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YALE STUDENTS ON HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR

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12 Yale students from the group Hunger Strikers for Palestine (HSP) are refusing to eat as a direct act of protest to the institution's "complicity in genocide," according to the HSP. In an April 10 letter to Yale University President Peter Salovey, a coalition of Yale graduate students listed a series of demands to cease the university's profit from the Israel-Hamas War. "If these demands are not met by the morning of 4/12/24, we will go on a hunger strike," the letter read.

Yale's Graduate Students for Palestine (GSP) outlined what actions are necessary to restore ethical investment practices and put an end to the university's war profiteering.

"1) Make a public statement committing to divest from all weapons manufacturing companies contributing to Israel's

assault on Palestine, and 2) Discuss plans for divestment at the board of Trustees meeting on Saturday, April 20th, and release a public statement acknowledging that the board has done so by 4/12," an email to The Daily Campus stated.

As of publication, one week has passed since the hunger strike commenced, with Yale's administration directly refusing to accept GSP's demands. In an April 17 press release, the university's Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility (ACIR) defended the continued investment in arms manufacturing.

"Military weapons manufacturing for authorized sales did not meet the threshold of grave social injury, a prerequisite for divestment, because this manufacturing supports socially necessary uses, such as law enforcement and national security," ACIR said.

The Yale Ethical Investment Policy bars the institution from supporting domestic assault weapons retailers for exacerbating America's gun violence crisis. With Yale's over 348,000 shares in iShares Core S&P Total U.S. Stock Market ETF and Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF, large sums Yale's endowment fund is channeled to defense contractors including Boeing, RTX, and Lockheed Martin — a practice that appears hypocritical in the eyes of many Yale Students.

"We here at Yale university have witnessed this ongoing genocide from the comforts of not only the heart of the empire that is funding the military conquest and colonization of Palestine, but from the distance and security provided by the investments of this University with profit from this mass ethnic cleansing," the April 10 letter stated.

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UConn Medical Students for Choice win activism award



Members of Medical Students for Choice at UConn traveled to Hartford, Conn. to advocate for the passing of HB 5424. The group partnered with Reproductive Equity Now, a New England-based abortion access leader.

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University of Connecticut Medical Students for Choice received the Ellen Paradise Fisher Award for Activism in Action for their work in reproductive justice.

The UConn Medical Students for Choice is an independent chapter of a nationally recognized nonprofit network that is dedicated to ensuring women receive all reproductive health care choices. The UConn chapter consists of around 30 members and is based at UConn Health in Farmington.

The UConn chapter received the award for their work they have completed through their partnership with the REACH Fund, Connecticut's abortion fund. The award was given by Reproductive Equity Now, an organization that is dedicated to advancing reproductive justice and eliminating barriers to safe, legal abortion care for all in New England, according to their mission statement.

The group received the award at the Reproductive Equity Now Gala in Boston last week, where they were able to meet people who are committed to reproductive justice space.

Claire Surkis, UConn Medical Students for Choice president, said their group was honored to receive the award after raising money for the Reach Fund and partnering with the Wesleyan Doula Project this year.

"We partnered with the Wesleyan Doula Project this year and got seven of our medical students trained as abortion doulas, and so we are thrilled about that," Surkis said. "What that entails is having some of our med students go into clinics to provide emotional support for patients who are going through their procedure."

Surkis said they have partnered with Reproductive Equity Now to provide testimony at the state legislature, as well as hosting educational events about IUD insertions and aspiration abortion procedures.

As for future goals, Surkis said they hope to continue working with their partnerships and expanding opportunities to more medical students in the future, with a focus of increasing education about reproductive justice.

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CLAIRE SURKIS

Surkis will continue in her president role next year and hopes that with some new leadership coming into their executive board, they will be able to achieve their goals in curriculum development.

"We're essentially a bunch of medical students who really care a lot about reproductive justice and want to see reproductive justice in our community and in our clinics and try to educate our peers about these things," Surkis said.

For those interested in getting involved in their work, Surkis suggests reaching out to different existing community organizations, whether that's an abortion fund, a doula service, or advocacy organization like Reproductive Equity Now or Planned Parenthood.

"I know I felt that way when I was in college, and it was hard for me to find roles that allowed me to feel like I was making a difference. So reaching out to the different existing community organizations and seeing how you can contribute is huge," Surkis said. "They're always eager to have people get involved and it's really fulfilling work."

For those who want to learn more about UConn Medical Students for Choice or to learn about ways to get involved, email surkis@uchc.edu.



The Yale Hunger Strikers visit Beinecke Plaza in New Haven, Conn. They displayed books educating on colonialism, Palestine and movements for liberation.

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UConn leads cybersecurity initiative for energy systems in Northeast

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The University of Connecticut is leading a new cybersecurity initiative that unites institutions and experts from around the Northeast to develop and educate students on cybersecurity for energy systems.

The initiative at UConn is one of six university-based cybersecurity centers that received an endowment from the U.S. Department of Energy to address gaps in energy security research. According to UConn Today, UConn's project, called CyberCARED, will receive \$2.5 million in federal funding over the next two years, along with \$1.1 million from industry stakeholders.

CyberCARED will be run out of the Eversource Energy Center. Junbo Zhao, an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engi-

neering and associate director of the Eversource Energy Center, said that the first goal of the project was to unite experts from the field and different universities around the Northeast.

"At the end of the day, we are going to have a unified platform so that we can use it for further research, development or education," Zhao said.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JUNBO ZHAO

Another goal that Zhao explained was strengthening education around energy system security. He said that although many universities had cybersecurity courses, there were no major programs targeted at cybersecurity for energy systems.

"The second goal is really to build the colloquiums for our region. At this moment, we don't have the colloquiums in terms of cybersecurity for energy systems," Zhao said.

According to Zhao, the center also wants to build a testbed to simulate real cyberattacks for training and research.

"We can also use the testbed to educate a student. For example, we ask the student to implement different cyber attacks or design different types of detect chain response approaches, and they'll be tested there," Zhao said. "And in such a way, they can gain hands-on experience."

UConn is partnering with industry stakeholders like Eversource to involve energy security experts in the cybersecurity program, according to Zhao.

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“Eversource is providing a lot of technical support and experts contributing to developing some innovative technologies that can solve today and tomorrow’s challenging problems,” Zhao said

The initiative will run from the Eversource Energy Center in Storrs. It is currently scheduled to launch in early May, according to UConn Today.

The CyberCARED Center also aims to have certification courses where people can learn skills that will be useful for their jobs, according to Zhao.

“We can have three or four courses on cyber security for energy systems. Once they take the courses, they will gain the fundamental knowledge and they will use it, hopefully someday for their job,” Zhao said.

