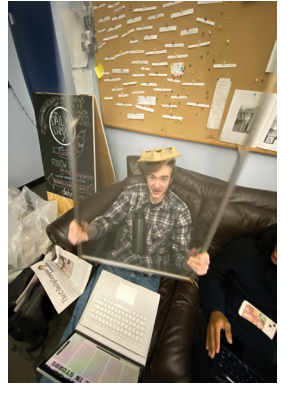


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## University Senate votes in favor of representation for regional campuses

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On Monday, Feb. 5, UConn's University Senate approved with an "overwhelming majority" a motion to amend the University of Connecticut By-Laws to provide further representation for students of regional campuses.

The proposal, developed over the span of 10 months, was put before the University Senate as the seventh item on the agenda, following previous debates over budget cuts and meeting modalities.

The proposed bylaws give each of the regional campuses' undergraduate student governments the ability to appoint their own representatives to the University Senate, the Student Life Committee and the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee.

The principal voice behind the Senate bylaw amendments was Avery Point Associated Student Government President Zachary Boudah, who traveled from Groton to present at Monday's Senate meeting.

"Bylaws treat the Undergraduate Student Government like it is one body, when in reality it is five," Boudah said in a speech to the Senate. "[They] treat the USG

of Storrs as the only authority that can nominate students to bodies within the administration."

"Nearly 5,000 regional campus students had no representation until last year, and even then, the seats were vacant," Boudah detailed, "students like myself and other campuses need to be able to be here and participate."

University Senators in attendance, including members of the administration and professors elected to the body, expressed overwhelming support for the amendments.

Tina Reardon, who taught at UConn's now-defunct Torrington Campus for over 20 years, was one of the professors to speak in support of the proposal.

"The ASG was very active in Torrington," she said, "yet because they had no representation, it reinforced the sense that regional campuses' students are lesser and not part of [the] one UConn nation."

According to current bylaws, undergraduate student seats for these committees and organizations are allocated by the Storrs USG, governed by President Jon Heidan. While Heidan's 2023-24 selections for the University Senate included direct representation for all regional campuses for the first time in the

university's history, the choice is still his alone to make.

"I have to give big props to Jon Heidan, [Vice President] Peter Spinelli, and [Comptroller] Ben Keilty, really the big three who took on the lead here to help me with this process," Boudah said, "I've been working with and communicating with each campus, essentially educating every student I know who didn't understand what the Senate was about."

While the University Senate approved all five of the relevant proposals, only some of the proposals referred strictly to their own bylaws. The others, Boudah notes, were merely recommended by the University Senate for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

"I'm very confident that they're going to take swift action," Boudah said to The Daily Campus, "I made it a point to recommend that the Board of Trustees act swiftly here, and I think they can see pretty clearly that what we're proposing here makes sense."

Boudah is confident that the Board of Trustees, which meets next on Feb. 28, 2024, will implement his proposals before the next academic year, formally enshrining regional campus representation into the University bylaws.



UConn's Avery Point campus on Dec. 19, 2023. This is one of UConn's five satellite campuses.  
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## Free events going on today at the African American Cultural Center

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For University of Connecticut students, faculty and staff looking for things to do, the university's African American Cultural Center has several events going on.

At 5 p.m. tonight the AACC is hosting a game night, offering free food to those who attend.

The event will be held in room 104 in the Student Union Building.

Game night is completely free and attendees are encouraged to bring friends along. Card games, board games and more will be offered, along with snacks and drinks.

There will be prizes for select games and competitions given out to top ranking competitors.

Also at 5 p.m. tomorrow night there is an AACC event for UConn faculty and staff. The organization will be hosting a happy hour at Soul Baila in Hartford.

The event is geared towards connecting African American faculty and staff, to unwind from the week and connect with one another.

There will be free appetizers and a cash bar for those who wish to purchase drinks.

Registration is required but easy to do on the event webpage.

The AACC has events lined up Monday through Wednesday of next week, along with university wide events which their calendar promotes, including an information session on the BOLD program.

BOLD is a women's leadership program offering funding and scholarships to

students. The session will be held in McHugh Hall on Monday from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday the AACC is hosting an Africana book talk from 2 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

The event will be held in the Philip E. Austin Building, room 217, however there is also a virtual option.

The talk will be led by Africana studies and English professors who have each published books regarding the topics.

While this month is Black History Month, the AACC is open throughout the school year and hosts events weekly. Their office is located on the fourth floor of the Student Union.

More information about the center, their mission and events can be found on their website.



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## News

# Usher says it's been a challenge to squeeze 30-year career into 13-minute Super Bowl halftime show



Recording artist Usher performs at Power 105.1's Powerhouse 2016 at Barclays Center on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Usher has announced a new North American tour.

PHOTO BY SCOTT ROTH/AP

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Usher found fitting a successful three decades of music into a super-short Super Bowl halftime show a challenge, but the multiple Grammy winner decided to concentrate on past hits, moments from his popular Las Vegas residency and possibly draw from his new album.

"I was very mindful of my past, celebrating my present, which is here in Las Vegas, and thinking about where we're heading in the future," the singer said when he addressed the media Thursday in advance of Sunday's Super Bowl, which will be held at Las Vegas' Allegiant Stadium, with the San Francisco 49ers facing off against the Kansas City Chiefs. He will release his ninth studio album "Coming Home" on Friday.

Usher said he's been asking himself, "What songs do people know me for, what songs have been a celebration of all of the journey?"

The R&B singer thought about adding the roller skating element from his residency into his halftime performance, but he gave no other specific clues on where that process led him, and what his take on the global spectacle will look like.

"For everybody who heard about my show in Las Vegas, you'll now get a chance to see some of what I did here but you'll get the best of it," he said.

Usher did not drop names of

who might be joining him on stage, but he offered some vague hints. He confirmed that he won't be alone at Allegiant Stadium. In previous years, most Super Bowl performers have included guest stars — except for Rihanna, who was a solo act last year.

The singer suggested it would be people he's collaborated with before.

"I think I made it easy for myself when I decided to have featured artists on songs that became hit records. That gave me the greatest inspiration," he said. "I have definitely gone through a lot of ideas of who I would have go through this moment with me

That hardly narrows it down, however, given all the folks he's collaborated with, from Beyoncé to Monica to Nicki Minaj to Ludacris to Lil Jon.

Usher was a Super Bowl guest star himself, with Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am in 2011. He told The Associated Press previously that he'd use that performance as a "cheat sheet" for Sunday's show.

On Thursday, he said he had a harrowing moment getting there.

"My hand got caught on a wire that was holding me 30 feet in the air, and I almost missed my entrance," he said.

He still managed to hit his mark — in the splits. But he would prefer to avoid that kind of mishap.

Usher said he definitely aims to bring the flavor of Atlanta —

a city where he made his musical name. His 100-show local residency in Las Vegas last year was a perfect workshop to help make that happen.

"I've been able to bring a great deal of Atlanta and the melting pot that it is, musically and culturally, to Las Vegas," he said. "It wasn't easy to do but I turned Vegas into Atlanta. I took the V and turned it upside down."

An eight-time Grammy winner, Usher's "Confessions" has sold more than 10 million units in the U.S. The album ranks

among one of the best-selling music projects of all time and launched No. 1 hits such as "Yeah!" with Ludacris and Lil Jon, "Burn" and "Confessions Part II." His special edition version included the smooth hit "My Boo," a duet with Alicia Keys. Next year will mark the 20th anniversary of the epic album.

