



USG's HuskyPrint initiative gifts students \$15 of free printing

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All undergraduate, fee-paying students at the University of Connecticut have received \$15 of free printing for the school year through their Wepa accounts.

The gift comes from USG's HuskyPrint initiative, a project of the Undergraduate Student Government Academic Affairs Committee created in 2022. The AAC sees the project as a way to expand education accessibility and meet the needs of students under fi-

nancial constraints who may not be able to afford printing services on campus.

"The Academic Affairs Committee of USG pushes through this initiative through semester after semester because we believe it is important for students have access to free printing," stated Kamara Nyahuma, the Director of Academic Affairs at USG, in a press release. "The Undergraduate Student Government will continue to support students in their academic journeys, address other concerns of the undergraduate student body, and learn

from students how we can improve their academic experience."

Wepa print stations are located throughout campus, including five in the Homer Babbidge Library with most located on Level 1 of the building, and one each in the Wilbur Cross Building, Student Union, Wilfred B. Young Building and Lawrence D. McHugh Hall.

Students can access their printing accounts and upload documents online at www.wepanow.com/login following a separate login process through UConn's Single Sign



A print station located on level 1 of the Homer Babbidge Library on Oct. 25, 2023. There are several print stations located around campus.

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On system. Students can also link their Wepa accounts to cloud storage sites such as Dropbox, OneDrive and Google Drive, allowing them to access and print files at the printing station itself.

Printing a single-sided sheet of black and white paper, according to the Information Technology UConn Knowledge Base, costs \$0.08, while a double-sided sheet costs \$0.15. For color printing, the price increases by more than four times to \$0.35 for a single-sided sheet and \$0.68 for a double-sided option. The free printing gift

provided through HuskyPrint is enough to print 42 sheets of colored paper or 187 sheets of black and white paper.

According to Wepa's balance details, the gift, marked as "Storrs 2023-2024" in the database, is set to expire on May 18, 2024 at the conclusion of the spring semester.

USG receives funding from the student body through the "Activity Fee" charge listed on the undergraduate fee bill. According to the UConn Office of the Bursar, the share of the Activity Fee allocated to USG for Academic Year 2023-2024 was \$45 out of the total \$96.



The Homer D. Babbidge Library sits in the center of the UConn Storrs campus. The library provides various student services and houses millions of physical volumes.

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Before Halloween, Connecticut officials urge residents to stay safe

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The weekend before Halloween has come and gone, but the festivities are far from over. Ahead of Oct. 31, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Connecticut State Police are reminding state residents to remember safety as their top priority.

CTDOT's main safety concern does not involve candy or costumes, but drunk drivers.

"October historically is the worst month for pedestrian fatalities," CTDOT spokesman Josh Morgan told WTNH News 8 in New Haven.

"These aren't just stats, they are human lives and it's why we are really stressing the need for motorists to slow down, pay attention and drive sober," Morgan said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Halloween is consistently ranked as one of the top three days of the year for pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The NHTSA has also reported that over 40% of Halloween crash fatalities involve drunk drivers.

While drunk driving is com-

mon across the nation, it is especially prevalent in Connecticut.

"We are perennially in the top three nationally for drunk driving fatalities and need to re-

verse that trend. There is a drunk driving problem in Connecticut, and we are taking steps to make our roadways safer for everyone," said CTDOT Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto in a Sept. 29 press release.



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The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection and the Connecticut State Police are also emphasizing safety this

year, having put out a

joint press release on Oct. 27. In the press release, Connecticut State Police officers encourage Connecticut residents to exercise safe driving practices, urging residents to "be aware of pe-

destrians on Halloween night. Drive cautiously and obey all traffic laws on Halloween and every day. Be aware of children who may be running from house to house. This is a fun and scary night, but safety must come first!"

According to the statement, both state and local police officers will be out on Halloween to keep residents safe throughout Connecticut. These safety concerns come amidst multiple drunk driving reduction campaigns across the state. CTDOT joined the Driven to Protect Initiative in September, which seeks to develop Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) technology so it can be installed into CTDOT vehicles.

According to a Sept. 29 press release from CTDOT, "The DADSS system is designed to reliably, accurately, and passively detect if a driver's blood alcohol concentration is at or above the legal limit and prevent the vehicle from moving."

Other recent drunk driving reduction campaigns include the Connecticut trauma team's "Not One More" and CTDOT's "Nip Responsibly," which urge motorists to stay sober and not litter empty nip bottles of alcohol.

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Boys graduate high school at lower rates than girls, with lifelong consequences

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — They attend the same classes with access to the same programs, and even come from the same families. But girls consistently are outperforming boys, graduating at higher rates at public high schools around the country.

The gap between them is wide, often as wide as the achievement gap between students from affluent and low-income families, a problem that officials have tracked closely for years. But the reasons why boys are falling short are not as clear.

Interviews with students, educators and researchers point to several factors. Men generally can earn the same wages as women with less education. But boys also are more likely to face suspensions or other discipline knocking them off track, and they don't pursue help as often when they face mental health challenges.

Some boys are fine when they first drop out, landing jobs providing steady incomes. But over the long term, lacking a high school degree can hold men back. Studies

show young men who drop out of high school earn less over their lifetimes and are more likely to end up in jail.

Bryant West was halfway through high school in Pascagoula, Mississippi, when he dropped out in 2020. Instead of learning algebra and other things he couldn't imagine ever needing, he felt his time was better spent working at Popeye's and on landscaping crews to help his mother with bills.

"I feel like it was pointless," he said.

West, 18, planned instead to earn his GED, which he received three years later, in September. "It was just another way that I wanted to do it," he said.

In some cases, boys like West aren't in as much of a hurry to graduate as girls because they haven't needed a high school degree to cover rent and groceries, said Beth Jarosz, a program director at research organization PRB.

A man without a high school diploma often earns as much as a woman who has completed a year or two of college, Jarosz said.

The U.S. government doesn't require states to report graduation data by gender the way they must break it out by racial and ethnic groups and for children with disabilities, English language learners and homeless students. But in every state reporting high school graduation rates by gender, research shows female students graduate at higher rates.

More than 45,000 fewer boys than girls graduated high school in 2018, according to an estimate by researcher Richard Reeves based on data available from 37 reporting states.

That year, about 88% of girls graduated on time compared with 82% of boys, according to Reeves, who this year left the Brookings Institution to launch the American Institute for Boys and Men. The gap was still 6 percentage points in 2021, according to a follow-up analysis this year.

The gender gap has gone largely unaddressed by schools, but some have found effective strategies.

The city of Yonkers, New York, raised graduation rates for boys of color through sup-

ports such as mentoring. Former Superintendent Edwin Quezada said addressing the racial gap in graduation rates was useful toward understanding the overall gender gap, which was 7 percentage points in 2022.

Boys are referred to special education at higher rates than girls in early grades and are suspended at higher rates throughout school, all of which can derail plans for an on-time graduation, Quezada said.

"When the decks are stacked differently for young men than they are for young ladies, why should we expect different outcomes?" asked Quezada, who retired from the district in July.

In Buffalo, Benjamin Nichols' troubles in school started early. After his parents divorced when he was six, he started acting out and was held back. By the time he turned things around in high school, Nichols was older than his classmates and a better fit for an accelerated-credit night program, he said. He enrolled, only to be told the program was being shut down.

"I was lashing out because I

wasn't OK," said Nichols, who ended up leaving high school after ninth grade. "The more and more of me getting punished and reprimanded, I just lashed out more."

There would be more than 10 years of starts and stops before he earned his GED in 2019. Nichols, now 33, earned a two-year degree in electrical construction and maintenance this past year.

"The best piece of advice that I probably would have given teachers back then when dealing with me is to ask if I'm OK," he said. "No one even bothered really to ask the question."

Like Yonkers, Buffalo schools have incorporated initiatives from "My Brother's Keeper," the program started by former President Barack Obama to help boys succeed in school. Buffalo also has enlisted education advocacy group Say Yes Buffalo to provide mentoring to male students and recruit men to teach, spokesman Jeffrey Hammond said. Still, the urban district posted a 10-point graduation gender gap in 2022 (84%-74%) and an 11-point gap (84%-73%) in 2021.

Research is clear, Hammond wrote in an email: "Girls nationally succeed in school over boys because they are more apt to plan ahead, set academic goals and put forth effort in achieving these goals." Plus, he said, girls receive fewer school suspensions, showing they are generally more likely to follow rules and receive more close instruction from teachers.

Only 10 states reporting graduation rates by gender break it down further by race, making it difficult to understand how much race is a factor in the gender gap. But Reeves found in his latest analysis that the gender gaps in the five largest states in the group were much larger between Black girls and boys than they were between white girls and boys or Asian girls and boys.

The graduation gender gap "is harder to explain than some of the other disparities we see," PRB's Jarosz said. "We know that structural racism is part of the explanation for why Black youth and Hispanic, Latino youth and American Indian youth are less likely to graduate."

"But it's not a structural racism issue for boys versus girls," she said.



Bryant West, who has a job at a Walmart, holds a copy of his GED as he poses for a portrait in Pascagoula, Miss., Friday, Oct. 20, 2023. Girls consistently are outperforming boys, graduating at higher rates at public high schools around the country. Students, educators and researchers say there are several reasons why boys are falling short. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

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CALLING ALL CREATIVE WRITERS: UConn alumni discuss their published work

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Readers and writers: Watch out! Grab your pencil and start taking notes because here is some exciting information about the event that took place at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Downtown Storrs on Thursday, Oct. 26. The University of Connecticut's Creative Writing Program welcomed published authors and UConn alumni Crystal Maldonado and Tim Stobierski for a wonderful peek at their most recent pieces: "The Fall of Whit Rivera" and "Dancehall," respectively.

If you are complaining about your essay due this week, think about Maldonado, who two weeks ago released her third book in the course of three years. Crazy, right? She started speaking on her work and delighted everyone in the room for the first half of the night with her playful personality and entertaining reading of her book's second chapter.

In "The Fall of Whit Rivera," Maldonado contemplates the story of Whit, a teenager of color, who struggles with a chronic illness of polycystic ovary syndrome and fatphobia. After a terrible summer, Whit is determined to make this school year unforgettable. She joins the homecoming committee and everything goes well until she finds out she's been paired up with her ex-boyfriend Zay — who, as Maldonado said herself "is kinda cute" — and things soon become confusing. What about her current boyfriend? How is he going to feel about this? I guess you will have to read it to find out. The vocabulary is extremely conversational and easy to follow, and the topics are perfect for both

teenagers and young adults who wish to have a casual, fun time following the hilarious journey of Whit.

For the second half of the night, the crowd was enchanted with some of the deep poems in Stobierski's book, "Dancehall." As shared by the author, the book is divided into five sections, each of which walks the reader through a different phase of the relationship that inspired the collection of poetry. Stobierski mentioned how he structured his poems in a

specific way where they "talk to each other," which makes the reading even more exciting and interactive.

It was very interesting to see how everybody in the room was moved by the dynamicism of his reading: the smiles and passionate looks while he told the first two chapters, which cover the first encounters and early lust of the relationship, followed by the aching chests of the words of heartbreak with which the book ends. Therefore, fellow Huskies who are going through hard

times in the romantic area of life should check it out! This might be just what you need.

To end the night, both authors opened for questions that were mostly focused on insightful tips for the young authors out there. Among them, attendees sought both authors' bits of advice for creative Huskies struggling with writer's block.

Stobierski started by sharing that he believes it is important to respect one's time as a writer and try again when it feels right. He went on to mention, "The best way to break out of that is

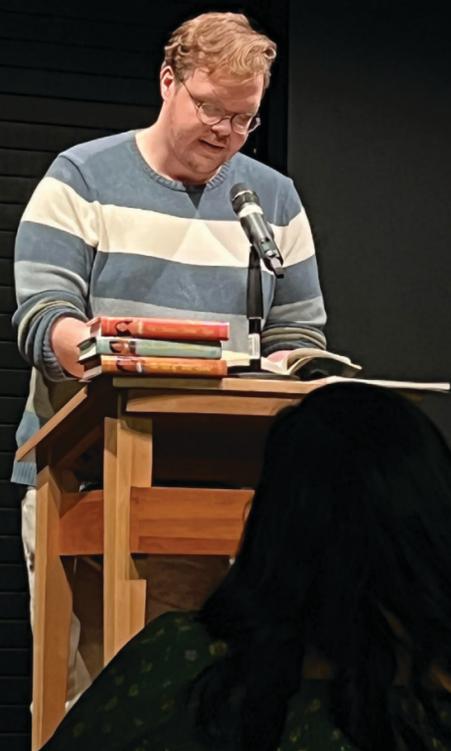
to just truly walk away. Stop trying to force yourself to make something happen. Go read, however long it takes. When you have that feeling again, sit down and try to write it." Maldonado agreed and added that changing plans also works: "Walking away from your writing or trying a different project, starting something completely new, can be really helpful."

With all of that said, if you haven't settled on what you will do during Thanksgiving break, go grab your copies of their books and get reading!



Alumni of the University of Connecticut, Crystal Maldonado and Tim Stobierski are published authors of novels, "The Fall of Whit Rivera" and "Dancehall." The two came to speak in the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Downtown Storrs on Thursday, Oct. 26.

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Tim Stobierski gives his presentation on his book, "Dancehall" as a guest of the University of Connecticut's Creative Writing Program. Stobierski read two chapters from his book and explained his writing process to the audience.

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Oct. 29 - Nov. 4 October Surprise!

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Halloween is this week, and what better way to scare history enthusiasts than to imagine the practically infinite amount of historical literature that we could never — in one lifetime — consume?

Imagine it like this: How big of a book would you need to fit every single historical document within it? How many pages do you think that book would be?

The Library of Congress alone houses over 150 million items in varying forms, so a book containing solely that collection would be well over 100 million pages at the very least. There are hundreds of millions of documents in other libraries, homes and colleges across the globe; it could well be over a billion pages to contain just those items. That's one heck of a way to scare even the most prudent of readers, isn't it?

Now, if the average reader can finish a page in about 1.7 minutes — listen, I know this is imprecise math, but bear with me — that means they could finish the billion-page book in about 1.7 billion minutes, or just about 3,234 years.

Of course it wouldn't be possible to read that book, so why do I even bring this up? Well, because that book would be the most interesting piece of literature ever written. It would contain every twist and turn in human history, and keep the reader on the edge of their seat as they attempt to flip the page of a book that weighs a measly 7,165 tons.

If you were to open that book to a chapter covering the month of October, you may stumble across one of the most fascinating historical twists: "October Surprises."

Rather than discussing something incredibly scary for this

week in history — I'll save the history of Halloween for the previous writer, Gino Giansanti, who covered it brilliantly in 2021 — I want to discuss something scary in a different sense of the term.

If there's one thing more horrifying than Halloween decorations littering the yards of homes across the U.S., it's the political campaign signs that seem to rise from their graves around this time of the year as well. Of course, this is due to the general elections happening in Connecticut and elsewhere on Nov. 5-7, prompting political campaigns to exhaust the last of their momentum before votes are cast.

While nowadays the political system is disjointed and hard to follow, historically, the energy was off the charts during the three weeks leading up to this stretch in November. These weeks were the deciding time when politicians stopped being civil — if they ever were to begin with — and spewed out whatever last chance schemes they had in mind.

Let's venture back in time to October of 2004. As a presidential election year, the race between George W. Bush and John Kerry was in full swing. While the incumbent Bush was in a fairly comfortable position as a popular candidate and returning president, Kerry wasn't too far behind.

Yet, on Oct. 29, an October Surprise may have swayed the outcome ever so slightly, as a video of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden surfaced on the news station Al Jazeera.

In the video — which features a graying, yet seemingly healthy bin Laden — the terrorist leader comments on the inadequacies of Bush, the attacks on 9/11 and even mentions the presidential candidate Kerry by name. This was shocking

barians, and I will stop at absolutely nothing to hunt down, capture or kill the terrorists wherever they are, whatever it takes. Period." You can tell he wasn't going to ignore the severity of the video, and was quite declarative in his response.

While loading onto Air Force One on a trip to Ohio, Bush shared similar remarks: "Americans will not be intimidated or influenced by an enemy of our country. I'm sure Senator Kerry agrees with this."

In this case, the October Surprise didn't have too much of an impact on the final results, though it did bring Bush's War on Terrorism back into the minds of the American electorate. Even if the election played out the same, perhaps some voters voted Bush out of a fear of a resurgent bin Laden.