Zhao also said that the Cy-

berCARED Center is looking forward to fostering student involvement in order to ultimately “develop the workforce needed for the region.” The center aims to hold workshops that will ideally be available to students all over the Northeast.

“We are going to have industry engagement workshops so that we can have those industries come to UConn, and we talk about the challenges and what will be the solutions, what will be the roadmaps,” Zhao said.

Zhao said that UConn has the right background and connections to spearhead this initiative in the Northeast.

“We have the tradition for doing cybersecurity, we have the tradition and experts for doing energy resiliency and security, so I believe we are quite unique to lead this center in our region,” Zhao said.

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In conjunction with the ongoing hunger strike, daily events of solidarity have established New Haven as an epicenter of pro-Palestinian demonstration. Held at Yale’s Beinecke Plaza, events include letter writing and crane folding activities, a teach-in for the education of the Palestinian condition, and nightly vigils for those killed in the conflict.

Though these efforts have seen widespread support from groups around the state, the Yale administration has been considerably less receptive. At a vigil held on the night of April 15, over twenty police officers dispersed the crowd, with university officials declining to comment on why the forced vacation occurred. On the same day, university officials dismantled a display

of bookshelves erected by protestors as part of a “books not bombs” campaign.

Activist groups from the University of Connecticut have supported the demonstrations taking place in New Haven, with the organization UConn Unchain endorsing the upcoming March for a Free Palestine set to take place on April 28 at the New Haven Green.

Despite rejection by the ACIR, Yale’s pro-Palestine student groups are steadfast in their resolve to end complicity in profiting from violence.

“We will continue to hunger strike until we receive a direct response to our demands for divestment from President Salovey and the Board of Trustees,” the hunger strikers response to ACIR’s announcement reads.

Police arrest dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters at Columbia, including congresswoman’s daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — New York police removed a pro-Palestinian protest encampment at Columbia University on Thursday and arrested more than 100 demonstrators, including the daughter of a prominent Minnesota congresswoman.

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NEW YORK MAYOR ERIC ADAMS

Several students involved in the protest said they also were suspended from Columbia and Barnard College, including Isra Hirsi, who is the daughter of Democratic U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar.

Omar had questioned Columbia’s president, Nemat Shafik, at a hearing Wednesday in Congress about the school’s targeting of pro-Palestinian protesters.

Police said 108 people, including Hirsi, were charged with trespassing at the private Ivy League institution. Two people were also charged with obstructing government administration.

New York Mayor Eric Adams said the city was asked in writing by university officials to remove the encampment.

“Students have a right to free speech, but do not have a right to violate university policies and disrupt learning on campus,” Adams said.

The students had been protesting on campus since early



Police in riot gear stand guard as demonstrators chant slogans outside the Columbia University campus, Thursday, April 18, 2024, in New York. The protesters were calling for the school to divest from corporations they claim profit from the war in the Middle East.

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(Left) Demonstrators chant slogans outside the Columbia University campus, Thursday, April 18, 2024, in New York. The protesters were calling for the school to divest from corporations they claim profit from the war in the Middle East.

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(Right) New York City police in riot gear stand guard outside the Columbia University campus after clearing the campus of protesters, Thursday, April 18, 2024, in New York. The protesters were calling for the school to divest from corporations they claim profit from the war in the Middle East.

PHOTO BY MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Wednesday, opposing Israeli military action in Gaza and demanding the school divest from companies they claim “profit from Israeli apartheid.”

Shafik issued a statement saying the school had warned protesters on Wednesday that they would be suspended if the encampment was not removed. School officials made the decision Thursday to call in police and clear out the demonstrators, she said.

“The individuals who established the encampment violated a long list of rules and policies,” she wrote.

Shafik also said the university tried through several channels “to engage with their concerns and offered to continue discussions if they agreed to disperse.”

The school said it was still identifying students involved in the protest Thursday and added more suspensions would be forthcoming.

Police moved in early Thursday afternoon, using zip ties to arrest protesters and escort them to waiting buses before removing the tents.

Police Commissioner Edward Caban said the arrests were peaceful and the protesters were cooperative.

Pro-Palestinian protesters reorganized on campus a short time later, chanting, “Shame.”

“We demand full amnesty for all students disciplined for their involvement in the encampment or the movement for Palestinian liberation,” the protest coalition said in a statement.

Email and voice messages were left with Omar’s office on Thursday afternoon seeking comment.

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THE RESEARCH AND LEGACY OF MANSFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL, NOW KNOWN AS

UCONN'S DEPOT CAMPUS

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UConn Depot Campus is the site of the former Mansfield Training School, which closed in 1993. On Wednesday, April 17, UConn's Humanities Institute sponsored a seminar on the Depot Campus.
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(Left) The Center for Clean Energy Engineering (C2E2) building on the UConn Depot Campus on Sept. 14, 2023. The C2E2 is a multi-disciplinary research center focusing on education, research and innovation in sustainable energy systems.
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(Right) UConn's fuel cell on the Depot Campus in Mansfield, Conn. Commissioned in April 2012, it supplies UConn with clean and efficient energy, cooling and heating.
PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Content warning: depictions of abuse and mistreatment towards the disabled, and ableism.

On Wednesday, April 17, the University of Connecticut's Humanities Institute sponsored a seminar on Mansfield Training School, or now known as the UConn Depot Campus, by contributors to the Mansfield Training School Memorial and Museum research project.

Heather Cossano, an assistant director of digital humanities and media arts at the University of Connecticut, introduced the research group's presentation, saying how personal the project was to her. The research project on the Mansfield Training School began in February of 2022.

The research group consists of Ally LeMaster, Ashten Vassar, professor of english Brenda Brueggemann, Collin Lamontagne, Jess Gallagher, Madison Bigelow, Paula Mock, Lillian Stockford and Matthew Iannantuoni. They introduced themselves, their majors, the specific role they play in the research project and their interests which ranged from institutionalized ableism and the restrictions of rights for disabled people to how medical education has roots in eugenics. They also took a moment to thank influences such as the Humanities Institute for funding the project, Cassano, people the group had important conversations with and Jay Dolmage, who authored the book "Academic Ableism."

The seminar began by showing the audience a traveling poster board exhibit funded by the Humanities Institute meant to educate audiences on the Mansfield Training School.

The speakers started talking about the origins of Mansfield Training School: a splinter from several failed attempts in the 1850s to build a hospital. Dr. Henry M. Knight, founder of Mansfield Training School, wanted to make a house for "feeble-minded patients," thus one of its former names "Connecticut Training School for the Feeble-Minded at Lakeville."

"It kind of starts as a philanthropic venture and a religious venture," Vassar said. The name "Mansfield Training School and Hospital" was also used to title the facilities.

