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## UConn Veterans' Office Begins Holiday Donation Drive and Competition

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As the holiday season approaches, a number of donation and gift drives are beginning across the UConn campus and surrounding communities. The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs officially commenced its 10th Annual Care Package Drive on Monday, Nov. 27, with student participation opened and encouraged.

Items collected for the Care Package Drive sponsored by Veterans Affairs and Military Programs will reach “shelters which provide housing, training, job placement, and other services to the homeless and those in need, with a focus on veterans” in partnership with the South Park Inn in Hartford and Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport.

Suggested items for donation include everything from sheets and towels to kitchen utensils and cleaning supplies to breakfast bars and snacks. Gift cards to relevant companies like Walmart, Target, CVS and Dunkin Donuts are also displayed as wishlist items. Those interested can find

the full wishlist on the Donation Drive Flyer hosted online.

Participants are encouraged to compete for donations and attach the name of their team or organization to their donation bags and boxes. Should you decide to collect donations as a group, the Office of Veterans and Military Programs will arrive at your team's designated donation drive location on Thursday, Dec. 21 to collect your boxes and bags and bring the group a “special holiday treat.” The spreadsheet for marking your team's location and desired time for collection can be found at the 2023 Donation Drive Contact List attached to the Donation Drive's entry in the Student Daily Digest. The winning team will receive a prize in the form of a trophy and bragging rights.

If you decide not to compete, the Office of Veterans Affairs will still be more than happy to accept your donations at Hawley Armory. Donations can be dropped off at the Armory until Friday, Dec. 22.

For more information, donors and competitors alike can contact Emily Lugo, Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Veterans Affairs, at emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu.



The annual Veteran's Day ceremony took place on Friday, Nov. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the Great Lawn. Keynote speaker Dr. Carlina Cotton talked to veterans about the need for a safe space on campus, which is now the Veteran's oasis center in the Student Union.

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## SUSPECT IN SHOOTING OF THREE MEN OF PALESTINIAN DESCENT NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Three college students of Palestinian descent out for a walk in Vermont were seriously injured over the weekend when a man shot them at close range on a city street — an attack being investigated as a possible hate crime, authorities said Monday.

Jason J. Eaton, 48, made his initial court appearance by video from jail on three counts of attempted murder, and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf on Monday. He was ordered held without bail.

The U.S. Department of Justice, along with state law enforcement agencies, were investigating whether Saturday's shooting was a hate crime amid an increase in threats against Jewish, Muslim and Arab communities across the U.S. since the Israel-Hamas war began, Attorney General Merrick Garland said. “There is understandable fear in communities across the country,” he said.

The three men, all age 20, were spending their Thanksgiving break in Burlington, and were out for a walk while visiting one of the victims' relatives when they were confronted by a white man with a handgun, police said.

“They stated that the person had not made any comments to them and had merely approached them while they were walking down the street, essentially minding their own business,” Burlington Police Chief Jon Murad told reporters.

Two of the young men were struck in their torsos, while one was hit in the lower extremities, Murad said. All three were being treated at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and one fac-

ing a long recovery because of a spinal injury, a family member said.

“I've been with them almost constantly since Saturday evening. I've been listening to them talk to one another and try to process the events, and I'm blown away by their resilience, by their good humor in the face of these difficult times,” said Rich Price, the uncle of one of the students.

The Institute for Middle East Understanding, in a statement from victims' families on X, formerly known as Twitter, identified the men as Hisham Awartani, Kinnan Abdalhamid and Tahseen Ali Ahmad.

“We are extremely concerned about the safety and well-being of our children,” the statement said. “We call on law enforcement to conduct a thorough investigation, including treating this as a hate crime. We will not be comfortable until the shooter is brought to justice.”

The three shooting victims have been friends since first grade at Ramallah Friends School, a private school in the West Bank, and all are “remarkable, distinguished students,” said Rania Ma'ayeh, head of the school.

Awartani is studying mathematics and archaeology at Brown University in Rhode Island; Abdalhamid is a pre-med student at Haverford College in Pennsylvania; and Ali Ahmad is studying mathematics and IT at Trinity College in Connecticut, Ma'ayeh said. Awartani and Abdalhamid are U.S. citizens while Ali Ahmad is studying on a student visa, Ma'ayeh said.

“Our students are not safe in their own country because of the occupation. They're study-

ing abroad and have a bright future ahead of them, and look at what happens,” she said. “This has deeply shaken us.”

Abdalhamid's uncle Radi Tamini, who flew from California and spoke Monday at the press conference, shared a similar sentiment.

“Kinnan grew up in the West Bank and we always thought that that could be more of a risk in terms of his safety and sending him here would be a right decision,” the uncle said. “We feel somehow betrayed in that decision here and we're just trying to come to terms with everything.”

Eaton moved to Burlington over the summer from Syracuse, New York, and legally purchased the gun used in the shooting, Murad told reporters. According to a police affidavit, federal agents found the gun in Eaton's apartment on Sunday. Eaton came to the door holding his hands, palms up, and told the officers he'd been waiting for them.

Syracuse police said Eaton's name appeared in 37 police reports from 2007 until 2021, but never as a suspect. The cases ranged from domestic violence to larceny, and Eaton was listed as either a complainant or victim in 21 reports, according to Lt. Matthew Malinowski, the department's public information officer.

Price, Awartani's uncle, said the gunman “shot them without saying any words” and that the family suspects they were targets of a hate crime.

“The family's fear is that this was motivated by hate, that these young men were targeted because they were Arabs,” Price said.

The victims were speaking in a mix of English and Ara-

bic and two of them were also wearing the black-and-white Palestinian keffiyeh scarves when they were shot, Murad said.

Speaking at a news conference, Sarah George, state's attorney, said law enforcement officials do not yet have evidence to support a hate crime charge, which under Vermont law must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. But, she said, “I do want to be clear that there is no question that this was a hateful act.”

Murad echoed George's language.

“Whether or not this is a hate crime by the law, it was a hateful act. It's one that we abhor,” he said. “And anybody who steps out from a porch and attacks three random passersby for whatever reason, he's expressing a form of hate.”

Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger, who called it “one of the most shocking and disturbing events in the city's history,” said he spoke to President Joe Biden on Monday.

Biden said he and his wife were horrified by the shooting and were praying that the students make a full recovery.

“While we are waiting for more facts, we know this: there is absolutely no place for violence or hate in America. Period. No person should worry about being shot at while going about their daily lives,” Biden said in a statement.

Burlington has gone from a city that typically saw two shootings per year to one that experienced 26 in 2022, said Murad, who created a task force last year to address the increase.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont Independent, also denounced the shooting. “It is shock-

ing and deeply upsetting that three young Palestinians were shot here in Burlington, Vermont. Hate has no place here, or anywhere. I look forward to a full investigation,” Sanders said in a statement.

Gov. Phil Scott said the shooting was a tragedy, and called on the state's residents to unite and “not let this incident incite more hate or divisiveness.”