Let's go back a little further in time to 1884, an important election year for the presidency.

During the 1884 campaign between Grover Cleveland and James G. Blaine, the Republican party which backed Blaine was in a decent position to win the election. Both candidates had large populations voting for them and it appeared to be a close matchup.

That is until the fateful day, Oct. 29, 1884, when a Presbyterian preacher announced that Democrats were the party of

"rum, Romanism and rebellion." In essence, erroneously calling them a "Catholic" party in a slandering sense. The Republican nominee, Blaine, did not come up with a response to the statement; he supposedly just let the words simmer as they were, condemning Democrats as drunken Catholics.

Keep in mind that this was during a time when many Americans feared Irish and Eastern European immigrants, considering them to be poor workers and largely incompetent. Likewise, since many of these immigrants were Catholics, the religion itself also received a great deal of hate.

You would think that anti-immigration sentiment would provide a source of votership for Blaine, after all, since many in the voting class agreed that the immigrants were detrimental to the country; however, he failed to remember that Irish voters were a huge part of his voting base — they were backing the Republicans! The Democrats soon publicized that the absence of a refutation meant that Blaine agreed that Democrats were Catholics, and thus was an anti-Catholic politician. While this was not necessarily true, it nevertheless diminished his popularity. Blaine went on to narrowly lose the election to Cleveland only a few weeks later.

So, while I only discussed a few of the many October Surprises that may exist in the pages of that billion-page book I mentioned earlier, I hope that this prompts you to think about the timing of certain things: With elections coming up, keep an eye on the headlines. I wouldn't be surprised to see an October Surprise coming out any time now. Have a safe and spooky Halloween, see you next week!

"Americans will not be intimidated or influenced by an enemy of our country. I'm sure Senator Kerry agrees with this."

FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

for many, as it not only showed bin Laden alive and well (many had thought he was dead), but it also disrupted the course of the election: a classic October Surprise.

Bush and Kerry both scrambled to address the situation, although it was largely played off by both who sought to condemn the influence of a terrorist leader on election results.

Kerry remarked, "They [bin Laden and Al Qaeda] are bar-



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'1989 (Taylor's Version)' transports you back to 2014 in the best way

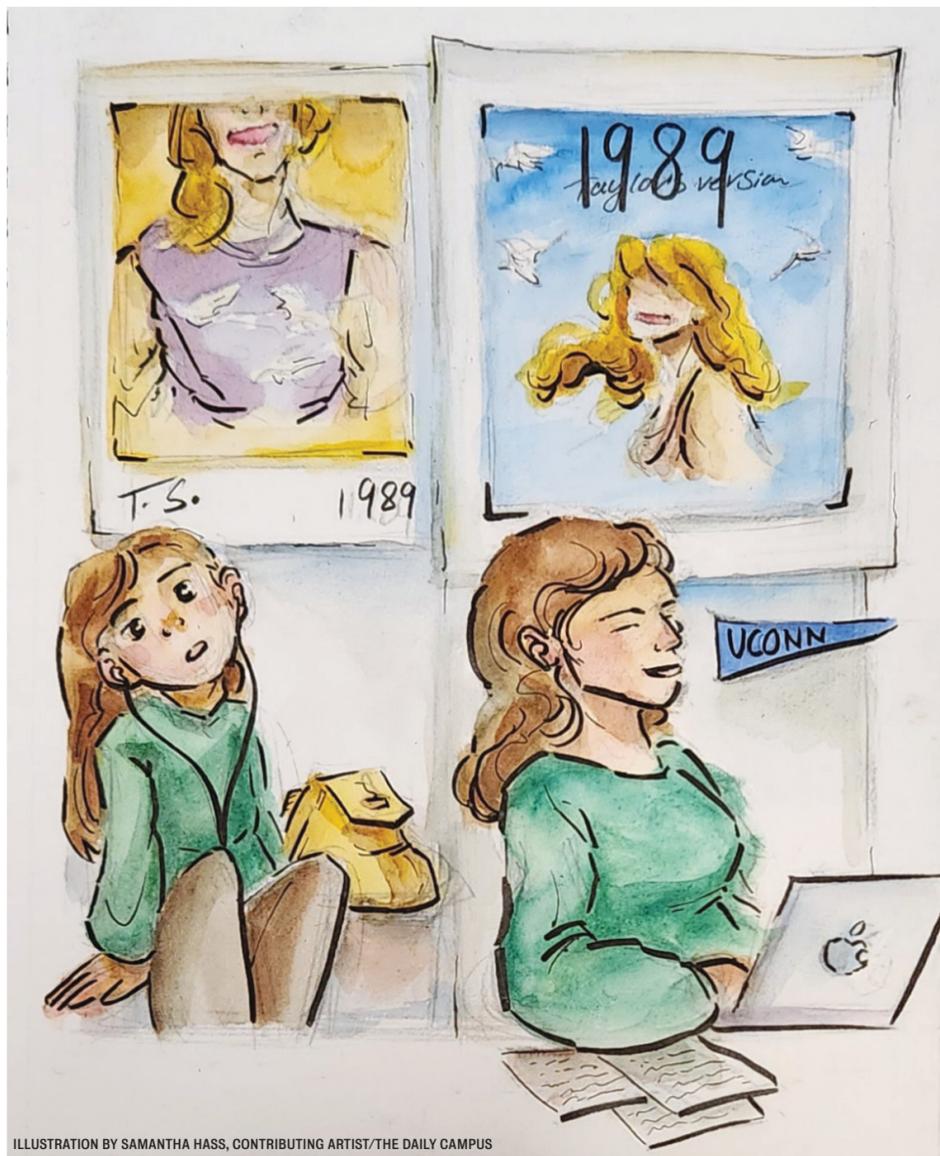


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After months of clowning and creating elaborate conspiracies, Swifties are finally getting what they've been waiting for — the long-awaited release of "1989 (Taylor's Version)" is finally here.

As a Swiftie myself — since 2008 to be exact — I was incredibly excited about all of the rerecordings. "1989" was an extremely exciting release when it originally came out in 2014. It was Swift's first full foray into the pop sphere and earned her 10 Grammy nominations and three Grammy wins for Album of the Year, Best Pop Vocal Album of the Year and Best Music Video for "Bad Blood." Songs like "Blank Space" and "Style" were pinnacle parts of my middle school experience and soundtracked many memories that 13-year-old me thought were awesome — and which 21-year-old me finds mortifying. The discussion of lyrics — whether or not it was "got a long list of ex-lovers" or "got a lot of Starbucks lovers" on Swift's iconic "Blank Space" — dominated the lunch table discourse.

Regardless, embarrassing moments from my middle school career are not the point of this article — Taylor Swift's rerecording of her award-winning pop album, "1989," is. In this release, we get rerecorded content in the form of 13 songs that were on the original release, three songs from the deluxe version and five previously unreleased, or "From The Vault," songs.

Prior to the release, I was most looking forward to the rerecorded versions of "You Are In Love" and "New Romantics," since those are two of my favorite Taylor Swift songs of all time. Of the vault songs, I was most excited for "Slut!" and "Suburban Legends."

"Slut!" did not disappoint. I was expecting a more upbeat pop anthem similar to "Welcome to New York" with fun synth effects.

"Slut!" takes on a different tone but is very on-point for a Swift creation. I enjoyed the lyricism and the symbolism she used in the song. "Suburban Legends" was also very fun, but doesn't take the top spot for my favorite vault tracks. That spot was taken by the surprise bop, "Say Don't Go." I wasn't expecting it to be one of my top songs on the rerecording, but I've been listening to it on repeat for the past three days. The song opens with Swift's alto range — something we didn't often see on the original recording of "1989." I love it when she sings in a lower register, and I'm happy she included it in this song. When I was taking notes on my first listen for this article, I wrote in my notes app "Intro to 'Say Don't Go' = slay!" which is an accurate assessment of my thoughts on this song. Furthermore, the harmonies on this song are phenomenal and send a little shiver down your spine. It's also very reminiscent of songs I would dance around my room to in 2014.

"You Are In Love" and "New Romantics" continue to be some of my favorite Swift creations of all time. Those songs are attached to such profound memories for me and getting to have the versions Swift owns makes me truly happy. Other anthems like "Wonderland," "I Know Places" and "I Wish You Would" also remain iconic and perfect for a summer road trip. The synth beats and background vocals are so fun and make it impossible to not sing and dance along. As I write this article, I'm listening to the album and dancing at my desk.

The hyper-pop experience of "1989" is cemented by the synth beats and lively opening of "Welcome to New York." An oldie and a goodie, "Welcome to New York" fueled countless teenage girls' dreams of moving to New York and experiencing the "kaleidoscope of loud heartbeats under coats." Swift continues her album with other timeless bops like "Blank Space" and "Out of the Woods." Listening to this album transported me back in time to seventh grade when I would play these songs with my

friends and make Video Star videos with them. This album was always requested at every bat mitzvah, school dance and lunchroom Fridays when my school would play music in the cafeteria.

My one complaint was the absence of Kendrick Lamar's feature on "Bad Blood" when the album was released at midnight on Friday. His role in that song became so iconic that it evolved into one of the famous crowd chants at Swift's tours. Getting to scream out "You forgive, you forget, but you never let it go" with tens of thousands of Swifties at the Eras Tour in Santa Clara is one of my favorite memories of the concert. Being in a crowd of that many Swifties singing and dancing along took me back to being 13 and dancing along to these songs with my friends — especially because I got to go with my best friends from that era. Swift knows how iconic and beloved this version of "Bad Blood" is, so she resolved this by releasing the deluxe rerecorded version with Lamar's feature.

This album epitomizes 2014. The bomber jacket and polaroids of the original album art were iconic and something every middle school girl had in her turquoise room. We all tried to recreate the album cover and used the iconic lyricism of "Blank Space" to create one of the most iconic Instagram captions of 2014: "Darling, I'm a nightmare dressed like a daydream."

Furthermore, as someone who danced around their turquoise childhood bedroom to "Blank Space" in 2014, I can attest the danceability of "Blank Space" holds fast in the re-recording. Other songs like "Shake It Off" and "New Romantics" reinforce the album's pop categorization as perfect songs to sing along to in the car with the windows down.

Swift's rerecording of "1989" is a masterpiece that acts as a time machine back to 2014. So grab your skater skirts and Polaroid cameras and dance around your room like you are 13 again. Trust me, it'll do wonders — especially for a burnt-out college student.

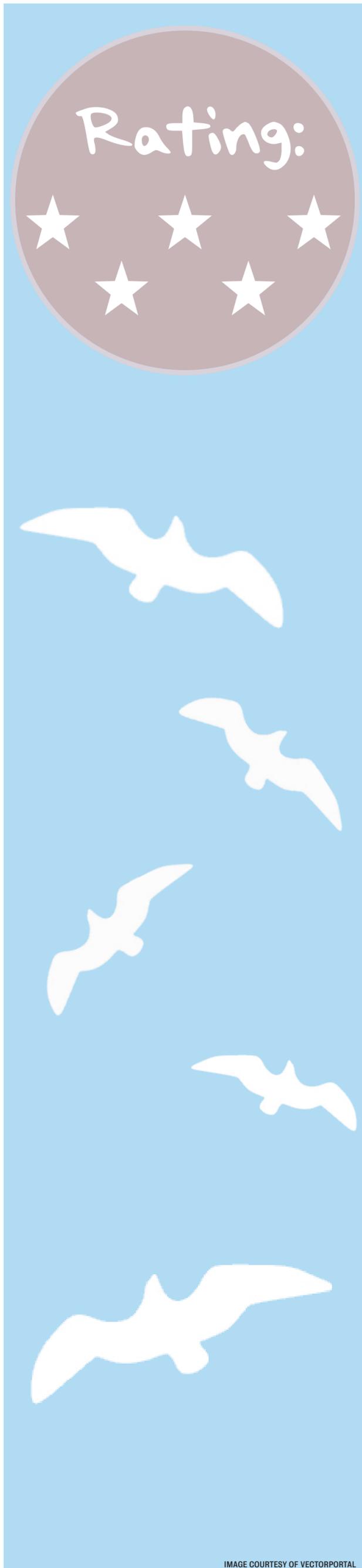


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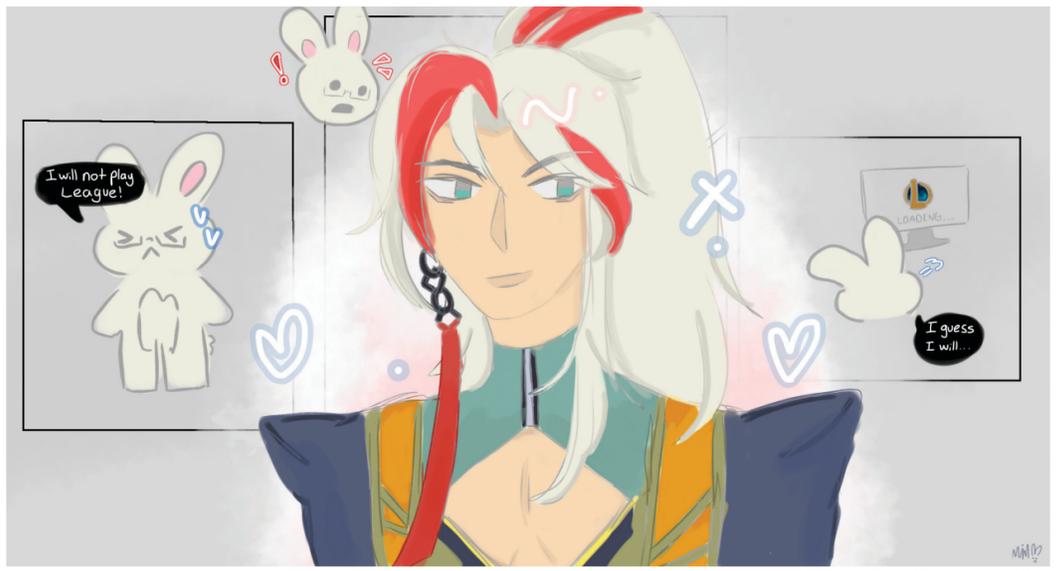
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The effects of the two-party system

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Bipartisanship as a concept presents itself as the perfect path to compromise and the creation of laws that mesh together the wishes of two parties, even if they exist at two separate ideological poles. Through that lens, it may seem that the polarized Republican and Democratic parties should create decisions that represent a compromise; yet, this is not what occurs within our political system. The best example to represent the faults of the two-party system — and how it does not follow the ideals of bipartisanship — is the enactment and retraction of the Affordable Care Act.

The ACA, or Obamacare, was enacted with the goal of making affordable healthcare accessible to more people through means such as expanding Medicaid, a health insurance program designed for people with a limited income. Under its stipulations, healthcare coverage was expanded to nearly 20 million more Americans. It also served to establish protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions. What is surprising is that Obamacare is highly derived from a health plan Republican governor Mitt Romney designed. However, the scope of the ACA makes the two plans very different, along with Obamacare's added focus on Medicaid. Their main similarity also happens to be one of the most debated facets of the ACA: the personal and business mandates that state anyone who can afford health insurance is required to purchase it. Although the ACA in many ways was a blend of the ideals of both parties, debates usually saw many Republicans pushing for the repeal of the ACA. When looking at the debate surrounding the repeal of the ACA, one cannot help but wonder if the ACA would've lasted longer had it been brought to the national sphere by a Republican. Or perhaps if instead of viewing the issue as being either-or, it was instead seen as something to work on across party lines.

A compromise is never made up of things one wholly agrees with; instead, it is a mixture of things one wants and what one is willing to give, even if it's something they may not wish for. The polarizing nature of the two-party system seems to stop this second phase from ever occurring. Rather

than focusing on the good that expanded healthcare access would bring to each party's base, the critical focus for opponents of the ACA was on the expanded role of government in healthcare, the race of the president who enacted it and a number of small, potentially adjustable factors. The worst part was that rather than attempting to adjust the ACA — because, like everything, it was not without fault — to better represent a compromise, it was repealed, taking with it both the bad and the good.

This system, rather than be the propeller of compromise, creates an us versus them dynamic that leaves each group feeling as though the other is constantly working against them. As such, rather than compromising, parties feel pressured to work to ensure that they gain more power at the expense of their constituents. This is what we see in politics time and time again, like in instances of gun control and healthcare, where people align with the beliefs of one party at the detriment to themselves and their larger community. It is a harmful system that creates polarization not only in politics but also throughout the entire populace. It creates systems that focus on all the irrelevant parts of a policy rather than its contents and impact — politics over the policy, even. I think this is a saddening and unproductive consequence.

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DON'T BE
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When I was dropped off at college, I knew next to no one. I was the only person from my graduating class going to the University of Connecticut and none of my friends were even in the state. I was five hours from home and completely and utterly alone. Frankly, it was the best thing that has ever happened to me.

However, it was absolutely terrifying at first. For the entirety of my high school career, I was used to being surrounded by the same characters and their predictable personality traits. I did all of my activities with my friends. I did not necessarily attend because I liked the activities, but because I liked the people.

Then, I ended up here — without my people and, consequently, without the activities that I had convinced myself I liked. I thought I liked participating in student government, for example, but it really just felt like a chore. I quickly realized that without the pressures of my peers, I lacked interests of my own. While this realization was somewhat alarming, it was also freeing; for the first time in a long time, I could decide exactly who I wanted to be.

Over the first few weeks, I spent my time collecting information about clubs, guest lecturers and activities. I packed my planner with events and meetings that sounded fascinating. Then, I realized that signing up for these events meant that I had to go there...alone. Let me tell you, it was scary as hell.

I walked into my first meeting at The Daily Campus the wrong way. I went in through the wrong door and wandered through the building until I ended up in the right place. I sat down and my heart was beating out of my chest. Half of it was from the embarrassment of having to wander through the building and the other half was excitement. It is safe to say that I enjoyed the first meeting. It helped me uncover a passion for journalism that I did not know I had.

When I saw my name on the top of my first article, it was an incredibly rewarding feeling. I proudly shared my article with my family and friends and enjoyed responding to their feedback. They, too, could tell that I had finally found a pursuit that was fulfilling, an experience that I have never had before. Instead of feeling like work, my extracurriculars felt like an energizing force in my life.

Doing things alone is hard, especially in a society fixated on social media and which overvalues connectedness. When I have to attend an event alone, I remind myself that college is a place built to challenge your comfort zone. Everyone else on campus is also looking to find their purpose and place in the world. At some point, they were just as unsure as I am. When I move past that fear and commit myself to being involved, I find people who are equally as passionate as I am and I feel so much less alone.

Even if you are further into your journey at UConn or if many people from your high school ended up here with you, you can still choose to discover new individual passions. Doing this does not mean ditching your friend group. In addition to opening up a new social circle around your interests, it gives you a new way to interact with your existing friends and makes you a richer person overall.

So, what I am really trying to tell you is that if you are a student, you need to take advantage of the fact that you may be alone for the first time. You do not have the pressure of your parents or your childhood friends telling you who you are or what you should be interested in, forcing you to fit into a mold. You can use this time to find what really matters to you and what you could talk about for hours.

Reinvent yourself. Join a sport you've never played. Get coffee by yourself. Maybe even join The Daily Campus. Do a ton of stuff that scares you. It might be lonely or nerve-racking, but it is a whole lot better than leaving your true passion and purpose untouched.

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Photo of the Day | Shadows and science



The windows of the Biology-Physics building cast linear shadows on its exterior at night. This building houses multiple classrooms and offices that serve the Biology-Physics Department.

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A SMALL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE CAN MAKE MAJOR CHANGES

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As many already know, Kevin McCarthy was removed as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives several weeks ago. But the removal of McCarthy wasn't unanimous; rather, it was quite contentious. Specifically, "The House voted 216-210 to oust McCarthy, with a handful of conservatives joining Democrats to remove him." According to The New York Times, 208 Democrats and eight Republicans voted to remove McCarthy. Republicans have a majority in the House of Representatives; therefore, they have the power to select the Speaker of the House. The only rare case in which they lose that power is if Republican members of the House vote for a Democrat speaker, which is highly unlikely to happen. Understanding that the Republicans hold such power, we now see that 210 Republicans wanted McCarthy to keep his position and eight wanted him to lose it. Yet, those eight are able to control the party's decision by gathering Democratic support.

Here's a quick comparison between McCarthy and the new speaker, Mike Johnson. McCarthy has been in the House of Representatives for 16 years and

has experience as the House Majority Whip and House Majority Leader. Regardless of your political thoughts about him, it's fair to say McCarthy has a lot of experience. On the other hand, according to Time, Johnson "will be the least experienced House Speaker in more than a century." That's a huge difference as one of these individuals has the experience to be an effective Speaker of the House, while the other one doesn't even come close to having the same qualifications.

This goes to show that a small amount of people can make pretty drastic changes. In this case, it only took eight people to replace a key member of our country's leadership, someone who's third in line in the presidential line of succession. What's even crazier is who some of these eight people are. One of the proponents to replace McCarthy is representative Matt Gaetz, a man with a lot of baggage. According to the New York Times, "Mr. Gaetz has been under investigation over allegations he engaged in sexual misconduct and illicit drug use, shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use and accepted impermissible gifts under House rules, among other allegations." Yet,

Gaetz still had the power to be one of the eight people who made enormous change.

This situation shows that our democracy works in unique ways, some that many might find problematic. I'm not writing to argue whether this is a good thing or a bad thing, as it's dependent on the situation. Some argue that the ability for the few to overrule the many is good because it requires a consensus to be formed, rather than the majority to rule all of the time. Others may say that such mechanisms fundamentally undermine the principles of democracy. Regardless of which side you fall on, this is an integral part of the U.S. system of government, and is something we must either accept or change. The electoral college is another example of this phenomenon, where the voters of a single state can change the outcome of the presidential election.

Overall, the U.S. has a very unique system of government; however, it is not without its flaws. And while there may be situations in which a small amount of people can create change that some would consider harmful, the system has worked for hundreds of years. This begs the question as to whether or not such practices should be allowed to persist.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE didn't write Shakespeare

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William Shakespeare didn't write Shakespeare. I'm not one for conspiracy theories, but this one caught my eye. Despite his status as arguably the most revered English writer in history, the evidence of his authorship is scant. Over the years, many have questioned the truth behind Shakespeare's origins. Mark Twain once asserted, "So far as anybody actually knows and can prove, Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon never wrote a play in his life."

The skepticism is not born from the desire to fuel conspiracy theories, but rather from the thin thread of evidence connecting Shakespeare to the works that bear his name. His ostensible history is a concoction of conjectures, educated guesses and inferences woven together by biographers and scholars who strive to construct a coherent narrative around an elusive figure.

What do we actually know? As recorded by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Shakespeare

was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, England to an illiterate glove maker. He married Anne Hathaway at 18, and by 21 he fathered three children, none of whom ever learned to even write their own name. He was credited with his first work in 1593 and supposedly retired in 1613, with his subsequent return to Stratford seeing him fade into relative obscurity before dying at age 52 in 1616. Beyond this skeletal biography, much remains uncertain.

The astonishing material attributed to Shakespeare's 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems and 1,700 new words and phrases leads us to wonder if a single individual could have generated this body of work in just over 20 years. Only two of his plays had been published at the time of his death.

What further complicates this enigma is Shakespeare's supposed extensive knowledge of classics and philosophy, which has perplexed his biographers. There is no concrete evidence that Shakespeare could even write a complete sentence. As far records suggest, his formal education consisted of only a few years of grammar school. Critics

have long questioned how this modestly-educated young man from a small town materialized into the literary scene in London, churning out masterpiece after masterpiece. He utilized source texts that were not even translated into English and boasted a working vocabulary of 17,000 words, which was twice that of John Milton, the Secretary for Foreign Tongues by the Council of State of England. Curiously, Shakespeare never left southern England, yet his works exhibit an intricate understanding of Italian landscapes and the Dutch monarch's life. It makes one contemplate whether Shakespeare was indeed an unparalleled genius or a historical fabrication. Jonathan Bate, a Shakespeare expert from the University of Warwick, located near Stratford, notes, "If Shakespeare hadn't been metamorphosed into a god, nobody would think it was worth having an authorship controversy about him."

Descriptions of Shakespeare's appearance are scarce. His only existing portraits were crafted centuries after his death, adding another layer of obscurity. The only definitive copies of Shakespeare's handwriting are six

signatures on legal documents. No original manuscripts have ever been found, although it is worth noting that few letters or diaries of commoners from that era have survived. The scant legal documents offer little resemblance to the writings of a gifted and witty poet. Even his will lacked any mention of his literary works, as it left only his "second-best bed" to his wife.

The absence of original manuscripts of his works leaves scholars with the tantalizing possibility that Shakespeare might have been a pseudonym. Could a committee of writers have collectively crafted the Shakespeare canon? Over the years, various contenders have been suspected as the potential authors of Shakespeare's works, including Sir Walter Raleigh, Christopher Marlowe and even Queen Elizabeth herself. Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford, has also emerged as a prominent candidate.

14 years Shakespeare's senior, de Vere was a refined and multilingual aristocrat with an extensive educational background. His adoption under William Cecil, Queen Elizabeth's trusted advisor, provided him with ac-

cess to a rich library, worldly experiences, and a profound education. Though de Vere has his share of skeptics, many advocates of the Oxfordian theory argue that his high social status would have necessitated the use of a pseudonym for playwriting, a profession thought to be unbecoming for a nobleman. Many of Shakespeare's plays such as "Hamlet" and "King Lear" contain elements parallel to de Vere's life. Furthermore, the themes and intimate knowledge of royal courts and government bureaucracies depicted in Shakespeare's works align with an aristocratic perspective, contrasting with his commoner status.

The Shakespeare authorship question stands as a unique puzzle, filled with the same dramatic tropes and intrigues found in his plays. For those who dare to join me and embark on some historical detective work, the quest to uncover the true identity of the world's most celebrated author continues. Shakespeare's timeless works endure, but the elusive figure behind the quill remains one of literature's most enduring riddles.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

Huskies fall to DePaul, Marquette in second round of Big East gameplay

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With another weekend in the books, UConn is rounding out its final contests of the 2023 season. As just three weekends remain until the Big East finale, UConn has become highly familiar with their conference opponents. For the first matchup of the weekend, the Huskies traveled to Chicago to take on DePaul and despite falling 1-3, the group put up a tough fight.

The first set appeared hopeful for the Huskies as they were able to nail the first two points of the game against the Blue Demons. The Huskies would have to stay diligent as DePaul's hitting percentage (.545) is nearly double UConn's (.304). The Blue Demons were also enjoying the home-court advantage, where they've held a 6-2 record.

UConn staked their claim as they quickly began leading 4-2 in the opening plays. Despite DePaul's ability to tie up the score 11-11, the Huskies remained level-headed. The Blue Demons refused to back

reached 20-18 and UConn began trailing, the Huskies took a timeout. After the break, UConn ran away with a scoring drive to tie the contest 22-22. To close out the match, Taylor Pannell and Cera Powell drove home two kills accompanied by a service ace from DePaul's Jill Pressly. As the set finished 25-23, the Huskies appeared to be on the path to success.

The second set quickly forced the Huskies to shift gears as DePaul dominated. In a 25-13 finish, UConn's progress was swiftly challenged. The Blue Demons immediately conquered the court as they maintained a scoring margin of over 10 points.

Despite the setback, the Huskies were able to come closer to victory in the third. The duo established gameplay similar to the first set as both groups took turns leading the match. While the teams bounced back and forth for the majority of the set, DePaul sealed the deal in the final plays of the game to finish 25-22. The fourth and final set was nearly identical to the third as both teams struggled for control. Despite



Mya Ayro moves to spike a ball during a game against Creighton on Oct. 20. The team lost their most recent games against DePaul and Marquette.

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In the face of defeat, the Huskies managed to keep their heads up and continued their weekend gameplay in Milwaukee against Marquette. The Golden Eagles,

weekend for the UConn squad.

To start the first sequence, the groups traded kills and established an even-handed relationship on the court. De-

the majority of the sequence. As Marquette neared the 20-point mark, UConn began to trail behind. In the final run, Marquette was able to lock down a 25-19 win.



Two players catch their breath during a game. The Huskies had two intense games over the weekend which both ended in losses.

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down to the Huskies' persistence and both teams took turns leading for the better half of the set. As the score

a long-fought battle, DePaul's Audrey Klemp nailed the final point of the game to bring the Blue Demons to victory.

sitting at No. 1 in the conference and boasting a three-game winning streak, would be the toughest game of the

spite their opposite season records, the duo appeared to be on an even playing ground as the two traded leads for

The second set was slightly more difficult for the Huskies as they trailed slightly more than usual. UConn followed behind for the majority of the set and the Golden Eagles secured a nine-point lead with a score of 22-13. Although the Huskies were able to earn a few more points in the final moments of the match, Marquette took home a 25-16 victory.

The final set gave the Huskies a bit of hope as they were able to establish an early lead, but the tables soon turned as the score reached 15-15. From there, Marquette secured a massive scoring drive to create distance from the Huskies and eventually ran away with a win. The final moments of the game were dominated by the Golden Eagles as they nailed kill after kill. In the end, the Huskies fell 25-19.

In spite of the losses, the Huskies were able to hold their own against some of the conference's toughest competitors and maintained composure amidst dominant offensive gameplay.

Looking ahead, the squad will welcome Seton Hall and St. John's to Storrs for another Friday-Saturday sequence. St. John's is currently tied at the No. 2 spot in the conference and will put the Huskies' training to the test.



The UConn women's volleyball team takes on Creighton at home on Oct. 20. The team's next double-header will be against Seton Hall and St. John's on Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Ready to rumble



The Huskies played the Frairs on Friday evening at the Toscano Family Ice Forum on Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. The score at the end of the game was an incredible 6-1 win for UConn, giving them a 3-3-1 record.

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Football: Edwards' efforts not enough to overcome offensive struggles at BC

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Week after week, the UConn Huskies have fought. Of their eight contests, the game has been decided by more than 10 points twice and by more than a score three times. Despite their knack for keeping themselves in games, they have little to show for it with just a single win. Saturday's matchup versus Boston College was more of the same as Connecticut failed to get out of their own way in the 21-14 defeat.

"We're always one touchdown away, so that's pretty frustrating, but we need to keep fighting and we can't give up," said defensive back Malik Dixon-Williams. "I know it's tough, we had high expectations going into the season, but we can't give up."

It wasn't for a lack of effort either. The team had their errors, but they didn't suffer any giveaways. The mistakes were more tactical, which didn't piece well with the reality that the Huskies' offensive attack was largely stale. They notched more than half their production over the last 20 minutes of the contest and were outgained by over 200 yards. UConn's fourth down and rushing defense also didn't do them any

favours as the Eagles converted on three of four and neared 250 yards on the ground.

Connecticut opened the matchup on a fitting note when wide receiver Cam Ross fumbled the ball soon after he grabbed it. Thankfully for the Huskies, the junior wideout managed to regain possession, but his drop on the next play contributed to a three-and-out.

The Eagles looked menacing on their first offensive drive, but the slippery ball that plagued UConn also made its mark on BC. Eagles quarterback Thomas Castellanos had been putting together a solid drive—one that even included a pass to himself—until he saw the pigskin fly backwards out of his hands. Pryce Yates fell on the ball to recover it and gave Connecticut new life.

After nine plays, including a few great rushes from Cam Edwards, defensive tackle Jelani Stafford willed his way into the end zone for the game's first score. The Huskies' defense didn't receive the same gift on their next drive. A steady dose of Castellanos and running back Kye Robichaux helped Boston College make their way down the gridiron until the latter scampered his way in for six.

Edwards has been invaluable for the Huskies recently,

recording another statline of over 100 total yards, over 50% of UConn's final tally. He also added a big touchdown on the day, leaving many with the question of how he found himself buried on the bench. The former defensive back started the season as the fourth-string running back, but injuries allowed him to emerge as the last option. For a last resort, he's been incred-

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MALIK DIXON-WILLIAMS

ible. Season starter Victor Rosa is injured, but once he returns, the Huskies' attack on the ground should be particularly potent.

UConn managed a first down early in their next series, but faced a third-and-15 soon after. Quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson escaped pressure and found an open Kevens Clercius past the sticks, but the junior couldn't hang on. Over a dozen plays later, Cas-

tellanos faced some pressure, managing to float a checkdown to Alex Broome to take a 14-7 advantage. Partially thanks to a late Dixon-Williams pick in the end zone, neither team found the paydirt for the rest of the half.

This drought continued into the third frame, as the Eagles put together a 14-play drive, even with Castellanos on the sideline receiving medical attention. After all was done, they had nothing to show for their effort after kicker Liam Connor missed a 44-yard field goal.

UConn went three-and-out, which proved to be just enough time for Castellanos to receive the treatment he needed. A few long passes got the Eagles in the red zone and Robichaux finished the job with a 13-yard score. Down 14, UConn needed answers fast.

Those answers finally arrived for the Huskies. Roberson and wide receiver Geordon Porter connected on the pitch-and-catch twice before Edwards exploded for a 30-yard house call. Boston College punted it away after six snaps and UConn got the ball back with the chance to even the score.

Edwards kicked the drive off with a 26-yard catch, but had a subsequent first down

rush taken back because of a holding penalty. Another hold by Nick Harris made it third-and-20, a hole evidently too deep to come out of. Noe Ruelas bizarrely tried a 54-yard field goal—his first attempt of the year—which landed wide and short.

The call to have Ruelas kick from so far was a peculiar one, as making it a four-point game wouldn't have been much better than a seven-point deficit. Considering the fact that it was his first attempt of the year, the choice did not yield high hopes. But Mora remains firm in his decision.

"I would do it the same again," noted Mora of the play.

With six minutes on the clock, the Eagles strung together a long drive that only consisted of running plays. They didn't score—and they didn't need to—as the clock ran out on UConn's hopes of a victory.

Now 1-7, the hopes for a bowl game are officially over for the Huskies, though they had been looking unlikely for some time. Things won't get easier either as they will stay on the road for the next two weeks for a pair of matchups against No. 19 Tennessee and No. 23 James Madison, both of which can almost certainly be penciled in as losses.

CROSS COUNTRY: HUSKIES TAKE FOURTH PLACE IN BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

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After an impressive regular season that included a top-five finish in every race, the UConn women's cross country team delivered another solid showing with a fourth place finish in the Big East championship.

In the 6K race, Connecticut finished with a team total of 89 points and placed behind Villanova (80), Providence (56) and Georgetown (28), who won the Big East championship for the fourth consecutive season.

Georgetown junior Chloe Scrimgeour was the first runner to cross the finish line with her 19:59 6K time and was the first of five Hoyas to place in the top 10. Kimberley May and Shannon Flockhart of Providence represented the Friars in the top 10 while Sadie Sigfstead and Emma McGill of Villanova placed in the top five for the Wildcats. Connecticut's top finisher, Chloe Thomas, placed ninth in the event with her fourth top-15 finish of the season.

Along with Thomas, Jenna Zydanic and Caroline Towle

took home All-Big East awards for their amazing performances on Saturday. Thomas, a standout junior from Dundas, Ontario, earned first-team honors after finishing in seventh place out of 99 total runners. Senior standouts Zydanic and Towle took home second-team honors as both runners placed in the top 20 overall.

For Thomas, this was the highest finish she's ever had in the Big East championship and the third year in a row she took home an All-Big East award. Zydanic just missed a top-10 finish with a time of 20:55, but

her 11th place finish was her best at the event since the 2021 championship. Towle came across the finish line at 21:12 for 16th place to earn All-Big East honors for the first time in her career.

Freshman Malin Rahm of Schaffhausen, Switzerland was the fourth Connecticut runner to cross the finish line with her 25th place finish and race time of 21:40. Senior Rachael Woodruff placed 31st with a 21:49 time to round out the first five UConn runners to cross the finish line.

In the program's first season under legendary director Beth Alford-Sullivan, the Huskies

finished with a top-five placement in every race they competed in. Connecticut began the season with a first-place finish in the Suffolk Short Classic and followed that up with a second-place effort in the Providence Friar Invitational. They placed fifth in the Battle in Beantown on Sept. 29 before concluding the regular season with another top-five placement in College Station, Texas. After their most recent finish in the Big East championship, UConn heads to New Rochelle, New York for the NCAA Northeast Regionals on Nov. 10.

MEN'S SOCCER:

HUSKIES LOSE IN FINALE, WILL BE NO. 5 SEED IN BIG EAST TOURNEY

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On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Storrs, Connecticut, the UConn men's soccer team hosted the Xavier Musketeers for the final game of the regular season.

The result was not as pretty, as an early red card forced UConn to play with 10 players for a majority of the contest. The Musketeers took advantage of the extra player, defeating the Huskies 4-0.

With the loss, the Huskies officially finished this season with 12 points in conference play. Their performance throughout the season allowed Connecticut to clinch a spot in this year's conference tournament as the No. 5 seed. They will travel to Queens, New York for a battle against the No. 4 St. John's Red Storm in hopes of keeping their season alive and advancing to the next round of the tournament.

The Huskies were put to the test early when goalkeeper Jayden Hibbert was issued a red card in just the 22nd min-



The Huskies huddle before a game. They lost their most recent match, but will have a chance to make a comeback in the start of the Big East tournament on Saturday, Nov. 4.

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The UConn men's soccer team takes on Xavier at Morrone Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. The Huskies' last regular season game ended in a loss of 0-4 to Xavier after goalkeeper Jayden Hibbert received a red card in the 22nd minute.

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ute of the match. On the play, a Xavier player had entered a fast break with Hibbert being the only obstacle separating him from the goal. Hibbert stepped up to challenge the Xavier player and made an attempt to kick the ball away. In doing so, he made contact with the Xavier player's ankle and sent him head over heels into a less than graceful fall on the ground.

Though it did not appear intentional, the officials felt enough evidence was present to warrant a red card for Hibbert, automatically ejecting him from the contest. It was a tough break for Connecticut, not only because Hibbert was fresh off of a recent hot streak that saw him claim Big East Goalkeeper of the Week last week, but the red card meant the Huskies would be forced to play a man down for the remaining 68 minutes of action. Clayton Knibbs entered the contest to replace Hibbert in the goal.

The Musketeers immediately took advantage of the extra player. On the ensuing penalty kick, Knibbs made a sprawling effort to knock away Xavier's initial shot attempt. Makel Rasheed followed the miss for Xavier with a close-range rebound shot and stuck the ball in the back of the net. The score

was Rasheed's second of the year and gave the Musketeers an early 1-0 lead.

Despite being down a player, UConn was able to put pressure on the Xavier defense and managed a few looks throughout the first half. However, the team was unable to find points thanks largely to the effort of Jonny Mennell, who made a number of impressive stops in goal for the Musketeers. At the end of the first half, Xavier was hanging on to a one-goal lead.

The second half saw both teams turn up the intensity. Players from each side were hitting the ground as the defensive efforts were turned all the way up. Knibbs made a number of sprawling saves on Xavier's chances to keep the score close, but the Musketeers were able to extend their lead off of a corner kick in the 64th minute. After the ball was volleyed into the UConn goal, it was batted in the air towards Xavier's Michael Rogalski. Rogalski elevated and swung a powerful kick into the Huskies' goal before the ball had a chance to return to the ground. Rogalski's first goal of the season extended the Musketeer's lead to 2-0.

Xavier didn't wait long to make it a three-goal advantage. In the 68th minute, the Muske-

teers volleyed another corner kick into the Huskies' goal. It appeared that UConn had successfully cleared the ball out of the box, but the ball had dribbled to the foot of Xavier's Lotem Ben Dov just outside of the box. He launched a shot from afar and somehow managed to connect with the top-right corner of the net for the score. The impressive shot was placed perfectly and had so much power behind it that Connecticut's defense hardly had time to react. It was the first goal of the season for Ben Dov and gave Xavier a commanding 3-0 lead.

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The Musketeers weren't done yet as the game reached the 76th minute. After Knibbs tried to clear the ball from the Connecticut goal, Xavier was able to regain possession on the Huskies' half of the field. The ball ended up at the feet of Grayson Elmquist, who swerved between UConn defenders as he barreled towards the goal box. He rifled a shot from just outside the box and managed to squeeze it past Knibbs for yet another Xavier score. This was the first goal in Elmquist's career and gave the away team a 4-0 lead that they would not relinquish.

Over the duration of the match, the Musketeers outshot the Huskies 11 to five, putting up seven shots on goal to the home team's two. Connecticut had more saves than Xavier with three to their opponent's two, and both teams attempted three corner kicks each. The Huskies were called for seven fouls while the Musketeers were called for three.

"I thought we played quite well throughout a quarter of the game and then the red card happened out of nowhere and all of a sudden we were chasing the game. It was a tough one," head coach Chris Gbandi

said after the loss. "I think if it was 11 players, it would have been a different result and we would have been able to limit their chances."

The win allowed Xavier to clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament. They finished as the top team in the Midwest Division.

The loss put a damper on what started as a day of celebration for the Huskies as they honored their graduating seniors with a pregame ceremony. Knibbs, Adil Iggoute, Jack Loura, Okem Chime, Kyle Briere, Tyler Fidrych and Guillaume Vacter were accompanied by their friends, families and teammates as they were honored for their contributions to Connecticut soccer over the years. Josh Morgan and Moussa Wade were recognized on Senior Day last year and received a shoutout after they both returned to the program this season.

The Huskies will look to right the ship when they travel to Queens for the first round of the Big East tournament on Saturday, Nov. 4. The game is set for 6 p.m. and will be played at Belson Stadium. Fans can catch the game on the Big East Digital Network.



Sports

Field Hockey: UConn's senior night festivities spoiled with overtime loss

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Coming off of back-to-back shutout losses and a five-game losing streak with an offense that repeatedly stalls out, it would have been nice for the UConn field hockey team to close their season with a win. Not only was UConn's Friday afternoon showdown against Old Dominion their final match of the regular season, but it was also Senior Day, honoring Madison DiPietro, Erin Daly, Morgan Kaufmann, Aiyi Young, Julianna Kratz, Belle Bressler and McKenna Sergi.

Connecticut wasted no time getting to work. Five minutes in, a perfect pass that missed the defender set up a fast break opportunity. However, Julia Bressler's scoring opportunity was incredibly difficult. Old Dominion goalkeeper Suus Broers quickly closed the distance as two defenders were on Bressler's heels. The midfielder had no other option but to put up an off-balanced shot, which ended up narrowly sinking in on the left side of the cage, giving Connecticut the 1-0 advantage.

The Huskies were far from done. Less than five minutes later, they had another prime scoring opportunity. The Huskies got the ball inside the circle and attempted to score. Despite their efforts, Broers made the save. While Broers dem-

onstrated excellent goalkeeping, she could only do so much when the rebound was kicked out perfectly for UConn's Sol Simone. Simone crossed it to her teammate Kratz, who smashed in the easy goal.

Old Dominion was far from done, though, as Marlon de Bruijne found Frederique Zandbergen in front of the goal after a penalty corner. Zandbergen slotted it past UConn goalie Natalie McKenna, closing the first quarter with a score of 2-1. The rest of the half was slow as both teams combined for one shot in the second quarter.

UConn's success this season has been their high-level defense, which was especially on display during the third quarter. The Monarchs dominated the offensive pace in the third with six shots. However, UConn's ability to force tough attempts and McKenna's goalkeeping kept the Huskies in the driver's seat.

It was UConn's offense in the second half that let them down. Since they failed to generate significant pressure on offense, their defense was called upon to make big plays. Those big plays never arrived. The Monarchs' offensive pressure proved too much for the Huskies when de Bruijne leveled the contest with less than two minutes to go, sending the game into overtime.

Coming into Friday's game, the Huskies had not fared well in previous overtime matchups and held a 1-2 record. It



The UConn Huskies stay tied at 0-0 after the first quarter vs Georgetown on Friday, Sept. 22. The Huskies' record sits at 2-6 and the Hoyas' record is 1-7.

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took less than five minutes for Rina Tsiolos to score the winning goal for the Monarchs. From the second half to the final whistle, the UConn women failed to get a single shot off, putting immense pressure on their defense that caused them to falter and give up a score.

Friday afternoon's loss brought the Huskies season record to 5-13. Old Dominion finished the season 12-5, but they will get a chance to continue fighting in the Big East tournament.

This season was a disappointment for Connecticut. At the beginning, UConn had high hopes of winning a Big East championship. They were ranked as high as No. 15 in the nation. This campaign follows UConn's 11-7 record from last season, so this poor performance was unexpected, leaving fans with many questions heading into next season. How will UConn's offense improve? This is the biggest question of all, as many

of their losses were by a single goal because their offense couldn't even generate a shot.

It will be interesting to see how head coach Paul Caddy and the rest of the coaching staff readjust this offseason. UConn did have a demanding schedule this year, but their significant regression from last year is an area of concern. Connecticut has the potential to succeed, as they belong on the same field as the teams they played; they just need to put the pieces together.

Men's Hockey:

HUSKIES GO 1-1 OVER WEEKEND VS. LOWELL

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The University of Connecticut men's hockey team returned to action this weekend with a home-and-home series against the UMass Lowell River Hawks. After claiming a victory on the road on Friday, the Huskies dropped the second match of the series at the XL Center on Saturday to move to 3-4-1 on the season.

The first match of the weekend came on Friday night at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, Massachusetts. After meeting in last season's Hockey East tournament when Lowell eliminated UConn in the first round, both sides came out after the puck drop with added intensity. Each team exchanged blows, but it was the Hawks who struck first in the 13th minute of the opening period. Mitchell Becker converted the score for UMass with his first goal of the season to give the home squad an early 1-0 lead. Connecticut finished

the period on the power play but couldn't score with the man advantage.

The second period saw both sides have opportunities, both unable to convert. Each team had two power play chances in the period but combined to go 0/4. The goalies were put to the test and held strong: Arsenii Sergeev managed 10 saves for Connecticut in the second period while Lowell's Luke Pavichich corralled 13 himself.

As the third period went underway, it appeared that UMass had all but secured the one-score victory, especially when the Huskies were unable to convert on their first two power plays of the period. However, after Lowell's TJ Schweighardt was called for tripping with just 1:30 remaining in regulation, the Ice Bus had a final chance to score with the player advantage. This time, they were quick to deliver: Chase Bradley sunk the equalizing score just 15 seconds into the power play. Bradley had been perfectly positioned to hit home

the rebound after UConn's initial shot was deflected off of the post. The second goal of the season for Bradley tied the game at one and forced an overtime period.

Connecticut carried the momentum into the overtime period, where they strung together chance after chance before the winning goal was finally scored. With just over a minute left in the extra period, a Lowell turnover gave UConn's Hudson Schandor possession of the puck. Schandor dumped a pass off to Andrew Lucas adjacent to the net and the senior slammed home his first goal of the year. The overtime goal gave the Huskies a 2-1 victory despite having no goals with as little as 1:15 remaining in the third period. For the Ice Bus, it was their first win against a conference opponent this season.

Sergeev and Pavichich each tallied 28 and 40 saves respectively over the duration of the match to keep the opponent from pulling ahead with

a commanding lead.

The two programs returned to action on Saturday for the second game of the home-and-home, this time at the XL Center in Hartford, Connecticut. The game was an uglier affair this time around as the Huskies were unable to find the net on any of their 46 shot attempts throughout the night and were defeated, despite the defense holding Lowell to just one goal.

It took until halfway into the second period before a goal was recorded by either side, when Lowell's Owen Cole drove home a score for the away team for a 1-0 lead that they would not squander. It was a frustrating night for UConn, who had three power play chances but went scoreless over all three. One of those power plays came late in the third period when Connecticut had a five-on-three player advantage, but they were again stifled by the Lowell defense and a stout performance by Henry Welsch in the River Hawks' goal.

Welsch managed a whopping 46 saves on Saturday, while Huskies goalie Ethan Haider tallied 23 saves to the one goal allowed. He was hit with bad luck as the offense's inability to score earned Haider a loss for the match.

The 1-1 split over the weekend sent the Huskies' overall record to 3-4-1 as they continued to knock off rust in the early going of the campaign. Meanwhile, the River Hawks are now a convincing 4-2 to start the season and are 1-1 against Hockey East competition. UMass has been solid when playing away from Lowell this year, going 4-1 in five away matches.

The next task for the Ice Bus will come in the form of the Vermont Catamounts. The two will meet for two matches this weekend, both at Gutterston Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vermont. Game one is set for 7 p.m. on Friday and game two will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Fans can catch the Huskies live with a subscription to ESPN+.

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