During the brunt of the influenza epidemic of 1918 to 1919, "There was a lack of preparedness and only one physician" in Mansfield Training School according to Lamontagne, leading to 200 cases and 30 deaths in the occupational therapy facility.

UConn and Mansfield Training School formed a friendly relationship in the 1960s according to Brueggemann. A lot of psychological experiments and trials by UConn's faculty were done on the patients in Mansfield Training School because they were close. An example is Dr. David Zeeman's research on ADHD and experimental psychology. When under investigation, Vassar said there were over 40 health and safety violations found. Later, a low-security prison was established on Mansfield Training School grounds, which led to a growth of concerns for the patients' safety.

After a court case and ardously expressed concern, Mansfield Training School officially closed in 1993. Roger D. MacNamara, former superintendent of Mansfield Training School, celebrated this by writing an op-ed article titled "The Mansfield Training School Is Closed: The Swamp Has Been Finally Drained."

On the topic of the legacy of Mansfield Training School, Bigelow said "Mansfield was kind of used as a case study." LeMaster said "It's part of the National History Registrar and it's slowly deteriorating. I drive by it every day on my way to UConn." They provided a link to their website and spoke of a high school curriculum in progress.

The audience wrote down what topics they were most interested in from a list of 10 items, all of which were

artifacts or topics about Mansfield Training School. Among the list were eugenics discourse across institutions, spoiled dairy products shipped to Mansfield Training School from UConn and the "take a resident home" program between Mansfield Training School and UConn, — the residents in question being those from Mansfield Training School. The following were selected.

In former UConn president Homer Babbidge's 50th anniversary of Mansfield Training School address, he said "By the simple act of acknowledging [disability] as a problem they 'opened up the doors and let the sunshine in.'" One of the members of the research project said, "When UC Health was created we see Babbidge say 'Why should we send staff to MTS when we have UConn Health.'"

Brueggemann informed the audience that Babbidge was disabled himself, being blind in one eye. "Babbidge changed the way deaf education was taught" with the Babbidge Report, which criticized oral education for deaf students. Babbidge was on record "Publicly acknowledging that disability is a problem and not something we should accept. We were surprised to know this based on the Babbidge Report."

Vassar emphasized the importance of accepting and embracing disability, instead of labeling it as a problem as Babbidge did.

Some audience members asked what a training school was, to which the speakers introduced the topic of occupational therapy, or exploitation via the teaching of manual labor for therapy. Women were supposed to wash and iron the clothes and there was a large output of candles, they noted. "UConn was profiting off of occupational therapy" yet argued that they were helping people according to Vassar.

The first step in accountability is publicly recognizing the wrongdoing. Spring Valley Student Farm partook in outsourcing labor from Mansfield Training School, and it has a plaque acknowledging only those who were epileptic who did occupational therapy on the farm, acknowledging it as occupational therapy. Still, these acknowledgments can appear ineffective like land acknowledgments according to Vassar. "There was this narrative that the patients wouldn't survive without MTS but the institution wouldn't have existed without the labor of the patients," a member of the research project said.

"The Jimmy File" is an account written by Charlotte Meryman about Jimmy Lundquist who was institutionalized at Mansfield Training School. The speakers noted that many of the files documenting Mansfield Training School patient experiences have been redacted. "While it could protect them, censorship makes another layer of silence," Vassar said.

A video was played where archived files for Mansfield Training School were shown. Many of the files were restricted although some were publicly available.

Vassar said "What I find most haunting is how people were silenced and institutionalized but people want something paranormal" to draw them in. According to Vassar, people don't talk about stigmatized topics such as the abuse and neglect that occurred at Mansfield Training School enough.

There was then a short Q&A session. An audience member asked how the university should handle the Depot Campus if its plans to build a housing project on that land. "There definitely should be a memorial," Brueggemann said.

"Our biggest fear is forgetting," Vassar said.

A reception followed with food and posters on how institutions and others treat those with disabilities were on display for the audience to observe.

Note: There are several horrible events that happened during the weekend of Woodstock '99, which will be discussed here. If you are sensitive to topics like sexual assault or general violence, please do not proceed.

Welcome to this week's Tales from the Turntable! In the past two weeks, we've covered two of the biggest festivals in music history, Woodstock '69 and '94. This week will be a look at the penultimate of the Woodstock franchise.

In 1999, the 30th anniversary year of the original festival, concert organizer Michael Lang decided to throw one more giant musical extravaganza, complete with dozens of the most popular bands of the time. From Friday, July 23 to Sunday, July 25, poor sanitation, lackluster security presence and ruined facilities culminated in a hellish weekend that left thousands injured and several dead.

The artist lineup featured heavier music, as nu metal had taken over rock charts, skyrocketing bands like Korn, Limp Bizkit and Slipknot into the mainstream. From the very first day, problems with the audience had already arrived.

Many began drinking and taking drugs as soon as they got to the campground, leading thousands of intoxicated male fans to hurl crude remarks at several female musicians like Sheryl Crow and Rosie Perez. Crow would later decry the festival as the worst performance she endured and considered leaving early due to the audience's malice.

As The Offspring took the stage, lead singer Dexter Holland condemned the mass misogyny and sexual harassment that had already become widespread in the audience. Vandalism was already widespread, with many audience members ripping the wood siding off the stages and using them to crowd surf.

On the first day, bottled water totaled \$4 per bottle, which, adjusted for inflation, is around \$7 today. By Sunday, many vendors sold bottles of water for up to \$12, or about \$21 today. Free drinking water had been provided through many water fountains; however, when tested, the water was found to be contaminated with dangerous bacteria, including E. coli.

Toilets on the campground were overflowing within the first two days of the festival, leading to their contents being spilled out into mud puddles around the site. Due to the extreme heat, many concert-goers would use the mud pits as a way to cool down, leading many to contract diseases or suffer from trench foot due to excessive moisture.

Late Friday night, Korn took the stage, and their performance severely riled up the crowd. Many security guards

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Tales from the Turntable:

Woodstock '99: Death, hatred and drugs

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and attendees saw several horrific events occur during their performances, including fights and sexual assaults. Lead singer Jonathan Davis collapsed from heat exhaustion after their performance, needing to be put on oxygen and given an IV.

When The Tragically Hip opened on Saturday, fans started to pelt the musicians on stage with water bottles in anticipation of Kid Rock's upcoming performance. Alanis Morissette played later that day to an increasingly hostile crowd. Many booed the Canadian singer and chanted "Limp Bizkit" over her singing.

