



UConn modifies readmission process for academically dismissed students

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The University of Connecticut has updated its readmission process for students who were academically dismissed from the university. In previous semesters, students who underwent academic dismissal could apply for readmission after two semesters away from the university. Effective this fall, those students only need to spend one semester away before applying for readmission. The change results from a motion that the University Senate passed back in April. The motion addresses changes to the academic dismissal process and other components of academic standards and policies.

The reduction of one semester means that students now have an “earlier opportunity to seek readmission and get their undergraduate careers back on track after academic dismissal,” according to a UConn Today article.

For students who have been academically dismissed twice, another bylaw change now allows them to reapply after four semesters. This is a reduction from the previous requirement of eight semesters away, or four academic years. Currently, readmission is not allowed for any student dismissed three times.



UConn entrance sign amidst flowers on July 23, 2024. SEAN FLYNN/UCONN PHOTO

The university has also renamed some academic terms and modified the language regarding academic policies under the same motion. “Scholastic standing” is now referred to as “academic standing” and “scholastic probation” is now “academic notice.” All changes to the university bylaws that were part of the motion and additional details regarding the modified language can be found on the UConn University Senate website.

According to the 2022/2023 Annual Report on Retention

and Graduation (which is the most recent report as of August 2024), 72 percent of UConn students graduate in four years, and 83 percent in six years. The updates would support the university’s 2023-2024 Strategic Plan, which aims to increase the six-year graduation rate to 90 percent over the next five to 10 years.

The updates follow an increase in the number of students facing academic dismissal since the COVID-19 pandemic, according to UConn’s Assis-

tant Director for Engagement, Learning and Development, Kelly Gilbert.

“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UConn experienced a rise in students facing both academic and personal challenges, which led to an increase in undergraduates undergoing the Scholastic Standing process, including those facing academic dismissal,” said Gilbert. “In response, starting in spring 2020, adjustments were made to the process, communication, and resources to bet-

ter support students during this period.”

In fall 2023, the university introduced academic renewal, a process by which students separated from the university for over eight consecutive semesters (four academic years) can seek readmission. The renewal allows students to remove up to 16 credits of courses with a grade at or below C- from their GPA calculation after readmission.

In spring 2023, the Office of Undergraduate Advising evaluated challenges for students through efforts such as working groups, committees and data analysis, according to Gilbert. These evaluations were later presented to the University Senate, which led to the bylaw changes in April 2024.

The Office of Undergraduate Advising also hopes that the one-semester reduction will improve students’ chances of returning to the university and reduce the stigma around students taking time off.

“This adjustment aims to improve students’ chances of returning to UConn, considers the COVID-related impact on non-academic challenges, and aligns with national best practices,” said Gilbert. “We believe this change will help reduce the stigma around taking time off, allowing students to address personal issues and return when they are ready.”

Neag Initiatives: Combating the teacher shortage, breaking bias and providing coping strategies to children

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The Neag School of Education is continuing initiatives designed to combat Connecticut’s teacher shortage, reduce bias and provide coping strategies for children.

The Neag school restructured their Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates (TCPG) to reduce costs and the program length. The “Breaking Bias and Creating Community” project used virtual reality and videos of Holocaust survivor testimony to bring Holocaust education to the local E.O. Smith High School. Preschool and elementary school students continue to use the “Feel Your Best Self” project to access coping strategies.

The TCPG, which offers master’s degrees in teaching for college graduates who decide to become teachers later in life, was recently restructured. The program previously consisted of four semesters, including two semesters in the summer term. After removing a second summer semester, coursework was shortened to 10 months and costs were reduced by almost \$10,000.

“Some of [the reason for the change] was in response to the cost,” said program director Tracy Sinclair. “UConn was the most expensive master’s certification program in the state for a public institution. And we also wanted to look at streamlining the courses. The restructure

has moved from two semesters in the summer to one semester.”

Cutting costs from almost \$40,000 was designed to make it more feasible for college graduates to become teachers.

“There’s been an increase in the number of teacher shortages,” said Sinclair. “Not as many people are going into educator prep programs to become teachers to fill those vacancies.”

UConn professor Alan Marcus led the “Breaking Bias and Creating Community” project to bring Holocaust education to the local E.O. Smith High School. The project, which featured a virtual reality tour of the Auschwitz concentration camp and conversations through recorded videos with Holocaust survivors, had the goal of creating empathy in school and in the community.

“One of the things that this does that doesn’t happen in a lot of schools is making connections to today,” said Marcus. “Today students will talk about their own identities and how their identities shape their experiences in the world.”

Marcus also discussed the technological component of the project. The conversations with Holocaust survivors were not live, but the Shoah Foundation recorded over 3,000 testimony videos by Holocaust survivors, meaning that students could ask questions and hear answers.

“One of the most important parts, in my view, of Holocaust education has been the ability of survivors to tell their stories,”



Future teaches at Junior Orientation. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNTEACHERED ON INSTAGRAM

said Marcus. He stated that the Shoah Foundation was also filming survivors of other genocides. “Potentially in a hundred years, you might have thousands of people you could talk to who lived over the previous hundred years from all walks of life.”

Common Circles ran a similar project in White Plains, New York public schools during the 2022-23 school year. It did not have the virtual reality component but included conversations with Holocaust survivors. Marcus said that Neag was in discussion with several Connecticut schools about expanding the program.

“Feel Your Best Self” is a free online toolkit featuring coping strategies to help children deal with challenging emotions.

“Our team at UConn has worked to develop this evidence-informed toolkit in collaboration with educators (e.g., teachers, school-based mental health professionals), family caregivers, and community partners,” said implementation coordinator Molly Ferreira in an email.

Ferreira said that, while it was difficult to track usage, NEAG has collaborated with many schools, including Tolland Intermediate School, Windham

Public Schools, West Hartford Public Schools, Waterbury Public Schools, East Hartford Public Schools and Natchaug School to implement the program.

“Most recently, we collaborated with a school counselor from Alabama whose school has been using FYBS for the past year. She reported to us that students are using the FYBS strategies in both the classroom and at home,” said Ferreira. “It really goes to show that these strategies are being used universally and children are responding well to them.”

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Nvidia stock slips even after earnings top Wall Street estimates and demand for AI chips surge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nvidia may have exceeded Wall Street estimates as its profit jumped — buffeted by the chip-making dominance that has cemented Nvidia's place as the poster child of the artificial intelligence boom — but investors seemed less than impressed.

The company reported a net income of to \$16.6 billion. Adjusted for one-time items, net income was \$16.95 billion. Revenue rose to \$30 billion, up 122% from a year ago and 15% from the previous quarter.

