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Artificial Intelligence poses novel social threats, researchers prepare for the

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With the exponentially advancing capabilities of Artificial Intelligence, many have been left with unresolved questions regarding the potential threats that heightened computing powers may pose when used for nefarious aims. Researchers from the University of Connecticut have begun to bridge the STEM-Humanities gap to discuss the philosophy and existential risks of current and future AI technologies.

Among the foremost investigators on the responsible use of AI is Dr. Shiri Dori-Hacohen, a professor of Computer Science and Engineering and at UConn's Reducing Information Ecosystem Threats Lab.

Throughout Dr. Dori-Hacohen's research of Artificial Intelligence and its conscionable implementation, there is an ever-present and prevailing concern that these technologies may be used as leverage in the existing social and political

dynamics of the pre-AI world. One paper, titled Current and Near-Term AI as a Potential Existential Risk Factor, addresses this question directly: could AI create a "dystopian technological future," or worse, a nuclear catastrophe?

For the relationship between citizens and sovereign, the track towards so-called dystopian invasions of privacy has only been aided by the rise of facial recognition and crowd-sensing technologies. When used in the field of predictive policing - stopping crimes before they are committed based on past data - the European Crime Prevention Network notes that "skewed datasets combined with algorithms that propagate existing biases can yield false positives."

As for the question of AI serving as the catalyst for all-out nuclear war, the answer, according to many experts, is that this outcome is overwhelmingly unlikely, but certainly possible.

"There are risks with a large capacity for harm," said PhD student and founder of Beneficial and Ethical AI at UConn

(BEACON) Aidan Kierans. "AI is a tool that allows you to do many things. Having more intelligence to access and think through problems means that anyone can approach the task they care about with a greater toolset," Kierans continued.

The chief concern to these philosophers of tech are those forces seeking to use Artificial Intelligence for tasks of violence, surveillance and control. Much of the language surrounding AI has struck a tone akin to the nuclear arms race, quite simply because possession over advanced machine intelligence could grant a nation - or even an individual citizen - the technological know-how to create such weapons of mass destruction.

Of the many paths forward, there are a set of possible, yet statistically unlikely, worst-case scenarios, along with an expanding list of lesser issues that have already begun to surface. Although isolated actors could theoretically produce bioweapons, "in their garage," notes Kierans, "The number one most likely outcome is mis-

information risks."

"Deep-faked" images, articles citing fake sources written by wholly mechanized authors and the unchecked spread of false statements are all present risks of AI. In essence, this technology may be used as a tool to control public opinion, influence elections and undermine the integrity of democracy. "If you see a text that is later debunked it still has an effect on you" emphasized Kierans.

The effects of this fabricated propaganda are all but theoretical: Consider the pending litigation surrounding an artificially generated Joe Biden phoning in to New Hampshire voters this past January.

With the prescience of catastrophe in mind, several groups have begun to campaign for the socially beneficial roll out of powerful AI technology. One solution, according to Kierans' BEACON, is to facilitate student discussion on the ramifications of AI and what

legal and technical antidotes are viable to combat its negative outcomes.

In small groups, BEACON hopes to educate and mobilize UConn students in the struggle for responsible innovation in AI. Applications to BEACON's AI Safety Technical Fellowship and AI Safety Policy Fellowship are open until the end of the day Friday, Sept. 13.

Harris and Trump prepare to debate for the first time tonight

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Presidential candidates Kamala Harris and Donald Trump will debate tonight at 9 p.m. on ABC.

The debate will be the first time that Trump and Harris meet on the same stage. According to ABC, the debate will take place at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. ABC anchors David Muir of "World News Tonight" and Linsey Davis of ABC News Live "Prime" will be the moderators.

ABC said that "candidates will have two-minute answers to questions, two-minute rebuttals, and one extra minute for follow-ups, clarifications,

or responses." The debate will be 90 minutes and include closing statements from each candidate. A coin flip determined that Trump will give the last closing statement. No opening statements will be made during the debate.

According to the Associated Press, Harris has been preparing for the debate with Trump in Pittsburgh, where she has been holding mock debates and honing two-minute answers. The AP also reported that longtime aide to Hillary Clinton and Democratic consultant Philippe Reines has been acting as Trump in the mock debates.

Trump's preparation has been more focused on reviewing policy, according to the AP. He has been meeting with policy advisors to discuss likely debate topics and what his plans would

be for another term in office. The AP reported Trump as saying "there's not a lot you can do" and "you either have good policy or not" on a New Hampshire radio interview.

Current polling shows a close race between the candidates. The latest New York Times poll showed Trump leading Harris by one percentage point, which is within the poll's margin of error. ABC said the debate will be "a crucial opportunity for both candidates to work to sway undecided voters."

Although the debate questions are not open to the public or candidates, likely topics include the economy, abortion and immigration. According to the New York Times poll results, these are the three most important issues for voters in the upcoming election.

The candidates' microphones will be muted when they are not answering a question. According to Politico, Harris's campaign initially pushed back against this stipulation, saying it would "serve to shield Donald Trump from direct exchanges with the Vice President." However, the Harris campaign eventually accepted the full set of rules put forward by ABC to avoid jeopardizing the debate, Politico reported.

ABC's rules specify that only the moderators will be allowed to ask questions. The candidates will not be allowed to question one another. ABC also said there will not be an audience present for the debate.

According to ABC, no props or prewritten notes are al-

lowed on stage, but candidates will be provided with a pen, a pad of paper and water. Harris and Trump will also not be allowed to interact with their campaign staff during commercial breaks.

According to ABC, the debate will stream on ABC News Live, Disney+ and Hulu. ABC also said that "viewers can also stream the debate on the ABC app on a smartphone or tablet, on ABC.com and connected devices."

The University of Connecticut Stamford campus will hold a virtual panel immediately after the debate with members of the political science department. Political science professors Susan Herbst, Beth Ginsburg and Bob Lupton will react to the debate and answer questions from viewers.



Signage at the media filing center ahead of tomorrow's presidential debate between Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris, Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, in Philadelphia. PHOTO BY PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP PHOTO

News

The iPhone 16, new AirPods and other highlights from Apple's product showcase

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple squarely shifted its focus toward artificial intelligence with the unveiling of its hotly anticipated iPhone 16 along with a slew of new features coming with the next update to the device's operating system. While the new phone lineup headlined Monday's showcase, the tech giant also shared updates to its smartwatch and AirPods lineups.