Limp Bizkit's performance occurred late Saturday night, which proved to be one of the most intense moments of the entire festival. Concert staff and local authorities pleaded with the band to keep things civil, which lead singer Fred Durst completely ignored. During the band's performance of "Break Stuff," attendees began destroying the stage further. Dozens of people were seen crowd surfing atop pieces of wood, many of which quickly broke, causing several people to fall a considerable height onto fellow concert goers. Durst further riled the crowd with his on-stage banter, telling the audience to "take all that negative energy and put it the f*ck out." Fans destroyed several structures during the band's performance and numerous more assaults were witnessed.

Sunday started out relatively quiet, but fans were brooding with anticipation for Red Hot Chili Peppers' performance that night. Shortly before going on, lead singer Anthony Kiedis was approached by Jimi Hendrix's sister, who asked for the band to play one of Hendrix's songs. The band chose to end the night with their rendition of "Fire." Ironically, earlier in the group's performance, dozens of bonfires were lit across the campground.

During and after Red Hot Chili Peppers' performance, what started as severely intoxicated and energetic fans turned into full scale riots across the festival. Emergency vehicles were flipped over, vendors had to evacuate their stands as attendees set fire, tore down or raided their booths. ATMs were destroyed and an estimated \$22,000 was stolen. Security ordered Kiedis to return to the stage to quell the audience, to little avail, before calling in state troopers at around 11 p.m.

While this covers the major events that happened during the festival, this article only scratches the surface of the events surrounding Woodstock '99 and is regularly remembered as one of the most infamous cultural events of the past 30 years. We've looked at 30 years of live music, and while it might not have been the greatest, Woodstock left a lasting impression on modern music and history.



Woodstock '99 was a music festival held from July 23 to 25, 1999 in Rome, New York. Due to the conditions and events of the festival, it gained a great deal of attention from the media. PHOTOS COURTESY OF FLICKR



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John Bell (left) and Alyson Doyle (right) showcase puppets that will be displayed at the puppetry pageant this weekend. Doyle's designs are inspired by the Russian artist Marc Chagall.

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As warm days come around more often in the last couple weeks of the semester, the Ballard Institute of Puppetry is offering a way to spend this coming weekend outside with bright puppets, exciting activities and powerful art. On April 20 and 21, "I am the Village: A Puppet Pageant Celebrating the Life and Art of Marc Chagall," written by Alyson Doyle and directed by Mel Carter alongside Doyle, will live up Betsy Paterson Square in Downtown Storrs. All parts of the event are free and open to the public.

According to a Ballard Institute release, events will begin at 1:30 p.m. on both days "with a free, outdoor public puppet-making workshop at the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, where participants can paint an emotive umbrella or fish." Later in the day at 3:30 p.m., the community's puppet creations can join a parade around Betsy Paterson Square lasting for 45 minutes.

John Bell, the museum director of the Ballard Institute, and Doyle shared the motivations and ideas behind the project.

Bell explained that there is a long history of community-driven events hosted by the Ballard Institute in Storrs, as "The Ballard Institute does a fall pageant every year ... it started in connection with the Celebrate Mansfield Festival and has really grown with the creation of Downtown Storrs."

Even after the Celebrate Mansfield Festival stopped holding parades as part of their events, the Ballard Institute continued the pageants. "We invite anybody in the community to come; we make puppets, we decide on the theme. The last one was about the history of Mansfield," added Bell.

As the final project for her Master of Fine Arts program, Doyle worked closely with Bell and staff at the Ballard Institute when putting together the pageant. "When Alyson said she was interested in working in that area ... I thought, 'Well that's a great idea.' She wanted to focus on the Russian artist Marc Chagall, who was a modernist painter in the early 20th century, and a Jewish artist who experienced repression and antisemitism in Russia."

Chagall, the centerpiece for the puppetry style and designs to be featured at the pageant, was an inspiration for Doyle to begin the project during her education in puppetry and the performing arts. "I always had Marc Chagall in the back of my mind, and I just think it's quite remarkable what he overcame in his life," she said.

Doyle explained Chagall's survival through the Russian Revolution, World War I and subsequent endurance through Kristallnacht — the brutal expulsion of the Jews in Germany. Doyle added, "He was born in a huge family, in a poor Shtetl village. His faith and his love of his parents kept him going."

Despite the hardships and horrors Chagall faced, Doyle observed that "his work never really got dark, it was always a combination of romanticism, surrealism, he tried everything along the way."

Through the life of Chagall and using his works as a starting point for the pageant, Doyle centered on the fact that thanks to the courage and beauty in the works of individuals like Chagall, a larger dialogue on trauma and oppression can come to be. Now, Doyle centered on the fact that art enables communities to begin "potentially processing trauma." She added, "To me, [Chagall's] life is a testament to how art can help you do that."

Through the pageant, Doyle's goal is to bring light and energy to the community, and to do so, Doyle explained that "I have a feeling that the combination of art aesthetics and kinesthetics ... help people process emotions more." By creating umbrellas and large colorful fish, Chagall's puppetry blends the processes of creation and reflection. Doyle mentioned "flocking" which she learned about in her undergraduate studies, where an ensemble anticipates each other's moves like a flock of birds. "These things in drama create a sense of empathy in ensembles; then it can translate to the community."

Featured among the puppets to be seen at the pageant are decorated umbrellas, shining fish, a large green horse hat and intricate puppets blended with stained glass and elements of "cubism" as Doyle explained. Each piece has a powerful meaning behind it, whether it be the pains incurred by antisemitism, reflections on the trauma of Kristallnacht or the preservation of identity.

For those attending or watching the pageant, Doyle emphasized the issues that such a community-driven event can tackle: "We're getting to the point of individuality in society but it's a weird transitional time right now." To help along that transitional process, Doyle explained "I want to bring joy to people in ways of seeing how other people exist, how other people feel things, how people experience things. But ultimately, I really want his love of life to translate regardless of circumstance."

For those able to attend this weekend, the workshops are a great opportunity to get even more familiar with the powerful work of Marc Chagall and designing puppets. The following parade will be a lively experience for the community to gather around the joy of expression and individuality. If the weather is poor, the event will be held inside the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, located at 1 Royce Circle, Storrs, Connecticut. Doyle has dedicated the pageant to Jackson Carneiro, a UConn student whom Doyle had worked with and who passed away in early March.

Look out for puppets on parade in Downtown Storrs this weekend

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Alyson Doyle holds one of the vibrantly colored umbrellas inspired by Marc Chagall's work. Those attending the pageant this weekend will be immersed in colorful puppets, umbrellas and costumes. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR





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What does it take to **save** the world?

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It's a common problem in our generation to feel overwhelmed by all that we see going on in the world around us, especially as our daily lives are bombarded with the latest information on everything everywhere all of the time. In my area of advocacy, climate change, sometimes it feels like it's impossible to truly make positive change when so many parts of society are stuck in their ways. Yet, there are also times when I really am in

spired by the things I see, and that is what I want to talk about in this article.

