



UConn's switch to Microsoft met with negative reaction



Student studying at the Beanery Cafe. This is one of eight locations students can get flex pass meals. PHOTO ARCHIVE/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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During the summer prior to the 2024-2025 academic year, the University of Connecticut migrated all UConn emails from Google Workplace to Microsoft 365. This decision has been met with generally negative reactions amongst the student body. Although some students understand the reason for the switch and why the university made the decision, many are still frustrated with the change, describing Microsoft 365 as “difficult” and “confusing.”

In a poll held on The Daily Campus’ Instagram asking if students were “happy with the change to Microsoft,” 147 students responded that they weren’t happy with the change, with only 23 students responding that they were.

Third-semester theatre studies major Oz Santa Lucia talked about his feelings towards the changes when asked his thoughts on it.

“I have severely negative thoughts about it,” Santa Lucia said regarding the switch. “It’s really difficult to navigate, the calendar functions are significantly less and the overall system is just messier.”

Students are not the only ones affected by this change. Fifth-semester political science major Ava Cunningham talked about how the change has affected her tier II organization at UConn when asked about her reaction to the change.

“It has been somewhat disorienting to try and utilize a platform that has not been commonly used throughout my academic career so far,” Cunningham said. “Beyond that, it has proved inconvenient and difficult to deter-

mine how to move forward with the formal functions of my tier II organization given that the previous Google drive platform had been the ‘home base’ of our members’ work and communication with each other.”

However, not all students have reacted negatively. Third-semester biological sciences major Molly Forker said that she doesn’t mind the switch when asked about the migration.

“I don’t really understand the switch, but it doesn’t affect me too much, so I don’t mind,” Forker said. “I was more used to the Google platform, so when switching to Microsoft I needed to learn how it worked since it is a little different. But other than that, I’m not too affected by it, and I can navigate it pretty easily.”

Seventh-semester computer science major Amogh Chaubey

said that he understood why students are frustrated, but also why the change had to happen.

“I mean, I understand why a lot of students are annoyed. I was pretty used to Google Drive, I like it a lot more, but it’s not really a huge surprise because Google ended their free education benefits they’re giving to all the universities. UConn’s a research university so we have a ton of storage and since Google upped the prices it wouldn’t make sense to keep going, so I get why they switched it from the administration standpoint. It’s a little bit inconvenient but I get it.”

UConn ITS first informed students on July 10, 2023, where they notified students of the change and their rationale via email. The email talked about UConn’s support of both Google Workplace and Microsoft 365, until

“2022 when Google unilaterally changed their terms and conditions,” increasing prices to maintain Google Drive.

“The institutional relationship is now effectively no better than a personal relationship. It is no longer free, and the expense scales with usage. For a large university with substantial storage needs, the cost is significant, and hard caps/quotas are necessary,” the email read.

In a follow-up email sent out on March 19, 2024, UConn ITS told students about the migration process, and the limitations of the migration.

“Unfortunately, not all files or features in Google Workspace will transfer to Microsoft 365. Links to other UConn Google Drive files will break and need to be re-created. You will also need to “re-share documents,” the email read.

Smaller furniture arrives at Garrigus Suites and Connecticut Hall

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Furniture in Garrigus Suites was replaced with smaller desks and dressers, and new desks and dressers in Connecticut Hall are smaller than in other dorms.

University spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said in an email that the furniture in Garrigus Suites was replaced because it was old, and that the decision to use smaller furniture in Garrigus and Connecticut Hall was based on student feedback.

“UConn has received student input over many years about the size and style of furniture in its residence halls and took that feedback into account when selecting the new items,” Reitz said. “Students often tell hall directors and others that larger desks and dressers make room configurations more limited and

challenging, sometimes compelling them to loft their beds for more space when they would have preferred not to.”

The same type of furniture was added to other places on campus that needed replacement furniture, according to Reitz.

“The University also used some of the newly purchased furniture in spaces throughout campus where items needed to be added or replaced,” Reitz said.

Christina Logan, a fifth-semester junior human development and family studies major living in Garrigus, was unhappy with the reduction in storage space.

“I had to drop another \$200 on furniture and extra bins to put my clothes or whatever...The whole point of why I was excited to live in Garrigus was more storage,” Logan said. “There is more room, so that’s the bright side of it. When I think about it, I have no idea where I would’ve

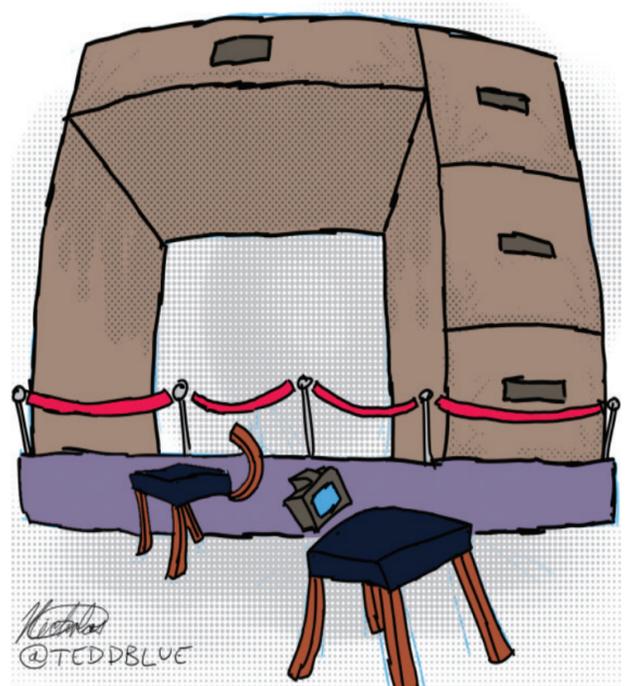
put [the dresser], especially living with three people.”

Maddie Beaudoin, a third-semester sophomore economics and political science major living in Connecticut Hall, said that there was more room than she’d thought based on photos.

“I like it. I think it’s a lot bigger. When I saw the pictures, I was super worried because they looked really small, and I was not excited at all. But the room has a lot more space and there’s a lot more area, especially on the desk, than I thought,” Beaudoin said. “I do wish there was maybe one or two more of the drawers.”

Lindsey DeSantis, a fifth-semester junior animal science major living in Garrigus Suites, bought additional furniture.

“I’m glad that they got rid of those really tall dressers,” DeSantis said. “But now we have these super, super, super crammed ones so I had to buy another plastic bin to put all my stuff in.”



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Stamford welcomes its largest ever undergraduate class

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The University of Connecticut's Stamford campus has admitted almost 1,000 first-year students this year and roughly 100 transfer students, making it their largest undergraduate enrollment ever.