Usher joins a list of celebrated entertainers, who have played during the Super Bowl halftime shows, including Prince, Beyoncé, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Coldplay, Katy Perry,

Lady Gaga, Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg. Last year, Rihanna chose her Super Bowl performance to tell the world she was pregnant with her second child.

Usher spoke to the media not in a traditional news conference format but via an interview with Apple Music's Nadeska Alexis in front of an audience full of reporters that was streamed on its platform and social media sites.

The news conference also featured pre-game performers including Reba McEntire, Post Malone and Andra Day.



Usher speaks during a news conference ahead of the Super Bowl 58 NFL football game Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, in Las Vegas. Usher will perform during the Super Bowl halftime show.

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## Life

# TALES FROM THE TURNTABLE:

## *A not so smashing pumpkin*



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Welcome to this week's Tales from the Turntable! While sitting in the library trying to scrape my mind for an idea for this week, one song came up on my playlist that finally gave me an idea. "Range Life" by Pavement, the third single released for their 1994 effort, "Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain," has become infamous over the years for its lyrical content and the events that followed its release.

The song itself is nothing out of the ordinary for the band, full of twangy and angular guitar riffs and frontman Stephen Malkmus' trademark croon and cryptic lyrics. Many interpretations have been offered throughout the years as to its meaning; the most commonly accepted theory being that the song pokes fun at stuck-up "old-head" music fans that refuse to adapt to the new sounds of the 90s.

In the last verse of the song, Malkmus lightheartedly slights two bands, Stone Temple Pilots and The Smashing Pumpkins. It's unclear whether Pavement actually disliked either of these bands, considering they played several shows together. The song states "On tour with The Smashing Pumpkins, Nature Kids, I, they don't have no function. I don't understand what they mean, and I could really give a fuck," following with, "Stone Temple Pilots, they're elegant bachelors.

They're foxy to me, are they foxy to you? I will agree, they deserve absolutely nothing."

"Range Life" became a minor hit upon its release, ultimately being one of the band's biggest successes of their career. One person, however, didn't find the insults humorous. Smashing Pumpkins frontman, Billy Corgan, was quick to fire back at the band, saying "I think it's rooted in jealousy," and "People don't fall in love with Pavement, they put on Smashing Pumpkins or Hole or Nirvana, because these bands actually mean something to them." Some time later, both bands were scheduled to headline the 1994 Lollapalooza festival, which made Corgan furious. The singer threatened to pull out of the event if Pavement took the stage at any point. While Pavement were undoubtedly a massive band, they were nowhere near the level of popularity achieved by The Smashing Pumpkins at the time.

Lollapalooza management pulled the plug on Pavement's performance, angering thousands of fans and concertgoers. Both frontmen would continue taking shots at each other throughout the years, before eventually settling their differences and touring together in 2018.

This wouldn't be the first time Corgan caused controversy for his petty personality and loud mouth — whether it's members of his own band or random bystanders, no one is

safe from Corgan's wrath.

During the band's recording of 1993's "Siamese Dream," the frontman was often belligerent towards his bandmates, eventually dropping all of their recorded material for the album and re-recording it by himself. As the 90s pushed on, The Smashing Pumpkins would only see further and further success, sending Corgan further and further into a state of delusion, fueled by endless praise for monumental records like "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." After a myriad of troubles between band members, bassist and founding member D'arcy Wretzky left the band in 1999.

While explanations differ depending on who's telling the story, Wretzky's drug habits had become too much for her and the band to handle, leading to her departure and swift fade into obscurity. While many bands wouldn't hold a grudge against a member who left for drug-related reasons, Corgan refused to speak to Wretzky for two decades after the event. When asked in an interview immediately following the lineup change, Corgan called Wretzky a "mean-spirited drug addict who refused to get help," leaving a bad taste in many fans' mouths.

Going forward into the 2000s, the singer's bizarre antics would attract the attention of thousands. Many were equally confused and disgusted by his actions, such as feuds with CNN anchorman Anderson Cooper, Hole front-

woman Courtney Love or the aforementioned Malkmus. In 2009, Corgan hosted a now infamous competition where the winner would get to buy him lunch. That's right — the winner would take the bill, despite the singer's multi-million dollar net worth.

Though it's definitely fun to poke fun at someone as ignorantly egotistical as Corgan,

one must also acknowledge that The Smashing Pumpkins would indeed be nowhere without him, or the rest of his band mates (even if Corgan disagrees with the latter). Records like "Siamese Dream" and "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" continue to be some of the most influential albums of the 90s, and of the rock genre in general.



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# A WALK THROUGH UCONN'S M. ESTELLA SPRAGUE Costume Collection



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On Thursday, Feb. 8, the M. Estella Sprague Costume Collection opened in the Homer Babbidge Library. The exhibit is located in the Gallery on the Plaza and contains clothing and textiles from all over the world. The collection dates back to 1898 when Mary Estella Praque worked in the Home Economics department at UConn. Estella is known for being the first woman to hold a dean's position at UConn. The display is split into four parts: identity, history, fashion and economics — each an important factor in the history of fashion.

The economics case shows the history of John Meyer who originated the “preppie look” in the 1960s. He became president of G&M and transitioned the company from focusing on just menswear to building a full womenswear collection. Meyer's objects were collected by Nellie Gard, a UConn faculty member of The School of Economics in the 1920s and 1930s. She would travel to Europe and bring back clothing and textile pieces, making her a huge donor for this collection.

In the historical section of the collection, the innovative use of fashion plates is mentioned. They're essentially drawings of pieces of clothing with descriptions to help seamstresses

replicate the style. They were used in the United States so that women were able to wear popular French fashion. With fashion plates, the clothing was able to be individualized to each customer, depending on their size or fabric preferences. Now, they allow us to study fashion history. The fashion plates featured throughout the collection are from The Historic Textile & Costume Collection at The University of Rhode Island. Also featured in the history section was a handbag made from a rank square. Rank squares were most often used in China from the Ming Dynasty to the late Qing Dynasty. These squares showed your rank in society and dictated social status, such as signifying what stores you were able to go into.

The economics section includes some menswear vests. Interestingly, the backs of these vests were designed with cheap materials because men were never seen without a coat on. Elizabeth Hawes, author of “It's Still Spinach,” a book discussing fashion standards, wrote: “Men's clothes will really be revolutionized when the male asserts his right to be considered as alluring and decorative and beautiful as women.” Written in 1954, this idea is still relevant in today's fashion world.

It's hard to miss the fashion section of the collection, as a pair of gorgeous women's an-



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kle shoes dated between 1905 and 1915 stand out. They have multiple button straps and are beaded — a striking style. Shoes like these got popular at the turn of the 20th century as hemlines were beginning to rise and attention was being given to women's shoes and stockings. The collection's information panels mention novels like “Sense and Sensibility” by Jane Austen and “The Age of Innocence” by Edith Wharton, and explains how books allow us to understand the fashion of the time through descrip-

tions in writing. Writing also allows authors to make comments about different characters, whether it be their wealth or personality, clothes can simply bring a character in any circumstance to life.

Two womensuits stand between the fashion and identity cases. One is a vintage 1959 Christian Dior, the other a 1955 Hattie Carnegie. As a former fashion student, these made my heart skip a beat. Written under the Hattie Carnegie suit is information on Beatrice Fox Auerbach. She became the president of G.

Fox & Co. after her father died. Auerbach soon became successful in a man's world and has had lasting effects on women's rise to executive positions. She established a retail training program at what is now Connecticut College to teach future executives.