I've spent the past few weeks working with kids at a middle school in Hartford as part of an independent study, teaching them about climate change and how to solve it. In general, I'd say working with kids is a powerful experience. It teaches you a lot about dealing with all types of people and social dynamics, and it's very interesting to see what the tendencies are among the new generation. The curriculum my team and I taught was focused on

an emotional connection with nature, because no amount of knowledge will ever solve the world's problems if no one cares enough to use it.

This is ultimately the problem, and it is because of the way we think about ourselves

for something as simple as a single plant and how all of that relates to what it takes to take care of an entire planet, there are points where they really understand the gravity of the situation. Sometimes I think there's an expectation for the

cietal structures (even though they might not know it).

This is the reason why I advocate for all activists, or just generally people who want to see positive change in this world, to work with kids in some form. Especially as far-right forces place education under extreme attack in this country, there must be a strong response ensuring the quality, honesty and power of education. Although it is important to fight for change in the present, which in the case of climate change is very necessary, any positive movement needs maintenance. Ultimately, there needs to be subsequent generations capable of and willing to upkeep the work to protect the planet. Hopefully, they are even able to make more progress than we can. We think about changing the world as needing to be done by politicians

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in relation to nature. For example, so many religions have placed our origins in clay, from the Sumerians to the Christian Bible (Genesis 2:7). It shows that throughout our history, across the globe, we earnestly believed that we are a part of nature as beings made from the Earth, and we cared for it accordingly. Yet, somewhere along the line, we lost this understanding and stopped caring about the world around us.

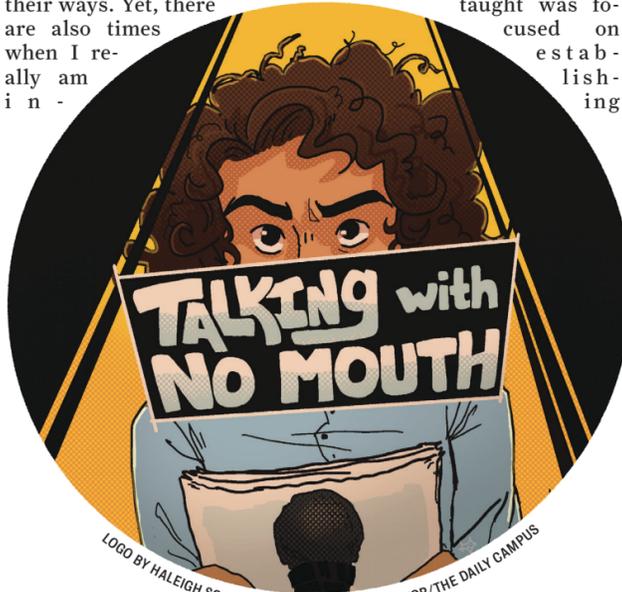
As I spoke to this group of 20 middle schoolers, I could see them understanding the bigger picture I was trying to paint for them. When we talked about mindfulness and the daily effort that it takes to care

younger generations to be uncaring, superficial or generally difficult little gremlins (and this can be true sometimes), but we also don't give them enough credit for how in touch they are with the world and cherish the world in a way we

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often lose as we grow up. Children don't come pre-loaded with notions that they must stick to the old ways; they're willing to ask questions and radically challenge existing so-

or the UN, but this is not necessarily the case. We hold incredible power in our ability to help realize the potential of the next generation and all we have to do is use it.



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Rapid Fire

WHO SHOULD BE THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE DAILY CAMPUS?

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As student journalists, writers and advocates, we at The Daily Campus are fierce defenders of the First Amendment rights of expression, press, assembly and the other two. To stave off "cancel cultists" and protect our freedom and democracy at all costs, The Daily Campus is partnering with the Pinkertons and Academi, formerly known as Blackwater — the official private military companies of The Daily Campus.

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If there's two things readers should know about our paper, it's that we love the war industry and need all the funding we can get. That's why the Department of Defense would be the perfect sponsor of our rebranded paper, The Daily Warhawk.

by **Tomas Hinckley**
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Bookworms Cafe. The amount of Daily Campus content made on those hallowed seats is incredible, and no one knows the truth of the matter. We call it Bookworms brain-rot, the fuel of our writing. Sometimes when I walk into Bookworms, I'll see my fellow writers in there and I give them a look like two soldiers in their last moments before deployment, solemnly and understanding. [Editor's note: This Rapid Fire is currently being edited in Bookworms Cafe].

by **Luke Feeney**
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Lucky Charms because, much like the cereal, we are all just magical!

by **Evelyn Pazan**
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Apple's Notes App. This is where I store lists of all the things that anger me during the week so that I have ideas when it's time to pitch. Conveniently, it's also where I put my writing-to-do list that I ignore until I realize at the last minute that I need to lock in and write my piece for the week.

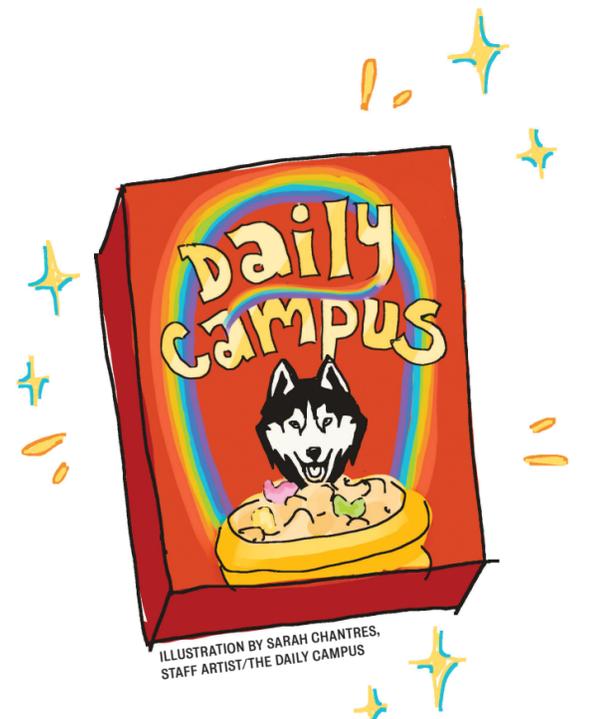


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Study Break

Photo of the Day | Gampel galore



Gampel Pavilion opened in January of 1990 and is home to the six time national champion men's basketball and 11 time national champion women's basketball teams. It was also home to volleyball until this year when they moved to what used to be Frietas Ice Forum. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Softball: Huskies travel to South Orange to face Seton Hall

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One game separates the UConn softball team (23-19, 10-5 Big East) and Seton Hall University (19-16, 9-6 Big East) in the Big East, with the Pirates tied with Creighton University for third place in the conference standings. This weekend, UConn and Seton Hall will face off in South Orange, New Jersey.

