



## UConn housing reverses decision, now guaranteeing housing for up to 8 semesters

UPDATE!

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A follow-up email was sent to students Wednesday night, a few hours after the initial email, reversing the change, now guaranteeing rising seniors housing for next academic year.

The initial email, which was sent Wednesday afternoon, indicated University of Connecticut students would only be guaranteed housing for six semesters with the rising housing demand on campus. The email said the change would prioritize first year and transfer students, and put rising seniors on waiting lists for on-campus housing. The email said UConn housing would help rising seniors navigate off campus housing locations.

As students voiced their concerns about the change in on-campus housing eligibility, UConn reversed its decision.

“Over the past several hours, UConn Student Life and Enrollment staff have fielded numerous inquiries and concerns about the updated housing eligibility information. We understand your concerns and recognize, through your messages, how these changes

“Thank you for voicing your concerns and for sharing these feelings with us. it gives us great pride to know how strong our residential community is, and that is because of you. your feedback continues to be essential to us, and we apologize for any distress that resulted from our earlier message”

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would impact you as our students and your families,” said the email, sent on behalf of Nathan Fuerst, vice president of student life and enrollment.

The email said they will once again guarantee rising seniors housing as they complete their academic career.

“In response to your feedback and concerns, we have worked intensively to identify a number of solutions that will allow UConn to continue the housing guarantee for up to eight semesters for our students,” the email said.

The follow up email apologized for any distress that the initial message may have caused.

“Thank you for voicing your concerns and for sharing these feelings with us. It gives us great pride to know how strong our residential community is, and that is because of you. Your feedback continues to be essential to us, and we apologize for any distress that resulted from our earlier message,” the email said.

According to the second email, there will be more information about the 2024-25 housing application and housing selection process in the coming weeks.

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## Green energy initiatives grow with UConn’s new steam-powered capabilities

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A newly finished steam line at the University of Connecticut’s Supplemental Utility Plant (SUP) marks a promising step toward the university’s “ultimate goal” of zero carbon emissions by 2040.

Located in the Northwest Science Quad (NWSQ), the SUP is now equipped with steam cogeneration facilities, infrastructure that has widespread implications for the campus’s projected green future.

“Cogeneration is the use of one unit of fuel to create two or more useful products. An example is one unit of natural gas or hydrogen, which then produces electricity and thermal output as either heat or cooling,” said Stanley Nolan, the interim associate vice president of facilities operations.

“This is extremely efficient and reduces overall emissions by around 33%.”



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Nolan is a member of the President’s Carbon Reduction Working Group, a task force dedicated to the mission of clean energy. The team has a series of projects in development to further their sustainability goals, including the installation of solar panels over bus stops and

parking lots and the mass transition to LED lighting across the Storrs campus.

Elizabeth Craun, a Carbon Reduction Group member and the director of major projects in the University Planning, Design and Construction department, over-

sees all development of the NWSQ.

“Science 1, the first building in the NWSQ, has a 500 kW/0.5 MW solar rooftop array. All roof space not otherwise needed for safety, maintenance, access, or HVAC equipment was utilized for solar generation. Science 1 will be LEED

Gold certified and is proceeding towards SITES certification,” Craun said.

Although these steps show progress for UConn’s ambitions of greenhouse gas reduction, many are dissatisfied with the university’s actions to date. President Radenka Maric has yet to release the purported “Sustainability Action Plan,” and many are dubious about the university’s true commitment to meeting their emissions targets.

Administration has largely eluded direct lines of questioning regarding their sustainability measures, with a Nov. 2 sustainability town hall ending without the chance for audience members to ask questions as promised.

Prominent student action groups, including Fossil Free UConn, have made their voices known, with the aforementioned organization holding a rally earlier this week. It is the hope of many that these budding initiatives in steam and solar mature to make UConn a leader in renewable energy.

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## Connecticut News:

## CT BUSINESSES TO RECEIVE A 10% DECREASE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATES

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Governor Ned Lamont has announced that businesses will receive a roughly 10% decrease in workers' compensation rates starting in January 2024. This

is the tenth year in a row where businesses have seen a decrease in workers' compensation rates, due to a decline in workplace injuries and filed claims.

According to a press release from CT.gov, the Connecticut Insurance Department approved a 9.8% decrease to voluntary mar-

ket loss costs and a 10.5% decrease to assigned risk plan rates. These rates have decreased every year since 2015, with the biggest decreases happening in 2019, with a 16.8% decrease to voluntary market loss costs and 19.8% decrease to assigned risk plan rates.

These lower rates will allow

businesses to save more money. Since 2015, it is estimated that businesses have saved over \$300 million as a result of these reduced premiums. According to Lamont, businesses will be able to reinvest this saved money into employees and the companies themselves.

Lamont also noted that this spells good things for workers as well. "...[this decrease in workers' compensation rates] is the result of an ongoing drop in the number of claims filed, meaning that workplaces in our state are getting safer and safer," Lamont said.

## GOV. LAMONT SWEARS IN CT'S NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

On Nov. 13, 2023, Ronnell Higgins was sworn in as the new commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection by Governor Ned Lamont. This comes after the previous commissioner

retired earlier this year.

According to an article by NBC Connecticut, Higgins has met with the author of the investigation into the state police's falsifying of tickets. This investigation, which released a report in

June 2023, found that tens of thousands of traffic stops may have been falsified in an attempt to show more infractions for white drivers and less for minority groups. This report came out soon before Higgins' predecessor,

James Rovella, stepped down as commissioner.

Higgins says his foremost hope taking over this position is to restore the trust that was lost in the state police. Higgins has meetings scheduled to try and answer more ques-

tions about these falsified tickets. He also outlined what he is going to prioritize as the new commissioner, which included looking at professional standards, ensuring that practices align with policy and more.

## CT SEES LARGEST DECREASE IN VACCINE EXEMPTIONS AMONGST ALL STATES

According to a report by the CDC, Connecticut saw the largest decrease in childhood vaccine exemptions across the United States, defying a national trend where over 40 states increased in the same metric. The current national exemption rate is 3%, an all-time high.

In Connecticut, the exemption

rate dropped to 0.8%, a decrease of 1.5% since the year before. Approximately 97.3% of all kindergarten students received their required immunizations for the 2022-23 school year, as compared to the previous year where 22% of kindergarten classes did not meet the 95% vaccination rate necessary for community immunity.

This decrease is reflective of a state law that was passed in 2021, which removed the option for parents to exempt their children from vaccinations due to religious reasons. This law was passed in response to a steady rise in vaccine exemptions.

Although this new law has succeeded in its goal of decreasing

vaccine exemptions, the law has faced opposition, with thousands protesting in Hartford when the bill was being passed. The law is facing multiple suits in state and federal courts, and has been upheld by judges so far.

Across the U.S., a large majority of states saw an increase in vaccine exemptions. According

to an article by CTNewsJunkie, 10 states have exceeded a 5% exemption rate. The authors of the report are unsure of the reasons behind the national increase. This could be reflective of an increased opposition to vaccinations or of nonmedical exemptions due to inconvenience or barriers to vaccines.

## PROPOSAL TO END THE SALE OF GAS-POWERED VEHICLES IN CT FACES OPPOSITION FROM STATE REPUBLICANS

On Wednesday, Republicans at Connecticut's General Assembly stood in opposition to proposed regulations which would phase out the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035. These mandates come in the face of Connecticut's goals to "reinforce market trends toward zero-emission vehicles," according to an article by CT Mirror.

This General Assembly meeting comes two weeks before the legislature's Regulation Review Committee's consideration of these mandates. These regulations follow the latest revisions to California's clean air standards, which would see new gas-powered vehicles be manufactured and sold less starting in 2027 and finishing by 2035, where the

manufacture of gas-powered vehicles would be prohibited. Connecticut has been committed to following California's clean air standards since a law was passed in 2004 that said they would.

Connecticut's Regulation Review Committee has 14 members, and is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. Republicans have uni-

fied against the proposed regulations, but some Democrats have expressed doubts about the regulation as well. If even one Democrat on the committee votes against the implementation of this, that would stop the regulations from being adopted.

Governor Ned Lamont stands behind the proposal. Lamont believes that the implementation of

these policies will create a healthier and cleaner environment in Connecticut. Republicans insisted that they remain intent of helping create this healthier and cleaner environment for Connecticut, but stated that they believe this choice should rest with the General Assembly, and that these regulations take away citizens' choices.

## USG introduces plans to tackle food insecurity

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The Undergraduate Student Government's Subcommittee for Food Insecurity held a meeting Wednesday in response to concerns from students over the affordability and availability of food options.