Here are all the biggest announcements from Apple's "Glowtime" event.

Apple Intelligence

Apple's core artificial intelligence offerings are being packaged and billed as Apple Intelligence — first revealed at the company's developers conference in June.

These features include the ability to search for images in your library by describing them, creating custom emojis, summarizing emails and prioritizing notifications. Apple Intel-

ligence will also upgrade Apple's virtual assistant Siri to get it to better understand requests and give it some awareness of on-screen actions taking place on the phone, hopefully making it more useful.

What sets Apple apart from what's being offered by rivals Samsung and Google? It is trying to preserve its long-time commitment to privacy by tailoring its AI so that most of its functions are processed on the device itself instead of at remote data centers. When a task requires a connection to a data center, Apple promises it will be done in a tightly controlled way that ensures no personal data is stored remotely.

Most of Apple's AI functions will roll out as part of a free software update to iOS 18, the operating system that will power the iPhone 16 rolling out from October through December. U.S. English will be the featured language at

launch but an update enabling other languages will come out next year, according to Apple.

iPhone 16 and the camera button

The iPhone 16 Pro and Pro Max will offer slightly bigger displays and feature variants of the powerful A18 chip, which gives Apple the computing power its devices need to run AI functions.

The iPhone 16 "has been designed for Apple Intelligence from the ground up," CEO Tim Cook said during Monday's event.

On the other end of the spectrum, the biggest physical change to the iPhone 16 lineup comes in the form of a dedicated camera-control button. The button responds to clicks and gestures, allowing users to quickly snap pictures, preview a shot or start video recording.

The button also allows owners to use something called Vi-

sual Intelligence, which will tell the iPhone 16 to automatically search on things you take photos of.

The phones will start shipping Sept. 20. The iPhone 16 will retail for \$799, with the Plus model going for \$899. The iPhone 16 Pro will cost \$999, while the Pro Max will sell for \$1,199.

Apple Watch upgrades

The Apple Watch Series 10 features a larger, and brighter, wide-angle OLED display that will allow users to better view the watch at an angle. But Apple focused much of its presentation on the device's ability to detect signs of sleep apnea.

The new device is also being offered in a titanium finish for the first time, joining a long-time trend in the watch industry of offering a tougher, more lightweight, and perceived higher-quality, alternative to traditional materials.

The Series 10 watch starts at \$399 and will be available on Sept. 20.

Airpods lean toward being a listening device

The new AirPods 4 series will come with an upgraded chip for better audio quality, and will feature more active noise cancellation.

If you frequently lose your earbuds, the new AirPods will also play a sound when you locate them through the Find My app.

In a medically focused update to the AirPods Pro 2, Apple said it will upgrade the devices so they can act as an over-the-counter hearing aid. A free software update will provide the upgrade and also include options to help protect hearing and the ability to administer a clinical-grade hearing test.

The AirPods 4 model costs \$129, while the version with active noise cancelling will cost \$179. They both ship on Sept. 20.



The AirPods Max are displayed at Apple headquarters Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, in Cupertino, Calif. (AP Photo/Juliana Yamada)