This weekend's series is part of an 11-game homestand for the Pirates, which began with Providence earlier this month and continued last weekend with Syracuse.

The player to watch on Seton Hall is sophomore Kyra Kreuzer, coming off a two-hit complete game shutout to earn Big East Pitcher of the Week honors.

Junior Taylor Hill has a batting average of .357 over her career, which is the second highest in Seton Hall history. She's on pace to break her school record for runs scored in a season, entering the weekend with 35 runs scored through 35 games.

For the Huskies, outfielder Lexi Hastings batted .556 at the plate last week, hitting two home runs, a double and a triple. The junior from Lynchburg, Virginia, scored five runs herself and sent five home. She has homered in each of the last two games to earn her a spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll.

Joining her on the conference's weekly honor roll is senior Hallie Siems, who gave up just two runs on eight hits with



UConn softball loses their second game against Creighton at the Burrell Family Field in Storrs, Conn. on April 13, 2024. The Huskies went 2-1 for their entire three game series with Creighton over the weekend. PHOTO BY MERCER FERGUSON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

ten strikeouts. The senior from Stuttgart, Arkansas earned her tenth win of the season against Creighton on Sunday.

UConn is coming off a series win over the Bluejays last weekend and beat the University of Massachusetts Amherst 5-3 on the road. Siems started in that game and went six innings giving up three runs on three hits with eight strikeouts.

Seton Hall will honor their 2004 Big East Championship

team before the series finale, along with hosting their annual Alumni Tailgate.

It will be a homecoming series for sophomore Savannah Ring, who is from Wyckoff, New Jersey. Five players on the roster are from the New York metropolitan area, so their families don't have to travel as far to get to this road series.

Connecticut is looking for revenge, as the Pirates ended the Huskies' season last year in a battle for a spot in the Big East

Championship. Despite being the top seed, UConn fell 6-4 at home. Luckily for the Huskies, they won't have to face Shelby Smith, who hit a grand slam in that game.

UConn has the upper hand in the all-time series, leading 45-19 against Seton Hall. The Huskies have won six of the last eight meetings.

Following this weekend's series, Connecticut will return home for a final four-game stretch at home, beginning on

Tuesday with Boston College and ending with a weekend series against Villanova. Seton Hall's home stretch will end on Tuesday as they host Drexel University.

All three games will be at Essex County Mike Shepard, Sr. Field on the Seton Hall campus. The first pitch today is set for 2 p.m., while Saturday and Sunday's games will begin at noon. All three games will be available to watch on FloSoftball.

Baseball: Huskies look to continue Big East success against Georgetown

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UConn baseball has had quite the ride over the past few days. After taking their last weekend series against St. John's in dramatic fashion and grabbing an impressive primetime win over Kansas State, the Huskies have rebounded well after their slow start to the season. Despite a tough loss against Boston College at Chestnut Hill, they'll look to rebound in a big way in

a weekend series against the Georgetown Hoyas.

Throughout the season, Connecticut's Big East opponent has had an impressive season, carrying a 26-10 record and an 8-1 conference record. The team recently just had their six-game win streak broken by UMBC in a 6-10 road loss on Tuesday, so they'll look to string together another successful home stand against the Hook C. Considering how the Hoyas are 14-2 in their house and first place in the conference, it will be as

tough of a challenge as the program has faced all season.

But what has been key to the success of the Hoyas thus far? At the plate, the team has plenty of ways they can kill opponents, but at the top of that list is Christian Ficca. The senior first baseman has been excellent in 36 games for the Hoyas, batting .345 with a conference-leading 45 RBIs. He's been the key to Georgetown's success and his consistency with his bat should be one of the toughest outs in the series.

Fans shouldn't forget about Josh Rolling either, who is coming off a Big East Player of the Week campaign that saw the second baseman have a phenomenal set of games against Butler. In that series against the Bulldogs, the graduate slashed .727/.813/.909 with eight hits, two doubles and five RBIs.

One of this roster's scariest aspects is who Connecticut will face on the mound. The first two games of the series will see the Huskies face Cody Bowker and Andrew Wil-

liams, respectively, two arms with just a single loss on their record. Both of those arms are excellent and Williams even has the second lowest ERA in the conference. Georgetown's ace will be called upon on Sunday and unfortunately for UConn, he's one of the deadliest arms in the Big East.

It's tough to top a pitcher like Williams, but Everett Catlett manages to do just that. With a perfect 5-0 record and Big East-leading 2.36 ERA, the senior left-hander is one of the toughest arms to succeed against at the plate. Need an example of that? In his last start against Butler, Catlett was straight-up filthy, tossing six innings, allowing just four hits and striking out eight hitters. Performances like that have been a big reason as to why the Virginia native has been named to five consecutive Big East Weekly Honor Roll selections. Unfortunately for UConn, they'll have the tall task of facing Catlett on Sunday in the final game of this three-game series.

It's no secret that this is going to be one of the tougher parts of the season for Connecticut; but on the bright side, they've been on a positive trajectory. Despite dropping their last contest against Boston College, they've seen some massive positives, especially on the mound. Pitchers like Garrett Coe are coming off excellent performances and hitters like Paul Tammara have been huge at the plate for the Huskies. They'll need all hands on the deck for the Hoyas, but they've certainly looked the best they have all season.

First pitch will be on Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a Saturday first pitch at 4 p.m. and a Sunday start time of 11:30 a.m. Each game can be viewed on Muscovision, while live stats will be available on GUHoyas.com.



The UConn baseball team takes on the Kansas State Wildcats at Elliot Ballpark on Tuesday, April 16. The Huskies grabbed the win over the Wildcats, 4-0. PHOTO BY EVAN RODRIGUEZ, ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Sports

Photo of the Day | The finish line is here. Now just putt it in.



UConn men's golf hosts their invitational at GreatHorse Country Club in Hampton, Mass. on Oct. 1, 2023. The invitational played out for the next two days.
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WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Huskies host Sacred Heart in spring season finale

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The fifth and final game of the spring season for UConn's women's soccer team will commence at 7 p.m. on Friday evening.