USG's food insecurity advocacy coordinator Sydney Whittaker unveiled a multi-part plan that covered several initiatives being planned for the future, and elaborated on those currently in place. The plan introduced two new key initiatives, pop-up snack pantries and cooking classes and expanded on the existing Husky Harvest food pantry program.

Although primarily in the planning phase, the proposed pop-up snack pantries will appear across select areas of campus during important times of year, such as midterm and finals weeks. The program is designed to provide study snacks to students when they are most busy. Kicking off the snack pantry initiative is the Fueling for Finals event that will be held on Dec. 1, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Union's Dairy Bar Too. Further snack pantry events and locations have yet to be determined.

Also in the planning phase are student-oriented cooking classes. As a partnership between SHaW and USG, the ultimate goal of the classes will be to provide nutrition education to the student body. Whittaker emphasized that the program will be designed and

overviewed by dietitians, and that the classes will be offered free to students.

## Husky Harvest Hours:

**Fall 2023:**  
Mon/Thur,  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Winter Break:**  
Thursday,  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Spring 2024:**  
Tue/Thur,  
11 a.m. to 4pm

"We are going to be showing students how to cook healthy meals on a budget. We would like to be inclusive of all socio-

economic backgrounds. We will be giving out free cooking supplies. A large portion of our budget is dedicated to providing free cooking supplies to students," Whittaker said.

Because the program is currently in the planning phase, time and location for these cooking classes have not yet been established. Whittaker advised students to keep an eye out for polls posted on USG's Instagram page as they will use these responses to educate their decisions on cooking classes, snack pantries, and other food insecurity issues.

The final topic addressed at the meeting was UConn's Husky Harvest program that has been in operation since March. Husky Harvest is the university's primary food pantry and is open to

anyone with a UConn ID, staff and graduate students included. Husky Harvest is located at the Charter Oaks Apartments Community Center. Husky Harvest hours of operation are as follows:

Fall 2023: Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Winter Break: Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring 2024: Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Going forward, the Subcommittee for Food Insecurity is looking to increase Husky Harvest accessibility to students by expanding hours of operation and supplying transportation to and from the Charter Oaks Community Center.

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- 15 God often depicted with green skin
- 16 "Snowy" bird
- 17 TikTok videos made by athletes?
- 19 Veer back
- 20 Quite the card
- 21 Wine and dine, maybe
- 22 Vox co-founder Klein
- 23 Spot for a donut
- 25 Small flute made from reclaimed farm wood?
- 27 Broad hat, lotion, shades, etc.
- 29 Slangy turnarounds
- 30 Tat spot, perhaps
- 31 Barbara Gordon's alter ego
- 35 Beachcombers' off-season hopes?
- 40 Bribes
- 41 Palindromic pop trio
- 43 Secular
- 45 Got fit
- 48 Taverns in cloisters and abbeys?
- 52 Like lambs and rams
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- 54 Japanese sash
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- 57 Banquet celebrating Ottoman culture?
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- 64 Weekly skit show, familiarly
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# TALES FROM THE TURNTABLE.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF GRAMMYS HATRED

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Welcome to this week's Tales from the Turntable! If you're not already aware, the list of 2024 Grammy nominations was released on Nov. 10. Reading through this list, only a single thought came across my mind: Everyone's gonna hate this list. Year after year, the Grammys upset more and more people. This week we'll be taking a look at why these awards are so decried, including some more egregious examples of winners and nominees.

Starting off with a more obvious reason, a lot of people despise the Grammys simply because it's a party by elites, for elites. The Recording Academy is owned and operated by music executives and bigshot producers. Similar to the Oscars, many can't help but see the award show as incredibly out of touch. Additionally, the award show has been historically white. As Tyler, the Creator diligently pointed out when he won best rap album for 2019's "IGOR," many artists of color are shoe-horned into rap, or "urban" categories instead of pop.

In light of these new nominations, I'd like to look at some of the more questionable winners in the past, giving more insight into the distrust that most people have with the awards.

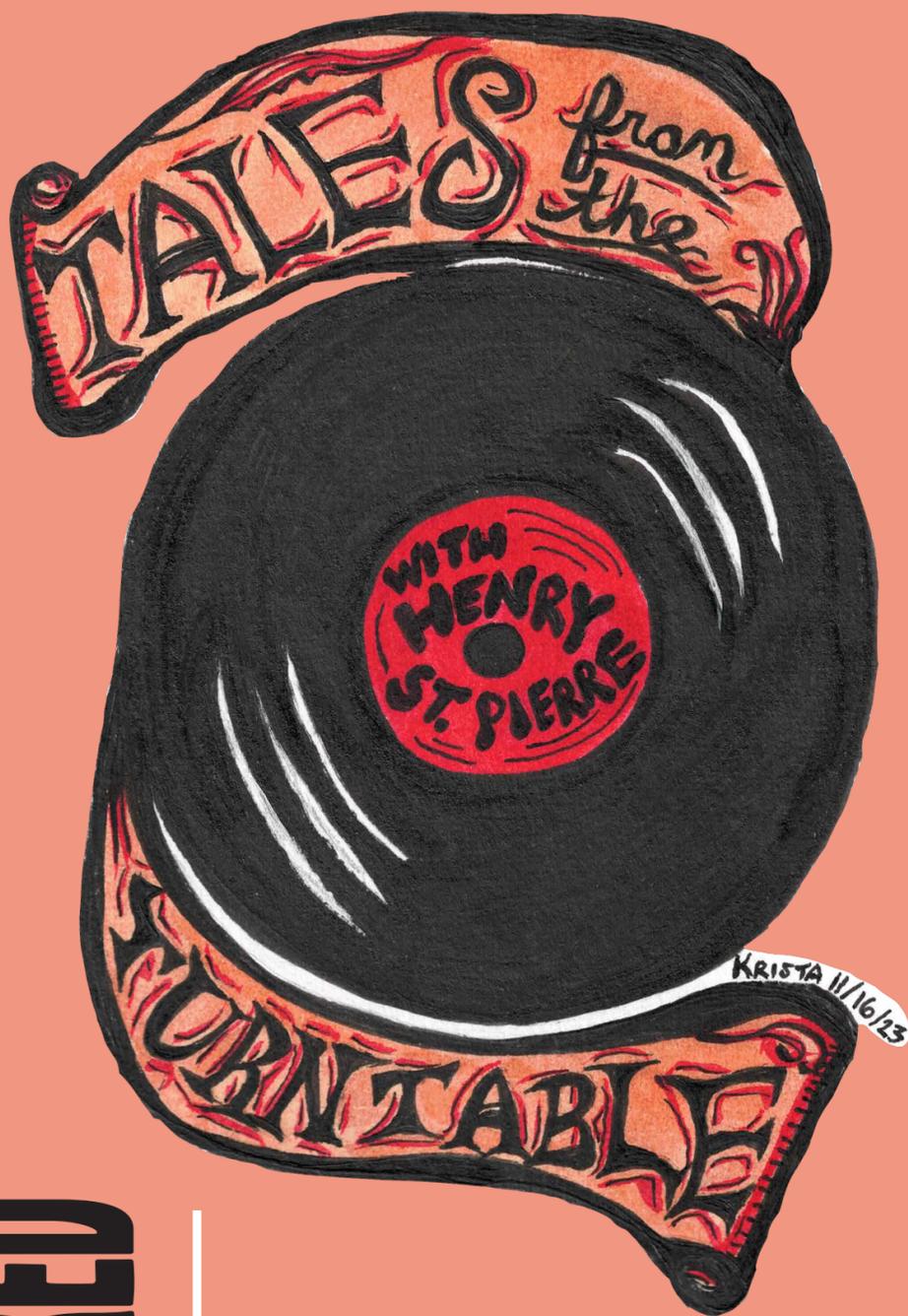
In general, the 2010s were one of the roughest decades for the Grammys. Viewership had been declining since the 1980s, falling to its worst in the 2010s. 2013 saw a massive upset with Mumford and Sons taking home the Grammy for Album of the Year with "Babel." While the folk-rock band had received critical acclaim for their music, the choice still left many scratching their heads. "Babel" was up against Frank Ocean's debut album "Channel Orange," and Jack White's debut solo album "Blunderbuss." Both records had been critically lauded that year for their unfettered creativity, with the former being considered one of the greatest albums of the 2010s even at the time of its release. Ocean had even been nominated for Record of the Year and Best New Artist, receiving neither.

Going back to nominations in the 2000s, Radiohead's "Kid A" was a landmark album by all accounts. The band had transformed their sound into something completely different, being heavily inspired by electronic music and the ambient works of musicians like Brian Eno. Also in 2000, Beck's "Midnite Vultures" was released to critical acclaim, pulling from influences like Kraftwerk, Prince and David Bowie.

It was a pleasant surprise for many to see two rather experimental records be nominated for Album of the Year in 2001. What ended up winning? Steely Dan's "Two Against Nature." Normally, I try very hard to keep my personal musical opinions out of this column, but this one hurts my soul. As a massive Steely Dan fan, it's great to finally see them get the critical recognition they deserve, but putting them over "Kid A" is a baffling decision.

Finally, perhaps the most infamous moment at the Grammys came in 1989 with the introduction of the Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Performance category. In 1988, Metallica had released what many considered one of their greatest albums, "...And Justice For All." It was their first album since the passing of bassist Cliff Burton, showing they had no intentions of slowing down. It was nominated for the aforementioned category in 1989, however it lost to Jethro Tull's "Crest of a Knave." Many were enraged by the questionable win, prompting the president of the Recording Academy to issue an official apology to fans, and Metallica themselves.

While it's no surprise that many are upset at this year's nominations, it's hard to please everyone. It's nice to see artists like Olivia Rodrigo and boygenius receive nominations for the bigger awards, however, there's no guarantee that either will win. Unfortunately, some of the biggest and most forward thinking albums and artists have no mention, like JPEGMAFIA, in collaboration with Danny Brown, Sufjan Stevens, Mitski and the list goes on. These awards could easily please more people if they allowed for more input from the fans directly — but, it looks like we're far away from that ever happening.



# HEALTHY HUSKIES: SURVIVING THANKSGIVING

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Thanksgiving break can be a hard time for many students, regardless of your plans for the holiday. Many people who have tough family dynamics can dread Thanksgiving. The holiday can also be very tough for people who struggle with issues around food or body image, seeing as the holiday is quite focused on food. Regardless of your situation or struggles, it's very important to try and take care of yourself in the best way possible. Below are some tips to help you survive Thanksgiving.

## Take breaks

During Thanksgiving, many people can find it difficult to be around family, friends, food and drinking. Not to mention, many groups turn the holiday into a full-day affair. Even if you have a great relationship with your holiday guests, taking breaks throughout the day to calm down may be needed. Take breaks at your discretion and make sure to utilize coping skills that help you with anxiety or stress. Excuse yourself from the party for some short meditation or to hang out with a pet. If you give yourself breaks when needed, you're likely to enjoy your holiday much more.

## Avoid uncomfortable topics

Thanksgiving is notorious for awkward and tough conversations with loved ones about politics and current events. While some of these discussions can be healthy and are needed, the combination of holiday stress and alcohol often makes these conversations very heated. Participate in the discussions if you wish, but keep the conversation lighthearted and try not to start or engage with arguments. Feel free to change the topic if you don't feel comfortable. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and joy, not fighting and tears.

## Focus on your own plate

The Thanksgiving holiday is one full of delicious and nostalgic foods, but it can also be a nightmare for those with eating disorders or body insecurities. Try to focus on your own plate, and eat what makes you feel good. Ignore or kindly redirect any food or body comments from relatives or friends — it's likely their own insecurities manifesting themselves. Try to not think about things like calories — you deserve to eat what you want!

## Monitor your alcohol intake

One of the things that can turn a Thanksgiving dinner sour quickly is alcohol. Try to monitor your alcohol intake, and make sure you're keeping your personal limits in mind. Avoid binge drinking and other substance use. Making sure you're drinking water throughout the day is important as well. Try to keep your drinking to a maximum of one drink per hour, making note of how you feel along the way. If you don't think you'll be able to monitor or control your drinking around your guests, it's best to avoid it altogether. You can still have a wonderful Thanksgiving without alcohol!

Hopefully, with these tips, you'll be able to enjoy your holiday in the best way possible! Remember to take breaks when you need them — a break can make the difference between a lovely holiday and a stressful one. At the table, avoid uncomfortable discussions and topics that are sure to cause arguments and fighting. This holiday is about loved ones and gratitude, not fighting. When it's time to eat, focus on eating what you want and not what you think you should eat. Redirect any comments about your food or body — you deserve to feel your best this holiday season! Finally, make sure to monitor your alcohol intake as much as you can. One too many drinks could make the difference between an amazing holiday and a soured one. Happy Thanksgiving Huskies, and enjoy your break!

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: NOV. 19 - NOV. 25 "RECREATING THE FIRST THANKSGIVING MEAL"

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Hello and welcome to a special — and slightly shorter than usual — edition of This Week in History! As Thanksgiving rapidly approaches, I thought it would be a fun deviation from the norm of this column to answer a simple yet perplexing question: What did the Pilgrims and Wampanoags eat on the first Thanksgiving?

Before we dive into that question, I would like to raise the point that food history is incredibly cool. Humans only have so many different ingredients to work with, and yet different cultures and civilizations all produce vibrant meals and delicious foods that certainly merit a place in the history books. If you'd like to look at historic recipes recreated, I recommend checking out Townsends on YouTube, who follows 18th century recipes by the book with similar ingredients — and Tasting History with Max Miller, who explores a wide variety of recipes. I cannot recommend exploring the history of food enough — though I suggest doing so on a full stomach.

Alright, back to the question at hand. Historians have long sought to recreate the Thanksgiving feast — in part because reading lots of historical documents makes one incredibly hungry — but also because the dishes assembled could reveal much about the people who produced them, and at the same time, hint at

the origins of the modern tradition.

As other writers on the subject begin: It is easiest to cross off the foods that would most definitely not be on the plates of those dining at the first Thanksgiving. These include the traditional mashed potatoes — as white potatoes had yet to become prevalent in North America — cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Likewise, anything that required flour or butter would not be present, as the pilgrims and natives possessed neither.

So far the plate is looking quite empty, as it lacks all the necessary sides one would typically associate with the meal, but at least there was turkey to go around, right? One account does mention the gathering of turkeys for slaughter, but the meat was not at the forefront of the meal. The main course was actually venison supplied by the Wampanoag tribesman in attendance. And a quick note, I specify tribesmen as it is believed that no women were present at the feast; in fact, it was largely a political gathering to begin with.

At this point, if you were in attendance your plate (no-body in attendance actually used plates or silverware, by the way) would look something like this: A large piece of venison, as supplied by the Wampanoag, supplemented by other locally available meats such as clams and fish or even Pilgrim poached duck — and then foraged veggies such as chard and corn.



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While missing many of the carbohydrate-heavy dishes of the modern meal, one can see the feast taking shape. Some other notable sides may have been present too, such as "sobaheg," a traditional Wampanoag dish with mixed meats and veggies, sort of similar to a breadless stuffing or stew.

So, with a final scoop of sobaheg, the first Thanksgiving dinner comes together. I would again like to reiterate that much of the historical information around the feast is speculative, as only two accounts survive. One of which however, is a letter by Edward Winslow, who concludes: "And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness

of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

And that wraps up this special taste of Thanksgiving history — if you seek to recreate the meal eaten from the first Thanksgiving, please, at least use plates and utensils and allow women to partake. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

# The touching film, 'David Holmes: The Boy Who Lived' dives into life after a life-altering accident

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The "Harry Potter" movie series is an incredibly successful franchise. The films are still talked about years after their initial release. The new documentary, "David Holmes: The Boy Who Lived," was released on Wednesday, Nov. 15, on Max. It follows David Holmes, Daniel Radcliffe's stunt double in the "Harry Potter" films, as he lives his day-to-day life after an accident in the rehearsal of the last film that left him paralyzed.

"I never told my story. I never really wanted to. 'Harry Potter' is a big thing for a lot of people, and nobody knows what happened to me. I've had such a crazy life. Such highs and such lows. The full range of human emotion. I just thought I'd better tell my story or it won't be told," said Holmes in the film.

Growing up, Holmes was always interested in adrenaline-inducing activities. In the documentary, he revealed that he knew that he wanted

to be a stunt double from a young age. Fascinating clips of him as a child being an astounding gymnast showed just how high his aspirations to become a stunt double were.

The documentary begins with a series of clips of Holmes engaging in different stunts on the set of "Harry Potter," from getting hit in the head to falling off a steep roof. Shortly after, it cuts to Radcliffe visiting Holmes at his house. Throughout the film, viewers learn that the two still have an extremely close bond to this day. Radcliffe is not the only person from the "Harry Potter" films to still keep in touch with Holmes; he is still friends with Tolga Kenan, a Harry Potter stunt trainee, and Marc Mailley, a stunt double on the set of "Harry Potter."

Mailley, Radcliffe and Holmes were shown to be inseparable as they filmed the "Harry Potter" series. However, their last trip together in New York would become one of their last moments doing anything together before the incident that would change Holmes' life forever.

During the rehearsal of

the last film of the series, Holmes' final stunt involved him being pulled by the waist through a wall for a scene. Initially, Mailley wanted to take over rehearsing the stunt, but Holmes insisted that he wanted to do it. With the clip of the rehearsal ending immediately, viewers find out that a terrible casualty occurred.