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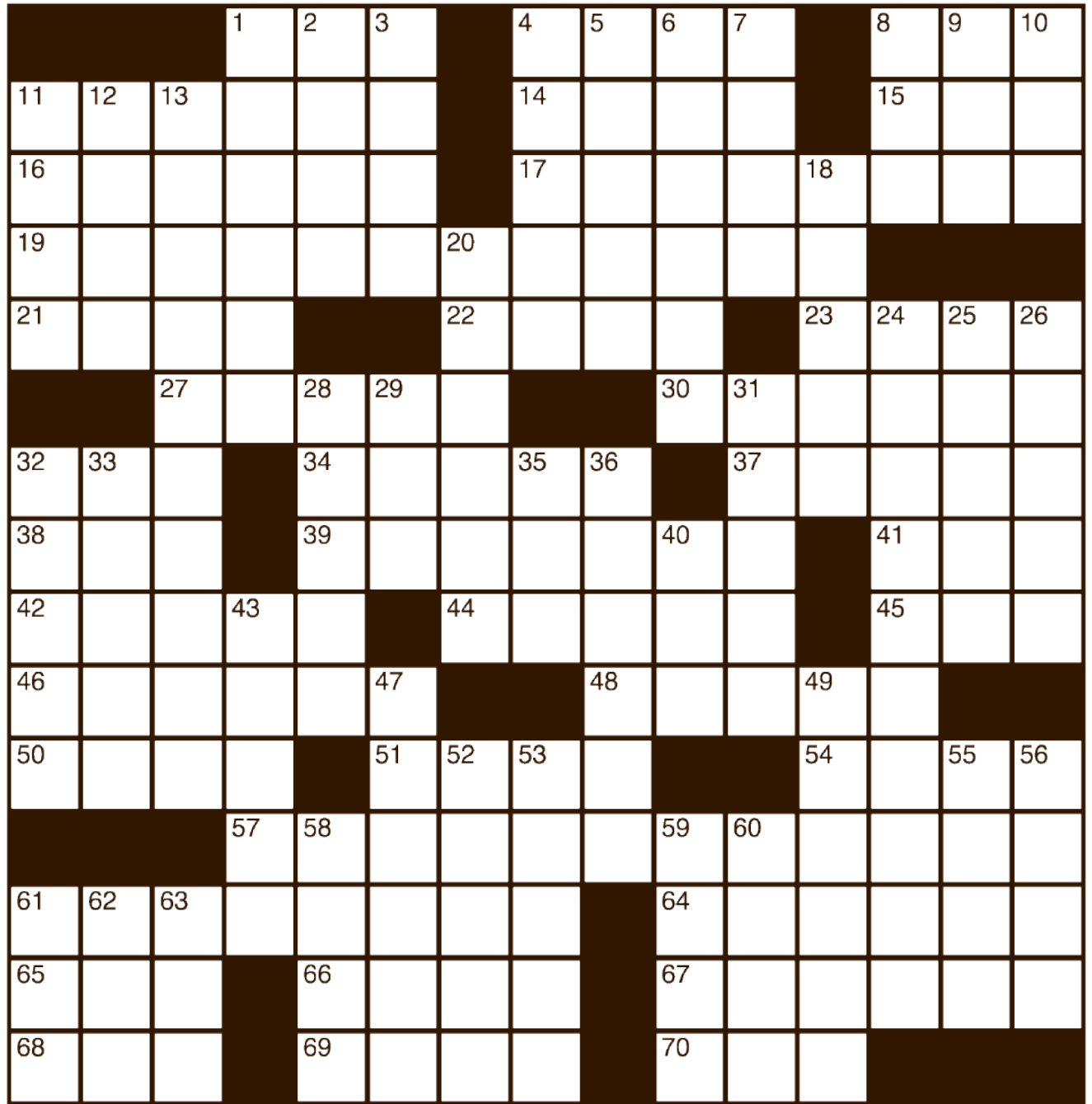
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- 14 Laundry pile emanation
- 15 Like antiques
- 16 Working cat
- 17 Removes, as whiteboard marks
- 19 *Shortened version of a book
- 21 Zen garden tool
- 22 Nasdaq rival
- 23 Cries of realization
- 27 Goofed
- 30 Malleable
- 32 "Gangnam Style" rapper
- 34 Mideast leaders
- 37 Photographer Leibovitz
- 38 Legendary pro wrestler Flair
- 39 *Light, friendly punch
- 41 Issuer of Real ID cards
- 42 Remove, as whiteboard marks
- 44 Dodge
- 45 Set eyes on
- 46 Frozen Italian desserts
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- 50 Part of SRO
- 51 Hockey puck, e.g.
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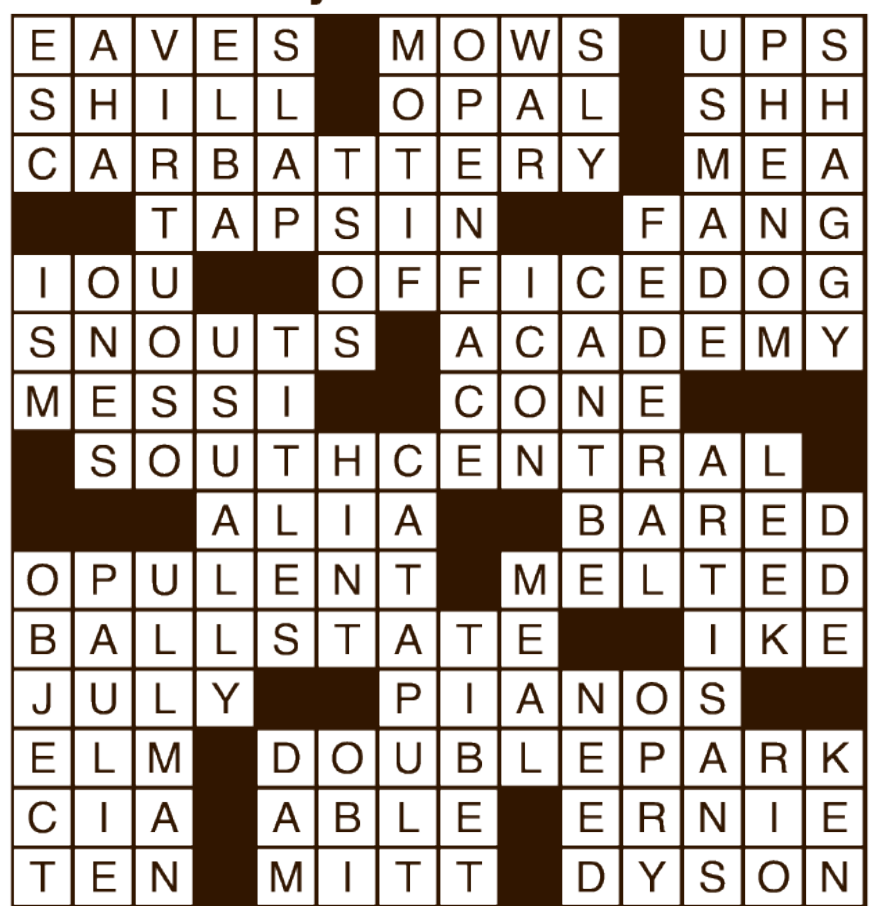


By Lisa Senzel & Katie Hale

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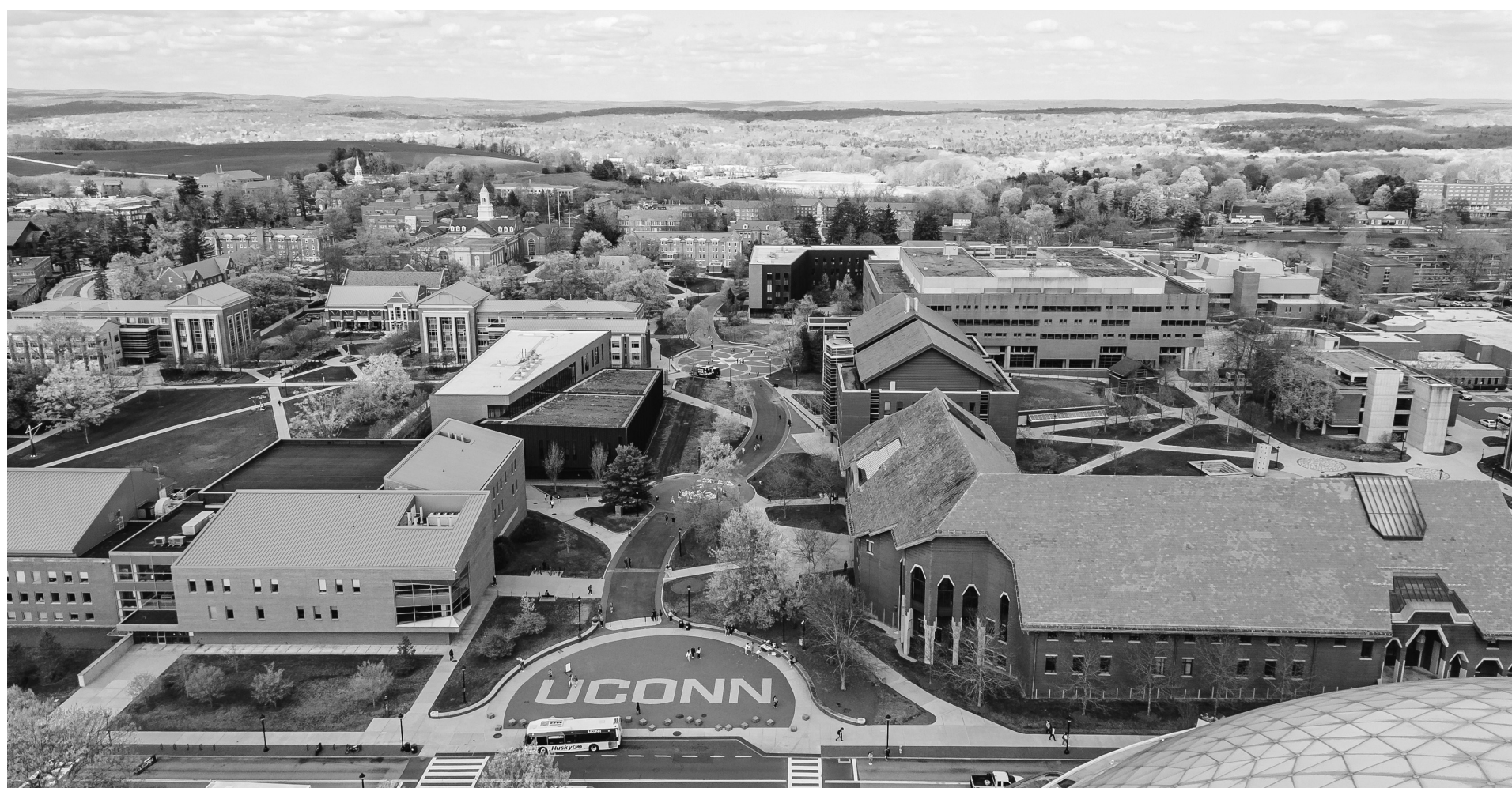
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- 52 Relative by marriage
- 53 Instruction manual units
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- 61 Moose ___, Saskatchewan
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- 63 Spelling contest