Sacred Heart set their program record for wins in a season in 2022 with 11. However, the 2023 fall season didn't go as planned with a 6-9-4 record and a first-round exit in the NEC tournament. Led by sophomore Morgan Bovardi, the Pioneers will look to build off winning three of their last four regular season games. Other key players for Sacred Heart include forwards Desiree Crawford and Grace O'Hara, midfielder Kelly Medeiros and defenders Maria Nolan and Alexis Sickler, all of whom earned College Sports Communications Academic All-District honors for their efforts both on the field and in the classroom. Expect a goaltending rotation of freshmen Kyran Thievon and Lauren Calabro, junior Faith Gargano and graduate student Elyssa Kipperman from Southbury, Connecticut

UConn and Sacred Heart

will face off for the first time in almost 20 years. The Huskies have taken both matchups from the Pioneers, winning 3-0 on Nov. 13, 2001 and 1-0 on Oct. 24, 2004, respectively.

The Huskies will have big expectations for this game with the fall season looming about four months away. After going 7-1-3 at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium, the Huskies will look to use home turf to their advantage on Friday. Goalies MaryKate Ward, Elizabeth DiBlasi and the Big East Goalkeeper of the year Kaitlyn Mahoney will all most likely see a period of action each. The newly elected team captains, defender Yasmin Rosewell, forward Abbey Jones and midfielder Lucy Cappadona should also be expected to lead the rest of the team in action.

The young cast of the Huskies should also get a lot of field time on Friday in preparation for the fall season. With five of the seven forwards being underclassmen, Chioma Okafor, Alexandra Taylor and the rest of the crew will be looking to put some goals in the back of the net. Okafor, a member of



the First Team All-Big East and the Huskies' leading goal scorer with six goals last season, is an emerging leader as a sophomore and will look to continue her strong play going into her junior year season.

The back end of the field for the Huskies consists of veterans with Maya Mathis as the

lone underclassmen defender. The midfielders are a healthy mix of four upper and lower classmen, with freshman Anaya Johnson being the biggest threat for a goal after she scored three in her freshman campaign in the fall.

Fans can attend the game at Morrone Stadium for free upon admission at 7 p.m. on Friday.

TRACK AND FIELD: HUSKIES LOOKING TO CARRY MOMENTUM TO JESSE OWENS CLASSIC

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Coming off dual-first place finishes in the Northeast Challenge, the UConn track and field team will head to Columbus, Ohio for the Jesse Owens Classic.

Hosted by the Ohio State Buckeyes at legendary Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, the Huskies will be joined by other schools such as Central Michigan, Dayton, Toledo and additional Midwest programs.

Last time out, Connecticut saw their women's and men's teams both finish in first place on senior day. The men's team was led by graduate student Travis Snyder, whose record-breaking 5.46m stamp in the pole vault propelled him to a first-place finish in the event. The men also saw first-place finishes in both the long jump and high jump, helped by impressive showings from both Kasey Savage and Mawali Osunniyi. Savage led the way with his 7.44m leap in the long jump, while Osunniyi finished with 2.14m in the high jump.

Leading the way on the women's side was Caroline Towle, who achieved a new personal record in the 1500m event with a 4:39.25, good for third place. Additionally, Junior A'lyyah Thomas continued to build on her impressive season with standout performances in the long jump and 100m hurdles. Thomas, a native of Linden, New Jersey, took first place in both events with a 6.46m in the long jump and a 13.54 mark in the 100m hurdles.

One of many opposing runners to keep an eye on is Ball State's Jenelle Rogers, who collected first-place finishes in the shot put (15.35m) and the 100m hurdles in the team's recent performance at the We Fly Challenge.

Ohio State's Daniella Santos and Andrea Kuhn come into this one after they both broke into the top five in program history in the women's 5000m event at the Bryan Clay Invitational. Santos' 15:56.71 puts her third on the Buckeyes' all-time leaders list, while Kuhn's 15:57.72 finds her fifth.

Western Michigan's Kayla Schiera is another dynamic runner whom Connecticut ran alongside in the Raleigh Relays, where she shattered the school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, posting a time of 10:03.93. Her time is more than 30 seconds faster than the next best time in program history.

The event's opening event is slated for Friday at 4:30 p.m. EDT. For coverage and live updates, follow along on X and Instagram @UConnTFXC. Results will additionally be posted on results.timingfirst.com.



UConn women's soccer ties against Harvard University at Morrone Stadium on March 3, 2024. UConn was down 0-2 at the end of the first period and came back to tie the game 2-2. PHOTOS BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UConn players who could get picked in the 2024 NFL Draft



WOMEN'S TENNIS: CONNECTICUT SET TO TAKE ON CREIGHTON IN BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

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After a very successful season, the UConn women's tennis team is set to take on Creighton in the first round of the Big East tournament on Friday in Cayce, South Carolina.

Heading into this matchup, the Huskies hold the No. 4 after notching a 12-7 record for the season and a 4-3 record in the Big East. The Bluejays are the No. 5 in the tournament, with a 14-6 record on the season and a 2-2 record in conference play.

Taking down Creighton will be a tall task for the Huskies, especially with their opponent's strength in singles play. An athlete to look out for on their team is sophomore Annika Elvestrom from Wayzata, Minnesota. She has dominated fifth and sixth singles, along with a 14-6 record in the regular season.

This match will be the first time Connecticut will take on the Bluejays this season. The program is 0-2 against Creighton all-time, which is an important thing to note after facing once in the regular season and once in the post-season last year.

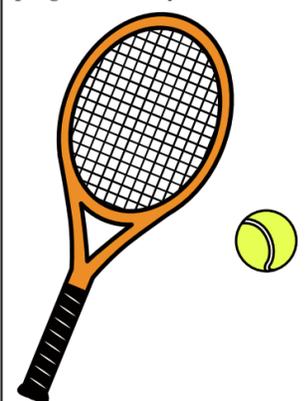
UConn should not fret, though. With this season's roster, including the dynamic duo of juniors Olivia Wright and Maria Constantinou, they will not go down without a fight.

Wright and Constantinou have reigned dominant in doubles play, posting a record of 10-4. They were also awarded Big East Doubles Team of the Week, proving themselves to be a dangerous duo when they face off on the court.

Constantinou was additionally awarded Singles Player of the Week, carrying a 12-5 record at her position in the regular season.

You also cannot forget about sophomore Cameron Didion, who has been a clutch player for the Huskies in fifth and sixth singles. She will come in handy in this match, and through the rest of the tournament, should the team make it further.

The first serve is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. If Husky fans wish to keep up with this matchup between these two Big East foes, they can do so by streaming it live on FloSports or by looking at the scores through iOn-Court Live scoring. After this team's performance this past regular season, it should be a very exciting postseason as they look to take this Big East Tournament win back to Storrs for the first time in program history.



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UConn Football faces off against Sacred Heart University at Rentschler Field on Nov. 18, 2023. The Huskies took a large victory for their senior day with a final score of 31-3. PHOTO BY ZACH MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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In the National Football League, there are currently 1,696 players. This gives each player about a 1.6 percent chance of making it to the NFL, per the NFL. Simply put, making the league is no easy feat.

