



## STUDENTS LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH ARE BEING FISCALLY SUPPORTED BY UCONN

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Funding initiatives for a more sustainable university are being supported by the University of Connecticut's provost's office and research division as of a new program, introduced last month.

The initiatives vary, however each has a focus on creating additional opportunities for students interested and participating in environmental sustainability programs.

The President's Research Investment in Sustainability Measures, Actions, Technologies, Initiatives and Communities is a campus wide program that began in October, with a main goal being to provide funding for undergraduate students interested in sustainability initiatives.

"PRISMATIC provides funding avenues for those students to demonstrate their mettle and brilliance," Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Pamir Alpay said in a UConn Today article.

PRISMATIC supports student research, helping UConn remain a competitive R1 university.

"UConn is fortunate to have both an administration committed to environmental sustainability and remarkable students who are eager and able to meet the unprecedented challenges that face their generation," Alpay said in a UConn Today article.

Another main hope for students involved in PRISMATIC is expanding student experience with research.

In addition to PRISMATIC, there are other initiatives that reward students with money to help fund research. A list of those organizations and their offerings can be found on UConn Today.

The listed initiatives are all funded by UConn research

and the provost's office totaling to \$50,000.

They include an undergraduate research fund for undergraduate research during the summer for \$4,500. An IDEA grant totalling up to \$5,000 for one or a small group of students. Along with some grants in the \$500 range to upwards of \$2,000.

UConn has an office of sustainability that is devoted to making the campus more environmentally friendly, a mission important to President Radenka Maric.

Some of the initiatives the office supports include climate, energy and buildings, sustainable dining, water and transportation, according to their website.

For students or community members interested in getting involved in making UConn more sustainable, the office of sustainability ac-

cepts donations and offers student internships.

As for PRISMATIC and similar sustainability opportunities for students, students may apply at any time for one at Storrs and all of UConn's regional campuses. Those interested can email our@uconn.edu with any questions.

"Office of Undergraduate Research funding programs are designed to offer a range of supports to students, from smaller awards for supplies to larger grants that allow for sustained immersion in a project," Executive Director of Enrichment Programs Caroline McGuire said in a UConn Today article.

It is important to note that these resources are not only created for students solely interested in sustainability and can be granted to a wide range of UConn undergraduates.

"Students' creativity defines what is possible. We hope students will come talk with our advisors about their innovative ideas and the programs that will be the best fit for those pursuits," McGuire said in a UConn Today article.

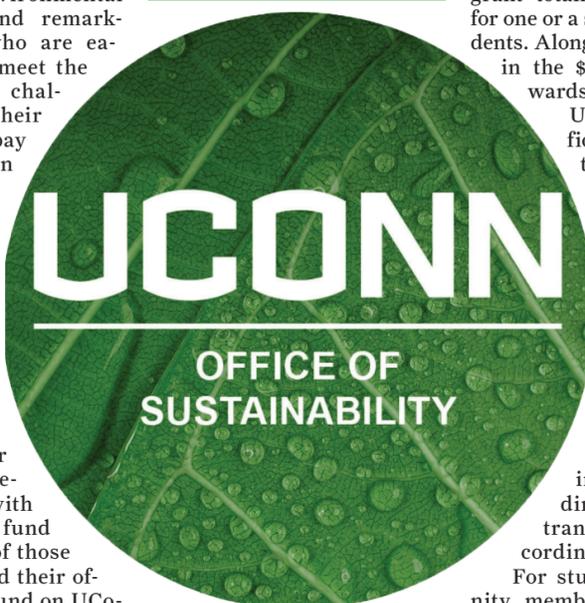


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## SIGHTS ON THE STARS: HOW A HISTORIC UCONN OBSERVATORY WAS "RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY"

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The "East Road Observatory" is back up and running, unveiled for the first time at an opening ceremony on Oct. 24. This achievement is the work of a small, but fiercely dedicated team from the physics department, spearheaded by Assistant Professor in Residence Matthew Guthrie, who partnered with local telescope maker Allen Hall to make their dreams a reality.

For the past 14 years, the structure sat vacant in disrepair on UConn's Plant Science Farm, going relatively unnoticed by university and department officials. The final 2009 entry in the station's logbook was tragically resolute, reading, "Dome stuck, mount frozen," alum Dennis Perlot recalled.

Despite the site's modern obscurity and abandonment, the observatory has deep roots tracing back to prominent changemakers in the University of Connecticut's history.

"All that I know has been

given to me by second hand sources," Guthrie noted, who emphasized the mysterious nature of the building.

According to an article published by UConn Today, many of those who saw the structure were unaware that it was, in fact, a nucleus for astronomical studies.

Dr. Cynthia Peterson, who joined the physics department in 1968 as its first female member, conceived of the observatory over 50 years ago. With the help of machinist Richard Mindek, the station was completed in the late 1970s.

"She was the first and only woman physics professor at UConn for 35 years. She inspired countless members of the community, and she had a deep passion particularly for astronomy that affected everyone fortunate enough to share time and space with her," Guthrie said.

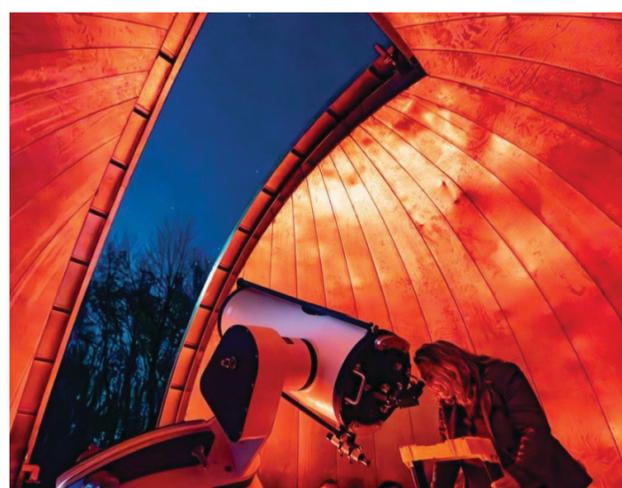
Although the observatory is a mere footnote in the legacy of Dr. Peterson, the restoration team has used their respect for her memory as a guiding motivation.

"Cynthia Peterson was an incredible woman in STEM, and we need to recognize and celebrate the women pioneers in our field whenever and wherever we can," Guthrie expressed, "I want to use the observatory as an opportunity to honor her memory and achievements at UConn."

Beginning in January of this year, Guthrie and Hall's work to repair and update the dilapidated dome has produced a result with impressive capabilities. The telescope itself is a vintage testament to the planetarium's original incarnation, manufactured by Massachusetts based company Group 128 in the mid-seventies.

The 16-inch scope's specialty is "narrow-field objects: comets, planets, galaxies and deep-sky objects like nebulae and star clusters," as Guthrie puts it.

Looking to the future, plans for conducting research at the facility are a star-gazer's dream, with the studying of exoplanets and supernovas on the horizon. Through the observatory's automated discovery searches, the



The "East Road Observatory" reopened on Oct. 24, 2023. For the past 14 years, the structure sat vacant on UConn's Plant Science Farm. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONN ON INSTAGRAM

planetarium may even house new findings that do not yet appear in cataloged research.

Due to the observatory's isolated location on the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources's research farm, the site is not yet ready to accommodate large groups. Improvements to accessibility, however,

are among the team's many goals, which include plans for the planetarium like a "moon garden" with night-blooming flowers and the establishment of a classroom to expand the facility's teaching potential.

Guthrie expressed his enthusiasm for the project and palpable love for astronomy.

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## News

# USG'S HUSKY MARKET INITIATIVE SHUTS DOWN IN LIGHT OF CONNECTICUT POLICY CHANGES

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Husky Market, an initiative that allowed food-insecure students to receive a \$300 grocery store gift card, is being cut as a result of national pandemic restrictions no longer being in effect. The program, created by University of Connecticut Praxis and Undergraduate Student Government, was created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of groceries to students.

Created in 2020, financial policy established by Connecticut's government allowed for USG to provide students with gift cards to popular grocery stores. Students could fill out a form to self-identify as food-insecure and would become eligible for the service on those grounds. In fall 2022 the initiative provided over \$480,000 worth of groceries to students.

However, according to USG, as this financial policy has been rolled back this option no longer became viable.

USG Vice President Peter Spinelli, Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer Benjamin Keilty, Student Services Advocacy Director Lorien Touponse, and Communications Director Sophia Sanchez discussed the reasons behind the change, what students can do, and alternatives for Husky Market.

"It had the potential to really negatively affect students' eligibility for financial aid, as well as open them up to tax issues... we estimated that on average for every \$300 gift card, the student would end up owing an additional \$250-ish dollars to the federal

government," Keilty said about keeping the initiative going.

In terms of advocating for Husky Market to come back, there isn't much that can be done.

"We've had to redirect to other avenues because the fact is that Husky Market was going to negatively impact the people that it was supposed to be helping...there was conversations about [how] people wouldn't be eligible for Pell Grants and scholarships and it was going to impact their ability to go to college," Touponse said.

"We always knew that it was never going to be a forever solution. We always knew that we were operating in this pandemic loophole that was going to close when the pandemic ended," Keilty said.

During the fall of 2022, USG was told that they had to come to a decision on Husky Market by Dec. 31, 2022, as tax implications would start being generated for students at the beginning of 2023.

There are other alternatives for food-insecure students who are worried about the loss of this program. Students can reach out to financial aid about cost of attendance, or the Dean of Students Office for short-term loans or grant-based aid.

Food-insecure students can also go to the Husky Harvest food pantries, one of which recently opened at the Charter Oak Apartments Community Center on the Storrs campus. There is a pantry on every campus, and any student with a UConn ID has access to the pantries and the ability to get non-perishable foods, toiletries and more. More information about hours can be found on Husky Harvest's website.



USG's Pop-Up Pantry, hosted in the Student Union Ballroom in Dec. 2022, is another initiative to help food-insecure students. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES SHIANG

In addition, USG's Student Services Committee meetings are open to the public, and are held at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. Students who are passionate about food-insecurity or have ideas on how to combat it can go to these meetings in order to share ideas and to vote.