Throughout the exhibit are lists of books that coincide with each topic, all of which are available in the Homer Babbidge Library. The collection will be on display through May 17, so if you're ever in the library and want to learn more about Connecticut's fashion history, check it out.



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# Life

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## Healthy Huskies: What is insomnia?

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Not being able to fall asleep can affect every part of your life, especially your mental and physical health. Sure, almost every college student has had a sleepless night. Maybe you were out celebrating a sports game with friends, reading material for class or cramming in study time for an exam. “All nighters” are so common that they are often regarded as just part of your normal life in college. But what happens when you really can’t sleep at all?

Insomnia is a condition that affects roughly 10% of the adult population. It is also thought to affect one in four college students according to the Center for Disease Control. With this condition, an affected person often experiences disturbanc-

es in sleep. These can include a lack of sleep, waking up multiple times throughout the night, or issues with tiredness and focus during the day. Insomnia is a worrisome condition because getting adequate sleep is needed to function properly. Healthy sleep habits allow us to feel rested and rejuvenated, so we are able to tackle the daily tasks in our lives.

Insomnia can also be caused by poor mental health. If you are not taking care of your mental health adequately, your sleep is almost sure to follow. Insomnia can be a comorbidity of many different mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety or PTSD. The condition of insomnia can be attributed to a number of factors including: trauma, nightmares or being in a state of high stress.

If you think you may be suffering from insomnia, there are options available to you that can help. Talking to your primary care provider or a psychiatrist can help you explore options for medications that may help regulate your sleep cycle. If you go to therapy or are interested in beginning therapy, a therapist or other mental health professional can help you explore the underlying reasons behind

your sleep disturbances.

There are also practices you can implement into your daily life to help regulate your sleep cycle. Getting to bed around the same time each night and limiting the use of your screens around your bed time may help. Try not using any of your screens at least an hour before you plan to go to sleep. If you’re the kind of person who needs to watch TV before bed, try swapping the show for a book! Additionally, aiming for at least eight hours of sleep is ideal, but tailor your sleep schedule to your own body. Some people may only need eight hours of sleep, while others may need ten to feel fully rested. Natural supplements such as melatonin may help you finally get to sleep as well. Creating a nightly routine using these strategies can be extremely beneficial to your sleep cycle. Next time you are getting ready to turn in, try using these tips. By creating healthy habits around bedtime, you can optimize your sleep and health.

If you have tried these tips and still struggle with insomnia, talking to a doctor or professional may be a helpful option. Sleep is one of the most important pieces of our health, so take care of yourself and get some rest!



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# Opinion

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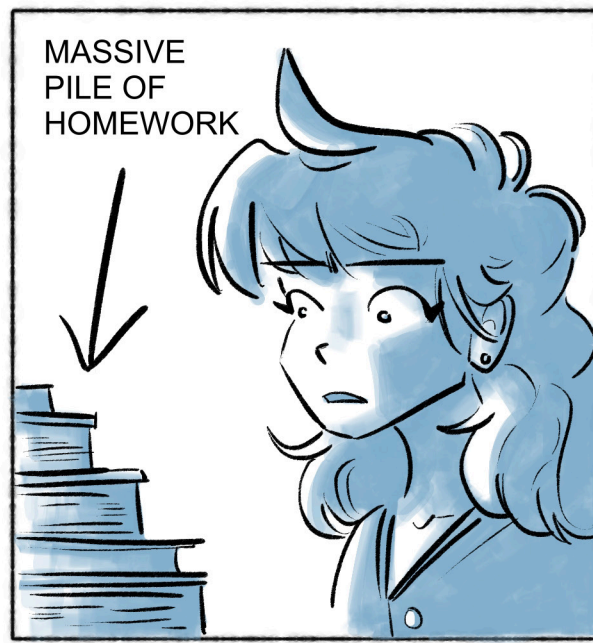
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### ► Editorial

# JOIN THE DAILY CAMPUS!

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The University of Connecticut hosted its annual Spring Involvement Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. in Gampel Pavilion. Along with the hundreds of student organizations in attendance, The Daily Campus stood and tabled as well, soliciting involvement from the undergraduate population.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board wishes to further emphasize to the undergraduate student population at UConn: You should join The Daily Campus!

As UConn's only independent, student-run newspaper, The Daily Campus offers a multitude of opportunities for students to engage with the free press and stay informed about what is happening in the Basketball Capital of the World. Furthermore, students of any major can join our paper, and all of our opportunities and positions are no-experience-required.

For the writers out there: The Daily Campus has four main written sections: news, life, sports and opinion.

The news section covers relevant and breaking news regarding the UConn community. Recently, we've covered the budget cuts many UConn departments are facing that have the potential to impact every student on all of UConn's campuses, President Radenka Maric's new office hours and even a GoFundMe for a beloved Huskies Tavern employee's cancer treatment.

In the life section, we have writers cover campus events, run weekly lifestyle columns and also write reviews of albums, movies and TV shows. For example, we recently featured

Lizzie's Curbside's 33rd anniversary on the UConn Storrs campus.

Having spoken previously of the Basketball Capital of the World, it's also important to note that The Daily Campus's sports section provides extensive coverage and analysis of every UConn athletic team, along with numerous columns covering professional sports.

And of course, where the Editorial Board hails from: The opinion section focuses on argumentative writing, where students can write about any issue or topic they are passionate about.

For our multimedia creatives interested in campus coverage: We have photo and artist departments that specialize in creating media and images to accompany stories both in print and online. We give our artists the creative freedom to design and produce art including illustrations for articles, column logos and comics, and our photographers have the opportunity to photograph significant events, people and places on campus.

For students looking for an on-campus job opportunity: You can also join our production team, which is responsible for preparing the paper for print and digital publication Monday through Friday each week. Our copy editors review all articles for grammar and AP Style, and our designers design the layout for print editions. Our

digital producers upload content to our website and our photo producers select which graphics will accompany our work online and in print. Additionally, our social media team is responsible for promoting our content through our various social media platforms. Moreover, in every content section at The Daily Campus, there are opportunities where you can get paid for the work that you do, and students who are early risers could also work as delivery drivers on weekday mornings.

Furthermore, beyond being a professional development opportunity for students interested in working in media, there is significant value in having a free press, particularly on a college campus. In fact, The Daily Campus' status as an editorially-independent news outlet is what allows us, as the Editorial Board, to be so critical of UConn, as we've highlighted previously. Having a newspaper that is run by students, for students, is what allows us to criticize the institution we all are a part of, and demand more for everyone.

We know there is a want and a need for The Daily Campus at UConn — the way our April 4, 2023 edition flew off our newspaper racks after the UConn men's basketball team won the national championship shows this tenfold. So, come be a part of that!

At the risk of sounding like your cringey boss from your high school retail job, The Daily Campus is a family. Join us!



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# American corporations still profit off slavery

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It is a convenient truth to believe that when the United States Civil War ended and the 13th Amendment was passed, slavery was abolished and this nation took an important step toward racial equality. I would also hope that most Americans today would consider slavery a morally evil act. This nation and many of its corporations go very far to ensure its people and consumers know that they do not participate in or involve themselves with any foreign industries or companies that profit off of slaves. It is largely consigned as a practice left in a dark past or backward lands far from here.

Yet, how much do these assumptions reflect our current relationship with the practice of slavery? According to new investigations by the Associated Press, shockingly little. Slavery is alive and well in this country, and it touches the lives of almost every single American through the products we purchase and the businesses we frequent. This is because of an often forgotten part of the 13th Amendment: the small exception it makes for banning slavery "except as a punishment for crime."