Despite the UConn football program often being overlooked, the school has still sent players to the league at a decent rate; 2024 is no different. Starting off, some notable retired Huskies in the NFL include Dan Orlovsky, Donald Brown, Darius Butler and Byron Jones. To add to this, both Brown and Jones were first round picks. In the NFL currently, some notable UConn alumni are Ryan Van Demark, Travis Jones and Foley Fatukasi. All three of these players have made runs in the playoffs.

Now that we've talked about the past and present, let's get to the future of UConn in

the NFL. Three names that have come up in the past couple months for next week's draft are Christian Haynes, Eric Watts and Jackson Mitchell.

Haynes, who measured in at 317 lbs. and 6-foot-3, is one of the top prospects among the offensive linemen of the 2024 draft class. He was invited to the Senior Bowl and Shrine Bowl, two prestigious exhibitions.

tions for graduating CFB stars. Haynes was also an AP All-America team and CFB All-America team selection in 2023. He played for the Huskies for four years, with 49 career starts.

Over the span of his time in Storrs, Connecticut, he has allowed only three sacks, five hits and 19 hurries. Haynes has been compared to players like Kevin Dotson, who only gave up four sacks in the 2023-24 season as a right guard for the Los Angeles Rams. According to Fox Sports, Haynes is seen to be "quick off the snap" and has a powerful build that will knock down anyone standing in his way. After performing well at the combine,

FOX has him ranked No. 4 among offensive linemen. Haynes is currently projected to go in the second round and will make an impact for any team that decides to draft him.

Moving on, Eric Watts is the next best prospect coming out of UConn. He went into the NFL combine measuring in at 274 lbs. and 6-foot-6 and was ranked as the 27th best defensive end at the combine. Watts was also invited to the Senior Bowl, Hula Bowl and Shrine Bowl. Within 47 games over the span of four years, Watts has racked up 151 total tackles, 9.5 sacks, four forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Watts has been compared to players like Cameron Jordan of the New Orleans Saints. Both have very similar play styles when it comes to pressuring the quarterback and had comparable scores coming out of the combine. Currently, Watts is mocked to go in the seventh round or possibly could become an undrafted free agent come draft night.

Finally, the last player coming out of UConn is Jackson Mitchell. Mitchell was the only one on this list not invited to the NFL combine, but was invited to the Senior Bowl, Hula Bowl and Shrine Bowl. Within 46 career games over a span of four years Mitchell has put up over 400 total tackles, 7.5 sacks, five forced fumbles and three interceptions. As a middle linebacker Mitchell is graded as 19th best. Unfortunately, the general consensus is that Mitchell will become an undrafted free agent.



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LOOK AHEAD TO BUTLER

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Sometimes, it's just not your day. For the UConn women's lacrosse team, that's been the case more times this season than usual. After going through the grind of their nonconference schedule and coming into conference play, they went back out of the Big East for a pair of games. They steamrolled a struggling Albany squad, but then faced University of Massachusetts. As it turned out, it was Connecticut's turn to get steamrolled. In a game that didn't really matter in the long run, they were blitzed from the start, as they lost 19-9.

Kassidy Morris scored two goals as the Minutemen jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first six minutes, leaving the Huskies' heads spinning. It wasn't until the opening period was halfway done that Morgan Carter managed UConn's first goal of the evening, which Kate Shaffer followed with one of her own. While UMass' Fiona McGowan prevented a big Husky run with a score, Connecticut wasn't done fighting.

Susan Lafountain finished the quarter by finding the back of the net and Rayea Davis cut the deficit to two with her first of the day. From there, it was all Minutemen. Morris continued her big outing with four goals in a Massachusetts 7-0 run. Shaffer did her best to cover the bullet wound with a bandaid, scoring another, but three more goals from the home side was too much.

With an 11-goal advantage late in the third quarter, it was curtains for the Huskies.

Despite the rough outing for the team, Davis did put together a good statline. Four of her five goals came after the outcome had been decided, a time when UMass had stopped trying. Davis' first score helped UConn get as close as they could after the initial Minutemen onslaught, but Massachusetts got whatever they wanted all day.

The only other Husky with multiple scores was Shaffer, but the graduate attacker only found the back of the net twice. Shaffer hasn't had a lot of success lately, even as the Huskies have strung together wins in four of their last five games. She has just one hat trick in the span and has totaled nine goals, which averages to fewer than two per game.

While the UMass game doesn't matter in the grand scheme, Shaffer will need to pick things up come Big East tournament time. That's the Huskies' only hope at an NCAA tournament bid, with their 8-6 record putting

them well out of contention for an at-large bid. **LOOKING AHEAD...**

While their weekday matchup wasn't pretty for Connecticut, they'll get to take out their frustrations against Butler on Saturday. In their return to Storrs, Connecticut after three games out of state, the Huskies will receive the prize of playing one of the Big East's least competitive squads.

The Bulldogs hold a 2-12 record and are currently riding a 5-game losing streak. They started their season with a narrow win over an even poorer Central Michigan squad, but then got their first taste of defeat. That taste came in a 25-3 smackdown against Notre Dame, which they followed with six more losses, four coming on the road.

They were fortunate to break that skid with the only Big East team worse than them, which is Xavier. The Musketeers, who have yet to collect a win in conference, lost by six goals to Butler on their home turf. While the Bulldogs hoped to use this to build a win-streak, they went

back to their losing ways. In their most recent five matchups, they've lost each one, with three coming by a margin of more than eight.

While their defense is largely what loses the Bulldogs most of their games, their offense isn't horrendous. They let up the third most goals per game, but Butler does manage to do some scoring. Their leader there is Leah Rubino, a senior midfielder with a knack for the back of the net. Seven of her 41 season goals came in the opener against CMU and she's had a pair of five goal games since. She's not a big passer, with just five assists to her name, but does what she can to power her team's offense.

Her teammate, Luci Selander, is more of a dual threat with a blend of scoring and facilitating. The sophomore, who has been moved to the bench in recent outings, provides a spark with 31 goals and 17 assists. Her consistency has been key for Butler, scoring between two and four goals in each of the team's last six outings. Even if she hasn't been powering the team to a great season, her energy creates promise for the future, with two more years of eligibility.

Regardless of what Rubino and Selander can do, it's unlikely this will be much of a contest. UConn is having a down year compared to recent seasons, but is still in a much better position than Butler.

Opening draw is set for 12 p.m. EDT at Morrone Stadium and it can be viewed on FloSports.



UConn defeats Villanova at Storrs with a final score of 16-6. The Huskies took a huge early lead and didn't let up even in the cold weather. PHOTOS BY CONNOR SHARP, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS