

NEW NETWORKING & MENTORING RESOURCE AT CAREER CENTER

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The University of Connecticut Center for Career Development launched HuskyLink last semester, a new networking and mentoring platform designed to facilitate meaningful conversations between students and alumni.

HuskyLink allows students to send direct messages and request virtual meetings with alumni, said Mary Malerba, assistant director of alumni relations at the Career Center.

"This provides students an opportunity to access a diverse network of alumni who are eager to share career guidance and who have been in their shoes," Malerba said.

Students can filter their alumni search by different fields, including industry, career, location, hobby and major. Students can also filter by race and identity. This filtering feature enables students to receive tailored career advice.

Alicja Kurpinowicz, a UConn senior interested in human resources, referred to HuskyLink as a "big network of mentors that could answer my questions."

Kurpinowicz recently set up a virtual meeting with an alum to learn more about human resources.

"I really wanted to gain more insight about my career field. I asked her about how she got into human resources, obstacles within the industry, and advice for new grads. She really helped me a lot," Kurpinowicz said. "She happily answered my questions and connected me with people she used to work with."

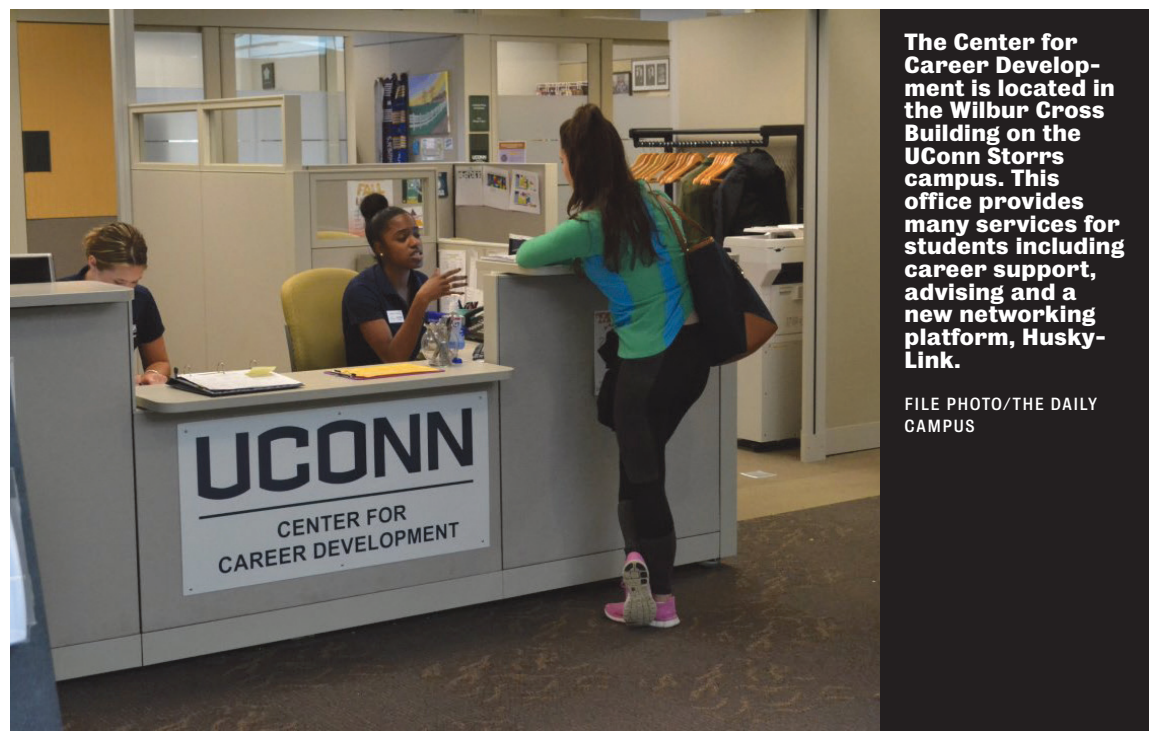
"Our alumni are willing and interested in helping our students. They are a very approachable group," Malerba said.

"I wanted to join HuskyLink so I could be a helpful resource to students. I'm very connected to UConn still and I am always looking to increase my involvement and give back," said alum Alyssa Suhr, assistant director of admissions at UConn.

HuskyLink replaced the previous platform, Husky Mentor Network.

Husky Mentor Network interactions were "very transactional," said Lee Hameroff, associate director of operations at the Career Center. Students only had the option to schedule meetings with alumni.

In addition to direct messaging, HuskyLink offers new features that the previous platform lacked. HuskyLink offers career paths, an updated job board and educational resources such as articles, videos and pathways. Pathways are experiences de-



The Center for Career Development is located in the Wilbur Cross Building on the UConn Storrs campus. This office provides many services for students including career support, advising and a new networking platform, HuskyLink.

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signed to help students navigate a particular career topic.

In addition, HuskyLink provides an improved user experience that is more intuitive, navigable and modern than the previous platform, Hameroff said.

"My favorite feature is the messaging feature and the alumni search feature. I've used those pretty extensively," said Taylor Czmyr, a UConn senior.

"The search feature is helpful because I can filter to find ex-

actly what I am looking for in alumni profiles," Czmyr said.

The Career Center is seeing strong engagement. "The numbers are good. They are better than we were seeing in [Husky Mentor Link]," Hameroff said. As of last week, 3,986 users had signed up for HuskyLink.

"However, there have been challenges during the transition, such as moving alumni and student profiles over from the previous platform to the new platform. There is

a lot of training that must be done," Hameroff said.

Although primarily intended for students and alumni, HuskyLink is open to all of the UConn community, including faculty, staff and employer partners.

The platform soft launched in January. The Career Center is now focusing on advertising this semester.

"We are always looking for more and more students and alumni to join and make the most of it," Malerba said.

In US, some Muslim-Jewish interfaith initiatives are strained by Israel-Hamas war

Shireen Quaizar was wracked with doubt. For years, the school psychologist has been active in Muslim-Jewish interfaith dialogue, but the Israel-Hamas war left her reeling.

"What are we doing with talking to each other?" she recalled thinking, frustrated by a conversation about the exact number of Palestinians killed in an Israeli airstrike. "This doesn't work."

But she decided to fight that thought and tackle the hard discussions once again. Later, Quaizar, who is Muslim, met with women like Aviva Seltzer, the daughter of a rabbi and a Jewish school principal who was raised with the belief that "but for the existence of Israel, we'd all be dead."

The two had come together for a conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey, convened by the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, an organization seeking to build trust and friendships between Muslim and Jewish women.

These conversations are becoming increasingly difficult, with the war and its polarizing reverberations in America testing and straining some interfaith relationships more than ever. For many, the losses are too personal, the emotions too raw.

The latest violence, triggered by the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel, is prompting some to question the point of these conversations — and how to have them — while steeling the resolve of others to keep going.

"We're very courageous, you and I, because we don't stop talking," Seltzer told Quaizar. "The minute we stop talking, there's no hope."

Quaizar nodded and said, "We're doing the hardest work right now."

At the event, Sisterhood co-founder Atiya Aftab, a Muslim, told participants that simply showing up was an achievement. Next to her, Roberta Elliott, who's Jewish and the nonprofit's president, said she couldn't have gotten through the previous weeks "without my Muslim sisters."

They've seen the challenges mount.

There are "all these barriers now to come to the table," Aftab said in an interview.

She's questioned why she's not walking away herself.

"Sometimes it seems insurmountable to have conversations with people who have a diametrically different viewpoint," Aftab said. "Faith is what keeps me there — and hope."

Part of the difficulty of discussing the war was underscored in responses to the organization's public call earlier for a cease-fire. Elliott said some Jewish women would have preferred the group advocated for a humanitarian pause instead.

More recently, heated debates also erupted over what to call Israel's military action. Tensions flared on members' WhatsApp groups.

"We've had to remind people that they need to step back, that they need to take deep breaths," Elliott said. Still, she said, "this is what we've been preparing for ... to try to be a comfort for each other and try to achieve something together."

But in the Israeli-Palestinian context, some critics say many interfaith efforts fall short. Detractors argue that focusing on Muslim-Jewish relationships also risks inad-

vertently reducing the conflict to religion, ignoring all factors at play or overlooking the diversity of communities, including non-Muslim Palestinians and Jewish supporters of the Palestinian cause.

Aftab said wading into areas of disagreement, especially after establishing trust, is necessary for meaningful interactions.

"This isn't a religious conflict, but this conflict is sometimes clothed in religion," she said. "I think our faith groups can inspire us to do the right thing, to remedy the wrongs, to stand up for justice, to stand up for life."