I remember when I first read this back in my AP U.S. History class I passed it over assuming it was a minor, antiquated detail; after all, we all consider slavery to be bad, and I'd never heard of anyone getting "sentenced to slavery." This belief could not have been more wrong. This nation's prison system is home to almost 800,000 "incarcerated workers" who often are unpaid (or paid pennies an hour), have no legal protections and are left with no choice but to work lest they face extreme and cruel punishment. This can include solitary confinement, loss of visitation, denial of opportunities to reduce sentences and even physical punishment. The value they provide to outside industries, or more simply put, the value of the products they make which are bought either indirectly or directly by Americans, is said to be around \$2 billion per year. The list of companies that have had their products tied to these practices is incredible — Coca-Cola,

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## Opinion

Photo of the Day | Spike!



On Feb. 7, 2024, UConn students enjoy a game of spikeball under the sun on the Student Union lawn. With temperatures in the 50s, students are outside more than ever. PHOTO BY LUISA MASSASSO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## OP-ED:

## UConn Students Should Support Ranked Choice Voting

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Modern democracy has been struggling to accurately represent the will of the people for my entire life. I do not remember an American election that has not suffered from an incredibly split voter pool, candidates hellbent on their own way being the only way, concessions of human rights or economic crisis.

This is why, as a University of Connecticut student deeply invested in the future of our democracy, I want to highlight ranked choice voting (RCV) and how it could be used to revitalize our voting process. With the state legislative session having started Feb. 7, now is the time for us to be active citizens in our democracy

and advocate for a more effective election system. If you're interested, please use this link to send a message to your legislator urging them to support RCV: [ctvotersfirst.org/take-action/](https://ctvotersfirst.org/take-action/).

To summarize, ranked choice voting is a process in which candidates are ranked on a ballot instead of a single vote being placed. Candidates with the least votes have those votes shifted to their voters' second choice.

This is a practical solution to a fundamental problem we have in our current voting system. In races with multiple candidates,

the winner doesn't need the support of more than half the electorate to win office. RCV fixes this by requiring a true majority — over 50% of people — to have voted for the candidate somewhere on their ballot.

This allows greater diversity in the polls and in the ballots. Thus, candidates can take more individual perspectives as they no longer must fear “losing their party's votes,” and voters can select fewer mainstream candidates as well as support larger parties. We even see better voting

turnouts. In 2020, RCV led to a 9.6% increase in turnout in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, showing the greatest increases in precincts with higher poverty rates.

Proposed legislation to allow implementation of RCV in mul-

multiple of Connecticut's elections is a step in the right direction. I urge my fellow students, members of the UConn community and anyone else who wishes to contribute to contact their state representatives and senators. People listen when we speak together in a unified, loud voice. Together, we can improve our democracy today.

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*“... now is the time for us to be active citizens in our democracy and advocate for a more effective election system.”*

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Walmart, McDonalds, Whole Foods, Dominos, Target and Pepsi, to name a few. At this point, this practice has ties so deep across the entire economy that it is nearly impossible for the average consumer to avoid spending their money on products connected to slavery.

The value of this labor for the states is also a factor that cannot be understated. It is reported that prisoners produce \$9 billion worth of maintenance and upkeep for their prisons such as cleaning, cooking, repair services and laundry services. The products prisoners produce and the value of leasing them to companies provide significant revenue for the state governments which essentially own them. In terms of both private and public endeavors, slave labor is undoubtedly used to stave off costs for inefficient organizations that require exploitation to be able to function.

Often these prisoners work in agriculture, in the same blood-stained plantations that were tended to by slaves before the Civil War. The stories of cruelty towards these people mirror those of old plantation life. As one former prisoner described, “If we refused to work we had to stand on top of a wooden box in the sun. It was called ‘doin’ the scarecrow’ and some guys passed out from the heat.” Others describe simpler tactics to ensure productivity, wherein guards would come out to protesting workers and beat them with billy clubs to no end. The point of this comparison in horror stories is to show that arguments in defense of this

practice are disingenuous. This labor is not “therapeutic” or beneficial, nor can it be realistically stated that this provides prisoners with valuable skill sets to prepare them for life afterward. This is exploitation for the profit of people much more powerful than they are, on an entirely systemic level.

When hearing this story and all the horrible details of the life lived by these prisoners, it's important to remember that these are people too. It's too easy to imagine this treatment as being deserved because all these people are rapists or murderers who can be separated from the rest of humanity. No, these are human beings, they are not a stereotype. They do not deserve this.

Race is also, undoubtedly, one of the most important factors in this problem as well. These exploited prisoners are overwhelmingly Black, but I'm sure this is hardly a surprise, nor is it an accident. The history of policing in this country, of Black Codes, of Jim Crow laws, of redlining, all demonstrate that this new form of slavery is part of a long tradition in America of disenfranchising Black Americans to exploit them. Racial discrimination is baked into economic and legal systems to prevent the social mobility of marginalized groups. Poverty is criminalized through over-policing and aggressive prosecution. Criminals are exploited for capital gain by state and corporate actors. This chain which stretches back through history shows that we never left an organized system of slavery, but rather morphed it into modern terms to continue to serve the economic benefit for this nation.

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# The Big Game: Everything you need to know about watching Super Bowl LVIII from Connecticut



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On this Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, the Kansas City Chiefs will play against the San Francisco 49ers live from Las Vegas, Nevada in one of the world's most-enjoyed annual sporting events — the Super Bowl. We're breaking down all the essential information so you can make the best of your Super Sunday.

## Where can I tune into the Big Game?

This year, Super Bowl LVIII will be broadcast on CBS stations. In Connecticut, that may mean you are watching on WFSB Hartford (local channel 3 — HuskyVision channel 3), WSHM Springfield (local channel 33), WBZ Boston (local channel 4 — HuskyVision channel 7) or WBCS New York (local channel 2). Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. EST. The game always starts a little later, but make sure to be tuned in by then.

If you're using a TV streaming service or the CBS app, log in using your provider's credentials (such as Comcast Xfinity or Charter Spectrum) and choose the station you usually watch CBS programming on. If you don't currently subscribe to a TV provider, Paramount Plus and NFL Plus will be live-streaming the game on a delay — MarketWatch Picks offers details about pricing, free trials and other deals.

On the radio, you can hear the live broadcast on Westwood One Sports affiliates, including WUCS FM 97.9 Windsor Locks-Hartford, WPOP AM 1410 and FM 92.9 Hartford, WAVZ AM 1300 New Haven, WBSM AM 1420 New Bedford-Providence and WPKZ AM 1280 and FM

105.3 Fitchburg-Boston. If you subscribe to Sirius XM satellite radio or TuneIn Premium streaming radio, the game will also be available on their NFL channels.

Additionally, for the first time this year's Big Game will also be simulcast as part of "NFL Slime-time" on Nickelodeon (check local cable listings — HuskyVision channel 25) with animated augmented-reality effects and commentary provided by SpongeBob SquarePants, Patrick Star and "sideline reporter" Sandy Cheeks alongside CBS Sports analysts.

## Saturday Evening

Although it's a day before the feature presentation, you may want to enjoy some of this programming to get pumped up before going to bed on Saturday.