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Aerial view of the University of Connecticut Storrs campus. Classes resumed on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024.

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Sharing slices with the environmental studies program

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On Monday, Sept. 9, the environmental studies faculty organized a meet-and-greet in McHugh Hall for students of the major, and for anyone else interested, to talk to faculty or just relax in-between classes with the pizza and beverages provided. The casual get-together fostered plenty of conversations between students and faculty about the major, their classes and how their semesters were going in general.

The event was helpful for students of the major to attend considering program director Thomas Bontly, Associate Pro-

fessor of Philosophy and Coordinator Sara Tremblay were in attendance. Both were very knowledgeable about the major and the students in the program and welcomed those not enrolled in the major to the event with open arms.

The major revolves around how people and the environment are connected, both affecting each other, though aspects of varying majors including English, psychology and economics are covered. Students are tasked with learning about humanities, social sciences and natural sciences and their relation to the environment, a variety of important subjects to be informed on for the young student body as a whole. The environmental studies program is fairly new, coming to fruition in 2012 based on the environmental science program. Both pro-

grams are open to students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as well as the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.

This cross-college approach is a rarity among the majors offered at the University of Connecticut, since environmental studies and environmental science are two out of the three cross-college majors at the university. This represents how versatile the majors are and how flexible the faculty is in working with students from different colleges.

Students' future career prospects when majoring in environmental studies are plentiful. Some specific interests include working in environmental law, helping nonprofit organizations and pursuing a career in journalism; the latter of which may strike a chord with members

and readers of The Daily Campus.

As with the "Good Food and Good Climate News" event I covered last year, the topics of this program will only grow more important as time progresses, so it's reassuring to know the faculty of UConn's environmental studies program care greatly about their students' education, giving its future leaders the skills necessary to empower themselves and protect the environment.

Bontly shared the sentiment that for interdisciplinary programs such as environmental studies, it can be "much harder to build a cohort because interdisciplinary programs don't have a physical footprint." Along with putting on events like this meet-and-greet, the faculty is also interested in actively improving the program

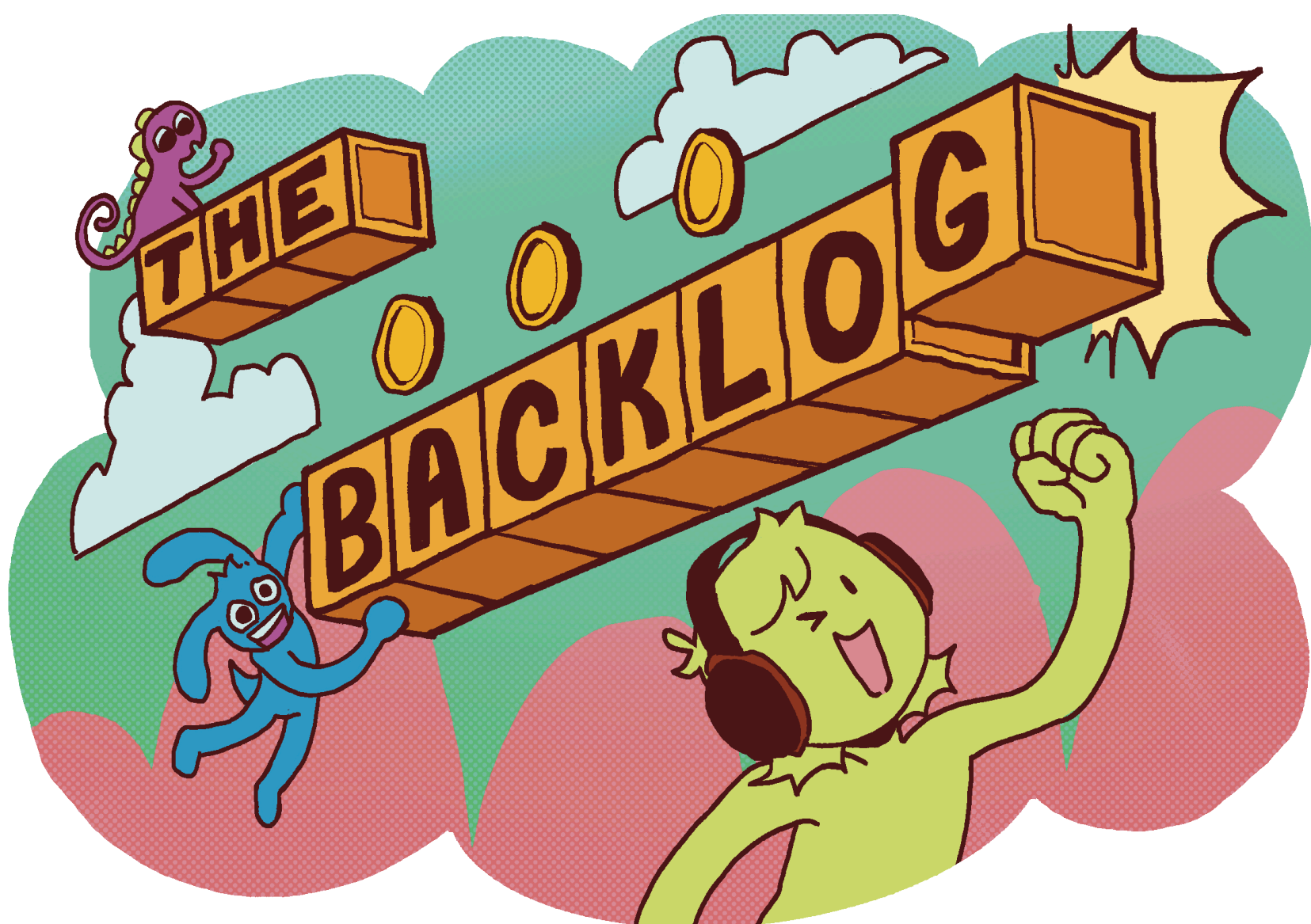
by creating a student advisory board. Bontly believes the board, which will consist of environmental studies students, some of which went to this event, will provide a "constant voice of 'What do we need more of?'" within the program.