Andrea Hodos, associate director of Los Angeles-based NewGround, another Muslim-Jewish partnership, said religion is "not the entire puzzle," but is a piece of it and that helping people understand these things is important.

Some, she said, are saying, "How can you just talk right now? People are dying." But "if we're not doing our work to help people see one another, we're all going to remain in our silos and it actually makes it more dangerous."

It's hard for some that the group isn't taking certain positions, Hodos, who is Jewish, said, adding that political action isn't its role.

"We try to get people who have differences of opinion to be able to hear one another. That way, when they are doing advocacy, they can consider more perspectives and have compassion for their side and the other," she said.

The Kaufman Interfaith Institute held a meeting that highlighted the challenges ahead, said Fred Stella, who is a member of the organization's advisory board.

"People were looking for statements from us," he said. "The question is, how do you respond to something like this without either offending one of the sides or simply mouthing virtually meaningless platitudes?"

His group has mostly focused on fighting antisemitic and anti-Muslim hate, which has risen during the war. "The only thing I think we in the interfaith community can do ... is to continue to remind people of our shared humanity."

Interfaith advocates say they've also seen bonds — old and new — nurtured.

"Even when people are in deep disagreement, there's a great deal of goodwill and attempts to reach out," Hodos said. "Not everyone can do it. Some of the groups have just been ... very quiet and I think people have, for now, walked away from the table."

Others are newcomers. In Teaneck, New Jersey, two high school students and friends — Rawda Elbatrawish, who is Muslim, and Liora Pelavin, who is Jewish — said they organized events for conversations and education on the conflict.

They wanted attendees to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. "The whole point ... was to really understand the other perspective and why someone believes what they do," said Elbatrawish, who was born in Egypt.

Pelavin — who has relatives in the Israel Defense Forces and a rabbi mom who's been involved with human rights organizations — said some participants lauded the importance of interfaith events and the deeper connections of in-person conversations.

She and Elbatrawish "come from different perspectives," she said, but both want a cease-fire.

At the Sisterhood conference, Quaizar said communicating with Jewish members has helped her through her anger. It's OK, she said "for me to grieve for my people as well as for people on the Jewish side."

But she recalled struggling at one point before the conference with staying in such dialogue. She then attended a Sisterhood chapter meeting, feeling in turmoil. Everyone cried, she said. That gave her hope. "They were not crying for Jews or Muslims or Israelis or Palestinians; they were crying for people who have been suffering."

On the conference sidelines, Quaizar told Seltzer: "I have a very unfiltered way of talking" but don't mean to cause hurt.

Seltzer reassured her: "You speak unfiltered, so that's how we get to the core."

Seltzer found the event eye-opening. "A number of the speakers said you can hold two feelings in your heart at the same time," she said. "I never knew I could do that."

Continuing to talk, she said, was crucial.

"You want peace; you want your family; you want your home; you want your kids to grow up happy, just like me."

At the end of the day, the two women tightly embraced.

"People are angry and people are in pain and it goes around and around. ... We have to find a way to stop," Seltzer said. "Or there will not be anything left for our children."

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Dodd Center panel examines strategies for peace in Israel, Gaza

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On Thursday, Nov. 30, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs held a panel in the Dodd Center for Human Rights regarding the impacts of the Israel-Hamas conflict and strategies for enduring peace in the region.

Panelists included UConn Professors Gary M. English, distinguished professor of drama and author of the 2019 anthology "Stories Under Occupation and other Palestinian Plays," Avinoam J. Patt, director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life and Jeremy Pressman, professor of political science and director of Middle East Studies.

Amahl Bishara, associate professor of anthropology and studies in race, colonialism and diaspora at Tufts University, brought a distinctly Palestinian perspective to the table, while Yezhekel Landau, an interfaith educator and consultant with over 40 years of experience, rounded out the panel.

The event was moderated by James Waller, the Director of Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs.

"We come today in the spirit of dialogue rather than debate," Waller opened, "A shared connection to human rights should be embodied in how we interact with each other, respond to each other and particularly how we disagree with each other."

Three question prompts framed the initial hour-long conversation and the last

thirty minutes were reserved for an audience Q&A. Questions prompted the panelists for their reactions to the ongoing war and their visions for peace and understanding in a world of "two different truths."

"I do think that the frame of an Israel-Hamas war doesn't capture the scope and in some senses the gravity of what's going on ... Palestinians have been impacted beyond Hamas," Bishara responded. "The mass dispossession of Palestinians of their homes in Gaza has resulted in 1.7 million Palestinians being displaced, along with Bedouin communities in the West Bank."

The Nakba (catastrophe in Arabic) describes the displacement of over 700,000 Arabs from the region of Palestine following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War — a catastrophe Bishara posits is "ongoing in a new chapter of dispossession."

Pressman criticized both sides of the dispute and placed his arguments in the context of international law and strategies of international relations.

"Hamas' attack was brutal — the attack, the rockets, the kidnapping, the sexual assault includes war crimes. Israel rightly removed Hamas fighters from pre-1967 borders," he noted. "But even military officers in allied companies are privately in shock over the level of Israeli destruction in Gaza."

"If we care about international law, the U.N. Security Council should refer both to the International Court of Justice."

The destruction of one's homes and the death of one's

loved ones is "the best prediction of a future political militant," Pressman lamented, remarking that neither Hamas' policies nor Israel's national security strategy have done anything to bring about a two-state solution to ensure both parties' self-determination.

"What disturbs me just as much [as the violence] is the absences of any peace offensive directed at the hearts and minds of Palestinians by the Israeli government," Landau said, advocating for the presence of "new leaders who can replace the reigning paradigms with coexistence."

A shared vision for peace and collaboration in the region was placed at the forefront of the discussion, with various panelists offering their outlooks on coexistence between "two dueling perspectives," as Patt put it.

"We are dealing with profound intergenerational trauma on both sides," English noted. "We know from history that the longer a conflict goes on, the more brutal they become, as each side perceives an existential threat is upon them."

"Cognitive dissonance and ambiguity are scary because many of us prefer to be absolutely right, to maintain a sense of control over our lives," Landau said. "Victim scripts require an enemy, a villain."

We must understand "the diverse nature of Israeli society, not just composed of Ashkenazi white European Jews, but of every continent, the Middle East, North Africa, Yemen and beyond," Patt noted, "and in the same way, to see Palestinian

society as incredibly diverse and composed of many different competing viewpoints."

"I cannot but believe that Palestinians and Israelis want the same," Pressman said, citing the words of the King of Jordan Abdullah II. "They are not monsters ... they do not cherish misery and death."

As the discussion evolved, direct questions over the measures necessary to secure peace were posed to the panelists.

"Extremism has gained the ascendancy," Patt said, speaking of the difficulty of peace with the current structures in place. "We have Hamas, an extremist group from the 90s that was trying to derail the peace process, and we have the settlement movement that has entrenched itself even more in the West Bank if we're comparing it to the 90s."

"We need to re-assert that the first step has to be recognizing Palestinian humanity — in other places too, not just in the rhetoric of Israeli Palestinians," Bishara offered. "The Palestinian Right of Return and equality under Israeli sovereignty are guiding principles to build towards security for Israelis and Palestinians and justice for everyone involved."

Panelists grappled with questions over the future of the region, including whether the post-peace picture of the region would be one of a one-state or two-state solution.

Pressman spoke in favor of a "need to develop a transcendent nationalism that did not displace [Jews and Arabs] but sat alongside them," while English advocated for the

benefits of a "confederated or bi-national state where the discourse shifts completely from a land-based discourse to a rights-based discourse."

"I don't believe one binational state would work," Landau said. However, he maintained that "there are rights to live in an ancestral homeland without crushing the rights and aspirations of those who also live in that homeland."

The Q&A portion of the talk gave an opportunity for speakers in the audience to solicit answers and clarifications from the panelists.

One audience member questioned the panelists' equivalencies between Israel and Hamas' conduct during the war. They also questioned a peace plan advocated by Landau, which would see Marwan Barghouti, a militant imprisoned for armed resistance against the State of Israel, take on a "Mandela" role as leader of a Palestinian state. Another asked how one recognizes a system of apartheid developing in a nation, a crime many international observers and human rights organizations have leveled at Israel.

To end the talk, Pressman praised those who had taken the time to attend and offered three fundamental points for the audience to take away.

"One. Continue to educate ourselves. If you're reading Al Jazeera, you should be reading Times of Israel. Two. If we're not familiar with crisisgroup.org, we should be. Three. This is the fifth event I've participated in at UConn in the last few weeks, and here we are — we're still talking. This needs to continue."

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“ADOPTING IN DECEMBER”

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Hello and welcome back to This Week in History! As December brings about a chilly end to the fall semester, I'd like to focus on a few interesting historical developments that focus on the idea of “adopting” that which is new. After all, December is a month where the top priority for many is comfort and warmth, not change — so let's mix things up a bit and explore some historic changes!

On Dec. 4, 1982, China adopted its current and fourth Constitution under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

Since the 1880s — the final decades of the Qing dynasty — the notion of a constitutionally bound government took root in China through the activities of revisionist thinkers such as Kang Youwei. Kang and his followers proposed a constitutional monarchy and an institutional overhaul as the solution to the empire's struggles and yet this was not to come to fruition. Through decades of suppression and shallow reforms, by 1911 a new China was brought about through force of arms and political collapse.

Gone were the dynastic systems of the Qing, replaced by the Republic of China designed as a new constitutional republic. Nevertheless, through the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945), the Chinese Civil War and internal political failures, this new Chinese republic would fall by 1949, being overtaken by the Chinese Communist Party system that persists to the modern day.

Pew Research Center findings suggest that an increasing number of Americans hold a negative view

of socialist/communist China. It seems that especially following the COVID-19 pandemic, many are wary of the nation's role in global politics. Some are distrustful of the government, its actions and its lack of accountability — however, since 1954 China supposedly possessed a constitution which Chairman Mao Zedong formed to surpass those of the western powers. In fact, Mao commented: “Now, the capitalist constitutions have become no good, actually, very bad, because they have become a tool for [the ruling class] to cheat and exploit the oppressed class. Our constitution is socialist in nature and must be superior to the capitalist ones.”

With such a goal of surpassing capitalist constitutions, throughout the PRC's existence, there have been constitutional revisions in 1954, 1975, 1978 and as implemented this week, 1982.

During the 1960s, the constitution was not limiting government power as say the American constitution, instead, it was a framework for government actions. After the Anti-Rightist campaigns cracked down on any dissident actions and the Cultural Revolution crushed the economy in the 1960s and early 1970s, in 1982 the constitution was once again altered to work around Mao's reshaping of the communist state.

While redesigning the roles of the National People's Congress (NPC), and implementing greater economic freedom, the constitutional changes came at the expense of increasingly isolated party-based governance. For instance, with the 1982 restructure long having been in place, the NPC held elections in 2013 for many top positions — only one candidate ran for seven of the top positions. The President,

Chairman of the Central Military Commission, Premier, Chairman of the Congress and several other titles were all given out in unanimous, unchallenged elections. No write-ins were allowed, and no debates were permitted.

The 1982 constitution states in Chapter I, Article 2, “All power in the People's Republic of China belongs to the people. The organs through which the people exercise state power are the National People's Congress and the local people's congresses at different levels.” Yet, can this really be the case when elections are so distant from the people themselves? Regardless, this week in history the document was adopted and remains the chief legal document behind the Chinese government.

This week in history, on Dec. 6, 1865, the Thirteenth Amendment was adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

Following the bloody Civil War which consumed the United States for four years, the process to right the wrongs which broke apart the nation was of the utmost importance. In 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which, while a step toward liberating the enslaved, did not truly free all of those legally bound as property.

What is important to note in the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment is that it was not unanimously adopted. It was issued while the Southern states were not fully brought back into the Union. This instability would make its passage quite difficult, as, despite the Senate approving the order, the House initially did not, and only through Lincoln's political maneuvering would the Amendment make its way to the states for ratification.

Later in 1866, and 1869, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments would further extend the liberties of African Americans, granting freed slaves citizenship and the right to vote.

With those Amendments being crucial for the expansion of

civil rights in a nation torn apart through years of conflict, Europe would undergo a similar adoption — yet, perhaps one of unity that is far more visible in the modern day.

On Dec. 9, 1955, the iconic blue flag with 12 yellow stars forming a central circle was adopted by the Council of Europe.

Now, it's important to make a slight distinction here, the Council of Europe is a legal and international organization for cooperation between European countries. It has no legal authority per se, but it does influence the continent as an international organization that promotes human rights and reprimands actions that violate international standards. The flag in reference, however, is very similar to that adopted in 1983 by the European Parliament as the flag of Europe, and later approved by the European Union as its main flag in 1986.

So, oddly enough, you can find this flag of Europe — commonly associated with the European Union — flying in countries such as Georgia, Azerbaijan and Russia.

The flag itself has a very simple, yet effective design — being the result of many different designs coming together,

but largely under the imagination of designer Arsène Heitz. Heitz imagined the 12 stars as symbolizing unity and perfection, as there are 12 months, 12 zodiacs and 12 apostles. This circle was to reflect against the blue background as if lying amongst a blue sky. To this day the flag remains a symbol of unity, even beyond the borders of the European Union, it shows a resolve to prevent any future conflicts between nations and the desire for peace to reign.

And with that, This Week in History comes to a close. All three of these different examples of a new constitution, amendment or flag being adopted show that December isn't just a month of stagnation and hunkering down to prepare for exams or avoid the cold — rather, it is a time of great significance, a time when new things can begin. And on that note, This Week in History will resume in the spring. Have a safe and happy break, and if you celebrate any holidays may they be filled with moments that will go down in your own internal history book. See you in the spring!



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“War of the Worlds 2023...” is a must-see for absurdist

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The Connecticut Repertory Theatre (CRT) is presenting a play conceived and directed by Jaron Aviv Hollander titled “War of the Worlds 2023: A Servant of Two Networks,” lightly based on the 1897 science fiction novel “War of the Worlds” by H.G. Wells and the 1746 Italian comedy “The Servant of Two Masters.” It is an entertaining and provocative piece laden with satire and serious moments alike. It incorporates themes ranging from sexuality to sensationalism through the use of improvisation as a backbone to heighten the play's absurdity.

The Artistic Director of the CRT, Megan Monaghan Rivas, prefaced the performance by reminding the audience that this was the crew's “final rehearsal and their first performance,” presumably to suggest that all would not go exactly as planned during the play's two-and-a-half hour runtime. However, any mistakes were hardly noticeable due to the improvised nature of many segments. This allowed the actors to play off them in the moment and even make light of them. Rivas also explained that there would be plenty of obscenities, which most certainly manifested, making the play all the more fun.

The play stars Alex Winnick as Ichabod Sacchetti (a name which I will not shorten), who begins as an unpaid intern for the fictional news network, MSCBD. Leading this news network is Mumu Griffin the Third, played by Weimy Montero Candelario, and the broadcasts of her network and the rivaling Dog News are puppeteered by Jerry Harner, Mel Carter and Thomas Tuke. The General and the Lieutenant are respectively played by Charles Rusciano and Carlos Fruzzetti, while the sci-



Ichabod Sacchetti (center) surrounded by (left to right): Lambda Venus Zeta, the General, Mumu Griffin the Third, Lou Tennant and Doctor Professor Eurika Zurika. The Connecticut Repertory Theatre still has tickets to the improv show available on their website.

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entists are played by Annie Tolis and Kaitlyn Oliva. Each of these cast members had moments of their own to shine on stage and interact with the audience.

“War of the Worlds 2023” is a play of the people. The front rows of the audience were often called upon to be the camera operators of the news broadcasts, and the cast members themselves would occasionally sit with the audience during bits. At one point, an audience member was called onto the stage to have his stomach rubbed while encircled by the rest of the cast members... it's hard to explain.

If you couldn't tell, I do not want to spoil the plot of the play for those who have not watched it yet, but even if you have, there are reasons to return. Hollander suggests how the jokes evolve night-by-night, so you will not watch an identical play two nights in a row. For example, Mumu claimed an audience member to be her mother, leading to comedic moments, but this person may have not been present in the next performance, forcing the improv to change. The final days of the performance are approaching, so you could have the chance to see the play in its prime!

I must compliment the cast's excellent use of the stage and the surrounding areas. During the exposition, there was hardly anything on stage besides the characters, reeling full attention to them. When props were needed, they were used and promptly removed to shift the audience's focus back to the cast. They also utilized the areas above and below the main turf section of the stage during some chasing sequences to create an immersive experience. Additionally, the aliens that were featured in the second half were creatively made if you saw them in action.

As with many plays of this style, there are plenty of references to the real world. Ichabod always claims he wants a sandwich from Joey Garlic's, an Italian chain with a location in Manchester, to curb his hunger pangs. More fitting mentions are those of Elon Musk, Apple and cable news networks such as MSNBC and Fox News, as these are the people and corporations that control mass media and sensationalize it, which was a main conflict in the play.

Tickets start at \$10 and are still on sale for the final nights of the performance on CRT's website!



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25 Years Goes Quickly

*"Life moves pretty fast.
If you don't stop and look
around once in a while,
you could miss it."*

*Ferris Bueller
(John Hughes)*



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REVOLUTION, GENDER AND AGENCY EXPLORED IN ASIAN STUDIES

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On Friday, Dec. 1, the Asian and Asian American Studies Institute and history department at the University of Connecticut presented “New Approaches to Revolution, Gender, and the Nation in Asia and Beyond” at Walter Childs Wood Hall.

Three students presented their research at the workshop and displayed expertise in each area. The first speaker was Justin Theodra, a Ph.D. candidate from the political science department. He presented a sneak peek of his dissertation titled “Revolution and the ‘International’ Revisited: Towards a Non-Eurocentric Conception of the Indonesian ‘National’ Revolution.”

The Indonesian Revolution lasted from 1945 to 1949, during which the Republic of Indonesia fought against the colonial Dutch Empire. Theodra primarily focuses on how scholars define this particular revolution and how it compares to others that have been studied.

Theodra began by highlighting how the existing literature on the Indonesian Revolution, while helpful, is largely Eurocentric. He suggests that international relations theory can be used to reexamine history. During his presentation, he quoted Tan Malaka, a member of the minority radical left party during the time of the revolution. “It would be better for us to be atom-bombed than to win less than 100%,” Malaka once said. Theodra suggests that this quote emphasizes the need for a social justice revolution in Indonesia, not only a national revolution.

A national revolution “refers to one that leads to political independence without chang-

ing the social structures of the society in question,” Theodra described. Borrowing from international relations theory, he argues that this conception of the revolution resulted from an importation to understand social revolution Indonesian history. To further his argument, he posits that because of this Eurocentric view implicitly invokes what IR theorists call the “international.” Their definition has been highly contested and Theodra states that he believes alternative definitions should be used in the case of the Indonesian Revolution.

The second speaker was Shuyu (Cindy) Guo, a Ph.D. candidate in UConn’s comparative literature and cultural studies program. Her presentation was titled, “Charlotte Smith and Xiao Hong’s Elegiac Poems: A Gendered Home and a (Re) gendered Society.” Guo compares and contrasts two poems, “Sonnet LXII” by Charlotte Smith and “Bitter Cup” by Xiao Hong. Guo explains that both poems describe the challenges and suffering of both women despite them being separated by nearly a century and countless miles. Guo states that “domestic trauma of women is somehow universal.”

Smith composed her sonnets describing her unhappy marriage, in which she had to leave her husband and earn a living for her children by writing poems. Her sonnet begins with a representation of a lonely wanderer to showcase internal turmoil. Her writing exacerbated her loneliness and sorrow from her separation, and Guo concludes the poem with the idea that “home is the source of her suffering,” a contradiction to the typical housewife role during the time.

Hong is more well-known for her novels “The Field of Life and Death,” “Ma Bole” and “Tales of Hulan River.” Yet her poem “Bit-



Shuyu (Cindy) Guo, Ph.D. presenting her part of the workshop focusing on two poems that discuss the “domestic trauma of women.” She and Justin Theodra gave this presentation on Friday, Dec. 1.

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ter Cup” encompasses her internal conflict as a wife to a husband who doesn’t love her. Guo describes the poem as a triangular relationship between two women and a man. The poem represents absolute submission as the defining characteristic of a woman’s gender role, yet submission does not seem to satisfy the marriage. To make the poem more depressing, Guo states that for the speaker, “her partner’s mistakes became her punishments.”

The final speaker was Minju Lee, another Ph.D. candidate from the department of political science. Her presentation was titled, “Exploring the Statue of Peace’s Agency on Solidarity and Backlash for/against Women’s Rights: Feminist New Materialism (FNM) and Actor-Network Theory (ANT).” Lee

co-authored her work with Chloe Kwak and San Lee.

The Statue of Peace is a memorial to all the victims of sexual slavery during the Japanese occupation of Korea during WWII. It is located in Seoul, right in front of the Japanese embassy. Those who were victims of sexual slavery were called “comfort women,” and the statue is of a girl sitting on a chair, with an empty one beside her. This is meant to represent both those who would abuse her and as a symbol of solidarity for all the victims.

Lee and her team examined how the statue has emitted its own sense of agency in the world, particularly how bodily interactions with the statue elicited a response from people to power relations in our society. An instance of bodily

interactions that Lee mentioned was the fact that “We can see your own face on her’s [Statue of Peace],” demonstrating how connected individuals can feel to the statue. The responses that the statue draws out from people have varied, mostly based on how individuals feel about Japan’s lack of apology to the comfort women. Lee asked “Why do we want to protect her?” when mentioning occasions when passersby would clothe the statue during the winter, or wipe her “tears” when it has rained.

The three students illustrated their understanding of their respective research well, and presented them through different lenses that have either been ignored or unexplored by academics.

Business and Human Rights: What really goes into making your game-day shirt?



Pictured is one of Colosseum Athletics’ promotions for their merchandise for the 2023 National Championship. The company has been producing merchandise for colleges since 1992.
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On Friday, Dec. 1, the University of Connecticut hosted representatives from Colosseum Athletics, Kelsey Keene, the vice president of Licensing and ESG, and Taylor Muncy, a UConn alum and ESG specialist, to talk about how the company successfully executes the intersection of business and human rights.

Founded in 1992, Colosseum Athletics is a privately held, minority-owned business and is one of UConn’s top licensees. Originally the company’s pro-

gram was named under Corporate Social Responsibility, but as of late, they have shifted to Environment, Social and Governance. “We felt this had a more holistic look at the goals we had for the program and the goals we have to be a socially responsible company,” Keene explained. Throughout the presentation, Keene and Muncy elaborated on what each of these terms mean for the company and how they execute them.

Muncy went on to explain the initiatives Colosseum takes to pursue its goal of environmental sustainability. Some of these efforts include recycled hangtags, 100% recycled polybags, offers of mas-

ter polybags (which is just the option to have the products come in one giant bag rather than individually) and polyester fabric which is made of recycled plastic bottles which helps to reduce carbon emissions. However, these efforts are not applied to 100% of the company’s products.

She then explained what efforts Colosseum’s activewear brand specifically does to support the environment. Its line, Earth | Air | Fire | Water also uses the same previously mentioned recycled materials and hangtags, but they also do something extra. The company recently started a tree-planting project in partnership with the Eden Reforestation Project. A percentage of each sale from the line will contribute to the planting of one mangrove tree. These trees are excellent for extracting carbon dioxide from the air.

The presentation shifted back to Keene to showcase the company’s supply chain snapshot. The majority of their factories are located in China (78.70%) and the rest in Vietnam, Bangladesh, the United States and as of recently, Pakistan.

Keene then transitioned to explaining how the company’s supply chain contributes to its social goals. She says how many people believe that Colosseum stands at the end of the process when in reality, it stands in the middle. The company does not place an order to their factories until the retailer — the university bookstore or a middle-tier retailer like Dick’s Sporting Goods or Kohl’s — has placed an order to the company. Keene emphasizes this because the retailers play a big role in how the licensee’s workers are paid and treated without even realizing it. “The

retailers not being a part of the conversation is a big problem,” she said.

Colosseum Athletics has also integrated itself with the Fair Labor Association which has implemented efforts to ensure that the factory workers are being paid a fair living wage. The association also tries to ensure a safe working environment through assessments of training systems, analysis of wage data and more.

The formal presentation closes with Keene and Muncy overviewing best practices universities and their own company can implement to help. The biggest request from Colosseum is for universities to have more understanding and flexibility. Colosseum has over 700 licensees, and they begin production for all of them at the same time. Keene explains that a common problem the company faces is sampling. When one university asks for a sample of one or multiple products before any production starts, it puts everyone on hold. “When universities can understand this and become more flexible with their requirements, it can drastically improve efficiencies in the production line,” Keene said.

The number one area that Keene says universities can make the most improvement is in artwork. Fortunately, UConn does not pose many issues in this area, but several other universities do. Keene explained how Colosseum receives over 60,000 pieces of artwork every year that need to be commented on, edited and approved promptly in order to stay on schedule, but of course that does not always happen. She describes

how the approval will come in late, the artwork comments will be confusing or the artwork files will be mislabeled entirely.

Picture this example that Keene provided:

Many schools’ main color is navy blue. If one “navy school” submits their artwork approval late, production for every other navy school also stops. This results in precut pieces of fabric lying around which in turn creates a fire hazard, therefore creating a dangerous work environment. It also leads to the factories working overtime which also diminishes the workers’ experiences.

The final plea Keene makes to universities is to take the initiative to physically visit the factories. Not only will this broaden their understanding of the production process, but it will also allow university representatives to interact with the factory workers and speak to managers.

As for Colosseum Athletics itself, Keene describes how the company incorporates The Centre for Child Rights and Business into its program. Especially in China, many factory workers are forced to be separated from their children for extended periods — many of whom only get the chance to see their children twice a year. This puts the child at risk of leaving school early and moving into the labor force too early. This program provides parents with SmartWatches that create a more fun and exciting outlet for their children to speak to them while they are away. It also offers parents information sessions on how to parent from afar.

For more information on how Colosseum Athletics pursues ESG, you can contact kelseyk@colosseumusa.com or look at the company’s Engagement page.



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► Editorial

UConn HOUSING POLICY BACKFIRE SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT VOICES

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, University of Connecticut vice president of student life and enrollment, Nathan Fuerst, sent out an email to the residential undergraduate community that updated them on a new housing policy that limited guaranteed housing to six semesters instead of eight for continuing undergraduate students. The email cited a "very high demand for housing since the close of the pandemic, prompting a review of housing eligibility for students alongside the current bed inventory." The decision faced immediate and heavy backlash from many members of the UConn community, leading to it being reversed only a few short hours later.

The controversy generated from this policy and the surprise which many students and families felt after being notified of it demonstrates a gross lack of community input, one which is entirely unacceptable considering the increasing difficulties of finding affordable housing off-campus. Caused by the university's back-and-forth on the issue, the stress and confusion dealt to students and families during what is already one of the most stressful times of the academic year could have been prevented had the administration taken the time to understand the perspectives of the people affected by this decision. Furthermore, jeopardizing continuing students' housing plans with no warning exhibits clear disregard for the existence and well-being of low-income or housing insecure students.

While administration attempts to offer less to students in the way of housing, this contrasts with the trend of demanding more from students in the way of tuition and fees. Since 2019, tuition has been steadily raising as part of a five-year plan to increase it by 23.3% for 2024. This comes alongside the several fees which have either been added or raised throughout recent years. This is all the result of UConn continuing to expand recklessly with multiple costly developments while doing little to obtain additional funding from the state. As the Editorial Board has previously discussed, the deterioration of housing stock like Buckley Residence Hall adds to UConn's glaring sustainability issues as it builds without a solid foundation.

Still, The Daily Campus Editorial Board would like to note an important silver lining of this event as well. The strength of the student response to this policy change was able to cause its reversal in an incredibly short amount of time to the benefit of the entire student body. It serves as an important reminder of the power students have in collective action when hoping to affect decision making on campus. Although many aspects of UConn decision making are unfortunately undemocratic in nature, this university cannot ignore its students forever. As calls for reform exist in the university's policies on climate change, tuition increases, food insecurity and more The Editorial Board urges students and community members to remember this moment and continue to let their voices be heard to push this university forward.

Woman In STEM: The importance of recognition

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In 1952, Rosalind Franklin took Photograph 51, an image taken using X-ray crystallography that would one day be reckoned as the "philosopher's stone of molecular biology." Why is that? It began with the narrative that researchers James Watson and Francis Crick, who are said to have discovered DNA's helical structure, had used the photo as a piece of puzzle, a step to determining the true structure of DNA. However, recent research conducted on the work of Franklin and the work of Watson and Crick has revealed a new narrative: Rosalind Franklin was more directly involved in the crucial discovery than previously thought. It was not until 1962 that she received any recognition for her part in this turning point for science, years after her death in 1958 much in part due to her work as a scientist. Franklin is a prime example of the lack of recognition and credit women often face within the field of STEM.

There are numerous factors that contribute to the difference in the number of men and women within the fields of science, technology, engineering and math — pay gaps, workplace cultures and so forth. Indeed, as it stands roughly 28% of STEM fields are women with variations existing between specific fields. However, recent scholarship has found that a lack of recognition from

peers plays a considerable role in the discrepancy between these gendered discrepancies. Franklin's story is but a snippet of what women sometimes face within the STEM field. In a 2022 study published by Nature Magazine, researchers found that women were less likely to be cited for discoveries compared to their male peers, less likely to be recognized and less likely to be credited in general. This creates an environment that is not conducive to promoting STEM to women. Worse, women can only face this within the workplace if they are first successfully able to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in the first place.

In a separate Nature study from 2023, researchers found that the STEM field retains less women than it does men; when surveying those who dropped out, "self perception" and the culture of the STEM field were cited as being a causal factor. And when we observe the contents of the previous article we see what women would see,

graduating yielded entry into a field that sometimes did not give women credit nor did it give them recognition. Indeed, women are often left off of Works Cited or acknowledgments. And with that mentality it is not hard to see why women can become apathetic to STEM related fields which results in the field itself losing great minds and perspectives that could contribute heavily to numerous fields.

Of course, there are numerous factors at play in the retention of women in STEM fields and the culture they face within it, but proper recognition of women's contributions and scholarship is an outsized but understated one. When we begin to show children at a young age that women have and do make crucial contributions to the world of science, more women will join and be driven to keep going knowing that they can succeed in these fields. It would allow for stories that have the potential to inspire new generations.

This starts with adding Franklin's name alongside Watson and Crick in textbooks and holding their discoveries in equal regard. Additionally, it requires creating proper systems surrounding citations and acknowledgments to ensure every person is acknowledged fairly for their work. And hopefully, it ends in what happened to Franklin never occurring again, thus engendering an increase in women in the field of STEM.

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Corporations aren't always evil

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In today's society, many people are often quick to demonize the idea of private companies, large corporations and capitalism in general. According to an article by the Hill published in 2021, 46% of 18 to 34 year olds have a negative view of capitalism. And while it is possible that there is some merit to that sentiment, it must be acknowledged that corporations also do a lot of good for society. For the last 14 years, I have been part of an organization called FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." FIRST is an international non-profit that works to provide pre-K through high school students with engaging, hands-on robotics programs that excite them about STEM and teach them life skills. FIRST is a phenomenal organization that has impacted the lives of many students, including myself. However, FIRST as an organization and many FIRST teams are largely propped up by the support of corporations.

One example of a corporation that has supported the FIRST programs is Sikorsky, an aircraft manufacturer and a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin provides high school FIRST robotics teams money if they have a mentor who is part of the company. While I cannot say the company's exact rationale for this, I

imagine they do it to get their name out to youth who could one day be employees, reward employees for doing good or just to make a positive impact on the community. My team in Wolcott had many mentors who worked at the company, and therefore received both financial support and mentor aid from Lockheed Martin-Sikorsky. This helps give students the ability to learn from industry experts and helps teams through the grants they receive.

Another example is Raytheon Technologies, which has several subsidiaries in Connecticut, including avionics company Collins Aerospace and engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney. Raytheon Technologies follows a similar funding model to Lockheed Martin. The grants that the company provides are substantial, and goes a long way to monetarily help the teams. OTIS Elevator is a third example that has recently started several FIRST teams for young students in Bristol.

One could argue that these companies are doing this for selfish reasons. For example, there are a lot of alumni from my high school's robotics team who went on to work for Lockheed Martin-Sikorsky. Therefore, the company benefits from supporting these teams as a means of recruiting to potentially attract quality employees. That being said, it doesn't diminish the fact that Lockheed Martin-Sikorsky is still doing a good thing for the community. Many of the people I know who graduated from my high school's robotics team and work at ei-

ther of these companies participate in the program as mentors.

To be clear, this is not a defense of all corporate activities. Many of these companies do not engage in business that is intrinsically beneficial to society. Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Technologies are defense companies, and whether you think they help or hurt society, they benefit from war. This article is not to say that doing good is an absolution of any wrongdoing a company may have done; rather it is to show that despite a negative sentiment toward corporate America, companies are still capable of having a positive impact.

Overall, FIRST is a program that works to do good by giving students a place to learn real-world skills, work with industry professionals and get excited about science and technology. But such a program is expensive, both for FIRST as an organization and for the individual teams who compete. For that reason, it takes the support of larger corporations to back the program and make an impactful experience for students possible. This argument is not meant to portray corporate America as the hero—there are certainly companies that could be making more positive contributions to their communities. Rather, it is meant to show that many of these larger companies do financially back community enrichment that results in a lot of good, including the efforts that FIRST makes. So maybe they aren't entirely evil.

Study Break

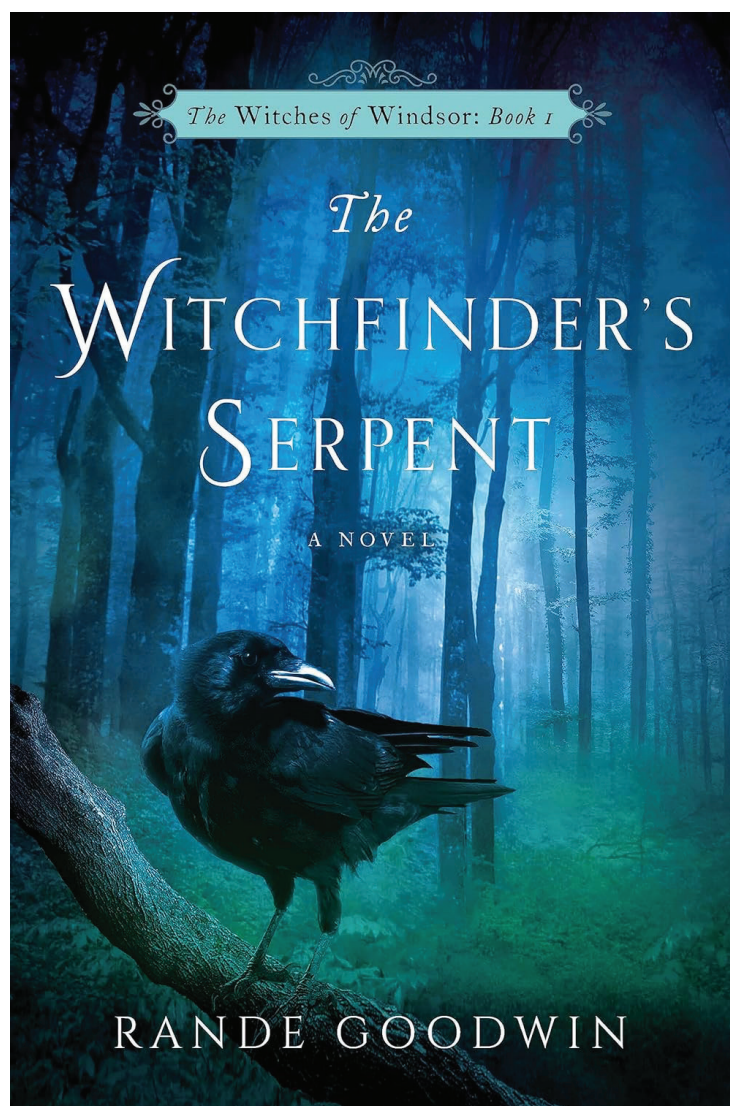
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The Championship ball at the UConn men's basketball team game against UNH at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. on Nov. 27, 2023. The Huskies won the National Basketball Championship in 2023. PHOTO BY SIHAM NEDLOUSSI, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Women's Basketball:

NO. 11 HUSKIES FALL AGAIN AT NO. 10 TEXAS

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At the start of the women's college basketball season, UConn was viewed as a front-runner and one of the top dogs in the sport. With so much talent, it was hard to imagine a world where they struggled.

Now, in early December, the team is completely sputtering. Azzi Fudd is out for the season, Caroline Ducharme has been frequently sidelined and Ayanna Patterson hasn't yet suited up. They squeaked out of the Cayman Islands Classic with a 1-1 split and traveled down to Austin, TX for a chance to redeem themselves.

Playing against No. 10 Texas was not a good way to get things back on track. Though the Huskies showed flashes of potential throughout the contest, they couldn't piece together enough of their game to come out on top. The Longhorns led wire-to-wire for an 80-68 victory, largely thanks to the heroics of Rori Harmon.

The junior guard is having a sensational campaign on both ends of the floor and Sunday was no exception. Harmon poured in 27 points, 13 assists and five rebounds, looking like the best player on the floor. It's unclear how the Horns would have done without their star, but others did contribute heavily. Madison Booker and Amina Mohammed combined for 35 on the afternoon, playing a big role in the program's first ever win over Connecticut.

UConn looked tired for a lot of the game, as they were seriously outlasted—and outplayed. Though outshooting their hosts by 13%, Texas grabbed 16 offensive boards for 15 second chance points. Turnovers were also the story of the game. The Huskies gave the ball away 21 times, lead-

ing to 36 points off turnovers for the Longhorns. Errors like those are enough to completely shift the outcome of the game.

The Huskies were jumped from the opening tip, unable to get anything going early. Booker and Harmon scored five and nine points, respectively, in the opening minutes en route to a 17-5 lead.

Connecticut—who took their first gut punch in the early goings—showed life in the rest of the quarter. Nika Mühl, Aaliyah Edwards and Paige Bueckers all contributed to a 9-2 run that got the Huskies as close as five.

Edwards was the only Connecticut player with a game to feel okay about. Even though she was outmatched down-low and allowed a bevy of offensive boards, she put up a solid performance on the other side of the court. The Canadian posted 22 points and six boards on just 11 attempts. She needs more support from her teammates, but at this point, it's unclear where it'll come from.

Bueckers didn't do great either, with 13 points and four assists. She wasn't the one turning the ball over, but she wasn't doing a lot to contribute to the winning effort either. UConn's best run came when Bueckers was out and things started to go downhill again when the star reentered. She had a team-worst plus/minus of -18, not something you'd want out of your best player.

The momentum waned after that brief burst, with UConn managing just a single point in the final 4:34 of the frame. Harmon hit a gorgeous jumper to get the Longhorns back ahead by double digits. Brady and Edwards added shots to cut the deficit to just six, but it proved to be difficult to get much closer.

Shaylee Gonzales drilled a triple and the Huskies were turning the ball over left and right, with 11 at the half. They couldn't put together



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

any runs to combat Texas and entered the locker room down by 14.

Whatever halftime speech Coach Geno Auriemma gave to his players was not well received. Turnovers in three of their first four possessions allowed the Horns to open up an 18-point advantage, as senior Aubrey Griffin struggled mightily.

Griffin was responsible for four giveaways and had a generally poor outing. Relied on as one of the leaders on the squad, she didn't do much positive. She scored no points and grabbed six boards, fewer than the team needed with

their undesirable rebounding performance. Regardless of anything else, Connecticut needs more out of their senior, especially on the glass with the team so short on frontcourt depth.

Later in the quarter, the Huskies finally found life. Bueckers scored five straight and dished the ball to Edwards for a layup to narrow things to just 10. The success was short-lived though. A last-second shot by Gonzales highlighted a 9-2 Texas run that put them back up by 17 to finish the third period.

KK Arnold helped propel a push early in the final quarter as

the Huskies tried to squeeze their way back into the game. Qadence Samuels didn't play until the second half but hit a massive shot and layup. As Connecticut looked to inch closer, Edwards sustained a massive bump and gave the ball away, their 20th of the day.

Peculiar calls from the officials took the wind out the Huskies' sails. Though they got as close as six, they picked up their second defeat in their last three tries.

UConn's next chance to right the ship will be against Ball State and Hana Mühl, Nika's sister, this Wednesday in Storrs, CT.

Men's Hockey:

UConn shuts out UMass Lowell at Toscano, falls to Maine on the road

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Before the Ice Bus takes a two week break, they had two games against different opponents this weekend.

UConn started off the weekend right with a 2-0 shutout at home in the Toscano Family Ice Forum against the UMass Lowell River Hawks.

UConn and UMass Lowell had opportunities to score from the puck drop but their goaltenders made key saves to keep the first period scoreless. The Huskies were outshot by the River Hawks in the first frame. Senior goaltender Ethan Haider made 10 saves going into the period break.

The second period is when the Huskies took the 1-0 lead. UConn added continuous pressure to UMass Lowell and after a turnover by the River Hawks, the puck was found by sophomore Tristian Fraser. Fraser then skated in and launched the puck past the River Hawks goaltender for the goal. Now having the one-goal lead, the Huskies kept up the pressure on defense with Haider at the net to keep UMass Lowell scoreless through two periods.

In the third period, UConn had multiple scoring opportunities to extend their lead but nothing clicked. One of their best chances was when junior Chase Bradle skated around the River Hawk defenders to fire a puck that rang off the post, ricocheting back into play. The Huskies were able to find that second goal late in the third period after UMass Lowell pulled their goalie for an extra skater with two minutes left in regulation. With no goaltender in the net, sophomore Jake Percival was able to out-skate the defender for the loose puck

and score an empty net goal to increase the Huskies' lead. UConn's defense was dominant in the third period and only allowed four shots, all of which were saved by Haider. As the clock was winding down,

and that's a tough season series to win. I thought as the game went on we got better. I thought the third period was our best period of hockey tonight by far."

The Huskies went on the road to finish their weekend

Bears scoreless in the first period, his fourth scoreless period of the weekend after shutting out UMass Lowell on Friday. The Huskies went into the period break up on the Black Bears 1-0.

The Black Bears led 2-1 but UConn responded. Nick Capone found himself in front of the net and tipped the puck past the Maine goaltender to tie the game at two. There were multiple power play opportunities where the Huskies could have gained the lead, but they did not capitalize. With 6:06 left in the period, Maine took the lead and shortly after, they scored again with a shorthanded goal to gain a two-goal lead. UConn entered the period break down 4-2 against the Black Bears.

The Huskies came out strong in the third quarter in hopes to make a comeback. Percival struck again to get the Huskies within one goal, his second goal of the night. With 18:35 left in the game, the Huskies were down 4-3. However, Maine's offense was firing and the Huskies did not have the answers to get back into the game. Maine went on to score three more unanswered goals to seal the 7-3 victory at their home arena in Orono.

The Huskies have won the last five times they have faced Maine but that streak has sadly been snapped. The Black Bears came ready with an explosive offense: Bradley Nadeau finished the night with a hat trick and all three goals were assisted by his brother Josh Nadeau.

With this game, Connecticut wrapped up the first half of the 2023-24 season and will now head into their holiday break. The Ice Bus finished the first portion of their schedule with a 7-9-1 overall record and a 4-6-0 record in Hockey East play. The Huskies will return to the ice on December 31 as they welcome Harvard to the Toscano Family Ice Forum. Puck drop is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Storrs and will be broadcasted on ESPN on New Year's Eve.



The UConn Huskies rematch the UMass Lowell River Hawks on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. Goalie Ethan Haider gets a shutout, beating the River Hawks with a score of 2-1. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UConn never let up on defense against the River Hawks, which ultimately led them to seal the win. Haider made 22 saves in the victory, making this game his second shutout of the season and the team's first win at Toscano Family Ice Forum this season.

"[I am] certainly pleased with the win," said Head Coach Mike Cavanaugh. "That gave us the season series against Lowell

with a one game matchup against No. 11 Maine Black Bears at Alford Sports Arena.

UConn picked up right where they left off in the first period against Maine by presenting stout defense. Percival got the Huskies on the board after finding the loose puck in the front of the net and knocking it past Maine's Victor Ostman to earn the 1-0 lead. Haider kept the Black

The second period is when Maine came alive and never looked back. The Huskies ended the first period with two penalties so they were forced to start the second down two players. Maine started off the period by scoring the equalizer goal on the power play to tie the score at one. Maine then captured the lead after the puck took a deflection off a UConn skater and went into the net.

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Photo of the Day | Smells like school spirit



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, have now created a brand new record in NCAA history for 24 straight non-conference double digits win.
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Women's Hockey:

UCONN FINISHES 2023 ATOP HOCKEY EAST WITH BOSTON COLLEGE

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For UConn's final two games before the month-long break, the Huskies welcomed two Hockey East opponents to the Toscano Family Ice Forum with the hopes of maintaining their number one spot in the division.

While No. 7 Quinnipiac snapped UConn's eight-game win streak, they bounced back with a win against Sacred Heart. They hoped to resume their winning streak against the Merrimack Warriors. However, the game got off to a rocky start.

A high sticking penalty by UConn's Kyla Josifovic gave Merrimack their first power play opportunity of the game. Prior to Friday, the Huskies had only let up three power play goals over the course of their entire season, which made them good for the sixth best penalty killing percentage in the nation. Merrimack's Sophie McKinley made that four in the second period of the game with her fifth goal of the year and first power



The UConn Women's Hockey team takes on the Boston College Eagles on Saturday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. The Huskies came back with two goals in the third period, tying up the score 2-2.
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The UConn women's ice hockey team defeated the Merrimack College Crusades in overtime on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. The Huskies tied up the game in the second period and clinched the game-winning goal in overtime.
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play goal.

It didn't take long for UConn to respond: Not even a minute later, they found the equalizer. On their first possession since giving Merrimack the lead, Kathryn Stockdale passed to an open Brianna Ware who fired in her second score of the year to bring the teams back to even.

Merrimack had one more chance to take advantage of a

shorthanded UConn team when Camryn Wong headed to the box for interference in the third, but UConn fought to keep the game tied.

With no scoring in the third period, Merrimack and UConn headed into the overtime period looking to secure the point advantage in the standings.

Playing three-on-three, the two Hockey East opponents

battled until a great pass from Brooke Campbell made its way to Wong who had just beaten her defender. Wong found space in the right side of the goal to send Husky fans home happy with a 2-1 overtime win. The goal was her third of the year, having scored them all in three out of the Huskies' last four games (Holy Cross, Quinnipiac, Merrimack).

Tia Chan started in goal for the Huskies, making 25 saves and only allowing the lone power play goal from the Warriors. Calli Hogarth made 35 saves for Merrimack, allowing two goals in four periods of play.

Then came the biggest game of the weekend: Saturday versus Boston College. The Golden Eagles and the Huskies previously met in October when Boston College took two tight matches (4-3 and 2-1) from UConn. That weekend series loss sparked something for the Huskies as they went on to win 10 of their next 12 games (including the win against Merrimack).

Like the Merrimack game, UConn found themselves down first. The Golden Eagles found the back of the net twice before the Huskies had the chance to respond. Sammy Smigliani and Katie Pyne scored in the first and second periods to build Boston College a 2-0 lead. Pyne, a junior from Massachusetts, scored her seventh goal of the season and her third goal against UConn in 2023.

At that point, it looked like UConn would fall down to second in the Hockey East standings. That was until Riley Grimley cut the deficit in half.

On the attack, UConn looked to set up the pieces and apply pressure to the Golden Eagles. In Boston College's zone, Grimley slipped past her defenders to set herself up for the pass from Livvy Dewar. Grimley backhanded the puck past an out-

stretched Grace Campbell to put the Huskies on the board.

Boston College had just 15 minutes left to keep UConn out of the back of the net to secure three points in the standings, but the Huskies didn't make it easy.

With under a minute left in the game, UConn pulled goalie Megan Warrenner in attempt to send the game into overtime. Captain Coryn Tormala sent the puck to UConn's scoring leader, Jada Habisch, looking to find some late-game magic. Habisch got the puck under Campbell's diving body to tie the game with just 35 seconds remaining for her 11th goal in 2023.

UConn was unable to take the lead during overtime, eventually losing to Boston College in a shootout.

With the shootout victory over UConn, Boston College (9-7-2, 9-3-2 Hockey East) ties UConn (11-4-2, 9-3-1 Hockey East) with 28 points each, locking them dead even at first place in the Hockey East standings.

When UConn returns to action in January, things won't be easy. The first series in 2024 will be against No. 3 Minnesota on the road. It's the first time that these schools will have played each other since 2005 when Minnesota won 3-0.

UConn has set themselves up well entering the second half of the season with an impressive first semester, their ability to comeback in games can be an asset moving forward.

Men's Basketball:

NO. 4 UCONN SUFFERS HEARTBREAKING DEFEAT AT NO. 5 KANSAS

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Basketball has often been described as “a game of runs.” Friday’s marquee matchup between the UConn Huskies and Kansas Jayhawks proved to be no exception. This back-and-forth battle was arguably the most anticipated out-of-conference matchup this year, with many storylines at stake. As two of the best bigs in the sport, the matchup between Donovan Clingan and Hunter Dickinson was something all fans were looking forward to. This game also represented a clash of the titans, as these two programs are the two most recent national champions.

Shortly after the Empire Classic, there were rumblings that the Big East preseason Rookie of the Year, Stephon Castle, would return. However, the Georgia native was ruled out a couple of days before this game, still nursing his knee injury. The belief is he will rejoin the team for their Dec. 5 clash against UNC.

The UConn men’s basketball team was put on its heels early Friday night and quickly found



Forward Alex Karaban makes a slam dunk during a game against the University of New Hampshire on Nov. 27. The Huskies won the game with a comfortable lead of 84-64.

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A photo of guard Hassan Diarra during a game against UNH on Nov. 27. The Huskies unfortunately lost their most recent game against the Kansas Jayhawks and will face off against the University of North Carolina on Tuesday.

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themselves down double digits. A major reason was their inability to handle the same defensive pressure they have implemented all season long.

The Huskies were harassed in the offensive end, unable to dribble past the three-point line, with off-ball defenders swarming their man. This caused many possessions to end with a low percentage look, turnover or shot clock violation. It also felt like the Jayhawk track team was on the floor with their unbelievable pace on both ends. Following every defensive rebound, Kansas looked to create a fastbreak opportunity — sprinting up the court every time. They either took it coast to coast or kicked it out for a high-percentage shot.

Dickinson was a key cog in the Jayhawks’ early success. It seemed as though the contest would be a bloodbath, as the 7-foot-2 giant torched Clingan early on, scoring 10 first-half points on 4-5 shooting and 2-2 from downtown. Dickinson’s success from beyond the arc was also the result of being open, as Clingan was nowhere to be found on his first two makes.