"I was a great believer in pressure makes diamonds. The more pressure, the better I was. And honestly, I wasn't really scared that much. You're only living when you're nearly dying," said Holmes at the beginning of the film.

The rest of the documentary dives into what Holmes' life turned into as he saw the same four walls of his hospital room every day. Despite these events, Holmes maintained the same cheerful attitude he always had throughout the new challenges. Even now, Holmes' friend and care assistant Tommy Wells ensures that Holmes continues to live his life to the fullest.

An extremely heart-touching film, "David Holmes: The Boy Who Lived," is a documentary that should be on

your list, whether you're a "Harry Potter" fan or not. Learning about a stunt double's life is not something you hear about often. Holmes is unique in telling the story of sustaining an injury as a stunt double that impacted the rest of his life. Holmes

shows how stunt doubles provide so much value to our most beloved films. The documentary is a reminder that no matter what is going on, trying to keep a positive outlook on life is important.

Rating: 5/5



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# THE PEOPLE'S WEAPON:

## HOW SOCIAL MEDIA SPREADS HATE

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Social media: It's the one and only place in our world where so many ideas and people can exist at one time, all on one screen.

Dubbed the "modern public square" by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, the intangible space of social media has provided a hub so vast that it now acts as the epicenter for much debate, discussion and spreading of information and ideas. The benefits seem endless as they have transformed our lives as we know them, but the existence of social media is a double-edged sword. The constant use of social media has clear negative effects, but none stand out as strongly as the insurmountable hate spewed across apps.

A variety of factors allow for hateful rhetoric to spread to the screens of thousands, if not millions, of users, creating an audience and an environment for it to thrive. What is most prominent, though, is the lack of empathy that causes this problem. Interactions on social media apps are missing

one component of any daily, in-person situation: the face-to-face discussion. From constant social media use, those personal interactions we use to practice empathy are lacking, costing us the ability to understand others emotionally, according to University of California Berkeley science director Emiliana Simon-Thomas.

Lack of empathy is also heightened through desensitization brought by a constant influx of violence in media. As studies show, violent media may be a cause of aggressive behavior in impressionable individuals, especially younger people. This encapsulates the many forms that violent media can take, which now includes social media. So, what becomes a norm in our daily social media diet is thus not taken as seriously as it should be.

Additionally, hateful rhetoric finds support within certain communities online. Individuals flock towards groups that share similar sentiments on issues, eventually being exposed to messages that

reaffirm their beliefs and do so with a negative twist. These echo chambers create a place for radical beliefs to thrive, according to a study on moral homogeneous networks that looked at radical groups online. The same study also displays that once people develop a personal, moral connection to a cause, there is a higher chance of them acting in support of it.

The use of social media as a weapon for hate has increased in recent weeks, resulting from the ongoing war in Gaza.

In this period of just one month and nine days, complaints of Islamophobia have risen by 216%, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and a 400% increase in antisemitic incidents, per the Anti-Defamation League. And, much of this exists on social media.

On TikTok, videos are rife with comments making indirect or direct attacks towards the opposite side, fueling the fire between individuals who are often simply discussing their faith or ethnic back-

ground. Take for example TikTok user @b3cky.dc, who received a comment from one of her videos that included antisemitic stereotypes, ones often used in political rhetoric in Nazi Germany. Additionally, videos such as one posted by TikTok user @afgayn that asks people to use a filter that is said to generate funds for Palestine, received a number of comments such as "Fuck Palestine."

The hate is thrown back and forth, and it exists on other social media platforms as well.

On X, formerly known as Twitter, hashtags of #DeathtoMuslims and #Hitlerwasright were trending on the platform during the early stages of the war, according to the New York Times. The same can be said for Instagram, too. In a now-deleted political cartoon from the Washington Post that was reposted by the State of Israel's Instagram page, the drawing displays a man who represents Hamas with children and a woman tied around his body, acting as "human shields."

There are instances where social media has been used to counteract or bring to light these issues, however.

The University of Connecticut chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine and UConn Muslim Students Association each posted on their Instagram pages, @uconnmsj and @uconnmsa, two instances of hate-related messages sent to the group. From there, the posts spread throughout the UConn community online, with many individuals calling for the university to take action for its students.

While bringing attention to these matters is important, it will not stop the issue. These constant, unrelenting attacks on individuals does nothing but fuel the hateful rhetoric and angry emotion towards the matter without doing anything beneficial other than spreading antisemitism and Islamophobia. This backtracks on any attempts to progress, preventing moving forward as one.

# The urgent humanitarian crisis you haven't heard of

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It has now been eight months since war broke out in Khartoum, Sudan. According to the United Nations aid chief, more than 10,000 men, women and children have lost their lives since the conflict broke out on April 15, 2023, between the Sudanese Armed Forces, led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the Rapid Support Forces, a powerful paramilitary group led by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, also known as "Hemedti." Both groups have been relentlessly battling each other to gain full control of the country and its substantial resources.

Sudan has a long history of standing up against oppressive government control through uprisings and coups. One of the most notable and more recent examples is the 2019 non-violent revolution, which lasted for 12 months and gained global attention, resulting in the overthrow of former President Omar Al-Bashir.

Even before this, the 1964 revolution brought down dictator General Ibrahim Abboud and the bloodless coup of 1985 led to the removal of President Gaafar Nimeiry.

Compared to Sudan's history of uprisings, this conflict has been led by mass violence, abuse and abuse of power. Many civilians continue to be deliberately targeted and physically forced out of their homes by RSF members, who have not shied away from trespassing into homes destroying the memories of many families as a means to intimidate and scare away homeowners.

Due to this ongoing violence and political unrest, over 5.6 million Sudanese have been internally displaced. This number is

added to the three million who were internally displaced within the country before this ongoing conflict. Additionally, according to UNICEF Sudan, Sudan has now become the largest child displacement crisis in the world, with more than three million people fleeing widespread violence being children. Sudan has now become the world's largest internally displaced refugee crisis.

Civilians have been caught in immense crossfire when fleeing. Many have fled into unstable areas of neighboring countries such as Chad, Ethiopia and South Sudan. Others have taken a long and dangerous journey to find safety within Egypt.

Unfortunately, little media coverage has been given to this dire situation, and many civilians still desperately need humanitarian assistance. The World Health Organization warns that disease outbreaks, malnutrition and non-communicable diseases are at an all-time high in war-torn Sudan. Communicable diseases such as cholera, measles and malaria have been circulating within the state, aside from the mass combination of other diseases and malnutrition can be lethal.

Healthcare continues to be limited, as health facilities in Sudan are nonfunctional due to the conflict. According to the WHO, over 80% of health facilities are non-functioning. This leads to mass

shortages of medication and medical supplies. There has been little action taken by international communities to resolve and support Sudanese in need of humanitarian aid. Encouraging more countries to support neighboring countries taking in refugees is important. Now is not the time to hold back from providing support and medical assistance.

As a Sudanese-American student at the University of Connecticut, I have been following the risky, life-threatening journey of many members of my family and community who have fled Sudan seeking safety. A number of them have lost family members who undertook the journey.

Young children and university students' educational futures are under attack. Since conflict arose in 2019, access to education has been extremely unsteady. Universities were forced to close for days, which later led to months. Access to education outside the Sudanese borders is not guaranteed due to the mass influx of refugees coming into neighboring countries.

Access to work is limited and not available to all. Many are coming into a new country trying to establish themselves, but large inflows of people seeking opportunity create immense strain on the job market.

The lack of a global, public response reflects a deeper characteristic of our society. When conflicts arise that do not directly affect the Western world and its interests, there is little acknowledgement of the atrocities being inflicted right now. Political responsibility must be taken to magnify the voices of the minority, and we as students should reflect on our silence.

In light of the current situation, we must take immediate action to educate ourselves about the overwhelming amount of crises going on in the world that go untelevised.

It is imperative as students who hold positions of privilege, we begin to take responsibility and use our voices to influence and effect positive change on behalf of others who are unable to do so themselves.

As of now, there is no determined solution to the crisis raging in Sudan, but the hope, love and resilience of the Sudanese people is a testament to what Sudan will become again — so they can once again return to live in peace and safety in Sudan.



South Sudanese who fled from Sudan sit outside a nutrition clinic at a transit center in Renk, South Sudan, on May 16, 2023. Four Western countries have floated a proposal on Wednesday Oct. 4, 2023 for the U.N.'s top human rights body to appoint a team of experts to monitor and report on abuses and rights violations in war-ravaged Sudan.

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## Opinion

Photo of the Day | Gampel games and Huskies' wins



A basket lays untouched inside Gampel Pavilion on Thursday, Nov. 16 during a game between the UConn Huskies and Maryland Terrapins. The game ended with a Huskies win, 80-48. PHOTO BY EVAN RODRIGUEZ, ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# Incels and cultural change

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Last week I wrote about the incel community and the factors that turn relatively normal men into violent misogynists. This is a group of extremely violent, insecure and self-hating misogynists who have been responsible for the deaths of at least 47 people and countless more injuries over the past few years. The growth of this ideology comes from reckless internet anonymity, algorithm policies, popularized alt-right politics or what is typically known as the alt-right pipeline. The point is to say that it is a real threat to American society, which is important to treat it as such and understand where it comes from in order to deal with it accordingly. So that's where I'm at now, what are we going to do about this?

The psychological root exploited to make a person an incel is a deep-seated insecurity,

typically those that relate to the ideal forms of masculinity. This could look like not being able to economically provide in an increasingly unfair economy, not looking like the sought-after men on TV, lacking in real social connection with women or the other number of reasons that a man might feel inferior in this society. This is a very important point because the common factor is the patriarchal set of expectations placed upon men by, essentially, themselves. The male-dominated society we live in is what upholds hyper-masculine standards of beauty, the idea that men must provide, the culture that praises men for being sexually active and derides women for the same. This is a societal issue that creates these men and it requires societal change to address it. The bad news is that it's not exactly the solution these men are looking for.

Feminism is the answer, as it attempts to tear down the patriarchy that affirms the hold of these ideas on our society. The body positivity movement which helps everyone feel comfortable in their skin is the answer to the inadequacy felt by men who aren't tall, strong or uphold a masculine figure. Feminists are the ones attempting to break down the dehumanization of women into sex objects that determine the status of men who "hold" them. They thereby eliminate the power dynamic that exists between men that causes such resentment towards women who are unwilling to take part in a game based on their subjugation. It is also feminists who are the true advocates for men's mental health, breaking down the patriarchal stigma against emotionality and openness that often leads to isolation and depression.

Unfortunately incels reject this answer, they point to feminists as the root cause of

their problems with some referring to them as the "female KKK." In a sense, by rejecting this ideology they are choosing to address the reasons that cause their problems. They hope that by coming out on top of the system that has hurt them, they can finally be rid of the pain and insecurity that has plagued them.

This is a key difference between men and women, for when men experience sexual marginalization they respond with aggrieved entitlement over a "right to sex" (which does NOT exist) due to the low value they give to the lives of women. When women respond it is with self-love and positivity, trying to change the context of the political choice that is "desire."

So how do we change the minds of people who do not want to listen? The answer is by changing society with-

out changing incels. It would be an ideal situation to use therapy and heavy reframing to point incels toward their true enemy, the patriarchy. But, this is not necessarily possible for men who already exist in a different reality. Instead, it's a matter of prevention, of making men have self-worth without the conquest of other bodies (is this a good time to mention the "Barbie" movie?), of erasing the image of the "ideal man" or any other symptom of the patriarchy which underlies all of this. As I wrote last week, there's also the need to check the internet and the policies that allow these violent ideas to spread so fast. It's easy to say that society needs to change, which could be hard to make happen, but necessary all the same. This issue reaches the core of our cultural values as a nation, and it represents the grave consequences that happen when they're left alone and festering.

## THE DESENSITIZATION DILEMMA

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In an age defined by universal digital connectivity, the instantaneous, frequent broadcasts of violence and traumatic events are leaving many viewers — including youth — desensitized. The degree of desensitization varies among people, but according to psychologist Anita Gadhia-Smith, "With the frequency of shootings and terror attacks there is a sense of anxiety that's building in people, a sense of vulnerability and powerlessness." People are so bombarded by traumatic events that they start to lose their emotional significance to avoid constant near-crippling anxiety.

Social media's impact is a major element. A team of researchers at the University of Bradford in England presented compelling evidence, revealing that exposure to violent imagery on platforms like social media can lead to symptoms akin to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A steady stream of troubling events not only heightens anxiety levels, but also engenders desensitization that can persist until individuals, tragically, find themselves ensnared as victims.

This is very prevalent in the education system, particularly regarding school violence incidents. Students are losing their ability to care. Because of frequent coverage of school

violence (even while schools remain, in general, among the safest places for youth) from K-12 to college and university campuses, the general student population is inhibited in trying to solve a problem. The detachment is as much a survival tactic as it is defeat.

The phenomenon of "emotional numbing" emerges as a coping mechanism, according to the Bradford study, providing a protective shield against the torrent of tragedies. However, this emotional numbing has mixed effects. While it offers respite from immediate distress and anxiety, it potentially renders a person less likely to respond effectively when confronted with a genuine threat. Moreover, there is a risk of gradual erosion of empathy, further contributing to the societal challenges we face.

Amid threats of violence, including gun violence, students find themselves grappling not only with the actuality of traumatic events, but also with false reports, particularly those concerning shootings. The imperative to respond to these reports as if they were genuine threats can contribute to elevated cortisol levels as an emotional response. Over time, individuals adapt to this relentless barrage by developing a coping mechanism — the emotional

numbing — as a shelter from the emotional toll.

While the precise impact of these incidents on the mental health of young people remains an evolving field of study, we do know something about the consequences of suppressing feelings of fear and anxiety. Prolonged suppression can manifest in a range of physical and mental health problems, from stomach pain and a rapid heart rate to insomnia and recurring negative thoughts.

However, not all hope is lost. Brain plasticity, or the ability of the brain to reorganize itself, offers hope, suggesting that young people possess the inherent capability to adapt to the stress of exposure to traumatic events, managing their emotional reactions and safeguarding their psyches from negative exposure. Essentially if someone can adapt to numbing, the numbing can be reversed. Cognitive reappraisal is an effective tool that aids children, teens and young adults in reinterpreting emotionally charged situations and holds the potential to significantly contribute to positive adaptation. Experts suggest strategies to encourage this by alleviating fear without succumbing to the detrimental effects of desensitization. People of all ages, from youth to military veterans, show resilience.

In a world saturated with tragedies — ranging from school shootings to global conflicts such as COVID-19, the war in Ukraine and the Israel-Palestine conflict — it becomes a formidable challenge to deeply empathize with fellow humans immersed in tragedy. Despite this overwhelming exposure, individuals can still exercise agency by making informed decisions about the information they consume and how they process it. Maintaining a sense of agency is pivotal for emotional well-being, as it provides a semblance of control over one's actions and their consequences. The struggle with desensitization is not exclusive to any particular age group, but its impact is particularly evident in high schools,

where the delicate balance between emotional resilience and vulnerability is most observable. Here on campus, we're not far removed from those years and their vulnerabilities.

Enduring the desensitization dilemma in the digital age requires a nuanced approach that considers the psychological mechanisms at play. By fostering a supportive environment for emotional development and understanding the delicate balance between exposure and emotional resilience, individuals, especially the youth, can navigate the complexities of the digital age without sacrificing their emotional well-being. Don't rely unduly on your screens. Seek help and balance with friends and family. Work toward a better world.



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# Football: Huskies celebrate senior day against Pioneers

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This football season has not been kind to the UConn Huskies. Despite lofty preseason expectations to go bowling and more, the team has taken a number of steps back. With nothing but pride to play for from here on out, UConn does have a pair of winnable games to close out the year.

The first of those opponents is Sacred Heart, which will be the team's final home game and senior day. Being honored on Saturday is Rayonte Brown, George Caratan, Desmond Fogle, Kevon Glenn, Christian Haynes, Jaylen Jones, Sokoya McDuffie, Collin McCarthy, Will Meyer, Cale Millen, Jackson Mitchell, Noel Ofori-Nyadu, Bruno Perlicki, Noah Plack, Geordan Porter, Eric Watts, Raashaan Wilkins Jr. and Maurice Wilmer, per release.

The Huskies got the year started off on the wrong foot with an expected defeat to NC State at home. They covered the spread, but the offense looked stale under transfer Quarterback Joe Fagnano. Fagnano injured his shoulder for the season during a blowout defeat at Georgia State, thrusting backup Ta'Quan Roberson into the starting role.

Roberson hasn't been great, but it's truly difficult to pinpoint one issue for the team. They lost against FIU, No. 18 Duke and Utah State at home in Roberson's first three starts, but surprised many with a win at Rice. With manageable games against South Florida and Boston College immediately following and bouts with SHU and UMass in the



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

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distance, there was hope they could turn a disappointing start into a five-win season.

Those hopes went out the window fairly quickly. The Huskies lost all the winnable and unwinnable games since, left with a single victory to their name after 10 tries. Saturday serves to give the aforementioned seniors a proper sendoff from Rentschler Field.

