



CAMPUS VIGILANCE: PROTECTING AGAINST EVOLVING EMAIL SCAMS

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Reports of potentially malicious emails circulating on the Storrs campus of the University of Connecticut have increased in frequency compared to previous years. This surge in suspicious electronic communications has prompted heightened vigilance among both students and faculty. The Daily Campus conducted an interview with Michael Mundrane Ph.D., vice president for information technology and chief information officer. During the interview, he offered valuable guidance on recognizing and dealing with scammers who target students.

“Most environments have technology in place that traps many of these scam messages. Microsoft 365 for UConn likely has more aggressive filtering than Google, but scams constantly change specifically to try and get around

spam detection in either environment. It is impossible to detect and remove all scam messages,” Mundrane said.

He highlighted that scammers can bypass any filtering technology, with a shift toward source-targeted attacks rather than computer-focused tactics.

“I recently shared scam information with students. It was not to provide information about a specific scam but rather to educate readers about the general structure of all scams. To be forewarned is to be forearmed,” Mundrane said.

Mundrane sent an email to UConn students on Monday, Sept. 25, advising them on protecting against scams. “Each year, scams become more sophisticated, with many targeting students. Despite their evolution, scams follow common patterns and exhibit similar characteristics,” Mundrane said.

The email included the following cautionary bullet points:

- Exercise caution if a communication doesn't logically relate to your actions.

- Beware of scammers posing as credible authorities, like government officials, university representatives, banks, or charities. Assess their authenticity and provide information.

- Recognize scammers' tactics to lower your guard and prevent critical thinking. It's rarely necessary to share information or money in unsolicited interactions. Avoid hasty decisions.

Mundrane shared a personal experience where he received a call from his bank's fraud detection department. He advised verifying information received independently by searching online to confirm its legitimacy.

“I was approached by phone by fraud detection at my bank. I listened to the message and then immediately went to the bank website and called the fraud number,” Mundrane said. “Any information you

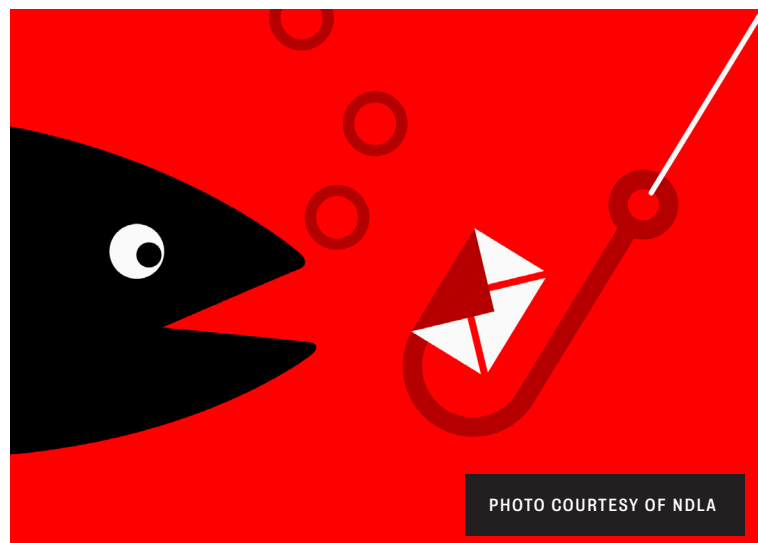


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receive, either directly in the message or associated with the message, can be searched online. Information that you can validate independently is less suspicious than information that you cannot.”

One prevalent scam among UConn students involves emails claiming that accounts are locked or about to close, creating a false sense

of urgency to prompt students to click on links without critical evaluation. “The intention is for you to act now without thinking critically,” said Mundrane. In summary, Mundrane emphasized the importance of staying informed about evolving scam tactics and likened online interactions to meeting strangers on the street.

Historic Whitney House: due for demolition



The Whitney House is set to be taken down this year. The building experienced an electrical fire on Jan. 20, 2023. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The historic Whitney House, a cherished part of the University of Connecticut's heritage, is now facing imminent demolition following a devastating fire on Jan. 20, 2023. This 19th-century building, constructed between 1802 and 1807, holds a rich history that once housed the International House and Rainbow House.

Despite its significance, the Whitney House has remained vacant since 2004, and has now been deemed unfit for occupancy and beyond feasible repair, as confirmed by UConn's University Planning, Design and Construction website.

Ann Galonska, the museum director of the Mansfield Historical Society, has referenced Mansfield land records span-

ning from volumes 1-54 in her research of the Whitney House. Her research highlights that the Whitney House's original owner was John Gilbert Jr. Over time, it changed hands, including ownership by the Storrs family, before becoming the residence of Edwin Whitney. Whitney later donated it to the state, where it served as the Connecticut Soldiers' Orphans' Home. The property eventually passed into the hands of Augustus Storrs, who offered it to the state for the establishment of the Storrs Agricultural School, later evolving into the University of Connecticut.

The abrupt fire on Jan. 20, 2023 caused confusion for those curious as to what caused the outburst. The incident was thoroughly investigated by UConn Fire Department's Fire Marshal Unit, with building official David Houseman Jr. from

the UConn Fire Marshal and Building Officials Office providing essential support and facilitating inspections. Their collective expertise unraveled the enigma surrounding the fire's origin, leading them to a crucial revelation. The fire's origin was pinpointed to the first-floor west wall bathroom area, with an electric cable blowout being identified as the cause. It was ruled an accidental fire with no signs of human tampering. The investigation was officially closed on Feb. 24, 2023.

In response to the upcoming demolition, the university has engaged with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the town of Mansfield. They have also submitted a project review cover form to SHPO, seeking approval for asbestos abatement.

The Whitney House's demolition will follow a two-phase

plan. Phase one involves the development of a comprehensive decommissioning plan, featuring experts in various fields. Phase two includes the removal of materials, including asbestos, as well as disconnection, removal and disposal of utilities. A specialized demolition company will be engaged to ensure a thorough removal process.

On July 3, 2023, UConn published a notice of scoping in the environmental monitor to gather public input on the project. A public scoping meeting was held on Oct. 3, 2023, as announced by Sean Vasington, director of site planning in the University Landscape Architect Office of University Planning, Design and Construction for UConn.

Regarding the preservation of historical aspects or commemorations, Thomas Haskell, currently overseeing

the project, mentioned that there is “little left for salvage.” However, efforts are being made to save the stone foundations to indicate the location and site coverage of Whitney House. Consideration is also being given to the installation of a historic plaque or marker. The project is being closely coordinated with the SHPO.

In terms of community engagement, aside from the environmental permitting process, there appears to be limited engagement with the local community and stakeholders.

While the project primarily focuses on demolition and asbestos abatement, environmental considerations related to hazardous materials are being addressed. However, there are no specific sustainability measures incorporated into the demolition plans for the Whitney House.

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i cant go to UConn. the husky's name is Jonathan

News

A UConn professor is creating new curriculum for schools across CT

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A University of Connecticut professor is working to create social studies and history curriculum that highlights the culture and history of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and more.

Jason Oliver Chang is an associate professor of history and Asian American studies for UConn's political science department. In addition, Chang is the director of UConn's Asian and Asian American Studies Institute.

Chang and his colleagues' passion to create a broader curriculum which includes a more diverse range of cultural histories spurred from witnessing an uptick in anti-Asian hate and racism across the nation.

"I first began to explore the idea with Photographer Mike Keo who was the first AAASI Activist-in-Residence. What motivated us was witnessing the escalation of anti-Asian racism in our communities and across the country that made action more urgent," Chang said.

With the knowledge that Connecticut's state legislature passed a bill the year before which created mandatory Black and Latino Studies High School courses, Chang wanted something to be done for his community.

"I felt that was a viable path to introduce Asian American studies into public education," Chang said. "I was also elected to the West Hartford Board of Education then and was learning about what a dif-



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ference a more inclusive and equitable curriculum could do for our young people. Education became my focus for anti-racist social change."

Thus far, Chang and his colleagues have been able to pass two laws. One that mandates the creation of K-8 social studies curricula which include Asian American and

Pacific Islander studies, Native studies, LGBTQIA studies and Black and Latino studies.

The second law has made Asian American and Pacific Islander studies mandatory in all K-12 public schools across the state.

As of now, the curriculum has a due date of Jan. 15. The

state-wide mandate of the passed laws will go into effect in 2025.

"This curriculum is necessary because Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been left out of U.S. history for too long. Telling the truth about their presence is vital to combating the stereotypes that shape most people's

experience," Chang said.

While the proposed curriculum is not being created for college level students, fifth semester marketing and global studies student Kiana Truong believes that beginning to expose younger students to various cultural and racial histories is important.

"The U.S. is such a large melting pot of different races and ethnicities. Therefore, it's valuable to learn about the experience of different racial groups in order to gain a better understanding of the American experience and the complexities behind it," Truong said. "This aspect of history is often ignored in school curriculums."

Chang is hopeful that the curriculum will extend beyond the state of Connecticut.

"We have been collaborating with many neighboring states to share resources and best practices. Although, each state has its own education statutes and requirements making it difficult to simply replicate one model everywhere," Chang said.

For now however, Chang is eager to continue collaborating to enhance Connecticut's future social studies curriculums and requirements.

"The amazing thing about the Connecticut Asian American and Pacific Islanders studies mandate is that it includes the requirement to teach local Asian American and Pacific Islander history and contributions," Chang said. "The end goal is not just to have a representative curriculum, but to raise the voices of our communities and create stronger anti-racist schools."

UConn begins process of launching new strategic plan

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The University of Connecticut has recently started the development of a new strategic plan, a process by which the university sets goals and objectives for itself and institutions within the university, which is set to launch in 2024. This is the university's first strategic plan since 1995.

On Sept. 12, students received an email from President Radenka Maric about UConn's "long-term strategic planning process." In a UConn Today article,

Maric put a message out about the university's plans to increase efficiency, both in how the university is run and how it can support students. Students later received another email from Maric asking them to fill out a survey about their "key priorities and concerns."

Although the university has had a number of academic plans, the proposed strategic plan differs from that. According to Margaret Feeney, the executive director of strategic planning & initiatives, academic plans focus on the smaller-scale and more educational aspects of the uni-

versity, whereas a strategic plan is a higher-level framework that tries to tackle every aspect of the university. Feeney said, "this is the first strategic plan in 25 years to fully encompass the university."

Feeney talked about what the strategic planning process looks like in the upcoming months. The Office of the Provost will continue to look for continuous feedback from both the student body and faculty and staff. Working groups and implementation teams will also be created in order to act on the feedback that is received.

Feeney discussed the purpose and goals of the strategic planning.

"It is a framework which will guide our vision and actions as a university over the next ten years." The strategic plan will highlight suggestions, criticisms, and wants and needs from the university population, and will use that to plan for the next decade of the university's future. The overarching target of this process is to create "a document whose goal is to unite," Feeney said.

Provost Anne D'Alleva discussed ways the student body

can get involved with the process. During September students were able to fill out a survey to provide feedback and have the opportunity to attend town hall meetings and forums to voice their concerns. In addition, D'Alleva said that if you miss those opportunities, "anybody can reach out [to the Office of the Provost] and give us suggestions."

If you have any questions about the process, or would like to provide feedback or suggestions, you can reach out to margaret.feeney@uconn.edu, or to provost@uconn.edu.

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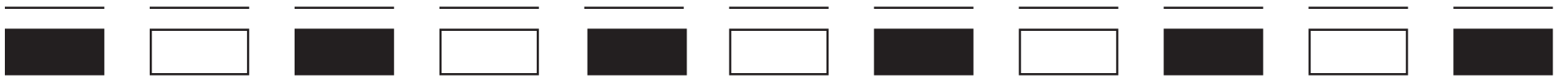
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- 14 Receptive
- 15 Draft choice
- 16 New car option
- 17 *Litter collection vehicles?
- 19 Laudatory poet
- 20 First baseball team to play in a dome
- 21 "Birthplace of Aviation"
- 23 ___ salt
- 24 *Malcolm's status at the end of "Macbeth"?
- 27 Writer who populated the Hundred Acre Wood
- 30 Shade in four-color printing
- 31 Actor Reeves
- 32 Mission control org.
- 35 Scale abbr.
- 37 Fish sticks fish
- 38 **"Arf" or "meow"?
- 41 "Tubular!"
- 43 Trawling need
- 45 Future atty.'s exam
- 46 Quick-as-lightning Bolt
- 48 City near the heel of Italy's boot
- 50 Supplementary items
- 52 *Source of friction when a messy person lives with a neatnik?
- 56 ___-di-dah
- 57 See 26-Down
- 58 Regret not wearing a coat, say
- 62 Degrade
- 64 Measure of grossness avoided in the answers to the starred clues?
- 66 Forbidden things
- 67 "America the Beautiful" pronoun
- 68 "Frozen" princess
- 69 Beckett title character who is not in the cast
- 70 Rise sky-high

71 Fifth Avenue retailer

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- 3 Maintained
- 4 Board, in a way
- 5 Reunion attendee
- 6 5-Down's dad, for short
- 7 Tea type
- 8 Obama daughter
- 9 ___ Mary
- 10 Wordsmith's ref.
- 11 Post production?
- 12 Steel city north of Cologne
- 13 Put on sale, say
- 18 Arrive, as in a limo
- 22 Like some ancient Peruvian pottery
- 25 Air ducts
- 26 With 57-Across, co-star in the "Harold & Kumar" film series
- 27 Pedigree registry since 1884: Abbr.
- 28 Long, long time
- 29 Like all ancient Peruvian pottery

33 In the style of

- 34 Occupy, as a desk
- 36 "___ no one ever"
- 39 Top-tier
- 40 Author Welty
- 42 Crime lab material
- 44 Some Ph.D. students
- 47 Native New Yorkers
- 49 Best for picking
- 51 "I beg to ___"

52 Word on the street?

- 53 Like 66-Across
- 54 Liters and meters
- 55 Dried Mexican chile
- 59 Sicilian mount
- 60 Fall fast asleep, with "out"
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ROUNDTABLE: WHAT TO CARVE IN YOUR JACK-O'-LANTERN

It's that time of year again when everyone gets excited to put out some spooky yard decorations, and the choice for many is the classic jack-o'-lantern. In this roundtable, the Life section writers share their thoughts on what should be done to make the most of this Halloween tradition — we hope the responses below will help get you in the pumpkin-carving spirit!

