



USG Votes Against Divestment Referendum



Students speaking at the USG meeting on Sept. 17, 2025. USG voted against the divestment referendum, eight for and 12 against.

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The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government voted last Wednesday against a referendum calling for the university to disclose their investments and divest from financial partners a part of the military-industrial complex.

The referendum would have been put before the student body for individuals to vote on. The legislation to do so failed in a vote of eight for and 15 against, with four abstentions.

Opponents of having the referendum sent to the student body to be voted on cited biased language within the document. Many took aim at the Boycott, Divest, and Sanction movement, often called BDS.

One such opponent, Aviva Ross, said that language used in the referendum had no application to the topic at hand during public comment.

"The proposed referendum uses the words genocide, apartheid and war crimes. Heavy, emotionally charged and objectively negative terms that do not apply to the situation at hand," Ross said.

Ross further said that use of such language was a specific tactic used by BDS movements to "weaponize student govern-

ments,"

"[It weaponizes student government] By inserting false, biased language into our processes in order to push misinformation and hate instead of fostering dialogue," Ross said.

Andre Abarientos, a pathology and sociology double major and proponent of the referendum countered Ross' statement, saying that multiple independent, international organizations had found Israel guilty of genocide.

"As has been stated repeatedly throughout this resolution for the referendum, what is happening in Palestine right now is a genocide," Abarientos said. "Several human rights organizations, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the Interational Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court have all individually substantiated this claim."

A United Nations commission recently found that Israel has committed a genocide in the Gaza Strip.

In addition to humanitarian arguments, proponents argued that the referendum would bring accountability to UConn, forcing the administration to disclose where investments funded by student fees and tuition are being made.

Amelie Keast, a proponent of the referendum, said that

the goal of the referendum was a UConn that is transparent with its students.

"We are stakeholders in the university and as stakeholders, transparency is the least we deserve," Keast said.

Abarientos echoed Keast's statements of transparency, saying that UConn as it stands is inherently undemocratic.

"If UConn truly wants to operate as committed to peace,

"The pupose of this referendum is transparency."

AMELIE KEAST

justice and human rights as the Dodd Center should indicate, why are asking these questions so impossible?" Abarientos said. "The undemocratic nature of this university is rampantly obvious given that we don't even know where the money we give is being invested."

Luca Khana, a political science and Spanish double major, referred to UConn's 1986 decision to divest from businesses connected to South Africa under apartheid during the public comment section of the meeting.

"In 1986, UConn divested

\$217,000 from business in South Africa," Khana said. "UConn students realized their tuition was supporting a racist apartheid regime."

Khana continued, saying UConn was repeating the same mistakes, with dire consequences.

"Today, UConn is supporting another racist apartheid regime," Khana said. "Unfortunately, this racist apartheid regime is also committing genocide against the Palestinian people. At the very least, 100,000 civilians have been martyred since Oct. 7, 2023."

As the senate concluded public comment and shifted to discussion, Tamara Segal, a senator for the College of Engineering countered claims that the referendum was antisemitic and advocated for violence against Jewish people.

"As a Jewish student I naturally care about the wellbeing of UConn's Jewish community, and it pains me to know of the distress that some have felt and continue to feel," Segal said. "But I cannot agree that this referendum is antisemitic. It does not target, implicate or even mention Jews but rather focuses on political actions and humanitarian crisis."

Segal mentioned that she strongly supported divestment from the military industrial complex but was concerned

about biased language in the referendum.

"As an engineer and a global citizen, I care about sustainable solutions. While not hateful, this referendum is biased," Segal said. "It's not because it used the word divestment or genocide or Palestinian, but because of the phrasing and the fact that the author cites her own view on the matter as context."

Segal concluded her statements emphasizing her desire to continue to work on a referendum that would satisfy senate bylaws.

"I don't want the dream of this referendum to die here on the senate floor tonight," Segal said. "I want to push through to make it what it should be. Although the committee was unsuccessful, I want to continue the work personally and with the support and insight of others to refine the referendum, so it poses this question without persuasion but instead lets each voter's natural morals and inclinations guide them."

The committee Segal mentions is in reference to a committee which the senate formed on Feb. 5, 2025, tasked with addressing concerns regarding the language of referendum. The senate voted to dissolve the committee for systemic failures on Sept. 3, 2025.

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News

Mansfield Town Council criticizes UConn's enrollment plans

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The Mansfield Town Council questioned a University of Connecticut representative on the local consequences of increasing enrollment at the Storrs campus during a town council meeting on Monday.

Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst was met with skepticism by the council after going through the strategic enrollment management plan for 2025. Deputy Mayor Ben Shaiken said that plans to continue increasing undergraduate enrollment would challenge the town's ability to provide for all its residents.

"My chief concern seeing the enrollment growth is not that you shouldn't have the enrollment growth. It's that it needs to take into account the rest of the growth and the town's desire to create spaces for people of all ages," Shaiken said, elaborating on the issue of new housing developments in Mansfield almost exclusively going to undergraduate students.

Mansfield has focused on the balance for developments to include both undergraduates and other Mansfield residents for the past 20 years, according to the town council.

"That very much includes the housing development at the Four Corners," Shaiken said. "Our planning and zoning commission made sure that the physical space there would be able to accommodate both families and students... but it seems the university's plan is to fully occupy that housing."

The Mark Mansfield was one off-campus housing development that was brought up in the meeting as a reference point for enrollment.

"We're currently assuming that for fall of '27 that The Mark will be completed... but if that is not completed on time it would cause us to go back [on class enrollment size]," said Fuerst.

Landmark Properties bought a 1.56-acre site at 134 North Eagleville Road to house off-campus students with a 738-bed development, according to the Hartford Courant.

Beyond the contention of how increasing enrollment would im-

act housing was the current status of traffic around Mansfield. Brian Coleman, a member of the town council, said he's been receiving a lot of complaints about driving in Mansfield recently.

"Right now, I will say that the number one complaint about the university and what's going on right now is the traffic," Coleman said. "It's gridlock everywhere you go."

His proposal during the meeting was to not allow freshmen and sophomores to park on campus. Resident students already need over 54 credits to purchase a parking permit, according to the parking services website.

"One other piece of the traffic which is important to understand, is that it's not just students and staff and faculty," Fuerst said. "Some of them are visitors to campus... last year we had 120,000 visitors to campus just to take a tour."

Another topic of note at the meeting was an update on construction for the pedestrian safety improvements at South Eagleville Road. Mansfield Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth said that concerns on social media about the width of the road don't account for the project still being in its construction phase.

Recent attendance in town council meetings have made profound impacts on Mansfield, said Moran. An example of this is Monday's vote to approve a revised contract with Renew Active, an insurance-based fitness program providing access to the Mansfield Community Center, according to Mayor Antonia Moran.

"We need to give some real thanks to the members of the community who came out and told us how important these programs were to them," Moran said.

Renew Active was only one part of the Medicare Advantage fitness program that Mansfield announced it was closing in a July email. SilverSneakers was the other program discontinued at the Mansfield Community Center, with Shaiken saying that contract was still under negotiation.

The next Mansfield Town Council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 and should include updates on the SilverSneakers renegotiated contract, according to Shaiken.

UConn bids to add three CT hospitals to health network

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Leaders from the state and the University of Connecticut recently started discussions to purchase three local hospital facilities — Waterbury, Bristol and Day Kimball in Putnam — to add to its health-care system. The new sites would complement UConn's John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington.

"As Connecticut's only public academic medical center, we are committed to meeting the state's health care needs," said John Driscoll, chair of the UConn Health board of directors in a statement. "By joining with other hospitals, we will build a new, high value health system that will benefit patients and communities across the state while strengthening UConn Health."

The three properties would enhance UConn Health's ability to compete with other hospital networks, such as Hartford Healthcare, Yale-New Haven Health and Trinity New England, which each own or partner with multiple regional facilities.

"The potential partnerships that are being explored are about two things: strengthening UConn's long-term fiscal health and making sure that different communities in Connecticut have access to public health and care," Sean Scanlon, state comptroller, said to reporters.

It's a move that comes after a state report that said UConn Health needs to generate more money from patient care.

"There will be opportunit[ies] to solve UConn Health's lack of scale and profitability through partnering its patient care enterprise with another health system," the report said.

State Senator Saud Anwar, who chairs the state's public health committee, said the potential acquisition would

provide a better environment to help fight the state's health care workforce shortages.

"The [proposed merger] benefits care not only in these individual hospitals but in Connecticut at large," he said.

Waterbury Hospital, the largest facility in the proposal at 357 beds, is currently operated by Prospect Medical Holdings, who filed for bankruptcy in January. Each hospital reportedly has mounting debt.