Sacred Heart has had an equally frustrating campaign, only doing so at the FCS level. After making the FCS playoffs in 2021 behind an 8-4 mark, the Pioneers have only gone backwards. They lost four of their final five games en route to a 5-6 record last year and have continued trending down. This season SHU sits at 2-8, though they've shown some signs of life at times.

The Pioneers only have two losses by more than 10 and each of their wins have been close. The victories came against Saint Francis and CCSU, both

in-conference matchups.

Leading their offense is QB Rob McCoy, who has taken over as the starter for Cade Pribula. Neither have been great, with McCoy sporting three touchdowns and five picks, while Pribula has two and five. With only five total touchdowns through the air all season, Sacred Heart is a much more ground-oriented squad.

Malik Grant and Jalen Madison have had a reasonably even share of the carries, with both recording similar totals. Grant has 713 yards and Madison has 622, with each finding the paydirt four times. Though both are from the tri-state area, it doesn't appear that either were offered by UConn coming out of high school. Perhaps that'll serve as extra motivation for the backfield pair heading into the matchup.

Sacred Heart is tabbed by Sagarin Rankings as the 14th worst team in all of Division-I football, both FBS or FCS.

Connecticut is No. 153 out of the 260 squad rankings, roughly 25 points better if the teams were to play on a neutral field.

The Huskies really should win this matchup. The ball hasn't bounced their way this year, but they don't look like a team that would lose their FCS game. Connecticut has put out teams that looked much worse in the Randy Edsall era and those teams still won at least one FCS contest per year (they went 1-1 in 2021 with a loss to Holy Cross and a victory over Yale). Though they've had many close calls, the last time they went winless against the FCS was in 2013, the year Paul Pasqualoni was canned.

Roberson and his receivers have been frustrated lately, so this should be a chance to get a bit more creative and put up bigger numbers. Tight End Justin Roberson and his receivers have been frustrat-

ed lately, so this should be a chance to get a bit more creative and put up bigger numbers. TE Justin Joly is positioned to have a nice day as a matchup nightmare for SHU defenders. He's been held to one score this year but could explode Saturday.

The defense should also have an easier time. They've proven they can compete with much of the FBS when given enough rest via longer offensive drives. The Sacred Heart offense won't give them much to fear, scoring just 14 points per game against FCS competition. Expect the pieces to come together nicely for the Huskies.

The game can be viewed on UConn+, UConn's streaming platform. The platform crashed when it was the sole streamer of the UConn women's basketball's preseason exhibition, so check UConn's YouTube channel if the stream is interrupted.

# Women's Hockey: NO. 12 UCONN FACES OFF WITH HOLY CROSS

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Continuing Hockey East play, the No. 12 UConn Huskies are set to take on Holy Cross in a home-and-home series starting this Friday night.

UConn and Holy Cross currently sit on opposite ends of the Hockey East standings with the Huskies in second and the Crusaders back in ninth. UConn is just one point below first place Boston College and will look to overtake that gap this weekend with a good series against Holy Cross.

The Huskies come into the series the hottest they've been in the young season so far, winning each of their last six games to improve to an overall record of 7-3-1 on the year. Most importantly, all of those wins came against Hockey East opponents. UConn beat New Hampshire and Providence, then took two from both Northeastern and Maine in back-to-back weekends.

Against Maine last weekend, it was all Jada Habisch for Connecticut. After scoring the lone goal in Friday night's contest to give UConn its first victory, she tacked on two more in Saturday's contest. Following a power play goal by Brooke Campbell, Habisch scored twice in the third period to seal the win for the Huskies. She is currently tied with Natálie Mlýnková of Vermont for most goals in Hockey East play with seven each. Tia Chan started in goal for both games, making 21 saves in game one and 34 in game two, allowing just one score across the two matchups. The shutout in Friday night's contest marked her third shutout of the year. One thing to note, Ashley Allard, Habisch and Riley Grimley of UConn currently rank first to third in the Hockey East play respectively in regard to plus/minus.



Jada Habisch wins Player of the week for her performance last weekend against Maine on Nov. 11, 2023. Jada had a total of two goals that game.

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As for Holy Cross, they've begun to find their footing recently. To open the year, the Crusaders lost four of their first five but have played well against tough competition. They have shutout victories over Boston College and Merrimack, and wins against Northeastern and Vermont, who were both ranked at the time. Holy Cross' main point of attack is via the power play. In

conference play, they have nine power play goals including three coming off their weekend series against Merrimack. Sophomore Alexis Perry is tied with Maine's Ann-Frederique Guay in power play goals in Hockey East play with three. In fact, all of Perry's goals on the season have come on power plays.

UConn's penalty kill performance is what will de-

termine the winner of this weekend. The Huskies have the third highest kill percentage in Hockey East play with 86.4%, but this Crusaders offense thrives in those situations. Limiting power play opportunities and squandering any chances during penalties should be the Huskies' main point of focus going into the weekend set.

The series begins this Friday in Storrs, Connecticut at the Toscano Family Ice Forum with gametime set for 6 p.m. Saturday's game will have the Huskies travel up to Worcester, Massachusetts to face Holy Cross on the road, with another 6 p.m. start. If you are unable to attend, both games will be available to watch on ESPN+.

## Sports

Photo of the Day | Huskies win!



UConn women's basketball plays their first Hartford game of the season against Dayton. UConn swept Dayton with a final score of 102-58.

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# Women's Volleyball:

## UConn to face Georgetown and Villanova in final weekend sequence

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While UConn has had a long fought season defined by several ups and downs, its path to success has been unique. Despite battling a .250 hitting percentage, the team has not let their stats define them. Week in and week out, the Huskies have proven that the small steps they've taken on a daily basis have set them up for subtle success.

Georgetown will be the first to rematch the Huskies on Friday afternoon. The pair's last contest in early October resulted in a 1-3 loss

for the Huskies.

Despite the fall in early October, UConn made several massive strides in the matchup. The first set was a straight shot to success for the Huskies as they crushed the Hoyas 25-12 in the largest scoring margin all season. Although they ultimately couldn't seal the deal in the following three matches, the Huskies' gameplay was right on par with the Hoyas. As for a team comparison, UConn outscored Georgetown in almost all categories. Kills, aces, assists and digs were just some of the game components the Huskies dominated in.

Although Georgetown was

successful in defeating UConn, that same success hasn't carried through to other conference contests. Georgetown is currently occupying the Big East seat just above UConn and their tied counterpart, Providence, and has been struggling with a subpar conference record of 4-12. With more losses than wins under their belt, the Hoyas will be just as hungry for the win as the Huskies.

Following Georgetown, UConn will face Villanova in its final game before the Big East Championships.

Even though the Wildcats have not dominated the top seats of the conference, they have maintained a middle-

of-the-road record of 7-9. Although they may not be No. 1 in the conference, they still will pose a challenge to the Huskies.

UConn's first matchup in early October with the Wildcats resulted in a shutout. This loss, slightly more poignant than the Georgetown fall, forced the Huskies to stay on their toes.

In all three sets, UConn was not put down easily and fought until the end. The Huskies were able to stay on the heels of Villanova and the duo even bounced back and forth with the lead. In the end, the Huskies struggled to maintain their momentum and fell to the Wildcats in

the final points of the game: a common theme throughout the season.

Even with their history, a win this weekend is not impossible. UConn has proven its ability to keep up with higher-ranked teams and has demonstrated its strong gameplay even against competitive conference opponents.

Friday's game against Georgetown will also be Senior Day and the team's sole senior, Karly Berklund, will be recognized for her hard-work and dedication.

If all goes well, the Huskies will hope for a victory at home in the final weekend of gameplay.

# Men's Hockey:

## Huskies set for tall task against No. 4 Boston College

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After bouncing back last weekend to split the series against Merrimack, the Huskies are set for a tall task in facing the No. 4 Boston College Eagles for a home-and-home series. They will begin up in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts on Friday, Nov. 17 and then travel back down to Storrs to play at Toscano Family Ice Forum on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The Eagles are coming in with a 7-2-1 record and sit at No. 4 in the USCHO Division I Men's Hockey power rankings. However, they did struggle against Maine last weekend as they dropped the series opener and tied the finale night. For the second time in three weekends, freshman Gabe Perreault was named the Pro Ambitions Hockey East Rookie of the Week. On both nights of the two game series against Maine, Perreault had multi-point performances and finished the weekend in Orono with four points, a goal and three assists. The freshman forward converted in a shootout on Saturday in a must-score situation for the Eagles, helping them to win in eight rounds and earn two points. Perreault leads Hockey East with 13 assists. His

team-leading 15 points ranks at second in the league and second nationally among all rookies in college hockey. He has helped in eight of the Eagles last 10 goals, making him a threat on offense for the Huskies to look out for this weekend.