By comparison, S&P 500 companies overall are expected to deliver just 5% growth in revenue for the quarter, according to FactSet. Still, Nvidia shares slipped nearly 4% in after-hours trading.

Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist at Carson Group, said that despite growing revenue “it appears the bar was just set a tad too high this earnings season.”

“Death, taxes, and NVDA beats on earnings are three things you can bank on,” Detrick said. “Here’s the issue. The size of the beat this time was much smaller than we’ve been seeing. Even future guidance was raised, but again not by the tune from previous quarters.”

The company reported second-quarter adjusted earnings per share of 68 cents per share, up from 27 cents a year ago. Nvidia said it expects third quarter revenue to grow to \$32.5 billion, plus or minus 2%.

Nvidia has led the artificial intelligence sector to become one of the stock market’s big-



A sign for a Nvidia office building is shown in Santa Clara, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. AP PHOTO/JEFF CHIU

gest companies, as tech giants continue to spend heavily on the company’s chips and data centers needed to train and operate their AI systems.

“The people who are investing in Nvidia infrastructure are getting returns on it right

away,” Jensen Huang, founder and CEO of Nvidia, said on a call with analysts. “It’s the best ROI infrastructure, computing infrastructure investment you can make today.”

Demand for generative AI products that can compose doc-

uments, make images and serve as personal assistants has fueled sales of Nvidia’s specialized chips over the last year. In June, Nvidia briefly rose to become the most valuable company in the S&P 500. The company is now worth over \$3 trillion.

Nvidia CFO Colette Kress said during the analyst call that the company is planning to increase production of its Blackwell AI chips beginning in the fourth quarter and continuing through fiscal 2026. Kress said Nvidia expects several billion dollars in Blackwell revenue in the fourth quarter, with shipments of its Hopper graphics processor unit, or GPU, expected to increase in the second half of fiscal 2025.

In an interview with Bloomberg Television, Huang said the company will “have a great next year as well.”

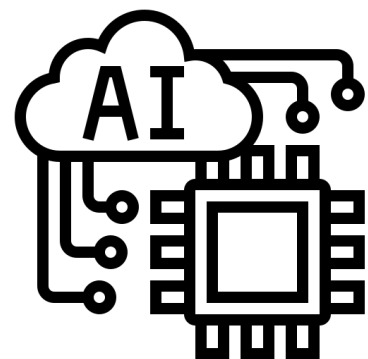
Through the year’s first six months, Nvidia’s stock price soared nearly 150%. At that point, it was trading at a little more than 100 times the company’s earnings over the prior 12 months. That’s much more expensive than it’s been historically and than the S&P 500 in general. That’s why analysts warn of a selloff if Wall Street sees any indication that AI demand is waning.

Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush Securities, called the

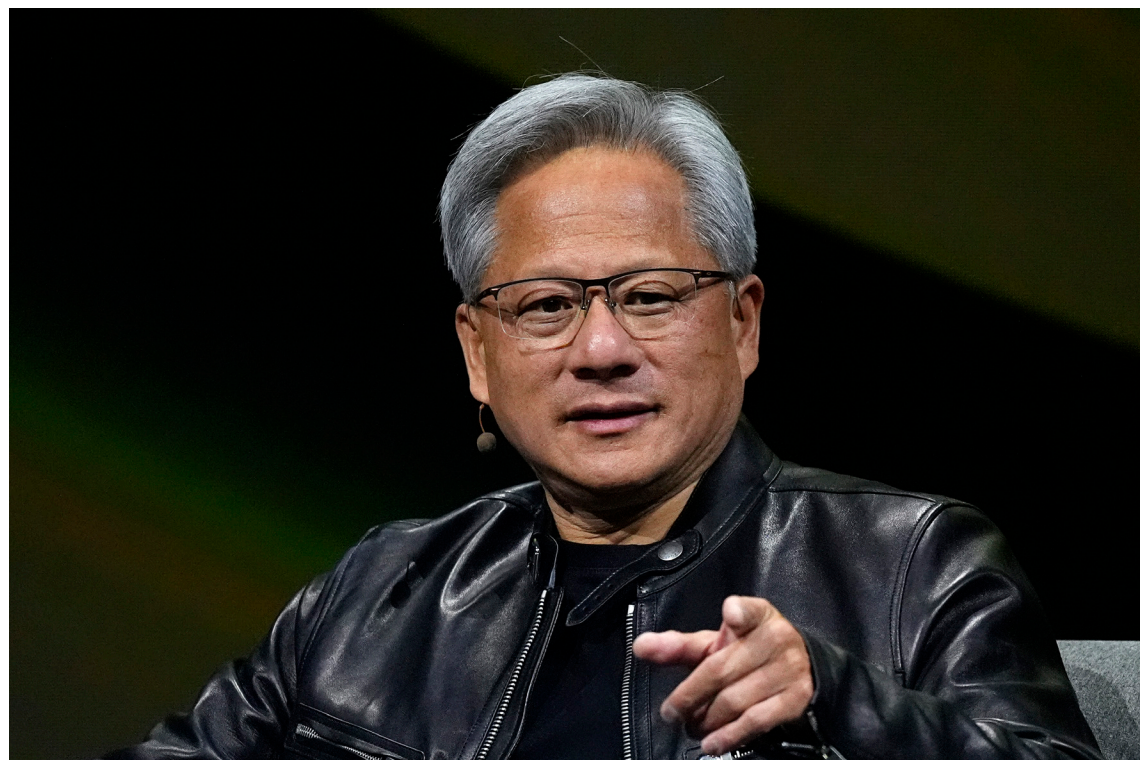
earnings part of a “historic, meteoric rise from Nvidia and the godfather of AI, Jensen (Huang).” Investors, Ives added, are picking apart “robust numbers” and trying to find holes in them. Although Nvidia said it estimates about \$32.5 billion in revenue in the third fiscal quarter, some analysts expected a slightly higher figure, he said.

“I view it as kind of like splitting hairs,” Ives said. The demand for AI technology is only accelerating, he added, echoing Huang’s previous statements that the world is in the midst of the next industrial revolution.

“This is the most watched earnings — not just in tech, but in the market, in many years,” he said. “Investors will initially overreact to any sort of short-lived weakness. But I believe this actually put more fuel into the tank of the bull market.”