The Waterbury site alone reportedly could cost over \$500 million — a budgetary concern that lawmakers have become worried about.

"We have concerns about the terms of the proposed deal," six lawmakers wrote in a bipartisan letter sent to UConn Health. "We can only support an acquisition and renovation agreement if it includes a clear provision for the State to take on the associated debt service."

The rest of Prospect's Connecticut portfolio — the Eastern Connecticut Health Network, comprising Rockville General and Manchester Memorial hospitals — are set to be acquired by Hartford Healthcare for \$86 million.

"We see Waterbury as a foundational step as we set up a Connecticut hospital system," Driscoll said. "Waterbury fits in that plan. The others, [Rockville General and Manchester Memorial] do not."

UConn's other proposed interests, Bristol Hospital and Day Kimball Medical Center in Putnam, are both independently owned and sized at around 100 beds each.

Over the last ten years, Day Kimball has tried establishing relationships with certain networks, including Hartford Healthcare, Yale-New Haven Health and a planned merger with Covenant Health, but they never materialized.

"As we know, the healthcare landscape is changing fast — in Connecticut and across the

nation," Day Kimball said in 2015, pending the Hartford deal. "In this challenging environment, healthcare organizations are more likely to thrive when they create formal partnerships to work together."

Waterbury Hospital, Bristol Hospital and the two Eastern Connecticut Health Network sites were to be acquired by a joint venture between Yale-New Haven and Dallas-based Tenet Healthcare circa 2014 in a deal that fell through.

"The one thing that all of this change is pointing to as a viable solution is scale," Trip Pilgrim, then Tenet's vice president of corporate development, told the Yale Daily News when the acquisition was announced. "Hospitals and health care have been a cottage industry for years, and we're getting to the point where you can't do that. You need to be able to look for... ways to be more efficient in delivering the care."

Yale-New Haven Health tried again to acquire Prospect's holdings in 2022.

No formal schedule or allocation has been proposed for the UConn acquisitions, but the new system would reportedly be called the "Connecticut Healthcare System, powered by UConn Health."

While UConn Health is primarily based at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington, the system operates a number of specialized and general care facilities statewide — including an urgent care location near the main UConn campus in Storrs-Mansfield.

UConn Health is also a member of the Value Care Alliance, a consortium of state healthcare systems committed to lowering healthcare costs; is affiliated with Hartford Hospital and the Hospital of Central Connecticut, Saint Francis Medical Center and Connecticut Children's Medical Center; and has collaborated on health initiatives with other providers.

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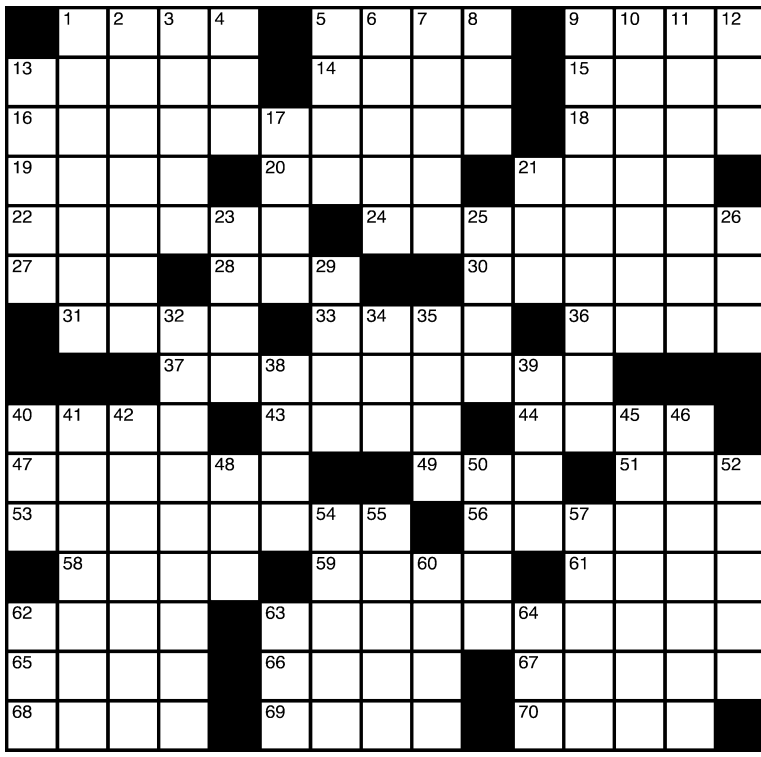
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Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Home of the Colosseum
 - 5 Muffin fiber
 - 9 Actor Omar
 - 13 Cut off
 - 14 In ___ parentis
 - 15 "Star Wars" heroine
 - 16 Battle over a board
 - 18 Performed at a karaoke party
 - 19 Broadcasts
 - 20 Super-
 - 21 Pt. of some school names
 - 22 Places for plugs
 - 24 "Peyton Place" and "Diamonds Are Forever" actress
 - 27 Filming location
 - 28 "___ go time!"
 - 30 Sigh, say
 - 31 School administrator
 - 33 Tiny bit
 - 36 Summers on the Seine
 - 37 Semester-long writing assignment
 - 40 Be rife (with)
 - 43 Bump from office
 - 44 Baseball feature
 - 47 ___ film
 - 49 Apropos
 - 51 Plead
 - 53 Film hitman played by Keanu Reeves
 - 56 Dog star
 - 58 Shift key toggle
 - 59 Increase
 - 61 17-time WWE champion
 - 62 Spa treatment, for short
 - 63 Place for a nonurgent issue, and what can be found at the end of 16-, 24-, 37-, or 53- Across?
 - 65 Yankee nickname of the 2000s
 - 66 Paul who wrote the lyrics to "My Way"
 - 67 Burlap bags
 - 68 Land in the sea
 - 69 Home for a heron
 - 70 Fencing blade



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- DOWN**
- 1 Brought back on board
 - 2 Took in too much
 - 3 World Cup superstar Lionel
 - 4 Hosp. areas
 - 5 Squeal
 - 6 Canned brand often used in chili con queso
 - 7 Ghana's capital
 - 8 Japanese drama
 - 9 Some other place
 - 10 Woolen outer layer
 - 11 Small puncture
 - 12 Droop
 - 13 Oodles
 - 17 "You ___ be joking"
 - 21 Price addition
 - 23 Cloud ___
 - 25 Kind of tide
 - 26 ___ Moines, Iowa
 - 29 Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
 - 32 Sign at a convenience store
 - 34 Curtailed missions?



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- 35 "Bye-bye!"
- 38 Rice-A-___
- 39 Spanish "this"
- 40 Blues guitarist ___ Mahal
- 41 Green vehicles
- 42 Gas additive
- 45 Attendance record spoiler
- 46 "Trust your keys with ..." car care chain
- 48 Be in debt
- 50 Commoner
- 52 Clock innards
- 54 Origami figure
- 55 Shoes, casually
- 57 Consign to the dustbin
- 60 Three-player card game
- 62 "Heart on My Sleeve" singer Ella ___
- 63 Block
- 64 Purpose

Sudoku

Level **1** 2 3 4

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	2						1	5
	3		1				8	

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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4	5	2	7	8	6	1	9	3
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3	7	8	1	4	5	9	6	2
9	4	6	3	2	7	8	1	5
1	2	5	8	6	9	7	3	4
5	3	1	6	7	8	4	2	9
6	8	4	2	9	3	5	7	1
2	9	7	4	5	1	3	8	6

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INTO THE VOID!

A CAPTIVATING LOOK INTO THE CULTURE OF HEAVY METAL

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"Into the Void: Life, Death, and Heavy Metal," an eight-part series that documents the struggles and dark sides of the heavy metal industry, debuted on the streaming service Disney+ on Monday, Sep 22. Through archival footage and interviews with some of heavy metal's most iconic musicians, the series offers a fresh, compelling, and at times deeply emotional look into the culture of heavy metal.

It is worth noting, however, that the show not only touches on pure heavy metal itself, but also on the many subgenres that exist within it including thrash, gothic and power metal. Some of the musicians chronicled in the series include the legendary guitarist and co-founder of Quiet Riot Randy Rhoads, Wendy O. Williams, the frontwoman of the punk rock band Plasmatics and Darrell Lance Abbott, better known professionally as Dimebag Darrell, the co-founder of the heavy metal groups Pantera and Damageplan. Abbott, like Rhoads, also met a tragic fate when he was murdered while performing on stage in Ohio in 2004.

While the episodes are non-chronological and can be watched in any order the viewer pleases, certain ones stick out including episode one, "Randy Rhoads," which follows Rhoads' rise as one of the greatest guitar heroes until his sudden and tragic passing in a plane crash in March 1982. Episode seven, "Anne Boleyn of Hellion," details the struggles of being a female punk rocker in a mostly male-dominated music sector, while episode seven, "Iranian Metal Crusade," follows the rise and

fall of teens Nikan Khosravi and Arash Ilkhani, the founders of the anti-establishment Confess, who, along with their bandmates, would spend a combined total of 14.5 years in Iranian prison due to their songs detailing their anti-religion and anti-government views.

However, episode three, "Judas Priest on Trial," doesn't just focus on a single person or group of persons involved in the heavy metal scene, but instead offers a compelling and highly emotional look at the stigma that has been attached to heavy metal and so-called "dangerous" and "violent" music genres for decades. When two Nevada teens decide to take their own lives after supposedly seeing subliminal messages in "Better You, Better Than Me," a track off Judas Priest's 1978 album "Stained Class," the band found themselves under heavy media scrutiny and at the center of a highly publicized civil action lawsuit. However, watching the legendary group redeem themselves despite this setback leaves the viewers feeling satisfied.

For decades, power and heavy metal rock has provided a sense of meaning, empowerment and belonging in life for millions of people. "Into the Void" pays tribute to just some of the single most influential people and groups throughout the history of the genre. While it's easy to focus on the more sinister aspects of the show, such as the devastating deaths of some of the musicians featured, the key takeaway from the documentary series is the enduring resilience, creativity and community that has been cultivated across generations.

Rating: 4.7/5



Dimebag Darrell in Moscow on Aug. 13, 2025. Darrell co-founded the bands Pantera and Damageplan.

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Pantera at Isleta Amphitheater in Albuquerque, N.M. on Sept. 14, 2025. Pantera was featured in the new Disney+ documentary, "Into the Void: Life, Death, and Heavy Metal."

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A guide to parking at UConn



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Let me walk you through a day in the life of someone with a resident parking pass: you get in your car after a long weekend at home, or perhaps a shift at work, and you are ready to find a parking spot before heading back to your dorm.

You drive to Lot A... no parking. But not to worry! You can drive to Lot D... where there is also no parking. Maybe Lot T? Is that one real? Or maybe you can park at Lot W and hope the buses are on schedule so you can make it back. But wait — why are people parked on the grass?

If that sounds familiar, you are not alone; parking at the University of Connecticut is one of the most complicated endeavors any student with a car takes on, but I am here to maybe make it simpler (or at the very least, help you understand where you will, in fact, get a ticket).

While getting a parking pass is as difficult as getting tickets to see Ariana Grande (yes, I failed), it is possible to do based on the schedule released on the Parking Services website.

All commuters are eligible to purchase parking passes to South Garage, Lot I East and lower Lot F, and Lots C, K and W where assigned.

The “where assigned” part gets tricky because a lot of the time, the signs are not as obvious as you want them to be. My advice? Pay attention to exactly what signs are above the parking spot you chose to ensure you are not about to be hit with a \$40 ticket.

If you have 54 or more credits, you are eligible for the exclusive, one-of-a-kind resident parking pass, which is assigned to you based on your housing assignment if you live in Charter Oak, Hilltop and Northwood. Your

parking pass does not include area 2 spots, but all other spots should be fair game (if worried, check for the sign that says “resident”).

A premium resident pass gives you the ability to park at North and Northwest, while a resident pass allows parking in Lots A, D, T, W and Hilltop apartments (where designated).

To purchase a parking permit, the parking website uploads a schedule that shows when and where the passes will be available. A student looking to purchase a resident parking pass, for example, will only be able to do so on the day passes are scheduled to go on sale.

Now here’s the real deal: the “what-gets-my-car-towed-or-booted” type of deal.

UConn has begun to enforce parking violations more strictly with the use of SmartBoots, which get locked on one of the wheels of your car if you have more than \$200 in parking fees.

The SmartBoot has already been spotted across parking lots on campus and is provided to UConn by PayLock, whose website promises an install of less than 10 seconds and the ability to pay off the fees on a 24/7 basis.

But before you get the boot — literally — there are a few things that can happen if you park where you are not technically meant to be. First and foremost, the parking ticket.

The first ticket is meant to be a warning, but from talks on campus, the first tickets have allegedly just been charges of \$20 to \$40. The tickets can be paid through the Parking Services website, and if we follow this formula, five tickets of \$40 equal the boot for your car.

According to the Parking Services website, parking is enforced from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Permits are not required in most lots after 5 p.m.,

but are required in all resident and apartment lots and in other locations which have restricted parking 24/7.

My best advice is this: follow the signs. I know it’s gotten repetitive, but this is truly the thing that will help you avoid a ticket and park freely across campus. I’ll give an example: parking lot A is a resident and staff parking lot, however one strip of it is split into area 2 AND resident spots. Park one spot over the sign and bam — ticket.

The one “trick” you have is the ability to park in most lots after 5:00 p.m. and the fact that most lots only enforce parking on weekdays, which means that sometime, you may be able to find weekend parking for free. But take this with a grain of salt; this is based on the signs posted on lots and if they ticket in that lot on weekends This is not a promise that you can park for free, nor is it encouraging you to not pay for parking.

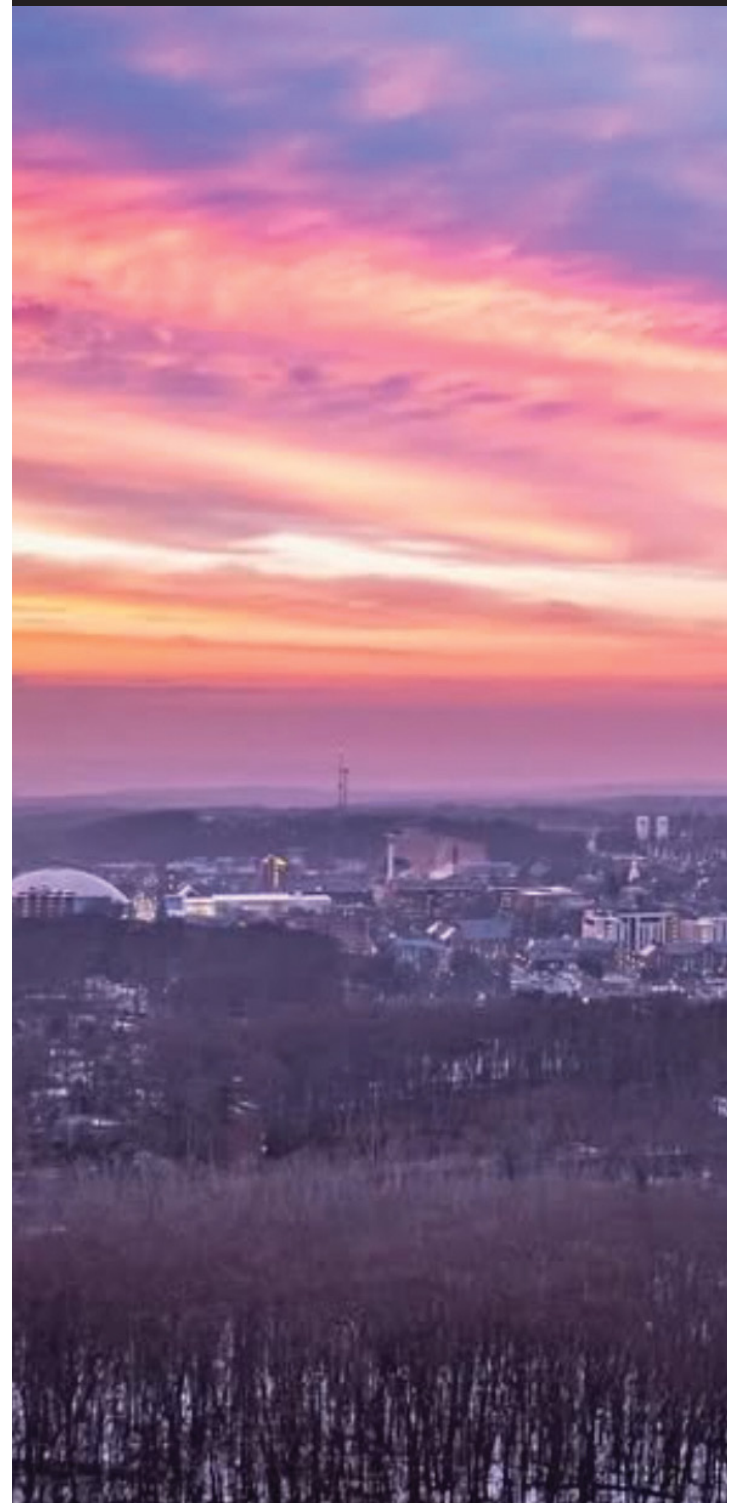
Here’s another thing: if you do not have a parking pass, overnight parking might not be permitted. According to the Parking Services website, a vehicle parked on UConn property in one location (for a single parking session) for longer than 10 days without “the written permission or the atypical university permit authorization of Parking Services” is considered to be “stored” and can therefore be towed.

My final recommendation is this to make sure to read all the rules and regulations on the website and, most importantly, make sure you follow the signs and read up on exactly what is included and excluded from the specific permit you have.

I do sincerely hope that this article helped clarify some of the parking rules and regulations, and to all students who park at UConn: good luck and may the odds be in your favor.

Aerial view of the UConn Storrs campus on Feb. 27, 2025. The sky was filled with vibrant colors.

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Gilbert Road lined with cars on March 23, 2025. Campus was busy as students returned from spring break.

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BRITISH INVASION STILL BRINGING IT

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Today, we're bringing the boom.

Welcome back to another edition of British Invasion, the column that dives into British music history. Today's programming will be on the blues boom of the 1960's (and a tiny bit more). Let's dive in, shall we?

At first, blues arrived in the UK hand in hand with jazz from America, often from African American GI's stationed in the UK during World War II, or as illegally imported records across the Atlantic.

In the 1950's, a "revival" scene started to emerge, as more Brits became enamored with the sounds of American folk blues and jazz.

Bandleader Chris Barber brought in a teenage Lonnie Donegan to play guitar for his popular trad jazz band. In between sets, Donegan, with his folk and blues influences, would perform "skiffle breaks" for the audience in between sets of jazz, which the audience ate up in droves.

The progenitor of the skiffle craze of the late 50's was arguably the single "Rock Island Line," recorded by Donegan and Barber's jazz band in 1955. The single went to the top 10 in both the UK and USA; it became the first debut

record to go gold in the UK and a generation of musicians realized you can succeed with little musical experience and cheap equipment. Donegan and his crew made a transatlantic hit record with a cheap Spanish guitar, a washboard and a whole lotta love.

Skiffle bands appeared up and down the country, as working-class men took up instruments and played in the numerous skiffle clubs that popped up. Barber, recognizing this increased attention in skiffle and in turn blues music, invited skiffle's originators to tour with him across Europe.

These blues artists found a new audience and enthusiasm for their music in Europe and more tours ensued. Labels re-released old blues records and forgotten geniuses came into the light. Music festivals were created that showcased a whole host of blues artists.

The most influential of these tours was arguably Muddy Waters' tour of England in 1958. Waters enraptured audiences with his heavy blues sound and the blaring screeches of his Fender Telecaster. To an audience that only knew of country blues and acoustic ditties, it was mind blowing.

As skiffle started losing steam, skiffle musicians started to move towards the blues, especially the electric blues of Waters. In 1961, Harmonica player Cyril Davies and multi-instrumentalist Alexis

Korner formed the Ealing Blues club in London after they were kicked out of a skiffle club for playing too loud. Ealing has the distinction of being the first UK club to have regular blues nights. It's also where Korner and Davies formed seminal blues group Blues Incorporated.

Blues Incorporated had many future British blues musicians sitting in on rehearsals and at Ealing for blues night. You could go in and find the nucleus of The Rolling Stones mucking about, or guitarists Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton have a drink. Speaking of Eric Clapton, he soon joined forces with John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers after he left The Yardbirds. Mayall was a Mancunian who moved down to London on the advice of Korner who asked him to get in on the burgeoning blues scene.

The Bluesbreakers became one of the first popular British Blues groups, off the back of their self-titled debut in 1966. Clapton's bluesy guitar playing carries this album, with all of his licks and flourishes distorted beyond repair by a Marshall amplifier. It also provided a blueprint for the guitar tone of future blues and rock bands; it also cemented the guitar - and the guitarist - as the main character of British blues.

Clapton and the Bluesbreakers weren't for long though, as he left to create the first supergroup

Cream with two other members from blues band Graham Bond Organization. The Bluesbreakers didn't lose a step though as they had Peter Green waiting in the sidelines, who was a terrific guitarist in his own right. Mayall thought he was even better than Eric Clapton, who at this point was widely regarded as one of the best guitarists in the world.

Green recorded one album with them, "A Hard Road," in 1967 before he left to create his own band. Before the rumours came true, Fleetwood Mac was a London blues band comprised of former Bluesbreakers Green, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood, who were all dissatisfied with the direction their previous band was taking.

What set Fleetwood Mac apart was their unique take on the Chicago blues Waters played, taking more inspiration from the rock bands that were beginning to rule the world like skiffle band The Quarrymen, who now go by The Beatles. Green and company managed to create their own audience to rival the Beatles, as they created hit record after hit record in the late 60's that showcased the band's tight chemistry and Green's prodigious guitar playing.

Their instrumental single "Albatross" was seen by many as the commercial peak of the blues boom. British blues soon underwent another evolution, as new

bands like Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath, which were comprised of blues musicians, who each had their own ideas of where the genre should go.

The Yardbirds were another British blues band of the mid 60s, who split in 1968 over creative differences. Guitarist Jimmy Page wanted to pursue an even heavier sound than the acoustic blues of the Yardbirds. This culminated in the creation of Led Zeppelin, fusing heavy blues and rock to create some of the first hard rock records with their self-titled debut and "Led Zeppelin II" in 1969.

Black Sabbath was the third incarnation of The Polka Tulk Blues Band formed in 1968. Their early work included blues standards, but by the release of "Paranoid" in 1970, they became pioneers of heavy metal with the inclusion of down-tuned guitars and occult influences.

This, along with the nascent sounds of soul and Motown coming over from America, eventually relegated British blues artists into the background. Even if blues didn't stay popular for long, it served as a starting point for some of the UK's greatest bands and instrumentalists of the 1960s and 1970s and all the great blues music that became long forgotten in American managed to find a second home across the pond.



Photo of the band Fleetwood Mac. Fleetwood Mac had a unique take on Chicago blues.
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Rob Halford, lead vocalist of Judas Priest with Ozzy Osbourne, lead vocalist of Black Sabbath. Many British heavy metal bands come from blues origins.PHOTO COURTESY OF @BLACKSABBATH ON INSTAGRAM



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The Stamford tenant removal and UConn's over-admittance crisis

The housing crisis at the University of Connecticut has been well-documented by the Editorial Board in the last few years. As UConn admitted yet another record-breaking class of freshmen this year, the issue is only growing. The crunch for space is occurring at both the main Storrs campus and at the regional campuses. One example is the conflict playing out at the UConn Stamford campus, where tenants of a building have formed a union to avoid being evicted to make room for UConn students. The impacts of this situation resonate beyond the UConn Stamford regional campus, as it is a consequence of enlarged class sizes and the ongoing problems with housing at UConn.

According to the Stamford Advocate, tenants at The BLVD, a housing complex in Stamford that now hosts both UConn students and city residents, were informed that the building would be fully converted into student housing. The tenants have until April 2026 to move out.

In response, nine tenants of The BLVD who were part of Stamford's below-market rate (BMR) program formed a union, demanding answers as to why they were being forced out. The BMR program helps renters who are making less money than the area's median income and moving to a different lo-

cation may jeopardize their ability to remain in the program.

The formation of the union emphasizes that UConn's attempts to expand are hurting ordinary residents. Although UConn generates billions of dollars for Connecticut's economy (a 2020 report published in UConn Today announced that the four regional campuses of Stamford, Avery Point, Waterbury and Hartford created a benefit of \$383 million combined), this does not mean we should justify expansion when it has negative effects on vulnerable people who are just trying to get by.

This is a problem of UConn's own making: by admitting too many students, the need to expand and find more housing has become extremely pressing. The number of first-year students attending UConn Stamford in 2025 increased by 100 to around 1,050. As a result, the number of UConn Stamford students on a waitlist for housing increased to 80 last August.

Although nine tenants may not seem like a large number, it echoes the problem of housing as a whole at UConn. The students who enter the UConn community, including those who are now occupying rooms at The BLVD, are unwittingly pushing both city residents and other students out. At UConn's main campus in Storrs, un-

dergraduates are now only guaranteed two semesters of housing – one year of college – when they were previously given eight semesters. This has required many students to scramble for housing, and many have ended up on a waitlist, just like at UConn Stamford.

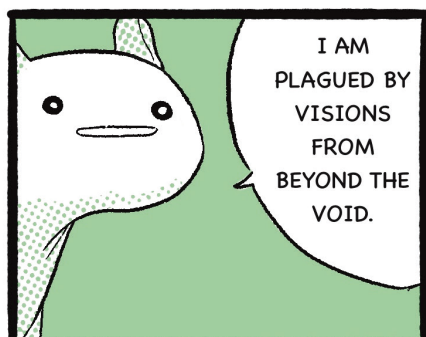
As Connecticut's flagship university, UConn has a responsibility to not just its own students, but to the residents of the state. Forcing tenants out of their apartments to make room for students due to over-admittance does not live up to the ideal of UConn being a benefit to Connecticut. Especially since this is impacting BMR residents, there is an added responsibility owing to the fact that this disrupts a vulnerable community. As this struggle continues, the Editorial Board hopes that the university will make every attempt to satisfy the needs of residents who it is attempting to supplant.

The situation at The BLVD demonstrates that far from addressing the detriments of expansion, UConn is only moving ahead with putting more stress on both itself and the areas its students reside in. As students move into The BLVD and it becomes another UConn-only apartment complex, The Editorial Board urges UConn to carefully consider the consequences of further expansion.



UConn's South Campus residence halls in Storrs, Conn. on Sept. 1, 2025. UConn Storrs and Stamford campuses are currently facing a housing crisis.

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Starbucks in the UConn Bookstore. Students fuel up with Starbucks to prepare for studying on a nice fall day. PHOTO BY HANNAH GRIMES, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Partying Poets: *Prosecco pundits' posse*

Trigger warning: this article contains references to suicide, depression, drug use, psychiatric holds and alcoholism.

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Pardon the alliteration. Let's get into the dazzling, star-studded lives of the literati. Gilded soirees and Venetian parties aren't the typical things that come to mind when thinking of the stereotypical depressed, performative poet. However, that stereotype has never been wholly true from 600 BCE to contemporary lyrics — they're not all *poète maudits*. To dispel this myth, here are several stories sure to show the surprising nature of the lives of great poets.

Stanza 1: Was it a suicide or did he escape to Mexico for the simple life? Some label his death as a disappearance. Weldon Kees grew up in a dusty, bucolic town to eventually move onto the big life—throwing elaborate, drunken parties in his suave San Francisco loft where the chainsmoking murk of dissatisfaction infused itself within the sultry oranges of his walls. Throughout his many drunken disarrays, he allegedly spoke to his friends of going to Mexico or, implicitly, killing himself. His writing is littered with hints as to his latent life: “The mirror from Mexico, stuck to the wall, / Reflects nothing at all.” On July 18, 1955, Kees's car was found near the edge of the Golden Gate Bridge. His house retained all its belongings including Kees's cat. Divers searched under the bridge unremittingly and could not find

his body. His legendary spectre remains as many often claim to see him on their trips to Mexico, only to disappear after the chase.

Stanza 2: Another suicidal poet, Anne Sexton, killed herself through carbon monoxide asphyxiation in her car. It wasn't unexpected, unfortunately; she spent a decent part of her life in psychiatric holds. She partied in a more reserved manner than Kees with the theatrical force of her readings coupled with martini socials. “The Addict” likely speaks to her experience with alcohol and drugs, mixing cocktails and pills.

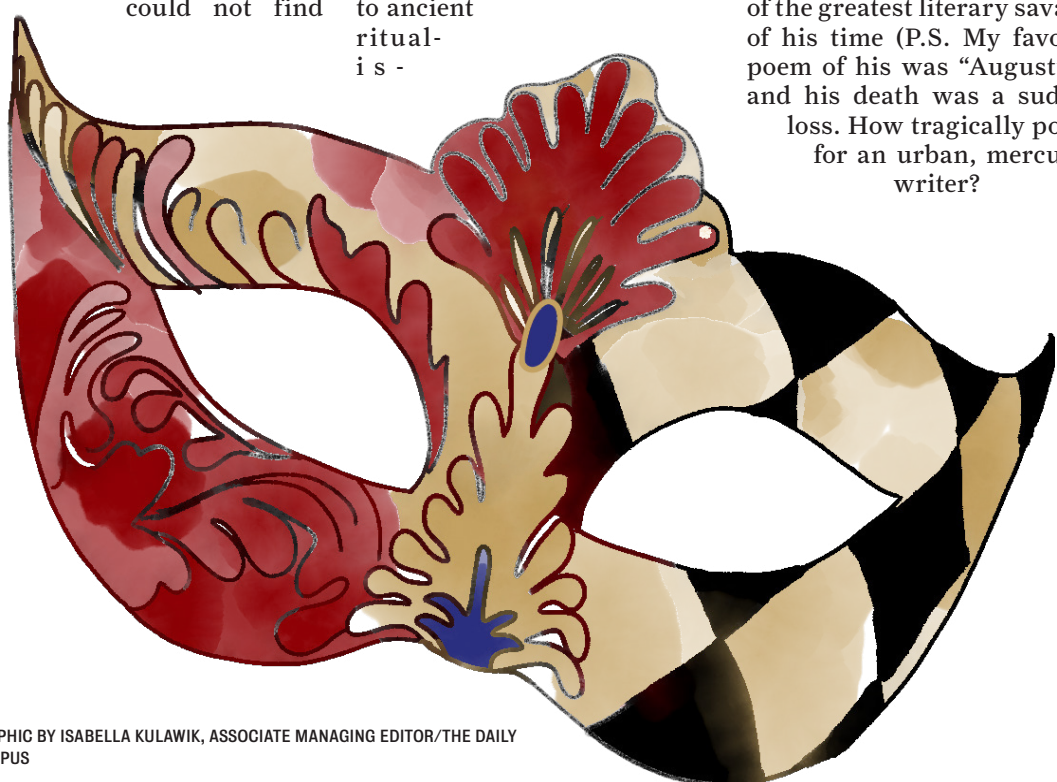
Stanza 3: Li Bai is old — 1324 years old to be exact and he still parties more than you—he was the embodiment of Live Fast, Die Old. He drank with an eclectic bunch of the intelligentsia, courtiers, etc. During these rampages of inoculation, he often articulated the soul: “I pour myself a drink, no loved one near. / Then raising my cup, I invite the bright moon.” He was so infamous, in fact, that he was a member of the Eight Immortals of the Wine Cup, a group of Tang dynasty scholars infamous for their alcoholism. Legend has it that he died inoculated falling off the boat while trying to embrace the moonlight.

Stanza 4: Sophisticated Sappho served scholarly soirees serendipitously. She was relatively less wild as she created a cultural salon space with lyre music, art and intellectual dialogue. These salons may have been home to ancient ritual-

istic processions wearing garland. It wasn't historically characterized as a maudlin women-only craze like that of Bacchanalia, but a cultivated, put-together gathering. Her poems were often romantic and involved women, as did her later death myth: diving off the Leucadian Cliff in a fit of despair from her love abandoning her.

Stanza 5: Incest and exile. Speaking of Ancient Greek poets, Lord Byron took inspiration from many of them, including Homer. This vampiric visitor partied in Geneva, Ravenna and the western Greek coast before all the performative old money aesthetic men claimed to. Scandal — marital separation, rumors of sodomy and incest and astronomical debts — led to his English exile. Those rumors may have been just that, but they were damning in English regency society. His explorer lifestyle often led to Venetian parties and late-night extravaganzas. He eventually joined the Greek fight for independence with his wealthy fortune supporting troops and their supplies. While Li Bai was the incarnation of Live Fast, Die Old, Byron was that of the original saying, dying at 36 from fever, worsened allegedly by bloodletting.

Stanza 6: Frank O'Hara frankly died being run over by a taxi on Fire Island, New York following a party. He was the very vein of the New York School of Poets and directive towards the literary enclave. He was arguably one of the greatest literary savants of his time (P.S. My favorite poem of his was “Augustus”) and his death was a sudden loss. How tragically poetic for an urban, mercurial writer?



Sam's Section: Ryder Cup Preview

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This weekend is one that was circled on every golf fan's calendar all year long. Welcome to Ryder Cup week.

For those who are unaware of what this event is, it is a team match between the United States and Europe that occurs biennially. It is always played in late September/early October, with the venue changing every time.

Europe is the defending champion of the Ryder Cup, winning 16 ½ to 11 ½ in 2023 at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club, 10 miles from the city center of Rome, Italy.

This year's edition will take place on the Black Course of Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y. The United States has won the previous two home Ryder Cups (2016 and 2021).

Previewing the United States team

The United States team will be headlined by World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler. Making his third Ryder Cup appearance, the four-time major champion is 2-2-3 in seven matches.

Reigning U.S. Open champion J.J. Spaun will make his Ryder Cup debut, along with World No. 3 Russell Henley, World No. 11 Ben Griffin and World No. 20 Cameron Young.

The United States team, captained by 2011 PGA Champion Keegan Bradley, will feature a bunch of veterans in addition to Scheffler.

Two-time major champion Xander Schauffele is set to make his third Ryder Cup appearance. The current World No. 4 is 4-4-0 in eight matches played in the Ryder Cup.

Harris English, No. 10 in the world, is making his second Ryder Cup appearance. The five-time PGA Tour winner went 1-2-0 in three matches in his first appearance.

Two-time U.S. Open champion

Bryson DeChambeau will play in the Ryder Cup for the third time. In six matches, the LIV Golf superstar holds a 2-3-1 record.

Two-time PGA Champion Justin Thomas is the most experienced player on the team, making his fourth appearance. The former World No. 1 has found success in his 13 matches played, going 7-4-2.

Two-time major champion Collin Morikawa will represent the United States at the Ryder Cup for the third time. In eight matches, the current World No. 8 has gone 4-3-1.

Patrick Cantlay will make his third Ryder Cup appearance. The 2021 FedEx Cup winner has been electric in the eight matches he has played, with a 5-2-1 record.

Lastly, Sam Burns will make his second consecutive Ryder Cup appearance. The World No. 23 went 1-2-0 in three matches during the 2023 event.

Vice captains for the team include 2012 U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson, 2012 FedEx Cup winner Brandt Snedeker, 2003

U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and 2019 U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland.

Previewing the European team

Europe looks to win back-to-back Ryder Cups since the 2012 and 2014 editions, with the former being the last time they have won on U.S. soil.

Luke Donald retained his role as team captain, becoming the first to repeat his captaincy since Bernard Gallacher in 1993.

Nearly the entire 2023 team returned in hopes of a second consecutive win in the Ryder Cup.

Rory McIlroy serves as the most experienced member of the team, making his eighth Ryder Cup appearance. In a whopping 33 matches played, the five-time major champion has gone 16-13-4.

World No. 9 Robert MacIntyre will make his second appearance, with a 2-0-1 record in three matches.

Reigning FedEx Cup winner Tommy Fleetwood will make his fourth appearance. The Englishman is 7-3-2 in 12 matches in the

event.

Justin Rose, 45 years old, is making his seventh appearance. The 2013 U.S. Open champion is 14-9-3 in 26 matches.

Tyrrell Hatton, like Fleetwood, will make his fourth appearance. Also from England, Hatton is 5-4-2 in 11 matches.

Shane Lowry comes in as the second-oldest member of the team at 38 years old. The former Champion Golfer of the Year makes his third appearance, with a 2-3-1 record in six matches.

Sepp Straka returns from the 2023 team, where the Austrian went 1-2-0 in three matches.

Ludvig Åberg is the youngest member of the team. The 25-year-old from Sweden is 2-2-0 in four matches, all coming from the last Ryder Cup.

Viktor Hovland is one of the more exciting players on the team. The 2023 FedEx Cup winner is making his third appearance. With 10 matches under his belt, Norway's top golfer holds a 3-4-3 record.

Matt Fitzpatrick makes his fourth appearance on the Ryder Cup team. The 2022 U.S. Open champion has not fared well in his matches, with a 1-7-0 record in eight matches.

Jon Rahm was the final captain's pick, an easy one for Donald. The two-time major champion makes his fourth appearance, with a 6-3-3 record in 12 matches.

The only new face on this team is Rasmus Højgaard, whose brother, Nicolai, played for Europe two years ago.

Assisting Donald as vice captains are 15-time European Tour winner Thomas Bjørn, 12-time European Tour winner Alex Norén, three-time European Tour winner Edoardo Molinari, World Golf Hall of Famer José María Olazábal and 2018 Champion Golfer of the Year Francesco Molinari.

Schedule

The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. on Golf Channel.

Friday morning foursomes matches will begin at 7:10 a.m., followed by afternoon four-ball matches at 12:25 p.m. Coverage goes from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and can be viewed on USA Network.

Saturday's matches will be the same as Friday's, with coverage on NBC this time.

Sunday, the final day of the Ryder Cup, will have singles matches starting at 12:02 p.m. Coverage will begin at noon and end around 6 p.m. on NBC.

Who is the favorite?

According to DraftKings, the United States is considered the favorite with -150 odds of winning. However, the European team is more experienced and a more talented team on paper.

Final thoughts

It will be interesting to see how Bradley's choice not to be a playing captain plays out. Will it pay off and the United States get another win on home soil, or will Europe break the streak?



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Wilker's Weekly: Patriots Week 3 Overview and Week 4 Outlook

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The Patriots fell to 1-2 after a dismal display on Sunday against their conference rivals, the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Patriots had surprisingly never lost to the black and yellow since Tom Brady's departure with both Mac Jones and Bailey Zappe at the helm.

With Drake Maye at the wheel though, things were a different story. Maye wasn't bad on Sunday as far as his stat line is concerned, but he was a bit disappointing. The quarterback turned the ball over twice, once in the endzone on an interception at the end of the first half and the other through a strip sack. Given that the ball was tipped on the interception, he'll get some grace, but a pair of early would-have-been interceptions to safety Chuck Clark were both dropped. In the end, he finished with over 300 total yards, but he has some things to clean up.

The story of the game, more broadly than Maye, were the turnovers. The Patriots managed one defensively, with former Steeler Robert Spillane intercepting Aaron Rodgers and returning it inside the opposing 10-yard line. Aside from Maye's pair of turnovers, the Patriots fumbled an additional three times, twice via Rhamondre Stevenson, who led the NFL in fumbles with seven last year. In three games in 2025, he has three fumbles. Antonio Gibson also fumbled the ball.

Despite all this, the Patriots miraculously were still in the game deep into the fourth quarter thanks to Hunter Henry, whose eight-catch performance garnered 90 yards and a pair of touchdowns. On a fourth down to decide the game, Maye threw a short pass to Pop Douglas. It appeared he would

have had the first down to continue the game should he had leaned forward, but he opted for a juke back only to be tackled short of the sticks, ending their offensive effort with just 14 points.

Defensively, the team looked solid in the front but weaker as we moved to the defensive backfield. Milton Williams is looking like the

star free agent he was promised to be and Harold Landry is playing at a Pro Bowl level. Aside from the Spillane interception, the unit forced an additional pair of fumbles, though neither were recovered. Christian Ellis looked lost throughout the game, and PFF's grading seconded that feeling, rewarding him with a 38.2 overall

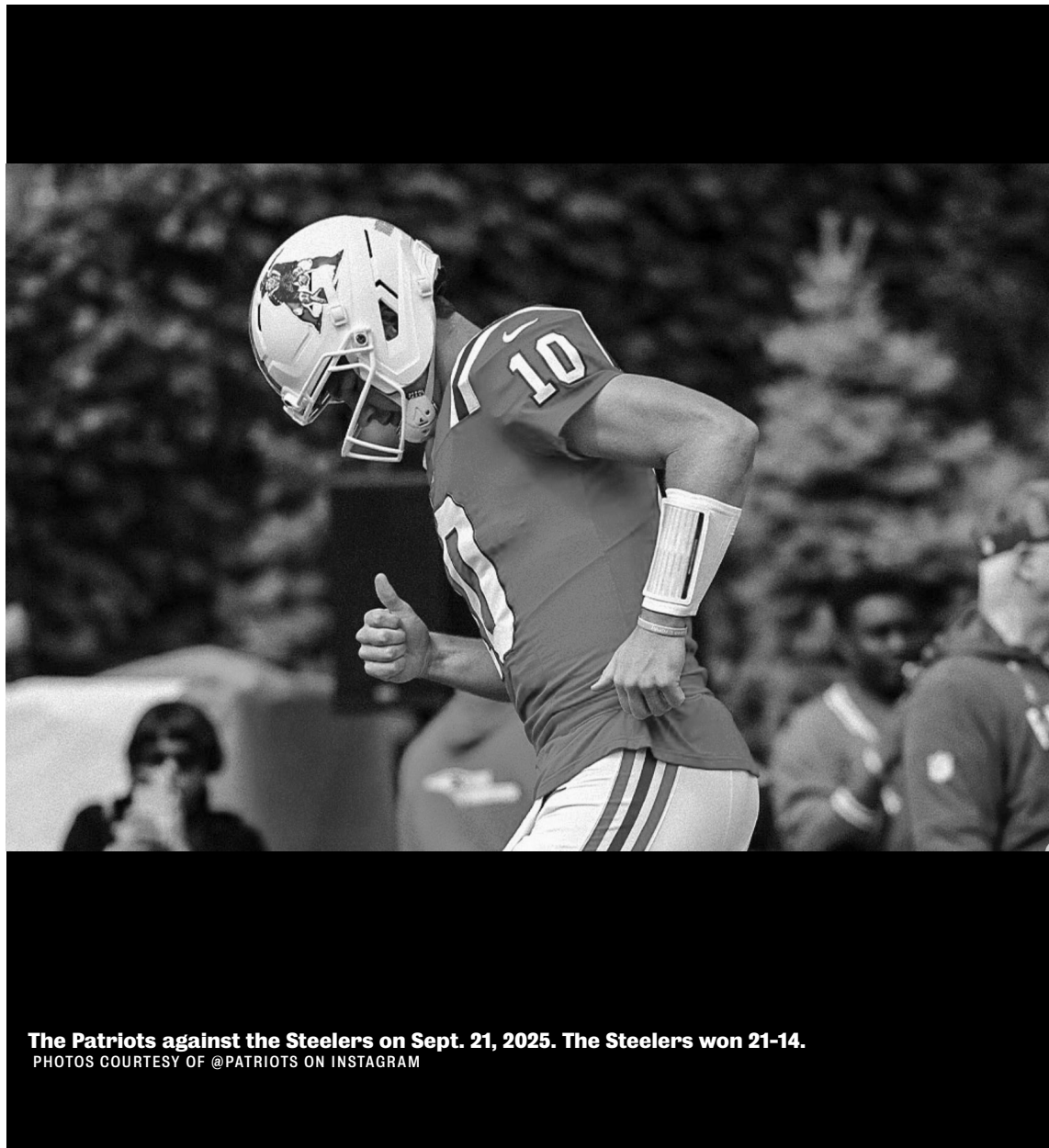
grade. Cornerback Alex Austin has played more than expected with Christian Gonzalez's injury and the release of Jabrill Peppers a few weeks ago, and he's been disappointing. Another week from him meant another handful of flags and a sub-30 PFF grade. Former third-round pick Marte Mapu also ended with a 33.7 PFF grade.

While the Patriots played one of their worst games in recent memory on Sunday, there's no way it could be repeated, at least at that level. They'll face the 1-2 Panthers on Sunday, and as bad as they have been over the past few seasons, they shut out the Falcons this past week. Despite also being 1-2, the Falcons are a team with talent and playoff aspirations who lost 30-0 against Carolina. The Panthers defense nabbed two interceptions off Michael Penix.

The Patriots' success on Sunday will largely rely on two factors: Bryce Young and Chuba Hubbard. Young has been very streaky, having some performances that make him look like a premier young quarterback and others that show he's very much still developing. Dave Canales' offense relies heavily on the run game and historically, the better Hubbard carries the ball, the more effective their offense is. In the first two weeks, he ran for under four per carry, and the offense coincidentally struggled. This past week, his 17 carries for 73 yards landed him at 4.3 yards per carry and the team dominated. Young's below par 121-yard performance was numbed by the defense and running game, whereas he helped lead an unsuccessful come back in Week 2 when he threw for over 300 yards and three touchdowns via 55 attempts.

If the Patriots can continue to have a stifling defensive front and Christian Gonzalez returns from his hamstring injury for Week 3, they shouldn't have much of an issue controlling the Panthers' offense. Offensively, they must limit turnovers now until the end of the year and return to their form against Miami, when they scored 33 points.

If they want to save their season, breaking even at .500 is a must.



The Patriots against the Steelers on Sept. 21, 2025. The Steelers won 21-14. PHOTOS COURTESY OF @PATRIOTS ON INSTAGRAM

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Doga Kutlu sets up Jordyn Hughes during a match against Marist on Sept. 20, 2025. The Huskies beat the Red Foxes 3-0.
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The Fantasy Forecast: Autumn's Abscission and Dynamic Decisions

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The middle of September is here and the leaves are starting to change colors from vibrant greens to dark browns. While this fall scene is picturesque, by December, cold winds and freezing temperatures will have swarmed in. So, if the nature of decay is happening to your fantasy team right now or you want to prepare for a harsh winter, let's go over some of the top receivers and running backs to see where they stand heading into Week 4 of the NFL season.

On The Ground: RBs to start or sit

Some things never seem to change in the NFL from season to season. New York teams can't find wins (unless you live upstate and wear a Josh Allen Jersey), the Cincinnati Bengals desperately need Joe Burrow and Baker Mayfield still has a taste for vengeance against his former allies. However, something that is in flux is the backfield situation for the Cleveland Browns. After the era of Nick Chubb, the Dawg Pound has looked for a solid RB1 everywhere — but their tiring search may have just ended this past Sunday. Rushing for 94 yards on 18 attempts with a touchdown in the mix, second-round draft pick Quinshon Judkins made an impressive performance against a hardy Green Bay defense. The former Buckeye logged 16.5 points and continues to prove himself as the primary rusher for the Browns. If you have this rising star or can pick him up, make sure to start him in Week 4 against the Detroit Lions, where he'll be sure to see plenty of touches.

Kansas City is known for its exciting jazz clubs, tasty barbecue food and the rodent which supposedly inspired Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse. In the 2025 NFL season, you can add struggling running backs to the list. Kareem Hunt and Isiah Pacheco have both failed to assert their dominance in the backfield, leaving quarterback Patrick Mahomes to scramble for himself. The two RBs together average 3.6 yards per carry and each has yet to rush for 100 yards this season. Perhaps Mahomes likes to keep the ball for himself on run plays a bit too much or the talent of Pacheco and Hunt just doesn't suffice. Whatever the reason may be, neither of the two should start for your fantasy team in Week



The Green Bay Packers against the Washington Commanders at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. on Sept. 11, 2025. The Packers won 27-18.
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4 as the Kansas City Chiefs will have to put up against the lights-out Baltimore Ravens' defense.

In The Air: WRs to start or sit

Injury can ruin any team's chances of holding the Lombardi Trophy at the end of the season. This could certainly be the case for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, as Mike Evans must now battle a hamstring injury and Chris Godwin has yet to take the field after dislocating an ankle in October of last year. However, fans are still holding onto hope with rookie Emeka Egbuka. The Bucs drafted the wide receiver in round one, after he stunned viewers week in and week out at Ohio State University. Egbuka had a strong start in his NFL debut, scoring 23.6 points for fantasy users with two touchdowns and 67 receiving yards on four catches. While Weeks 2 and 3 have been less plentiful for Egbuka, the loss of Evans in the offense could mean more attention for the first rounder. If he's somewhere in your lineup, make sure he finds a starting spot in Week 4 as the Buccaneers brawl it out with the Philadelphia Eagles in what should be a high-scoring shoot-out.

If you want to see an injury ruining a team's chance for glory, just look at the Queen City. The Cincinnati Bengals held their breath as Joe "Shiesty" Burrow headed to the injury tent in Week 2 against the Jacksonville Jaguars. To the fan's demise, the star quarterback can add "Turf-Toe" to his list of injuries he's faced in his six years with the Bengals and he will miss most of the season because of it. To further the damage, the Who-Dey nation's doubts about backup QB Jake Browning came true after a devastating 48-10 loss against the Minnesota Vikings last week. Not only are the fans struggling with Shiesty's absence, but the wide receiving core is too. Both Tee Higgins and Ja'Marr Chase fell short in their fantasy performances for Week 3. Since Chase fills the WR1 slot for the Bengals, Higgins' fantasy owners should be wary of throwing him into their lineup for Week 4. Head coach Zac Taylor will take his team to the Mile High City in what could be another blowout against the Denver Broncos. Between the elevation change, Browning's lack of proficiency and Uno's presence, fantasy users should sit Higgins out for this Sunday.

See you next week and as always, best of luck Huskies.

The city that never sleeps... but always suffers?

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It has been a disappointing first three weeks for New York football fans. The Giants and Jets are a combined 0-6 to start the 2025 season. The Giants are accustomed to having poor starts to their seasons. Since 2013, the not-so-Giants of New York have started off 0-2 10 times. With a matchup against a hungry 0-2 Chiefs team, winning will be a tough task Sunday night.

However, the Jets have looked a bit more competitive to start off the season. In Weeks 1 and 3, they lost heartbreakers to Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay. In Week 2, they were dismantled by Buffalo, which was not much of a surprise.

Special teams for the Jets stepped up late in Week 3 as Will McDonald blocked a field goal and returned it for a touchdown. That would have put the Buccaneers up by two scores with under two minutes to play. However, New York let Tampa Bay drive down the field and bury a last-second field goal to win the game.

Week 3 for the Giants was the complete opposite of Week 2. Russell Wilson's performance was lackluster, throwing for only 160 yards and tossing two interceptions that had almost no chance for a receiver to catch. At some point, you must feel bad for star receiver Malik Nabers. He finished the night with two catches for 13 yards. Coming off a 167-yard, two-touchdown performance, you would think that the Giants would feed him the ball for Week 3.

The Giants announced Tuesday afternoon that rookie

quarterback Jaxson Dart will start Week 4 against the LA Chargers. New York traded up in the first round of this year's draft to select the standout Ole Miss QB. Dart lit it up in the preseason, finishing with 372 passing yards, 3 passing

touchdowns, zero interceptions on 32 of 47 completions.

Does this move give Giants fans a new set of hope? His first four matchups are a doozy: against the Los Angeles Chargers, the Saints, against Denver and against Phila-

delphia. The rookie will face some of the top defenses in the league to kick off his career.

Switching over to baseball, the New York Mets are on the outside looking in, losing 11 of their last 15 games. Not the ideal time for a slump, to say

the least. ESPN has the Mets at a 25% chance to make the playoffs. As it stands, New York is tied with Cincinnati for the last Wild Card spot, with the Reds having the tiebreaker. The Mets finish the season against the Cubs and against Miami, while the Reds finish at home to the Pirates and against the Brewers. Since the Mets don't have the tiebreaker, they can win every game and still miss the playoffs. Mets fans must root for the Pirates and Brewers if they want to see October baseball in Flushing.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Yankees just need one more win to clinch the playoffs. As it stands, they will host the Boston Red Sox in the wild-card series at Yankee Stadium. Boston has had the Yanks' number all season long, winning eight straight games against them at one point this season. This matchup will be cinema for the fans. The last time these two rivals faced off in the playoffs was in the 2021 wild-card game and the Red Sox took care of business, 6-2. This was the last time Boston made the playoffs. Boston fans are hoping for their Red Sox to make noise in October once again.

In basketball, the defending WNBA champion New York Liberty were knocked out in the first round of the playoffs by the Phoenix Mercury. UConn's very own Breanna Stewart put up 30 points in the win-or-go-home game 3. However, it was not enough to take down the Mercury, as Alyssa Thomas put up a triple-double in front of the home crowd.

This past week was not pretty for New York fans. Let's hope that the Big Apple can be buzzing next week.



Brooks Raley of the Mets pitched during a game on Sept. 14 against the Texas Rangers. The Mets won 5-2.
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Camden Yards Crisis: The Orioles' year in review

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On this day in 2023, the Baltimore Orioles held a record of 97-59 following a win over the Cleveland Guardians. Just four days later, they would clinch their first American League East title since 2014 and would end up having the best record in the entire AL East. Even though the eventual World Series champion Texas Rangers would sweep them in the ALDS, this year looked like a sign of success for years to come.

Now, just two years later, the Orioles will finish last in the AL East and are still looking for their first playoff win since 2014. That once glimmering future now looks unsteady.

The 2025 Orioles have been a trainwreck on both sides of the ball, with a poor rotation and an underwhelming offense.

After a stellar season for the O's in 2024, ace Corbin Burnes left the team in free agency on a six-year, \$210 million contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. So, Baltimore was back where they were before Burnes: in need of pitchers badly.

Orioles' general manager Mike Elias would sign two starters: 40-year-old Charlie Morton on a one-year deal, and 35-year-old Tomoyuki Sugano out of the NPB, Japan's top baseball league. Those two would join Cade Povich, Dean Kremer and Zach Eflin in the rotation to open the year.

Fast forward to the present and Baltimore's 5.01 pre-deadline ERA from starters ranked only above the Athletics in 2025. Povich's 5.23 ERA (as of 9/22) ranks 106 out of 120 pitchers with 90+ innings pitched as a starter this season. Morton's ERA of 5.72 with Baltimore would rank 112 if it was adjusted to meet the 90 IP threshold with

the team. Sugano's 1.77 HR/9 is the seventh worst of those 120 pitchers.

The only bright spot out of Baltimore's rotation has been Trevor Rogers, who's been one of the best starters in baseball since his return in late May. But other than Rogers (and Kremer, who's been serviceable), the O's rotation has been abysmal, proving how badly improvements were needed this past offseason.

Baltimore's pitching wasn't their only problem though. Their offense had faltered as well, as their .751 team OPS in

2024 had dropped to a .701 in 2025, causing their OPS ranking to go from four in MLB in 2024 to 21 in 2025.

Gunnar Henderson, following a fourth place MVP finish in a strong class, had high expectations. But a drop of .100 in both OPS and SLG% compared to 2024 has rounded up an underwhelming season for the young star.

Tyler O'Neill, brought in to replace Anthony Santander, who left in free agency, has been injured but a sub-.700 when healthy. Jordan Westburg was good but has been injured. Ryan

Mountcastle's OBP has gone down yearly since 2023. And Colton Cowser has had a severe sophomore slump, with his .198 batting average being the fourth worse of all hitters with 300+ plate appearances this year.

Despite all of that, Baltimore's catching has been their biggest offensive problem, with seven different catchers this season due to injury.

The Orioles were hoping Adley Rutschman's poor second half of 2024 wouldn't carry over into 2025, but unfortunately for them it has. The fourth-year catcher has an OPS of .644 since

the second half of 2024 began, and his defensive metrics have gone downhill as well. With the Orioles signing young catcher Samuel Basallo to an eight-year, \$67 million contract, there's a good chance Elias will at least listen to offers on Rutschman. And for a former first overall pick who's shown offensive upside at such a premier position, there's bound to be interest.

Baltimore's strength in recent years has been their strong prospect pool, specifically in position players. But due to trades made in last year's playoff push, coupled with the graduation of multiple prospects, Baltimore's pool has thinned out greatly. And with Basallo and Dylan Beavers set to graduate soon, Baltimore may not have a top 100 prospect in their system.

Baltimore's rotation should be a bit better next season. Kyle Bradish looks good since returning from Tommy John surgery, Rogers will open as the team's ace and Grayson Rodriguez should be healthy for 2026. If health holds up, Baltimore's rotation should be fine as is.

The real question heading into the offseason is the offense. Beavers has been great since his callup. If former first overall pick Jackson Holliday can blossom, Henderson can return to MVP level and Cowser can find his game again, this team should flourish offensively.

Without parts to trade, and without anything specific the team imminently needs, it's hard to say the Orioles need to do much this offseason. They've put themselves in a position where one wrong move could bring everything crashing down. There's not a team in the league that'll be more in limbo than Baltimore this offseason, and more than likely the answer will be to run the current roster as is.



Samuel Basallo on the field. They lost against the New York Yankees on Sept. 21 (1-7).
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Sports

UConn looks for fifth straight win in battle with ranked Xavier

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The UConn women's soccer team (5-2-1) returns home for a third consecutive game to take on the No. 23 Xavier Musketeers (6-2-1) tomorrow at 7 p.m. It will be White and Blue Night at Morrone Stadium.

This will be the second Big East match of the year for both squads.

Since 2021, Xavier boasts a 3-1-1 record against UConn. However, the Huskies won the last matchup, 2-1, in two overtimes back on Nov. 10, 2024.

The Huskies have won four consecutive games, including a victory over St. John's to open conference play. Sophomore midfielder Taylor Jenkins had a standout performance against the Red Storm, scoring a goal and attempting a team-high four shots.

In each of their last three games, the Huskies have scored at least two goals. Defensively, UConn allowed one goal during their winning streak.

Xavier has won three matches in a row and six of their last seven. They also defeated No. 17 Michigan State, 5-2. Last time out, the Musketeers defeated DePaul, 3-0. A different Musketeer scored each of their three goals in the match.

The team has been propelled by their offense this season. They have scored an average of 3.2 goals per game. They also have scored at least three goals in five matches this season.

Players to watch

#10 Chioma Okafor, senior, forward, Connecticut

Okafor has been UConn's leader all season. She is a spark plug for the team and is heavily relied on. "Chioma is just a beast out there. She intimidates every team we play against," Head Coach Margaret Rodriguez told UCTV after the win versus St John's. The senior has scored three goals this season, two being game winners.

#6 Taylor Jenkins, sophomore, midfielder, Connecticut

Connecticut native Jenkins has seen a major uptick in minutes this season. She started in three matches last season and already has more than doubled that number this season. In eight starts, she has scored two goals. Both goals she scored came in the last two games. In matchup where offense will be pivotal, it will be important that she keeps up this trend.

#6 Elin Hansson, senior, forward, Xavier

Hansson has scored eight goals this season. When the moment is big, she shows up. Against MSU, the senior scored three goals. Her offensive presence is something Connecticut will need to prepare for. In each of the last six matches, she has attempted at least three shots, with at least two of them being shots on goal.

#26 Samantha Erbach, sophomore, forward, Xavier

Erbach has been a great complement to Hansson this season. She has scored six goals and recorded six assists. To add to that, she has attempted 40 shots with 17 being on goal. The forward has been sneakily good this season and the Huskies will need to keep their eyes on her.

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