Demonstrations have been widespread and tensions in the U.S. have escalated as the death toll rises in the Israel-Hamas war. A fragile cease-fire between Israel and Hamas was set to continue for two more days past Monday as 11 more hostages were handed over to the Red Cross in Gaza under what was originally a four-day truce deal.

Last month, an Illinois landlord was charged with a hate crime after being accused of fatally stabbing a 6-year-old Muslim boy and seriously wounding his mother in suburban Chicago. Police and relatives said he singled out the victims because of their faith.

University of Vermont graduate student Jacob Friz-Trillo, who lives down the street from where the weekend shootings took place, said he believes “New England itself has sort of a different type of racism than the rest of the United States,” but that the violence was out of character in a city regarded as “super liberal.”

Ma'ayeh said the most recent attack shows safety must improve. “This incident is a reminder of the urgency to change the discourse, which has dehumanized Palestinians. They are people who are deserving of empathy, compassion, rights, freedom, happiness and life,” she said.

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## News

# Diplomas for sale: \$465, no classes required. Inside one of Louisiana's unapproved schools

SPRINGFIELD, La. (AP) — Arliya Martin accepted her high school diploma with relief and gratitude.

It was her ticket to better-paying work, she felt, after getting kicked out of high school and toiling for eight years at factory jobs to support her children.

But Martin didn't take any classes or pass any tests to receive her degree. She got it in July from a school where students can get a high school diploma for \$465.

Unlike public schools, formal homeschooling programs or traditional private schools, nearly 9,000 private schools in Louisiana don't need state approval to grant degrees. Nearly every one of those unapproved schools was created to serve a single homeschooling family, but some have buildings, classrooms, teachers and dozens of students.

While unapproved schools account for a small percentage of the state's students, those in Louisiana's off-the-grid school system are a rapidly growing example of the nation's continuing fallout from COVID-19: families disengaging from traditional education.

U.S. public school enrollment fell by more than 1.2 million students in the first two years of the pandemic. Many switched to private

school or told their state they were homeschooling. Thousands of others could not be accounted for at all, according to an analysis from The Associated Press and its partners.

The students in Louisiana's off-the-grid school system aren't missing. But there's no way to tell what kind of education they're getting, or whether they're getting one at all. Over 21,000 students are enrolled in the state's unapproved schools, nearly double the number from before the pandemic, according to data obtained through a public records request by the AP and The Advocate, a partner news outlet in Louisiana.

To supporters of the system, avoiding state oversight is entirely the point. Advocates say Louisiana's unapproved schools are a natural extension of the doctrine of parental rights.

The place where Martin got her diploma, Springfield Preparatory School, bills itself as an umbrella school for Christian homeschoolers. Most students there do attend the school to work toward an education through actual classes or tutoring.

However, principal Kitty Sibley Morrison is also willing to grant a diploma to anyone whose parents say they were homeschooled, even years earlier.

"Their parents are in charge of them, not the state," Sibley Morrison said.

Sibley Morrison says she is not selling diplomas, but rather lifetime services for homeschooling families.

Yet a list of prices is taped to the front window of the school building: \$250 for diploma services, a \$50 application fee, \$35 for a diploma cover and \$130 to walk in a cap and gown at a ceremony.

There is no way for the government to verify safety, quality or even whether a school exists, said Laura Hawkins, a former state Department of Education official.

Homeschooling parents who want their child to receive a state-recognized high school diploma can apply for the official home study program. Alternately, families can set up their own private school without asking for state approval. There are no requirements to prove a child is getting an education.

Louisiana's unapproved private schools came into being in 1980 when Christian ministers who ran small private schools joined forces with the budding homeschool movement to push for the deregulation of private education.

Opponents have tried on multiple occasions to get the law repealed but faltered in the face of lobbying efforts from Christian homeschool groups.

Today, over a dozen states allow families to open a private school as a form of homeschooling, including California, Illinois and Texas, according to the Home School Legal Defense Association. Around half the states require those schools to teach basic subjects such as math and reading; Louisiana isn't one of them.

Some homeschooling families come to Springfield Preparatory for art or science classes. Some, such as Arliya Martin, go straight for a diploma.

Kicked out of high school for what she said was self-defense during an altercation, Martin tried a military-style program for at-risk youths, but finished without her GED.

Then, this summer, she met Sibley Morrison. Sibley Morrison, 75, says her mission is to provide an alternative to the "godless" public education system.

Within days of meeting Sibley Morrison, Martin had a diploma in her hand.

The document was backdated to 2015, when she would have

graduated high school. It also said she had completed a state-approved program for graduation, which isn't true. After inquiries from AP, Sibley Morrison said there had been a mistake and the document would be corrected.

By law, the state does not have oversight over the unapproved schools, said Louisiana Department of Education spokesperson Ted Beasley. Asked if any government agency has authority to take action if a school sells diplomas, Beasley suggested making a report to the state attorney general's consumer protection division. The attorney general's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Martin said she did not feel deterred. Friends and family members have gotten diplomas from the same school and gone on to successful careers, she said.

On the July day when Sibley Morrison handed Martin her diploma, she advised her on next steps, describing scholarships she could use to go to community college.

"If you want our help," Sibley Morrison said, "you just come on back over here and we'll help."

"Y'all seem like good people who know how to help," Martin said. "So I will be back."



Salutatorian Alasia Baker, 17, center, and Khyli Barbee, 15, following Baker, leave a graduation ceremony for Springfield Preparatory School at Victory in Christ church in Holden, La., Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023. Nearly 9,000 private schools in Louisiana don't need state approval to grant degrees. Non-approved schools make up a small percentage of the state total. But the students in Louisiana's off-the-grid school system are a rapidly growing example of the national fallout from COVID-19 — families disengaging from traditional education.

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# Who needs a telescope when MICHAL LEAH'S new EP can show you the stars?

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Michal Leah (pronounced Me-Hall), pop singer-songwriter and TikTok star, released her second EP, "Part Two," on Nov. 17, 2023. Most musicians progressively improve their music throughout their careers. However, for Leah, it is evident that she started her career off incredibly strong at just 19, with her first three hit singles: "For Me" (Feb. 19, 2021), "Bitter" (March 19, 2021) and "Delusion" (April 21, 2021).

Earlier this year, Leah released her first EP, "Part One," which has themes of love, loss and maturity. Leah reflects with *Wonderland Magazine* on "Part One," revealing that she "wanted to capture [her] emotions at that exact moment — from heartbreak to growing pains, to being madly in love." And she certainly does, especially with her hit

song, "The Way I Love You," which entails finding your one true soulmate, failing to debunk the myth that every human being has only one other person they are perfect for.

Again, in 2023, she gave her audience a short yet edge-of-the-seat worthy wait, up until the release of "Part Two," her second EP of the year and of her career.

Tracklist opener and my personal favorite, "What Are We Doing?" addresses the difficulties of chosen vulnerability, especially in the desire of wanting to succumb to a certain negativity. In Leah's case, it's the infatuation with another person — regardless of how destructive temporary romance could get.