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Carving the classic pumpkin face into jack-o'-lanterns remains the quintessential Halloween tradition, embodying the spirit of the season with timeless charm. Now, have I been able to do it all that well — sometimes, sometimes not...

The simplicity of the triangular eyes, a toothy grin and a nose perfectly captures the essence of a mischievous, yet friendly spirit. This iconic design not only sparks nostalgia but also serves as a universal symbol, instantly recognizable and evoking a sense of camaraderie among celebrants. The traditional pumpkin face allows for creativity within a familiar framework, encouraging both beginners and seasoned artists to partake in the festive tradition.

Its warm, flickering glow adds an inviting ambiance to autumn nights, transforming ordinary pumpkins into enchanting beacons. Choosing the classic design fosters a shared experience, connecting generations through a shared craft that transcends time. However, my friend Lewis always reminds me to make no mistake, for some pumpkins may not be jack-o'-lanterns, but have their own identities.

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So, you've got a lovely pumpkin and the cheap plastic carving utensils they sell every year, now what? You're staring at a blank canvas wondering, how can you make it into something memorable?

Here's my advice: Don't follow a template sheet from those books full of spooky designs. The pages of easy stencil-like templates are a scapegoat for an original idea, you should be making your own magnum opus!

There are a few options here, you could make your own design on a piece of paper, be it a logo you like, or a funny-looking face and at least those designs will be your own; but if you're feeling courageous, you can also go in blind. Start cutting out wild shapes and see where you wind up.

Think about it, what jack-o'-lanterns are the most memorable? Probably the ones that made you spit out your apple cider and say, "Wow, what on Earth is that supposed to be?!" Now, if you want to take that uniqueness a step further, scrap the pumpkin canvas entirely. Go gourd. Or even watermelon. The options are endless and just about any spherical-ish object will do — and quite frankly, many work better than the traditional pumpkin.

So, whether or not you take my wild advice, be sure to get in the festive spirit this season and do something memorable. After all, don't good memories last way beyond the change of a season?

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People have viewed carving a jack-o'-lantern as a classic Halloween tradition for years; however, some are far more skilled in the craft than others. I, for one, am one of the people who lacks pumpkin carving mastery.

I envy those who have the confidence and ability to execute a beautiful depiction of iconic Halloween characters onto a pumpkin carving. For that, I am here to validate the simple yet effective pumpkin carving that is the classic jack-o'-lantern face for my fellow artistically challenged peers who still wish to participate in the activity.

Call it boring if you will, but carving the classic pumpkin face incorporates a feeling of nostalgia — which automatically makes everything better. Plus, you can then get creative with decorating the outside of your pumpkin. My elementary school held a pumpkin decorating contest every year, so I'm a big fan of this activity.

Sticking with a simple face carving allows you to transform your pumpkin into any character despite whatever artistic limitations you have. Happy Halloween, and happy carving!

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Try as I might, I can never seem to get the classic ol' pumpkin face just right. The mushy smile always makes me feel more secure on Halloween — not a feeling I like as a horror movie enthusiast. Of course, being the logical human being that I am, I go for something even more complicated: words. Be it a movie logo or a funny message, having a pumpkin on your doorstep that makes trick-or-treaters stop to read it seems like the perfect way to draw people in — if you're lucky, they may get distracted for a second while you go in for the ultimate jump-scare.

Of course, for carving-challenged folks like me, half the time words like "Harry Potter" look more like "Hairy Putter," but that's beside the point. While it's a fun exercise in dexterity, be warned that it may lead to broken knives and deformed skewers. Nonetheless, when done just right, these words can cast their eerie letters onto the ground in front when the pumpkin is fully gutted, and a light is thrown inside, making the endeavor all the more worthwhile.

In the end, you can't go too far off the deep end: a series of mangled holes in the pumpkin flesh is still intriguing enough to trick-or-treaters, who will probably see it as abstract pumpkin art.

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When it comes to the fall season, carving a pumpkin is as quintessential as dressing up on Halloween, eating turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving or having a cookout on the Fourth of July.

That being said — there's nothing I love more than breaking tradition.

I believe there's a better alternative to carving pumpkins. To me, painting pumpkins offers a better opportunity for creativity. I like carving jack-o'-lanterns as much as anyone else, but painting a face on a pumpkin has always been more fun for me.

I'm not saying that jack-o'-lanterns have limited potential; I've seen some incredibly creative and inventive carved pumpkins before. The process of carving a pumpkin is also fun in itself, and the insides can be used for cooking after scooping them out, but I digress.

If I'm carving a jack-o'-lantern, I usually stick to one of the standard faces. The ones with the jagged smile, maybe a tooth sticking out and a triangular nose. It doesn't get better than that! If I'm painting a pumpkin, there's a lot more that I can do; typically, I like painting something Halloween-related. Horror movies are the go-to, but even classic monsters like zombies or skeletons are fun.

But at the end of the day, I'm just happy fall is finally here.



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HEALTHY HUSKIES: STUDENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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As college students and as young people, social media can seem like an incredibly important part of our lives. Every day we witness our friends and family posting their experiences on social media platforms. Other's vacations, parties and concerts become a part of the media stream we are exposed to every day. However, what you may see on social media is often far from the truth.

While it is true that social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook and TikTok, among others, can be useful tools for marketing groups such as clubs or organizations, there is also a very toxic side to social media that lies underneath the surface. Oftentimes when we see our friends and family post on social media, we are only being shown the best or most presentable bits and pieces of their lives. We are rarely shown anything on social media other than absolute perfection and happiness. We are not able to see real life on social media. We rarely witness heartbreak, sadness or anything that portrays us in a negative light. This can

lead to feelings of inadequacy and jealousy, causing not only issues with our relationships— but with ourselves as well. Too much social media use may lead to comparison, which then may lead to self-esteem issues.

Besides general self-esteem issues, social media may also be contributing to a more significant issue: eating disorders. Sites such as TikTok, Instagram and Tumblr have all been known to promote uncensored content showcasing emaciated bodies, dangerous diet plans and tips and tricks on how to become thinner. Oftentimes this type of content is geared towards teens and young adults, which can negatively impact one's mental health for years to come.

In a study by U.S. News regarding teenagers' social media use in relation to eating habits, researchers stated that "Among the students studied, strict exercise, skipping meals and other behaviors associated with eating disorders were reported by almost 52% of girls and 45% of boys. Of all the teens, over 75% of girls and nearly 70% of boys had at least one social media account. A greater number of social media accounts was associated with higher scores for both thoughts and behaviors linked to eating disorders." While the presence of eating

disorders and disordered eating behaviors are certainly not solely caused by social media, the negative effects of social media can only contribute to the formation of these issues.

While social media has its share of negative aspects, there are steps you can take to safeguard your mental health in the realm of social media. For instance, you can use filtering features to block words such as "diet" and "weight loss" — among any other topics that you may find triggering. You can also block and unfollow any triggering accounts or individuals that you may find harmful to your mental health. Finally, you can set limits for yourself in order to lessen the amount of time that is spent on social media platforms and apps, either on your own or using the settings in each app.

Today, our world is run by technology and social media. It permeates every aspect of our lives and culture; and while social media can be used for good, it can also cause an entire slew of issues. It is important to tailor and monitor your own social media usage in order to best help your own mental health. Be sure to use social media in a way that is reasonable and healthy for you in order to give yourself the best shot at being mentally well and positively minded.



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MUSIC FESTIVALS

ARE NOT

WORTH YOUR TIME AND MONEY

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As a hardcore introvert, it might be obvious for me to say that music festivals are not worth your time and money. Actually, anywhere that has more people than there should be — and music that is vibrating your rib cage and internal organs — is possibly the least ideal place for us introverts to be. However, whether you are introverted or not, I think we can all agree that most music festivals in the United States are not worth it for many reasons.

We all know that the tickets are expensive, yet, we think it's worth it. After all, we get to see multiple artists in one setting. However, you have to understand how expensive everything else is too. From transportation to food, the cost of the whole day is insanely overpriced. According to an article by the personal finance platform SoFi, the average cost of the tickets are already \$200 to \$600. Also, data from 2017 compiled by the Statista Research Department suggest that the average spendings for one person attending an American music festival is around \$693, making it the most expensive compared to other countries. Since these statistics are from eight years ago, the cost has increased steeply since then. We also have to talk about additional expenses aside from the tickets. Transportation is hard in this country in the first place, but parking is even harder. In most cases, the parking is either expensive, far away from the festival itself or it can be both. It is understandable that because of safety issues, it is hard to manage those places and security must be enforced in highly crowded areas. Nevertheless, it is still energy-draining having to walk miles to and from the parking lot.

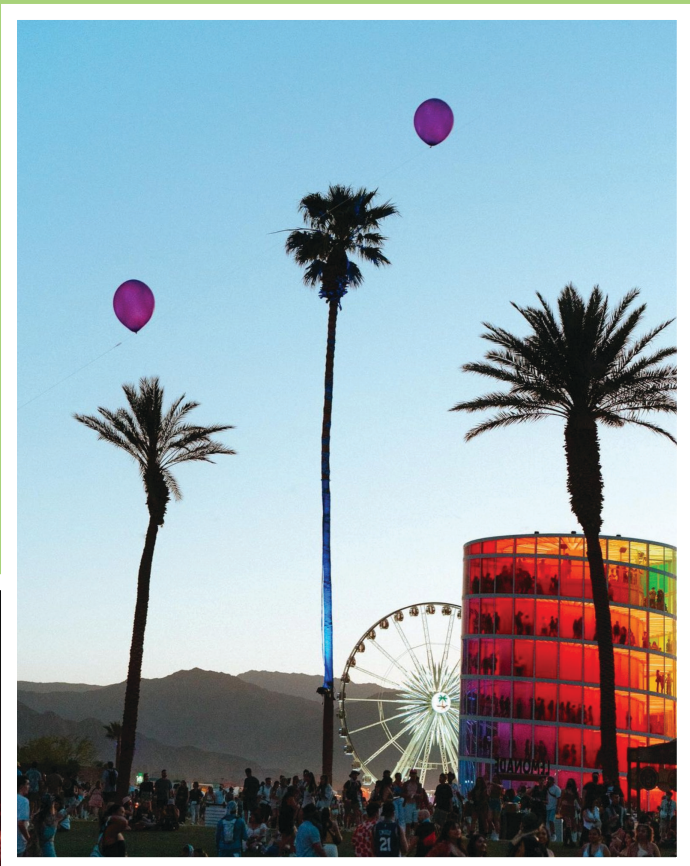
What's more surprising is the cost of food and beverages in those festivals. Many people have complained about how a simple sandwich can cost \$17 when it is usually \$6

to \$7 and in a much bigger portion. Some festivals don't even allow outside food, which causes people to sneak in food and sometimes alcohol. Although, we cannot blame the vendors because guess what? The vendors don't get to keep all the profit they make at the festival. The event organizers can take up to 30% of the sales that day. Furthermore, there are additional precautions to follow and extra equipment needed for that day. Without the ridiculous, sky-high prices and the measly portions, it is impossible to keep a business running. For this problem, I blame those who are in charge, but again, this article isn't about how much the event organizers and artists benefit or are disadvantaged from the whole event. Anyways, if you include travel expenses and accommodation fees during the highly demanded festival days, it is hard to imagine how much your whole trip may cost.

Don't forget how poor the management can be. Recently, a popular EDM music festival, Electric Zoo, was charged with lawsuits due to

poor management. According to sources from social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram, many had to wait for five hours to get their tickets and wristbands since the organization did not distribute them ahead of time, and only got to enjoy 30 minutes of the festival. Additionally, they were extremely short staffed, with some screens not working and sound issues. Despite the upbeat music, these problems broke many people's high expectations for the festival. Many have expressed how they do not want to attend this certain festival again next year.

Again, I would not take the risk of facing those problems and spending hundreds of dollars for overhyped events. Music festivals can be a great way to socialize with friends and family and enjoy the bright, colorful atmosphere. However, I strongly believe that there are many places that are less crowded, better managed and with good music too — and I'm not saying that place is your own room.



Coachella is an annual music and arts festival held in Indio, Calif. This past year, various artists such as BLACKPINK, Bad Bunny and Frank Ocean, performed over the course of two weekends in April. PHOTOS COURTESY OF @COACHELLA ON INSTAGRAM

Opinion

Photo of the Day | Sunny smiles



The late afternoon Connecticut sunlight casts shadows behind an enigmatic statue of a smiling woman on Thursday, October 5, 2023. The bust is located directly behind the William Benton Museum of Art on campus. PHOTO BY OLIVIA RILEY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UConn NEEDS TO SHUT DOWN LOCKDOWN

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With exams in full swing, students are hunkering down and buckling in to study. With midterms as one of the most stressful times in a student's academic life, universities should be doing all they can to encourage effective and smooth preparation. But in the case of the University of Connecticut and many others, there is a major hurdle students must overcome before even approaching their exams: LockDown Browser. In recent years, students shudder at the thought of this incredibly problematic testing software.

LockDown Browser prevents students from

It's hindering students' education when it is meant to do the exact opposite.

copying, pasting and printing exam questions for later use or sharing them with peers. The program effectively limits the window so students are unable to open any other applications or tabs unless the professor specifically permits them to. Many universities, including UConn, only started using it during the pandemic, with the idea that it would cease online exam cheating. However, in this day and age, students' access to multiple devices,

most commonly a cell phone, undermines the system entirely. While this was initially used to prevent cheating during the pandemic, it seems almost useless given that students were at home with access to notes, other devices etc. So why are we using it now? The circumstances don't really change whether a student is in their room or the library, thus LockDown Browser doesn't actually do much to prevent cheating.

The program is intended to be used in a proctored environment, and

if not, to be used with the Respondus Monitor program, a software that uses a webcam to monitor students' environment.

This in itself is an incredibly invasive and extreme violation of privacy. Granted, some versions require a webcam while others do not. While this may seem like a less intrusive method, it is deceptively not. Once installed on the computer, the software takes full control

of the device and makes it more vulnerable to malfunction and attacks. LockDown Browser's poor security may lock students out of their computers and doesn't protect against private data breaches.

Furthermore, not only is the program essentially ineffective and potentially damaging to a student's device, but it is also incredibly difficult to get started in the first place. The website advertises the program as easily compatible with most systems; however, that is quite frankly false. Personally, I had to go through five different computers and three different types. Starting off with a Mac, the software wouldn't start; after contacting both UConn IT and Respondus IT themselves, they

both said it is a common problem, with no realistic solution. After going to Best Buy IT with no further luck, they recommended I find a cheap computer that would be compatible. The program is quite often non-compatible with Google Chrome, one of the most popular platforms used, which specifically impacts Chromebooks. Students who cannot afford to get a new device for exclusively test taking — which is absurd in the first place and an incredibly expensive, unrealistic and appalling expectation to

place on students — who are left scrambling to get the problem fixed or acquire one of the severely limited loaner computers UConn provides. The program flags students for cheating if they press a key too many times in a row; in the case of one friend of mine, it was just a sticky key. She was locked out of her test ten minutes into it. And this experience seems to be almost universal. With a whopping 1.2 star rating in the App Store, LockDown Browser reviews span from "ruining AP exams" to "might as well not take the exam." The UConn IT website has over 100 pages just for LockDown Browser technical problems varying from being unable to open it to freezing, crashing and losing exams.

A staggering 2,000 plus institutions use LockDown Browser as advertised by their website, securing 200 million exams per year, as one of the most common, yet one of the least efficient ways to ensure exam integrity and security. Students have been taking exams online and off

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years before the pandemic and LockDown, so what changed that it still needs to be used now? Some schools have banned the use of it entirely due to its problematic nature, and plenty of professors within UConn don't use it at all and still seem to combat cheating. All in all, LockDown Browser isn't worth it and is hindering students' education

when it is meant to do the exact opposite. And while academic integrity is an essential part of these tests and universities, this ineffective method should not come at such a high cost.

LockDown Browser

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LockDown Browser is a program that prevents students from opening other applications or tabs while it's running. It was utilized heavily during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Women's soccer: Huskies look to stay undefeated in Big East against Xavier on Sunday

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The UConn women's soccer team (5-2-4, 2-0-2 Big East) looks to remain undefeated at home as they host Xavier University (9-2-2, 2-0-2 Big East), who will be coming off a match against No. 12 Georgetown on Thursday night.

The Huskies are coming off back-to-back ties against Georgetown and Marquette University, ending a two-match winning streak to begin Big East play.

Goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney has made one opponent after another fail to find the back of the net. She earned a spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll with six saves in two matches while not allowing a goal. She recorded her sixth and seventh shutouts against the Hoyas and Golden Eagles and currently is tied for the most shutouts in the conference.

Xavier is receiving votes in the latest United Soccer Coaches Poll and is currently ranked 46th in the Massey Ratings. Defender Madison Ayson was also named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll after leading the Musketeers' defense with one goal allowed and holding opponents to 11 shots in two matches.

Before the Georgetown match, which will happen after this is written, they tied

at Seton Hall University 1-1. They have been more impressive on the road compared to the Huskies, with a record of 4-1-1, including a 3-0 shutout win at DePaul University.

Midfielder Samantha Wiehe leads Xavier in points with 13 and has had five goals in 13 games. The only other player with five goals is forward Shelby Sallee, who typically comes off the bench. She is second in points on the team with 10.

Forward Regan Dancer is back, to the dismay of the Huskies. She scored the only goal in a 1-0 win last season in Cincinnati. She has two goals this season and has mainly come off the bench for the Musketeers.

Goalkeeper Maria Galley has started all 13 matches and has allowed eight goals, accounting for a goals-against average of 0.62 and a save percentage of .830. It's a homecoming match for her, as she grew up in South Windsor, and it will be her first time playing in Connecticut since her senior year at South Windsor High School.

No one on the UConn team has scored a goal in two matches. The Huskies' last goal was shot by forward Abbey Jones, who scored the game-winner in a thrilling finish against St. John's University.

Connecticut forward Chioma

Okafor still leads the Huskies with four goals and 10 points.

At home, the Huskies have been strong on defense. In their draw against Marquette, they held the Golden Eagles to just two shots, both on goal.

UConn has only played Xavier twice, losing both times by a score of 1-0. The Huskies will look for revenge against the Musketeers after falling to them in back-to-back years.

Sunday's match will be important as Connecticut looks to find its offense again while continuing to keep its identity as a strong defensive team. Both teams are currently in a tie for second in the Big East standings, which will change for the better or worse depending on the result of Xavier's match against Georgetown, who currently is two points ahead in first place in the conference standings.

Following Sunday's match, which serves as the Huskies' Breast Cancer Awareness game, UConn will take a road trip to DePaul University and Butler University. Xavier will return home to take on St. John's the following week.

Sunday's match will be at Morrone Stadium at 1 p.m. If unable to attend, the match will be available to watch on FloSports.

Women's volleyball: No. 11 Huskies lock in for Villanova-Georgetown

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The Huskies' volleyball season has just passed the halfway mark with 16 games under their belt and 14 to go. The squad has now gotten into their groove and has been able to find their footing alongside their conference counterparts. Despite fighting a 0-4 Big East record, UConn will face all 10 of its conference opponents one more time this season. With another six games lined up before beginning the second round of the tournament, the Huskies still have a long way to go. Up this weekend are Villanova and Georgetown.

Villanova, No. 8 in the conference, is the closest ranking opponent UConn has yet to face. The contest may grant the Huskies a window to climb the ladder and secure a win.

Two weekends ago, Villanova faced Marquette and DePaul just as UConn did last week. Both the Wildcats and the Huskies lost to the duo. These losses may allow UConn a chance to familiarize itself with its opponents so the team knows what to expect on the court. One skill set UConn has in its back pocket is its strong quad of scorers. Emma Werkmeister, Cera Powell, Taylor Pannell and Mya Ayro have been an unstoppable force to lead the team through scoring drives.

The second opponent of the weekend, Georgetown will require intensified gameplay.

One skill the UConn crew has developed throughout the season is their ability to maintain the intensity and build momentum. Although the squad has frequently found themselves trailing their opponent, the team has grown successful in staying on their rival's heels.

In addition to the team's growth, they also have a favorable history. The past three games against Georgetown have resulted in a 3-0 Husky victory. Despite the team roster transformations, the Huskies' history may solidify the team's confidence.

Walking into the weekend, the squad can remain hopeful as they have already demonstrated immense growth this season. The first two Big East contests resulted in a shut-out for UConn and two consecutive 0-3 losses. Since then, the team has refined their skills to finish 1-3 and 2-3 in the past two matches. Although these may be losses, the team is visibly inching closer to victory.

Last weekend, the crew was exceptionally triumphant in matching their opponents' kills. That is just one of the many skills they can carry into the weekend ahead.

Although the weekend may not be a walk in the park for the Huskies, it will make victory all the more worthwhile. With the relentless work the team has poured into practice, this weekend will be another stepping stone on the path to success.



UConn women's soccer ties against Marquette 0-0 on Oct. 1, 2023. Despite a 13-to-2 shot advantage for the Huskies, none of them ended up leading to a goal.

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UConn women's volleyball compete on Sept. 30, 2023 against Marquette in Storrs, Conn. With another loss in the books, their season records stands at 5-11.

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Men's Soccer: UConn to face best opponent on schedule, visit No. 8 Georgetown

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The UConn men's soccer team is set to play their toughest scheduled opponent on Saturday, traveling down to Washington, D.C. to take on the No. 8 Georgetown Hoyas. It'll be just the second game this season in which the Huskies played against a ranked team; however, it is coming in back-to-back games.

In their last matchup, UConn hosted ranked No. 15 Vermont at home, losing 2-0. Despite the score, UConn held its own against a tenacious Catamounts' defense. The Huskies were on the attack for the majority of the game, even out shooting Vermont 15 to four, but they couldn't crack the scoreboard. A first half goal gave the Catamounts the lead, then a late second half penalty kick put the nail in the coffin for Connecticut. The loss broke

UConn's five-game win streak at home and handed Vermont their sixth shutout of the season.

To no one's surprise, Georgetown has played really well in 2023. They enter the game Saturday at 7-1-1 and have torched their way through the Big East competition so far. In three conference games, the Hoyas are undefeated and outscoring opponents nine to one. Their last game came against the Princeton Tigers in New Jersey. Zach Zengue (fourth goal), Jacob Murrell (eighth goal) and Joe Buck (third goal) scored to give the Hoyas the 3-0 victory. Goalie Tenzing Manke saved five shots enroute to his second clean sheet of 2023 in three games played.

This will be the best offensive attack the Huskies will face all season. Georgetown is currently fifth in the entire NCAA in scoring offense at 2.78 goals per game. Murrell

leads the Hoyas offense with eight goals, which ties him for eighth best in the NCAA.

When the teams played each other last year, it was Georgetown that walked away with the victory. UConn outshot the Hoyas 16 to 5, but only had four shots on goal. Georgetown's Jack Panayotou, now with the New England Revolution, scored a second half goal that proved to be all the Hoyas would need.

As a program, UConn hasn't beat Georgetown since 2012, going 0-5-1 against them since then. This wouldn't be the first time the Huskies overcame a huge losing streak if they were to beat the Hoyas. Earlier this season, UConn took down St. John's for its first win against them since 2012, ending a five-game winless streak against the Red Storm.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. this Saturday and can be streamed on FloSports.

UConn men's soccer plays against no. 11 Vermont at the Morrone stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Oct. 3, 2023. The Huskies put up a good fight, but lost 0-2.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Group tackle



The Huskies face off against Utah State at Rentschler Field on Saturday, Sept. 30. UConn started strong with a big lead after the first half, but could not pull off the win, with a final score of 33-34. PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Chris's Column: Predicting the winners of the 2023-24 NHL season

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As the NHL's regular season starts in a couple days, fans cannot wait for the adrenaline rush hockey competition that lies ahead. Hockey fans across the world will tune in this Tuesday for the opening slate games. Let's look into which team will

rise as division winners for the upcoming 2023-24 NHL season. Below, we will analyze each division of the Eastern and Western Conference of the NHL to determine which teams are most likely to come out on top.

Atlantic — Toronto Maple Leafs

After the Presidents' Trophy winner Boston Bruins' captain Patrice Bergeron and veteran

David Krejci both retired, the division is up for grabs. Let's not count out the Florida Panthers who shocked the world last year, reaching the Stanley Cup with an upset over the Bruins in the first round. The Maple Leafs are a team that struggles mightily in the playoffs every year with game seven curses. Acquiring Tyler Bertuzzi and star players like Mitch Marner, Auston Matthews and William Nylander will make them a tough team to beat. However, the tides have begun to shift, and with young teams like the Panthers and juggernaut rivals with Tampa Bay and Boston, this division will be tough and up for grabs in April. The Maple Leafs dynamic offense and emerging defense make them strong contenders to secure the division.

Metropolitan — Carolina Hurricanes

Last season, the Philadelphia Flyers were a laughingstock after head coach John Tortorella banned screens from players mid game to analyze which play, they were making errors. The Washington Capitals and

Pittsburgh Penguins did challenge the New York Rangers and Carolina Hurricanes a little bit last year. The Devils quickly improved with Jack Hughes and a young defensive core. Carolina has proven every year that they can win the division. The Rangers haven't faced a lot of adversity, and it isn't sustainable to rely on Chris Kreider to score 50 goals. The Hurricanes faced a lot of injuries and still made it far but got upset by the Panthers. Sebastian Aho and Jesperi Kotkaniemi will be key forwards for the Hurricanes this year. This year will look a lot different for the Hurricanes after acquiring Dmitry Orlov. With all the moves the Hurricanes made and with sustainable goaltending and defense makes them strong contenders.

Central-Colorado Avalanche
The Colorado Avalanche had key departures and star players Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar were injury prone last year. The Dallas Stars made a run last year against the Avalanche in the playoffs but fell short. Using the skills of No. 1 overall pick Connor Bedard, the

Chicago Blackhawks will also have a shot to win any game they play. The Minnesota Wild are a tough team to play. Nashville Predators, St. Louis Blues and Winnipeg Jets will provide good matchups for Colorado but expect the division to come down wire to wire for Colorado and Dallas.

Pacific — Edmonton Oilers

The Vegas Golden Knights are the defending Stanley Cup Champions. Despite that fact, this is the Edmonton Oilers year with Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl. With arguably the best one-two punch in all the NHL, this duo will be a tough task for the division. The Seattle Kraken are no team to mess around with as they shocked the world last year making it to the second round of the playoffs in their second year as an NHL franchise. Edmonton and Calgary are a great rivalry for the hockey world, but Calgary, Vancouver Canucks and St. Jose Sharks are in basically a rebuild mode. The Anaheim Ducks have struggled but this is the year the Oilers could make a run for the Stanley Cup.

Men's golf: Huskies back on the road

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After winning the UConn Invitational Championship at GreatHorse, the UConn men's golf team is set to travel on a short week to the BMW Intercollegiate at Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Wofford College, University of Central Florida, Lipscomb University, High Point University and Creighton University are among the teams that will perform at Carolina Country Club.

UConn will not have "home course" advantage this time around as they did last week. Carolina Country Club ranked one of the best courses upstate in South Carolina is an 18-hole, 6,929-yard, par 72 course with multiple sets of trees alongside each hole. The tournament is a three-round, 54-hole event, with unpredictable southern weather conditions.

In last year's "Carolina Cup", Tommy Dallahan finished in 12th place shooting a 1-under par (72-73-70) aggregate score of 215. Trevor Lopez finished in a tie for 50th place shooting 12-over par (73-76-79) score of 228. Connor Goode who competed as an individual shot 32-over par (83-79-86) aggregate of 248. The Huskies finished

in seventh place out of 14 teams with a team mark of 22-over par.

Temperatures for the golfers will be bright sunny skies, mid 60 to mid 70 degree weather. With the Bermuda Grass course, the Huskies should not expect many leaves to be in the way of their shots. Spartanburg's fall weather typically shifts into low humidity which will be great for the Huskies who recently played in similar temperature.

Hole one, which is a par 5, tight 516 yards, will make or break how the entire playing field will perform in this tournament. Using the efforts of Big East player of the week Goode and strong play from Dennehy and Dallahan at GreatHorse, this hole will be a great test for each one of them. With scenic southern sky views and slight cloud cover, the sun will greatly help the players land and control the ball more with drier conditions.

After a great performance at the UConn Invitational, the Huskies look to build on those low scores from Goode, Dallahan and Dennehy. The Huskies came out hot and sustained a high lead throughout the first two rounds. This is huge for them because low scores early on will benefit their placing in the tournament. When UConn played from behind and tries to catch up in Knoxville, Tennessee, it didn't work well. If

UConn can get out, get a hot start and shoot at least a 73, they will be in good contention to capture the crown at the BMW Intercollegiate.

The Huskies are set to play this Sunday to Tuesday, Oct. 8-10, and have the opportunity to place high at the Carolina Country Club.

UConn men's golf hosts their invitational at GreatHorse Country Club in Hampton, Mass. on Oct. 1, 2023. The invitational will play out for the next two days.

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MEN'S HOCKEY: ICE BUS BEGINS 2023-24 CAMPAIGN AT COLGATE

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On Saturday, after a long off-season of waiting, the Huskies will be back to playing hockey when they are hosted by the Raiders of Colgate University for two games this weekend.

After a fourth-place finish in last season's Hockey East standings, the Huskies will hope to replicate their regular season success. The team qualified for the Hockey East conference tournament last season but was defeated by UMass Lowell in their first match of the postseason. Connecticut enters the new

season projected to finish fifth in the Hockey East according to the Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Raiders were one of the better teams in the Eastern College Athletic Conference last year, finishing in fifth place out of the 12 teams. The team caught fire once the postseason began and ultimately won the 2023 ECAC tournament, defeating Harvard 3-2 in the championship round. The tournament victory earned Colgate an automatic bid to last season's National College Athletic Association Division I tournament, where they were defeated by Michigan in the first round of play. The team is projected to replicate

last season's fifth place finish in the ECAC according to the Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Ice Bus had a very busy off-season turning over talent, as the team added seven new players to the roster while bidding farewell to six. Of the players returning to the Huskies this season, perhaps none stands out more than sophomore Matthew Wood. After being hailed as perhaps the most prolific recruit in UConn ice hockey history, Wood delivered on the hype with an outstanding freshman campaign last season. He finished last season as UConn's leading point scorer with 34 points via 11 goals and 23 assists. His assist total and 102 shot attempts were also tops for the

Huskies. Overall, Connecticut outscored their opponents by seven goals with Wood on the ice and the wing was subsequently named to the Hockey East All-Rookie team at the season's conclusion. Wood's superb play as a freshman led to him being drafted 15th overall in the 2023 National Hockey League Draft by the Nashville Predators. With both Justin Pearson and Ryan Tverberg no longer on the roster, Wood's path to becoming the focal point of UConn's offense is now clear.

Just like the Huskies, Colgate had to deal with lots of turnover during the offseason as both of the team's two leading scorers from last season are no longer with the team. However, the Raiders did retain defenseman Nick Anderson, who finished first on his team last season in plus-minus while he was on the ice. The senior played in all 40 of Colgate's matches last season, tallying 29 points behind three goals and 26 assists to finish third on his team in points. Anderson was also a

valuable asset on the defensive side of the puck as he blocked 43 shot attempts last year. He turned up his performance once the postseason began, blocking five shots and distributing an assist in a quarterfinal win over St. Lawrence in last year's ECAC tournament. He also registered an assist in the ECAC championship victory over Harvard and was named ECAC Hockey Defender of the Week on Nov. 28.

In four prior matchups against Colgate, Connecticut has managed a 2-1-1 record. Their most recent game came back on Nov. 27, 2021, when the Huskies defeated the Raiders by a 6-1 score. UConn is riding a two game win streak versus Colgate and will look to expand the streak to three or possibly four games this weekend.

The two teams will kick off the first weekend of the new season with a 7 p.m. match on Saturday before following up with a second game at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Both games are set to be played at the Class of 1965 arena in Hamilton, New York. Live broadcast information is not yet available for either game.



UConn men's hockey suffered their first home loss of the season as they fell to the Merrimack Warriors 7-3 on Dec. 2, 2022. Following this loss, the team falls to 11-4-3 on the season.

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Field Hockey: Huskies with a chance to flip the script in upcoming weekend road trip

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The UConn women's field hockey team are looking to make a statement this weekend after their heartbreaking loss to Villanova. The Huskies have been in close battles all season long, and fans should expect nothing less this weekend.

On Friday, the Huskies will travel to Hamden, Connecticut, to take on the 4-5 Quinnipiac Wildcats, a matchup that is anyone's for the taking. Which team that

comes out on top depends on the version of Quinnipiac we see on Friday afternoon. Like UConn, their offense tends to stall out at times, in which they lean on their defense to keep them competitive. In some instances, we have seen games getting out of hand because of the Wildcats' lack of defending, such as their Sept. 22 matchup against Villanova University, where they conceded four goals. We have also seen their defense maintain their competitiveness, no matter the situation. Take their last matchup against Sacred Heart as an example; while they lost 2-1, this was a challenging

matchup from the opening kick to the final whistle. Both teams have the potential to come away victorious. The key to victory for this fixture is scoring first. The team that scores first puts immense pressure on their opponent's offense to get going, and this pressure can be insurmountable, ultimately leading to their opponent's demise.

This Sunday, Connecticut will travel up to Amherst, Massachusetts, for their highly anticipated matchup against the No. 19 team in the country, UMass. The Minutemen come into this matchup with a 7-5 re-

cord. When this team succeeds, it's because they can fire on all cylinders. Their attacking and defending are consistent, as they have no trouble lighting up the scoreboard and keeping their opponents away from the cage. Interestingly enough, UMass faced the Wildcats earlier this year, narrowly pulling off a 2-1 victory. UMass comes into this fixture with an undeniable edge. There is no doubt that the Huskies have had a tough schedule up to this point, however, the Minutemen's schedule has been much more demanding. Last month, UMass

played Northwestern, ranked No. 3 in the country, and lost 3-0. They also played No. 7 Rutgers, another formidable force. Just because their record isn't the greatest doesn't mean they won't give UConn some trouble. This will be an intense battle.

It seems that every weekend, the Huskies find themselves fighting for their lives; this weekend is no different. This upcoming road trip is a prime opportunity for them to flip the script. There aren't many more opportunities to do this, and UConn needs to capitalize.

UConn field hockey loses a close match against Rutgers with a score of 1-2 in double over-time on Sept. 1, 2023. Their season record is currently 4-7.

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The first text message that UConn football head coach Jim Mora received in the locker room following his team's one-point loss against the Utah State Aggies on Sept. 30 came from Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley. It read like this: "Your team is really fighting and playing hard. Keep it going and it will turn."

Going 1-4 through five games last year, that text could either serve as a turning point in the Huskies' season or be a continuation of hard work not being enough. That theory will not get tested until Saturday, when Connecticut heads to Houston for their first-ever meeting against the Rice Owls. But beyond everything at stake on the field, the master faces one of his former apprentices.

Offensive coordinator Marques Tuiasosopo served as the quarterbacks coach during Mora's penultimate season as UCLA's head coach in 2016. Tuiasosopo roamed the sidelines as quarterbacks coach of the Cal Golden Bears against the Bruins a year later, but Mora had been fired six days earlier. Seven years later, the two University of Washington alumni stand on opposite ends of the field.

"I have known him his whole life," Mora said about Tuiasosopo. "This game is so intertwined."

Such has been the career of quarterback JT Daniels, who went from USC's next big star to a journeyman at his third school in three years. A preseason Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List selection, Daniels leads the American Athletic Conference with 1,469 passing yards and 13 touchdowns while crossing the 400-yard mark in two out of his last three starts.

If Mora considers the graduate student the most talented quarterback he saw in high school, then junior Dean Connors reminds him of NFL running back Christian McCaffrey. When the Owls' leading rusher cannot get it done on the ground — he gained one net yard over the last two weeks — Connors prowls the sky just like the two-time Pro Bowler does with 122 yards on seven catches in that same span.

The Hawaii native's 218 receiving yards place him second on the team behind Luke McCaffrey, Christian's younger brother. Five years younger than his All-Pro sibling, Luke McCaffrey has been Daniels' primary target with 414 yards and four touchdowns. When opposing secondaries lock the redshirt junior wideout down, the veteran quarterback has a variety of choices

with five other receivers having at least 100 yards on the season.

Rice's defense, meanwhile, will leave opposing offensive coordinators feeling hesitant about the plays they draw up. Safety Plae Wyatt and redshirt junior linebacker Myron Morrison provide the intimidation factor as the only players with 30 plus total tackles, but those two are not as frightening when compared with everyone else. Defensive linemen Coleman Coco and De'Braylon Carroll serve as a quarterback's nightmare in the trenches with five combined sacks and seven tackles for a loss.

Safety Chike Anigbogu stands not far behind with two sacks, but while the redshirt senior focuses on the player, juniors Sean Fresch (four pass breakups) and safety Gabriel Taylor (five) keep their eye on the football. A preseason All-AAC selection, Taylor also comes up with big stops in the secondary as his 27 total tackles rank fourth on the team.

UConn's run game, decimated via departures during the three-game homestand, barreled down the field without stopping behind sophomore Cam Edwards' breakout performance. Collecting 13 carries for the second straight week, Edwards' career-best 73

yards combined with fellow sophomore Victor Rosa's veteran experience in the backfield give the Huskies one of the northeast's most aggressive 1-2 punches. Including defensive lineman Jelani Stafford, who rushed for two scores, and opposing defenses find themselves in a lose-lose scenario on any run play.

No Connecticut quarterback had thrown for over 250 yards and completed at least 70% of their passes in a game since 2017, when Bryant Shirreffs went 23/29 with 372 yards and a touchdown against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. Redshirt junior Ta'Quan Roberson achieved that feat last weekend, recovering from throwing an interception on his first drive and finishing with a career-high 255 passing yards and two touchdowns.

"He played right through it," Mora commented about Roberson's resilience. "He did not let that play get him down. He made plays when he had to make plays down the stretch, which is what good players do."

Wideout Cameron Ross stood on the receiving end of most of those big plays with a career-high 70 yards, sharing the brunt of that effort with Rosa and graduate student Brett Buckman, who leads the team with 261 receiving yards. But while the offense

had their best performance in 2023, UConn's defense weakened as the game progressed. Allowing 22 total yards in the first 28 minutes, the Huskies surrendered 34 points on six straight Aggies' drives that ultimately made the difference.

Despite the negatives in the second half, Connecticut initially gained momentum behind their first two interceptions of the season. Linebacker Jackson Mitchell, one of three players to have a game with 10 plus tackles, snared one of those picks while adding to his team-leading 47 total stops. Beyond their aggressive tackling, UConn's defense thrives in the trenches as Stafford and defensive lineman Pryce Yates have 38 combined tackles and 12.5 for negative yards.

That leaves the secondary as Connecticut's biggest weakness. Although defensive back Chris Shearin snagged an interception, the Huskies surrendered 315 passing yards and four touchdowns last week, which included five passing plays of 30 plus yards. Even with the odds against them, Mora holds faith that another second-half turnaround can still happen.

"I still see guys that believe in what we are doing, believe in each other, believe in themselves," Mora stated. "If you do not have that, you have no chance."

The battle between a former AAC institution and a current one starts at 5 p.m. EDT. Fans who do not have ESPN+ can tune in to the UConn Sports Network on ESPN 97.9 FM.



The Huskies face off against Utah State at Rentschler Field on Saturday, Sept. 30. UConn started strong with a big lead after the first half, but could not pull off the win, with a final score of UConn 53 - Utah 54.

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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

UConn SCOREBOARD



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Women's soccer
Big East Championship
Wednesday

Upcoming Games



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Ice hockey, 2 p.m., Saturday
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

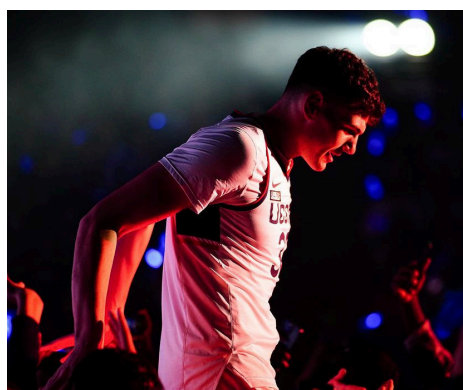


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Ice hockey, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Storrs, Conn.

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



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TWEETS OF THE DAY



Martine Artest
@ArtestJones

Dr Anthony Fauci will be in attendance at the BC VS UConn game over homecoming weekend giving out free booster shots in the mod lot during tailgating hours and a select few fans will get to receive their booster on the field at halftime! More details to follow.

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