To accommodate the influx of students, Stamford has added new classes and housing. According to Campus Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Orlikoff, the additional classes are mainly general education requirements such as math and English to allow for more first-year students to fulfill these requirements.

In terms of housing, Stamford added a short-term lease of units at Harbor Point, obtained more units at Prospect Avenue and leased a newly constructed building with seven townhouse units that will house 44 students. Orlikoff said that housing on campus increased by 30% with these new additions, increasing from 480 beds to 677.

Stamford held a breakfast for first-generation students, who make up about half of UConn Stamford students, according to a UConn Today article. Erica Granoff, the director of Student Services at Stamford, put together the committee to organize the breakfast. According to Orlikoff, it was designed to help first-generation students navigate a process that can be very intimidating when it is unfamiliar.

"It was an opportunity to recognize their successes to get here, their accomplishments and to make sure they understood that they were partnered with us on this journey, that they weren't doing this on their own, that we've got lots of resources for them," Orlikoff said.

The breakfast connected first-generation students with one another and informed them of campus resources, according to Orlikoff.

"We have academic support resources, but also personal re-

sources, and we just wanted to make sure they felt connected with each other and that they knew that they had people to call on if they had any questions or concerns or confusion about things," she said.

The campus held a convocation that hosted guest speakers such as Caroline Simmons, Stamford's mayor, who spoke about what it meant to be a college student in Stamford. Other speakers included the president of Stamford's student government, Karima Hamada, who discussed making friends during their freshman year, and local artist Weverson Ponte, who created original art for the campus that involved affirmations and positive thoughts that Stamford students suggested in the spring of 2024.

The convocation also included a ceremony where students received tea lights from faculty representing each of the different colleges on campus. Orlikoff said that "the transition ceremony was really special" for the students, as it represented the potential paths students could take during their time at Stamford.

Orlikoff said the increase in students is a "great success" for UConn Stamford as a regional campus.

"I think it's a great marker of this transition in the concept of the regional campuses," Orlikoff said. "We're all working very hard at becoming destination campuses, and we want students to choose to come to our campus."

Orlikoff said she was confident that students who enthusiastically chose to attend UConn Stamford will "persist to graduation because it's where they wanted to be." She also said that the first week was a very positive indication for the large new class on campus.

"This week was just an exciting, invigorating, exhilarating week on campus with so many people. It was great," Orlikoff said. "The energy was really high, so it's a good time to be a UConn Stamford Husky."



Students exploring clubs and organizations at the spring Involvement Fair. The 2024 fall Involvement Fair will occur Wednesday, Sept. 4.

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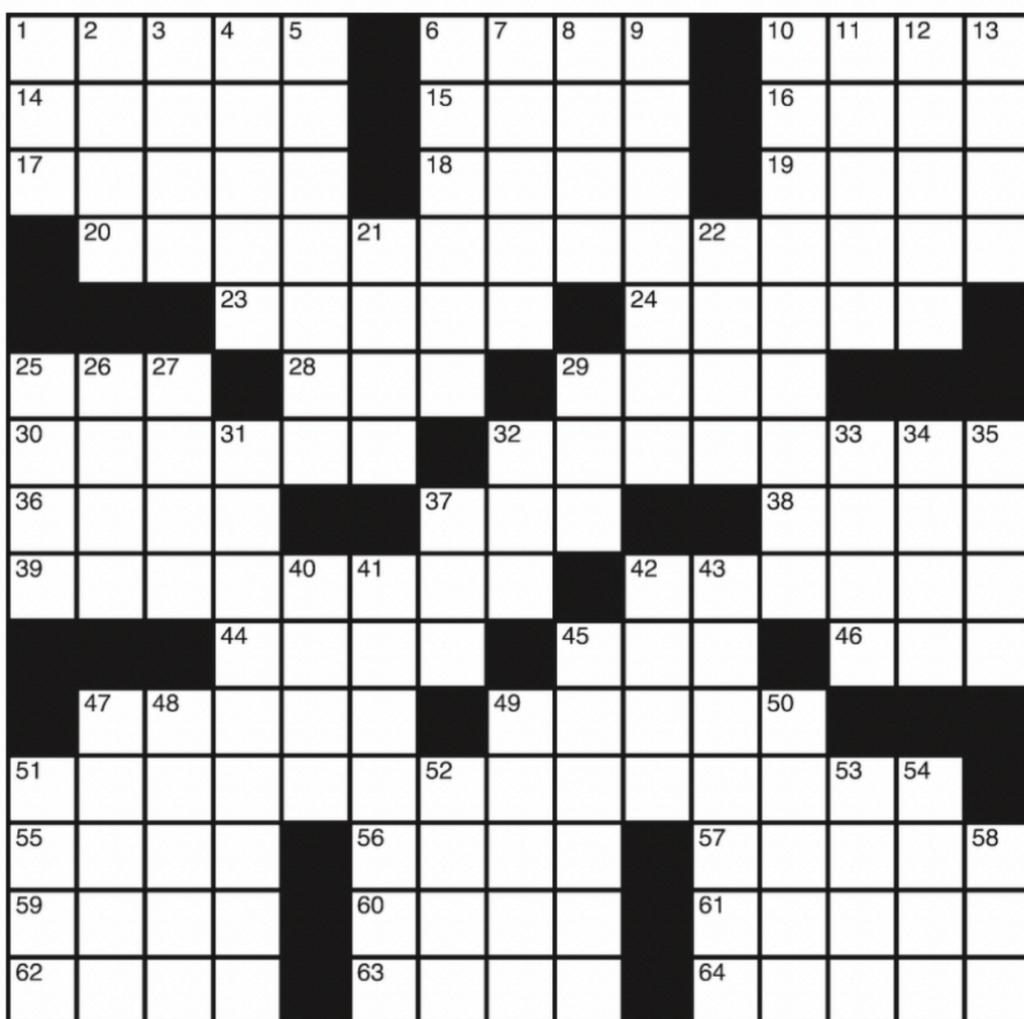
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What's better: a high or low floor in a dorm?



A University of California Berkeley dormitory with a beautiful view of the city from the seventh floor. Students living in Ida Sproul Hall are able to see the expansive campus, as well as the ocean.

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I believe it is better to live on lower floors in a dormitory than higher floors. I love the fact that my options of taking either the stairs or an elevator carry the same weight.

Ideally, I would only have to go down two to four flights of stairs, and an elevator ride would cost at most a minute of my time. This low cost of exiting my room makes my choice of going to the Rec Center, meeting up with friends at Student Union or going for walks around campus much easier.

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"It's over Anakin. I have the high ground." It's one of the most famous quotes of cinema and one of the most universal facts of life. Being high is always better than being low, whether physically, emotionally, in a sword (or lightsaber) fight and most importantly, in a dorm building.

I'm really not sure how someone could argue that lower floors are better. The only thing I can think of is that it's more convenient in the event of an evacuation, or if you despise waiting for elevators or walking up or down stairs. High floors have too many benefits to name: there's less foot traffic and noise, more privacy, better views, no noisy upstairs neighbors and higher ceilings, depending on the building.

I suppose if you live in an older building (like Whitney, my current residence hall), there are some disadvantages to higher floors, notably the absence of elevators and leakier ceilings. But I love hiking and nature, so getting some daily elevation gain in and having some impromptu waterfalls in the dorm is always welcome — alright, the leaky ceilings bit may be a bit of a stretch.

When choosing a dorm, the argument for lower floors just doesn't hold water, but the high floors do, especially when it's raining.



Elevators are a luxury in any college dorm. During move-in periods, students living in high floors compete for the easy transportation.

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Living on the lower floors of a residence hall has many perks. First and most importantly, in the event of the fire alarm going off at three in the morning because your neighbor forgot to add water to their instant ramen, you won't have to trek down — and right back up — seven grueling flights of stairs, all while half asleep and wishing you didn't have class in just a few short hours.

Living on a lower floor also helps ease the stress and energy exerted during move-in week — especially if you're unlucky enough to land a room within a building that lacks elevators. Forcing your family to lug your entire life up four flights of stairs in the blistering summer heat isn't as much of a family bonding experience as one might imagine.

As much as living on an upper floor could provide a nice view of campus, there's always the more than likely possibility that you're like me and end up claiming a seventh-floor view of a stunning brick wall.

Overall, as someone who went from living on the basement floor of my first residence hall to now the top floor of my current building, I would say that the lower floors of residence halls typically present more convenience and are pretty much always a solid option to live on.



Fire alarm hanging on the wall of a dormitory. College students nation-wide experience random fire drills as a precaution.

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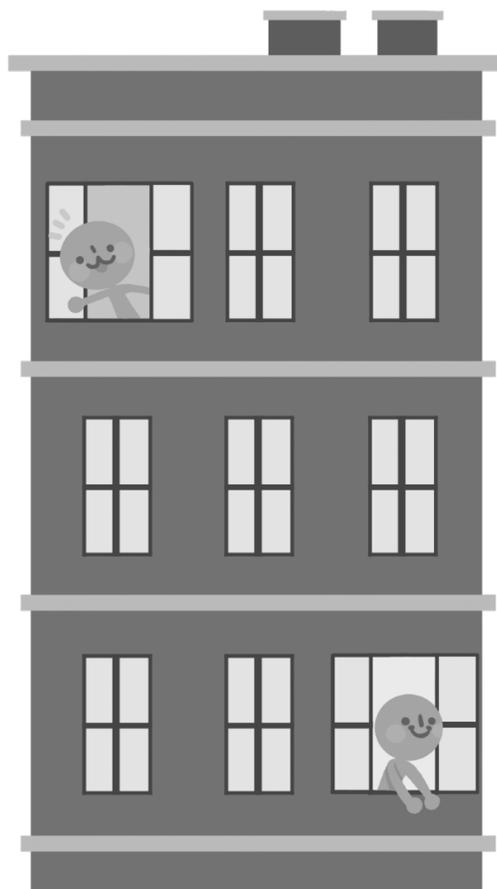
There's an old saying, "what goes up must come down," and during last week's move-in weekend, I learned how real that expression is. While attempting to carry a mini-fridge up to a new third-floor apartment, I took a tumble, dropped the mini-fridge and pounded my face into a brick wall.

I admit that I saw the writing on that brick wall. Carrying a remarkably ginormous mini fridge wasn't my brightest idea; but neither was deciding to dorm on the third floor (the highest in the building).

Certainly, being at the top has perks — there aren't any loud stompers upstairs. But, have I now become the stomper? I worry that my late-night steps are now annoying a studious individual on the floor below. It sounds trivial, but I can't avoid thinking about it.

So, lower floors are the way to go. Likewise, try and go for a corner room, sometimes they have extra space and fewer neighbors. With a low-floor corner room, your college experience is sure to be less trippy than mine.

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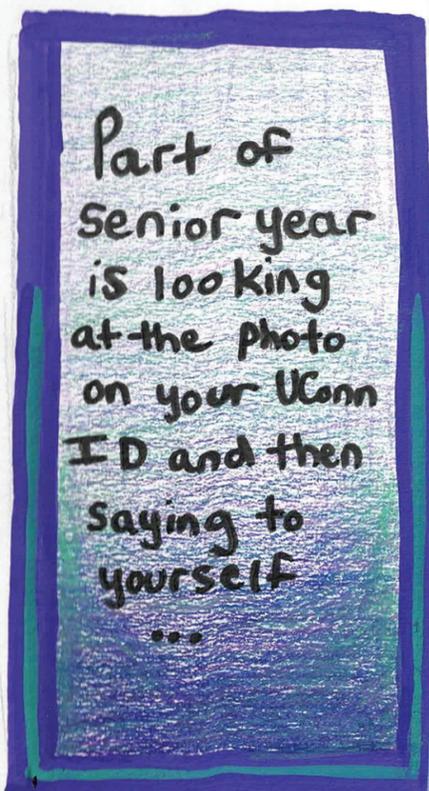
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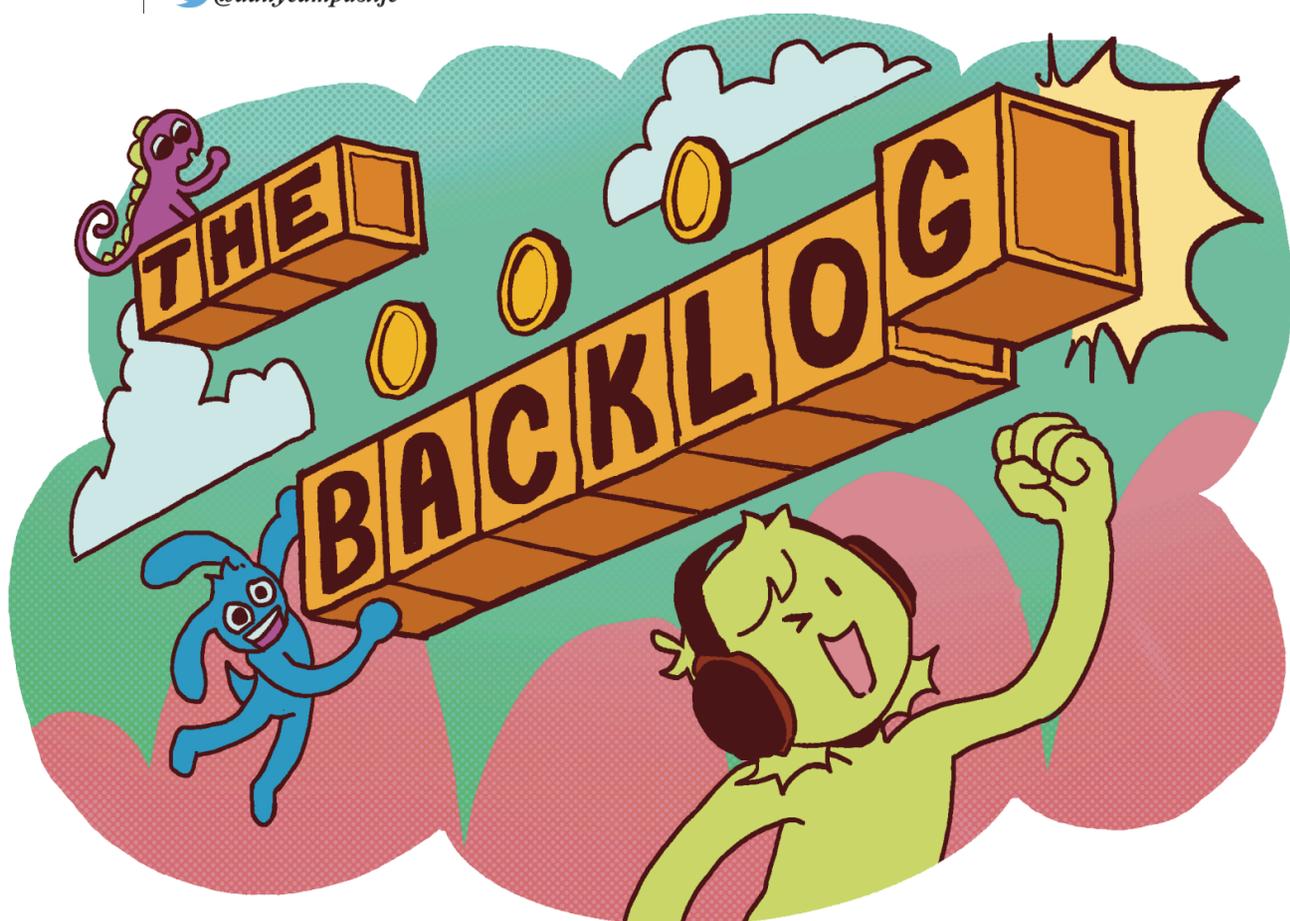
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The Backlog:

LOSING MY MIND IN 'CUPHEAD'

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Hello and welcome to “The Backlog,” a column where we review video games based on a certain genre or topic each month. For September, I decided to use the opportunity to both rant and rave about certain games. This month’s theme is: “I love it/I hate it,” and we will dive into a few games that I can’t help but rage over yet continue to play for some reason. The first one we’re looking at is “Cuphead.”

Developed by Studio MDHR and released in 2017, “Cuphead” became an instant favorite among gamers. The “run-and-gun” style of gameplay is similar to various platformers, but the style is reminiscent of old-school cartoons such as Steamboat Willy or mascots like Betty Boop. “Cuphead” can be played on Windows, Xbox, macOS, Nintendo Switch and PlayStation.

The game can be played as a single player or a local co-op experience, with up to two players. Users can play as either Cuphead or Mugman, brothers who’ve made a deal with the Devil after losing it all in a casino. Their job is to collect the souls of runaway debtors, defeating them and eventually reaching the casino once again to face King Dice and the Devil. The simplistic story is entertaining for all ages, even receiving a Netflix series titled “The Cuphead Show!”

The Jazz Age aesthetic isn’t the only thing that drew players in. The notoriously difficult levels and bosses are truly the highlight of the game. As with many video games, “Cuphead” excels in the “try, try again” department. Players may find themselves struggling with a boss for days, as each one has unique moves and stages during their fights. Bosses also appear in an array of unique designs. As the brotherly pair travel throughout Inkwell Isle, they come across bosses ranging from giant vegetables, a candy queen, a genie and even a giant mermaid.

Each character has fantastic, cartoonish elements inspired by the works of Walt Disney and Max Fleischer. The ways in which each

enemy is animated brings them to life, with constant movement and jumpy animations.

Players can also tailor their experiences by using charms and different weapons to complete each level. There is also a parry system, where players can jump on glowing pink objects or projectiles to charge their super move. Memorization and patience are your best friends, as the only way to defeat each boss is through sheer determination.

As with other difficult games, it took me a long time to get through “Cuphead.” However, I don’t see this as a flaw in the game. The developers made it clear that “Cuphead” can be difficult, but the satisfaction of defeating enemies you’ve been fighting for hours or days is worth the effort.

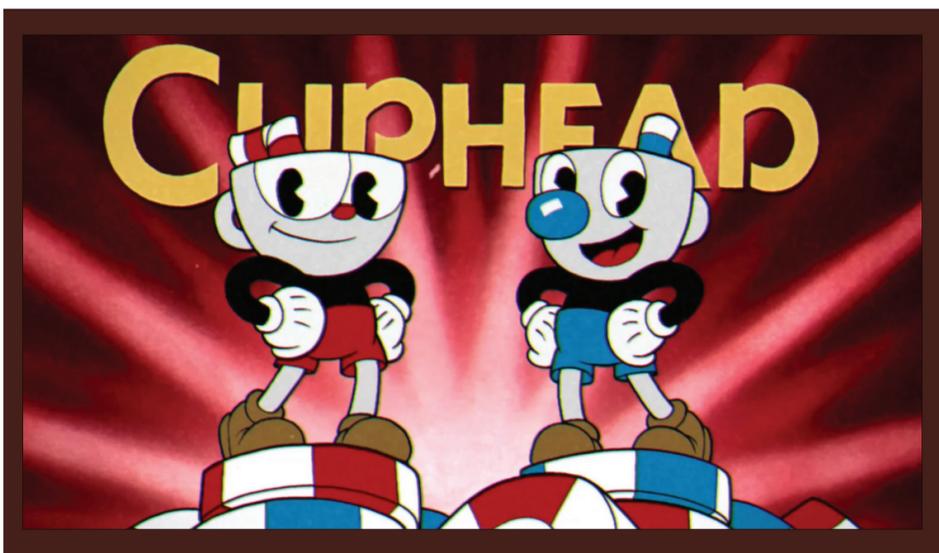
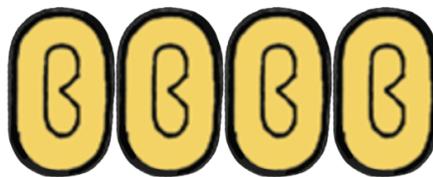
The gameplay is mostly the same throughout the experience, but there are segments where Cuphead or Mugman transform into flying planes, gaining the ability to shoot their enemies. The switch between styles keeps the game feeling new and refreshing; personally, I really enjoyed the plane segments.

In my experience, one boss drove me near insanity. The frog brothers, Ribby and Croaks, kept me on my toes for days. Even though they’re a boss only in the first region, their third phase was incredibly difficult. To make them open to attacks, players must activate them by pulling the slot machine lever. Depending on how you hit it and how lucky you are, you’ll come across three different types of attacks. Pray that you pull the snake attack, as the tiger and bull were my worst nightmare.

“Cuphead” is a polished experience, one with no issues related to lag or speed due to its offline nature. But the game is not for the faint of heart; those who become disheartened by losing to the same enemy repeatedly may not find satisfaction in the game. It’s not necessarily an issue about resolve, but I can see why some players may drop the game, especially if it’s not the experience they were looking for.

Nonetheless, “Cuphead” was an instant hit. With its own show and DLC called “The Delicious Last Course” from 2022, more can be expected from the studio and the minds behind our beverage-brain heroes.

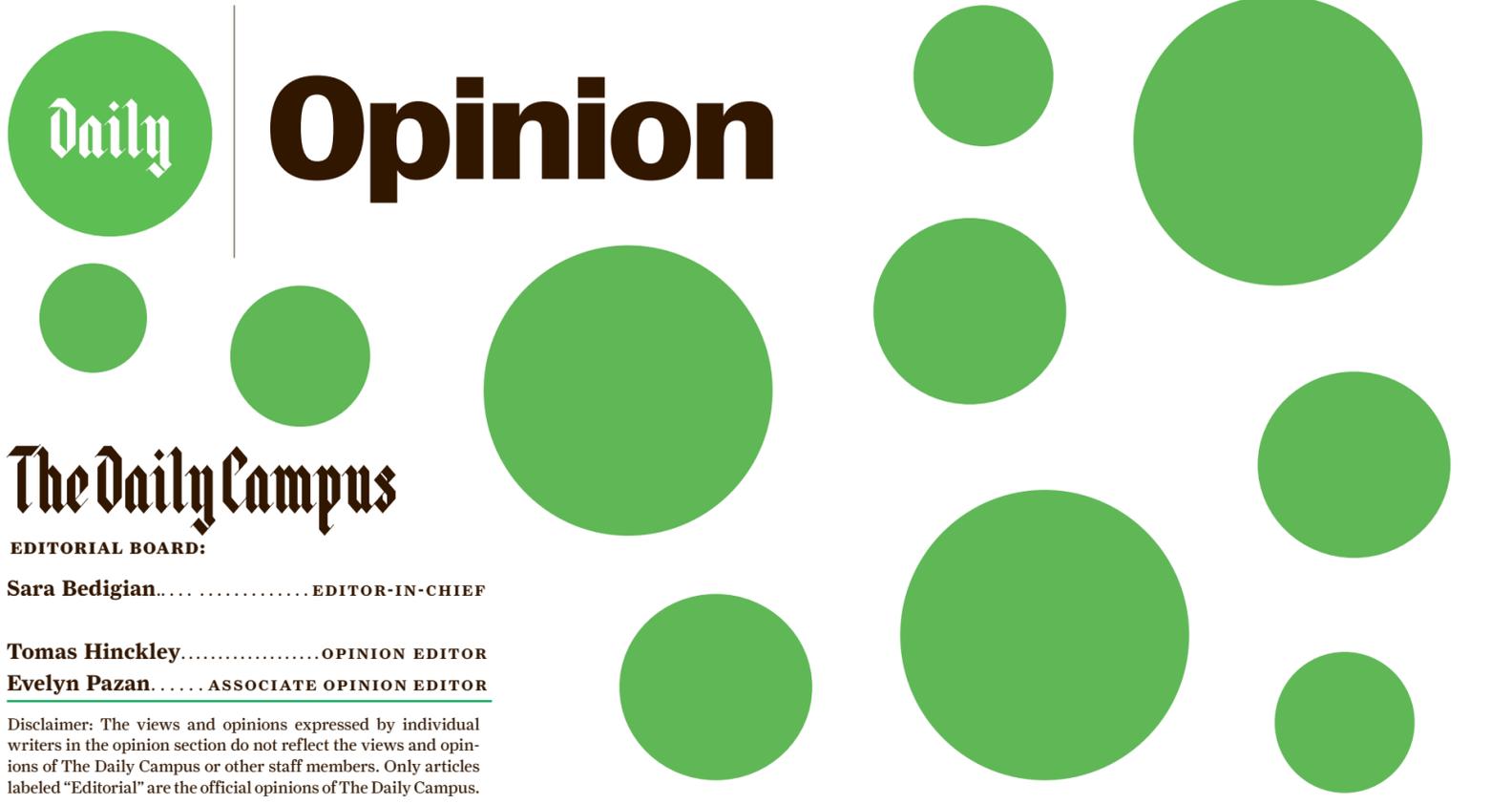
RATING



Cuphead and Mugman posing for the cover of ‘Cuphead’. Within the first two weeks of the game’s release, more than one million copies were sold around the world.
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Infamous boss battle Floral Fury from ‘Cuphead,’ one of the most difficult challenges in the game. Many have brought upon strategies to beat it, such as to clear everything that it spawns with its seeds.
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The Evie-dence: Your friends are your ego and your future

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As the summer internship season ends and a new recruiting season begins, LinkedIn is full of student posts about their first step into the working world. It's easy to feel defeated if your internship search doesn't seem as successful, and it can be intimidating if you are just starting your college career and don't know where to begin.

For many, especially students pursuing business majors, it feels like a constant competition against your classmates. There are always students that want to compare grades, just so that they can boast about theirs. There are always students who want to take the easy classes, just so they can excel with minimum effort. Then there's the "I am proud to announce..." LinkedIn posts which seem to suggest that you aren't doing enough. While these students seem to have it all figured out, they are missing one key aspect: they're already at the top of their chosen community and there is nowhere left to go.

These individuals perpetually surround themselves with

those who are by their definition "less successful". Being at the top of their group lifts them up and strokes their ego. They are consistently the smartest in the room and the most accomplished person at the dinner table.

"When you spend time with those who don't challenge you, the only place to go is down."

However, this is an unproductive façade. Their egos are superficially raised up, but inside, they are insecure. These individuals are too fearful of seeming unintelligent, so they are never encouraged to ask questions or learn a new concept. When you spend time with those who don't challenge and motivate you, the only place to go is down. And

when the inevitable day comes that one of your "less successful" comrades excels past you, it will feel like you've gone nowhere but backward.

Your other option is this: spend time with those that are more successful, more mature and smarter than you. These friends shouldn't make you feel lesser, but they should challenge you to expand your vocabulary and adjust your thinking patterns in a way that improves your lifestyle because you are genuinely becoming a better person, not just because you seem "better" than everyone else. These intellectual conversations will expand your knowledge base and make you a better conversationalist. Instead of looking at these people as competition, view them as resources to diversify your life experiences and discover new passions.

Surrounding yourself with those a level up from you acts as a never-ending conveyor belt of people that can expand your world. As you create relationships with your chosen group, they will often bring in other people who align with their values. Success begets success, and the further you can expand this network, the better.

These individuals can act as mentors and catalysts for opportunities that you may be interested in. Not only can they hold engaging conversations that expand your knowledge, but they can also be instrumental in your job or internship search as nearly 85% of positions are filled via networking and 73% of hires come from a simple introduction. Even if your core connections with more advanced people are not directly aligned with your career interests, chances are they still know someone who would be helpful to you, and they would be more than willing to make the introduction.

In a competitive job and internship market, complacency is a disease. Employers are looking for people who are striving to get better every day and who are unafraid of making mistakes or admitting a struggle. Surround yourself with people who bring out this side of you. After all, Warren Buffett said it best, "It's better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you'll drift in that direction." Speaking as a finance major, if Warren Buffett said it, then it must be true.

Switch the tickets

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As we approach the 2024 presidential election, people have very strong feelings about the candidates that are being considered. While some people may strongly support Vice President Harris or former President Trump, I would argue that both of the vice-presidential candidates are more qualified to take on the role of president than either person at the top of the ticket. Tim Walz and JD Vance are both more appealing candidates, and I personally would be more excited and confident in an election with the two of them going head-to-head.

Starting with former President Trump, there are a number of issues with him as a candidate. His legal issues are among those to consider; he is the "first former president in US history to be criminally convicted." Having a president with as many criminal cases against him as Trump has certainly poses some issues. Even if you like him as a candidate and agree with his political views, it is hard to argue that the country would not be better served by someone facing less

turbulence in their life. Trump's history with challenging the election results of 2020 and his part in the events of Jan. 6 also serve as a threat to democracy. The country would be better off with a Republican candidate who has fewer legal issues and is less prone to threatening democracy, and that person could very well be JD Vance.

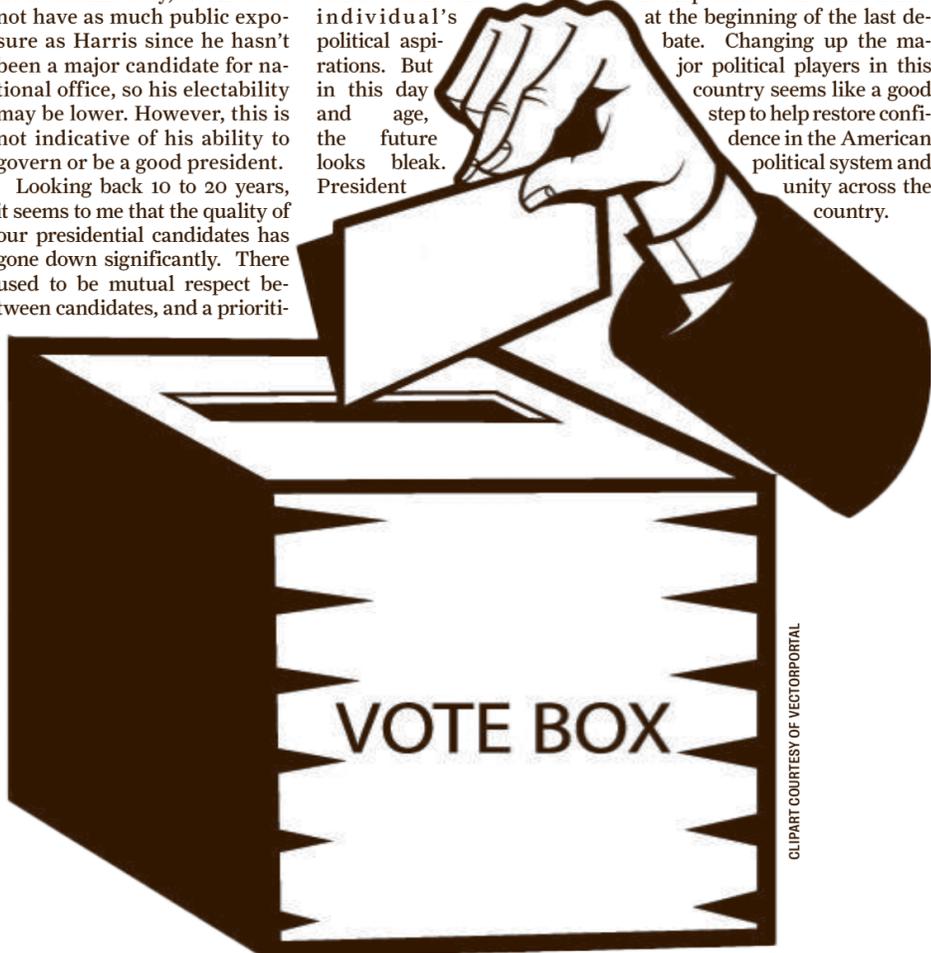
On the Democratic side, Kamala Harris is certainly a step up from Joe Biden. Public confidence in him had dropped, as he was already the oldest president in history, and he wasn't going to get any younger if he served another term. However, as it stands, Tim Walz is more popular than Vice President Harris. His favorables are about 5% higher than his unfavorables. On the other hand, Kamala Harris has a negative approval rating, with her disapproval rating being about 5% more than her approval rating. Walz is also a former teacher and was in the armed services, two qualities that many people likely find appealing. Based purely on experience, it's a toss-up. Harris was the Vice President, a senator and the Attorney General of California. On the other hand, Walz was a governor, a teacher, in the military and a member of

the U.S. House of Representatives. Admittedly, Walz does not have as much public exposure as Harris since he hasn't been a major candidate for national office, so his electability may be lower. However, this is not indicative of his ability to govern or be a good president.

Looking back 10 to 20 years, it seems to me that the quality of our presidential candidates has gone down significantly. There used to be mutual respect between candidates, and a prioritization of the country as a whole,

rather than an individual's political aspirations. But in this day and age, the future looks bleak. President

Biden and former President Trump didn't even shake hands at the beginning of the last debate. Changing up the major political players in this country seems like a good step to help restore confidence in the American political system and unity across the country.



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Opinion

Photo of the Day | Enjoying Labor Day weekend



UConn students enjoying their Labor Day long-weekend. Over the weekend, students were able to watch multiple UConn teams compete while preparing for their second week of classes. PHOTO BY BLAKE SYKES, GRABS PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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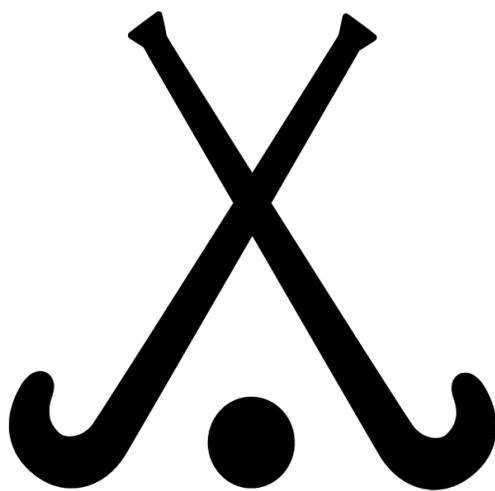


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FIELD HOCKEY:



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HUSKIES OPEN SEASON WITH A PAIR OF WINS AT HOME

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The University of Connecticut's Field Hockey team kicked their season off this past Friday and one thing for sure: they did not disappoint. The Huskies were able to take a hard-fought win in overtime win over the University of Saint Joseph's. With UConn coming into the season unranked and knocking off a team ranked No. 13 in the country this is a massive upset and proves that UConn has a case to be a top-25 program.

Throughout the game, both teams were able to take shots at each other. Saint Joseph's had 14 shots in total and 10 on goal while UConn had 10 shots in total and 8 on goal. Right out of the gate from the assist by No. 9 Milaw Clause, No. 4 Juul Sauer was able to take the shot and put it into the back of the net for the first goal of the season. This allowed the Huskies to put the pressure on Saint Joseph's quick, but this did not stop them from coming back and responding with a goal of their own in the twenty-first minute.

After that goal, the Huskies were able to bounce back. With eight seconds left of the first half, the ball was passed around in the shooting circle and with one second to spare from the assist by No. 5 Madi Herb, No. 29 Sophia Ugo was able to put it into the back of

the net for a buzzer beater. This would end the second half with a lot of momentum on the Huskies side. No. 23 Juana Garcia scored the third goal in the third quarter. This would not have been a goal if it had not been for No. 5 Herb with the incredible hustle of making sure the ball stayed in with inches of it being almost out. This would be Herb's second assist of the game. During a corner, the ball was passed to No. 7 Olivia McKenna, who was able to control it quickly and pass it off to Sauer. Sauer, with a good amount of time, was able to take a shot and put it in for her second goal of the game.

Unfortunately, even though UConn had pressure on the Hawks for the entire game, things did not go to plan in the back half of the third and fourth quarter. UConn let off the gas a little bit and allowed three goals to go in which forced the game to go into overtime. This did not stop UConn from winning the game. With two minutes and forty-four seconds left, freshman Milaw Clause was able to dribble the ball into the shooting circle pass it to Ugo who was able to tap it in to give the Huskies the win. This was Clause's second assist and Ugo's second goal of the game.

After watching this game, one thing is for sure: the for-

ward freshman Sauer made her presence known immediately. Sauer was able to put up five shots, four on goal, and was able to end the game with two scores. With an impressive start to the season, she has shown the value she can bring to a program like UConn, and this is just the start of hearing Sauer's name. Another player who had a great game was Ugo. After coming off the bench, she was able to put up two shots for two goals.

Without a doubt, both offenses came into this game very strong. Even though Saint Joseph's was not able to score until the second quarter, they still were able to put up five shots within the first quarter. The goalkeeper No. 1 Natalie McKenna was able to save four out of the five shots that were taken. If it was not for McKenna's outstanding performance in the first quarter this game could have looked a lot different. Saint Joseph's could have been up five to one in the first quarter, and from how the rest of the game played out that would have been the end of the game right there.

The Huskies will be staying home on Friday the Sept. 6 where they will be facing the University of Cornell who will be just kicking of their season.



The UConn women's field hockey team versus No. 13 St. Josephs on August 30, 2024. The Huskies took an early 1-0 lead and secured the win with a final score of 5-4.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Huskies win!



UConn men's soccer team takes on MJIT at home on Aug. 29, 2024 at Morrone Stadium. UConn defeated NJIT 2-1 bringing home the win on student traditions night. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP

CROSS COUNTRY: HUSKIES START OFF STRONG WITH NAIL-BITING SEASON OPENER

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Just five points separated meet hosts Marist, and second place UConn women's cross-country team in Poughkeepsie, New York this Saturday. The Huskies had a firm grip on second place with a score of 42, as third place Albany had 72 and fourth place Fairfield had 80 points in the 5K race.

Junior Loghan Hughes finished with a personal best time of 18:19.8, right behind second place Parker O'Brien of Marist. Madison Reylea came in fourth behind Hughes. The senior clocked in at 18:21.3 with an average mile time of 5:54.4. Freshman Claire Paci ran exceptionally well for her first collegiate race. The Pennsylvania native set the bar high for herself with a time of 18:29.9, good enough for a seventh-place finish.

The rest of UConn finished within the top 30 out of the 63

competitors. The junior trio of Calista Mayer (12th), Jackie Izzo (22nd), and Allison McCarthy (27th) had times of 18:57.1, 19:27.1 and 19:54.9, respectively.

The Huskies also had five male competitors, who finished with a respectable fourth place in their season opener at Marist, despite other programs sending at least seven runners. UConn's 91 total points was only 20 points off second place, Marist scoring 71, just a mere five points behind Albany, who finished in third place with 86 points.

Iona was a powerhouse in the 6K taking eight of the top 10 spots, with the other two being UConn competitors. Travis Martin opened his senior campaign with a sub 5:00 average mile time and a total time of 18:24.5, enough to earn himself a fourth-place finish.

Griffin Mandirola opened his collegiate career by squeezing in-between Iona runners with a very impressive ninth place. Mandirola, who holds high school cross country and track records throughout the state of Connecticut, ran a 19:00.8.

Finishing right outside of the top 10 was Samuel Geisler who was 12th, scraping under the 19:10 mark by a tenth of a second.

Mahamed Sharif (41st) and Kadin Salaria (64th) rounded out the Huskies' day of running. The senior ran a time of 20:04.1 while Salaria of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, went 20:47.1 in his college debut.

The next meet for UConn is the Spiked Shoe Invitational taking place at Penn State on Friday, September 13. UConn will face off against the likes of UPenn, Duquesne University and Bucknell.

WOMEN'S SOCCER!



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UConn wins with a second away shutout against Boston University

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The UConn women's soccer team (2-1-1) continues their on-the-road victories after defeating Boston University (0-3-2), resulting in the second shutout of this season for the Huskies.

UConn's first win of the season came through a road game, against rival New Hampshire. The Huskies have continued to find success on the road, extending their winning streak to 2-0-0, this time against another New England opponent.

The UConn Huskies found a breakthrough late in the first half. In the thirty-fourth minute, junior Lina Dantes found the back of the net after a cross from senior Laci Lewis passed from outside the box. This marked Dantes' first goal for the program and put the Huskies with the goal advantage going into the break. However, this goal was not enough for the Huskies. Just one minute later, freshman Naia Ocio recorded a shot through a header, but it was saved by the Boston goalkeeper.

Even though UConn started the second half up one, Boston was keen on leveling the scoreline and put a much more aggressive offense that pressured the UConn defense. Boston

recorded 12 shots compared to the Huskies' nine. After a stellar performance from graduate goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney, she once again stepped up this game and recorded great saves for the Huskies.

Mahoney's save of the game came in the fifty-eighth minute after a shot from outside the box from the Boston offense. Mahoney was able to tip the ball away from hitting the back of the net, diverting the ball, making it hit the goal post and denying Boston the opportunity to equalize. This save contributed to her twenty-first career shutout.

UConn soon found themselves on offense similarly to the end of the first half. Lewis, once again from outside the box, crossed the ball from the right sideline, this time into the penalty area. Junior Chioma Okafor took possession of the ball and found the back of the net for the Huskies, doubling the lead late in the second half. With this goal Okafor records her second goal of the season, now leading the team in goals scored. This was her twelfth career goal. For the rest of the game, Boston could not produce much as the Huskies held off to win 2-0 on the road.

One cannot overlook the

history behind this fixture as UConn and Boston have consistently competed throughout the last two decades. With this win, UConn extends its winning record against Boston 8-5, the previous UConn loss being in 2018.

UConn has not had a great start before hitting the road. After a draw and a loss at home, the Huskies looked to change their fortunes in these two New England road fixtures, and they have. The Huskies have been able to capitalize on key components of their starting 11. From the plays Lewis can set up for the offense to the goalkeeping abilities of Mahoney, the Huskies have been able to find a system that could lead them to great success later in the season with the Big East Regular Season and the post-season tournament.

The Huskies will continue non-conference play at home for the next three fixtures, giving them a chance to find their first win in front of a home crowd. The first of their three-game stretch begins Thursday against Cal State Fullerton (2-3-0) on Student Appreciation Night. Afterward, the Huskies will host two additional New England foes, Rhode Island (2-2-1) on Sunday and Yale (2-1-0) next Thursday. All games can be streamed on UConn+.



Uconn womens soccer team faces off against Creighton University on Sept. 21 at Morrone Stadium PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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Sports

MEN'S SOCCER:

Huskies defeat NJIT, settle for scoreless draw vs. LIU



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STORRS, Conn. — The UConn men's soccer team (2-0-1) defeated the New Jersey Institute of Technology Highlanders and the Long Island University Sharks on Thursday and Sunday respectively, remaining undefeated through the first three games of the regular season.

On Thursday night, coined as the annual Student Traditions night, the Huskies hosted NJIT at Morrone Stadium.

During the twenty-ninth minute, senior forward Scott Testori found the back of the net off a free kick from sophomore Max Gummesson. Testori, originally from Madison, Conn., now has nine goals in his career. Last season, he scored five goals in the 11 games he played.

Despite being up 1-0 at half-time, the Highlanders outshot Connecticut, 6-5.

At the fifty-first minute, sophomore midfielder Sabri Hanni scored to double the Huskies' lead with a beautiful finish. The Paris, France native has started his UConn career on the right foot, scoring in back-to-back games.

Following a video review in the seventy-sixth minute, NJIT was awarded a penalty kick and took full advantage. Junior midfielder Sergio Martinez Cubel converted the penalty kick to cut into the Huskies' lead. It was the first goal that Connecticut has given up this season.

Three yellow cards were issued, all in the second half. Two were issued to UConn, including Testori at the fifty-sixth minute and sophomore defender Johan Hamel at the eighty-seventh minute. NJIT's Evan Chomow received one at the seventieth

minute.

UConn held off the Highlanders for the rest of the game to earn their second win of the season. Connecticut has won all three games in the series, with the first meeting in 2013.

"I thought we adjusted pretty well," head coach Chris Gbandi said on the game's atmosphere following the game on the team's X account. "I told my guys that anyone who comes into this stadium is going to be riled up because they don't usually play with this many people in the stands. So we're pretty fortunate to have that."

Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Max Kerkvliet made a total of six saves during the contest.

On Sunday, the Huskies hosted LIU to finish a three-game stretch at home to open the season. It was coined as Junior Husky Club Night and High School Night.

The first 45 minutes saw UConn in front in terms of shots, 5-2. However, neither team was able to capitalize. The best chance of the first half for the Huskies was in the twenty-seventh minute, with junior midfielder Nicolas Tomerius. The Berlin, Germany native saw his shot hit the crossbar, keeping the game scoreless.

LIU controlled the shot count in the second half, but both teams had great chances to score a potential game winner.

In the sixty-eighth minute, junior forward Eli Conway nearly capitalized off a rebound in the box, but LIU goalkeeper Eoin Gawronski stopped him from doing so.

Gawronski was able to stop a free kick attempt from graduate transfer Michael Suski, who

found a way to bend his shot around the LIU wall but was denied in the eighty-eighth minute.

Testori and Hamel each received a yellow card in this game, with Testori's coming in the twenty-sixth minute and Hamel's at the 66th. Hanni received one late in the game at the 84th minute. LIU's Jaime Villanueva received one 20 seconds into the second half.

Redshirt freshman Max Kerkvliet, originally from Houston, Texas, earned the second shutout of the season, with two saves.

The draw was an improvement from a year ago when the Huskies lost at home 2-0 to the Sharks.

"I'm disappointed at the score, but defensively we did a decent job," Gbandi said.

NJIT's loss to the Huskies comes after a 3-0 road win at La Salle University three days earlier. Now, they will take on Saint Peter's University at the Highlanders' home in Newark, N.J. on Saturday.

LIU remains undefeated after the draw with UConn, with one-goal victories over Stony Brook University and the University of Albany. They'll now head back to Brookeville, N.Y. to take on the University of Massachusetts-Lowell on Wednesday.

Coming up for the Huskies, they will travel down the Nutmeg State to New Britain, Conn. on Friday to take on Central Connecticut State University at CCSU Soccer Field. They won't return to Storrs until Monday when they take on Siena College for the team's Huskies & Heroes game.