A big reason why Connecticut only trailed by seven at the half was because of Tristen Newton. Newton went nuclear in not just the first half, but all 40 minutes. The El Paso native



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played 38 minutes, scoring 31 points on 10-18 shooting, including 6-9 from beyond the arc, all being team highs. This was an encouraging offensive performance for the veteran guard, as just four days before, he struggled to find his mark against UNH. While Newton added six rebounds to his total on Friday night, he was unable to get his teammates involved in the offense, as his two assists against the Jayhawks were a season-low.

Although Newton had a day to remember, his teammates were largely struggling. Solomon Ball started for the sixth game in a row and did not do much, shooting 1-3 from the field and failing to record an assist.

Cam Spencer’s night did not get off to an ideal start either. Early on in the first half, the veteran guard appeared to have sustained a foot injury and briefly came out, though returning shortly after. The Maryland native finished 2-12

from the field, including 1-7 from downtown. There’s a question as to why Dan Hurley did not give bench Hassan Diarra more minutes. Spencer was a large contributor to the poor shooting effort, and the 36 minutes he spent on the floor didn’t do his compromised foot any favors.

Something positive for the Huskies was the second-half defensive effort from Clingan, as Dickinson was limited to five points. The Bristol na-

tive was also crucial in setting screens, as the Huskies were able to take more high-percentage looks, even jumping out to a five-point lead at one point. Even so, Newton was playing as a one-man wrecking crew.

While Alex Karaban had an okay night, the 6-foot-8 big man fouled out with less than three minutes to go in a four-point game. His loss was devastating for Connecticut, as his 4-11 shooting was the only other decent offensive performance, and his ability to hit big-time shots was missed at the end.

Following Karaban’s loss, it was a competitive game until Kevin McCullar Jr. had something to say about it. The senior guard hit a remarkable corner three with a minute left to give Kansas the two-possession lead. With five seconds left, Spencer had a chance to win it for Connecticut, but he came up short with the three-point try, and the Jayhawks held off the Huskies 69-65.

While this matchup has virtually no long-term implications on the March Madness tournament, there are still many alarm bells going off for UConn. Something of note was their performance from the charity stripe, or the line behind which a player shoots a free throw. As a team, they shot 8-15 from the free-throw line, and in a two-possession game, shooting 50% from the line just will not cut it. Factoring out Newton’s three-point shooting, the program shot 5-19 as a unit — which did not cut it against Kansas. The three-point struggles were not unique to this game. In their previous game against UNH, they shot 4-28 from downtown. Hurley has acknowledged his team’s struggles from the three-point line, and it will be interesting to see if they can adjust with their tough schedule ahead.

In spite of their struggles shooting the rock, it is remarkable how close this game was. Castle will eventually return. Karaban, Clingan and Spencer are expected to play better in the future. The fact that the Huskies played the No. 5 team in the country this close on the road, plagued with injuries and shooting struggles, makes UConn a scary team come tournament time.

The road to Big East play gets slightly easier for Connecticut, although not by much. Two of their next three opponents are ranked. On Tuesday, the Huskies will return to Madison Square Garden for the Jimmy V Classic, and on Dec. 15, they will face Gonzaga in the Seattle Tip-Off.



Sports

International Soccer:

USWNT CRUISES PAST CHINA PR IN CONVINCING 3-0 WIN

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The U.S. Women's National Team kicked off a two-game series against China PR with a crucial victory in Miami, Florida.

Three weeks ago, it was announced that Emma Hayes would be the 10th head coach of the U.S. While she will continue managing the Chelsea F.C. Women on the side, it is clear that her tactics and plans to restructure the Stars and Stripes are in full swing. The first sign of this was the announcement of the players participating in the team's December camp. What was noteworthy about the announcement was nine of the players who played in the Women's World Cup would not play in these international friendlies, including Alex Morgan and Becky Sauerbrunn. This roster shakeup added more things to look out for, with the upcoming friendlies.

The U.S. started strong with an offensive effort that locked the majority of the first half on their rival's side. From the start, it was clear that improving the Stars and Stripes' attacks and possession would be the main focus of their strategy to win this match. It didn't take long for them to capitalize on that with an eighth-minute goal by Sophia Smith, assisted by a cross from Trinity Rodman. From there, the team remained in possession but then came the issues that were seen in the World Cup and Olympics. While they had control of the ball and had many great opportunities to score,

they failed to connect on any goals which caused the scoreline to remain the same. There was a sense that the Stars and Stripes should have been leading by more than just a goal. One example of this was in the 25th minute when Smith had an open shot that sailed over the crossbar. Then, in the 32nd minute, the 23-year-old made an incredible run in the box but again failed to capitalize on the moment and score.

While the first 15 minutes of the game looked promising, it started to be an uncoordinated game for the U.S. as they failed to make any shots. Soon, China was putting the American defense to the test. A cross from Chinese international Tang Jiali came close to equalizing the game, but it resulted in a failed header. This moment puts the game in perspective. Yes, the U.S. was leading but in moments like this, it is important to be aggressive. In this situation, one goal would have been enough to put China back in the game, even though the U.S. dominated the possession and left their opponents with few opportunities.

The U.S. entered the second half with a lead, an edge they desperately wanted to extend, and in just the first minutes, that's exactly what happened. In the 52nd minute, Lindsey Horan took a shot from outside the box, intended for a Jaedyn Shaw header. But, the ball miraculously found its way to the goal, leaving everyone shocked. With the lead now doubled, the Stars and Stripes looked more



Sophia Smith strikes a pose during the USWNT's game against China. The U.S. came out on top with a score of 3-0.

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confident and fired up. An onslaught of runs inside the box was followed by the Americans being unforgiving to the Chinese defense. Rodman was one of the main players involved in her squad's effort to extend the scoreline. Already assisting the previous two goals, she was intent on recording a goal of her own. Rodman was able to do so in the 77th minute after tapping the ball in quickly with an assist from Shaw. That score seemingly put the game away

from the reach of China, and the game ended in an improved half for the U.S.

This international fixture proved to be a sigh of relief for the U.S. With the team recording 64% possession and 20 shots attempted, compared to the Chinese two shots, the Americans not only ramped up their attacking form but also their defense. While it was just a friendly, this game marked the start of a new era for this roster. With the Summer Olympics

happening in a few months, the U.S. will look to be competitive and return to its winning ways. Attacking and possession seem to be the goal for Hayes as she enters the job with high expectations. Focusing on a more ruthless American offensive form will be key for a deep run in Paris this coming summer. The United States will seek to end the year with another victory as they end their two-game series against China, tomorrow at 8 p.m. on TruTV.

TRACK AND FIELD:

HUSKIES KICKOFF WINTER CAMPAIGN WITH FIRST MEET IN BEANTOWN

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To kick off their 2023-2024 winter campaign, the UConn track and field team shipped off to Boston on Saturday to compete in the Sharon Colyear-Danville Season Opener, hosted by Boston University.

Against 125 other collegiate teams, six athletes from the men's side had the chance to compete. After a record-breaking past few seasons,

they had various runners receive top marks.

Mahamed Sharif, a senior specializing in mid-distance, placed 29th out of 57 in the mile run with a 4:13.66 mile time. The Maine native is coming off a personal best at the Beantown Challenge, along with a third place finish in the Big East Outdoor Track and Field championship with a time of 1:50.07 in the 800m. He competed in both of these meets in his sophomore season, respectively. A fellow Husky, senior Stephen Sutton,

joined Sharif in the mile run and finished with a time of 4:17.44.

Kevin Cawley, a graduate student, competed in the 3000 Meter Run, finishing 54th out of 106th with a time of 8:12.48. The long distance runner is coming back from a historic junior season. He finished first in the distance medley relay at the Big East Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a time of 9:40.49 and managed an 8-minute 4th-place finish in the 3000 meter race at the IC4A championship.

To conclude the meet for the Huskies, they had three athletes compete in the 5000 meter run, which was the final event. Out of the three, graduate student Christopher Lepore finished first at the 132nd spot, putting up a 14:11.47 time. Shortly after, sophomore Alec Sauter took 178th place with a time of 14:30.26. Then, freshman and current Daily Campus writer Sean Ahern put up a 14:46.04 time, placing 197th. In total, there were 207 runners in the event.

Next week, the men's and women's teams are set to host the UConn Husky Challenge at the newly renovated Hugh S. Greer Field House. This two-day meeting will start on Thursday, Dec. 7, commencing with the women's pentathlon at noon. The men's heptathlon will begin at 12:30 p.m. later that day and conclude at 10 a.m. the following day. The first field and track events will be held at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively, on Friday.

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