She boldly starts the song by taking on a slight Amy Winehouse style. Leah takes on the undertones of the song's sass and asserts herself dominantly by singing:

"I know your  
friends say  
I'm the  
worst  
/ Well

all of mine hate you, too / They say I'm more than you deserve / I mean that's probably true"

Spitting back retributive lines like "all of mine hate you, too," reveals the defensive and argumentative nature of humankind. But who can you blame? What else could you do when someone insults you like that? However, her next phrase seems a bit more taken back, sort of doubting herself as she says, "I mean that's probably true," the "probably" being unsure of her self-worth, which is a common thread of romantic manipulation.

And, of course, all this bickering leads to an intense, quick-burning obsession with the physicality of desire. She sings, "nine times out of ten / I'd be scheming ways of leaving / But this time I'm falling in," which insinuates the un-

healthiness between her and another person. However, she pushes back against the detrimental desire of another's company, regardless of the cost.



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# DATING: US

“Up in smoke and up in flames / Burning clothes and screaming names / But for now it feels amazing”

Moving down the tracklist, the second song, “Think I’m Gonna Love You,” takes a completely different turn. In this special song – which is duetted with her soon-to-be husband, Caleb Hearn (also a pop singer-songwriter) – she sings more about the pure innocence in true love, and the timeless feeling of being in a relationship that fulfills your every need.

Although this song is incredibly idyllic of the passionate dream of love, her deeper voice does not necessarily match or pair up perfectly well with Hearn’s nasally tone. Also, the song takes on a pretty predictable rhythmic pattern and does not venture out of a comfortable range, which frankly makes the song a bit boring.

Next up is a surprising cover of none other than Frank

and Nancy Sinatra’s “Something Stupid,” famously covered by Michael Bublé and Reese Witherspoon. Unlike the Sinatras’ song and Bublé and Witherspoon’s cover, Leah’s cover is a much softer version of “Something Stupid,” which illustrates the heart’s initial attachment to another person whose feelings are equally attached.

Another notable difference between Leah’s cover and the original song is the exclusion of the orchestral part, which added an extra layer of romance. Leah’s cover is fully acoustic, which is sung with just a guitar alone. However, this doesn’t take away from her cover at all and, more so, strips the song of the cliché and forced nature of the romantic orchestra. Additionally, the lone guitar and her angelic voice only add onto

the genuineness of speaking from the heart, especially when singing lines like:

“I practice every day / To find some clever lines to say / To make the meaning come true” and “The time is right, your perfume fills my head / The stars get read, and, oh, the night’s so blue / And then I go and spoil it all / By saying somethin’ stupid like, ‘I love you’”

The fourth song, “Let Me Have It All,” is probably – musically at least – the most powerful song on the EP. According to Nettwerk, the record label to which Leah is signed, Leah “wrote it from a personal experience. [She] was trying so hard to be there for someone who was holding onto a lot of baggage from their past, and [she] wrote this song as a reminder to them during that time that [she’ll] always be there to help them through anything.”

With the song’s meaning in conjunction with its simple yet sophisticated instrumentals and Leah’s echoic vocals, she exactly personifies the concept of empathy in its truest form.

The fifth and last song on “Part Two” is called “Burn,” which is about giving your all to someone who won’t reciprocate even a fraction of the

feelings you’ve gifted them. This non-reciprocity might make you feel like you’ll never amount to anything to them and that even with all the effort you’ve put in, you’ll never be enough.

Although this isn’t a favorite amongst fans, take a seat, close your eyes, and prepare yourself to enter a new, ethereal realm. Her backing and main vocals, in absence of other instruments, truly amplify her raw emotions – feelings that are often silenced or shut away.

Even though she is only 19 years old with a brief music career, she has already amassed 800,000 followers on TikTok and 1.1 million monthly listeners on Spotify. Taking inspiration from her own experiences, her songs are incredibly meaningful as they relate to the experiences of so many other people in the world. With the unique titles of her extended plays, “part one” and “part two,” we are only left to wonder, “is there a ‘Part Three,’ or will there be an album?”



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# BACKLOG:

## Break labor laws with your friends in

# 'MOVING OUT'

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Welcome back to The Backlog, where we review games based on a certain genre each month. Today's edition is the last of November, so we are wrapping up the "cooperative" games with a favorite of mine: "Moving Out."

"Moving Out" was released in 2020 and created by the Swedish studio DevM Games and the Australian developer SMG Studio. It was published by Team17, which is known for other notable co-op games like "Overcooked" and the single-player experience of "Dredge." It can be played on the Nintendo Switch, PS4, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows and is available for purchase on Steam.

The game is very kid-friendly, aiming to be an experience that the whole family can enjoy. Both my siblings and my dad adored the endless amount of puns and fart jokes. The gameplay is simple yet effective, demonstrating that good games don't need to have an intricate system in order to be enjoyable. Every player is an employee of a

moving company named Smooth Moves, helping to move furniture into the moving truck. Whether or not the objects come out unscathed is up for debate, but the job gets done nonetheless.

This is the type of game where you need at least one other player involved, but gen-

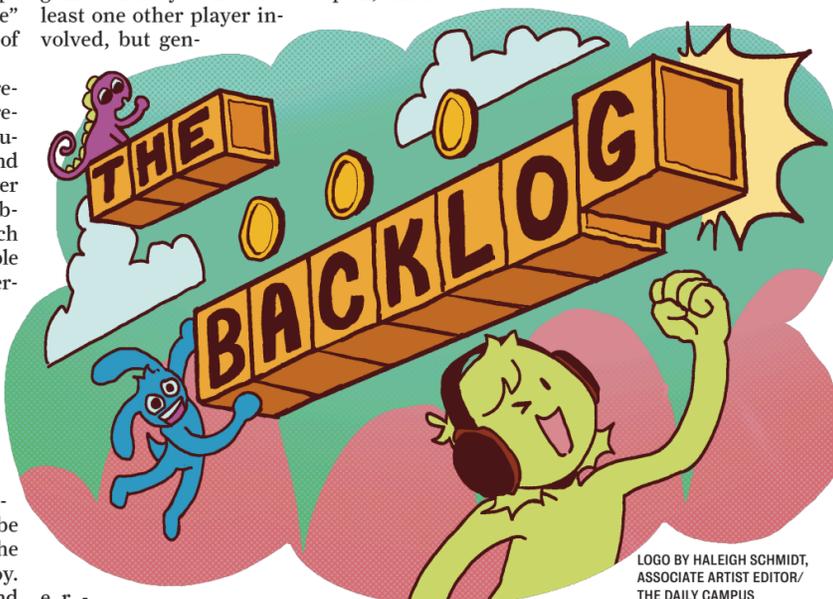
erally, the more, the merrier. Some furniture is too heavy for one person and can be carried by two, allowing you to throw the objects together in a heave-ho fashion. Be warned that if you are not synchronized

or agreeing on when to let go, it results in both laughs and frustration. You must also be wary of obstacles; as the levels progress, the difficulty increases, leading to moving platforms, ghosts and everyone's favorite thing to step on, rakes.

begin to understand that there is more to the town of Packmore than meets the eye. The story is ridiculous, but so is the rest of the game. Pretty soon you are left to your own devices without the supervision of your boss (who is a stack of boxes with a

skills and cooperation to steal back all the furniture you helped to steal in the first place. The story is just as strange as I've described it, not to mention the DLC, "Movers In Paradise," where you adventure to an island and must, once again, grab objects and put them in the truck with no concern for repercussions. Nevertheless, what matters is that you have fun along the way without any legally mandated 15-minute breaks. Overall, the game is a gem and should be played with your entire family or friends. It won't destroy your bonds like "Pico Park," but it will flesh out who is the dumbest among you.

The same developers and publisher recently released the sequel, "Moving Out 2," earlier this year in August. While I haven't played it to completion with my family yet (we've been busy finishing "Marvel's Spider-Man 2"), I have had a chance to play a few levels. Hopefully, it will bring in new mechanics and puns that "Moving Out" is known for.



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### Spoilers for the story of "Moving Out" beyond this point!

While the game starts as a simple exercise of breaking into clients' homes and moving their furniture, players quickly

face drawn on it) and begin moving furniture that should not be moved. Following the breadcrumbs leads you and your team to discover that Pack Rat has stolen the furniture, and you must use your

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# NOT JUST GENOCIDE: IMPERIALISM CALLS IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

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Author's note: This article is part of a two-part series detailing modern imperialism in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan.

"The Democratic Republic of Congo is facing a silent genocide." "Sudan is on the verge of genocide." "Nobody is paying attention."

These harrowing statements have been commonplace on social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram after the outbreak of war between Palestinian resistance groups and the Israeli military on Saturday, Oct. 7. Over 50 days and one strained, temporary ceasefire later, the world's attention is still rightly placed on Gaza, where Israeli airstrikes have killed over 14,000 Palestinians and displaced millions more. It remains of urgent importance that students, organized labor, activists and other politically-engaged groups in the United States confront and dislodge our own government's involvement in the Israeli government's extermination campaign against Palestinians in Gaza — most recently in the form of easing Israel's access to a stockpile of U.S. weapons stored within the occupation.

At the same time, the interests that motivate genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza for the expansion of the Zionist project are shared by imperialist hegemony headed by the U.S. and U.K.; powerful client states such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf monarchies, as well as rearing economic competitors like China and Russia. At the center of each of these states' diverse and often countervailing strategic and material priorities lies the unobstructed accumulation of capital by the ruling classes under imperialism (i.e. global capitalism), be they embedded in private enterprise, the government or the military. Social media users — especially young people — have been quick to recognize the shared struggle between the people of Palestine and other nations in the imperial periphery that are encumbered by the historic weight of colonialism.

Even more interestingly, netizens have adopted the term "genocide," the discursive power of which has been so useful in talking about Gaza, to invite the public to share its sense of urgency between Palestine, the DRC and Sudan — all of which are facing unique, but related crises.

On Oct. 25, TikTok user Sincerely Awa posted a video to raise awareness about the coercive and

violent working conditions in Cobalt mines in the DRC, as well as the widespread paramilitary violence and endemic sexual assault pervading the country. The video captioned with the hashtags "#SilentHolocaust" and "#Genocide," attributed scant coverage by news organizations and the everyday distractions enjoyed by residents of industrialized nations (e.g., streaming platforms) with the lack of international attention around the "atrocities" in the DRC, as well as in Sudan.

The creator's allegations are far from hyperbole. Labor and human rights advocates have long recognized the devastation of extractive industries and military conflict on the resource-rich former Belgian colony. In "Cobalt Red: How the blood of the Congo powers our lives," modern slavery expert Sidharth Kara outlines the violent dimensions of the cobalt trade on the people of the DRC.

Cobalt, a naturally occurring element, is an integral component in modern smartphone batteries. According to Kara, "In 2021, a total of 111,750 tons of cobalt representing [72%] of the global supply was mined in the DRC." Cobalt mining is also an extremely poorly-regulated industry, with more than 100 industrial cobalt mines out-matched by hundreds more "artisanal" cobalt mines, which have individual Congolese "creuseurs," or diggers, many of whom are children, harvesting the toxic material in unauthorized mines and selling them resellers, most of which are Chinese-owned. Those mines that are authorized by the Congolese government and nonetheless pay workers a dollar a day are also financed or owned by Chinese or Swiss mining companies.

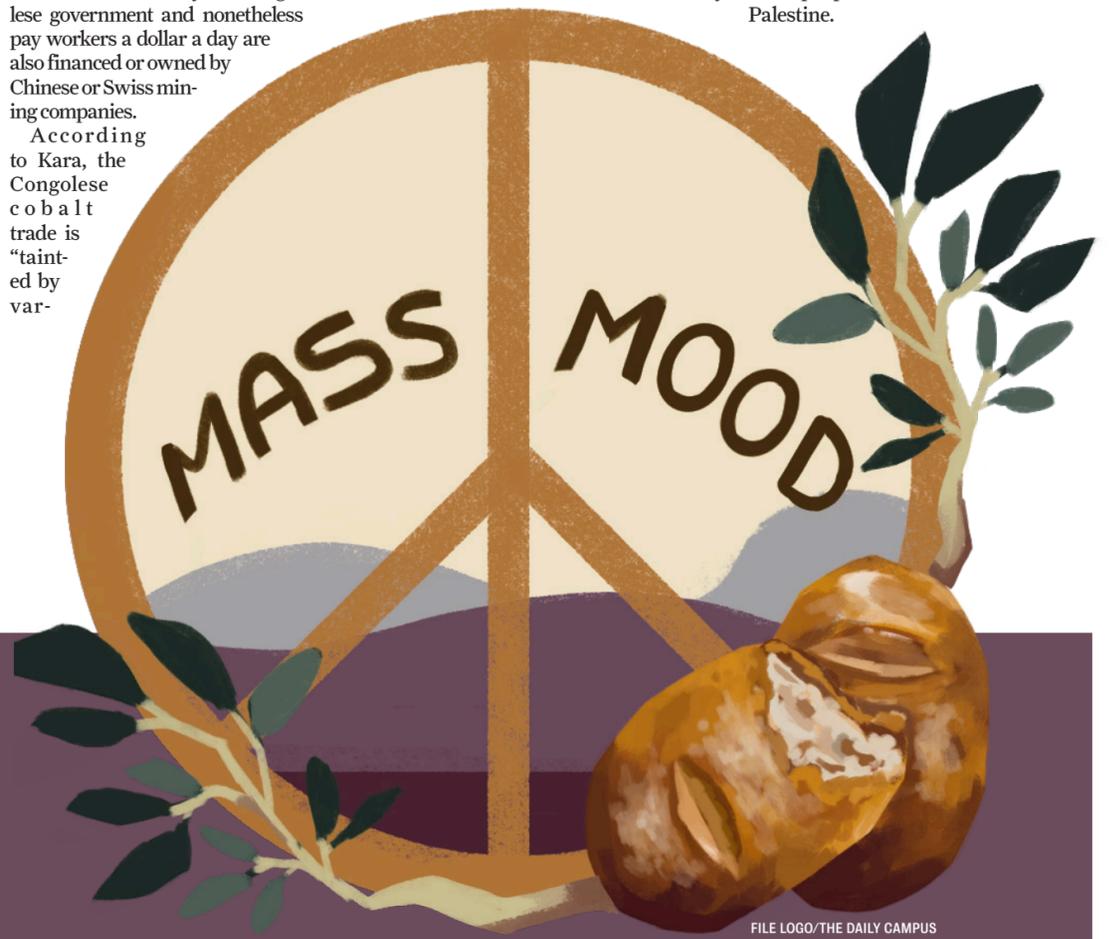
According to Kara, the Congolese cobalt trade is "tainted by var-

ious degrees of abuse, including slavery, child labor, forced labor, debt bondage, human trafficking, hazardous and toxic working conditions, pathetic wages, injury and death, and incalculable environmental harm." Further, the incalculable precarity of female Congolese workers in the cobalt trade makes them especially vulnerable to sexual violence by DRC security forces or by soldiers in the encroaching Rwandan paramilitary group, M23. A UNHCR report estimates that violence between armed groups, many of whom are seeking control of mining towns, has led to 6.1 million internally displaced persons and over a million refugees seeking asylum in neighboring Central African Countries.

The DRC's cobalt dependency largely hinges on lucrative foreign direct investment deals brokered between the nation's previous president, Joseph Kabila, and China. According to Kara, Joseph, like his father and immediate predecessor, Laurent-Désiré Kabila, was personally enriched through many of these mining contracts, which contributed to the hollowing out of the Congolese state and further dependency on exported capital. Felix Tshisekedi, the country's first democratically-elected president since 1961, has expressed interest in renegotiating mining contracts with China to pursue more favorable trade conditions for Congolese miners, but the outward flow of mineral wealth from the DRC to imperialist governments and multinational corporations like

Apple, Samsung, Huawei and major automobile companies remains. This signifies that the DRC's leaders, pending a revolutionary change in society, are still ensnared by commitments to imperialism as opposed to a bold project of nationalization and wealth redistribution undertaken by revolutionaries like Tomas Sankara in Burkina Faso or Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana.

The number of fatalities to the extraction industry in the DRC and related paramilitary violence is high-incalculable; as a result, social media users' claims of "genocide" in the Congo may fall under scrutiny by the same academics that gatekeep and denounce the use of the term in Gaza. However, this does not make the plight of the two million people who are dependent on the meager wages they can earn from artisanal mining, the thousands of women and children uniquely vulnerable to gender violence, environmental health hazards and corporal punishment; and communities subject to land and power-grabs by Congolese and Rwandan military groups any less outrageous. Imperialism works in many ways, whether it be waging genocide against a captive, colonized population with international support or exploiting a country's land and people for the enrichment of local capitalists and multinational corporations. Whether genocide is occurring in the DRC need not be a question; their struggle against the violent project of imperialism is just as deserving of our solidarity as the people of Palestine.



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# Study Break

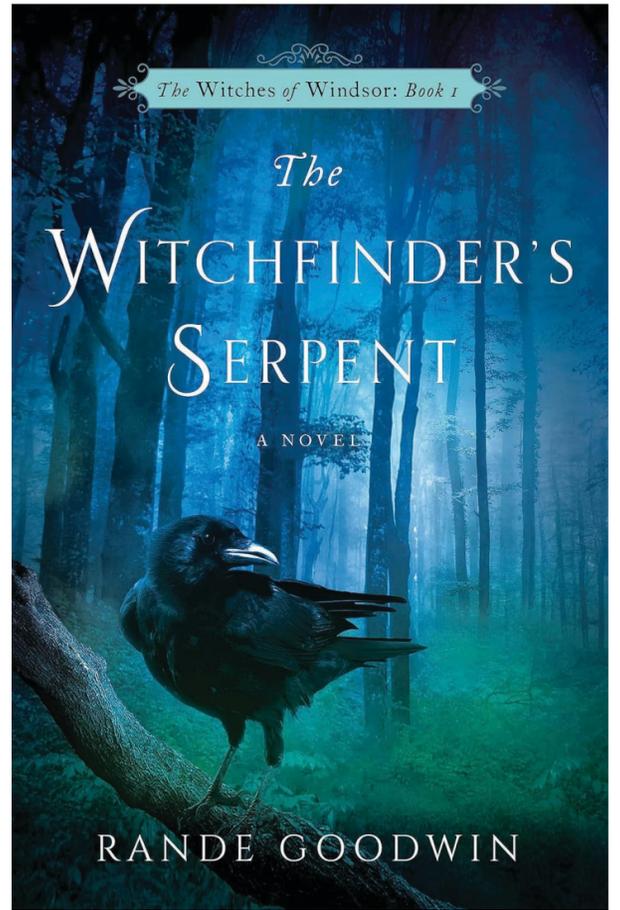
Photo of the Day | Hillside sights



Hillside Road runs through many popular spots on campus such as the Student Union and Gampel Pavilion. Due to vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety, part of the road was closed off as of the Fall 2022 semester. PHOTO BY ANTOINE CHISHOLM, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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# Big East Baller Update No. 3: Villanova wins Battle 4 Atlantis, Big East-Big 12 Battle on horizon

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, full of food, spending time with your family and most importantly, watching Big East basketball. Feast Week did not disappoint, with Marquette proving they are one of the best teams in the country and Creighton getting blown out in a shocking loss to Colorado State.

In one of college basketball's best weeks, this edition of Big East Baller Update will highlight the most impressive performances and games from last Monday to this past Sunday.

Player of the Week: Eric Dixon, F, Villanova (21.3 PPG, 8 RPG, 52.5 FG%, 41.6 3PT% in 3 games)

Eric Dixon has looked like Villanova's best player to begin the season, averaging 14 points and 7.6 rebounds per game on 47.8% shooting from the floor. On their run to winning the Battle 4 Atlantis, the senior forward shined in all three games. In the team's semifinal game against No. 14 North Carolina, Dixon put up a 34-point, 10-rebound double-double on good volume in his percentages. He proved he can be a threat anywhere on offense, from the paint to the 3-point line.

Freshman of the Week: Isaiah Coleman, G, Seton Hall (5 PPG, 3 RPG, 1.5 APG, 2.5 SPG in 2 games)

Coleman earned back-to-back weeks of the award due to his impact coming off the

bench. Despite the Pirates going 0-2 at the Rady Children's Invitational against No. 23 USC and Iowa, he was a force on the defensive end, putting up at least two steals in both games. His best performance came in the consolation game against Iowa, where he recorded eight points, five rebounds, two assists and an

## “No. 4 Marquette dominant in an upset win over No. 1 Kansas, 73-59.”

impressive three steals.

### Top Games

**No. 4 Marquette dominant in an upset win over No. 1 Kansas, 73-59**

If you didn't think Marquette was a Final Four caliber team before the Maui Invitational, your mind changed once you saw how unstoppable the Golden Eagles were against Kansas, the preseason No. 1 team in the country. Even though they have Tyler Kolek, the reigning Big East Player of the Year, Oso Ighodaro may be the team's most valuable player. He had 21 points on 9-15 shooting, all from inside

the arc, in addition to nine rebounds and two blocks. Kansas couldn't find a consistent offense, especially from long-range. The Jayhawks shot 35.3% from downtown. Outside Kevin McCullar Jr., their guards did not produce as well as expected.

**Villanova stuns No. 14 North Carolina in OT, 83-81**

It was the first time Villanova and North Carolina faced each other since the iconic 2016 National Championship game. The Tar Heels sought revenge, but it would not be easy, as Villanova had never lost a game in the Battle 4 Atlantis. Dixon earned Big East Player of the Week honor after putting up an impressive 34-point double-double, but it wasn't just him that helped the Wildcats advance to the championship game. Star guard Justin Moore, who missed most of last season due to injury, had 16 points on 5-11 shooting. For the Tar Heels, they only got production from their starters. Stanford transfer Harrison Ingram had 20 points on 4-5 3-point shooting but fouled out and could not play in overtime. Despite Armando Bacot grabbing 18 rebounds, he couldn't find offensive production as he went 4-10 from the field.

**No. 2 Purdue wins Maui Invitational over No. 4 Marquette, 78-75**

Marquette seemed unstoppable in its shocking win over Kansas, but Matt Painter and the Boilermakers had a better approach as the two teams battled for the AP No. 1 ranking. Kolek was the star of this

game with 22 points, seven rebounds, and six assists on 8-14 shootings. Ighodaro went into foul trouble early, exposing the Golden Eagles' lack of depth up front. Despite that, the 6 foot 11 inches senior finished with 16 points, going 8-10 from the floor. Purdue took advantage of Marquette's lack of

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size on the bench as reigning Wooden Award center Zach Edey had 28 points and 15 rebounds, leading his team to victory. Edey missed a free throw with seven seconds remaining, but Marquette guard Kam Jones couldn't tie the game after a long-range shot did not fall.

**Best Games this Week (This does not include UConn-Kansas, a top-5 matchup. Keep an eye out for the preview later this week!)**

**No. 6 Houston at Xavier (Friday, 6:30 p.m., FS1)**

The Cougars, led by guard LJ Cryer, averaging 17 points

per game, will head to the Cintas Center in Cincinnati to take on the Musketeers. Desmond Claude leads Xavier in points with 15.5 per game on just below 50% shooting. The home-court advantage should help head coach Sean Miller's team, but it will take more than that to take down a top-10 opponent.

**No. 3 Marquette at Wisconsin (Saturday, 12:30 p.m., FOX)**

The two best teams in Wisconsin will face off in the Kohl Center on Saturday afternoon. For Wisconsin, it will be a familiar guard leading the Badgers. AJ Storr, who averages 13.3 points per game, was on St. John's roster last season. Wisconsin has won three of the last four meetings, including back-to-back meetings. This rivalry usually lives up to the hype, as three of the previous five meetings came down to either overtime or one possession.

**No. 15 Creighton at Nebraska (Sunday, 4 p.m., FS1)**

Nebraska shocked the Bluejays in Omaha last season by 10 points. It was the Cornhuskers' first win over Creighton since 2018 and the first win in Omaha since the 2004 NIT. The Bluejays have a blemish on their record with a shocking loss to Colorado State. On the other hand, Nebraska is undefeated. The Cornhuskers aren't known as a strong basketball team, but they can prove things are finally turning around if they can get back-to-back wins over their in-state rival. They will need to rely on forward Rienk Mast, who currently averages a double-double.

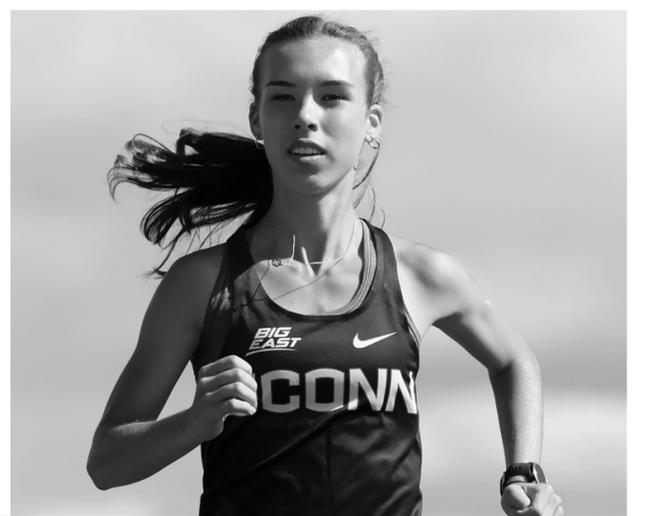
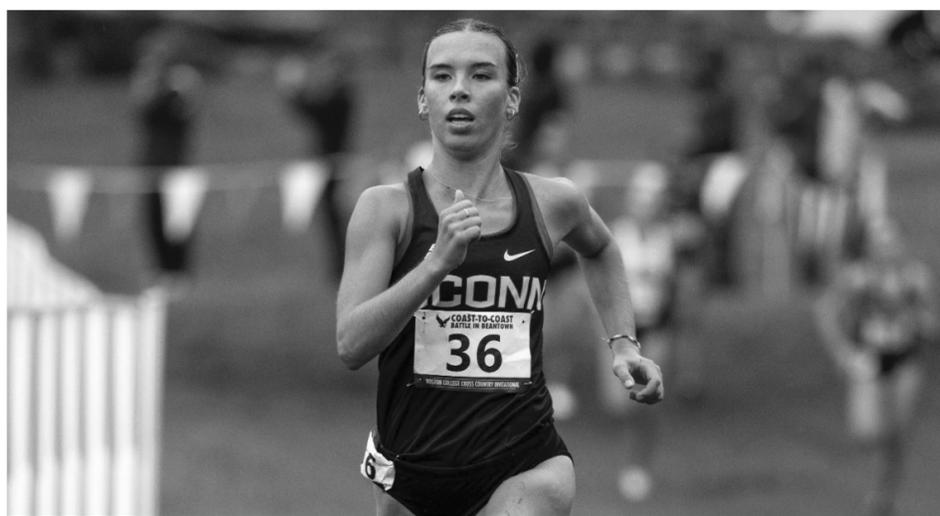
# Women's Cross Country: Huskies' Thomas battles for top-100 finish in NCAA National Championship

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On Saturday, UConn women's cross country standout Chloe Thomas became just the sixth runner in program history to compete in the National Championship. Thomas, who competed in the 6K event, ran alongside 247 of the best runners in the country and finished 99th individually with a time of 20:47.7. At the top of the pack, Florida's Parker Valby took first place individually with an NCAA record time of 18:55.2. At the same time, NC State repeated as national champions, skimming past No. 1 Northern Arizona by one point.