Starting at 7 p.m., New Haven ABC station WTNH (local channel 8 — HuskyVision channel 8) will showcase their "Big Game Tailgate" with Justine Waldman, giving an inside look at Allegiant Stadium and the fan experience, and at 7:30 p.m., "Legends of the Big Game," host Jarrett Payton interviews a variety of Pro Football Hall of Famers about their journey to the Super Bowl, followed by NBA coverage. After News 8 at 11 concludes, Payton returns with Chris Hagan to preview this year's matchup with interviews from Las Vegas.

At 8 p.m., CBS will be broadcasting "A Super Bowl Soulful Celebration," a mix of music and football history hosted by Cedric the Entertainer and Tichina Arnold. Featured performers include Earth, Wind, and Fire, Robin Thicke, Kirk Franklin amongst others.

NFL Network (check local cable listings — HuskyVision channel 76.1) will broadcast "Hall of Fame Knocks on the Door" and "SBL-VIII Countdown" starting at 9

p.m. with interviews, replays, and other elements live from Las Vegas.

On New Haven MyNetworkTV affiliate WCTX (local channel 59 — HuskyVision channel 62) at 11 p.m., enjoy an edition of "Game Time with Boomer Esiason" where the former Cincinnati Bengals quarterback interviews Anthony Munoz, his old teammate.

## Pre-game coverage on Sunday

The lead-up to the main event starts at 11:30 a.m. on CBS with an edition of "NFL Slimetime" and the "Road to the Super Bowl" special, replaying highlights and key moments from both teams throughout this past season, followed by "You Are Looking Live!" at 1 p.m., a documentary about the long-running "The NFL Today" show.

Starting at 2 p.m. on CBS, "The NFL Today" enters their full pre-game analysis of the game culminating in the Kick-off celebration starting at 6 p.m.

Several other channels will be specializing in their sports content on Super Sunday. On ESPN (check local cable listings — HuskyVision channel 42.1), in-depth coverage begins at 7 a.m. with special editions of "SportsCenter" and at 10 a.m., "The Post-season NFL Countdown." ESPN hosts will sit down with key players and showcase exclusive content live from Beer Park in Las Vegas.

Fox Sports will also highlight special Super Bowl editions of their regular programs on FS1 (check local cable listings — HuskyVision channel 39.2) starting at 9:30 a.m. with "Undisputed," "The Herd with Colin Cowherd," "First Things First" and "Speak!"

NBC Sports Radio will be live streaming its sports radio shows on Peacock all day Sun-

day. "The Dan Patrick Show" kicks off the presentation at 9 a.m., along with "Pro Football Talk Live" and other specialty shows. NFL Network will also provide extensive pre-game coverage with "NFL Game Day Morning" at 9 a.m. with commentary on the most updated statistics and facts shaping the game.

## Commercial Breaks

The advertising during the Super Bowl is arguably more important than the game itself.

This year, we have a variety of returning favorites, such as Apple teaming up with this year's half-time performer Usher, AI-powered ads from Google and Microsoft, celebrity cameos from Christopher Walken driving in a BMW, Zach Braff and Donald Faison returning for T-Mobile and Sir Patrick Stewart reprising his role as Captain Picard in ads for the Paramount Plus streaming service, amongst others. Expect budget-friendly snacks like Popeyes and Drumstick to shine. Social issues tackled by the Foundation to Combat Antisemitism and Doritos celebrating Latin culture add depth. Female empowerment themes inspired by Taylor Swift might appear, with expectations of higher viewership due to Swift and Chiefs' Travis Kelce's ongoing relationship.

There will also be a lot of placements for local advertising, like those from Connecticut car dealerships, lawyers and schools like UConn. Keep your eyes peeled for those too, since special promotions and other regional benefits may only be seen by you!

Buckle up for more memorable commercial breaks.

## After the Game

Immediately after the conclusion of the Big Game and "The NFL To-

day" postgame show, CBS is expected to air the series premiere of "Tracker," an action drama based on the book "The Never Game" by Jeffrey Deaver. As with many live sports, it is uncertain when the game will actually end, but it's most likely to finish around 10:30 p.m. After that premiere, stay tuned for your live local newscast, such as WFSB's Eyewitness News at 11, which will feature the news anchored by Mark Zinni and Erin Connolly, First Alert Weather with Mark Dixon, and special Super Bowl and regional sports coverage by the Eyewitness Sports team — Joe Zone, Marc Robbins and Nkwa Asonye.

For further analysis right after the game, ESPN will broadcast "NFL Primetime" and "SportsCenter" to discuss the results, as will NFL Network's "Game Day Final"

Over on Nickelodeon, the premiere of a new animated show "Rock, Paper, Scissors" will air after the Big Game. It's a children's comedy, but an interesting note is Mike Trapp, former head writer for College Humor and Dropout TV is on this show's team.

ABC station WTNH will be airing this week's final of "Celebrity Jeopardy!" at 10 p.m. featuring Mo Rocca, Lisa Ann Walter and Katie Nolan. CPTV (local WEDH channel 24 — HuskyVision channel 10) will continue their dramatic saga "Funny Women" with a new episode at 10 p.m., followed by "Doc Martin" at 11 p.m.

## Enjoy the Game!

Well, there we have it — a look at everything you'll need to be prepared to enjoy this year's Super Bowl. Grab the snacks, get your friends and have a good time.

All times are Eastern time unless noted.

# Track & Field: Four-meet weekend approaching for Huskies

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There will be Huskies in Boston, New Haven and Fayetteville as UConn competes in the Tyson Invite, Yale Invite, BC Invitational and Valentine Invite over the weekend.

Last weekend at the Harvard Crimson Elite meet, UConn senior Terrel Williams broke his own school record in the 60-meter hurdle with a time of 7.70 seconds. This time he placed first in the event, tied for the top spot in the conference and tied for ninth in the nation.

The Tyson Invite, held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, starts on Friday at 1:45 p.m., with the men's pole vault

and will conclude Saturday at 3:25 p.m. with the men's 4x400 relay. The event will be held at the Randal Tyson Track Center, home of the Arkansas Razorbacks and known as "The Home of the Faster Indoor Track in the World."

The Yale Invite, held at the Coxe Cage in New Haven, is also known as the Giegengack Invitational, named in honor of legendary Yale track and field coach Bob Giegengack. The meet is a one-day event, taking place on Saturday and starting with the men's weight throw at 11 a.m., and finishing with the men's 4x400 relay at 5:45 p.m.

The BC Invitational and Valentine Invite are both taking place in Boston. The Valentine Invite is taking place at the Boston University

Track and Tennis Center, while the BC Invitational will be hosted at the TRACK at new balance, which is familiar ground for the Huskies, as they have had multiple meets there already this indoor season.

The Valentine Invite is known as the David Hemery Valentine Invitational, named after David Hemery, who ran track & field at Boston College. His accomplishments include winning a gold medal at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, and representing Great Britain, by running an at-the-time world record in the 400m hurdles with a time of 48.12 seconds.

The BC Invitational, also known as the Eagle Elite Invitational, will host nine teams from every part of the country. The universities

participating are Oregon, Texas, USC, UConn, Villanova, Wake Forest, FAU, Harvard and Louisville. The first event is the women's 60m hurdles, which will occur at 11 a.m. on Friday, before finishing on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. The final event is the men's 4x400m.

The Huskies have a big weekend ahead of them. They are looking forward to impress as they are two weeks out from the indoor Big East championships, looking to win their fifth-straight indoor or outdoor conference championship.



The UConn track and field team prepare for their next series of games. The Huskies will take on teams in Boston, New Haven and Fayetteville over the upcoming weekend.