Hannah, a seventh-semester environmental studies major within the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, commented about the event: "I feel like it's a great way to meet people in the major." She mentioned that besides bumping into someone who shares a class with her, it's challenging to connect with students also majoring in environmental studies, and this meet-and-greet certainly helped her bond with other environmental studies students outside of classes.



Students participating in karaoke during UConn Late Night. The event is hosted by UConn's Student Activities department and is held every Friday night.

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The Backlog:
Explore the underground kingdom
in
'Hollow Knight'

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Hello and welcome to “The Backlog” where I review video games based on a certain genre or topic each month. Continuing September with our theme “I love it/I hate it,” we’re digging into the depths of the beautiful yet challenging experience of “Hollow Knight.”

Developer Team Cherry released “Hollow Knight” in February 2017. Playable on PC, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation and Xbox, “Hollow Knight” is a 2D platformer with unforgiving enemies and stages. Yet the gaming community has fallen in love with this indie title. The cute aesthetics somehow make even the grossest of insects adorable.

The game consists of the main character — simply named by the community as “the Knight” — exploring the forgotten kingdom of Hollownest. Even though the kingdom is a small, underground burrow, Hollownest is incredibly large with each stage having its own biome. Players can use a map and quill to keep track of new areas and where they’ve been. Benches are littered throughout the map and serve as checkpoints, respawn points and restore health.

The benches are a very thoughtful detail; as you explore you face enemies and annoying areas to traverse. Yet the game provides spots to literally sit down and rest, giving both the player and the Knight a much-needed breather.

The story behind “Hollow Knight” can be difficult for players to grasp even if they’ve played the game start to finish. It’s mostly done through item descriptions, NPC dialogue and the environment itself. Even though it can leave audiences confused, I believe this form of storytelling best fits this type of game. It puts players directly in the shoes of the Knight, who we don’t really know much about and can assume doesn’t know much about this world either.

Spoilers for “Hollow Knight” story beyond this point!

The kingdom of Hollownest is infected with a plague simply referred to as the “infection.” Insects plagued by this have orange eyes or are oozing orange liquid. This infection comes from the Radiance, a higher being shown to be a moth and the previous ruler of the land before the Pale King took over.

The Radiance infects any insects with ideas or some form of desires, turning them into a hivemind and taking away their sense of self. To combat this, the Pale King gave insects the ability to think for themselves, becoming individuals and ushering in a golden age for this ancient civilization. The Radiance’s influence weakened as the insects began to forget her, and she was locked away.

Unfortunately, nothing good lasts forever. The Radiance’s influence began to infect the dreams of Hollownest’s citizens and reawaken the infection. To once and for all seal her away, the Pale King created a vessel with no ideas, no will and no desires. This vessel was named the Hollow Knight and sealed the Radiance within itself.

But the Hollow Knight was not as hollow as people thought, and eventually the Radiance’s influence would continue to grow.

This broad summary of “Hollow Knight’s” backstory is just scratching the surface. Various tribes and communities in Hollownest had a hand to play in the growth and downfall of this ancient kingdom. All that’s left for players to find are relics of the past and architecture of a lost time.

Gameplaywise, the controls are simplistic as it is a 2D platformer. The Knight is equipped with a simple nail to use as a sword, but can also utilize charms, Nail Arts and spells. Nail Arts are essentially special moves and spells run on a collectable resource called “soul.” Certain items or weapons may come with special abilities, like dashing, double-jumping and more.

As cute and simple as “Hollow Knight” seems, it is a diffi-

cult game to complete. Enemies are unforgiving with how much they attack or follow your path, forcing players to either run away or take them head-on. The map can be a nightmare to traverse. Some sections consist almost entirely of obstacles like thorns or acid water. Usually, players will have to find certain charms or items to get through these areas, involving a lot of backtracking and deaths along the way.

One part that players may struggle with as well is the Shade. When the Knight dies, its shell cracks and releases a copy of itself through Void. Void is another ethereal material that doesn’t have a lot of explanation behind it. But this shade remains in the spot where the player died, and to get back the Geo (currency) and soul you left behind, you must kill the Shade. Fighting your evil double is no easy feat, and this system of respawn and revival can aggravate players who’ve collected a lot of Geo.

As much as I hated “Hollow Knight” for its unforgiving trials, it’s a beautiful experience and creates a sense of awe among players. The aesthetic of a crumbling kingdom matches this underground world perfectly. Characters are insects yet can only be described as cute and doing their best to survive in their fallen world.

Rating



Team Cherry is a small indie game production team based in Adelaide, South Australia that has drafted several notable works such as ‘Hollow Knight.’ Players enjoy well-oriented mechanics that propose a challenge alongside.

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SUBOG hosts a movie under the stars

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The Student Union Board of Governors hosted their annual outdoor movie event this past Sunday, Sept. 8 with “The Fall Guy,” an action-packed romantic comedy starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt. The event was held from 8 p.m to 10 p.m at Founder’s Green, aka “The Great Lawn,” as commonly referred to by students of the University of Connecticut.

“The Fall Guy” is a film directed by David Leitch that follows a Hollywood stuntman who is working on his ex-girlfriend’s directorial debut but finds himself entangled in a mystery regarding the film’s movie star protagonist. The movie then embarks on a wild ride where the protagonist is framed for the murder of another cast member and will therefore have to go through a battle to save his reputation.

With the perfect starry September night and chilly weather, attendees of the event could feel a peaceful ambiance. SUBOG student coordinators handed out blankets so students would feel comfortable sitting on the grass, in addition to freshly popped “movie theater” style popcorn for all to enjoy.

The midsize crowd of students in attendance made it so that the screen was close enough for everyone to watch the movie. With the elevation of Founder’s Green, the screen would block all buildings around it, and it seemed as if each time your eyes would wander off the screen, you would be able to observe the night sky.

Nights like this, where students can feel a deep sense of community and forget the stresses that come with their coursework, are deeply cherished.

The SUBOG student coordinators are not an exception either. Ben Bomzer, a fifth-semester student, explains, “This outdoor movie usually happens every Labor Day weekend ... It’s just kind of a fun, end of summer, welcome back-to-school event that has been very successful in the past ... I really wanted to pick a movie that is fun, exciting, had a mix of everything: action, romance, comedy, fun movie stars and kind of just something for everybody.”

Bomzer explained how it took the student coordinators months to plan the event and make it special for students. It took them about an hour and a half to set up and he had been brainstorming this special night since May.

The efforts of the coordinators clearly paid off, as most students remarked about how they really liked the chosen movie and were enjoying the event.

Zeynep Coskun, a third-semester student, said, “It was such a nice time and place. We got to have an immersive experience under the stars with the open cinema ... The movie itself was pretty fun. It was nice to follow along and it was an original story. I would say it had some special elements, the generic traits that typically make a movie funny, and obviously the actors were charming.”

When talking about this type of experience at UConn, she also said, “I would say that community events held at Horsebarn Hill and the Great Lawn, especially social ones, tend to stick with people in terms of the environmental experience ... I am glad I made time for it and it was a really good experience.”



Ryan Gosling caught posing in a promotional poster for “The Fall Guy.” The University of Connecticut’s students enjoyed the movie for its epic stunts, romance and crazy plotline. PHOTO COURTESY OF PRINTerval



UConn Late Night Event is always appreciated by students in attendance. The organization is valued for its accessibility of activities and fun ideas.

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THE EVIE-DENCE: THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO BE MONOLINGUAL

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Globalization and social media have completely changed the way our world interacts and operates. Despite its negative impacts on developing countries, globalization offers an increased level of interconnectedness between countries. From the comfort of your home, you can speak to friends across the globe or watch international television that was produced 3,000 miles away. This results in more exposure to new cultures, languages and thought patterns that seemed all too distant 50 years ago. As we benefit from these effects, it is also important to recognize the increasing responsibility that we as global citizens and Americans have to understand other cultures and languages.

For far too long, Americans have fallen behind on foreign language study in comparison to other countries. While less than one fifth of Americans can speak more than one language, Europe has largely been multilingual for decades with nearly 65% of the European Union population report-

ing that they can speak more than one language - English being commonly learned as a second language. Asia rivals these accomplishments with many countries scoring "high proficiency" and "moderate proficiency" in English.

To avoid falling further behind and feeding into the "stupid American" stereotype, American individuals and the public school system need to step up and place more value on learning foreign languages. There is no excuse for expecting every European to know English yet failing to return the same courtesy to foreigners. College language programs should be regarded with greater value, as they provide students with differentiating skills in their job search. The devaluation of foreign languages starts as early as elementary and high school, with only 11 states requiring foreign language education for graduation. By restoring and instilling these values in current and future generations, we can create better global citizens, opening new worlds and opportunities for ourselves.

With the slowing United States job market, it is especially important that we

capitalize on this opportunity to learn a new language and take our skills abroad. In fact, European countries are lacking skilled workers to fill technological positions. Being proficient in another language opens thousands of overseas positions and opportunities for local positions that will provide differential pay for speakers of key languages like Spanish, Mandarin or Arabic. The benefits of being multilingual are as simple as having another skill on your resume that expands your capabilities, but it makes a crucial difference in a competitive job market.

Learning another language also creates opportunities for personal and social growth that you otherwise would lack, like finding new sides of yourself

and meeting new people. Studies show that multilingual individuals often shift personalities when they shift languages and tend to possess more problem solving and creative thinking skills. Additionally, maintaining fluency in any language helps to foster professional and personal relationships with people who can provide you with new viewpoints and access to different hobbies and activities. Even in a casual setting, mentioning your efforts to learn a new language can be a fantastic conversation starter and a way to market yourself as a friend or possible connection. It tells the other person that you are intellectually curious and worth spending time with.

As our need for multilingualism increases, so do the necessary resources. Free apps like Duolingo or Babbel and access to shows in many languages on Netflix and Prime Video provide the perfect passive learning opportunities for Americans who are otherwise busy in work or school. These experiences make you a more well-rounded person even if they are low effort.

Given the many personal and professional benefits to multilingualism, Americans should be jumping on the opportunity to make themselves more competitive applicants and interesting people. There is no longer an excuse to fail to learn a language because it is expensive or too much work when the long-term benefits of it far outweigh the temporary drawbacks. It is time for Americans to discover a new side of themselves and open up to the wide world waiting for them - they just need to put in the effort.



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Opinion

Photo of the Day | Sunday sunset



Tree sits on the overlook of Horsebarn Hill located next to Storrs Rd. Students are free to walk along the hill or participate in activities such as sunset yoga.
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MEN'S SOCCER:

Huskies put down Siena on Huskies & Heroes Night, 2-1

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UConn men's soccer team takes on NJIT at home on Aug. 29, 2024 at Morrone Stadium. The Huskies are currently 4-0-1 this year. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

STORRS, Conn. — It was a battle between two dog breeds on Monday night as the UConn men's soccer team (4-0-1) defeated Siena College (1-2-2) at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium at Rizza Performance Center.

The Huskies were coming off a 2-1 win at Central Connecticut State University on Friday night after putting up a scoreless draw against Long Island University in their previous home game.

It was dead even after the first 45 minutes of play. Each team recorded four shots, but only one for Siena was on target, forcing UConn goalkeeper Max Kerkvliet to make a save. The Saints had two corners to the Huskies' one.

In the ninth minute, Connecticut had an early chance to break through first as Sabri Hanni's shot found the crossbar but did not find the back of the net.

However, the sophomore from Paris, France redeemed himself early in the second half, striking a bullet from the right side of the net in the fifty-second minute.

Hanni, who plays midfielder for the team, did not see any game action last fall. However, in his first five games on the field for the Huskies, he quickly took the team lead in goals with four in five games. He also has the team lead in points with nine so far.

"He's doing a good job," head coach Chris Gbandi said during a postgame interview for the team's X account. "He's the one guy that does things a little different for us."

He also said that when teams scout him and find ways to stop him, it will open up more opportunities for players to contribute.

UConn didn't give the Saints any chance to breathe after the team's first goal. Forward Evan Pickering scored his first career goal off a point-blank shot to get past Siena goalkeeper Benet Glinder. The freshman from Carlsbad, Calif.'s first career goal was assisted by forward Scott Testori and defenseman Kieran Chandler, two Connecticut natives.

Gbandi said following the win that he thought the team played a better second half but was pleased

with the overall performance.

"I thought our intensity defensively just picked up," Gbandi said.

Thanks to an own goal let up by UConn in the 81st minute, Siena was back in the game with a one-goal deficit. However, the Huskies were able to hold off any comeback attempt from the Saints as they remain undefeated this season.

The shot count continued to be a neck-and-neck battle, as both teams had five shots in the second half to finish with nine shots overall. Each goalkeeper had to make a save in the second half. A difference in the second half is that the Huskies had double the number of corners the Saints had, with four compared to two.

It won't be the only time Siena goes against a Big East team. In fact, in their next game on Friday, they will host Xavier University at Hickey Field in Loudonville, N.Y. In mid-August, they played a scrimmage at Providence College.

Like Siena and taking on Big East foes, it won't be the last time the Huskies go against a team from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Fairfield University is also on their schedule this season.

As Gbandi said after the win on Friday night against Central Connecticut, the team will look to move on as the Big East is on the horizon now. This was a game that the Huskies were expected to win. Siena now has a losing record and was ranked one hundred-twenty-fourth in the country coming into this game according to Massey Ratings. To compare, UConn was ranked fifty-fourth in the country heading into the game.

The Huskies will be on the road for a bit, including to begin their Big East schedule. They have a road game on Friday at Dartmouth College, ranked one hundred-thirty-eighth in the Massey Ratings, before starting Big East play at DePaul University, ranked one hundred-twenty-third in the Massey Ratings. The next time Connecticut will be in front of a home crowd will be Sept. 24 as they host Fairfield, ranked 208th in the country.



Study Break

Sports Photo of the Day | Me when I hear there will be silliness at the function



On Sep 7, 2024 Uconn football defeats Merrimack 63-17 at The Rent. UConn broke the program record in the first quarter for most points scored in a single quarter. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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ROUNDTABLE:

NFL week 1 overreactions

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While this may be the most absurd overreaction of them all, it is a valid one. Last Sunday, a Justin Fields-led Steelers offense proved incapable of finding the back of the endzone, with Chris Boswell splitting the uprights on all six scoring drives. If someone had told me a week ago that this offense would finish dead last in the league in scoring, I would have believed them. However, this offense has shown the potential to string some plays together and move the ball down the field. In today's NFL, if you advance past the other team's 40-yard line, you pretty much

have a guaranteed three points. With a veteran like Boswell, who is one of the best at doing it, this means he will feast like it's a Thanksgiving dinner. This will not change with Russell Wilson behind center, as this team lacks a legitimate threat at receiver outside of George Pickens, and Wilson has yet to return to form. If you claim to be a true fantasy footballer, I wouldn't walk but run to the waiver wire to get the 33-year-old on your squad. While this may be an early overreaction, I see this as a weekly occurrence for Pittsburgh, no matter who is behind center.

CHRIS BOSWELL WILL FINISH AS THE K1



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In the first start of his second season as a member of the Buccaneers, Baker Mayfield had a spectacular game, throwing for four touchdowns, zero interceptions and 289 yards on 24/30 pass attempts, making for a stellar completion percentage of 80 percent and a QBR of 146.4. He has a strong receiving core of Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, who both looked good versus the Commanders. Among NFC quarterbacks in week one so far, only Matthew Stafford had more yardage, and it took 19

more pass attempts to do so. Brock Purdy, Jared Goff and Dak Prescott remain threats to accumulate passing yards, but the 49ers are coming off a rocky contract situation with star receiver Brandon Aiyuk. The Lions also rely on a potent run game, and Prescott has few good options beyond CeeDee Lamb. The rest of the field, since Jordan Love was just injured, features the likes of Sam Darnold, Derek Carr and Daniel Jones. Mayfield is in pole position to improve further on last year's season and lead the NFC in passing.

BAKER MAYFIELD WILL LEAD THE NFC IN PASSING YARDS



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Three hours before the Miami Dolphins kicked off their 2024-25 NFL campaign, Tyreek Hill was detained and placed in handcuffs by the Miami-Dade Police Department, ultimately being cited for reckless driving. Despite still clearly being rattled by the event in his post-game press conference, it didn't serve as a distraction nor impact his play on the field. Hill's game high seven recep-

tions and 130 yards helped the Dolphins secure a thrilling 20-17 comeback victory over the Jaguars, including a brazen celebration after his touchdown, mimicking his earlier detainment. If the Dolphins wish to push for the Super Bowl this season, Tyreek Hill will need to star in his usual ways, and he's already proving his ability to do that, even when accompanied by off-field drama.

TYREEK HILL IS OFFICIALLY THE NFL'S MOST POLARIZING STAR

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No NFC South team has won over 10 regular season games since the Buccaneers did in 2021. Following Atlanta's signing of quarterback Kirk Cousins this off season, many expected the Falcons to break the double-digit win mark. The newly minted Cousins was to act as the saving grace for weapons Bijan Robinson, Drake London and Kyle Pitts. The former Vikings quarterback limped through his

Atlanta debut, completing 16 of his 28 pass attempts (61.5 percent) for just 155 yards. Pairing that with a two interception, two sack game and three turnover-worthy-play performances, the Falcons were skunked in an 18-10 loss to Justin Fields and the Steelers. The offense was disheveled, as Cousins, pressured 11 times on 28 drop backs, led an attack totaling 226 yards and three turnovers.

KIRK COUSINS HAS MADE THE FALCONS WORSE.