For Thomas specifically, she's had an incredible career to look back on. 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 the 4K, 5K and 6K races. Her 6K time of 19:49.5 at the Arturo Barrios Invitational was a career-best. Thomas additionally led Connecticut to fourth place in the Big East championship and seventh in the NCAA Northeast Regional.

**Chloe Thomas, runner for UConn's cross country team in a race. Thomas was a 2022 5000m Provincial Champion and a 2022 National u20 3000m silver medalist.**  
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## Sports

Photo of the Day | Sliding into finals



The UConn women's ice hockey team takes on the Holy Cross Crusaders on Nov. 17, 2023 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. The Huskies played hard throughout the game really bringing their fire during the third period which brought them to victory 3-0.  
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# Stratton's Stand: Ways to improve the NBA in-season tournament

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This year, the NBA introduced an in-season basketball tournament, which has never been done before in the league. The regular season is long, and as a result, each game doesn't matter that much. Players can afford to take off days here and there, resting for the playoffs to have an advantage over the players who do play. This strategy famously worked for Kawhi Leonard, who missed 22 regular season games in 2018-2019 and was fresh enough to lead his Raptors to the Finals.

Other players have followed suit, and suddenly, there's a

to compete for one trophy.

The NBA tried to recreate this with the in-season tournament, but they fell short. One thing that's impossible to replicate is the hundreds of years of history involved, so they'll get a pass on that. However, the implications of the competition are limited. The first reward is a new trophy that is virtually meaningless. The next is a \$500,000 check to each player on the winning team, which ultimately ends up becoming a rounding error in the bank accounts of any of the difference-making players.

Because of this, it falls short. The most notable thing about the games played on Tuesdays and Fridays is that they are hosted on bizarrely colored

vantage of that, the winner of the cup could get an automatic bid to the playoffs, thus getting to bypass all the play-in games and the grind of the end of the season. That would motivate players to try their best in a way that the current one doesn't.

It's important to add some ground rules so teams don't fully take their foot off the gas, though. With the championship on Dec. 7, that gives a lot of time for teams between then and the April 15 playoff tipoff. The winning team would need to maintain a certain winning percentage to still qualify for the playoffs. I'd propose something between .400 and .450, but as long as the team needs to continue trying in some regard, then



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– those who made the postseason (play-in or better) the previous season – qualify for the in-season tournament. Then the EuroLeague, which includes the top 16 teams in Europe, can join

teams can only protect 10 of their players, and their affiliates can choose from the remaining.

Lastly, to round out the 64-team field, the top two college basketball teams from the pre-



The Timberwolves custom court for the NBA in-season tournament. This is the NBA's first year doing this tournament and is trialing out new courts.  
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load-management crisis in the NBA. While the games matter less for the players, the same is true for the fans. Except for big games, the incentive to care about the season is fairly limited. In college, there are around 30 contests, and each one really makes a difference, which gets viewers into the habit of watching every game.

Sports like soccer are closer to the 30 game seasons, but they have a solution: a handful of different tournaments or "side quests" to keep things interesting when the normal league play is getting monotonous. In England, there's the FA Cup, which gives every club in England, ranging from semi-pro to the Premier League, the chance

courts that often make it hard to watch. And the games count towards the regular season, which is also a bit peculiar. Players are confused, too, which is by far the worst part.

"I'm not even going to lie, I don't even know what's going on," said Bones Hyland from the Clippers of the tournament.

If the players can't take it seriously – or understand it – then why should the fans? There needs to be a change to add to the drama. Here are a few routes the NBA could take:

#### ROUTE 1: ADD PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS

The fact of the matter is that the in-season tournament will never be taken as seriously as the NBA Playoffs. Taking ad-

it works. The goal is to get the right balance between making the in-season tournament important and also not completely devaluing the rest of the regular season more than it already is.

#### ROUTE 2: MAKE IT A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The NBA Finals winner is called the "World Champions," despite just playing teams in North America. While I won't get into whether being a world champion in this situation is a legitimate claim, it would be fun to give some other teams a chance.

The FA Cup has 729 teams, so there's not much of an upward limit of squads that can compete here. But for simplicity's sake, let's have the top 20 NBA teams

too. Since that represents all of Europe, we'll take all 16 squads.

Australia's NBL has been rising lately, so why not also add all 10 of their teams? And while it's often made fun of by NBA fans in respect to underperforming players, the Chinese Basketball League also has a lot to offer. They have 20 teams, 12 of which make the playoffs. Those 12 teams can join the tournament since it's probably not worth letting a losing team compete in this worldwide event.

Then, since lower-level teams in Europe get to play, let's add the top four G-League teams from the previous season. To prevent NBA teams from taking all of their subsidiaries' resources for the tournament, NBA

previous year can compete. There are always hypothetical questions about how well the best college teams will fare against professionals. Why not give it a shot? Maybe they and the G-League teams will be eliminated quickly, but it's not like the English Level 9 clubs are doing great. At worst, there's an early exit; at best, it could turn into some of the biggest Cinderella stories in all sports.

This will create a whole, worldwide tournament. It'll add different faces and will make it a global event. This and the other route – will make the tournament much better and incentivize actual effort from NBA teams, the entire purpose of the tournament from its conception.

# The Weekly Reed: What's up with a former UConn QB starting for the Jets?

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Recently, there's been a bit of a shake-up in the NFL with respect to the Jets' new starting quarterback. After losing Aaron Rodgers to an Achilles injury in the first game of the season, former first-round pick Zach Wilson took over the role. Wilson failed to impress in what is likely to be his last shot at taking over the position in New York, but a peculiar replacement was made. Veteran Tim Boyle took over the reins against the Bills last Sunday and made his first start of the year against the Dolphins on Friday.

Boyle has been in the NFL since 2018 after going undrafted out of Eastern Kentucky. He started off with the Packers as Rodgers' backup and landed with the Lions and Bears for a few seasons before following Rodgers to the Jets. Friday wasn't even his first NFL start, as he made three starts in the 2021 season for the Detroit Lions, all of which were losses. Jets' head coach Robert Saleh has already announced that Boyle will at least have one more chance to get his first win as a starter in the NFL against the Falcons next week.

Looking back at his college days, Boyle started his college career here at UConn. Raised in Middlefield, Connecticut, Boyle attended Xavier High School in Middletown before committing to UConn in 2013. (A quick side note: with Boyle starting for the Jets and Will Levis starting for the Titans, it makes Xavier the only high school to currently have two starters in the NFL.)

While at UConn, Boyle made eight starts over three years with the Huskies. In his freshman season, he was the first true freshman since Dan Orlovsky to start a game for UConn. He started four games that year and finished the season with 621 yards, the most he attained with the Huskies.

In 2015, Tim Boyle was the quarterback for the Huskies when they took down the No. 19 Houston Cougars at Rentschler Field. The usual starter, Bryant Shirreffs, went down after just one attempt (though it was a touchdown), leading to Boyle having to take over for the Huskies. Despite not throwing a single touchdown in the game, Boyle threw for 110 yards and didn't turn the ball over, allowing UConn to stay in the game. After Houston scored a third-quarter touchdown, UConn ran a trick play that had Garrett Anderson throw a pass to Noel Thomas, which was completed for a 45-yard touchdown. Houston answered back immediately with a kick-off return touchdown to bring the score to 20-17, but UConn's defense caught a

game-sealing interception to ice the game. This was the program's last win against a ranked opponent until last season when the Huskies took down No. 19 Liberty at home 36-33.

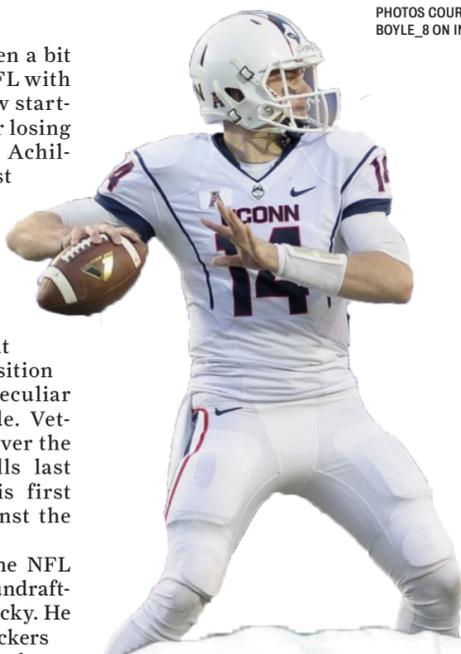
Originally, Boyle had planned to attend Boston College but was convinced to stay in the state and play for UConn. He ended his Huskies career with

1,237 yards throughout three seasons with one touchdown and 11 interceptions.

At the end of the 2015 season, Boyle hit the transfer portal and joined the Eastern Kentucky Colonels for his final college season. As a redshirt senior in his lone year at Eastern Kentucky, Boyle played in all 11 games and threw for 2,134 yards and 11 touchdowns. While he led the Ohio Valley Conference in passing yards for 2017, the Colonels went 4-7 overall and failed to make a bowl game.

As mentioned, Boyle went undrafted but signed with the Green Bay Packers practice squad. He impressed the team and, more importantly, Aaron Rodgers, so he made the roster as the team's third-string quarterback. While with the Packers, Boyle has kneeled some games out, which made him the first former

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UConn quarterback since Orlovsky to play in an NFL game. (For those looking for more Connecticut football lore, his new backup is quarterback Trevor Siemian, born in Danbury, Connecticut.)

With Wilson benched, and Rodgers hurt, he remains the Jets starting quarterback moving forward. Last weekend against the Dolphins didn't look like a promising start, especially with the fail-mary 99-yard interception return to end the half, but Boyle will be trusted again to keep the Jets afloat.



# Sports

# MBB: UConn makes history in blowout win over New Hampshire

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It takes an immense amount of talent, consistency and commitment to excellence to secure 24 straight non-conference wins by double-digits and for the UConn men's basketball program, that's exactly what happened. After Monday's 84-64 win over the New Hampshire Wildcats, the Huskies were able to add another impressive record to their catalog.

But what did it take to do so? For the defending national champions, it all started with Donovan Clingan. In front of a packed Gampel Pavilion crowd, the Bristol native looked sensational as he dominated in the paint and showed off why he's one of the most feared big men in all of college basketball. In the first half alone, No. 32 had a stat line of 16 points on a perfect 7-7 from the field, along with five rebounds to compliment.

But, the biggest part of why UConn was able to do so well in the first half had to do with their defense. While the Wildcats did themselves little to no favors

with a poor shooting performance to start the contest, the program truly hurt themselves with 14 first-half turnovers. Meanwhile, the Huskies feasted off those mistakes with a staggering 15 points off New Hampshire's turnovers and built on an already sizeable lead.

Aside from the dominance of Clingan in the paint, the Huskies collectively shined on the offensive end. But, this squad would've looked completely different without the contributions of Cam Spencer. Even if you weren't to mention his impeccable shooting, which saw the Rutgers transfer register eight points on 3-6 shots from the field in that category, it would be impossible to overlook his relentless defensive effort that gave him three steals in the first half alone. Without players like Spencer helping to fuel the Huskies on the defensive end, Connecticut would not have had the lead that it did to start the second half.

Starting off the second half, the program picked up right where they left off. Clingan missed just one basket in that

time, finishing with 29 points in an impressive night for the star big man. Spencer added to his impressive offensive night with 15 points on 5-10 shooting from the field. Even Samson Johnson went a perfect 4-4 in the paint with 10 points and eight rebounds.

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However, the program certainly had some things they could improve on in the second half. 39.4% shooting from the field after the first half and 14.3% from the three-point line throughout the entire game is not going to cut it against tougher opponents. They also can't let players like Jaxson Baker put up

15 points in the first half alone, a situation that could plague the program in close games.

Dan Hurley was critical of his team's problems after the win, especially their three-point shooting.

“These guys need to get in the gym, need to get off their phones, need to get off the video game headset and they need to get in the gym because those are wide-open looks,” said the UConn coach.

For Clingan specifically, this game was more important than just the score. This would be his final opportunity for playing time before a much-anticipated matchup with Kansas and their star-studded big man, Hunter Dickinson. It's going to take everything from the sophomore to win a tough battle in the paint on both ends of the court, but with everything he showed on Monday, it was certainly a step in the right direction.

“That's a big-time matchup. [Dickinson's] a great big. One of the best in the country. I've gotta give him that respect and I gotta go out there and do what I do and dominate. I

gotta rebound the ball, block shots, play my best defense possible and attack him on the offensive end. Friday is gonna be a team game. It's not a one-on-one performance. In order to beat such a good team like Kansas, we gotta play as a team and play at our best level,” said Clingan.

For Connecticut to take the next step in their progression with this unit and grab a huge win against a program like Kansas, it will certainly start with correcting the problems they encountered in matchups like this. As Hurley noted in the team's post-game press conference, they can't expect to win games against opponents like the Jayhawks while giving up 29 free throws.

The Huskies may have made history on Monday evening, but the battle has just started with the toughest part of their non-conference schedule yet to arrive. If they want to come out strong before Big East competition, they'll need to make sure that they continue to put in the work as a collective unit to rise to the challenges that their opponents put in their way.



The UConn men's basketball team goes up against the UNH Wildcats at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. on Nov. 27, 2023. The Huskies, who hold the national championship title with this win, created a brand new record in NCAA history for 24 straight non-conference double digits win.  
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