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## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Alley-oop



UConn women's basketball defended its home court against St. John's at Gampel Pavilion on Feb. 4, 2024, winning the match with a score of 78-63. The Huskies stay undefeated in the Big East with a conference record of 10-0. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY: UCONN LOOKS TO SHUTOUT NORTHEASTERN AND HOLY CROSS FOR A THIRD TIME THIS SEASON

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The Huskies are on the road again for another weekend series of Hockey East rivalry. UConn will be taking on two of its competitors to the North — Northeastern and Holy Cross — for a chance at maintaining their top seed in the conference.

The first match of the weekend will be a battle of the Huskies. Northeastern, currently sitting at No. 3 in Hockey East will be looking to maintain their eight-game winning streak and will attempt to pose a threat to the Huskies' top seed.

However, the Huskies know how to put up a fight and the current lineup of women are a force to be reckoned with. Despite an over 10-year losing streak to Northeastern (with the exception of two ties and one win in 2018), this year's squad put an end to that streak.

In early November of this season, UConn had a weekend for the record books as they trampled Northeastern's streak in a 3-0 then a 1-0 win. In the 3-0 victory, UConn emphasized their goaltending strength as junior goalkeeper Megan Warrenner acted like an impenetrable wall. Despite relentless shot attempts by Boston, Storrs' defensive skill had shone through. This week, Warrenner is a women's

goalie of the year semifinalist and one of only 11 goalies in the country up for the award.

Their second November game elevated both the stakes and intensity as the only goal of the game came with just five minutes left in the contest. Once again, the goaltenders were the MVPs. Junior Tia Chan was a powerhouse in the net as Northeastern fired off shot after shot through the UConn defense.

Although the Bostonians are maintaining a 13-7-1 conference record and holding the title of 2024 Beanpot champions, the Storrs squad has never looked away from a challenge. With another contest on the horizon, the group should feel confident in their lineup.

The second match will feature Holy Cross, the trailing seed in the conference. With a No. 10 ranking and a 4-15-2 Hockey East record, the Crusaders may fall short of the Huskies' skill.

Historically, UConn has come out on top and with an impeccable season record, and the odds appear to be in the Huskies' favor. Similarly to Northeastern, the Huskies came face to face with Holy Cross earlier this year.

The first matchup, a shutout of 3-0 had UConn fighting until the last period. With a scoreless first two periods, the Huskies were forced to capitalize on the powerplay

and up the ante for the third. Once success arrived, it came plentifully. Three goals in just over 14 minutes had the Huskies roaring and the Crusaders unable to respond.

The second contest forced the Huskies into a competitive mindset later on in the match. With the Huskies down 0-1 at

the start of the third, UConn changed their tune and dominated the third. Shot after shot by UConn left the Holy Cross goaltender defenseless as the Huskies earned a 2-1 leg up. The final period sealed the deal with a final goal from the Huskies in a composed yet dominant display.

As a result of this history with both Northeastern and Holy Cross, the UConn squad knows who it will be facing and has some insight regarding strengths and weaknesses. Despite their No. 1 seed, the Huskies should refrain from getting too comfortable but will aim to maintain their effortless dominance.



UConn takes the win over Providence 2-1 after going into overtime on Saturday, Feb. 3. UConn women's hockey is currently ranked No. 11.

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## Women's Tennis: Huskies squeak out win against Bobcats

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After a tough 4-1 loss to Army last weekend, the UConn women's tennis team bounced back in nail-biting fashion. The Huskies were back in Connecticut for this matchup against Quinnipiac after their quick two-game road trip. The match against the Bobcats on Wednesday ended 4-3 and wasn't decided until the very final singles contest.

This matchup kicked off with some doubles action, as UConn juniors Olivia Wright and Maria Constantinou breezed by graduate student Jordan Bradley and senior Dominique Yeo by a score of 6-2. Unfortunately for UConn, Constantinou suffered an in-

jury and was out for the rest of the matchup after securing the win. The Huskies then stretched their lead to 2-0 after junior Isabel Petri Bere and freshman Caroline Hinshaw won with a perfect 6-0 score against sophomore Vera Sekerina and freshman Anagha Shankar. After senior Nansi Toskova and freshman Victoria Matos suffered a crushing 6-3 defeat at the hands of freshmen Caroline Schulson and Caitlin Flower in the final doubles match, UConn took a 2-1 overall lead with them in singles play.

To start things off for the Huskies, Petri Bere and Hinshaw secured back-to-back wins in singles play. Bere got the better of Sekerina in straight sets (6-3, 6-0) and Hinshaw took care of business against

Yeo in straight sets as well (6-3, 6-3). These wins stretched UConn's match lead to 4-1 overall, but the Bobcats didn't lose hope. Quinnipiac rattled off three straight wins, knotting things up at four-a-piece. Flower, Shankar and freshman Ella Lewis all had convincing straight set victories against freshman Isabella Asenov, Wright and Matos respectively.

The final match of the day between UConn sophomore Cameron Didion and QU freshman

Caroline Schulson would end up being the decider. In the first set, Didion got things started with a win in game one, but Schulson won back-to-back games to shift the lead to 2-1 in her favor. After going back and forth for the next few games, they found themselves tied at four games apiece. It was anyone's set and Didion ended it with two straight wins. With the first set over and done with, finishing 6-4 to Didion, all she needed was six more wins to bring home the victory for

the Huskies. Didion and Schulson found themselves in an identical situation in the second set, and the same exact result came from it. Didion broke the 4-4 deadlock once again with two wins in a row, winning the second set 6-4 and securing the entire matchup against Quinnipiac for UConn.

UConn will be back in action against Xavier on Saturday Feb. 10, at 3:00 p.m. at the Magic Lincer Tennis Academy in Manchester, Conn.



UConn wins against Quinnipiac on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Manchester, Conn. After hard fought matches the final score was 5-4.

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# MEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 1 UCONN GEARING UP FOR DC CLASH AGAINST GEORGETOWN HOYAS

UConn men's basketball wins against Butler at the XL Center with a score of 72-61, making it their 11th straight win.

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To say the UConn men's basketball team has been on a roll lately would be an understatement. They are dominating the competition. Riding high off their 71-62 home victory over the Butler Bulldogs, Connecticut will return to action this weekend against the 8-14 Georgetown Hoyas at Capital One Arena.

If the Huskies manage to pull off a win in the nation's capital, that will mark their 12th straight win, all against Big East opponents. This is a crucial game for the conference standings, as the No. 7 Marquette Golden Eagles trail the defending national champions by only 2.5 games.

An area for UConn fans to narrow in on is how Alex Karaban performs. It seems as though the 6-foot-8 forward is back to full health, as the sophomore played 35 minutes in the program's most recent game against the Bulldogs. However, Karaban could never get going offensively as he would like to, scoring seven points on 3-7 shooting from the field. While that in and of itself isn't too concerning for his first game back, the program needs him to get back up to speed as soon as possible, as Connecticut's schedule only gets harder from here. Marquette comes to town on Feb. 17, and the Huskies will make the trek out to Nebraska three days after that for a marquee matchup against the Creighton Bluejays.

Another player to keep an eye on is Stephon Castle. The Georgia native finally broke out for the program with big-time performances against Providence and St. John's, although Castle "took a step back" against the Bulldogs. The freshman guard is another guy that the program will lean on for big-time scoring, especially coming down the stretch of these crucial games.

Big man Donovan Clingan is a player who has steadily improved in every game he has played. The Bristol native put on an offensive clinic in his last time out for Connecticut, grabbing 14 rebounds and scoring 18 points in 28 minutes of work. The last game was an encouraging performance down low for Connecticut. A majority of their scoring came within 10 feet of the hoop, and the team has al-

ways had an offensive presence in the paint, although they took that to an unprecedented level last game. It will be interesting to see what the offensive game plan will look like early on.

The Huskies winning this way is a significant concern for everyone else in college basketball because they have so many weapons to beat teams with. Players like Karaban, Cam Spencer and Tristen Newton aren't afraid to let it fly from downtown. Spectators have seen at least one of these guys beat defenses at an absurdly high rate nearly every night. Even if the shots aren't falling, the program has shown the ability to score 40 points in the paint, which opens up the entire floor and gives their shooters better looks.

While UConn comes into this one as the heavy favorite, don't count out the Hoyas entirely. 6-foot-2 guard Jayden Epps is putting together a solid offensive campaign, averaging 18 points a night on 39% shooting. Like many other hoopers in all levels of the game, the Georgetown guard is very inconsistent regarding his efficiency from 3-point land. There are nights where he will finish 3-13 in this regard or 6-13. Depending on what version of the sophomore guard we get, it will ultimately dictate whether this is a Connecticut blow-out or closer than people expect.

In case you forgot, this is not the first time these teams have squared away this season. On Jan. 14, these two teams clashed at the XL Center, with the Huskies coming away with an 80-67 victory. The Hartford crowd was treated to the Supreme Cook show as the 6-foot-9 forward put up 18 points and 13 rebounds in 31 minutes of work. His down-low performance was a significant reason why UConn barely won the war on the boards, and the game was much closer than anticipated. How he and Epps perform this weekend will have an enormous impact on the end result, so Connecticut fans should keep an eye on those two.

While the Huskies will open as at least 20-point favorites, this is still a Big East matchup. Anything can happen, and this very well could be a single-digit game for most of the way through. While winning is a top priority for Connecticut, how their key players function needs to be considered. The schedule gets much more challenging. It is never too early to talk about postseason considerations, as the annual Big East tournament and NCAA March Madness tournament aren't as far off as fans might think.

## Men's Golf: Huskies head out to Humacao, Puerto Rico, for the Palmas Del Mar Intercollegiate

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Despite a short break, the UConn men's golf team is ready to get back into action, this time at the Palmas Del Mar Intercollegiate in Humacao, Puerto Rico. The Huskies are fresh off of a solid win in Big East Matchplay, although the field this week will be much stiffer. Connecticut will be pitted against 14 other schools outside the Big East. They must be on their A-game if they wish to place well.

Win or lose, this will surely be a three-day stint that the UConn golf team will remember forever. This weekend's tournament site is the Palmas Del Mar Golf Club. The world-renowned Rees Jones designed "The Flamboyán Course," which the Huskies will take on. This is a picturesque 7,122-yard par 72 that has many features to look out for. Part of the design of this course was to easily allow winds to come through and create additional challenges for the golfer. This is especially true on the par five hole No. 7 and the par four hole No. 9. Water will also play a significant role this weekend, as the course sits alongside a large freshwater lake and even parts of the Caribbean Sea. Unfortunately for the Huskies, this course is littered with bunkers on nearly every hole, from the fairways to the green. Despite the beauty of the scenery, this course has a high degree of difficulty, and there is the potential for some very high scores.

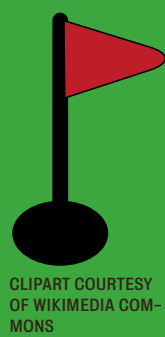
If UConn wishes to repeat last week's success, they will need to lean on their veterans, such as Jimmy Paradise. The Florida-native performed well for Connecticut last weekend, posting an undefeated 3-0-0 record, while shooting the lowest par four scores of any Husky.

UConn will also face a familiar foe from last season in Michigan. Connecticut squared away with the Wolverines in last year's Des-

ert Mountain Invitational. This was a tournament the Huskies left disappointed, finishing 14th out of the 15 teams competing. Michigan fared much better, placing third out of the whole field. Something to watch out for in this year's tournament will be the distance between the Huskies and the rest of the pack. Take last year's matchup with the Wolverines — UConn finished over 50 strokes behind — a feat that they will try not to repeat this weekend. However, doing so will be much more difficult with the departure of Jared Nelson. The graduate student was the leader of the program, winning Big East Player of the Year honors last season.

Freshman Alex Heard also had a weekend to remember. Not only did he go unbeaten, but the Florida-native led all UConn golfers with 15 birdies in three rounds of competition. The big question is if he can play at the high level he did last weekend. If Connecticut wishes to place high in this weekend's competition, they will need him to keep on chugging.

The Palmas Del Mar Intercollegiate is not going to be easy. Every program is talented, and we should expect nothing short of a close finish for the three days of action. Who steps up and leads this program needs to be watched closely. The Huskies must get up to speed as soon as possible because a goal of theirs is to put on a solid showing in this year's Big East tournament. They will be looking to improve upon last year's ninth-place showing. Of course, if they do well enough in tournaments like this and finish high enough in conference, they can compete in the NCAA Championship. However, the journey to that starts with competing at a high level in the Palmas Del Mar Intercollegiate.



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## WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE: HUSKIES WELCOME FRIARS FOR REGULAR- SEASON FINALE

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Coming off the team's recent 245-55 blowout victory over Central Connecticut State University, the UConn women's swim and dive team will get ready to close out their regular season at home against the Providence College Friars.

With the Big East Championship looming, the Huskies have been one of the hottest teams in the conference since their loss to Northeastern on Nov. 4. As winners of five of their last six meets, the program opened the 2023 campaign with commanding victories over Southern Connecticut State University and Georgetown before losing to Villanova and Northeastern. Since their loss to Northeastern on Nov. 4, Connecticut has earned victories over Rhode Island, Bucknell, Vermont and Seton Hall before last week's win over the Blue Devils.

In the victory over CCSU, the Huskies got off to a hot start with wins in the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke to set the tone for the remainder of the race. As Connecticut boasted victories in the first 15 events of the meet, three of their swimmers broke pool records, including underclassman Ella Epes who posted a 54.46 in the 100-yard butter-

fly. Junior Maggie Donnelly set the second pool record in the 100-yard backstroke with a 54.48 stamp and graduate student Meghan Byrne set the pool record with a 2:03.73 time in the 200-yard individual medley.

The Friars roll into their final meet of the regular season hoping to bounce back from their 166-133 loss at the hands of the UMaine Black Bears on Jan. 27. The program opened its regular season with three consecutive losses against Fairfield, Iona and Bryant before a victory over Rhode Island on Nov. 8. Providence took sixth place (out of eight teams) in the Harold Anderson Invitational before two straight victories over Assumption College and Holy Cross.

One swimmer to keep an eye on from PC is emerging freshman Elizabeth Burke, who won multiple distance events in the Friars' recent meet against UMaine. Burke, a native of Mendota Heights, Minn., stamped at 100:54.87 in the 100-yard freestyle and a 5:16.76 in the 500-yard free, claiming first place in both events.

Connecticut will honor their seniors in their final race at Wolff-Zackin Natatorium before the first event, which is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Feb. 10. For coverage and results, visit [uconnhuskies.com](http://uconnhuskies.com).



# Sports

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 11 UCONN CLASHES WITH UNDEFEATED NO. 1 SOUTH CAROLINA IN COLUMBIA

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Geno Auriemma became one of three head coaches in college basketball history to win 1,200 career games with the No. 11 UConn women's basketball team's 67-34 triumph over the Seton Hall Pirates on Wednesday. The next win may be a harder milestone to achieve, given who the Huskies play on Sunday.