Boston College is second in Hockey East and ninth nationally in scoring offense with 3.6 goals per game. They are also ninth in the nation defensively with a 2.30 GAA as a team. The Eagles have excelled on the power play (2nd HEA, 13th NCAA) and they are ranked seventh nationally in scoring margin with +1.30.

"We know we have quite the task in front of us with Boston College," said Head Coach Mike Cavanaugh. "I think they're good in all aspects of the game. They've got great goaltending so far this year. They've got a very mobile defense. They have elite forwards up front, good special teams. They are well coached. It's going to be a great opponent for us to play this weekend."

As for the Huskies, they are entering this series with a 5-6-1 record and 3-3-0 in Hockey East action. They have seen some struggles on offense, but after last weekend's series against Merrimack, there was a shift

in their goal-scoring abilities as they scored seven over two games. Andrew Lucas scored the game winner for the Huskies last Saturday at Merrimack, where he found a gap and fired the shot over the Warriors goaltender in a high pressure situation, which is exactly what the Huskies need to capitalize on going forward. Having more consistency is key for this team to stay in the win column with a tough schedule filled with many talented Hockey East opponents.

"I think every weekend is a tough weekend in this league and you just have to stay fo-

cused on that," said Cavanaugh on facing Boston College this weekend. "It's a league opponent that we have the utmost respect for and we are going to have to bring our A-game if we want to be successful."

The Huskies will travel to Chestnut Hill, MA to open the series against Boston College at Conte Forum on Friday, Nov. 17, puck drop is set for 7:00 p.m.. They will then wrap up the series back in Storrs, CT at Toscano Family Ice Forum. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and it is Disco Night in Storrs. Both games will be available to stream on UConn Plus.



The UConn Huskies play the UMass Lowell Riverhawks on Oct. 28, at the XL Center. They unfortunately lost 1-0, even after having 46 shots on goal.

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# Ava's Angle:

## WHO SHOULD THE METS TARGET IN FREE AGENCY?

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The New York Mets are coming off a season of disappointment where they were sellers at the trade deadline and were not even in the picture for making the playoffs: which was the opposite of the team's goals. This offseason will be huge for them in building a team that will be competitive for many years to come.

That all starts with attacking the free agent market. So who are the potential players that the Mets should target this offseason?

**Yoshinobu Yamamoto, SP**  
The Mets are in need of starting pitching. Especially, a starting pitcher to pair with Kodai Senga who was a candidate for Rookie of the Year this past season. One of the best options on the market is Japanese free agent Yoshinobu Yamamoto. There has been a lot of talk around Yamamoto and with good reason. He has been playing for the Nippon Professional Baseball league since 2017 and since his debut, he has compiled a 1.82 earned run average and 9.3 strikeouts per nine innings across close to 900 innings in 172 games. With the Orix Buffaloes, the 25-year old won each of the MVP awards, Triple Crown and Sawamura Award (equivalent to the Cy Young award) in both 2021 and 2022. He looked to win the award for the third-straight year after finishing the year with a 1.21 ERA

with 16 wins and 169 strikeouts. The Mets need to form a starting rotation filled with younger pitchers who have established their talent instead of signing veteran pitchers to shorter, record-breaking salary contracts. Yamamoto would be a great fit for the Mets and he should be one of New York's top targets for this offseason.

**Jordan Montgomery, SP**  
Another starting pitcher the Mets should look at is starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery. Once on the Yankees roster, he is now a World Series Champion with the Texas Rangers. Montgomery has risen to be one of the top pitching free agents for this season and the Mets should pursue him. Last season with the St. Louis Cardinals he pitched a 3.11 ERA over 11 starts and in 2023 he replicated that with a 3.42 ERA across 21 starts. He was traded for the second year in a row at the deadline and became one of the most dependable pitchers for the Rangers with a 2.79 ERA in 11 regular season games. He also played a part in the Rangers' World Series run as he added a strong dipitching performance in Game 1 of the Wild Card Series. Montgomery is one of the most consistent starters in the game and he would benefit any team's middle rotation. This qualifies him to be a great potential fit for the Mets as they are in great need of starting pitchers.

**Adam Duvall, OF**  
One of the components the Mets are set with is a young

outfield that is ready to thrive. However, their outfield does have some gaps. That is where Adam Duvall would be a solid fit. Although he is on the more veteran side at 35-years old, he had one of the best seasons of his career with the Boston Red Sox before the 2023 season. In 2022 he slashed .247/.303/.531 with 116 weighted runs created plus and 21 home runs despite just playing in 91 games with 353 plate appearances after having dealt with a left wrist injury for the second season in a row. He has seen some struggles on defense when playing center field, he wouldn't have that issue with the Mets as Brandon Nimmo is their primary center fielder. However, over 200 innings, he was worth one out above average in both left and right field. He is an effective base runner and has supplied power at the plate with 184 career home runs. The Mets are in need of lengthening their lineup and Duvall would be a great player to add to the bottom half of their offense.

**David Robertson, RP**  
Robertson was one of the first guys to be traded after the Mets' 2023 season was not all it was sought out to be. However after losing Edwin Díaz to a season-ending knee injury in March, Robertson became the Mets' primary closer. Robertson would fit with the Mets' need of late-inning pitching options and his existing familiarity with the Mets provides an even bet-



Yoshinobu Yamamoto celebrates against Korea in the 2020 Olympics on Aug. 5, 2021. The New York Mets are making a huge effort to acquire Yamamoto in free agency.  
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ter reason why he should sign with New York. He would help build their bullpen back up and with Díaz's hopeful return, this duo would provide New York with a backbone of relievers that they lacked last season. It would replicate Robertson's role that he was brought into last season before Díaz got hurt. Robertson pitched to a 2.05 ERA with 14 saves in 40 appearances with the Mets and despite losing some momentum after his trade to the Miami Marlins, he should still be well equipped to have another solid season this upcoming year. A reunion with the Mets and Robertson would help bolster their bullpen and

it should be something that New York seriously considers this offseason.

There are many options for free agents this season, even Shohei Ohtani is on the market but that's something that seems more out of the Mets' reach. New York could also look at trades, even though they want to maintain a strong farm system, it is still something that's on the table. The New York Mets are all in behind owner Steve Cohen's big ambitions for the team to be successful and win soon. There is a lot in store for New York and the next step is free agency so we will have to wait to see who the Mets lock in for the upcoming season.

# Men's Basketball

## NO. 5 HUSKIES GEAR UP FOR EMPIRE CLASSIC

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The UConn men's basketball team moved to 3-0 to kick off their 2023-24 campaign following their 87-53 blowout win over Mississippi Valley State. Dan Hurley and company will look to keep their undefeated start alive against their stiffest competition yet in the Empire Classic. First on the slate for the Huskies are the 2-0 Indiana Hoosiers.

These two programs have a well-documented history of playing each other. The last time they squared off was in the 2019 Jimmy V Classic. In that contest, Indiana narrowly edged out Connecticut 57-54. Before that, these teams met in the finals of the 2013 Empire Classic, where UConn won 59-58. This matchup took place the same season that Connecticut won its fourth NCAA National Championship.

However, the Huskies are not just playing Indiana this weekend. They enter a tournament with a semifinal-style bracket, with the winner of this matchup playing in the championship game and the loser relegated to the third-place match. Connecticut will face either Texas or Louisville afterward, depending on how each team fairs in their initial clash.

This weekend, a big question for the Huskies surrounds the status of Stephon Castle. The Georgia native missed last Tuesday's matchup against the Delta Devils with a knee injury sustained during the program's win over Stonehill. According to Hurley, there is a question of when he will be back on the court for Connecticut.

"I don't think we are nervous about this being a long-



UConn mens basketball takes on Mississippi Valley State for their first ever showdown in the XL center.  
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term thing," said Hurley on Castle's injury, "We think it's pretty minor. If he's gonna miss time, it won't be much."

Looking at UConn's opponent on Sunday, the Hoosiers head into this meeting undefeated. They come off the brink of a 23-12 campaign that saw them exit in the second round of the March Madness tournament. However, their roster is much different than last season. Indiana lost two of their top scorers to the NBA, Trayce Jackson-Davis and Jalen Hood-Schifino. Jackson-Davis averaged 21 points per game on 58.1% from the field, 11 rebounds and four assists in 35 minutes per game, all of which were highs for last year's Indiana squad. Hood-Schifino also played well, averaging 13.5 points per game on 42% shooting. Despite their significant losses, head coach Mike Woodson made a splash by recruiting fresh talent, which includes big man Kel'el Ware.

The matchup between the 7-foot Arkansas native and Donovan Clingan will be one all college basketball fans will want to look out for. The Bristol native has not played against someone as talented as Ware for a significant amount of time during his college career. The former Oregon Duck comes into this matchup boasting 16.5 points and nine rebounds per game. As it sits, the superstar big man projects to be a first-round NBA draft pick, so how he performs against early-season elite competition is something NBA executives will take note of. The road to another national championship only gets tougher from here, and the Huskies will need Clingan to be on his A-game if they wish for an encore of last year's success.

Something on the mind of many Husky fans regards who is going to step up this tournament weekend. Clingan believes the best is yet to come for him. Samson John-

son took a step back in the MVSU game, yet both have played well in their other matchups. Cam Spencer performed poorly against Stonehill, going 3-11 from the field. Three days later, he stepped up for his squad, scoring 25 points on 9-14 shooting.

Another question Husky fans have on the mind is how Solomon Ball will look. If Castle misses another game, the freshman guard will likely fill in as a starter despite his initial struggles. The Virginia native scored 10 points, albeit on 3-12 shooting. It will be interesting to see how Ball rebounds in his second college start against some elite competition.

Another area of improvement for Connecticut is their interior defense. The gap between the Huskies and MVSU was smaller than it could have been. The Delta Devils stayed competitive because the UConn defense allowed easy buckets in the paint. This simply won't

work against Indiana. They have too many weapons on offense and will make the Huskies pay if they do not improve. Another key area to watch out for is how disciplined the program is on the defensive end. Alex Karaban picked up three first-half fouls and another one early on in the second half, but the sophomore forward was not the only one in foul trouble. Tristen Newton picked up a pair of early fouls and had to sit for an extended period of time.

There is no doubt that UConn can finish this weekend 5-0. However, its last matchup showed us how much there is to work on. The Huskies also showed off their depth. If a part of the Connecticut offense stalls out, this squad has proven that they can find other ways to score, which is essential for a championship-caliber team. The Huskies will take the court this Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m.



# Sports

## Women's Basketball

### NO. 8 HUSKIES TOP NO. 20 TERRAPINS BEHIND BUECKERS' OFFENSIVE WIZARDRY

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With 1:28 remaining in the first quarter, redshirt junior guard Paige Bueckers momentarily exited the game after accidentally getting poked in the eye. Bueckers returned 160 seconds into the second quarter but picked up an apparent technical foul when she tangled with Shyanne Sellers on a rebound. From the moment Sellers buried two free throws with 4:58 left in the second quarter until halftime, the No. 8 UConn women's basketball team nearly doubled their point total behind a 20-2 run.

That stretch pushed the Huskies from down three to up 15 by the break and set the tone in their 80-48 victory over the No. 20 Maryland Terrapins at Gampel Pavilion. UConn's defense surrendered almost half as many points as they did in their loss against the now No. 14 NC State on Sunday without junior guard Azzi Fudd, who, earlier in the week, suffered a knee injury during practice and sat out Thursday night's marquee matchup.

"Nobody is going to be Azzi [Fudd], but we can all do stuff that contributes to filling her void," Bueckers said about the team stepping up despite their latest injury woe. "We have had it [that next man up mentality] throughout all my years here at UConn."

Senior guard Nika Mühl started the scoring with a three-pointer from the left side, and even with Aaliyah Edwards picking up an offen-

sive foul less than a minute in, the Huskies held their ground with a game-opening 7-0 run. Despite the early advantage, UConn's missed several layups that prevented them from crossing double figures until the five-minute mark of the first quarter.

Those offensive struggles carried into the ensuing three minutes out of the media timeout, momentarily getting worse once Bueckers checked out with 88 seconds left on the

the Huskies the lead back. Those free throws sparked that explosive run with three freshmen on the court, putting the Terps in serious foul trouble and giving Connecticut a 42-27 lead at the break.

"[Bueckers] became that lightning rod that started the whole thing," head coach Geno Auriemma noted about that first-half streak. "We had a lot of young guys that benefitted from the way Paige took over the game."

guard Ashlynn Shade ended that drought before the end of the third quarter, putting the Huskies ahead 21 heading into the final frame.

Freshman guard KK Arnold continued her torrid second half with eight more points in the fourth, but outside of a Bueckers corner triple, the Huskies finished the job as they improved to 8-1 over Maryland all-time. Starting last year's contest in College Park at the one, sophomore Ines Betten-

on Maryland's 27 turnovers with 23 points off of them and 16 steals. The Huskies lost the rebound battle for the second straight game, but with no force like Saniya Rivers down the middle for the Terps, the frontcourt crashed the glass. Despite getting outrebounded 36-35 overall, Connecticut held the defensive edge 26-20 with 46 points in the paint compared to Maryland's 18.

Griffin alone had a game-best 13 boards on top of her nine points and two assists. Three Huskies beyond Bueckers finished in double figures, each with 12 points collected in different fashion. The redshirt junior guard had 27 points in Connecticut's loss against the Wolfpack on Sunday, but dropping 24 in front of a sold-out Gampel Pavilion crowd with six steals and two blocks left their opponent impressed.

"Paige [Bueckers] did what All-Americans

do," Maryland head coach Brenda Freese commented.

UConn goes from a home game in Storrs to Bueckers' homecoming contest in Minnesota, when they face the Minnesota Golden Gophers (3-0) on Sunday. Although she played 63 combined minutes between the Final Four and national championship game in Minneapolis two seasons ago, the redshirt junior guard hopes to make the most of her time in her old stomping grounds.

"It is like a surreal feeling for me," Bueckers explained. "I am so grateful for the program to be doing this for their seniors."

Tip-off is at 5 p.m. EST on FS1.



Guard KK Arnold dribbles up the court in a game against the Maryland Terrapins at Gampel Pavilion on Thursday, Nov. 16. Arnold finished with 12 points, 5 assists and 5 steals in the contest

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clock. Graduate forward Aubrey Griffin ended the Huskies' four-minute scoring drought on a jumper, but Maryland got the last word in the first quarter when Sellers knocked down the second-chance triple. Bueckers returned with her team down three early in the second, a deficit Connecticut faced until Edwards made two buckets in the paint that pulled the Huskies within one heading into the second quarter's media timeout.

The referees gave Bueckers a technical foul in addition to Sellers' second foul, but when Maryland could not capitalize on their extra possession, Edwards' free throws and Ice Brady's layup in the paint gave

Maryland guard Jakia Brown-Turner exceeded her team's point totals from that nearly five-minute span from beyond the arc out of the gates in intermission, but even with Sellers' one free throw, Connecticut remained ahead by double digits. Scoring the Huskies' first points of the frame, Bueckers kept doing it all on both ends of the floor between a ferocious swat and a seamless assist on Griffin's floater.

The Terrapin defense tightened up following a string of two media timeouts, gaining further momentum when Mühl collected her third foul in seven minutes and keeping UConn off the board across a three-minute window. Freshman

court got 105 seconds of game action as the Terrapins lost their second straight contest by 30+ points.

"I think we became a little bit better today," Auriemma expressed after the game when assessing his team's performance.

Scoring 10 points in the first half, Sellers finished with 16 overall on 4-13 shooting while Brown-Turner dropped 13 at a 4-17 clip despite hauling in seven boards. As a team, Maryland shot 25.9% from the field and got rejected at the rim nine times.

Despite their offensive struggles, which included shooting 37.5% from the field in the first quarter, UConn capitalized

## Cross Country

### CHLOE THOMAS AWARDED INDIVIDUAL AT-LARGE BID FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

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After placing seventh overall in the NCAA Northeast Regional on Friday, UConn cross-country star Chloe Thomas was awarded an individual selection to the National Championship. The junior from Dun-

das, Ontario will be joining 280 of the best runners in the nation for the 6K event at Panorama Farms Cross Country Course in Virginia.

Thomas is the sixth Husky in program history to earn an individual selection and the first since Mia Nahom in 2019. During her junior season, the two-time all-Big East selection posted a top-

10 finish in all five races she competed in and recorded new personal bests in a 4K, 5K and 6K race. Her 6K time of 19:49.5 at the Arturo Barrios Invitational was a career-best.

Additionally, Thomas led UConn to fourth place in the Big East championship and took seventh place individually. She was the

highest finisher each time out for a Husky team that placed in the top five of every regular season race. Connecticut began the season with a first-place finish in the Suffolk Short Classic and followed that up with a second-place effort in the Providence Friar Invitational. The program placed fifth out of 42 schools in

the loaded Arturo Barrios Invitational before taking fourth in the Big East Championship and seventh in the Northeast Regional.

The UConn star will be in action on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Panorama Farms in Charlottesville, Virginia, though without her teammates as the Huskies did not receive an at-large bid.

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