Georgetown, 3-0, in 2021. The Friars have held their own against elite competition on the campaign, going 1-1-1 against

top-five teams, and are now undefeated over their previous four matches. Providence goalkeeper Lukas Burns recorded his fourth consecutive shutout to bring him to five on the season, being named the Big East Goalkeeper of the Week. According to the Big East webpage, "Burns acted as a brick wall for the Friars to keep the [Georgetown] Hoyas off the scoreboard for the first time in 2023. The senior goalkeeper made a season-high six saves in the win." In addition, Diarbian was named to the weekly conference honor roll for scoring the game-winner against the Hoyas.

Connecticut will travel to Rhode Island with an overall record of 7-5-1 this season. They are 3-2 against Big East teams, giving them nine points in conference play this year. That puts them in second place in the Big East's East Division behind Georgetown, who has 12 points in conference play. Meanwhile, Providence is 5-4-3 overall this season, including 2-1-2 in the conference. Their eight points in the Big East is tied for third place with St. John's in the East Division, just one point behind the Huskies. Wednesday's contest could have major implications on the Big East playoff seeding, as a win for UConn would allow the team to open a more-comfortable cushion over the Friars. On the other hand, a Providence win would allow the Friars to catapult Connecticut in the conference standings. In the result of a tie, neither team would jump the other in the standings. With just three games remaining for the Huskies before the start of the Big East tournament, the outcome of each contest holds incredible importance.

History has not been kind to Providence when the team has taken on UConn. From 1987 to the present, the Huskies are 24-7-2 when taking on the Friars. Connecticut was victorious in the last matchup between the two on Oct. 5 2022, narrowly winning thanks to a 3-2 score. UConn has also fared pretty well when taking on the Friars in the state of Rhode Island: the team is 10-4-1 all-time in the city of Providence. Despite history being heavily against



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them, the Friars have been righting the ship more recently when taking on Connecticut: they are a more-respectable 4-6 in the last 10 contests between the two programs.

One player worth keeping an eye on for UConn will be sophomore Pierce Bateson. Alongside Testori, Bateson has grown to become a focal point of the Connecticut offense. His eight points scored this season are tied with Adil Iggoute for second on the team. From that, he has driven home two goals and assisted four times, the latter ranking second on the Huskies. Bateson assisted on one of the goals scored against Marquette to break a four-game scoreless streak. However, the forward has not scored a goal since Sept. 15 against St. John's making him goalless over his previous seven contests. When Bateson is rolling, so is the Husky offense, so a breakout performance would provide dividends in an intense contest against Providence.

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The Friars' most decorated offensive player this season in terms of goals and points scored has been Brendan McSorley. In 12 contests this season, the senior has scored six goals to give him 12 points, both top on his team. His 29 shot attempts also lead Providence, while his .207 shot percentage is the best on his team among players who have attempted at least 12 shots. McSorley enters the match having established an track record of success, as he was named to the Big East All-Tournament Team following the 2021 postseason. Despite the high scoring numbers, McSorley has gone score-

less over his past three contests. A rebound performance versus a tough Connecticut defense could be what the Friars need to exceed UConn in the conference standings.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | UConn on ice!



UConn women's hockey faces off against Boston College at Toscano Family Ice Forum on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The Huskies finished with a 2-1 loss.

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Sargeant's Orders:

PREVIEWING THE NEW YORK KNICKS 2023-2024 NBA SEASON

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As hard as it is to believe, a new NBA season is upon us! It feels like it was just yesterday when Nikola Jokic and the Denver Nuggets won their first NBA championship, coasting by the Miami Heat. One team that shocked many last season was the New York Knicks. The Knicks surprised many, winning their first playoff series in 10 seasons after an excellently 47-35 campaign. There is no denying that the heart and soul of this Knicks team is Jalen Brunson. Last season was Brunson's debut in the Big Apple, and he played excellent, putting the team on his back when it mattered most, as everyone else stalled out during the playoffs. If Julius Randle and RJ Barrett matched their regular season efficiency numbers, New York's series against the Miami Heat could have gone differently. Despite this, there is much to look forward to. Barrett gains another year of experience, Immanuel Quickley faces the opportunity of becoming a star and Randle has a chance to show the NBA world that he is a threat in primetime games. In this week's edition of Sargeant's Orders, we will discuss this and preview everything New York Knicks basketball.

Unless you are coming off an NBA championship, franchises typically shake up the roster with new talent, whether through the draft or free agency, and the Knicks took no exception to this notion. New York freed up much of their cap space, declining Derrick Rose's \$15 million option and getting Josh Hart to take his \$12.96 million option. Keeping Rose didn't make sense, as Quickley was playing at an all-star level at the tail end of the year and James Dolan's squad retained an elite defender in Miles McBride on a discount, a one-year \$2 million deal.

In case you missed it, Leon Rose and Co. made a critical free agency signing, inking Donte DiVincenzo to a four-year, \$47

million deal. The acquisition of DiVincenzo sets New York up for success in many ways. DiVincenzo joins Brunson and Hart as the third Villanova alumnus on this New York squad, meaning there will be chemistry from day one. While DiVincenzo isn't a monster scorer, he is a solid bench piece who will make an immediate impact. Last season, the 26-year-old averaged just under 10 points in 26 minutes per game, on 44% from the field and nearly 40% from beyond the arc, addressing the Knicks' needs for wing depth and shooting. Many times last season, Barrett struggled to do anything right, missing open shots, turning the ball over and giving up easy looks in transition. Because of this, it was common to see Hart run with the first squad. Head coach Tom Thibodeau was met with immense pressure all season long to bench the former Duke star, as Barrett's efficiency, offensive win share and Win Shares Per 48 minutes, among other factors, were much lower than his backup, Hart. WS/48 is an estimate of the number of wins contributed by a player per 48 minutes, with the league average WS/48 at .100. All of New York's starters had a rating above the league average except for Barrett who owned an average of .048.

There is little doubt that the Knicks will make the playoffs again, with the new expanded format taking in the top 10 teams. As it sits, they have the potential to win a championship. However, it is hard to see them surpass the Milwaukee Bucks, who acquired Damian Lillard in a blockbuster three-team trade for many first-round draft picks, Jrue Holiday and Grayson Allen. New York needs to follow the Bucks' steps and trade for a superstar, and the perfect candidate is Joel Embiid.

The 76ers' future does not look promising, as the gap between them, the Celtics and the Bucks has widened by a large margin. James Harden requested a trade over the summer and Embiid appears to be going in the same direction.

"If every year is going to be the same thing, that doesn't put you closer to winning a championship. That gets frustrating. But I also believe it doesn't matter who's on the team, I'm always going to have a chance to win." Embiid added, "I just wanna win a championship, whatever it takes. I don't know where that's gonna be, whether that's in Philly or anywhere else."

The 76ers can't win in the present state of the Eastern Conference, and the front office needs to take notes from the Trail Blazers. Lillard had immense value for the Blazers. They had no chance of winning a championship with only Lillard, and he recognized this, so he requested a trade. The Blazers trade sets them up for success, gaining a significant bundle of future talent. Harden has his foot out of the door, and Embiid's value is diminishing on the 76ers as he grows frustrated with the franchise.

The Knicks own 11 first-round draft picks from 2024 to 2030. Of these picks, eight are available for trade. The New York stockpile of draft picks is valuable to the rest of the league, with seven of their picks being unprotected, therefore a higher value to the rest of the Association. If they want the best chance at winning a championship, they need to offer a handsome trade package that Philadelphia cannot refuse. New York's draft capital is so rich that there are scenarios in which they keep Brunson, Barrett, Quickley and Randle. If they earnestly press this issue, they will be the favorites for winning the NBA Finals.

The sun shines brightly over Madison Square Garden for the first time in years. The Knicks are a young team. They are a team that will compete for a championship for years to come. There is no doubt that the acquisition of a superstar would put them over the top, and if they can acquire Embiid, the rest of the league is in hot water. For the first time in a long time, New York Basketball.

The Rod Wave: How the X Series 10 fights set boxing back years

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If you were an avid sports fan like me this past Saturday, there were a ton of options to spend your time. There was the popular college football with an always great set of games to watch throughout the day. You had pre-season NBA basketball to watch with teams like the Knicks and New Orleans playing. There was even hockey right at the Toscano Family Ice Forum if you were a UConn student.

And then there was the X Series 10, a series of boxing matches that were highlighted by two fights. The first being between Logan Paul and Dillon Danis, while the other two featured KSI and Tommy Fury.

Before I make my point, I have to start with the positives on the fights. While Fury is the only actual boxer with real experience beyond Danis' MMA experience, the marketing was so incredible for the fight that social media was in a firestorm over the entire event, especially the Danis and Paul matchup. It was so successful that the card sold a reported 1.3 million pay-per-view buys. That's something you have to credit both Paul and KSI for executing in impressive fashion.

But that's about it for the positives around both high-light matchups. While celebrity boxing matchups like this, including Paul's past fights, haven't always been completely unwatchable, this was, in my eyes, one of the most unwatchable fight cards that I've ever seen.

I felt like you had to go into this card with the lowest possible expectations. Other than the bare minimum entertainment value, this was not going to be a real boxing match in the slightest for either the KSI or Paul matchup. While both Prime founders have shown that they've trained extensively for these fights, the bottom line is that they're not real boxers. Boxing purists were not going to watch either battle in the ring even if you paid them to.

Even with those expectations, the card still managed to be underwhelming. While Danis had one of the worst performances in a ring that I've ever seen, there was no way to expect a performance this low from a former MMA fighter. I could use the words "unclassy" or "downright embarrassing" to describe what Danis did in the ring on Saturday, whether it was the overboard trash talking that

angered the crowd and audience on TV or trying to imitate MMA moves in the boxing ring.

But, the worst part of all happened at the end of the match as Danis tried to fight Paul's entire security crew in an act that looked clearly staged. Ironically, Danis may have thrown more punches at Paul's bodyguards in a string of a few seconds than the first round of the whole matchup.

However, while the Paul and Danis matchup would be worse than KSI's bout with Fury, it didn't make the main fight any better. What fans didn't expect was to see more hugging than a "Care Bears" episode and a less-than-average performance from Fury, who had the most experience going into the ring on Saturday. Even though Fury eked out a win via decision, it was not enough to save him from the reality of what had just occurred. Not only did KSI make the matchup incredibly competitive, but there was a great argument for him winning the entire match after Fury hit the popular youtuber early in the fight, losing him a point in the process.

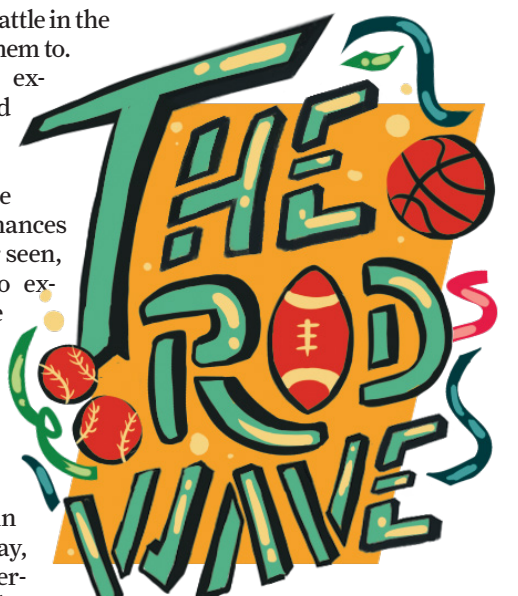
This, combined with the reality that KSI had taken two early rounds, put Fury at an early deficit in a fight that he was heavily favored to win. Instead of viewers expecting a knockout or dominance from Fury at the very least, it became harder to watch by the second.

It felt like such a horrible moment in the history of boxing. To put on weeks of heavy marketing and produce and match of that quality was truly disappointing and a model of what celebrity boxing should not look like. If the Paul brothers or any future celebrities vie to put on another event, it simply can't look anything like what transpired on Oct. 14. I hate to sound like an old man, but it has to get back to what people love about boxing. To have trash talking and elite marketing is completely fine, but if the product in the ring does not reflect any of the work up to that point, it's all for nothing.



Mitchell Robinson attempts to block Celtics star Jayson Tatum in a preseason game against the Boston Celtics on October 17th, 2023. Mitchell Robinson led the New York Knicks in blocks last season, with 1.8 blocks per game.

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Sam's Section:

ONE PLAYER FROM EACH KEY NON-CONFERENCE UCONN MBB OPPONENT

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College basketball is right around the corner, which means the UConn men's basketball team will begin one of its toughest non-conference schedules in recent memory.

This year will feature the Huskies against Indiana, Louisville or No. 18 Texas, No. 1 Kansas, No. 19 North Carolina and No. 11 Gonzaga. Thoset eams feature some of the best players in college basketball. This article will headline some of the biggest threats these teams will have, players who can lead their respective teams to victory over the defending national champions.

Mackenzie Mgbako, F, Indiana (consensus top 10 recruit in 2023 class)

Mackenzie Mgbako is a 6-foot-8-inch, 210-pound first-year mainly playing power forward. He's from New Jersey where he attended Roselle Catholic High School. He's a new addition to head coach Mike Woodson's team but should make an immediate impact as one of the favorites for Big Ten Freshman of the Year. He was a consensus five-star recruit, ranked in the top 10 on ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals. As a senior, he averaged 16.3 points and 9.2 rebounds per game, leading his school to the NJSIAA Non-Public B State Title. The Hoosiers lost a lot from last year's team, including Jalen Hood-Schifino, Trayce Jackson-Davis, Race Thompson and Miller Kopp. With all those key players gone from this year's roster, Mgbako can lead Indiana in likely his only year in Bloomington. UConn will face Mgbako and the Hoosiers in New York City on Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. on ESPN.

Max Abmas, G, Texas (21.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 4 apg, 43.6 fg%)

Max Abmas is one of the best scorers in the entire country, averaging at least 21 points per game since his sophomore year at Oral Roberts, helping lead

the Cinderella team to the Sweet 16 in the 2021 NCAA Tournament. The 6-foot, 175-pound fifth-year senior was named to the Preseason All-Big 12 Team and will fill in the role that once belonged to Marcus Carr, who graduated following their 2023 NCAA Tournament loss to Miami. Abmas is the NCAA Division I active career scoring leader with 2562 points in four years. He was named the Summit League Player of the Year twice, including last year, where he led the Golden Eagles to a regular season and tournament title in the conference.

Mike James, G, Louisville (10.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 45.3 fg%)

In his redshirt freshman year, Mike James was second on the team in scoring with a promising field goal percentage for a young 6-foot-5-inch, 200-pound guard who started every game for the Cardinals. For a historic program, abysmal is an understatement to describe Louisville's season last year, finishing with a 4-28 overall record, including a 0-9 start. James is hoping for a better season and looks to be the team's leader. He was one of two ACC first-years to average at least 10 points and three rebounds per game last season.

UConn will either face James and Louisville, or Abmas and Texas on Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Hunter Dickinson, C, Kansas (18.5 ppg, 9 rpg, 56 fg%, 42.1 3pt%, 1.8 bpg)

Hunter Dickinson was the biggest name in the transfer portal, surprising the college basketball world after three years at Michigan. While in Ann Arbor, the 7-foot-2-inch giant earned many national and conference honors, most notably being a three-time All-Big Ten selection, which includes first-team All-Big Ten selections the past two seasons. The matchup between him and UConn center Donovan Clingan, both likely to be on the preseason watch list



Armando Bacot practices with a trainer to get ready for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Throughout the summer, he made social media posts that detailed his workout routine. PHOTO COURTESY OF @HEELSCENTRALON TWITTER

for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, is set to be a blockbuster showdown. He ranked third in the Big Ten with 14 double-doubles, fourth in blocked shots per game and fifth in field goal percentage. Dickinson was named the Big 12 Preseason Player and Newcomer of the Year. The Huskies travel to Lawrence to face Dickinson and the Jayhawks on Dec. 1 at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Armando Bacot, F, North Carolina (15.9 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 55.4 fg%, 1 bpg)

Armando Bacot is North Carolina's all-time leader in rebounds (1335) and double-doubles (68) and continues to be a reliable big for the Tar Heels as he enters his final season in Chapel Hill. The third-team All-American is the first player in

the program to repeat as first-team All-ACC since Tar Heel legend Tyler Hansbrough did it four straight years (2006-09). Standing at 6-foot-11-inches, he came up big in wins against Ohio State, Michigan, Wake Forest and Clemson last season. However, his impressive season was not enough for the Tar Heels, as they did not make the NCAA Tournament despite being the preseason No. 1 team last season. It will likely be Bacot against Clingan during a blue-blood battle in the Big Apple on Dec. 5 at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Ryan Nembhard, G, Gonzaga (12.1 ppg, 4 rpg, 4.8 apg, 43.2 fg%, 87.1 ft%)

Ryan Nembhard will be a familiar face to UConn fans, as he spent the last two seasons in

Omaha playing for Creighton. The 6-foot, 175-pound junior came up big for the Bluejays. After earning the Big East Freshman of the Year award during his 2021-22 campaign, he led Greg McDermott's squad to victories over Texas Tech, Arkansas, Texas and Baylor with over 15 points in each game. That also included a career-high 30 points in a second-round upset over Baylor. Despite his ability to rack up assists, he only reached double-digits once, in a blowout win over Holy Cross. The highest he's scored against Connecticut is 12 points, but that was not enough for the Bluejays to defeat the Huskies. UConn will take on Nembhard and the Bulldogs on Dec. 15 at 10 p.m. on ESPN.

Roundtable: which professional sports team had the biggest choke since 2010?

In professional sports, there is no better way to watch your team's hopes wither away through the art of the choke. In the history of sports, fans have seen some pretty incredible chokes that have caused broken TV screens and buckets of tears. From the infamous New York Yankees choking a 3-0 lead in the 2004 ALCS to send their archrival, the Boston Red Sox to the World Series, to the Red Sox themselves going on to lose the 1986 World Series to the New York Mets after a Bill Buckner error, there's been some incredible ways to lose a game or a series. However, looking in more recent years, was has been the most infamous choke job from a professional sports team since 2010? With plenty of answers to choose from, our team of writers will look to give their takes in this week's edition of The Daily Campus Sports roundtable.

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2016 NBA Finals: Golden State Warriors choke 3-1 lead to the Cleveland Cavaliers

This was a series that not only changed multiple players' careers, but also captivated the entire nation at the time. For Game 7 especially, you remember where you were at that exact moment. I still remember the utter shock on my face watching LeBron James turn into Superman to fly up and block Andre Iguodala. To watch Kyrie Irving hit the jumper to seal the deal for Cleveland on a step back three point shot was fantastic as well. Watching players like James, Irving and Kevin Love not give up and win the entire series despite being down three to one to a team that just broke the NBA regular season record was not only one of the best moments that year, but it was also one of the best moments in sports history, period.

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2023 NFC Divisional round: Dallas Cowboys choke yet again to the San Francisco 49ers

With the Cowboys many epic end of season collapses it was hard to pinpoint their "biggest choke" However, last year's showing against the 49ers takes the cake. San Francisco came into this matchup at a significant disadvantage. Brock Purdy, an unproven quarterback against Dak Prescott, a quarterback with much playoff experience. The lights were too bright for Mike McCarthy and Co., as Prescott threw two interceptions, and Ezekiel Elliot never cracked 30 yards on the ground. This game was within reach for Dallas, as it took the high powered 49ers offense four quarters to find the endzone. If you picked one play to summarize this Cowboys day, without a doubt it would be the final play where Elliott, a running back, lined up as as the sole offensive lineman and got bulldozed, forcing Prescott to throw a bad pass to KaVontae Turpin who immediately got tackled. For a team that historically does so well in the regular season, it was yet another playoff choke, this one magnified more so. Tony Romo never brought playoff success to Dallas, and many fans believed this new era would be different. However, this latest choke says otherwise.

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2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs: 62 regular-season wins; 0 playoff victories

The Tampa Bay Lightning set numerous milestones during the 2018-19 season, notably tying the single-season wins record with the 1995-96 Detroit Red Wings at 62 and collecting most of the individual awards. Clear favorites to capture the Stanley Cup trophy, the series seemed over after the Lightning grabbed a 3-0 first-period lead over the Columbus Blue Jackets in Game 1. But from the first intermission onward, things went south for Tampa Bay. Not only did they blow a three-goal lead and lose in regulation, but they scored five goals across the final 11 periods of their season. Worse, the Blue Jackets had made the playoffs four previous times and never won a series up until that four-game sweep. In the somewhat long run, that upset barely fazed the Bolts as they won the next two Stanley Cups. Even if the 2022-23 Bruins one-upped Tampa Bay by winning 65 regular-season games and blowing a 3-1 first-round lead against the Florida Panthers, nothing tops the Lightning laying a goose egg given their talents and high playoff expectations.

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Super Bowl LI: Atlanta Falcons blow 28-3 lead against Tom Brady and New England Patriots

Some may argue that this was more of a comeback by the Patriots, rather than a choke by the Falcons. The Falcons controlled the first half against the Patriots, with Devonta Freeman and Austin Hooper touchdowns in the second quarter, along with a Robert Alford pick-six. However, the Patriots did not go into the locker room scoreless, with a 41-yard field goal made by Stephen Gostkowski. Tevin Coleman caught a 6-yard touchdown to give Atlanta a 28-3 lead. After that, the Falcons' drives went: punt, fumble, punt, punt. It was all New England beginning with just over two minutes left in the third quarter, as James White caught a touchdown, making the score 28-9. Gostkowski made another field goal to cut the deficit to 16. Danny Amendola's touchdown and White's two-point conversion made it a one-possession game. White punched in another touchdown and Amendola tied the game with a two-point conversion. In overtime, Tom Brady and the Patriots marched down the field, where White ran in the game-winning touchdown.

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2011 Collapse: Boston's awful September costs them playoff position

Coming into September, the Red Sox sat on top of the AL East at 83-52, leading the Yankees by 1.5 games and the Rays by nine. Boston went on to win just seven out of their last 27 games, giving Tampa a chance to make it back into the postseason picture in their final game of the season. With both teams tied for the last wild card spot, Boston needed just one win to prevent the collapse but choked. Leading the Orioles 3-2 with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Baltimore rallied with three straight hits to steal the victory from the Red Sox. The Rays then overcame a seven run deficit to send their game to extras where, in the bottom of the 12th, third baseman Evan Longoria walked it off, eliminating Boston from the postseason. Tampa Bay has memorialized game 162 at Tropicana Field with a statue of Longoria's home run while the "chicken and beer" allegations continue to haunt Red Sox nation's nightmares.



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Women's Volleyball

UConn LOOKS TO MAINTAIN WINNING STREAK IN PROVIDENCE MATCHUP

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The UConn volleyball squad is riding a high after last weekend's successes against Butler. In the thrilling four-set series, the Huskies finally squashed their first conference counterpart 3-1. Despite a season-long uphill battle, the crew now has a shoo-in to the rest of the Big East competition.

Nonetheless, UConn's triumphs last weekend did not go without a bit of pushback from their opponents and a lot of hard work as a team. The first competitor of the weekend, Xavier, did not let the Huskies off easily and stormed to a 3-0 win on the Huskies' home court. However, the squad held their head high and looked on to their next opponent, Butler.

From the jump, the Bulldogs fell short of the Huskies' advances and clung to the final points of the series with everything they had. Despite the Bulldog's efforts, Connecticut had finally found their groove and proved to be the unstoppable force they've been waiting to showcase all season. Nevertheless, this change in dynamic for the Huskies has not come about overnight. The crew has spent season-long efforts attempting to maintain momentum and intense energy in their sequences. More often than not, the Huskies found themselves following just one or two points behind



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their opponents, if not tying up the score. While these efforts have not gone unnoticed, Saturday's weekend was the icing on the cake for the well-earned group.

Looking ahead, UConn will be taking on Providence, a seemingly well-matched competitor. Providence currently holds the No. 10 Big East ranking while UConn

follows just behind at No. 11. Similarly, Providence's 8-12 season record is nearly identical to UConn's 6-14. Just last season, the duo faced off in two matches, both of which UConn walked away with 3-0 wins. While these stats may speak to their competitive ability, much remains unknown as seven out of 14 roster spots are occupied by

freshmen. Despite numerous seasonal changes, UConn is coming off a win and will look to maintain the momentum.

Providence has also fallen to many of the same opponents as UConn. St. John's and Seton Hall are just two of the losses the duo has shared this season. However, just last weekend, the Friars fell to Butler while UConn

championed the group. The Friar loss could be fantastic news for Connecticut if they maintain their intensity and energy. The crew can walk into the contest knowing they have beaten one of the Friars' most recent opponents. If all goes well for the Huskies and they maintain their mojo, another success may be just around the corner.



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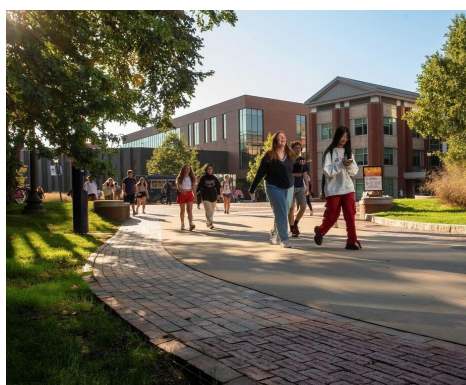


Volleybal, 6 p.m.
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Stephon Castle looks every bit the part of a one-and-done, top 10 NBA Draft prospect. Castle isn't even thinking about that right now, though.

"I've talked to Rip and Kemba. That UConn legacy is real, and it makes you want to write your own chapter here," he told me.

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