UConn heads down to Columbia, South Carolina for their final non-conference battle of the regular season, a duel with the No. 1 South Carolina Gamecocks. This is the marquee event to watch before Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas, Nev. between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers kicks off at 6:30 p.m. EST. Like Patrick Mahomes vs. Josh Allen, this women's basketball war is becoming a significant rivalry for the sport.

Auriemma and the Huskies started the all-time series off with a bang, winning each of the first eight meetings across four different venues. Since guard Katie Lou Samuelson and forward Napheesa Collier graduated in 2019, however, the Gamecocks have had Connecticut's number. South Carolina has won four of the last five meetings dating back to the 2019-20 season, including the 2022 national championship game.

Redshirt junior guard Paige Bueckers delivered the Gamecocks their lone defeat in that span back in 2021. Bueckers shot 14-26 for 31 points in that contest, but none of her shots were bigger than

her dagger 3-pointer. With 13 seconds left in overtime and the Huskies up one, the then-freshman threw up a contested shot and watched it bounce up before falling into the basket.

Bueckers won National Player of the Year that season; she has been playing at a much higher level as a redshirt junior. On top of being the scoring threat she was advertised as out of high school, Bueckers has done it all from both ends of the floor. Whether it is swatting shots or drawing a turnover, the redshirt junior has made defensive strides that have brought her back into the National Player of the Year picture.

Fatigue may or may not be catching up to them, but each one of UConn's nine players must play at their A-game and stay out of foul trouble. That is especially the case for senior guard Nika Mühl.

Against the then-No. 15 Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Jan. 27, it was night and day the way the Huskies played with Mühl on the court. Connecticut's offense felt a boost when the two-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year played. When she was on the bench, nothing seemed to click on either end of the floor. Keeping Mühl out of foul trouble and on the court for most of the contest will be critical if the Huskies want to pull off the upset.

UConn also needs a bounce back performance from reigning Big East Freshman of the Week KK Arnold, who did not score a point on Wednesday. Arnold's last few games have involved explosive second halves, but the Huskies need a full 40-minute offensive

effort from the nation's No. 6 recruit. Should the first-year guard get back into the rhythm she had earlier in the season, she and first-year guard Ashlynn Shade (11.2 PPG, five threes on Wednesday) might be an unstoppable tandem.

With South Carolina's star center Kamilla Cardoso unavailable — she is playing with the Brazilian National Team in their Olympic qualifying event — senior forward Aaliyah Edwards should get several good looks down low. Since not attempting a shot in Connecticut's loss to the Fighting Irish, Edwards has 73 points and 35 rebounds, with four double-doubles to boot.

It is not a guarantee that the senior forward will produce like she has the last week and a half, however.

Junior forward Sania Feagin and sophomore forwards Ashlyn Watkins and Chloe Kitts will each have an opportunity to go up against Edwards down low. Kitts has started the most out of the three with 19 in 20 games played and has been a solid impact player in the frontcourt with 9.4 points and 6.1 boards a night. Watkins is second in the SEC in blocks per game behind Cardoso with 2.7.

Seven different Gamecocks are averaging upwards of nine points a night as of 5:30 p.m. Thursday (they played the Missouri Tigers the night before), resulting in the nation's third-best scoring offense at 89.1 PPG. Feagin might not be one of those seven bucket-collectors at 6.5 points a night, but she can cause trouble in the post should she play more than her 13 minutes a night on Sunday.

Even if the senior forward dominates in the paint, the Huskies' backcourt may become hampered by South Carolina's aggressive guard play. Former Oregon guard Te-Hina Paopao has played like one of the nation's top additions from the transfer portal. Beyond her 11.8 points a night, Paopao may be the toughest player for UConn to contain because of how efficient she is from the floor.

No player is shooting better from beyond the arc in the South-

eastern Conference than the senior guard at a 48.5% rate. Junior guard Bree Hall (10 PPG) ranks second at 45.6%. Three-pointers aside, Hall can be a difficult defender for opposing offenses to score against despite having just 14 steals and 11 blocks on the season.

ESPN's No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2023, MiLaysia Fulwiley, has been a very dangerous option off the bench. Fulwiley makes the most of her 19 minutes a night for the Gamecocks, whether it involves scoring from within the arc or being a pickpocket in transition. She is poised to be a starter come next season, but she might be the biggest X-factor of them all until she does. South Carolina's other secret weapon is Raven Johnson, who averages 9.3 points a night and leads the team with 107 assists.

Tip-off in the 14th all-time meeting between the two college basketball titans since 2007 is set for 2 p.m. EST on ESPN.



UConn women's basketball takes on Seton Hall at the XL center on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

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## Men's Hockey: UConn set to face No. 12 Massachusetts

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The UConn men's hockey team is set to face another ranked opponent this weekend in No. 12 UMass. It will start on Friday in Storrs, Connecticut, giving home advantage for the Huskies at Toscano Family Ice Forum.

UConn will enter this matchup with a 12-13-2 overall record and 7-9-1 in Hockey East action. The Huskies have had a pattern of splitting series the last couple of weeks but have goals of correcting some of their mistakes in the losing games to hopefully gain some more leverage on Hockey East series. One of the factors they look to improve on this weekend is the amount of penalties they commit.

"A point of emphasis this week is not to take as many penalties, I think UMass has one of the better power plays

in the league — that's kind of been our focal point all week, is to play much more disciplined."

In UConn's rebound game against Providence last weekend, goaltender Ethan Haider had 42 saves which is a huge positive for the team as a whole. Finding consistency has been a huge deal for this UConn team this season, and they look to build on that as they enter the final stretch of the regular season before series.

UMass is entering this series with a 14-7-3 overall record and 7-5-2 in Hockey East Play. The Minutemen rank No. 20 in power-play percentage which is fourth in Hockey East at 22.1%. They are No. 18 nationally in scoring offense, also No. 4 in the Hockey East with 3.25 goals per game. As for individual players, freshman forward Jack Musa is ranked No. 18 in the nation in power-play goals with six. He's tied for No. 4 among rookies in the league.

"Both teams are going to have to earn every inch [of the ice], earn every shot and every chance," said UMass senior forward Linden Alger.

One month ago on Jan. 5, UConn and UMass took their matchup into a shootout following six foals split between the teams and a scoreless overtime frame. The Huskies were able to top the Minutemen and won the shootout 1-0.

The Huskies rank just above the Minutemen currently in the Hockey East. UConn has 23 points and UMass is right behind with 22 points. This series might be an opportunity for either team to switch up the rankings, or even gain more distance between their close point count at the moment.

This Hockey East battle will start Friday, Feb. 9 in Storrs at

the Toscano Family Ice Forum for a "Best of the 90s" themed game at the arena. Puck drop is set for 7:00 p.m. and will be available to be streamed on ESPN. The teams will then travel to Amherst, Mass. on Saturday Feb. 10, to face the Minutemen at their home arena at the Mullins Center. Puck drop is at 7:00 p.m. and will be streamed on NESN.



UConn men's hockey suffers their 13th loss of the season against Providence College at the Toscano Family Ice Forum on Feb. 2, 2024. Despite losing Friday's match 0-5, the Huskies won the rematch the very next day at Providence with the score of 2-1.

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Shade, who grew up watching UConn women's basketball: "It is still so cool that I get to wear 'UConn' across my chest."

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