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FILE - Jensen Huang, chief executive officer of Nvidia, speaks at SIGGRAPH 2024, in the Colorado Convention Center on July 29, 2024, in Denver

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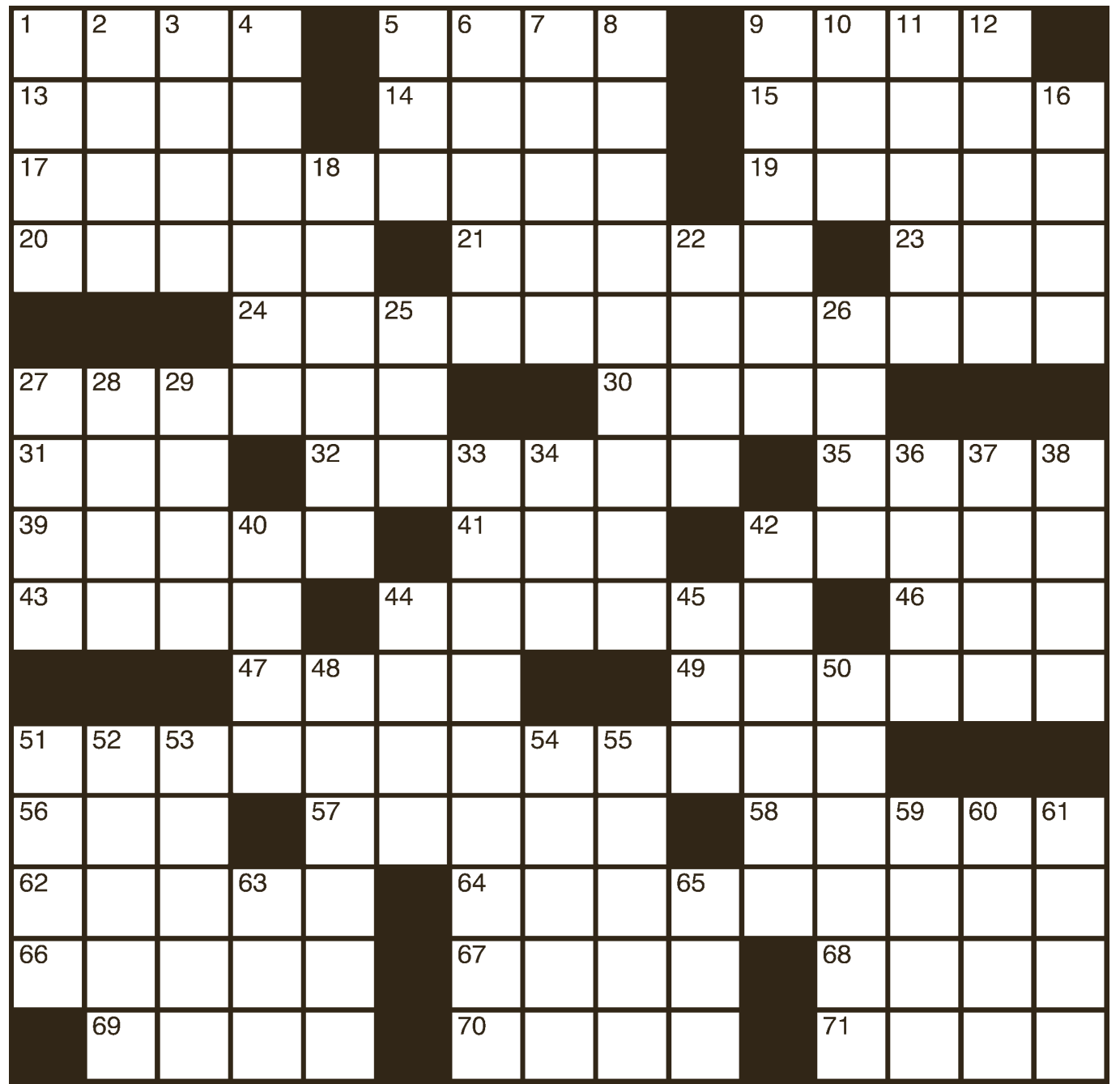
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- 9 Satirical bit
- 13 Unit of length
- 14 Superfood berry
- 15 Midmorning hr.
- 17 Accumulation on neglected steps?
- 19 Disentangle
- 20 Netflix’s “__ Kai”
- 21 Thing of the past
- 23 Molecule in some vaccines
- 24 Institute for invective?
- 27 Actress/activist Milano
- 30 Barrel of laughs
- 31 Feline sign
- 32 Experts who may recommend rebooting a PC
- 35 Lab rodents
- 39 “Pale Blue Dot” author Carl
- 41 Georgia airport code
- 42 Elided address
- 43 Color-changing gem
- 44 Reaction to bright light, for some
- 46 Carried the day
- 47 Paintballs, e.g.
- 49 National Gallery of Canada locale
- 51 Shop selling more groanworthy gag gifts?
- 56 Verse opener?
- 57 Percolate
- 58 Prefix with gram
- 62 Dismally dull
- 64 Question on the dance floor, or an apt title for this puzzle
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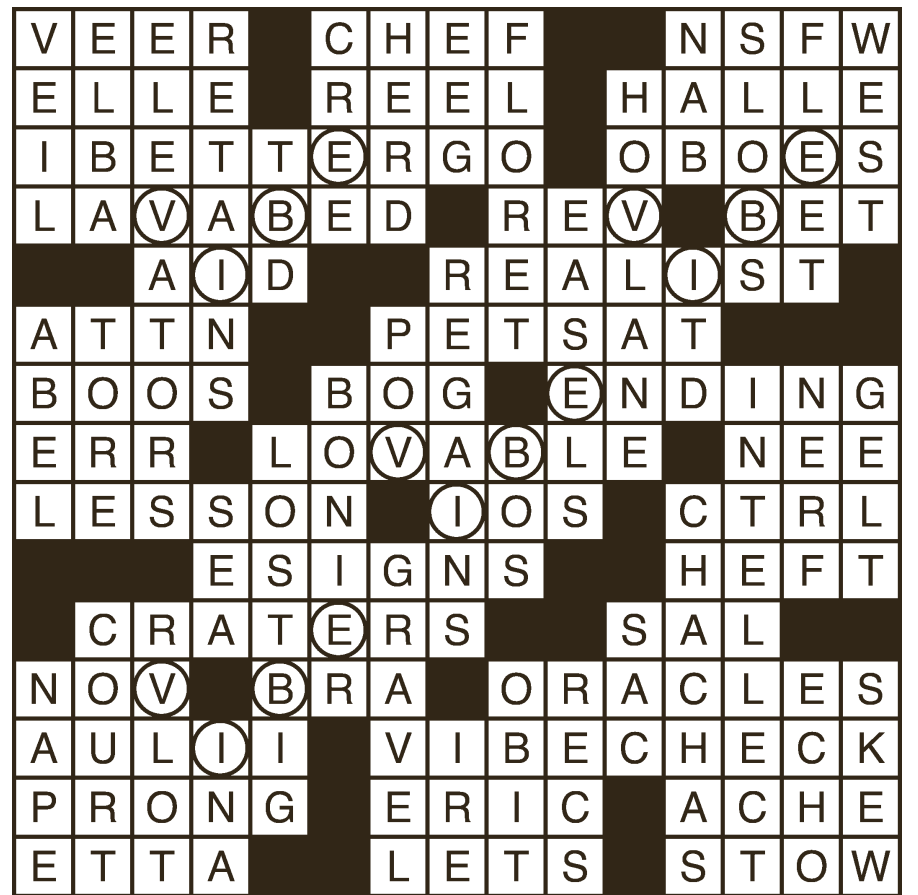
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- 42 Like grams
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Settling in after the move-in dust settles

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After the jam-packed car ride, back-breaking gear haul arrangement and rearrangement of a misshapen desk and teary-eyed goodbyes, the dust settles in your shoebox of a double. It's time to make UConn your home.

Moving in is only the first part of settling in; the process is not complete until you build a community within your dorm, your floor and throughout campus. Though there's certainly no replacement for home, when these circles exist, you create a kind of family that can both support and push you to make the most of your time at UConn.

For better or for worse, you will spend the most time at UConn with your roommate. Whether your pairing is the product of chance or careful research, building a strong relationship takes time. This can begin minutes after you finish unpacking and continue as you rush back to your dorm to open the door when they lock themselves out. Helping a roommate move in and taking luggage off their hands is a good way to welcome them.

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After the initial small talk, it is a great idea to "walk your classes." Taking time to walk through campus with your roommate and try to find the classrooms for each of your

classrooms for each of your courses will help you get familiar with both UConn and each other.

As the move-in weekend proceeds, the floor of your dorm will fill itself. Making friends on the "block" and introducing yourself to neighbors can help you to establish friends on your floor.

Finally, it is time to begin building a network throughout campus. If you have siblings or friends around campus, meeting up at a dining hall to share a meal is a great idea. Besides helping you better understand the eating options within campus, eating together can give you time to catch up.

As you begin the first weeks on campus, it is important to remain open. Being willing to introduce yourself to someone new when there are just a handful of seats left in the lecture hall can be the start of a new relationship.

Despite the fact that they may be college graduates, making connections with professors is an important part of settling into the classroom. Class participation, or even asking questions after class, is a great way to show engagement and can help you to meet your professor.

For more complicated classes, rather than struggling through an unintelligible problem set and giving up, it may be helpful to attend your professor's office hours. While they are not apt to hand out the answers, they will not hesitate to give you insightful pointers and help to clear up your understanding of key concepts.

In the process, you will be able to establish a more personal working relationship with your professor. After all, in many classes, office hours are unattended; your professor will not only appreciate your effort but will be more than happy to get to know you better.

It takes a resilient social battery to maintain a college social circle. In the meantime, don't forget where you come from — whether that be Connecticut or elsewhere. Remember to call home periodically and connect with parents, siblings or friends. When all else fails, and college life gets to you, they will be there for you.

While it is important to build connections with people who will be there for you in the coming years, take care not to forget those who have been with you from the beginning.



Students moving into their dorms during UConn's 24-25 opening weekend. UConn enrolled record numbers of students this year. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONN ON INSTAGRAM

TOO TIRED TO GET AROUND CAMPUS? RIDE A BIKE!

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The University of Connecticut's Storrs campus is a behemoth in size, roughly 4,000 acres to be exact. Although most students manage to do everything they need to in an area smaller than 4,000 acres, what if you don't live close to the Recreation Center or if you want to visit downtown Storrs, but you're located a mile away? While one mile seems manageable on the surface, backpacks can get heavy and schedules can be tight, meaning optimal transportation is a necessity for those who don't want to spend their days staring at the same trees en route to class. There's an easy solution though; that's right, I'm a bicycle guy.

If you've ever used Apple or Google Maps to determine how far your walk will be to another building on campus, you may be surprised when you observe how much quicker it is to bike somewhere. In fact, with the

high amounts of traffic going into downtown Storrs multiple times of the day, it is almost always faster to bike around than to drive.

Think of this two-wheeled mode of traversing as a good middle-ground between walking and driving which is also a great way to build leg muscle. I have the advantage of sporting my first and only Schwinn bicycle from a decade ago that is in dire need of grease and general maintenance. If the whole thing doesn't come apart (again), it's harder to pedal and therefore promotes more strenuous exercise. I also learned how to ride with that bike (late considering I'm 21), so that could explain my fixation on still using them; nonetheless, I get around faster than most people here. I've said it once and I'll say it again: I apologize to the one person I "hit" by the School of Business Building last semester. It was a

jarring yet light bump, and they didn't fall over, but seriously, biking around campus requires you to be responsible and attentive. I tend to swerve into the grass to ensure I don't make another severe lapse in my judgement and run into someone again. However, bicycle wheels are delicate to an extent, and AAA won't rescue your popped tire (it's arduous enough to have them replace your car's tire), so don't run over pointy objects. And wear your helmet, please.

An alternative to biking raises a good question, what about the bus system? Despite all my dissing towards walking, I personally would prefer anything over taking the bus. For one, I had enough of that during grade school, though my bus was top-tier back in the day. The thing is, grade school students are all going to the same destination, albeit starting in different locations, but buses here have the

added issue of bringing people to different areas of campus. Don't get me wrong, it's wonderful they exist at UConn—namely during the winter months—but if you're a fellow travel optimizer, the bus is not it.

I cannot attest to the quality of bicycle you will receive by opting for the Rec's Cycle Share program, but \$70 for an entire semester of biking is a steal; I bought my bicycle for double that! Additionally, it negates the need to strap one to your car and potentially lug it across the country, or even worse, have to bring it on a plane. Coincidentally, reservations for the program opened on Aug. 28, so check out the Rec's website to learn more and get ahead on the action!





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Start your year off right by installing these ten essential UConn apps

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In today's digital age, succeeding in college often means more than just taking notes and reading textbooks. In fact, it's expected that we're plugged in and connected. Being a student at the University of Connecticut. Installing the right set of mobile apps can help make the difference in staying organized by using college resources and balancing school with a social life. As the new academic year kicks off, we've compiled the list of the ten must-have apps for UConn students — a collection curated to help Huskies excel on campus and beyond.



BLACKBOARD LEARN

Blackboard is the learning management system behind Husky CT. After downloading, type "University of Connecticut" into the school field and follow the prompts to use single sign-on. Students can participate in class discussions and will be notified whenever an announcement or grade is posted. A due date tracker and course stream are also included; however, some functions still require a computer, like submitting assignments and using specialized or embedded class resources.