Spinelli urged students not to worry about other initiatives and programs being shut-down due to these policy changes this year, as Husky Market was unique in what it was.

"The reason why it doesn't work is because it's direct money, basically, that we're giving to a student. A lot of our programming is not that, for example period products. We're not giving money for period products, we're giving the actual products," Spinelli said.

However, this may change in coming years, according to Keilty.

"[USG] is facing budget pressure as a result of the last of our COVID money starting to dry up. We're already having con-

versations... about whether to request more funds from students through the funds we collect on the student fee bill, or to cut programs," Keilty said.

Students who are interested in those discussions can attend USG's Senate meetings, which are held at 6:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. The next one will be held on Nov. 29.

With Husky Harvest opening a location on the Storrs campus, USG is switching gears in order to address food insecurity. Food insecurity covers a much wider scope than not just having access to food.

"If you don't have access to cultural foods [and] if you don't have access to food that meet your dietary restrictions," these are also forms of food insecurity, Touponse explained.

UConn students also recently received an email that contained a survey about food insecurity. Filling out the survey can help show administration the level of food security amongst the student body, and is the quick-

est way to show the university your needs. The results of this survey will be used to improve upon what already exists at the university to combat food insecurity. The survey is open until 11:55 p.m. on Nov. 19.

USG will be taking many different avenues to address food insecurity. They will be collaborating with UConn Student Health and Wellness's nutrition specialist in December to talk about how to properly nourish your body, due to food-insecure students often not eating enough or eating heavily processed foods. They also plan on partnering with Spring Valley Student Farm in the spring to show students how food is grown, setting up a cooking class to show students how to cook in accordance with their dietary restrictions, advocating for a second food pantry to be opened at the Storrs campus and more.

Students can email student-services@usg.uconn.edu for more information, or with any questions or concerns.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 View from much of U.S. Highway 101
  - 8 Water stopper
  - 11 \_\_\_ Dhabi
  - 14 Oval-shaped instrument
  - 15 One of the only two South American countries that doesn't border Brazil
  - 17 Compete in a hybrid winter sport
  - 18 Pillow filling bought at wholesale?
  - 19 Unusual
  - 20 Contacted with a click
  - 22 Specialized session of baseball practice?
  - 25 Separate by type
  - 29 Sound engineer's slider
  - 30 Starship Enterprise letters
  - 32 "Don't reckon so"
  - 33 Some govt. lawyers
  - 35 Fossey subject
  - 37 Genesis maker
  - 38 Crown, scepter, and ermine robe?
  - 41 Home of the Muscat Gate Museum
  - 43 "Let You Love Me" singer Rita
  - 44 Fall Out Boy genre
  - 45 Benatar in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
  - 46 Yukon XL maker
  - 48 Killer whales
  - 52 Cooks in a bamboo basket
  - 56 Barbie, bush telly, choccy biccy, etc.?
  - 58 Share a course?
  - 60 Vegetable soup bit
  - 61 Excluded, and what 18-, 22-, 38-, and 56-Across need to match their clues?
  - 64 Uncomfortable situation
  - 67 Emphatic denial
  - 68 Hosp. triage expert
  - 69 TiVo antecedent
  - 70 Oft-redacted ID
  - 71 Has no use for

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By Annemarie Brethauer

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- DOWN**
- 1 Rant
  - 2 National park on the Maine coast
  - 3 Stopped at the door, perhaps
  - 4 Writer Levin
  - 5 Grafton's "\_\_\_ for Fugitive"
  - 6 Signed in pen
  - 7 Large Central American reptile
  - 8 Grocery section
  - 9 Amtrak service that caters to business travelers
  - 10 Silences with a button
  - 11 Brouhaha
  - 12 Fiddle stick
  - 13 Ornate garden pot
  - 16 Tots up
  - 21 "¡Dios mío!"
  - 23 Ushered
  - 24 "Cripes!"
  - 26 Univ. donor type
  - 27 Tabloid
  - 28 Former JFK flyer
  - 31 No. cruncher
  - 34 West Coast luggage tag letters
  - 36 Make (out)
  - 37 Horse noise

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- 38 Lot
- 39 Gp.
- 40 "No broken bones!"
- 41 Photo \_\_\_
- 42 Bathroom rug
- 47 Stashed away
- 49 Tartar sauce ingredient
- 50 Div. of the Blue Jays and the Rays
- 51 Hockey gear
- 53 When Lear divides his kingdom
- 54 Humors
- 55 Bowls over
- 57 Gofer's task
- 59 Fleming and Orwell's school
- 61 Actress Tyler
- 62 Key next to F1
- 63 At a distance
- 65 Demo stuff
- 66 Go after, in a way

## Sudoku

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# TALES FROM THE TURNTABLE: SMILE, THE GREATEST ALBUM THAT NEVER WAS

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The past week and a half has been quite the exciting week for Beatles fans. We've gotten a brand new single for the first time since 1995, a tear-jerking music video and a remaster of two compilations. I've had to listen to a lot of music from those Liverpool lads in the past week, so this week I'd like to focus on a band across the pond.

The Beach Boys were arguably just as successful here in the United States in the 1960s, however, nowadays they don't seem to hold a candle to the popularity of the Beatles. While that may be for several reasons, it's still undeniable that they released music that was just as influential as anything their British counterparts recorded.

Ironically, this story actually starts with the Beatles; in an ever-changing musical landscape, the two bands found themselves exploring new sounds. The Beach Boys had abandoned their tried and true surf-rock sound for baroque pop; releasing "Pet Sounds" in 1966. Frontman Brian Wilson had been inspired by the Beatles' "Rubber Soul" and "Revolver" to lean more into an orchestral psychedelic sound. Every year the two acts tried to outdo each other, continuing to get more and more experimental with their sound.

Upon hearing "Pet Sounds," John Lennon and Paul McCartney were inspired to go further out with their music, and experiment with more unconventional song structures and harmonic textures. After several arduous

months in the studio, and thousands of hours spent perfecting their songs, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was released in May of 1967. Considered one of the best albums of all time, the record was an instant hit, and changed how many thought of music as an art form.

While the creation of "Sgt. Pepper's" was underway, the Beach Boys were recording their own musical breakthrough, "Smile." However, the recording process was plagued by issues in Wilson's personal life, as well as rising tension between himself and his bandmates.

Wilson's spiraling mental health was nothing new to his band mates. The singer was prone to nervous breakdowns on tour and had struggled with a myriad of drugs including marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines. "Smile" was planned to be an album of joy; songs filled with happiness and good vibrations. One of the first songs written for the album was "Good Vibrations," which ended up being released on a later Beach Boys album, completed at Wilson's home studio after a hiatus from music.

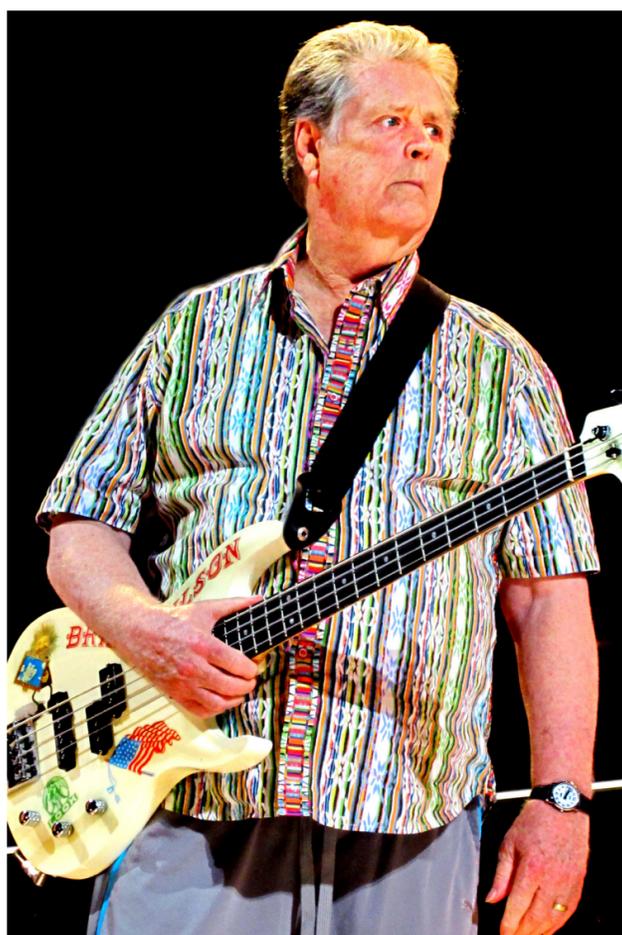
Most of what the group had written for Smile revolved around happiness in life, themes of the band members' childhoods and the environment were key to their writing process. From listening to demos, the direction of the record is clear. "Smile" dove further into the baroque sound featured on "Pet Sounds," however, it did so with

a much heavier influence from psychedelic and folk music.

Further into the recording of the album, Wilson became a more unreliable band leader and producer. The songwriter would often cancel recording sessions on a whim, sometimes just hours before their scheduled time. His unfettered drug abuse was costing him thousands of dollars while continuously straining his personal relationships.

The album would be canceled by Wilson just days after the Beatles released "Sgt. Pepper's." After reconvening as a band, the Beach Boys headed into Wilson's home studio in Bel Air to record "Smiley Smile," a tongue-in-cheek rework of "Smile." Not many songs ended up being reused, with the new record being considerably less ambitious and recorded in just a few weeks. It would go on to become one of their poorest selling albums — at least in the United States — spawning "Good Vibrations" as its sole hit single.

After the release of "Smiley Smile," Wilson became increasingly reclusive, gradually becoming involved less and less with music, and suffering an overdose in 1982. After several years of help, Wilson was able to get sober and come back to music full-time. In 2004, he re-recorded several "Smile" songs, releasing them under the name "Brian Wilson Presents: Smile." The original record sessions would be released in 2011, showcasing what could have been.



Brian Wilson performing during the Beach Boys' 50th Anniversary Reunion Tour in 2012. Wilson steered the Beach Boys' musical direction, contributing his falsetto vocals and melodic basslines to the group's sound.

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Brian Wilson, co-founder and leading member of the Beach Boys, wrote and produced much of the bands' most influential material. His work on "Smile" would push the band to its limits.

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# IN A FEW WORDS:

## Cartoonist Bob Englehart's work featured at The Dodd Center

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Political cartoons are often an overlooked field in newspapers. While many comic strips can leave readers in stitches, political cartoons can do the same while raising a thought-provoking point. They can be comedic, serious, critical or supportive, depending on what the artist feels that day. This medium has been around since before the Revolutionary War broke out and continues to be relevant over 250 years later.

One of the more revered contemporary cartoonists is Bob Englehart, whose work is currently featured at the Dodd Center.

Englehart has produced political cartoons for over 50 years, most notably working for the Hartford Courant. On Wednesday, Nov. 8, a reception was held for the opening of "Bob Englehart...In a Few Words," at the Dodd Center featuring a Q&A with Englehart himself. Topics of discussion ranged from how Englehart was able to get his start in creating political car-

toons, what he's up to now and the very meaning and importance of political comics.

Englehart's work is characterized by its sharp wittiness and thought-provoking messages, conjuring up both praise and criticism over the last few decades. Featured in the Dodd Center exhibit are several hand-drawn drafts, showcasing his process of creating each piece. Cartoons from throughout his career are on display, poking fun at political events from the late 1970s up to the present.

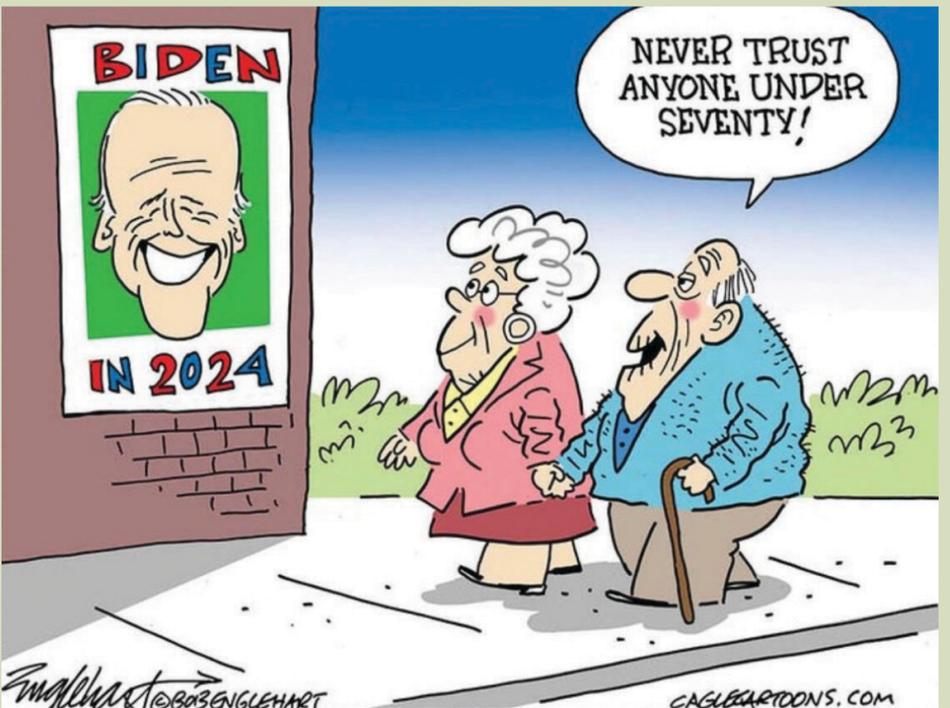
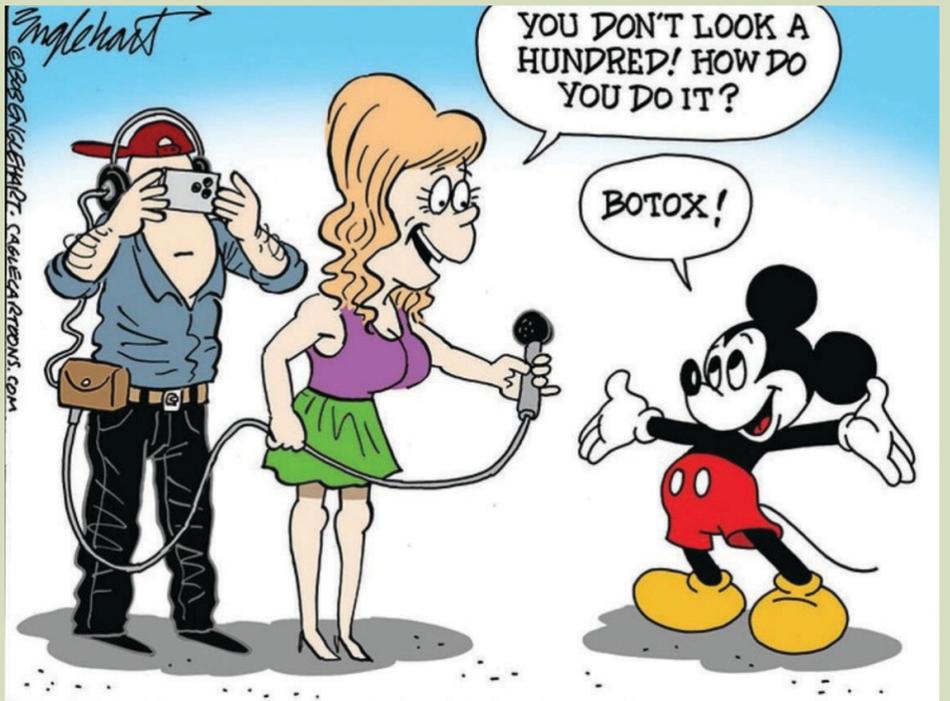
Englehart discussed his humble beginnings as a cartoonist, attending the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He worked for the Chicago Journal before moving to his hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and starting his own studio which drew comics for the Dayton Daily News.

The current elephant in the room when discussing politics right now is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Englehart's aversion to covering the conflict was a point of discussion. In his view, creating a comic critical of either side will just cause more issues. "What's my role, what's my offer? I can offer laughter," the artist said. While there are

certainly other points to a political cartoon, humor and entertainment will always be at the core of its purpose, which is why Englehart recognizes the importance of these aspects over just stating an opinion.

Englehart also brought up the waning popularity of political comics and newspapers in general, reflecting on his long career in the business. He shared a story of being invited to the White House with dozens of other political cartoonists to meet with former President Ronald Reagan, stating that just wouldn't happen anymore. Creating comics for decades allowed him to meet with countless people he wouldn't have met otherwise, including multiple presidents. "You never knew who would walk through one day," the artist said in a reflection on working at the Hartford Courant.

While Englehart retired from the Hartford Courant in 2015, he is still an active artist. His comics are still regularly published in newspapers across the United States, as well as on his website, bobenglehart.com. His exhibit will be hosted at the Schimmelpfeng Gallery at the Dodd Center until March 2024.



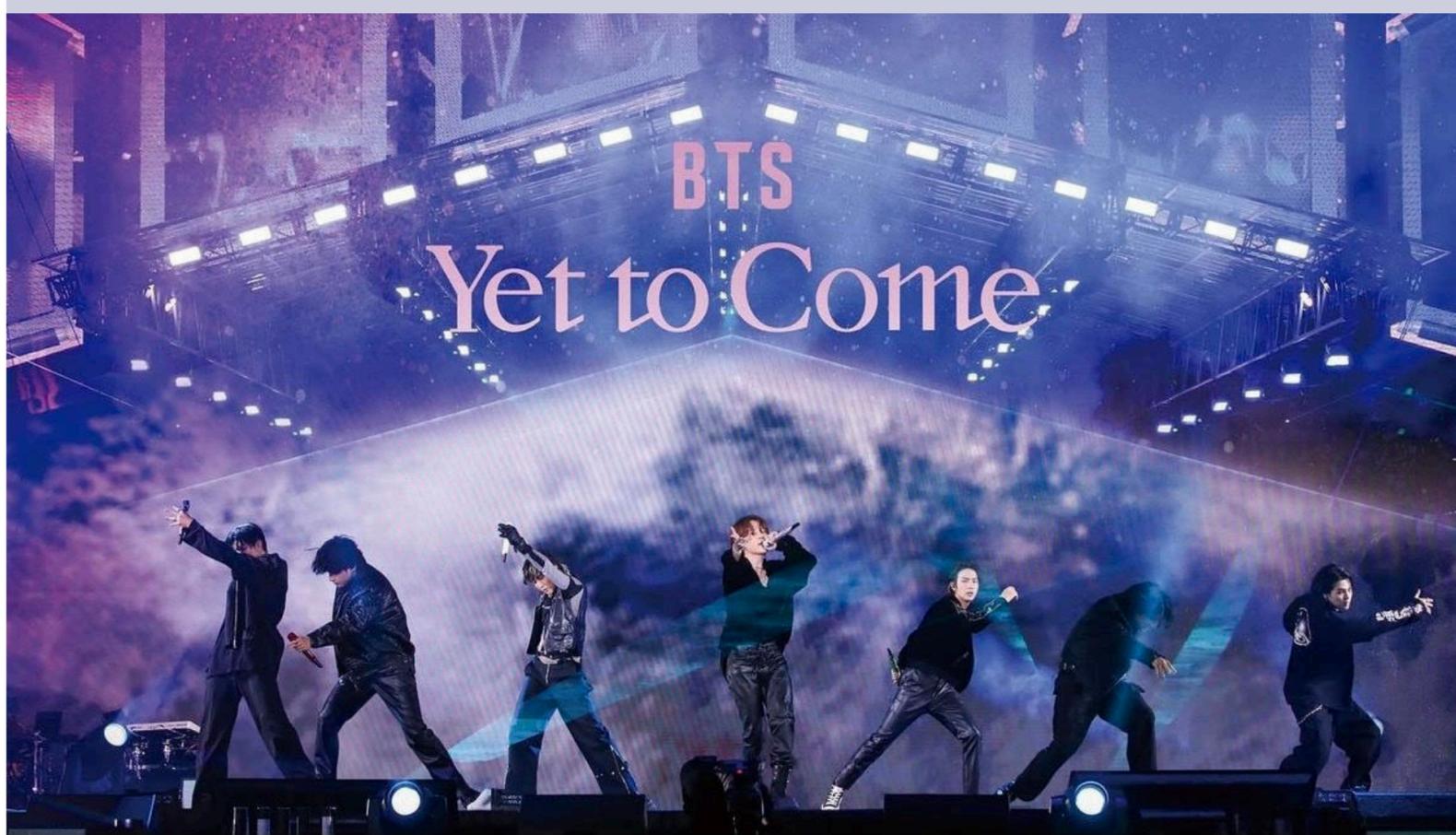
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# Life

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# “BTS: Yet to Come,” A last hurrah



**BTS members perform their final concert before several members are enlisted into the military. Fans emotionally watched as the performance included many of the group's signature songs amidst a hope to reunite at a later date.**

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This Thursday, Prime Video released the concert film “BTS: Yet to Come” starring the record-breaking K-pop group BTS, whose members consist of RM, Jin, Suga, J-Hope, Jimin, V and Jungkook. “Yet to Come” is a concert film of the group’s last concert together back on Oct. 15, 2022, before the members decided to take a break as a group so individual members could fulfill their duty to enlist in the military — as all men in South Korea have to do by the age of 28.

Because of the contributions they have made for South Korea, the oldest member of the group, Jin, was able to enlist later than 28 due to a revision made to the enlistment law. This revision states that K-pop entertainers who have received government medals for helping spread Korean culture around the world can apply to defer their military service. Each member of BTS met this require-

ment after they became the youngest people to receive the Order of Cultural Merit from the South Korean government in 2018. Currently three out of the seven members are in the military, but the group hopes to reunite in 2025.

The “Yet to Come in Busan” concert featured in the film originally happened in October 2022. While at the time there was excitement about the concert — especially with tickets being free — there was also an air of uncertainty around it due to talks of it being the group’s last concert for a long time amidst fears that they would disband. Many fans were left worried as they didn’t know what to expect once the concert ended.

The setlist BTS performed for this concert perfectly addressed the emotions felt by many during this time while also being a trip down memory lane for long-time fans of the group. Throughout the concert the members contin-

ued to give their all as they always do, with high-energy choreography paired with stable rap and vocals.

The opening songs of the night were filled with energy and complex choreography, with tracks like “Mic Drop,” “Run BTS,” “Run” and “Save Me” starting off the performance.

The next songs of the evening showcased the group’s vocal and rap lines. The vocal line consists of members Jin, Jimin, V and Jungkook. They performed the song “00:00,” reminding fans to always have hope that things will get better when times are tough, and they also performed one of their more ballad-esque songs from 2015, “Butterfly.” The rap line consists of remaining members Suga, J-Hope and RM, who performed the hard-hitting rap song “UGH!” as well as one of their iconic cyphers, “Cypher Part 3,” which they hadn’t performed in years, completely surprising fans.

After those songs they performed some of their most famous hits like their Billboard chart-toppers “Dynamite,” “Butter” and “Boy with Luv.” They then performed more of their high-energy songs such as “Ma City,” which describes their roots, “Dope,” which encourages the youth to pursue their dreams, “Fire,” which simply is about doing what you want no matter what anyone says and “Idol,” encouraging fans to love themselves.

So far the concert had felt like a never ending festival, but after “Idol,” the performance started to have a bittersweet and melancholic feel. The songs performed afterwards matched these emotions. Both “Epilogue: Young Forever” and “For Youth” reflected on the group’s youth and their desire to continue pursuing their dreams with their fans supporting them for years to come. The group then finally addressed the topic many fans were worried

about: the future. To these doubts, member J-Hope, teary-eyed, simply stated, “I think this is the time where we shape our future with trust in one another.” He refers to the trust that the group will reunite and that this isn’t a final goodbye.

The group then started the encore of the concert, and a more hopeful atmosphere was present. Once again the songs picked for this encore perfectly matched these emotions. The group performed a fan favorite, “Spring Day,” about how they would meet again, followed by “Yet to Come,” showing how this is only the beginning and the best is yet to come for the group.

Overall, “BTS: Yet to Come” is a concert film that tugs at the heart strings of fans and once again reminds them that the best is yet to come while also showcasing BTS’ talent and artistry and why they are considered to be some of the best musicians in the world.

## RATING: 5/5





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### ► Editorial

# TO UCONN, STUDENTS BLEED GREEN

The University of Connecticut unveiled a proposed \$678 tuition increase Monday, Oct. 30 over the course of two public forums held in Konover Auditorium at the Dodd Center for Human Rights, according to The Daily Campus. The fiscal year 2024-25 tuition increase, paired with a \$384 hike in housing and fees, is the last of five tuition increases established in a plan created by university officials in 2019.

According to Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Geoghegan, the \$1,062 in added costs to undergraduate residential students was calculated to address inflation in the consumer price index and in food and beverages prices. Additionally, Geoghegan reassured students that the significant price hikes in housing and dining would "stay in housing and dining," according to The Daily Campus, meaning that new revenues from fees will only be spent on their respective departments. The importance of reinvestment in facilities is amplified by an asbestos inspection at Buckley Hall that was prompted by trace presence of the carcinogenic material in one of the building's rooms.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board is cognizant of the impacts of price increases for commodities, food and housing on individuals and large American institutions such as UConn. These changes do not happen in a vacuum; rather, they are implicit in the United States' economic system, in which corporate profits — or "marked up" revenues in excess of the cost of inputs and labor — have been found to be heavily drivers of inflation.

Additionally, we would be remiss not to acknowledge the often thankless labor of UConn faculty and staff, especially within the realms of the non-union custodial and dining sectors. The latter may earn as little as \$17.67 for a full-time position working 8.5-hour shifts feeding thousands of UConn students, according to the dining services website. Compensat-

ing the workers that make UConn function — dining and facilities staff, graduate assistants, full-time administrative workers and undergraduate employees, many of whom are vulnerable to increases in costs of living or attendance — is rightfully the university's largest operating expense, costing over \$690 million in the 2024 fiscal year, according to the Office of Budget, Planning and Institutional Research spending plan.

However, while students should be aware that the employees who house and feed them do not get paid from thin air, The Daily Campus Editorial Board also stresses that it is not students and their families who employ UConn staff — it is UConn, an ostensibly "public" institution. As the Editorial Board has previously discussed, UConn's plateauing reliance on the state for funding has placed the onus of financing the university on students, as anticipated by the five-year plan that has raised tuition by nearly 23.3% since 2019.

According to a 2011 study by the American Educational Research Association, every \$100 increase in the cost of attending university results in a 0.25% reduction in enrollment. While this may sound like an insignificant figure, accounting for last year's residential first-year class size of 4,075 and a nearly \$1,300 tuition and fee increase for the previous fiscal year, this statistic means UConn may have closed its doors to 132 students due to cost barriers. For others, this creates a greater dependency on financial aid, creating additional pressures on the university's finances that will be felt even harder by low-income students next year.

For a university that celebrates its freshman class as "outstanding," it has a strange way of representing them — by putting up additional obstacles to affording UConn, not to mention potentially exposing them to asbestos if they live in Buckley. Rather than the trademark blue of the beloved UConn Huskies, our university would rather see us "bleed green."

# THE MAKINGS OF AN ALL-AMERICAN INCHEL

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At what point does advocating for men's mental health transform into advocating for misogyny? This was a question my Instagram algorithm tried to reveal the answer to as I doomscrolled while procrastinating thinking of an idea for an article for this week. Men's mental health is an issue society has become increasingly aware of in recent years. Although it is not nearly a fully destigmatized issue among men themselves, there is still progress being made in breaking down the barriers that prevent them from seeking the help they need in times of crisis. Yet, the growing influence of the internet in people's daily lives has enabled this issue to be co-opted by people taking advantage of young, impressionable and mentally unwell men. This process, commonly known as the "alt-right pipeline," has led to the creation of one of the newest and most dangerous communities of men, with effects both on the internet and American culture: the brand-new American incel.

Officially known as involuntary celibates, this community has gained recent notoriety with some of their views broadcasted by famous internet figures, with the most easily recognized being Alex Jones, Ben Shapiro and alleged rapist and human trafficker Andrew Tate. The hallmarks of incel ideology are white supremacy, self-hatred and violent misogyny. Now, all this would be less damaging if it was solely confined to sad people complaining on the internet, but this group has been growing and becoming much more active recently.

There have been many terrorist actions related to incel ideologies over the last decade, including Elliot Rodger, who killed six in 2014 while trying to instigate a "war on women" for not having sex with him. Alek Minassian and Christopher Harper-Mercer were inspired by similar ideologies, killing 10 and nine people respectively in later years. The Anti-Defamation League describes incels as the most violent subset of the "manosphere," the broader misogynistic communities online, and their actions have only continued in recent years. This growth comes in the context of a great rise of the alt-right en-

abled by the populist politics of Republican leaders like Donald Trump. This isn't just a bunch of internet losers lamenting their virginity, and ignoring it as some weird subculture issue is going to let it continue to fester and grow. It is important to call it what it is and deal with it as such: a violent hate group.

The underlying psychology of the alt-right pipeline is undoubtedly based on insecurity and toxic masculinity. The range of reasons from economic, physical and social insecurities all allow for the subtle infiltration of ideas from the alt-right pipeline. In incel circles, a popular example of this is how they complain about the sexual revolution when someone feels insecure or ashamed of their own lack of sex. At the end of the day, that's the key to all this — the comforting nature of the message underneath all the inflammatory words. They are basically saying "it's not your fault" to a male population that doesn't know how to deal with their problems and is failing to take responsibility for their own lives. It's a nice answer — but not a real one — that some bald sexist like Andrew Tate is going to show you the way to being rich, successful and surrounded by beautiful women if only you're willing to go back to being a "real man."

The internet is the central avenue through which relatively normal men are made into violent incels because of two main factors: algorithms and anonymity. YouTube is a great example of the first point, as there are specific choices the platform made in the 2010s that promoted watch time while having the unintended side effect of giving right-wing extremist content a boost. According to some YouTube employees, executives

were obsessed with increasing watch time (aka revenue), but rarely considered the effect this had on extreme political content. To be clear, more than 70% of all time people spend on YouTube is based on algorithmic recommendations; this is pretty important on the website with the second highest traffic worldwide and used by 94% of 18 to 24-year-olds. This problem also exists on other algorithmic sites, like TikTok, which can complete the process at incredible speeds due to the nature of short-form content.

Anonymity is the main problem on other types of forum-based websites, as this allows users to feel confident in sharing their hateful thoughts that would usually get them punched in the face in the real world. Websites like 4chan are the final destination for incels in development, wherein they can now contribute their own recently developed ideas and plans for violence in unregulated spaces made to support them. It is where their distorted views of reality are validated and expanded on through interpersonal socialization in what is probably the closest thing to a real community that most incels have ever felt in their life. Although this occurs on a much smaller scale, there is where the most dangerous individuals exist and it deserves its own attention as well.

This issue is very real and potent in society today, worthy of a national discussion on mental health and the internet's role in radicalization. The solutions to such a problem are varied and require change on a societal level (some of which I will talk about in-depth next week), but before that, it's important to recognize the disease spreading before us.



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## Opinion

## Photo of the Day | Sunny vibes



A view of Storrs campus on Nov. 9, 2023. North Parking Garage and the Gant Science Complex can be seen illuminated by the sunset.  
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# Schools need to adjust how they teach languages

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I studied French in school for three years and couldn't hold a single spontaneous conversation. We were supposedly learning the important phrases and words necessary for travel to a French-speaking country or province, but really all I, and most of my classmates, could do was repeat a few select phrases that would most likely be completely useless in a real conversation. Only if the stars aligned and the solely French-speaking person that I was speaking to followed a very specific and unrealistic script while speaking at half speed, could I have a chance of utilizing what I learned in school. Granted, many people don't have a vested interest in learning another language, although I would personally attribute that apathy to other failings of the education system. Learning another language opens up incredible opportunities to study another culture and connect with the millions of people who speak that language. While English is becoming a universal language, it's still incredibly important and beneficial to learn more languages for connections, experiences and brain development.

Not until I began studying French in my own way outside

of school did I start to make any progress. Like many others, I struggled to find motivation to learn another language. But my aunt, who's fluent in French, inspired me to start really learning. Combined with the cognitive benefits and opening up new cultures and countries to travel to, there was little reason not to pursue language learning. I wasn't sure where to start as I couldn't hold a conversation. So I started watching French YouTube videos. Initially I watched videos about the French language, with online professors explaining grammar rules or teaching me new words. Although not very fun, this was an important step as it allowed me to brush up on what I had learned in school. Apps like Duolingo can also be helpful in this way.

The biggest step I took that made a difference was narrating my plan for the day in French. I didn't expect it to make as big of a difference as it did, but by thinking in French, I was creating a natural foundation of the language and learning words that were relevant to my life specifically. Rather than looking up important words and phrases that are commonly used, I was looking up phrases and words that I personally use a lot. In working towards translating my day to day activities, I found I didn't have to look up certain words and verbs anymore because I used

them so much. I repeated verbs such as "to have to" or "to want" in my mind dozens of times and have since been ingrained in my mind. I didn't need a language partner to do this as I was just thinking about my day. I would also try my best to journal at the end of the day about the things I did, which is a useful practice in general, whether you're doing it to learn a language or not. I was hitting two birds with one stone, which helped keep me motivated. The act of writing out the activities I did made it more personal and fun, as well as easier to remember new words. I found I was progressing very quickly in my language learning, all while doing things I enjoyed, or things I was basically doing anyway. Soon enough, I had a solid base to start watching French videos and movies. I also began reading French books, working my way from children's books to more adult books. I found that if I read a French version of a book I've read a lot, I didn't need to know what every word meant because I had the book basically memorized in English. Once I could understand enough and was able to form sentences that I commonly use in English, I could practice by conversing in French with my aunt. This mode of practicing is, in my opinion, the most fun and rewarding part of language learning. Not everybody has somebody they

know that speaks their target language, but there are many ways to meet people who speak it, whether through school, clubs or programs in your area.

Learning a new language is no easy task, especially if you don't have someone to practice with. The current system schools use for teaching languages is not working and it's important that people learn this skill. Learning a new language can be incredibly fun and rewarding as you can consume content and media and still be learning a language. Schools should put more focus on allowing students to engage in the language in their own way, including having projects and exams focused on more personal topics or by consuming more entertaining and interesting content in class. Schools can't force stu-

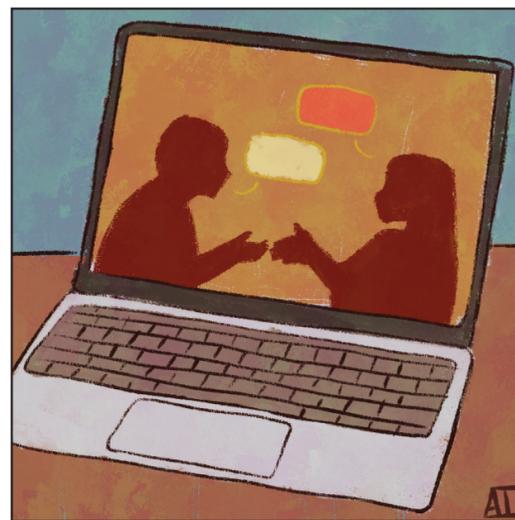


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dents to take time outside of class to practice more, but dedicating an hour a day in class is a great start. Assigning more interesting homework is important as well, such as preparing sentences about your day to share. Rather than assigning homework of filling out worksheets with boring information using words and phrases you can't apply to your life, we should emphasize a personal connection to the language. Language learning can be very personalized and has endless possibilities of practicing and studying, unlike other subjects, and this trait should be utilized when designing lesson plans.

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Social media influencers Charli and Dixie D'Amelio recently posted a promotional video for their new popcorn line, "Be Happy Snacks," in collaboration with Walmart. In the TikTok video, designed to promote this product, they dressed up as Walmart cashiers, donning the trademark uniforms and perform-

ing tasks that employees do, such as ringing up at the register and restocking products. It was basically an elaborate cosplay session, with the characters they were playing being minimum wage workers.

This marketing play garnered a lot of backlash — fans criticized the stars for "cosplaying" minimum wage workers, with one person commenting on their TikTok "it's kinda patronizing," while another said "did you have fun cosplaying?" I resonated with these comments because

they highlighted the discomfort and unease I felt while watching these videos.

This discomfort stems from many factors and the comment, "it's kinda patronizing" captures a critical factor of that. Many people felt the video was condescending and trivializing the real struggle of working class people. According to Policy Link, "working poor" is defined as full-time workers below 200 percent of the poverty line. Alarmingly, there are currently over 100 million people living below this threshold in the United States, which is one in three people.

In stark juxtaposition to that, Charli and Dixie D'Amelio have amassed a combined net worth of \$30 million dollars. These are millionaires pretending to be workers, who can barely make ends meet. Additionally, their socioeconomic background contributes to why the video is so insensitive. They come from a very privileged background with

## COSPLAYING MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS ISN'T FUNNY

their father, Marc D'Amelio, being a successful businessman with a net worth of \$2 billion dollars. They have always been far removed from the working class and the struggles that come with it, which range from financial concerns to job insecurities. They come from a different world, one where they haven't had to struggle like the working class do.

Although this type of trend isn't new, it is certainly disheartening to see celebrities with such immense privilege and a platform choosing to make this decision. They are so out of touch that they chose to dress up as minimum wage workers, which in their eyes was for a fun little promotional video. Additionally, it is important to highlight the financial implications of this. This video and this promotion is prob-

ably bringing in thousands of dollars for them. They are profiting off mimicking a reality that is so far disconnected from the world that they live in, and this profit comes at the expense of empathy and understanding for the working class, and in turn, is exploiting the struggles of working class people.

This controversy highlights the profound chasm between celebrities and working class people. With a platform that big, there is a certain responsibility in how you choose to use your platform and your privilege. Even if you are not an advocate, the bare minimum is not making a mockery of people and the work that they do. This invites us to reflect on the importance of empathy and compassion and the need for more thoughtful influencers.



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# WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: UCONN SETS SIGHTS ON BUTLER AND XAVIER REMATCHES

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The UConn women's volleyball team is wrapping up their season in the next couple of weeks with just four competitions left until the Big East Championship later this month.

With just two more weekend series left until the group bids their farewell, the Huskies will gear up for the final push. The first challenge of the upcoming weekend will feature Butler, one of the two conference teams UConn has beaten. When the pair faced off earlier this season in mid-October, UConn emerged victorious in a 3-1 win. The squad will hope for a similar outcome this weekend as they have spent the better half of the season perfecting their gameplay on both offensive and defensive fronts.

Although October's match-up resulted in a win, it was not an easy contest for the Huskies. The Bulldogs' skill level

was on par with the Huskies as neither team was able to secure a scoring margin of more than a few points. Despite its three set wins, UConn only secured these wins by a lead of two or three. It will be critical for UConn to remain on its toes this weekend and refrain from any attacking errors.

Since their previous match-up, both teams have only secured one win and will each be fighting to prove themselves.

While on the court, the Huskies should be wary of junior Mariah Grunze, a team leader with an impressive 333 kills. On the UConn side, Emma Werkmeister will continue her role as a team leader and will work to match any offensive plays from the Bulldogs.

Following the Butler contest, the Huskies will prepare for Xavier, currently No. 3 in the conference. The Musketeers

have been a dominant force on the court this season and will be walking into the matchup on a three-game winning streak.

Historically, UConn has swept Xavier but the tides turned this season, as the Musketeers were able to swiftly dismantle the Huskies. In their contest earlier this season, Xavier was able to gain significant momentum from the start and prevented any chance of a UConn recovery. The contest yielded several attack errors from the Huskies and significantly hindered their ability to gain traction on the scoreboard.

Even though the Musketeers have had a dominant season, they are not an impossible opponent. The group unexpectedly fell to the No. 6 seat, DePaul in late October. While the loss to DePaul was an unusual outcome, the Huskies should use any weakness in the Xavier lineup to their advantage.



UConn women's volleyball competes against St. John's on Nov. 4, 2023 at the UConn Volleyball Center. The Huskies got swept 0-3 for the third match in a row.  
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# SWIM AND DIVE: HUSKIES LOOK TO SNAP TWO-GAME SKID IN KINGSTON

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In their most recent outing, the UConn swim and dive team fell to the Northeastern Huskies on the road, 165.5 to 133.5. Now, Connecticut hits the road once again, this time for a weekend showdown against the University of Rhode Island as they look to snap their two-meet losing streak.

Both programs need a bounce-back performance after suffering defeats in their recent outings. The Huskies began the season with blowout victories over Southern Connecticut State (163-90) and Georgetown (175-125), but have dropped two straight to Villanova and Northeastern. In its recent losses, UConn has gotten off to slow starts, especially in the 100 yard backstroke and the 50 yard freestyle. On the other side, Rhode Island comes into this meet with a record of three and one but dropped their last meeting to Providence College, 157-124. Prior to the loss, the Rams were victorious over Siena (167.5-132.5), Springfield College (196-99) and Coast Guard (183-108). The match will take place at the Tootell Aquatic Center on Rhode Island's campus.

UConn is led by Niamh Hofland and Ana Laura Faoro, who have delivered strong outings early on this season for Connecti-

cut. In their most recent performance, Hofland and Faoro led the way for victories in the 3-meter diving event and 1000 yard freestyle. For Hofland specifically, she would go on to win the 500 yard freestyle and 200 yard medley for the Huskies in their loss to Northeastern. Additionally, freshman Olivia Herbert has turned heads in her first couple of races with strong outings in the 200 yard breaststroke and 200 yard butterfly.

For Rhode Island, Rylee Kelly and Hannah Benavides come into this one after great performances in the program's recent loss to Providence. The pair were both two-time winners for the Rams. Kelly won both the 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter freestyle events. Benavides, who has won all five individual races that she's competed in this season, took first in both the 50-meter breaststroke and the 100-meter individual medley. Rising sophomore Lily Hsu has also been a key contributor for the Rams, winning the one-meter dive event in three out of four races this season.

These evenly matched northeast programs look to get back into the win column this Saturday, Nov. 11, with the event beginning at 1 p.m. Results for the matchup can be found at [uconnhuskies.com](http://uconnhuskies.com).



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# Men's Soccer: Late goals sink Huskies, eliminated from Big East tournament

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Despite a strong showing on defense that kept the game scoreless late into the second period, the No. 5 University of Connecticut men's soccer team was eliminated from the Big East Tournament following a 2-0 loss in the semifinal round to No. 1 Georgetown on Thursday evening.

The Hoyas put pressure on Connecticut's defense straight from the opening kick, forcing Jayden Hibbert to be extremely active in the goal early. Georgetown managed two looks from within UConn's goal in the first five minutes, but Hibbert made sprawling saves on both to keep the game scoreless.

The Huskies managed their first real chance in the seventh minute, getting off multiple attempts from within Georgetown's congested goal, but the Hoya defenders stepped up to clear the ball. Soon after, Georgetown's Marlon Tabora made a sweet move to get past Connecticut captain Guillaume Vacter and penetrate UConn's box, but Hibbert again stepped up to take away Tabora's only look at the corner of the goal. In the 12th minute, Jack Loura made a sliding play to recover a loose ball that could've caused danger inside UConn's goal to stop another Georgetown chance.

The next 18 minutes of the half proved to be fairly stagnant as both teams exchanged fouls and possessions. For the most part, the ball stayed on the UConn half of the field for those minutes as Georgetown put pressure on Connecticut defenders but could not break through the back line. The Hoyas' Kenny Nielsen received the first yellow card of the contest in the 30th minute after pulling a UConn player down from behind.

In the 31st minute, Connecticut's Pierce Bateson kicked into another gear to slice through three Georgetown defenders as he passed midfield, but his shot from outside of the box sliced left and away from the goal. The Huskies had another chance in the 41st minute when Eli Conway broke into the Hoyas' goal, but his attempt to pass the ball through the defense was deflected away. Georgetown had the final chance of half with 30 seconds remaining when Matthew Van Horn sliced through UConn defenders, but his shot from far sailed high and over the net.

Georgetown outshot the Huskies 8-1 over the scoreless first half. In total, Hibbert made four saves for Connecticut while Hoya goalie Ryan Schewe had none due largely to Georgetown's ability to keep the ball on UConn's side of the field.

The Hoyas had the first chance of the second half in the sixth minute of action when Tabora headed a cross pass from within the Husky goal, but Hibbert once again stepped up to corral the save. Joe Buck had another chance to head in a score for Georgetown one minute later but his try missed the goal to the left. A close offside call erased what could've been yet another scoring chance for the Hoyas just another minute later.

It was Tabora who converted the first score of the contest in the 69th minute of play. At the top of the Husky goal, Georgetown's Kieran Sargeant fed a close pass to Tabora at the top of the box. Tabora stepped up to receive the ball and quickly turned around a shot that curved from the left to the right, squeezing past the outstretched arms of Hibbert and into the net. After the Hoyas were able to consistently penetrate the UConn box, Tabora's score from far was equally impressive and surpris-



UConn men's soccer 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. PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

ing. With the game entering the later stages, Georgetown had finally jumped out to a 1-0 lead.

The game was temporarily paused in the 75th minute when the referees reviewed a yellow card against the Huskies' Loura. After revealing the foul, UConn's Mousa Wade was also given a yellow for his involvement in the play. UConn pieced together what was their final chance on offense in the 82nd minute after Conway was fed the ball deep the Georgetown box but his shot from close sailed over the bar.

The Hoyas put the game away with their second goal with just over three minutes of action remaining. Kyle Linhares penetrated the Connecticut box but had his drive stopped by UConn defender Josh Morgan. The ball trickled a few feet away to an open Max Vi-

era, who lifted a line drive kick into the top-right of the net off of the rebound, giving the Hoyas a 2-0 lead that they would not relinquish. The game-sealing score sent a surge of energy through the home fans. Wade received a red card after the game had been all but finalized.

The win catapults Georgetown to the championship round of the Big East Tournament, where they will play host to No. 2 Xavier.

"Since the start of [last] spring's semester, we knew that the work we were putting in was to get here today, win today, and get to Sunday's game," Tabora said following the contest. "This is a winning program. Our goal is always to get as many wins as we can during the regular season. Obviously, our mindset is on Sunday but we're also keeping an eye on the upcoming NCAA tournament."

In total, the Hoyas outshot UConn 16-5, putting seven shots on goal while the Huskies did not have a shot on goal. A total of 26 fouls were committed, 16 by Connecticut and 10 by Georgetown. The Hoyas had three offside calls to UConn's zero and attempted nine corner kicks to the Huskies' three. Hibbert recorded five saves in the contest while Schewe, not facing any shots that were placed on goal, had zero saves for Georgetown.

The loss eliminated Connecticut from the conference tournament, but there's hope that their season will remain alive with a bid to the upcoming NCAA Tournament. If their season is indeed over, the 2023 Huskies will be a team that is remembered for the resilience and passion that they played with in every game.

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## Photo of the Day | Firm handshake



UConn men's soccer 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. PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Women's Hockey: Huskies electric after Northeastern sweep, now gearing up for Maine sequence

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The UConn women's hockey team is on cloud nine with a four-game winning streak and a monumental win against their Hockey East counterpart, Northeastern.

This past weekend, UConn proved that there's only room for one team of Huskies on the ice, and it would not be Northeastern. In a critical two-game sweep, the UConn team took down their historically undefeated Boston opponent. The victories were no small feat for UConn as it has fallen to Northeastern for 16 games straight, with the exception of one tie, since 2018.

Although the season is still just beginning, the UConn crew has already made several impressive comebacks and has climbed the ladder to claim a seat at the table with the best of the best. While the group has earned the No. 2 conference spot, they must refrain from getting too comfortable.

This weekend, the Huskies will be heading north to take on a familiar opponent, Maine. While the Black Bears haven't had a spectacular start to the season with a 4-6 record, they may pose a bit of a challenge for the Huskies. Historically, the pair has battled the contest out until the last second, but this year the Huskies have been exceptionally dominant.

Looking ahead, UConn should aim to capitalize on finding the back of the net. While the Huskies are averaging roughly 24 shots per game, Maine is averaging 30. If the Huskies remain steadfast in their offensive intensity and repeatedly fire off the puck, chances are they will find the back of the net.

The Maine offensive line may also experience a bit of trouble this weekend as they will be coming face-to-face with UConn's powerhouse goaltenders. Last weekend's Northeastern shutouts earned both Megan Warrener and Tia Chan the Hockey East goaltender of the week title.

Warrener has already demonstrated remarkable reliability in the net with a .985 save percentage as she has only let in one shot across four matchups. Chan has been equally impressive with 159 saves across seven games so far this season.

In addition to remarkable athletes in the net, UConn has seen impressive strides in the offensive line. Across the board, the group has been a commanding force when attacking, with several players already raking in goal after goal. Graduate student and team captain Coryn Tormala is currently leading the women with an impressive seven goals in the books. Teammates Brooke Campbell, Riley Grimley and Jada Habisch all follow close behind with six.

With the Huskies back in the polls and maintaining the No. 12 spot in the USA Hockey rankings, they can enjoy a confidence boost walking into the weekend. If all goes well and the Huskies' maintain their momentum, the Huskies' can anticipate a sixth win in the books.



It was Huskies against Huskies at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, where Northeastern faced off against UConn on Friday, Nov. 8. After a 3-0 win Friday night, UConn secured yet another on Saturday, Nov. 9, winning 1-0. It was a fantastic weekend for the women's hockey team. PHOTOGRAPH BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Men's Hockey: Ice Bus tries to stay hot against Merrimack

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After a five-score effort that propelled them to a much-needed victory against Vermont last Saturday, the UConn men's ice hockey team will look to continue their strong play when they take on Merrimack College for two games this weekend.

The Huskies spent last weekend in Burlington, Vermont for two games against UVM. After losing the first match on Friday, UConn responded with a monster offensive showing in the third period of Saturday's contest. The Ice Bus found themselves down 2-0 before a Samu Salminen goal in the second period cut the deficit in half. In the fifth minute of the third, Tristan Fraser managed a score to tie the contest at two goals apiece and initiated what amounted to a dominant minute of action by Connecticut's offense. Not even 30 seconds later, Matthew Wood slammed home a close shot off of a rebound to give the Huskies a 3-2 lead. A Vermont penalty

on the goal put the Huskies on a power play where Wood again was able to slice through defenders and knock in his second goal within another 12 seconds. The Ice Bus scored three goals in the fifth minute of the third period alone. For good measure, Jake Percival scored an empty net goal with just over one minute remaining in regulation to secure the 5-2 win for the away team.

"I think that we need to continue to focus on playing well, creating scoring opportunities and maybe getting the puck to the net more," UConn head coach Mike Cavanaugh said ahead of this weekend's tilt versus Merrimack. "When you saw Fraser's goal and both of Woods' goals, they both had gotten to the net. Those are the things that we really needed to focus on."

Saturday's showing brought the Huskies' overall record on the campaign to 4-5-1, including 2-2-0 when facing Hockey East opponents. With five points in conference play, Connecticut is tied with Boston University and Vermont for fifth place in the conference. In the early going, the Ice Bus has

had to grind through eight away games of their 10 games played overall; Cavanaugh noted that the team will embrace their return home to the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Connecticut.

Merrimack enters the weekend series having lost each of their previous two contests to No. 13 Maine, though not due to a lack of effort: The Warriors lost the both contests by one goal, 2-1 and 5-4, respectively. In the 5-4 loss, Merrimack showed tremendous fight after finding themselves down 3-0 late in the second period. Mac Welsher managed the Warriors' first goal with five minutes remaining in the period, though two more scores by Maine gave the team a 5-1 lead and forced Merrimack to make a change at goalie. In the third period, two goals by Alex Jefferies and one by Michael Citara made the game 5-4, though the Warriors were unable to sink the equalizing score. Still, the effort was encouraging considering Merrimack had found themselves down big with plenty of time remaining in the match.

Though they aren't ranked, some members of the United States Hockey Organization have voted for Merrimack as a team that should crack the top-20 in the nation. Based on votes, Merrimack is currently the No. 25 college hockey program according to the NCAA website. The Warriors are currently 3-4 overall including 1-2 versus Hockey East opponents. Their three points in conference play place them in a tie for ninth place in the Hockey East alongside Massachusetts.

Freshman Jake Richard has fit right into his new home in Storrs, settling in as one of coach Cavanaugh's biggest weapons on offense. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Richard is tied for second in Connecticut in plus/minus with a plus-4. He's also second on the team in points with seven, which consists of two goals and five assists on the season. After scoring a point in three straight games, Richard has gone scoreless over his previous three games. A rebound performance this weekend would do wonders for UConn's odds against the Warriors.

Welsher has been among the top performers for Merrimack this season. He's tied for second on the team with six points, made up of two goals and four assists. His plus-6 plus/minus is tops for the Warriors. A graduate student from Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, Welsher has scored a point in five of Merrimack's seven games this year. Welsher's hot start puts him on pace to set new career-highs across the board: He scored 12 points in 33 games last season and already has six through just his team's first seven contests.

The Huskies are 9-11-5 overall when facing Merrimack in the past. The Warriors annihilated Connecticut in their most recent contest last December, winning by a score of 7-3. Before that, the Ice Bus had won each of the prior five games between the two programs.

The two teams will meet for the first of two games on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. from the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs. Game two will come on Saturday, Nov. 11, from the Volpe Athletic Complex in North Andover, Massachusetts, also at 7 p.m. Fans at home can catch each game live on ESPN+.

# MEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 6 UCONN PREPARES FOR XL CENTER SHOWDOWN AGAINST STONEHILL

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The UConn men's basketball team is in prime position for success following their 95-52 blowout win over Northern Arizona. While there are still some things to clean up, the Huskies have a chance this Saturday, Nov. 11, to put all doubt to rest as they travel to Hartford, Connecticut, to host Stonehill.

While putting up 95 points in 40 minutes is impressive, the path to get there wasn't perfect for Dan Hurley and company. Connecticut struggled early on from the charity stripe, shooting 9-17 in the first half. The free throw efficiency improved in the final 20 minutes, as they put up a respectable 15-20 mark. However, the shooting woes were not just from the line. The Huskies failed to capitalize on many of their three-point tries, finishing 28% from beyond the arc.

On the bright side, a positive for the program was their ability to create offense in the paint, and this will be something to watch on Saturday afternoon. Even if the team's shooting improves, why not continue that offensive barrage inside the paint? UConn scored 50 points inside the key against the Lumberjacks. With their incredible size, this scoring attack could prove to be too much for the young Skyhawks squad.

A big question in the Huskies' Gampel Pavilion opener was how their rotation would look. Donovan Clingan didn't even crack 15 minutes in the home opener as he's coming off a foot strain, with Hurley revealing postgame that the center was limited to 20 minutes. In comparison, Alex Karaban, Tristen Newton and Cam Spencer all played over 25 minutes. Something else to note is the role Hassan Diarra played. The New York native came off the bench for 22 min-

utes and was solid, owning a plus/minus of 26. If Connecticut wishes to make another deep March run, their second unit needs to play like they did on Tuesday. There's no reason to see why the gameplan for UConn's bench unit would change for Saturday's 12 p.m. matchup.

The outcome was never in doubt, and it made sense to get everyone in the rotation involved to dust the off-season cobwebs off, including Samson Johnson. Johnson, the veteran big man, posed major uncertainty heading into this season, as injuries have derailed his UConn career and he was essentially re-recruited by the Connecticut coaching staff to not leave for the portal. All pre-season long, Hurley has discussed the "1-2 punch" potential that Johnson and Clingan could have, with comparisons quickly drawn to the dynamic that reigning Final Four MOP Adama Sanogo and Clingan had last year. The centers' deadly combination was on display for

banner night, and there's no reason to believe the coaching staff will make any changes against Stonehill while the 7-foot-2 center gets back to full speed.

All of Connecticut's starters played well, owning a plus/minus above 15. However, the Husky with the most impressive performance on Monday was Karaban. The 6-foot-8 forward did it all on opening night, scoring a career-high 22 points and grabbing eight boards on 8-12 shooting. With his ability inside the paint, beyond the arc and in transition, he will be a matchup nightmare for the Skyhawks coaching staff.

In case you forgot, these two programs kicked off their 2022-2023 campaigns at the XL Center last season, with Connecticut grabbing the victory, 85-54. The matchup marked Stonehill's first game in the Division-I competition, moving up from Division-II. Since that 2022 showdown, the

Skyhawks roster has dramatically changed, losing four players from last year's squad. To offset those losses, Stonehill gained three transfers and two freshmen over the offseason. Shane O'Dell is a player acquired in the transfer portal who will look to make an immediate impact for his side. The 6-foot-6 guard, who can also play the three, transferred in from Saint Rose. As a Golden Knight, he averaged 16 points and nearly seven boards a game on 46% shooting from the field. Perhaps the most impressive facet of the New Yorker's game is his endurance, as he played 32 minutes a night. Another guy to look out for is Max Zegarowski, the brother of former Creighton standout Marcus Zegarowski.

"[Zegarowski] is honestly one of the top shooters in the country." Stonehill head coach Chris Kraus told the Connecticut Scoreboard Podcast on Tuesday, "[Zegarowski] is going to get the focus of a lot of scouting reports everywhere we go where people are going to try and take him away."

Kraus giving heed to Zegarowski's shooting ability isn't just coach's talk. The 6-foot-8 forward had a breakout 2022-2023 campaign. The Massachusetts native averaged nearly 13 points a game on 45% from the field and 42% from downtown. He also has an ability inside the paint that Kraus has been vocal about incorporating. The Connecticut defense will have to gameplan for his unique offensive ability, as he is a lethal shooter and the unquestioned leader of this squad.

Never say never. However, the expectation is that the Huskies XL Center season opener will be similar to last year's blowout. Stonehill still cannot match UConn's firepower, as this is only their second year in Division-I competition. Despite this, there are broader themes that Connecticut fans should look out for. Aside from the expected outcome, this will be a game worth keeping tabs on for Husky fans.

UConn men's basketball takes on Northern Arizona University at Gampel Pavilion on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023. The Huskies took an easy win with a final score of 95-52.

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# FOOTBALL: CONNECTICUT CONCLUDES ROAD TRIP WITH CLASH VERSUS UNDEFEATED JMU

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Out of the nine opponents the UConn football team has faced in 2023, five have earned bowl eligibility and won at least six games while the other four are each 4-5. UConn does not have a bowl-eligible team left on its schedule but does not quite catch a break as its three-game road trip concludes in Harrisonburg, Virginia, versus the 9-0 James Madison Dukes on Saturday.

This is the first time both schools will meet at the Football Bowl Subdivision level. James Madison went 4-1 in the previous five matchups when both institutions were members of the Yankee and Atlantic 10 Conferences. Football Championship Subdivision powerhouses that make the jump initially struggle at the FBS level, but the Dukes have been an exception in that regard. James Madison possesses a 17-3 record since joining the Sun Belt Conference and the FBS in 2022 with a road victory over the Virginia Cavaliers back in September and a 7-1 mark in one-score games during that span.