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The New England Patriots came into this year with little to no expectations outside of the organization. The media has already been writing them off for several months. You can't blame people for thinking New England will be bad again this year, as even though they have a top five NFL defense, their offense is lackluster at best.

Durning week one, they proved many wrong, going on the road and defeating a Super Bowl contender in the Cincinnati Bengals by using their strong defense and putting up just enough points on the board. The Patriots found a way to win, and if they continue this every week, there is no telling how far this team can go.

IS THE WEEK ONE PATRIOTS WIN A FLUKE?

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The Bengals suffered a disappointing 16-10 loss to the New England Patriots at home. Cincinnati came in on Sunday as the biggest favorites to win in week one, but they came into the game looking stale. They were held scoreless until the final two minutes of the third quarter. The defense didn't have an answer for Rhamondre Stevenson, and it allowed New England to preserve their lead at the end of the game. Joe Burrow couldn't get the ball

downfield consistently, and the offense was underwhelming for most of the game. Despite all of this, it's too early to be panicking about the Bengals right now. They were without wide receiver Tee Higgins in this contest, and these early season struggles have been a common trend for the Bengals in recent years. While this loss certainly wasn't great for Burrow and the Bengals, there's still plenty of time for them to change course and compete for a playoff spot.

IT'S TIME FOR THE CINCINNATI BENGALS TO HIT THE PANIC BUTTON



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With a locked and loaded front seven, a young talented wide receiver core and a newly bolstered offensive line, New York Giants fans came into this season with hopes of reentering the island of relevancy. There was but one question fans had: can this roster succeed with Daniel Jones as its quarterback? No, it cannot. After the 2022 season, Daniel Jones received a four year 160-million-dollar contract, an investment that has not paid dividends for the Giants. In an abysmal performance against the Vikings this

week, Jones threw for a measly 186 yards while giving away two interceptions and coughing up a fumble. In recent years, many have accredited Jones' poor performance to his weak offensive line. Against the Vikings, the offensive line allowed a pressure rate of only 26 percent, which would have ranked as the best in the league last season. Jones is out of excuses; he is incapable of reading the field, cannot protect the football and fails to make the tough passes when it matters most.

DANIEL JONES NEEDS TO GO

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Ever since the Carolina Panthers made it to the Super Bowl and lost in the 2015-2016 NFL season, the team has not been the same. Last year, they traded up to draft a quarterback out of the University of Alabama, Bryce Young, hoping he would be the next Cam Newton for the franchise. In the 2023-2024 season, Carolina went 2-11, the worst record in the NFL. This year they started their season with a blowout

loss to the New Orleans Saints 47-10. The first offensive possession the team had was an immediate pick by Young. This is an issue since they just hired a new head coach this offseason, Dave Canales, the former offensive coordinator for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In one season, he was able to help Baker Mayfield get better, and clearly after spending the entire offseason with Canales, Young has not gotten better.

THE PANTHERS ARE THE NEW JETS





Sports



WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Huskies earn first home wins of the season against Cal State and Rhode Island

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The UConn women's soccer team (4-1-1) earned their first home wins of the season against Cal State Fullerton (2-5) on Thursday and University of Rhode Island (2-3-1) on Sunday.

After two shutouts away wins, the Huskies sought their first wins at home. Both displayed UConn's increasingly aggressive style of play this season.

The first half was a dominant showing for the UConn offense, and it did not take long for the Huskies to get on the scoreboard. Just two minutes into the game, senior Maddie Fried scored from a difficult angle assisted by junior Chioma Okafur. This marked Fried's first goal for the program.

With UConn's first shot of the game being converted into a goal, the Huskies already had the advantage early in the game, but the pressure they were applying to the Titan's defense was non-stop. Seven of the nine shots recorded in the match were all in the first half, making it clear that the Huskies were not pleased with just a one-goal lead. With just seconds left in the first half, one of those shots was converted into a goal by freshman Taylor Jenkins. After the ball nearly went out of bounds, freshman Naia Ocio was able to not only keep the ball in play, but also blast it into the center to give Jenkins an open shot.

While the second half of the match was a quiet one for the UConn offense, it was yet another successful

performance for the Huskies' goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney. After clearing the Titan's late game attempts to get on the scoreboard, Mahoney was able to preserve UConn's lead and record the team's third straight shutout, her twenty-second overall career shutout for the program and a 2-0 win for the Huskies.

Connecticut secured their first home win of the season after a rough start, giving them confidence going into the next home fixture against Rhode Island.

Going into the Sunday fixture against Rhode Island, it was not an ideal start to the game for the Huskies. Two minutes into the game it was



Rhode Island this time who converted an early goal. URI forward Lauren MacDonald's right-foot shot put the Rams into the lead. The early goal UConn conceded woke the offense as they started to create more chances and soon applied pressure to the Rams.

UConn's closest opportunity came in the twentieth minute. Okafur was one on one with the Rhode Island goalkeeper and attempted a shot, but it went directly to the goalkeeper's hands. Overall, in the first half, UConn outshot URI by three, demonstrating the Huskies' relentless offensive pressure. In the final minutes of the half, the program had some final opportunities with two late corners, but URI held off UConn's late attempt to equalize.

The momentum of the match was trending in the Huskies' favor, and soon, they found the answer to their one-goal deficit. The Huskies equalized after junior Lina Dantes scored from the center of the box, assisted by senior Ab-

bey Jones. UConn had found the rhythm and style of play that has been seen in the previous games. As the half continued, the URI defense was at a breaking point as UConn was keen on taking the lead, recording 12 shots in this half alone.

The Rams could not seem to get anything in, and frustration soon began to set in as fouls started to pile against them. Tension escalated as URI conceded two penalty kicks within five minutes. Both penalty kicks were converted into goals by Okafur, increasing the UConn lead late in the second half. Any chance of a URI comeback was crushed as UConn had an advantage in both scoreline and overall possession of the ball. That lead was sustained, and the Huskies, after being down one, ended with a 3-1 win at home.

UConn will remain at home for the next two fixtures. Their first will be against Yale (3-1) on Thursday, then ending non-conference play against Texas A&M (3-2) on Sunday. The Huskies are looking to end this series of games at home on a good note as they enter what will be a much-anticipated Big East season.



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The UConn women's soccer team takes home a victory at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Sept. 5, 2024. The Huskies triumphed against the Titans, winning the game 2-0. PHOTO BY SIHAM NEDLOUSSI, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS