



# UPCOMING HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN DOWNTOWN STORRS



A student rode over to Trick-or-Treat with a “friend” during the 2019 event.  
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Downtown Storrs will host its annual Trick-or-Treat and Trick-a-Trunk events on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual Trick-or-Treat event, hosted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, invites children to dress up in their Halloween costumes and visit Downtown Storrs businesses for treats. A list of all businesses that are participating can be found on their website.

Trick-a-Trunk, organized by the Mansfield Parks and

Recreation Department, will also occur at the same time along Wilbur Cross Way. Local businesses, organizations and residents will line the street with their decorated vehicles and give out treats.

Kathleen Paterson, senior communication manager of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, said this is the first year that they have combined the two events to occur at the same time.

“Trick-or-Treat has grown into one of our most popular events. Our businesses have a lot of fun with it, and we enjoy seeing residents and friends of

all ages — and their creative costumes,” Paterson said. “We are excited to be partnering with the Town of Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department, who will host their Trick-a-Trunk event on Wilbur Cross Way this year, to bring a double-dose of Halloween fun to our community!”

Paterson said that although they generally have children and their families trick-or-treating, both events are free and open to all ages.

“We welcome everyone to join in the Halloween fun and ask that costumes and behavior be family-friendly,” Paterson said.

Paterson said the E.O. Smith Drumline will kick-off the festivities with a performance on Betsy Paterson Square at 3:30 p.m., and at the same time, a “thrilling” surprise courtesy of Mansfield Academy of Dance.

In addition to the festivities, the Town of Mansfield Public Works and Fire and Emergency Services Departments will have vehicles on display for children to get a close look at as well as the opportunity to talk to people that operate them, according to the press release.

To accommodate the events, there will be various road clo-

sures downtown from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., including parts of Royce Circle, Wilbur Cross Way and Bolton Road Ext.,w according to the press release. There will be no on-street parking on these streets from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., however, parking will be available in the Downtown Storrs Parking Garage and the Mansfield Community Center.

For more information about the Trick-or-Treat and Trick-a-Trunk events, visit [www.downtownstorrs.org/halloween](http://www.downtownstorrs.org/halloween) or call the Mansfield Downtown Partnership at 860-429-2740.

## Feel Good Friday: Where to celebrate Halloween this year in Storrs

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The University of Connecticut, along with the town of Mansfield, is hosting several Halloween events for students, staff and families in the area to attend this year.

Tonight, the UConn Rainbow Center will be hosting their annual Spooky Night Social. The event will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Rainbow Center, located on the fourth floor of the Student Union building, their website said.

The event will have pizza, snacks and drinks available for free. In addition to a movie, there will be music and games available.

Tomorrow, the town of Mansfield is hosting a Halloween festival for community members and students, their website said.

The festival will run from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. rain or shine. Participating businesses in downtown Storrs will be handing out candy and other giveaways. Additionally, there will be a display of decorated cars and trucks along Wilbur Cross Way with more treats available there.

On Halloween day, the Student Union will be hosting trick or treating. Students are welcomed to the annual event on Tuesday from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m., a Daily Digest post said. Various offices and cultural centers at the university will have booths set up with candy.

To participate, students will need to swipe their UConn IDs at the Student Union Info Center, scan a QR code and grab a bag before collecting their candy. The event will be open while supplies last.

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# MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS FREE LIBRARY CARDS TO UCONN STUDENTS



The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. Inside, UConn students can find the Mansfield Library Express, an offshoot of the Mansfield Public Library.

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The Mansfield Public Library is offering free library cards to all University of Connecticut students. Students interested in getting a library card can visit the library or the Mansfield Library Express with their UConn ID, or sign up for a library card on the library’s website.

Generally the Mansfield Public Library only allows residents of Mansfield or Storrs to sign up for a library card, which gives access to borrow materials from the library, but the library makes an exception for UConn students. This allows UConn students to bring any books or other materials that they find in the library back to their residence. UConn students have to renew their library card every semester they are on campus.

The Mansfield Public Library is located in Mansfield Center, but you can also find the Mansfield Library Express in downtown Storrs.

“It’s a quick and convenient place to return items you borrowed from the library and pick up items you have requested... It’s perfect for people who live or work in the Storrs area,” according to the Mansfield Library website.

The Mansfield Library Express also has a small collection of its own that can be looked at and borrowed.

The Mansfield Public Library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, but stays open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Mansfield Library Express is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Neither building is open on Sundays.

The library’s booklist can be found on their website. There you can see which books the library has on its shelves and you can sort based on different genres, such as history, literature and fiction, romance, sports and much more. People with a library card also have access to the library’s digital collection, which includes ebooks, audiobooks and movies, along with other digital media.

The library has offered free materials to Mansfield residents since it was established in 1911. On the library’s website you can see some of the library’s goals, including, “[providing] a broad range of materials in a variety of formats,” “[promoting] and [stimulating] active use of its resources,” and “[offering] programs and services to encourage lifelong learning.”

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By Doug Peterson

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# A HAUNTED HEEP OF FUN

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The Haunted HEEP (Hillside Environmental Education Park) event took place on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the red trail behind the Innovation Partnership Building. It featured many creepy and thrilling scenes set up throughout the 1.1 mile trail. Hundreds of Volunteers worked tirelessly to put this event together, as they had to set up the trail with lights and decor, as well as conduct a general cleanup of the trail. The actors along the trail were all incredibly committed, with some laying on the ground of the woods in impressive costumes. There were multiple complicated scenes includ-

ing a magic circle, a priest performing an exorcism on a screaming girl, and a very realistic Georgie from “IT.” Along with that, there were many volunteers hiding behind trees and in the dark to jump out and scare participants. Many would go as far as to run after the group, or stay quiet enough to scare the people in the back who may have missed the original jump scare as the groups consisted of about 10 people. Each group was given two red flashlights to allow for some visibility in the otherwise dark woods. The trail itself was marked with green glow sticks so as to prevent students from getting lost. There were hundreds of stu-

dents in attendance, ready to experience the creepiness of UConn’s trails at night. The beginning of the trail was ominous as the groups followed a red hooded person walking slowly ahead of them and singing quietly. From there the group navigated the dark trail, as volunteers in a variety of costumes jumped out and scared them, or stood creepily still. The trail took about 35 minutes to complete and you could call it a night or depending on when you got out, get in line and go for round two. Some people mentioned they were going for their third time, showing how enjoyable this event was. There were many volunteers — outside of just the

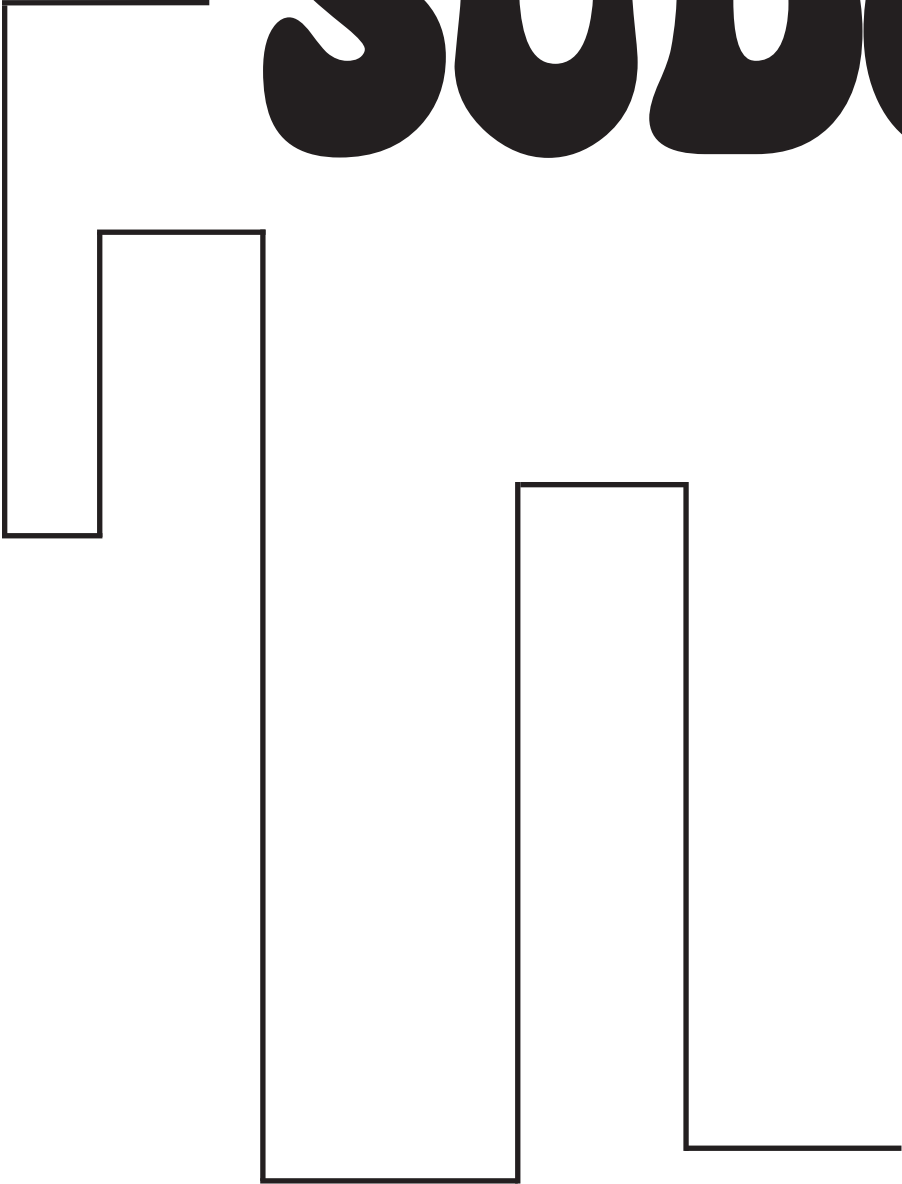
actors in the woods scaring people — who worked hard to put this event together. Jackie Flaherty, a third-semester marketing and urban community studies major and sustainability intern said, “I think it’s a great event because it shows students on campus about the awesome trails we have and it also makes it really fun with all the spookiness.” Her remarks sum up this event perfectly. Students were able to learn about and access the trails UConn has, while having Halloween-themed fun. Flaherty — who also went through the trail — said, “I had a really great time, I love hiking and scary stuff, so it

was a combination of my two favorite things.” Amanda Stowe, a third-semester environmental science major said, “We also have a lot of opportunities for trail maintenance clean up so if students want to join with that we always have that, usually one in fall and one in the spring.” If any students are interested in getting involved with the trails after experiencing firsthand how fun they are, there are many opportunities to do so. Considering the success of the event this year, as well as the previous three years, I would keep an eye out for the same event next fall — whether you want to volunteer or get scared.





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# TALES FROM THE TURNTABLE: THE MOST SINISTER BAND IN HISTORY

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Welcome back to Tales from the Turntable! Halloween is just days away, and I’ve saved the scariest story for last. Last week, we focused on one of the darkest albums in history. This week, we’ll be looking at the darkest band in history: Mayhem. The story of this band contains a lot of violence, including suicide and murder. Those who are sensitive to those topics should not continue reading.

Nominative determinism is a hypothesis put forward by the magazine New Scientist in the mid 1990s, stating that one will gravitate towards a life that suits their name. For the Norwegian black metal band Mayhem, this hypothesis hit the nail on the head. Despite the band’s brief existence and lack of any commercial success, Mayhem cemented itself as a musical boogiemaniac in the early 1990s.

Mayhem was founded in 1984 by three Norwegian teenagers: Øystein Aarseth, Jørn Stubberud and Kjetil Manheim. Aarseth and Stubberud would adopt the stage names, “Euronymous” and “Necrobutcher,” respectively. Inspired by heavy metal acts like Venom and Death, Mayhem aimed to make their sound as evil as possible, incorporating satanic and occult imagery into their music and stage presence.

After several years of navigating the Norwegian metal scene, Mayhem cemented their original lineup with vocalist Pelle Yngve Oh-

lin, nicknamed “Dead,” and drummer Jan Axel Blomberg, nicknamed “Hellhammer.” Ohlin’s stage presence quickly garnered a notorious reputation for being extreme. Violence became part of Mayhem’s stage routine, with audience members often leaving their shows covered in Ohlin’s or a farm animal’s blood.

Only three years after joining the band, Ohlin was found dead by Aarseth in April of 1991; the singer died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. While the rest of Mayhem were stricken with grief by the sudden loss of their bandmate and friend, Aarseth exploited the death of his friend to further the band’s popularity. He used Ohlin’s suicide as a way to “legitimize” the band as true evil, much to the shock and dismay of his bandmates.

Rumors surrounding Ohlin’s death spread like wildfire across the metal community. Some claimed Aarseth had cannibalized parts of Ohlin, while others claimed Aarseth had made necklaces with fragments of the singer’s skull. Almost 20 years later, the latter claim turned out to be true, as confirmed by Stubberud. An actual image of Ohlin’s corpse was used for one of the band’s live albums, which many — including several members of Mayhem — found incredibly disrespectful to their friend.

During this tumultuous time, the band experienced heavy changes. Stubberud left the band due to Ohlin’s

passing and Aarseth’s callous treatment of the situation. Aarseth quickly recruited new members, Snorre Ruch on rhythm guitar, Attila Csihar on vocals and Varg Vikernes on bass. Vikernes had developed a notorious reputation for being an outspoken white nationalist involved with several church burnings. Though only three are officially tied to him, it is believed that he was involved with several more acts of arson around Norway. The band would complete their first and only studio album with Aarseth, “De Mysteriis Dom Sathanas,” before falling apart as a unit.

Conflict between Aarseth and Vikernes was quick to arise, with Vikernes claiming Aarseth had intentions of murdering him. On Aug. 10, 1993, Vikernes traveled over 300 miles to Aarseth’s apartment in Oslo, where the two men engaged in a heated argument. The dispute ended in Vikernes fatally stabbing Aarseth, before fleeing the scene. He was caught within days of the murder, and was sentenced to 21 years in prison for the murder of his former bandmate and the burning of three churches around Norway.

“De Mysteriis Dom Sathanas” was released in May of 1994, dedicated to Aarseth. The record achieved critical acclaim, and is regarded as one of the most influential albums in heavy metal. Mayhem would reform a year later, continuing to tour and release new music to this day.

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► Editorial

UConn TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
NEEDS A COMMUNITY LIAISON

Effective public transportation is what connects large, fragmented communities such as the University of Connecticut. With over 32,000 students and thousands of faculty and staff spread across five campuses — Avery Point, Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford and Storrs — the volume of community members with unique transportation needs is enormous.

For the significant portion of students, faculty and university employees that do not have access to personal transportation, their ability to benefit equally from this institution academically and financially is contingent on UConn providing an accessible, intelligent and safe system that can get them where they need to go to the greatest possible degree. However, UConn has not demonstrated that this critical function in its everyday operation is an ongoing priority.

Faced with such a monumental challenge, The Daily Campus Editorial Board is under no illusions that UConn Transportation Services can create road and bus infrastructure that perfectly accommodates each constituent. Still, we are alarmed by accounts detailing major disruptions in UConn bus services and lack of reliability from the UConn bus app, Passio Go, according to reporting by The Daily Campus.

The Department of Transportation Services is housed under Facilities Operations, which maintains the facilities UConn community members enjoy at the Storrs and regional campuses, and is charged with providing “safe, clean and timely passenger services to the Storrs campus and surrounding area.” Although at face value Transportation Services may appear to be a benign administrative body, transportation has long been a flashpoint for the UConn community.

In 2018, UConn Undergraduate Student Government approved “A Joint Resolution Concerning UConn Transportation Services,” according to a letter to the editor submitted to The Daily Campus by then-Public Relations Director for USG, Omar Taweh. Taweh wrote that “97.4% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that there is a need for a comprehensive transportation services reform on campus,” according to data collected from a USG survey polling student attitudes toward changes to bus routes and parking services.

The significance of transportation at UConn isn’t just a matter of significance; in December of 2021, a graduate student was struck by a vehicle in the middle of a crosswalk on South Eagleville Road and passed away later that night, according to The Daily Campus.

As the Editorial Board discussed at the time, it is costly and nuanced to make all of the improvements required to bolster public safety and the quality of transportation more broadly. However, student concerns about discrepancies in bus routes and errors in the Passio Go app are problems stemming from a simple problem with a simple solution. The latest complaints concerning Transportation Services signal a lack of direct, mutual communication between the department and the population it is meant to serve — that is, dialogue led equitably by both administrators and students. This void may exist for a number of reasons, such as lack of awareness about proper channels for students to voice their transportation concerns.

And while the Transportation Services website does have an online contact form for community members to give feedback and ask questions, it would not be reasonable to assert that individual student testimonies can optimize the route of a shuttle bus or fix a glitch in a third-party app. Additionally, the everyday demands of school and work for both students and university employees limit the ability of individuals to be champions for transportation changes on and around campus.

The Editorial Board believes that the UConn administration, being infinitely-better resourced than the average student, is uniquely situated to create an accessible, engaging and personal channel for community members to transmit feedback about Transportation Services by instituting the role of a community liaison.

A community liaison is a position rife with potential for improving relations between Transportation Services and its constituents. If hired from the ranks of the student body, a liaison could put a familiar face on a department that receives much ire in everyday conversations around campus, presenting a public relations win for the university and a useful asset for students. Taking cues from the Office of the Provost, a liaison could take initiatives on town halls and listening sessions that put community input first and use it to inform policy making and long-term planning.

We understand the creation of another university position meant to garner student engagement risks being rendered performative and inept as much as the rest of them; this is par for the course for all universities that hold their bottom line at the highest esteem. However, if UConn wants to take meaningful steps to demonstrate that its students and community members are their priority, then transportation must be a priority as well. Soliciting and rewarding student engagement with the administrative bodies that govern their daily lives is not a “should,” but a “must.”

Self-help culture

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In the rapid-fire internet age that we live in, virality is much easier to come by, but much shorter-lived. This apparent accessibility and the luxury associated with it has become idealized in the eyes of the average consumer. The catch? Influencer culture is a scam, albeit a very pretty one. The most popular product sold by influencers is their lifestyle of luxury, wealth and success, but more importantly is how viewers can achieve the same. The problem with the seeming democratization of fame is that now anyone completely unqualified can speak on it and charge for their time. The hefty price tags

formation simply to consume, without any thought, structure or planning. This is the basis of the empty hustle culture that online influencers peddle. It feels good and it is promised to us by an image of a person who is successful and typically consumers trust.

The consequences of this type of working culture are all too dire and consistently demonstrated in Americans today. We live in a world of burnout and stress related to work, wherein the mental drain of our work drags over into every other facet of life. Yet, the demand to do more and push harder is still present in society, even though this trend is even worse for young workers. So as these influencers urge people to do more and work harder

in line with American cultural values that it is hard to deny. It is the American dream to work hard and take your success into your own hands, but it is not so much the American reality anymore. It is this economic state of insecurity that is being

preyed upon, to a generation that is increasingly perfectionistic and highly values success. Viewers often don’t see what it actually takes to become an influencer.

Hustle culture is a legitimizing myth, glorifying and justifying the success of the people on screen. The problem is that often what we see is actually not the reality of the lives these people lead, and often does not fully reveal the socio-economic conditions that contributed to their fame. The context that is not revealed to the viewer is often the most important. An understanding that certain societal positions cannot be achievable without extreme luck or circumstance is key to not falling for the image put forth by internet personalities.

We all want to believe what seems nice and pretty. It would be a great world if there were some course someone could buy to achieve financial independence, be their own boss and live freely. The thing is that the answers to the societal problems that create these insecurities are not going to be found in some TikTok’s bio. These people are not out to help you, they are only going to make your life worse by taking your money and leading you on a path to a complete breakdown. So, as every parent has said at one point, don’t trust everything you see on the internet.

*The problem with the seeming democratization of fame is that now anyone completely unqualified can speak on it and charge for their time.*

than before, it only serves to further damage the mental health of individuals who listen to them and the overall work culture in America. The problem is that the mes-

We live in a culture that glorifies productivity. Whether or not that productivity is real and substantive is another question, but overall it is seen as a good thing and feels good to always be doing something. However, too often we get caught up in fake productivity wherein we are acting simply to act, consuming i n -



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Photo of the Day | Pumpkin painting



The athletic department displays pumpkins painted by UConn student athletes. Many of these pumpkins, along with others that student have painted, are displayed around the UConn Storrs campus.

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A big argument for the benefits of social media is that its accessibility allows for easier communication and thus brings people together. Initially, through the use of Facebook or MySpace, people could find and reach out to people whose number they've lost or never had. They could reconnect with old friends, or stay up to date in general. These sites later evolved into current platforms like Instagram and TikTok. Arguably, TikTok is less of a communication app than something like Instagram or Snapchat, as its main appeal is fast entertainment. People can send these videos back and forth with each other, but generally there isn't much communication outside of watching and liking a video. Instagram was used for finding and messaging friends, but we've reached a point where that is no longer its purpose. People often message one another on the app, but they are doing so instead of interacting with people in person. People's eyes are often glued to their phone; whether they're watching TikTok videos or scrolling through Instagram, people are being pulled away from the real world. They're missing out on real face to face interactions. Not only that but the content they're constantly exposed to is causing more divisiveness both online and in the real world. Most people are aware of the addictive nature of these apps,

but choose to use them anyway. Unfortunately, our lives require not just the constant use of technology, but the use of social media apps. Clubs and events are advertised on Instagram, people get their news from social media sites and can hear the opinions of millions about said news. Along with that, social media may seem like an escape from the constant stress and seemingly endless void of bad news. What one would soon find out after deleting these apps is that using social media only worsens that stress. It's not an escape, but rather, a platform to endlessly expose yourself to stressful things. Discussing the downfalls of social media doesn't seem to counteract the usage. For me, it was difficult to delete social media. I started by deleting TikTok, as it was the app that consumed most of my time. I haven't had the app for over a year now and it's greatly impacted my life. I have much more time to spare and feel more creative. I can focus on the things that matter to me as well as have the time to pick up new hobbies or practice old

ones. I don't find that I'm out of the loop on important news at all, and when I hear bad news it's easier for me to focus on the positives because I'm not surrounded and immersed in bad news all day. The use of social media may feel like a necessity, but it is not. Speaking of news, politics seems to be more divided than ever, with neither side able to listen and understand the other. While this issue doesn't lie just within social media, it is a big piece of the puzzle. Echo chambers are a real issue that thrives on social media. TikTok's algorithm sends users the same content that they've shown interest in. Their popularity stems from sending users what they like and nothing else. This may seem like a good thing because users of the app are only getting content they enjoy and find interesting, but in reality it creates harmful echo chambers that easily spread misinformation and reduce critical thinking. Even if you believe yourself to be someone who doesn't fall victim to misinformation or has good critical thinking

skills, there is a psychological phenomenon called the illusory truth effect, where if you hear something repeatedly you believe it to be true, simply because you've heard it multiple times. It's easy to think the vast number of communities available online are positive, as they provide a space for every type of person to find people like them. People can presumably find others with similar interests, problems and stories helping them feel less lonely and more connected. In reality, however, these connections are merely surface level. While the shared experiences may be deep and personal, the relationship remains on the surface nonetheless. You can't form proper connections over the internet alone. These communities more often than not make people feel like they have to fit into a box, reducing individualism. People latch onto certain labels and trends to get more likes or just to feel like they're part of a community. This is hard to break away from, especially when it's so normalized that it's hard to find communities outside of the internet. But we can't end the cycle of loneliness and detachment without each individual deciding for themselves that they won't let their lives revolve around social media.

# SOCIAL MEDIA IS MORE DIVISIVE THAN CONNECTING

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# Women’s Tennis: Huskies off to Elon for final fall invite

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After a decent performance at the Brown Invite and a week off, the UConn women’s tennis team will travel to Elon, North Carolina for the Jimmy Powell Invitational hosted by Elon University. According to the history books, this will be UConn’s first time at the invite. In their last chance of the year, the Huskies will want to end the season off on a high note.

### Matchups

Since 2000, Elon University has built up a respectable women’s tennis program. Their first season saw them go 4-13 overall (0-5 in conference play), while their most recent season they went 16-7 (6-2 in conference play). The Huskies are getting a huge break, though, as Olivia Archer graduated and will no longer be on the team. Archer, who played at Elon from 2018-2023, holds the school record for career singles wins with 73. On top of that, she’s No. 3 in school history for singles wins in a season with 19, and fifth in career doubles wins with 51. She has multiple player of the week awards and an ITA Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship and Lead-

ership Award to her name and will be a huge loss for the Phoenix.

Stepping up in her place will be seniors Sibel Tanik and Lizette Reding, two players who are working their way into the record book as well. Tanik is currently No. 13 in career singles wins with 43 and is the only active player in the top 15. She’s also No. 11 in career doubles wins with 39, but Reding is right behind her with 36. Reding also had 16 singles wins in the 2021 season, good enough for No. 13 for singles wins in a season. Tanik enters the Jimmy Powell Invitational on a two-match skid, but Reding has won her last two matches.

The supporting cast for the Phoenix consists of junior Miray Konar and sophomore Helen Sarikulaya. Konar started the fall season off with a staggering 8-0 start in singles play, losing her first match a few weeks ago against Liberty. Overall, she’s got a 17-5 total singles and doubles record and will be tough for whoever she plays. Sarikulaya has played more matches, accumulating an 11-7 singles record, and a 23-12 overall record. She had an impressive showing at Elon’s last meet, rattling off a couple of wins at the ITA Carolina Regionals this past weekend.

Tanik, Reding, Konar and Sarikulaya are four players who have been playing well recently and could potentially get some big wins. UConn will definitely have its hands full and will need to bring its A-game.

### UConn players to watch

Heading into the final weekend of play, juniors Olivia Wright and Maria Constantinou continue to lead the pack. They both had a quiet Brown Invite, but it has been a very impressive season for both in singles and doubles.

Going off recent form, junior Isabel Petri Bere and freshman Caroline Hinshaw were the two best Huskies at their last invite two weeks ago. They led the team with a 6-1 overall singles and doubles record each en route to a mostly successful invite.

Freshman Victoria Matos will be wrapping up her first season of play and has impressed with the extent that she has stepped up in big spots for the Huskies. When the usual contributors were having off days over the course of the season, Matos came in and secured clutch wins. Even when the whole team was performing well at an invite, more often than not Matos was among the top singles and doubles performers.

### What to expect

This will be an interesting matchup for the Huskies. They’ve never played at this invitational before so it could lead to an adjustment for the team going all the way to North Carolina. Connecticut has also not played completely up to

their standards in the past few meets. That being said, the talent is there as always, and UConn has every opportunity to end the fall season with a bang.

The invite begins on Friday, Oct. 27 and will continue until Sunday, Oct. 29.



**UConn women’s tennis faces off against Wesleyan, Bryant, Stony Brook, Army and Sacred Heart at the UConn Invite from Sept. 15 to Sept. 17 2023.**

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# CROSS COUNTRY: HUSKIES TRAVEL TO WISCONSIN FOR BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

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After placing in the top-five in all four regular season invitationals, the UConn women’s cross country team will head to Kenosha, Wisconsin for the Big East Championship this Saturday. The Huskies will join the rest of the conference in a 6K race from Kenosha’s Wayne Dannehl Course with an expected start time of 12:50 p.m.

Connecticut wrapped up their regular season on Oct. 13 with an impressive fifth-place finish in the Arturo Barrios Invitational. This was one of the more dominant performances UConn had during the regular season as it finished fifth out of 42 schools, with four runners placing in the top 60.

The Huskies ran to a first-place finish in the Suffolk Short Classic to open the season and followed that up with a second-place effort in the Providence Friar Invitational. Connecticut placed fifth in the Battle in Beantown on Sept. 29 before concluding the regular season with another top-five placement in College Station, Texas.

Upperclassmen Chloe Thomas and Jenna Zydanowicz have led the way for UConn this season as the pair finished with top-15 placements in three out

of their four races. Thomas, a junior from Dundas, Ontario, Canada, is coming off a seventh-place finish in the Barrios Invitational with Zydanowicz finishing right behind her at No. 11 out of 400 total runners.

The Huskies will also look for Caroline Towle to pick up where she left off after her personal record 20:25 6K time in the Barrios Invitational. Towle, a senior from Bedford, Massachusetts, was named team captain at the beginning of the season and will look to lead the Huskies to their first ever Big East Championship.

Currently ranked No. 3 in the country, Georgetown comes in as the clear favorite to win the event, after winning it in back to back seasons. Connecticut will be looking to get over the hump after finishing in third place two years in a row. In 2022, UConn finished just 3:49 behind the first place Hoyas, and a mere 36 seconds behind in 2021.

Head coach Beth Alford-Sullivan, who coached the 1996 Stanford Cardinals to a national championship, has brought a winning culture to Storrs and has the Huskies ready to compete for their first ever Big East title.



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# FIELD HOCKEY: UCONN HONORS SENIORS IN LAST GAME OF THE SEASON VERSUS OLD DOMINION

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**UConn field hockey faced off against Providence on Oct 13 at the Sherman Family Sports Complex. After a double overtime game UConn lost to Providence with a final score of 1-2.** PHOTOGRAPH BY CONNOR SHARP, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The chill crisp in the air with autumn leaves falling gives fans a sense of excitement, knowing that winter sports are coming, but the UConn field hockey team is not done just yet. After a testing season for the Huskies, they hope to end their season on a high note as they face the Old Dominion Monarchs.

It’s been a black and white past between these two teams with the Monarchs taking home a majority of the wins between 1987-1995. The Huskies started seeing major success from 2014 to the present.

The last time that both UConn and Old Dominion faced each other was last year on Sept. 16, where Connecticut secured a 2-1 win in Norfolk, Virginia. At the time, the Huskies were sitting at No. 11 in the nation. The program scored first with a goal from forward Julia Bressler and the Huskies kept the score 1-0 with two and a half minutes left in regulation. The game was stretched into double overtime with both teams firing from both ends, but midfielder Aiyi Young put an end to the game six minutes in.

The Monarchs have had very similar records in the past, but UConn’s record this season is vastly different from previous seasons. The Huskies have their

work cut out for them against a confident team in Old Dominion, who are on a nine game win streak going into this matchup. The key to winning this game for the Huskies is to bring some relentless defense by the net, an area that the program has seen success with throughout the season.

This game holds a great significance for this team, not only because it is the last of the season, but because it’s also senior day for the UConn field hockey program.

Starting off, we have No. 2, graduate student forward from Erdenheim, Pennsylvania, Julianna Kratz. Kratz came in this year as a transfer from Fairfield University and finished her career with the Stags as one of the program’s all-time leading scorers, tied for 11th all-time goals with 25 scored and 10th in points with 63. She’s definitely made herself known to Husky fans as she’s second on the team with six goals scored in 14 games played.

We move on to No. 3, senior midfielder from Windham, New Hampshire, Madison DiPietro. DiPietro has only played three games this season, but for the entirety of her career, she managed to notch one goal and three assists.

Next up is No. 6 back from Yorktown, New York, Erin Daly. In her four years with the Huskies, she’s played 943 minutes on the field and notched a 0.750 shot on goal percentage.

Now, let’s transition to No. 10 midfielder from Leesport, Pennsylvania, Belle Bressler. The Pennsylvania native is a graduate student

at UConn, after spending four years at the University of Maryland. In her final season with the Terrapins, she totaled 12 points with three goals and six assists in the 23 games she played in. This year with the Huskies, she got to play with her sister, Julia Bressler, who scored three goals and two assists in 14 games.

Our next senior on the list is No. 11, midfielder McKenna Sergi from Greene, New York. Greene is in her fifth year at UConn and has definitely made the most of her time here. Throughout her career, she’s accumulated 14 goals and four assists over 122 shots.

Next is midfielder Morgan Kaufman from West Lawn, Pennsylvania. Known for backing her teammates up, she managed to grab 14 assists and four goals over her career with the Huskies.

And last, but not least, we have midfielder, No. 26, Aiyi Young. Over her time as a Husky, she has gotten two goals, nine assists and maintained a 0.700 shot on goal percentage.

This is the first time that Connecticut has not made it to the Big East Championship since 2010. Even with the thirteen year difference, you cannot deny the camaraderie that this young team possesses among one another. Husky fans can honor these seniors and watch the ceremony live from Nancy Stevens Field, with the game starting at 2 p.m. It can also be streamed live on FloSports.



Photo of the Day | Devasted lost



UConn's goaltender Ethan Haider takes his helmet off and looks up during his match against Holy Cross on Oct. 14, 2023. The Huskies lost the match 0-2.  
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Men's Hockey: Huskies set to start Hockey East action with UMass Lowell

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Non-conference play is over and the UConn men's hockey team is set to begin their Hockey East slate of the season. They will open conference action with UMass Lowell for a

two-set home and home series starting on Friday, Oct. 27. The Huskies have recent history with the River Hawks as they played many very competitive matchups last season. One of the most notable matches included UMass Lowell knocking UConn out of the Big East quarterfinals at Toscano

Family Ice Forum where they hosted their first-ever playoff game last March. In their regular season matchup, the teams tied the series 1-1 but then the Huskies ultimately dropped the playoff matchup when they needed the wins the most. UMass Lowell has started their season with a 3-1-0 over-

all record. They are coming off a two game winning streak as they swept their series with Colgate last weekend. Lowell presents a strong defensive presence but they also maintain a productive offense. Their team is very well balanced and the Huskies have to stay on top of all their skills this weekend.

"When you get a goal against Lowell you have to earn it," said head coach Mike Cavanaugh. A Lowell player to look out for is Matt Crasa. In their Friday night matchup against the Raiders, the junior forward scored all four goals in the River Hawks 4-2 victory. He added an assist on the second game of the series, helping UMass Lowell to sweep Colgate on the road. Crasa finished the weekend with five points, he now totals for seven on the season after he scored two goals in the River Hawks' season opener on Oct. 7. After his monster weekend, Crasa was named Hockey East Player of the Week, which was announced by the conference on Monday. Crasa is an offensive machine and he has shown this in the first stretch of the season. The Huskies have to keep their eyes peeled on defense for whenever Crasa is going to attempt to strike the net this weekend.

The Ice Bus has not started off their season on the highest note, but they are coming off a much needed win against Union, the Huskies scored five

goals, two were scored by sophomore Tristan Fraser. Goaltender Ethan Haider also sealed his first victory and first shutout as a Husky. In this game, all the components that the Huskies have been looking for came together; they looked complete and saw the outcome of a victory. Connecticut needs to continue to take advantage of the opportunities to score, especially on the power play which has been one of their weaker points to start the season.

"He just competes hard, wins a lot of battles down low, and really happy with the productivity that line gave us this weekend. I thought he, Taber [Heaslip] and Ryan Mashie were excellent," said coach Mike Cavanaugh of Fraser.

"This week is a different opponent and a new week. We've got to reset, regroup and be ready to play as well as we did Saturday on Friday night," Cavanaugh said.

The Ice Bus will begin Hockey East action this Friday, Oct. 27 on the road in Lowell, Massachusetts. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. They will then travel back to Connecticut for the last game of the series and play their first game of the season at the XL Center on Saturday, Oct. 28. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m in Hartford, Connecticut. Both of the games will be available to stream on ESPN+.



UConn men's ice hockey played their second game against Holy Cross on Oct. 14, 2023 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. UConn lost 0-2 after a hard-fought game.  
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The Rod Wave: Storylines from Big East Media Day

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With another year of college basketball means another year of Big East basketball, along with Big East Media Day. While the event is always something to look forward to for reporters, this may have been the best version yet. With such headlines like the addition of coach Rick Pitino or the transition of coach Ed Cooley from Providence to Georgetown, there were some great storylines to talk about in another segment of Big East basketball. **Who is the next breakout star for Marquette?** When you talk about a great coach like Shaka Smart, there's plenty of positives that stick out. But, you can't talk about the Golden Eagles' coach without mentioning his incredible development. From Big East Player of the Year Tyler Kolek to current senior big man Oso Ighodaro, he's going to get the absolute best out of his players. It's been a huge reason as to why Smart has gotten his

squad to two straight NCAA Tournament berths and with the look of this current roster, it looks like there's going to be plenty of success on the way. But, for Marquette to take the next step in their quest toward a potential NCAA championship, it's going to have to be more than just Kolek or Ighodaro doing the heavy lifting for one of the top programs in college basketball. According to Smart himself, there's two players this year that he's expecting to make a huge leap in their game. "David Joplin and Chase Ross. I would say are the two most impressive players on our team over the offseason," said Smart. With Joplin, Smart specifically spoke on the conditioning of his prized junior forward, especially his work on the versaclimber where he notably hit two minutes. "Jop was incredibly dedicated over the course of the entire summer reshaping his conditioning and his body. I think

you're gonna see that on the court," said Smart. Joplin's teammate, star guard Kam Jones, even chimed in with a prediction, saying that the Wisconsin native would slam down at least five dunks before conference play begins for the Golden Eagles on Dec. 19 against Providence. As for Ross, he came into Milwaukee, like Joplin, as a four star recruit with plenty of potential to make noise with the Golden Eagles. He may not be the offensive scorer like his frontcourt teammate, but he's going to give big problems for opponents on the defensive end. As a 6-foot-4 guard who played an average of 16.4 minutes for this program, Smart is counting on the young Texas native to take the next step in his progression. "He's a dude," said Smart. "He's a guy that I think has grown in confidence and he's grown in his understanding of how good he can be. Now, as a sophomore, you'll see him put that to use." **Why Madison Square Garden is so special for Providence's Kim English** The way that the Friars' head coach Kim English speaks about Madison Square Garden is one of respect, yet awe at the same time. Ever since he got to step foot on the court in college with the Missouri Tigers and during his time

FILE ILLUSTRATION/THE DAILY CAMPUS in the NBA with the Detroit Pistons, it hasn't lost its special feel. "Just knowing the history of everything. Music. Boxing. Muhammad Ali. Willis Reed running out. Kobe's big nights. MJ's big nights. Steph's big nights. LeBron's big nights. This is a special venue. The energy of this city permeates through these walls when the game is going on," said English. Just as he describes it, the Garden has been a huge part of English's love for basketball. As a kid, he described sneaking off to watch the Big East Tournament in the janitor's closets in school when it was the old Big East conference. Fast forward to this upcoming college basketball season, he now has a chance to make noise in the tournament he loved watching as a kid, this time with the new Big East. At age 35, he continues to soak up the emotions of a venue that's the greats of so many different sports pass through it. "It's a moment. You are in awe. You look around and you think about where you are," said English. "It's a privilege and a treat to have done it a few times as a player and now getting the chance to do it as a coach is pretty cool." **Ed Cooley: The rebuilder** Georgetown Hoyas fans have not had much to look forward to over the past few seasons in the Big East. But, a poor 2-18 finish for the program was the tipping point and as a result, Patrick Ewing was out. Now, enter Ed Cooley, a man with plenty of rebuilding experience, most notably with the Providence Friars. Are there many storylines bigger than Cooley's return to Providence on Jan. 27, 2023? While it's hard to argue that question, you can't ignore the actual rebuilding job for the Hoyas, a truly tall task for a program that's looking to get back to its former glory. Even beyond the actual product on the court, Cooley is taking everything into account with the college. "My championship is seeing these kids at graduation day. If you've done it long enough, I'm on year 30, I think we're alright," said Cooley. The biggest thing for the 54-year old head coach in another rebuild is everyday growth. It's important to not look back on the past, a reality that's been hard to swallow. Yet, at the same time, as Cooley puts it, it's about the path forward, not where you're at. With nine new players on the court and time to establish chemistry, the pieces are starting to come together. It may not be perfect in year one, but for the first time in a long time, there's finally some real excitement in the air for Hoyas basketball.



# Women's Soccer: Fifth years Zaccagnini and Mazo show up big in regular season finale, clinch No. 3 seed with 2-0 win over Seton Hall



UConn women's soccer takes on Villanova for the final home game of the season on Oct. 19, 2023.  
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A lot was at stake in terms of Big East Tournament seeding as the UConn women's soccer team (9-3-5, 6-1-3 Big East) traveled to South Orange, New Jersey., taking on Seton Hall University (6-7-5, 2-4-4 Big East).

For the Huskies, with a win and a Xavier loss or tie, UConn would be the No. 2 seed and earn a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament. With a loss or tie, they would be the No. 3 seed.

Seton Hall was looking for its first Big East Tournament appearance since 2011, which they needed to win or have DePaul lose to make the top-6 cut.

About 11 minutes into the match, midfielder Jessica Mazo came off the field with a few trainers alongside her as she suffered an unknown lower back injury that kept her out for the first half.

Nine minutes later, forward Chioma Okafor passed the ball out to midfielder Abbey Jones, who launched a rocket towards the net, however, it just sailed over the net for the Huskies' first scoring opportunity.

Seton Hall defender Isis Ovarres tripped Connecticut defender Laci Lewis, which resulted in a penalty kick for the Huskies. The penalty was reviewed but upheld.

Midfielder Emma Zaccagnini made Seton Hall goalkeeper Anna Prawer dive to the right side of the net, which left the left side wide open for the Watertown,

Conn. native to get an easy goal for her first of the season, her third in her college career.

UConn outshot the Pirates in the first half, 6-3, with three shots on goal, including the eventual game-winner.

Zaccagnini had another chance early in the second half to put the Huskies up two goals to none, but Okafor got in the way of her chance.

Midfielder Sophie McCarthy was fouled before the halfway mark of the second half, limping off the field and recording just 48 minutes of playing time.

Forward Brooke Walonis found a tight window to try and score a header goal in the top left corner, but Prawer jumped out to make the big save, keeping the score 1-0.

In the second half, Mazo returned to the match and came out hot. The graduate student from Bridgeport, Conn. fired a shot from deep that went off the crossbar. However, the crossbar was her friend on her second shot of the half, which went off the bottom of the crossbar and across the goal line for her third goal of the season.

Jones, a junior from Nottingham, England, has shown tons of potential to be a leader throughout the season, but tonight was a shining moment for her. She had three total shots tonight, including a shot deflected to Okafor, whose rebound chance ended up being saved, keeping the Pirates' deficit at two goals.

Okafor, along with Zaccagnini, co-led the team in shots

with four each, as the Huskies outshot Seton Hall 16-5.

UConn goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney earned her 11th shutout of the season. The senior from Manorville, N.Y. made two saves in the 2-0 victory.

Seton Hall did not have possession of the ball often, with most of the second half staying in the Huskies' attacking zone. To make matters worse, the Pirates had two yellow cards, one on forward Adria Kitzinger and the other on defender Chiara Pucci, issued late in the second half.

UConn stays undefeated against Seton Hall, with a perfect 15-0 record dating back to 1995. After a rough start on the road, the Huskies ended the regular season on a five-game unbeaten streak as the away team.

The Huskies are now locked as the No. 3 seed in the Big East Tournament as Xavier shut out Marquette to clinch the No. 2 seed. UConn will host a first-round matchup on Sunday at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium, with the opponent yet to be determined.

As of writing, the Pirates are waiting on the outcome of the DePaul - St. John's match, in hopes of keeping their season alive.

Once the matchups are set, UConn will be on the hunt for their first NCAA Tournament appearance in seven years. Connecticut has not won a conference tournament title since 2016 and have not won the Big East Tournament since 2004.

# Men's Soccer: UConn hosts Xavier in regular season finale

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UConn's regular season is set to end this Saturday as the Huskies take on the Xavier Musketeers to finish out their season.

UConn comes into the match just having clinched a spot in the Big East tournament. Visiting Creighton, the Huskies took the lead early and never looked back, taking down the Bluejays on the road. Pierce Bateson started it all with a ringer off the post in the fourth minute to put the Huskies ahead. Later, Scott Testori hit the same exact post for his team-leading seventh score of the year 36 minutes in. When Creighton came out of the locker room to start the second half, they were a completely different team. After tying UConn with seven shots each in the first half, Creighton went on to out-shoot the Huskies 12-2 in the second, forcing UConn on the defense. However, UConn held strong to secure the win, snagging a playoff spot in the process. For his performance on the pitch against the Bluejays, goalie Jayden Hibbert achieved his second Big East Goalkeeper of the Week honor with an outstanding performance.

Xavier comes into the game holding onto one of the top two seeds of the tournament. With a conference record of 3-1-3, the Musketeers own sole possession of first place in the Midwest Division.

Interestingly enough, all three of their Big East ties came in their last three games (Akron, Butler and Villanova). Their last outright win came against Marquette on Oct. 7 on the road, taking down the Golden Eagles 2-1. Xavier last played Villanova in their last match and had to earn a tough tie with the Villanova Wildcats. Belmar Joseph started the game with a seventh minute score to bring the Wildcats in front early. This left the Musketeers down early, and they battled their way back into the game. The Musketeers poured on the shots throughout the second half, out-shooting Villanova 11-2. They were finally able to find the equalizer 72 minutes in, on a score by Matthew Senanou, but could not take the lead.

These schools have only met twice before, with the Musketeers taking both games. The last matchup took place in Cincinnati with Xavier walking away with a 1-0 victory.

It'll be just the second time that Xavier has visited Storrs to take on the Huskies. Game time is set for 2 p.m. this Saturday at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium with the theme being Senior Night. If you are unable to attend, the game can be watched on FloSports.



UConn men's soccer wins 3-2 against Marquette at Morrone Stadium on Oct. 14, 2023. The Huskies were down 2 goals to Marquette, responding with 3 goals to win the game.  
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# WOMEN'S HOCKEY: UCONN TO TAKE ON PROVIDENCE IN HOCKEY EAST MATCHUP



UConn women's hockey took on University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. The Huskies won with a final score of 4-0.  
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The UConn Huskies are set to face off against New England rival Providence this Friday, Oct. 27, at home.

UConn goes into Friday having split a weekend series with New Hampshire. After a silent first period for both teams, the Wildcats broke the seal with an early second period goal to take the lead. They would later pounce on a power play opportunity that same period, scoring within the first 30 seconds to double their lead and eventually take the 2-0 victory.

In Saturday's game, the UConn offense responded. Following their shutout loss the night prior, the Huskies came out on the attack. Scoring started with a Christina Walker power play goal for UConn and was swiftly followed by another score, this time by Ahsley Allard. UConn then went on to score two

shorthanded goals in the second and third period to bring the lead up to four while goalie Megan Warrner locked down the net to earn her first shutout of the season in her first action of the year.

Providence comes in with momentum after winning their first game of the year on Saturday. Following two rough matchups against St. Lawrence and Quinnipiac to start the year, the Friars left the first two weekends having their opponents outscoring them 15-4. They came into this past weekend with fire, wanting to earn their first win of 2023 against Hockey East opponent Maine, and it looked like they were going to get it. The Friars dominated the first ten minutes, scoring three times against the Black Bears to build a 3-0 lead. Maine capitalized on a late power play in the first period to cut the deficit, but it looked like Providence would overpower them. The Black Bears went on to score once more in the second period then two more

times in the third to complete the comeback win on the road.

Things started to look eerily similar in the teams' second matchup on Saturday. Providence once again got out to another 3-0 lead over Maine, but the Black Bears fired back with two goals of their own. This time, however, the Friars came out on top, winning 3-2 for their first overall win of the year and first conference win as well.

Last season when these teams faced off, UConn walked away with two wins and a tie against the Friars. In both of the first two games, the Friars took the lead first and UConn came back to beat them. The last game was the lone tie between the two schools with Providence making a small comeback of their own, scoring twice in the final five minutes of the third period to make the teams even.

The game is set for this Friday at 6 p.m. at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. For those unable to attend the game, it's available for streaming on ESPN+.





# Sports

## FOOTBALL: UConn ENTERS CHESTNUT HILL FOR BOUT WITH BOSTON COLLEGE

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The UConn football team's first-ever win against the Boston College Eagles came last season, a 13-3 decision at Pratt and Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in mid-October. Tight end Justin Joly's 62-yard touchdown reception 65 seconds into the game marked the only time either team reached the end zone as Connecticut's defense forced five turnovers. That sparked a late-season rally for UConn, who swept the three-game homestand and became bowl eligible for the first time since 2015. Despite having next to no shot at a second-straight bowl game appearance, the Huskies look for their second win of the 2023 season and against Boston College all-time in the first leg of a three-game road trip on Saturday. Two ugly home contests, highlighted by an eventful three-point win versus the FCS Holy Cross Crusaders, had the Eagles on pace for another forgettable season in the Heights. Since battling the Florida State Seminoles and Louisville Cardinals, two of the Atlantic Coast Conference's three bowl-eligible teams, Boston College has caught fire with a three-game winning streak. In last Saturday's victory against the Georgia Tech Yellow

Jackets, the Eagles tallied 21 unanswered fourth-quarter points and amassed a season-high 563 offensive yards. Thomas Castellanos picked up 383 of those by himself en route to ACC Co-Quarterback of the Week honors with Florida State's Jordan Travis, but the sophomore quarterback earned that recognition with his legs. Leading all FBS quarterbacks with 628 rushing yards, the Central Florida transfer reminds Connecticut head coach Jim Mora of 2016 Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and 2001 National Football League first overall pick Michael Vick. "This is a challenge like one we have not seen this year," Mora said about facing Castellanos. "He is of a different speed and a different quickness than anyone we have seen." His quickness plays a major factor in Boston College having the nation's No. 13 rushing offense at 210 yards per game, but the sophomore quarterback has not always been the team's leading rusher. ACC Running Back of the Week Kye Robichaux led the Eagles with 165 rushing yards in their last contest, accounting for nearly half of his 383 on the season. Baltimore Ravens wide receiver and 2023 first-round pick Zay Flowers may be gone, but Castellanos has a No. 1 option in redshirt sophomore Lewis Bond

and his 428 receiving yards. Two other receivers have 200-plus yards, but graduate student Ryan O'Keefe has not played since sustaining a neck injury four weeks ago, and sophomore Joseph Griffin Jr. has gained 13 yards in his last two games. Opponents averaging 30.43 points against Boston College can be misleading; since getting doubled up by the Cardinals, BC's defense has not allowed more than 25 points per contest and forced five turnovers. ACC Defensive Back of the Week Elijah Jones has three of the team's four interceptions in that span, additionally being the secondary's most disruptive weapon with seven pass breakups. Veteran playmakers line the Eagles' defense, with graduate linebacker Vinny DePalma and Dartmouth transfer John Pupel leading the charge at 99 combined total tackles. Meanwhile, junior defensive ends Donovan Ezeiruaku and Neto Okpala push plays backwards and take down the quarterback with a combined four sacks and nine tackles for a loss. Associated Press midseason All-American guard Christian Haynes leads a UConn offensive line that has surrendered one less sack (nine) than Boston College's defense has amassed (10). That protection gives redshirt junior quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson time to find either

Joly, redshirt junior wide receiver Cameron Ross or graduate wide receiver Brett Buckman open. All three UConn receivers have at least 310 yards on 25-plus receptions, thus giving opposing secondaries a mixed bag of who they wish to contain. Ross also got in on the run game against the South Florida Bulls last week, but his 14 yards came nowhere near what sophomore running back Cam Edwards posted that afternoon. Victor Rosa's early exit due to injury might have caused panic in a running back room depleted by departure, but Edwards exploded for a career-best 149 rushing yards with two total touchdowns. As has been the case, do not expect Edwards to play every offensive snap in the Eagles' homecoming game. Should Rosa's injury keep him out of action, expect significant reps from Louisville transfer Jalen Mitchell. Even though the graduate running back has 10 rushing yards on four carries in 2023, Mora believes a valuable role in the Huskies' rushing attack remains on the radar for Mitchell. "I have been pleased with the way he has approached [improving his ball security]," Mora noted. "You see an added emphasis in practice with him in terms of the five points of pressure and contact."



Other than being on the same team, Mitchell has no relation to senior linebacker Jackson Mitchell, who leads the team with 70 total tackles. While the longer-tenured Mitchell dominates on defense, his prowess has somewhat shadowed junior linebacker Tui Faumuina-Brown's breakout season. On top of recording eight total tackles in two out of his last three games, Faumuina-Brown individually stopped a career-high five plays and grabbed his first interception in two years last week. Junior defensive back Dante Jones and graduate linebacker Noah Plack round out the heavy hitters. Jones may have just two games with five-plus tackles since the season opener, but his 40 total stops remain second on the team. Plack, meanwhile, has as many assisted tackles as the junior defensive back does at 13. Despite seemingly nothing going their way, Mora remains determined that Connecticut can win at least one more game in 2023. "We proved that we have what it takes when we went to Rice and we were a team that had not won a game," Mora stated. "But you have to prove it over and over again." Kickoff in the duel between New England schools begins at 12 p.m. on the ACC Network and ESPN 97.9 FM.



The UConn football team plays against USF in a tight battle at the Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Connecticut on Oct. 22, 2023. The UConn Huskies put up a good fight holding the lead for 2 quarters, but fell short in the 4th quarter losing the game 21-24. PHOTOGRAPHY BY SIHAM NEDLOUSSI, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

#### UConn SCOREBOARD





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#### Women's Soccer Thursday

#### Upcoming Games



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Men's Ice hockey, 7:15 p.m. Friday, Lowell, Mass.



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Women's Ice Hockey 6 p.m. Friday Storrs, Conn.

### INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



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### TWEETS OF THE DAY

#### UConn Women's Basketball

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Paige buekers was named an AP Pre-season All-American!  
Azzi Fudd and Aaliyah Edwards earned honorable mention nods.

#### Adam Zagoria

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'UConn came in with their 2nd unit and it was better than their 1st unit,' Rick Pitino on playing @UConnMBB with @IonaGaelsMBB in the NCAA

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