Despite their sustained success, the Dukes cannot go bowling or participate in the conference championship game because of NCAA rules regarding the two-year transition period from the FCS to the FBS. Although they have not been ranked in either of the two College Football Playoff polls as a result of those guidelines, James Madison holds the No. 21 spot in the Associated Press Top 25.

Senior defensive lineman Jalen Green's season-ending knee injury suffered in last week's victory leaves a significant hole in a Dukes defense that allows under 20 points per game. No one individual can replace Green's FBS-leading 15.5 sacks and 21 tackles for a loss, but James Madison has several players



The Huskies face off against Utah State at Rentschler Field on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023. UConn started strong with a big lead after the first half, but could not pull off the win, with a final score of 35-34. PHOTOGRAPH BY ZACHARY MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

who can carry his workload. Redshirt sophomore Mikail Kamara ranks third on the team with 21 tackles for negative yards and leads the program with three forced fumbles. James Carpenter has 40 total tackles while redshirt senior Jamree Kromah ranks second on the team with 16.5 tackles for a loss and eight sacks.

One of seven remaining undefeated teams in the nation—five of whom hold the top five spots in both the CFP and AP Top 25 polls—the Dukes support their dynamic defense with a dual-threat passing attack. Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week Jordan McCloud crossed the century mark through the air and on the ground for the first time in his collegiate career last Saturday, additionally earning Manning Award Star of the Week recognition. Through nine games, McCloud has 28 total touchdowns with 2,330 passing yards and 314 rushing yards.

Wide receivers Reggie Brown and Elijah Sarratt are responsible for nearly 60% of those yards through the air on 83 combined receptions. Shutting down either receiver that averages over 75 yards per game does not clear an opponent from the woods yet as redshirt senior Phoenix Sproles, the cousin of Pro Football Hall of Fame All-2010s Team selection Pro Bowler Darren Sproles, has at least 50 receiving yards in three out of his last four games.

Like a majority of the Huskies' 2023 opposing gunslingers, McCloud can scramble with his legs as he is one of three players who averages at least four yards per carry. Redshirt senior running back Ty Son Lawton averages 4.8 yards on his 91 carries with four touchdowns, a slight step up from the 4.3 that redshirt sophomore Kaelon Black collects on his 114 attempts.

Lawton and McCloud each had more rushing yards by them-

selves than Connecticut did in their 59-3 loss against the now-No. 13 Tennessee Volunteers last week. Jalen Mitchell had 28 of the Huskies' 32 total rushing yards on a season-best eight carries, continuing a trend where the graduate running back has received more opportunities in light of Victor Rosa's injury. Cam Edwards has become more involved in the offense since UConn's bye week, and as the team's primary rusher for the time being, expect the sophomore running back to pick up at least 50 yards for the third time in the last four weeks.

Head coach Jim Mora saw progress from quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson despite his two pick-sixes versus the Volunteers last week, specifically focusing on the redshirt junior's arm talent. Since taking over for Week One starter Joe Fagnano, Roberson has had four games with over 200 passing

yards, but Mora believes that his last two contests against Power Five competition will help him grow in the long run.

The Huskies' top three wide receivers have developed alongside the redshirt junior quarterback as the season has progressed. Justin Joly's 408 receiving yards put him eighth in the nation across all tight ends while wide receiver Brett Buckman has become one of Roberson's top weapons. Mix that in with junior Cameron Ross (353 yards) and graduate student Geordon Porter, and Connecticut can keep close with anyone through their passing game.

Despite surrendering 59 points at Rocky Top and 41 against the Duke Blue Devils in mid-September, the Huskies' defense has held strong on their end when it comes to keeping contests within a single possession. Senior linebacker Jackson Mitchell and junior defensive back Durante Jones have been the biggest contributors on that end with 146 total tackles and two fumble recoveries between them.

As he has played more snaps in the backfield, Lee Molette III has cemented his place as one of UConn's next defensive anchors. The sophomore linebacker has recorded eight total tackles in two out of his last four games and added a tackle for loss versus a potent Tennessee offense last week. Junior linebacker Tui Faumuina-Brown's breakout campaign has been one of the other bright spots in an otherwise underwhelming season for the Huskies.

Kickoff in Connecticut's third straight game against an opponent with a winning record begins on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. EST on ESPN+. Fans who do not have a subscription to ESPN's streaming service can also catch the contest on the radio via the UConn Sports Network on 97.9 FM.



# Sports

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 2 HUSKIES TAKE ON NC STATE IN SUNDAY MATINEE

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Bring up UConn vs. NC State in women's basketball, and most fans will reference the 2022 Elite Eight game that went into double overtime. The stakes might not be as high in the second battle since that 50-minute thriller in Bridgeport, Connecticut, but the No. 2 UConn women's basketball team still faces their first major nonconference challenge of the regular season in Raleigh, North Carolina against the NC State Wolfpack on Saturday.

When the two programs met in a Top 10 matchup last season, the Huskies opened the contest on a 9-0 run and never fell behind in a 91-69 rout at the XL Center. UConn leads the all-time series 8-2 and has won the last six meetings dating back to 2001. NC State finished 20-12 overall in 2022-23 with a 9-9 record in Atlantic Coast Conference play. Their first-round defeat at the hands of former Husky Carla Berube and the 10th-seeded Princeton Tigers marked the first time since 2017 that head coach Wes Moore's team did not reach the second weekend of March Madness.

If the Wolfpack's early exit did not sting in the moment, then the offseason did no favors

in healing the bitter wound. NC State's top four scorers, including All-ACC Second Team selection Diamond Johnson (12.3 PPG, 4.2 RPG in 2022-23) and Jada Boyd (9.2 PPG, 4.6 RPG), departed during the offseason. Despite adding just two transfers, most of the primary responsibilities fall to ACC Most Improved Player Saniya Rivers and senior guard Madison Hayes. Both veteran guards stepped up to the challenge on both ends of the floor against the Charlotte 49ers on Tuesday, with Hayes finishing two rebounds shy of a double-double while rejecting two shots.

The Wolfpack addressed their star departures by adding two players from the transfer portal. Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year Lizzy Williamson served as one of the centerpieces in earning the Southern Utah Thunderbirds their first March Madness appearance last season behind her 2.3 blocks and 10 rebounds per game. Junior forward Katie Peneueta, who did not play in the season opener, brings an advanced skillset from Sacramento State after averaging 8.4 points, 5.8 boards and 1.4 blocks as a sophomore.

Moore filled the rest of the spots with a six-person freshman class featuring five-star

prospect Zoe Brooks. Ranked as the No. 9 recruit in the Class of 2023, Brooks averaged 22.5 points, 6.6 rebounds and 5.5 steals as a senior at St. John Vianney High School. The New Jersey native made the most of her collegiate debut at the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, scoring 12 points and bringing in three rebounds in 28:50.

Only junior guard Aziaha James had more points in NC State's season opener at 26 as she shot 5-8 from beyond the arc. Starting the Wolfpack's final six games last season, expect a breakout campaign from James that could result in ACC Most Improved Player honors. The same can be said for second-year graduate forward Mimi Collins, who quietly shot 3-6 from beyond the arc for 11 points in 20 minutes.

Head coach Geno Auriemma highlighted physical guard play in his postgame press conference after the Huskies season opener when asked about NC State. KK Arnold, who forced four steals and recorded seven assists in her collegiate debut, can be one of those physical enforcers. Opposing guards might not be able to recognize what hit them until the Wisconsin native gets in the paint, something the Dayton Flyers learned the hard way on Wednesday.

Paige Bueckers, who dove after a loose ball multiple times in her first contest since the 2022 national championship game, could also be one of those aggressive Husky guards on both ends of the floor. The redshirt junior recorded an eight-point, seven-rebound performance in the season opener, but she also made her presence known on the court through her transition game. Connecticut excelled in that regard as a team with 23 assists and 11 steals among all 11 players who suited up for the season opener, but that could change given the increase in the opponent's difficulty between the first and second games.

With the style of play the Wolfpack prefers, senior guard Nika Mühl could see significant minutes down the stretch on top of her abilities as a floor commander. Mühl was one of six Huskies who crossed double figures on Wednesday, but her five assists and three steals went unnoticed because of what other guards did on the floor. Playing only 16 minutes, Qadence Samuels left fans impressed with three triples and 11 points while Azzi Fudd made the exact same number of treys with 13 points on top of her three assists.

Auriemma also mentioned consistency from senior forward Aaliyah Edwards, who

finished with 23 points and nine boards when outlining the season in that postgame press conference. Edwards does not have to do it alone, however, as she will get support on the frontcourt from graduate student Aubrey Griffin and redshirt freshman Ice Brady. UConn's frontcourt depth will be the biggest question mark early on, both in Sunday's game and the remainder of the nonconference slate, and how forwards such as Brady acclimate to collegiate basketball will be an indicator of the team's goals for the season.

Because of how physical both teams can be, the key matchup to look out for will be around the glass. The Huskies hold the edge on the boards with 22 second-chance points created from 59 rebounds; NC State has the advantage with 10 blocks. Whichever team collects more rebounds, whether they are offensive or defensive, and blocks more shots has a greater chance of earning a statement win. After both programs scored 80-plus points in their respective season openers, expect neither team to cross the 70-point mark in a defensive-minded duel.

Tip-off in Connecticut's first nationally televised game of the year is at 3 p.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 12, on ABC.



UConn women's basketball plays their first Hartford game of the season against Dayton. UConn swept Dayton with a final score of 102-58. PHOTOGRAPH BY GONNOR SHARP, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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Kim Mulkey on Paige Bueckers after UConn's first win - "She's a great player. We'd love to have her at LSU. I actually had Angel text her last night to find out if she wanted to transfer. Our team is definitely lacking offensively and Paige is a bucket."

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