HUSKY

Wondering what to eat for lunch or wanting to organize your class schedule? HUSKY, a student-developed app, allows Huskies to see what is being served at all eight dining halls, create weekly itineraries, set reminders and more. The app taps into the databases of official UConn resources, such as the course catalog and menu listings, improving the user interface and navigability. As a cherry on top, users can easily check whether Husky CT, Student Admin, Secure Wi-Fi and other UConn systems have gone offline.



PASSIO GO!

Passio GO! is a real time Husky Go bus tracker which includes a list of bus stops, schedules, arrival times and routes. The app also includes Windham Regional Transit and CT Transit routes, offering connections to Willimantic, Norwich and Hartford. The Husky Go shuttles may adjust their routes depending on capacity, traffic or large-scale events, and Passio GO! will push notifications for announcements and changes.



MY UCONN

As the official institution app, My UConn offers many useful student-focused features. Students can view their class schedule, grades, contact faculty and staff, check the events calendar and set event reminders. There are also links to manage your Husky One Card, dining hall menu filters and hours, SHAW resources and an interactive campus map. My UConn will also provide emergency updates and administrative communications.



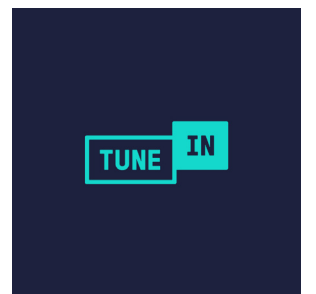
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Did you know that all UConn students get access to the full Microsoft Office suite for free? This includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote and more, offering full functionality and compatibility. The Google Suite has been discontinued for class and campus use, so getting acquainted with Office 365 is recommended. Students also get 1 terabyte of cloud storage on OneDrive, which allows for live collaboration and sharing. As a service provided by UConn ITS, students can install Office on personal devices including computers, tablets and mobile devices. The "Desktop" version, available using your student login, should be installed on any laptop and desktop computers and includes all the features not available online.



UCONN HUSKIES

It is a rite of passage for UConn students to attend our famous sporting events. The official UConn Huskies app gives a clear event schedule as well as game scores, schedules, updates and recaps. When students make a free account with their school email, they can also easily claim and manage tickets and participate in Top Dogs Rewards (especially if those student tickets are free!). For those unable to attend or travel, the app also offers links to live streams and an on-demand library of game play-by-play broadcasts.



TUNE IN RADIO AND PODCASTS

With the demands of college life, listening to music for focused study and chill breaks can help students relax and, consequently, succeed. TuneIn offers a wide variety of podcasts, radio stations, music genre hubs and curated content. Users can listen to local favorites like WHUS, WHKA, WECS and more, or use the interactive Explorer map to choose stations from around the world. For a one-time purchase of \$9.99, users can remove visual and pre-roll ads. Favorite artists also often host exclusive contests on the platform.



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From keeping track of your assignments, enjoying UConn events and activities and using resources available to you, these apps are set to redefine the way students navigate challenges and opportunities at UConn. Happy new year, Huskies, and make it a good one!



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Culture vultures in rap: Preying on carcasses

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Rap music is no longer Black music—and it hasn't been for a while. It has morphed and formed from a genuine artform into a product meant purely for consumption and money. Rap music, in a way, is the new pop music. You can see a real impact in the '90s with the first successful commercialization of a white solo act in Vanilla Ice and today with the newest golden child of rap discourse, simply named: Ian.

Some people often fail to understand that rap music is a cultural thing. A Black American thing, not just an American thing. It has Black American origins, created by Black people, in a Black and Brown neighborhood. The reason you see white rappers with their hair braided down to their scalp, mimicking regional slang and dances, speaking in African American Vernacular English (AAVE) or getting to anything they can touch, is because Black culture is so integral to rap music.

For example: Post Malone, who has recently made the full transition to country music, released an 87-minute album titled "F-1 Trillion: Long Bed." This has been a stark contrast to who he was nine years ago starting out in the music industry. With his hair braided all the way back, dabbing (which was cool at the time), golden jewelry around his neck, fingers and on his teeth, talking about "I got me some braids and I got me some hoes."

Another example of using Black culture and music as a steppingstone in a grander scheme is the treatment of rap, hip-hop and Black culture being used as "disposable" to the music industry, as it's just purely a pedestal, phase or aesthetic to promote an artist or celebrity. Like Miley Cyrus, Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande, Elvis Presley, Machine Gun Kelly or Mark Wahlberg (formerly known as Marky Mark), just to name a few examples.

I think that there are big differences between 'white rappers' and 'rappers who are white'. A lot of 'white rappers' are often a product, put together and pushed to the general public by the minds of whatever interns, at whatever record label. Then, labels will promote the Lego kit-esque rappers' race due to the visible contrast among the rest of the respective field. It's purely a novelty, a gimmick. It no longer becomes an artform, but rather just a very obvious cash grab. There's no passion within the music, no desire to bring something new to the table, but rather to take and remake whatever is popular at the time. It's pop-rap. But, there have been 'rappers who are white' that approach rap and music in a respectful way, coming from a place of care and passion. Artists like Mac Miller and Action Bronson are two widely respected artists that didn't and don't treat it as mockery, but rather a genuine art form.

I would also like to clarify that I don't think Ian, Post Malone or even Vanilla Ice make or made terrible music. You can still be a technically talented musician and artist, while being a culture vulture. You can have great beat selection, a great ear, the ability to write and find a pocket, great songs and whatever else comes with being a good artist, all while stealing.

Over the last couple of years, music production has become increasingly

more accessible, with a lot of artists today creating hits off the mobile apps, "GarageBand" or "BandLab". I bet even you, the reader, have used them before, or at least know somebody who has. Even I've been on them before making bad beats and even worse songs. While I do think that accessible music production is a great progressive step in technology and creativity, this—with the help of record labels commercializing music—has created this disillusionment of regional sounds within hip-hop. Something that used to really mean something.

Now, everybody sounds the same. You could be from the middle of Kentucky making music that has a "New York sound" or a "Texas sound." While I do think the ability to region-hop musically is amazing, it takes away the meaning of being from somewhere, it takes away regional pride within music. There is barely any boundary pushing within the sound anymore. This is due to people trying to replicate the same exact song as whichever already-commercialized artist is making to make a quick buck or get their 15 minutes of fame.

Culture vultures kill workmanship and pick at the carcass of a culture.



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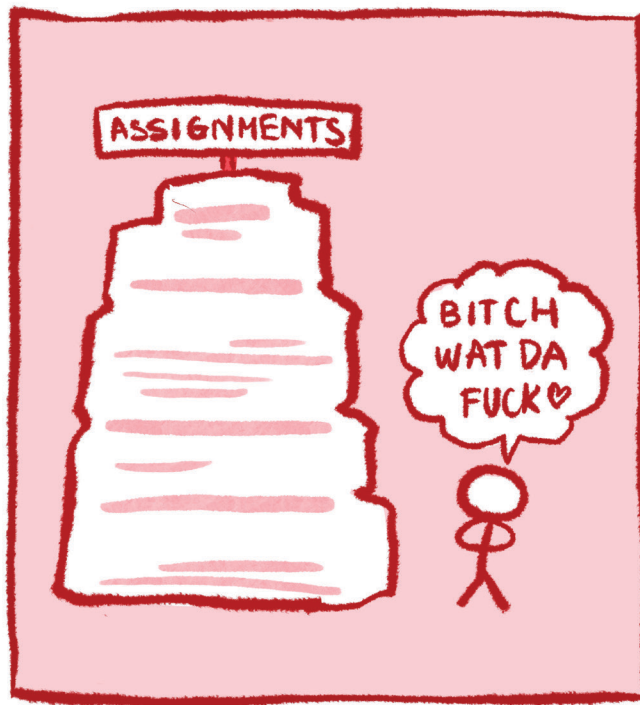
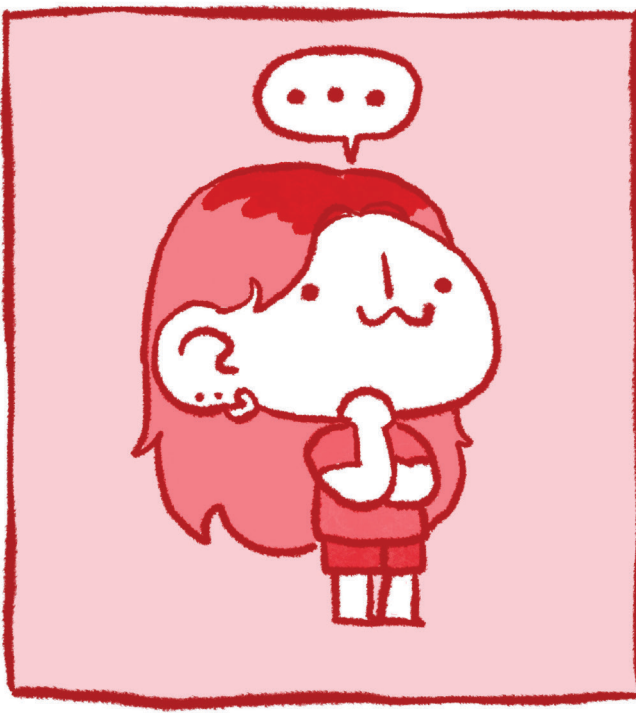
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ROUNDTABLE:

Which NFL star would you want on your 2028 Olympic flag football team?

While the 2024 Summer Olympics have come and gone, the NFL season is just around the corner. Many fans have gotten ready for the season in various ways, from curating their “perfect” fantasy football team or getting ready for seven hours of commercial-free football with Scott Hanson. Some fans are looking ahead to the 2028 Summer Olympics, where flag football is officially in. While this spells excitement for fans and athletes alike, an interesting question arises: which NFL star would you want on your flag football team? Would you go the fantasy football route and take a running back like Christian McCaffery or take the gunslinger in Patrick Mahomes? The Daily Campus Sports Section will answer this question in today’s roundtable!

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Patrick Mahomes

This might be one of the easiest answers to this question, but at the end of the day, who would not want Patrick Mahomes on their team? Mahomes did not get the nickname Mahomes Magic for no reason; he got it because he can make big plays in big time moments, even when it looks like the play will be dead. In the past six NFL seasons, the signal caller has won three Super Bowls and has the opportunity to make history this upcoming season with a threepeat. Other than Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce, Mahomes has never had any massive weapons. After a poor start to the 2023 season, the future did not look bright for the Chiefs. However, star quarterback Mahomes was able to earn the team a Superbowl win. Recently, the quarterback for the USA Flag Football team, Darrell Doucette, stated that he feels like he is “better than Patrick Mahomes because of [his] IQ of the game.” However, Mahomes’ IQ is different from other quarterbacks: He does not fold under pressure and that is something you cannot be taught. You either have it or you don’t.

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Garrett Wilson

While some may think I am giving an outlandish take, hear me out. Garrett Wilson has demonstrated the ability to be elite, and that is why I am taking him on my team. While the Jets’ wide receiver struggled to mount any significant offense last season, he was subjected to nine games of Zach Wilson, four of Mike White and even a little Joe Flacco for good measure. Despite the unideal quarterback play, Wilson still did his part. The 24-year-old tore up man coverage last year, winning his route at a nearly 80 percent clip, which was better than most other wide receivers that people consider “elite.” While I severely doubt zone coverage will be played in this event, Wilson still gets it done, beating his man 83 percent of the time. Since it’s a given that the quarterback play will be flawless, I am looking for a player who can get open at a high level, and Wilson fits that bill with some of the best raw talent the league has to offer.

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Tyreek Hill

The fastest man in the NFL would be perfect for this team. Tyreek Hill is so quick that there have been debates of who is faster: him, or Olympic gold medalist Noah Lyles (by the way, please make a race happen between the two). No matter who’s at quarterback, Hill is one of the best yards-after-catch receivers and would blaze past all defenders. He ranks fourth in yards-after-catch in the NFL with 652 yards. The only receivers in front are CeeDee Lamb, Amon-Ra St. Brown and Rashee Rice. However, what separates Hill from the rest of the NFL is he averaged 112.4 yards per game, which led the league. Along with Mike Evans, he led the NFL in receiving touchdowns with 13. I challenge someone to create a better argument than the one I have made for Hill.

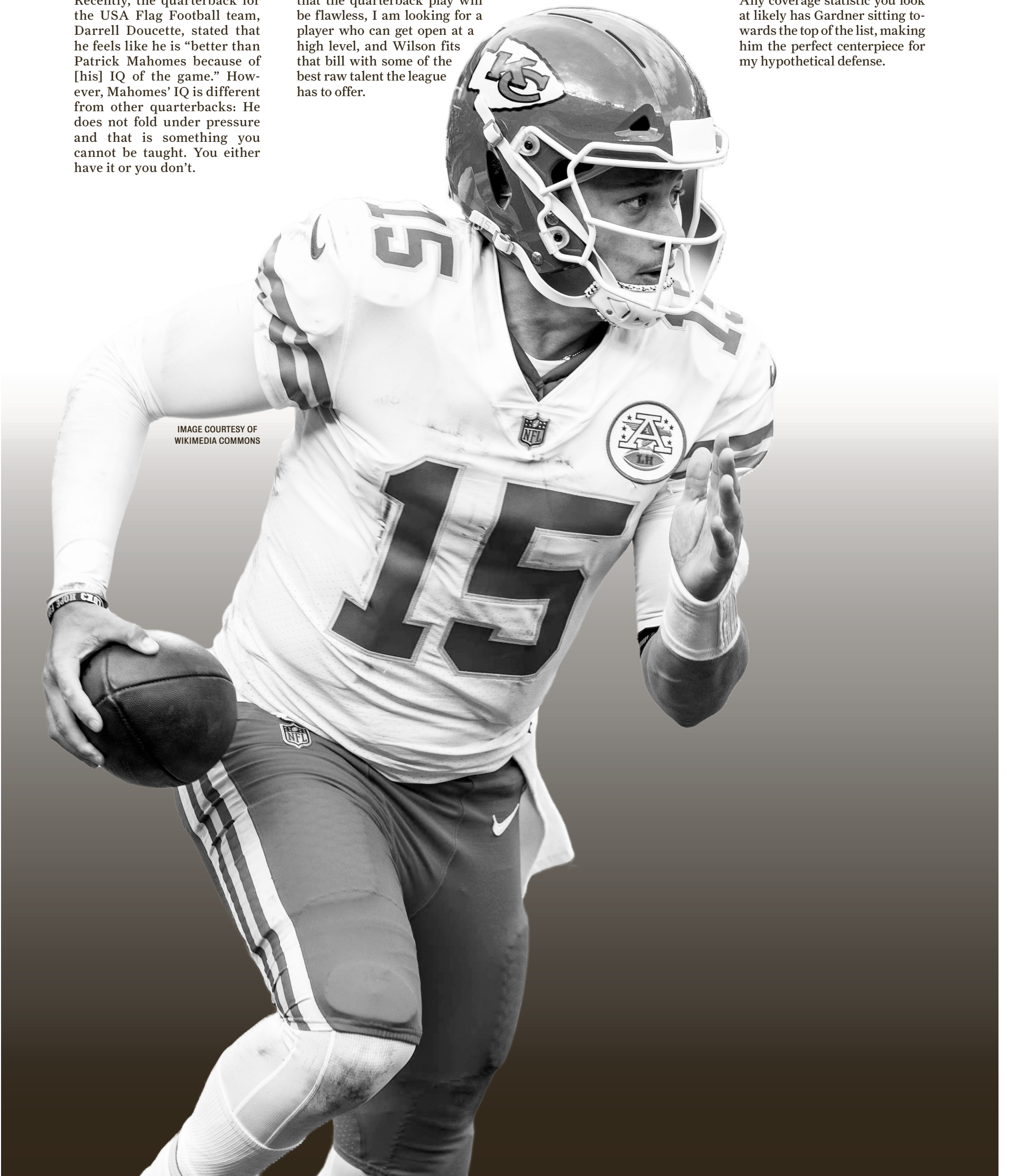
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Sauce Gardner

Even if the USA plans to go for the gold by outscoring every team by 50, it would still be wise to build up a formidable defense. There’s no better place to start than the best man coverage cornerback in the league: Sauce Gardner. Gardner had the highest coverage grade in the league in 2023 based on rankings by Pro Football Focus; he also ranked first in passer rating allowed at 63.0. For comparison, the league average passer rating for quarterbacks was 89.0. Not only does he have impressive stats, but he also has the traits to show he can do it consistently, as evidenced by his 4.41 second 40-yard dash. It’s a given that the USA will have a superior offense assuming NFL players can participate, but it won’t matter if they trade touchdowns every drive. Any coverage statistic you look at likely has Gardner sitting towards the top of the list, making him the perfect centerpiece for my hypothetical defense.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Men's basketball



The UConn men's basketball team fights for control of the ball with the Butler Bulldogs at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Feb. 6, 2024. With a score of 72-61, the Huskies took home the win. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Hughes brothers

named the cover athletes for NHL 25

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Well, here we are. Another school year is upon us, meaning The Puck Drop is back! While the NHL does not officially start until the middle of October, there is significant offseason news to digest.

On Aug. 22, the NHL and EA Sports announced that brothers Quinn Hughes, Jack Hughes and Luke Hughes will be the cover athletes of the NHL 25 video game.

While these siblings have not been in the league as long as some athletes were before gracing the beloved video game's cover, they have taken their teams by storm through their own evolved way of playing hockey.

Quinn Hughes currently serves as the captain of the Vancouver Canucks. Since being named to this role, he brought his team to playoff contention in the past season.

Quinn is a first-line defenseman for the Canucks, but still provides the offensive depth his team needs from the blue line. This past season, he notched 17 goals and 75 assists for 92 points.

Another important consideration is that Quinn was named the 2024 Norris Trophy winner at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas. This prestigious award is given to the NHL's top defenseman every year.

On the other hand, Jack and Luke both play for the New Jersey Devils. The siblings were integral members of the Devils for the 2023-2024 team, especially as the team faced major setbacks like injuries.

Jack, an alternate captain for the Devils, is a force to be reckoned with on the face-off dot and around the crease. In his 2023-2024 season, he scored 27 goals and 47 assists, chalking up 74 points.

Luke, a defenseman for the Devils, was a Calder Trophy contender at the 2024 NHL Awards in Las Vegas. With the injuries the Devils suffered this past season, he was a constant the team needed, especially at the blue line. He is a physical, multi-faceted player, as well as a fast skater skilled with the puck on the offensive end.

When Luke was chosen by the New Jersey Devils as the fourth overall pick in the 2021 NHL entry draft, the Hughes family made history as the first American siblings to all be chosen in the first round of the draft.

They make history again this month as the first brothers to be featured on the cover of an EA sports video game.

Inspired by the Hughes' revolutionary hockey play, the video game is now generated by a logic-built system called "ICE-Q."

"The new ICE-Q gameplay system represents a foundational shift

in how players will experience the game, with its deep intelligence giving them complete control of the ice," said Mike Inglehart, a senior game design director at EA Sports Vancouver, to the NHL.

According to a press release from the NHL, "Next-Gen Vision Control skating allows players to walk the blue line, square up to the puck carrier, stay locked on goal and much more. The empowered AI helps players execute authentic plays with a refreshed playbook that improves power plays and opens the ice for better overall positioning and offensive opportunities."

EA is also using new animations for players to experience more realistic actions and feel more involved in various game sequences.

This new edition is set to be the most coveted video this year after the recent addition of EA Sports College Football.

Should you wish to buy it, the game is expected to be on shelves on Oct. 4 for PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X/S consoles. Jack and Quinn will each get their own covers, and then a Deluxe version will include all three brothers on the cover.

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Daily Sports

HUSKIES RETURN TO THE PITCH FOR A STUDENT TRADITIONS NIGHT BOUT

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Chris Gbandi and the UConn men's soccer team continue their homestand at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on Aug. 29 to face the New Jersey Institute of Technology for Student Traditions Night.

The Huskies are coming off a high after shutting out Stonehill 6-0 in their home opener last week.

In his first career start and game, sophomore Sabri Hanni opened the scoring in the third minute of the match with a goal into the far-bottom right of the net after denying an interception from one of the Stonehill players.

Connecticut's momentum didn't stop there. At the 20-minute mark, Bucknell transfer and junior midfielder Charlie Holmes scored after

catching the tip of a pass from senior Scott Testori.

After that, three more Huskies got on the board, including Michael Suski, Holmes and Jack Louira. Marco Valentic scored the last two goals in the fifty-sixth and seventieth minutes, respectively, solidifying a win for the Huskies.

With five separate Huskies each scoring a goal, it makes history as the largest number of players getting on the board since 2019.

With the NJIT match coming up on the horizon, it's crucial to note that the Highlanders are also coming off a 3-0 shutout win against La Salle University.

The history between these two teams dates to Aug. 24, 2013, when the Huskies shut out the Highlanders 1-0. The Huskies and Highlanders met again in 2022, resulting in a UConn 3-1 win.

Huskies like Testori, Hanni and Valentic are having red-hot seasons so far, and with the team trying to maintain their winning streak against the Highlanders, this is a game that Huskies fans won't want to miss.

Another thing to note for students and fans: during halftime, there will be the annual Student Traditions Night festivities.

Students and fans will get a chance to take a picture with the National Championship trophy and learn the UConn chants and traditions, which will be led by student athletes from teams including UConn basketball, hockey and baseball.

Kickoff between Connecticut and NJIT is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday night. If Huskies fans are not able to make it to the pitch, they can tune in to for free on UConn+ or WAAX in Connecticut.



The UConn men's soccer team plays against Manhattan College on Sept. 11, 2023 at the Marrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn.

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Sargeant's Orders: Clear the runway for the New York Jets

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The wait is finally over! Almost six months have passed since the Kansas City Chiefs 25-22 thrilling overtime victory in Super Bowl LVIII, and the 2024-2025 NFL season is nearly upon us. Since the Chiefs' victory, there have been many headlines dominating the off-season. CeeDee Lamb finally got the contract he was looking for, inking a four-year \$136 million extension to stay with the Cowboys. The Atlanta Falcons shocked many by drafting Michael Penix Jr. with the 10th overall pick in this year's draft, despite signing Kirk Cousins to a four-year deal worth \$180 million. Miami Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill and Olympic gold medalist Noah Lyles have an ongoing feud over who would win in a foot race. However, one story missing from headlines that should be blasting daily talk shows: the New York Jets are legitimate playoff contenders.

While I never thought I would say these words in my entire life, how can anyone deny the talent of the New York Jets? Players such as C.J. Mosley, Sauce Gardner and Quinnen Williams give New York a case for having the best defense in the league.

Former Eagles defensive end Haason Reddick is also joining the squad for the 2024-2025 campaign, albeit he is holding out seeking a new deal. Not only are the New York linebackers and defensive line stacked to the brim, but the secondary is as good as it gets. According to PFF, Gardner, Michael Carter II and D.J. Reed all rank in the top 15 in the NFL as cornerbacks. I argue that Gardner is the best defensive back in the league. The Detroit native has only been in the NFL for two seasons, but his resume is loaded and he continues to get better. Gardner was the Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2022—the first rookie since Ronnie Lott in 1981 to be a first-team All-Pro member. The 23-year-old only allowed a single touchdown and 31 catches on 55 targets last year. The fact that Gardner only saw 55 pass attempts for the season speaks volumes to how well he locks up his matchup and shuts down any opportunity for quarterbacks to make high percentage throws.

While the Jets offense is not as talented as their defense is, it has potential to be the league's best. Of course, the biggest question coming into this season: what version of Aaron Rodgers will New York get this year? While some are questioning his ability to sling the

football at age 40 after coming off of a torn Achilles, I still see the veteran signal-caller performing at a high level. Rodgers is a four-time regular season MVP and has a history of bouncing back from severe injuries at a high level—although



The New York Jets players train at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center on Aug. 26, 2024. The team prepares for its first game of the NFL's 2024 season on Aug. 9, 2024.

nothing as serious as a torn Achilles. In week six of 2017, Rodgers broke his collarbone after enduring a hit on a routine scramble against the Minnesota Vikings. Despite this, Rodgers returned for a game in week 14 against the Carolina Panthers but sat out the last two weeks, as his team was out of playoff contention. However, three years later, the former Packer had arguably his best season yet. Rodgers threw a career-high 48 touchdowns. He accumulated nearly 4,300 yards through the air, while only turning the rock over five times—good enough to earn him his third career MVP. Despite this success, Rodgers did not have the best end to his career in Green Bay. The former Packer missed the 4,000-yard mark in his final year with the team, the first time since his injury riddled 2017 season, and threw a whopping 12 interceptions. While he may not be in the same form as he was nearly five years

ago, Rodgers did not have his All-Pro wide receiver, Davante Adams, which certainly contributed to this decline. Despite Adams not being on the Jets this season, New York has someone with the potential to be even better, and that is none other than Garrett Wilson.

Nobody screams elite as much as Wilson does this season. Wilson built a rapport over the past year with the future Hall of Famer and, even with Zach Wilson behind center last season, the 24-year-old has demonstrated the ability to be one of the game's best. While his splits of 95, 1,042 and three rank him near the back of the league as far as starters are concerned, they do not tell the story of the talented receiver he is. Wilson fried man coverage last season, beating the defender almost 80 percent of the time and putting him in the 96th percentile of all eligible receivers last season. Wilson also did a good job

of beating the zone, winning his route at an 83 percent clip, again near the top of the league. Now, pair that raw talent with the experienced arm of Rodgers, and it's easy to see why the Jets have the best chance at winning the AFC East since the Rex Ryan and Mark Sanchez days. This doesn't even mention the elite play of running back Breece Hall down the stretch of last season, which is why many experts believe the 23-year-old will break out as one of the league's best backs.

For the first time in a long time, the Jets are contenders for the playoffs. Whether they are on the same level as teams like Kansas City and San Francisco has yet to be seen, due to the questions surrounding how effective Rodgers will be this season. However, make no mistake: if this team plays up to its potential and gets a little bit of luck on its side, they could make history at Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans.

