

Pride of Connecticut' to march in 100th annual Thanksgiving Day parade next year

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Thanksgiving may inspire thoughts of turkey, autumn leaves and pumpkin pie — but larger-than-life balloons walking down New York City streets remains a popular annual tradition. The University of Connecticut marching band recently learned they'll be joining the Thanksgiving parade history books next year.

"We have a big surprise, I think, for all of you," announced Today Show co-host Jenna Bush Hager live on Tuesday. "Start practicing for another huge performance here in New York, because the Pride of Connecticut will be featured in next year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade."

The band, cheer team and Jonathan the Husky mascot celebrated with loud cheers — the announcement was a complete surprise, according to Dr. Malcolm Jones, the director of athletic bands at UConn.

"Some of them were like, 'Why are we coming down here [to New York]?'," said Jones. "It was crazy, because we didn't tell them what was going on...The reactions you saw on TV were their true reactions, so they're super excited."

Jones said that the "Pride of Connecticut" was selected by Macy's out of over 100 applicants. They only select 10 groups to participate in the parade, alongside a limited number of high school and college marching bands.

"I think at some point [the students] were kind of trying to figure out, like, all right, well, we're down here for something," Jones



UConn's marching band visible in the distance. The marching band was selected to participate in the 100th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Photos courtesy of @uconn Instagram

said. "I think that was the local aspect too, like, hey, we'd love for you guys to come down to the Today Show and be the group that essentially presents the rest of the lineup for next year," Jones said.

"We can't wait for audiences to experience the unique arrangement and creative programming the Huskies will bring to the streets of Manhattan next November," the parade's associate producer Sara Flores said in a statement.

Macy's will contribute a \$10,000 grant to the UCMB to help fund next year's trip, parade officials said.

Next year's Thanksgiving Day parade also marks the event's centennial, alongside a UConn marching band landmark.

"It will be the 130th year of the UCMB, which is extra special," Jones said. "To celebrate these two milestones together, it makes this opportunity even more special to our university."

Jones, in his first year as UConn's band director following a stint at Marist University, also said he wants to recognize the hard work graduating seniors have put into the marching band, despite next year's good news.

"They can still be proud, knowing, like, you guys were part of the performers on the tape and audition that got us to this point," he said. "We do have a section for graduate students, too, but we have to see what is possible."

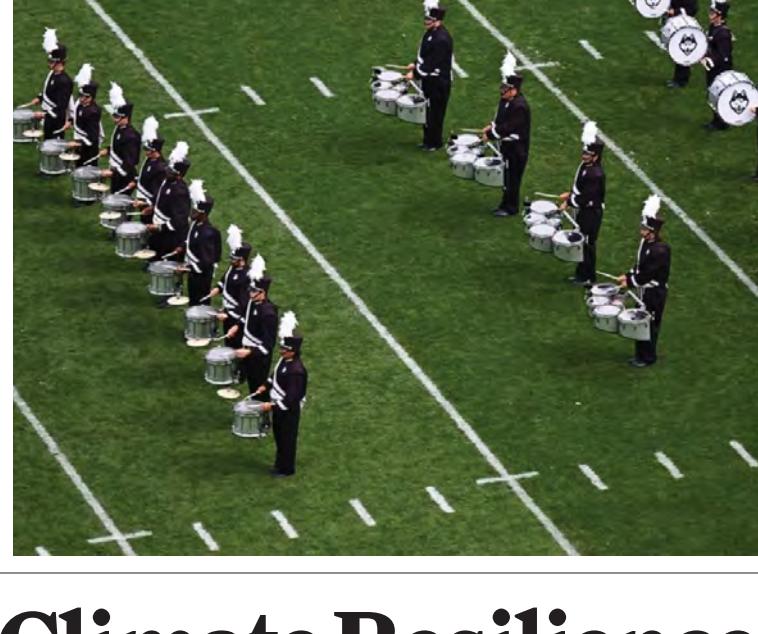
The UConn marching band has participated in some smaller-

scale events in the past, such as at UConn athletic appearances in New York and Boston as well as at a New England Patriots game, but the Thanksgiving Day parade will be the group's largest performance yet. Every year, the parade brings over 3.5 million in-person spectators to New York City streets, according to Macy's — plus record-breaking television and radio audience numbers.

"To be able to do this, continue on with that success, and riding the high of what the UCMB has been doing, it's been great," Jones said. "We're lucky. The band has been afforded so many great opportunities."

This year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade will kick off at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27, giving the Huskies just about a year to prepare for their big debut.

For more information about the parade, visit macy's.com/s/parade.



Connecticut DEEP expands Climate Resilience Fund after federal funding concerns

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A notice of funding opportunity released last week for the 2025 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Climate Resilience Fund expanded on a matching funds program in response to uncertainty over federal funding programs.

"With climate change accelerating and traditional federal financial support uncertain, it's more important than ever to help municipalities access every possible option for matching funds for resilience projects," said DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes in a press release.

The uncertainty over traditional federal financial support was felt by Connecticut recently when twelve state energy projects, amounting to \$52.9 million dollars of federal support, were terminated at the beginning of this month, according to Connecticut Insider.

The Connecticut Community Climate Resilience Program was established by Gov. Ned Lamont in 2021 by Executive Order 21-3. The DEEP Climate Resilience Fund (DCRF) gave its first awards two years after its establishment with \$8.8 million going towards 17 municipalities climate resilience plans and projects in 2023.

The expansion of the DCRF



Governor Ned Lamont with Connecticut's DEEP. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is expanding its Climate Resilience Fund. Photo courtesy of @CT.DEEP on Instagram

includes a new category, named the deployment category, which uses multiple state and federal funding pools for the construction of energy resilience infrastructure, according to the fund's notice.

A federal grant awarded to the UConn Eversource Energy Center for a project advancing community energy resilience was among the energy projects cancelled by the Trump administration this month. The project, named PROACTIVE, uses AI to forecast storm damage and storage of extra solar energy to prevent power disruptions, according to the Eversource Energy Center website.

The principal investigator of PROACTIVE, Junbo Zhao, has

not responded to a request for comment yet.

The deputy commissioner at the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Brenda Bergeron, said that the new approach to funding for climate resiliency could help some of these challenged projects in a press release.

"We look forward to encouraging communities who need matching funds for federal grants to apply to DEEP's new matching funds program, which will help communities better navigate the uncertainty in the federal funding landscape and successfully compete for funding," Bergeron said in the press release.

The fund was previously separated into two categories, called planning and advancement.

Planning supports municipalities and neighborhoods to develop a plan addressing risks and vulnerabilities associated with climate-related hazards. The current plan proposes \$150,000 to \$250,000 to be awarded towards a project in this category, according to a public meeting.

The advancement category supports previously identified climate resilience projects in developing competitive grant applications with a proposed funding range for this category being \$200,000 to \$650,000.

The executive order which established the DCRF required that at least 40% of resources go to municipalities where vulnerable communities, like environmental justice and economically distressed communities, reside.

DEEP said that during the first round of DCRF in 2023, 93% of overall awards went to vulnerable communities.

Vulnerable communities are defined by Connecticut General Statute section 16-243y as populations with increased risk and limited means to adapt to the effects of climate change. Co-founder of the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed, Maggie Favretti, said she was concerned over the exclusion of the

Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation from the environmental justice communities list.

In a public comment at a DCRF meeting, Favretti said that the challenges faced by the tribal nation not being considered an environmental justice community coincides with DEEP not considering the Eastern Pequot water bodies in recent surveys with the Environmental Protection Agency. The lack of data may impact their priority in the Clean Water Fund portion of the DCRF.

"The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation is on a body of water that CT DEEP and EPA did not test in their last rounds of the integrated water study," Favretti said. "What do we do about that?"

Favretti said that the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation could use help from the DCRF for their community center which helps with climate resilience as cooling infrastructure but would need an off the grid approach contrary to the current DCRF partnership with Eversource.

Questions about the 2025 DEEP Climate Resilience Fund can be raised during office hours held by DEEP from 2 to 3 p.m. this Thursday. The deadline for written comments on the request for proposals draft must be submitted to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov by Oct. 21, 2025.

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Wall Street veers upward after Trump softens his criticism of China

NEW YORK (AP) — And back up goes Wall Street. U.S. stocks rallied Monday after President Donald Trump said "it will all be fine," just days after he sent the market reeling by threatening much higher tariffs on China.

The S&P 500 jumped 1.6% in its best day since May and recovered just over half its drop from Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 587 points, or 1.3%, and the Nasdaq composite leaped 2.2%.

"Don't worry about China," Trump said on his social media platform Sunday. He also said that China's leader, Xi Jinping, "doesn't want Depression for his country, and neither do I. The U.S.A. wants to help China, not hurt it!!!"

It was a sharp turnaround from the anger Trump displayed on Friday, when the S&P 500 tumbled to its worst drop since April after he accused China of "a moral disgrace in dealing with other Nations."

Trump pointed to "an extremely hostile letter" from China describing curbs to exports of rare earths, which are materials used in the manufacturing of everything from personal electronics to jet engines. Trump said at the time that he may place an additional 100% tax on imports from China starting on Nov. 1.

For its part, China urged the United States to resolve differences through negotiations instead of threats. "We do not want a tariff war but we are not afraid of one," the Commerce Ministry said in a statement posted online.

Hours later, Trump posted his less confrontational talk about China on Truth Social. The backtrack in anger, which also came before trading began on Wall Street, raised hopes



Traders James Bodner, foreground, and Chris Lagana work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Oct. 13, 2025. PHOTOS COURTESY OF AP PHOTO/RICHARD DREW

that the world's two largest economies could find a way to allow global trade to continue smoothly.

The down-and-up moves for the market echoed its manic swings during April. That's when Trump shocked investors with his "Liberation Day" announcement of worldwide tariffs, only to eventually relent on many to give time to negotiate trade deals with other countries.

If this time ends up similarly, potentially even after a sharp drop for stock prices, subsidizing trade tensions and uncertainty could allow for a rolling

recovery to continue into 2026, according to Morgan Stanley strategists led by Michael Wilson.

To be sure, the U.S. stock market may have been primed for a drop. It was already facing criticism that prices had shot too high following a torrid 35% run for the S&P 500 from a low in April. The index, which dictates the movements for many 401(k) accounts, is still near its all-time high set last week.

Not only did Trump's backdown from tariffs help stocks soar since April, so did expectations for several cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve

to help the economy.

Critics say the market looks too expensive now after prices rose much faster than corporate profits. Worries are particularly high about companies in the artificial-intelligence industry, where pessimists hear echoes of the 2000 dot-com bubble that imploded.

Broadcom jumped 9.9% for one of Monday's biggest gains in the S&P 500 after announcing a collaboration with OpenAI. Broadcom will help develop and deploy custom AI accelerators that the maker of ChatGPT will design.

For stocks broadly to look

less expensive, either prices need to fall, or companies' profits need to rise.

That's raising the stakes for the upcoming earnings reporting season, with big U.S. companies lined up to say how much profit they made during the summer. JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson and United Airlines are some of the big names on the calendar this coming week.

Fastenal tumbled 7.5% for the largest loss in the S&P 500 after the maker of fasteners and safety supplies reported a profit for the latest quarter that was slightly weaker than analysts expected.

All told, the S&P 500 rose 102.21 points to 6,654.72. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 587.98 to 46,067.68, and the Nasdaq composite rallied 490.18 to 22,694.61.

At Bank of America, strategist Savita Subramanian is optimistic that S&P 500 companies can deliver a bigger overall profit than analysts expected. Besides reports showing a resilient U.S. economy, she also pointed in a BofA Global Research report to how the U.S. dollar's weakening against other currencies boosts the value of big U.S. companies' sales made overseas.

In stock markets abroad, indexes edged higher in Europe following losses in Asia, which had their first opportunity to react to Trump's threat from Friday of additional tariffs on China.

Stocks fell 1.5% in Hong Kong and 0.2% in Shanghai.

China reported its global exports rose 8.3% in September from a year earlier, the strongest growth in six months and further evidence that its manufacturers are shifting sales from the United States to other markets.



Options trader Steven Rodriguez works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Oct. 13, 2025.

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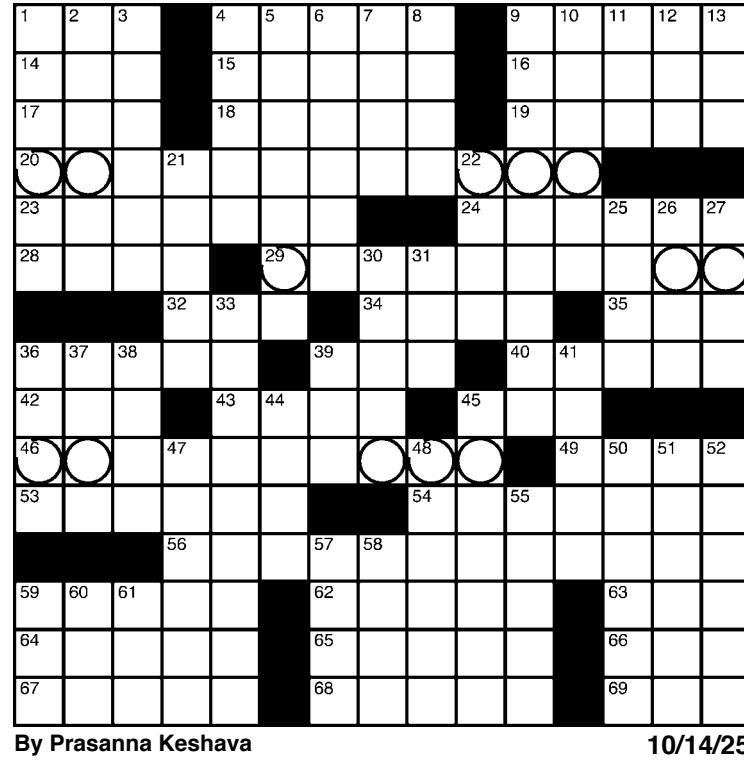
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By Prasanna Keshava

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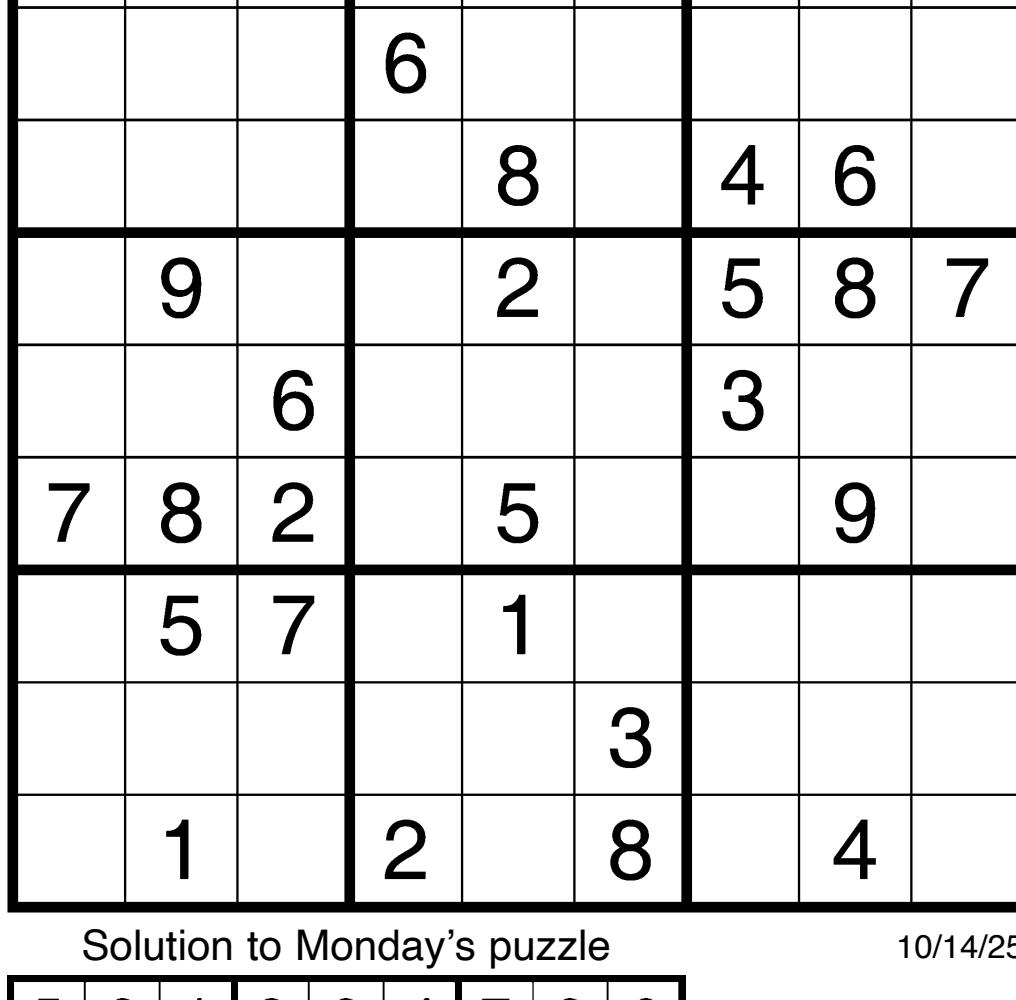
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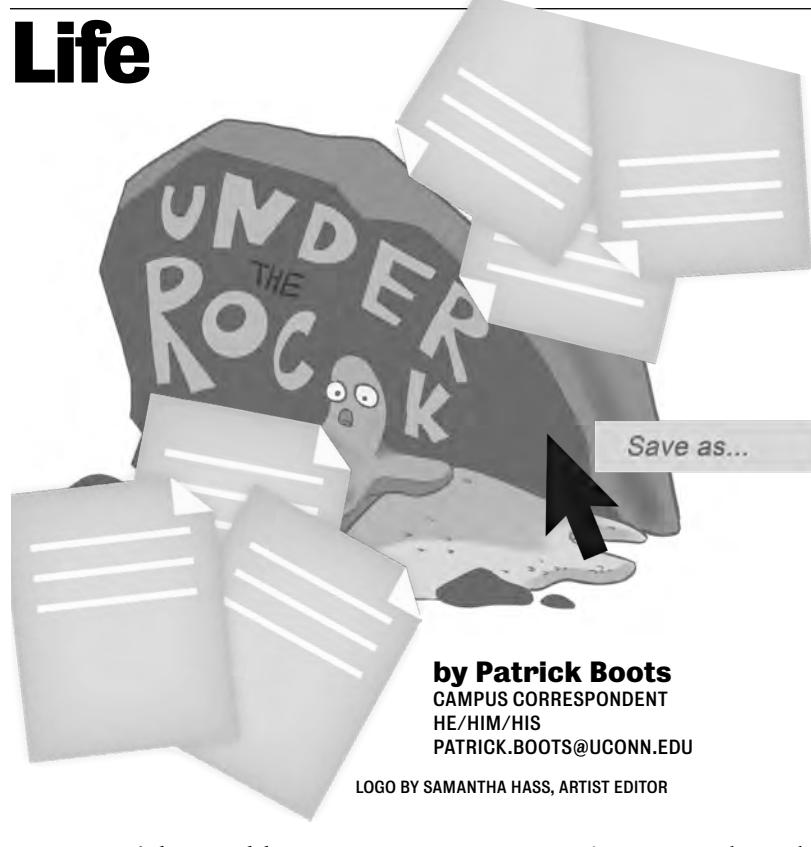
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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Start with a Folder System That Makes Sense

Think of your computer like a room: Everything should have a place. I created a main "UConn" folder in my documents library. Inside, you can organize by semester, like folders for "Fall 2025" and "Spring 2025," and then by class code. I'm in JOUR 2010 this semester, so I have a "JOUR 2010" folder. You may want to rename them something easy for you to find, like subject or teacher names. Within each course folder, I have subfolders for "Assignments," "Projects" and "Resources." Feel free to make it your own, especially if you take a lot of notes.

The key is consistency — use the same system for every class and semester, so you always know where to look.

Use Clear, Searchable File Names

Don't save everything as "Essay1.docx" or "FinalVersion.pdf." I'm very guilty of this! Instead, it may be a fine idea to label files with details like the topic and date — something like "ENGL101_PoeEssay_10-12-25.docx." This not only makes files easier to find but also keeps them sorted chronologically.

If you're collaborating

on group projects, maybe you can add initials or version numbers, like "Group-Project_v3_JaneEdits.pptx" — so you can keep track of your changes vs. the group's.

Did you notice how I don't use spaces in my filenames? Spaces are funky. Computers used to not accept them in file names, and they can still cause some issues when the internet is involved. But if you'd like to use them, there's much less risk nowadays. (Fun fact: filenames used to be capped at 8 characters!)

Clean Up Regularly

It's probably a good idea to take five minutes every few weeks to delete unneeded downloads and old drafts. Move finished projects into an "Finished" folder so that you're not weeding through completed stuff searching for tonight's homework.

Too many files in one place can also slow down your computer when searching, so keeping things tidy can be helpful.

Back Up Before It's Too Late

I can't stress this tip enough: Manually save your document. Frequently. On most systems, the key combination of "Ctrl + S" (or "Cmd + S" on Mac) saves the current

document. On the menu, it's usually "File" then "Save."

Data loss can strike anytime — from accidental deletions to computer crashes. Indeed, technology has advanced, but crashes and viruses are still possible — even on devices with fruit logos. Use an external hard drive to protect your work. Think of backups like insurance; you hope you never need them, but you'll be grateful if you do.

A Note on Cloud Storage

Cloud tools such as OneDrive, Google Drive or Dropbox can be useful, but should never be relied on. UConn does provide students access to 1 terabyte (1,000 gigabytes) of storage on OneDrive — so do use it, especially to share work for collaboration, but try your best to work local.

Working local means using a program outside of the internet. UConn students have access to the full-fat desktop versions of all the Microsoft Office programs, like Word, Excel and PowerPoint — they have a lot more features than the "lite" browser versions.

Don't Forget File Security

Store sensitive files (like financial documents or personal IDs) in password-protected folders or encrypted drives. Use strong, unique passwords

and enable two-factor authentication where possible.

Don't share your passwords and don't let others use your accounts. But you're a smart Husky, and probably already stay secure using tools like Duo and Authenticator. Keep on that!

Organize Today to Save Time Tomorrow

Good file management may not sound exciting, but

it's one of the simplest ways to save time, reduce stress and stay on top of your college life. There are plenty of more focused tips, like saving space by keeping file sizes down and even speedy keyboard shortcuts.

A well-organized computer means more time focusing on your studies — and less time searching for that one missing essay at 11:59 p.m.



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Files organized on an iPad. Creating designated files is one way you can stay organized throughout college. CREDIT: @CHRISLAWLEY_ON INSTAGRAM



Students using their computers to study and organize their work. Organization of your computer files can help to save time and limit stress down the road.

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File management and a student's guide to staying organized

A look at the Writing and Qualitative Learning centers



The Writing Center staff poses for a group picture. The Writing Center is a resource which students can use to improve their skills in composition, regardless of their area of study. CREDIT: WRITINGCENTER.UCONN.EDU

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Located on the second and third floors of the Homer Babbidge Library, the Writing Center and Qualitative Learning Center, or Q Center, are here to help UConn students with their troubles. Whether it's a tough homework assignment, a concept that a teacher didn't cover thoroughly or a personal writing project one wants to improve, the Writing and Q Centers are there for you.

The Writing Center

Located on the south side of level two, the Writing Center has seven different modalities for students to choose from. This includes 30 and 60-minute in-person appointments, online appointments and AIM (Accountability, Intentional Work, Motivation) sessions. Along with written feedback, there is also an asynchronous option where students can share their writing with tutors and receive written comments afterwards.

AIM sessions are a new support service at the Writing Cen-

ter, where students can work alongside peer tutors on stressful writing projects. In-person and online tutoring sessions are where students can meet up with tutors for advice on their assignments. You can either drop in to the center for a session or make an appointment online at writingcenter.uconn.edu. The Writing Center team is made up of undergraduate and graduate tutors. These tutors come from all different majors and backgrounds; some are also multilingual. English Professor Tom Deans serves as the director of the writing center. He hires and mentors the writing tutors.

"We're more of a talking and learning center than a writing center," Deans explains.

Christina Roby, a fifth-semester computer science major who serves as one of the undergraduate writing tutors and as a designer at the Daily Campus, also has the same sentiment about the Writing Center.

"Students come in with their personal projects, their applications for grants and they tell me about their amazing research," Roby said. "People come in with their teaching plans, and

they want to talk about what's the best way of introducing a topic to a fifth grader... I learn about so many different areas of the world, just by working at the Writing Center."

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TOM DEANS, W CENTER DIRECTOR

Both Roby and Deans also stress that the Writing Center is here to make students into better writers overall—it's not just for finetuning assignments. Deans shared an old maxim that said, "writing centers are not about producing better writing but about producing better writers."

One thing students may not know is that the writing center also dabbles in research. Deans shared with me an anecdote about how he helped start a writing center in Uganda, where he and other UConn tutors connected with their Ugandan counterparts to conduct some cultural exchange and mentor the Ugandans on working as a tutor. One UCo-

nn tutor, Melissa Masnuraglu, managed to write a research paper on the whole process. You can find out more about the Writing Center's research here.

The Writing Center is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and 1 to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

The Qualitative Learning Center

Above the Writing Center on the north side of the third floor, the Q Center boasts 69 undergraduate tutors who can help students in math, chemistry, physics and statistics—you can check on their website for the specific courses they teach. Their main role is to support the in-class learning of students in Q courses.

Tutoring is on a drop-in basis and they advise students to limit their stay to two hours. If you want to see which tutors are available and when, there is a tutoring schedule for students to check out on the Q Center website.

Based on activity, students may be able to receive one-on-one tutoring if the center isn't busy. If students do need one-on-one tutoring, the Q Center offers

external private tutors that you can find on their website.

The Q Center offers exam review sessions in conjunction with course coordinators when necessary. Especially for final exams for lower-level Q courses in chemistry, math, physics and statistics.

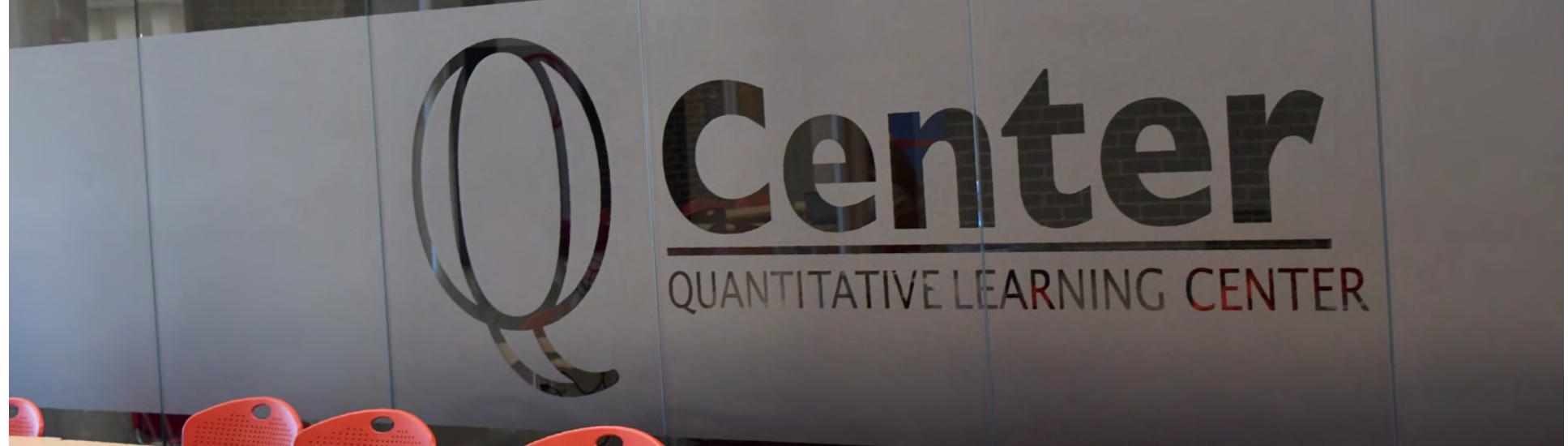
Students can also find study groups through the Q Center, either by contacting instructors who have a sign-up sheet for the study groups or talking to other students in class who are using the center to help create a study group.

One tutor, third-semester electrical engineering major Vedant Karad, believes that more students should come to the Q Center because "The students here have been through that, they know how questions are framed, how to approach them and how to answer them." He also says that each tutor works hard on making sure students understand concepts, sometimes working together if needed.

The Q Center is open from 1 to 11 p.m. from Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays.



Students utilizing the Q center to learn and review material for their midterm exams. The Q center is the most commonly used math resource center for students at the University of Connecticut. PHOTO BY ALEXANDER RENZULLI, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL GARBA EVENT AT VOLLEYBALL CENTER

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On Sunday, Oct. 12, the University of Connecticut's Indian Student Association (ISA) held their Garba at the Volleyball Center from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., in celebration of the Navratri festival.

Garba is a night dedicated to the traditional folk dance from Gujarat, India. The dance features dancers moving in concentric circles to celebrate the goddess, Durga. The event is part of Navratri, a nine-night Hindu festival that honors Durga and celebrates the triumph of good over evil. While deeply rooted in spiritual meaning, Garba has also become a social and cultural gathering that brings together communities through

dance, music and shared joy.

ISA hosts several events throughout the year that cultivate a rich expression of Indian culture, and Garba is the biggest event they host. This year, they hosted it at the UConn Volleyball Center to accommodate the student interest in the event. Tickets were sold on Doorlist with 3 drop times: Sept. 25, Sept. 30 and October 2.

"The event was a culmination of lots of hard work from every member of the board. We had several committees, like Logistics and Decorations, working to make this event a success," said Aanvi Agrawal, vice president of ISA. "In the end, we're just excited to create a space where students can experience Indian culture on campus." Agrawal is a sixth-semester molecular and cellular biology

and psychology double major.

The event was not exclusive to UConn students — many attendees were students from other colleges and even high schools.

"It was a really great chance to see that Indian culture can still be a prominent part of my life in college," said South Windsor High School senior Arushi Sharma. "Everyone was so welcoming, and the music just made you want to dance."

The event itself began at 4 p.m. and doors closed at 6 p.m. As soon as the event began, the energy in the room was vibrant and participants were dancing around in circles. The members of ISA had also created a decorative background for photos, so the event was filled with laughter, music and excitement.

Midway through the evening, ISA began selling colorful dandiya sticks — short, decorated wooden sticks used in another traditional dance called Dandiya Raas. Groups of friends eagerly lined up to purchase a pair and join in the rhythmic clacking of sticks, adding to the festive atmosphere. The floor filled with synchronized movements, joyful laughter and the echo of wooden sticks striking in unison.

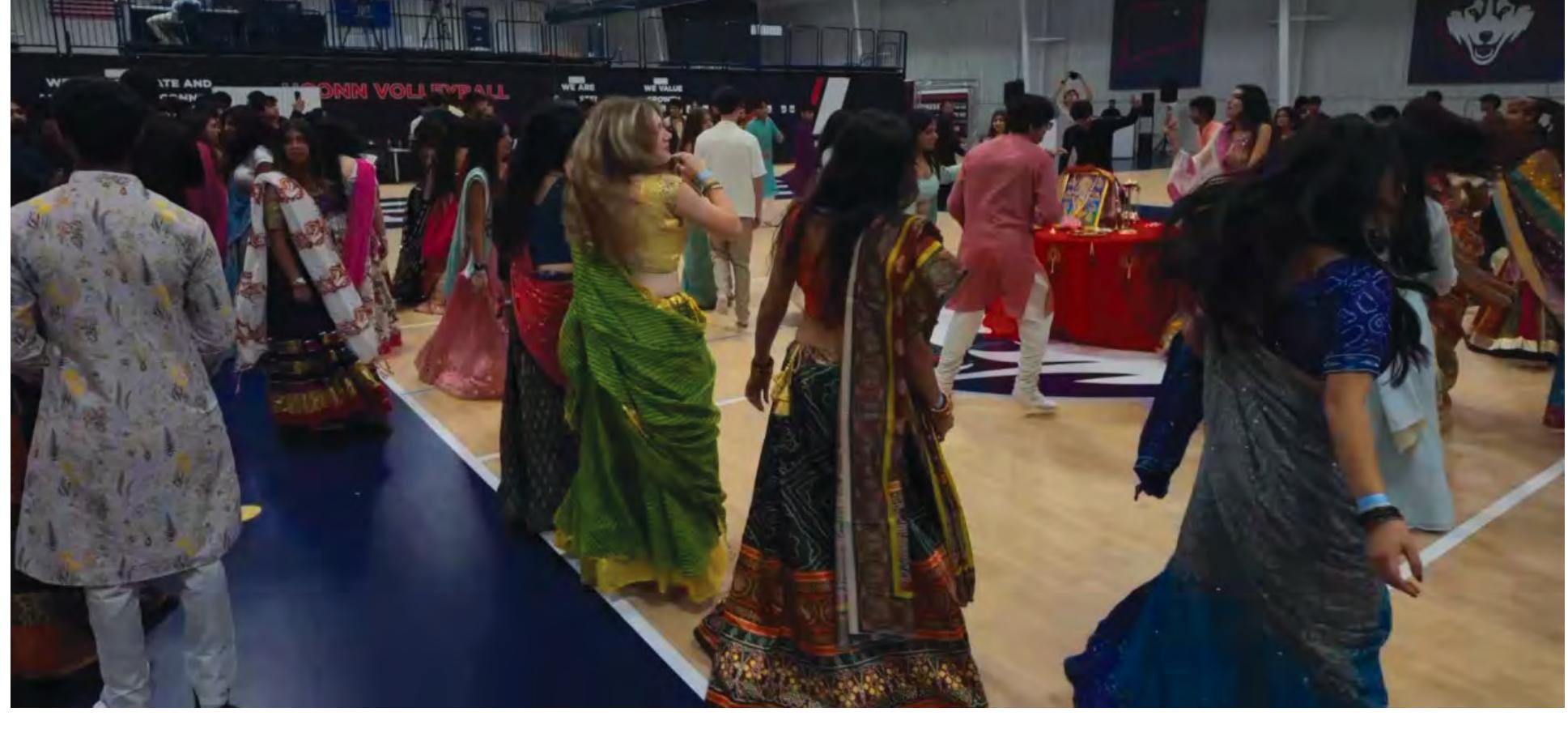
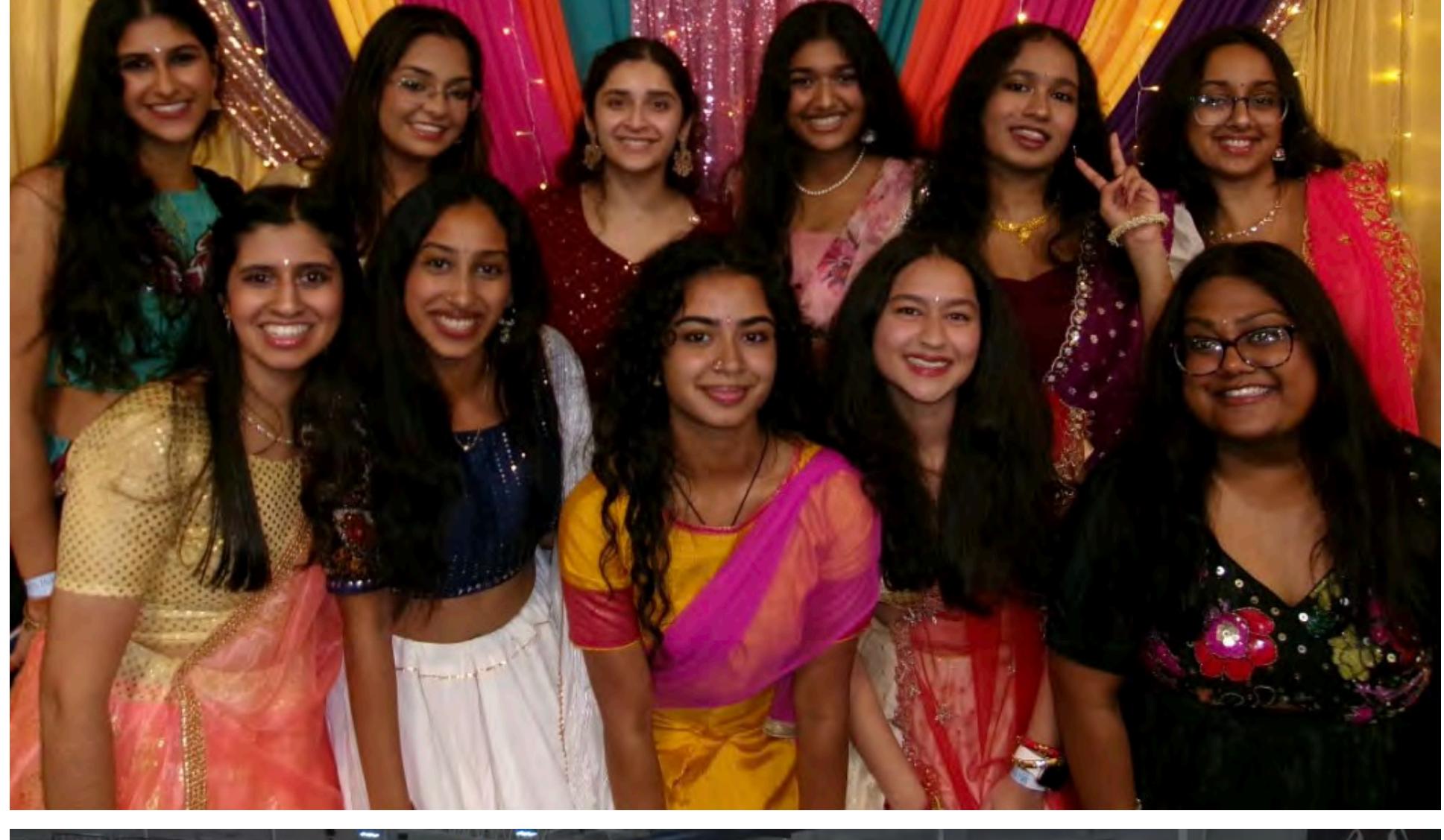
As the evening progressed, the traditional Garba music transitioned into a high-energy DJ set that featured a mix of classic Indian beats and modern Bollywood hits. The change in tempo drew everyone back to the center of the floor for one final burst of dancing. The crowd cheered as the DJ played favorites

like "Nagada Sang Dhol" and "Gallan Goodiyan," closing the night with an explosion of energy and excitement.

By the time the event ended around 8 p.m., attendees were tired but smiling, some lingering to take photos or chat with new friends. ISA's Garba once again proved to be more than just a dance — it was a celebration of culture, community and connection.

After the main Garba event, ISA also hosted an after-party at Kathmandu Kitchen & Bar to continue the celebrations in a party setting.

As the event was closing, ISA also announced their next event: a Diwali Cultural Showcase to generate excitement and anticipation for their upcoming events. More information is to be released on their Instagram page.



UConn Jhalak poses for a team photo, and people dance in traditional Indian clothing for Garba. On Oct 12., ISA held Garba in celebration of the Navratri festival.

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"JEEVES AND WOOSTER"

=S A GREAT ADAPTATION=

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The 1990s series "Jeeves and Wooster" starring Stephen Fry as the inimitable Jeeves, and Hugh Laurie as the likable layabout Bertie Wooster, is one of the most true-to-the-source adaptations of a book series. The beloved book series is known by audiences worldwide, with naturally quite a large fan base in the United Kingdom, where the books predominantly take place. The book series consists of 11 novels, though there are also a number of short stories. They were written by P.G. Wodehouse in the early 1900s and continue to be read and loved by millions. The show ran for four seasons and was very well received.

The series revolves around two main characters, Wooster and Jeeves. Wooster, being a rather helpless bachelor, fully reliant on generational wealth, with no job of his own. Jeeves, however, is quite the opposite of Wooster, a valet whose primary responsibilities would typically be caring for his boss. But, in the case of Jeeves and Wooster, his primary responsibility is extricating Wooster from his constant flow of mishaps and blunders (and constant unwanted engagements).

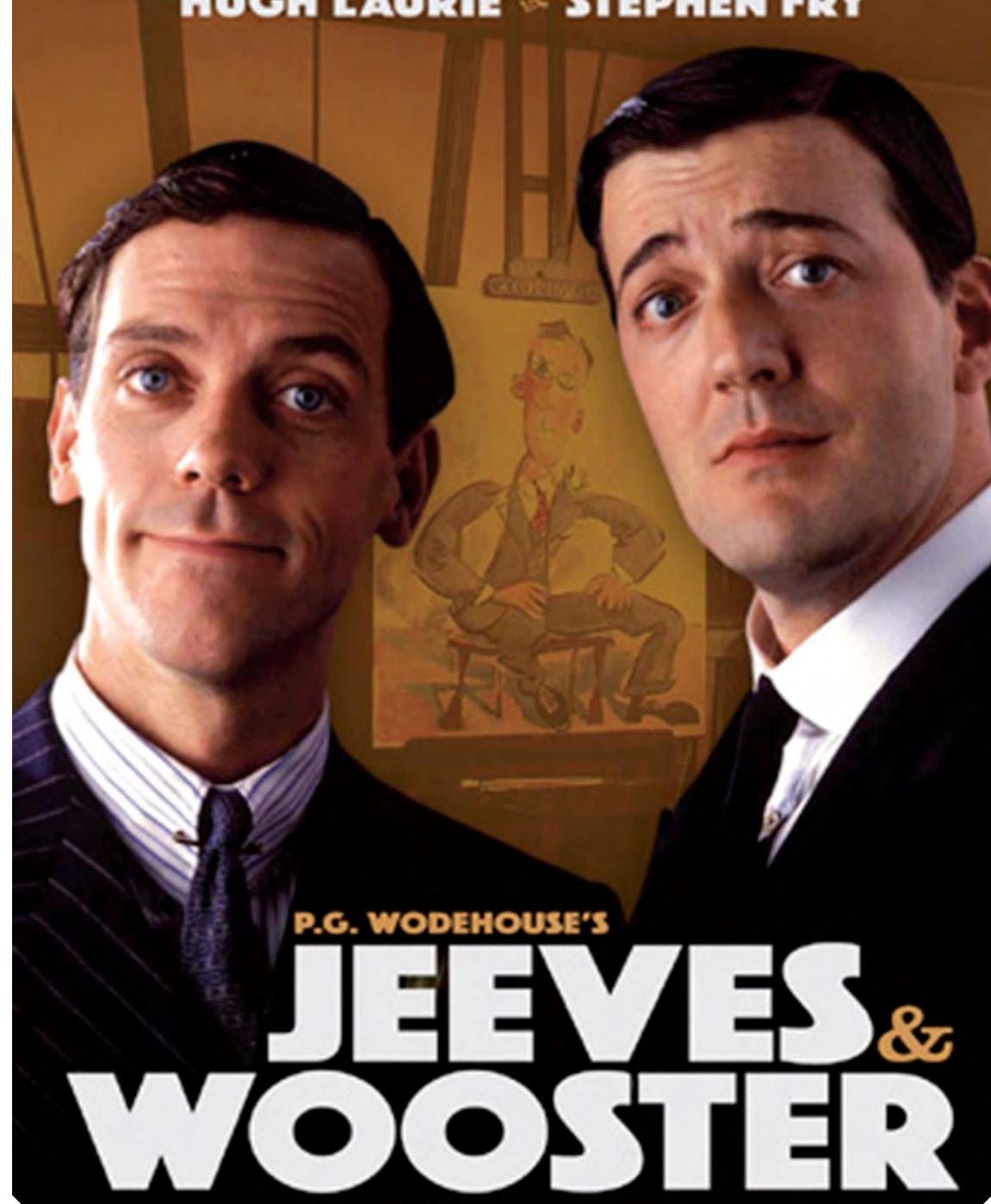
In all but one of the novels, the stories are told from the perspective of Wooster. In this way, we are positioned inside his brain, which makes for very entertaining reading, with a lot of comedic scenes and charm. What the television series offers is more of an opportunity to see the situations for what they are, as opposed to from the biased perspective of Jeeves or Wooster. It can be fun for the viewer to think along a scheme,

or piece one together as the story unfolds, which is oftentimes less doable in the novels seeing as much of the information Jeeves uses to devise his course of action is not given to the reader until the reveal of said stratagem.

The casting for the series couldn't have been more perfect. While reading the novels I can't help but hear and see Laurie and Fry. Laurie masterfully portrays the clueless but amicable Wooster, with his ability to contort his facial features with ease, particularly his eyes and eyebrows allow him to play the part perfectly. He shows his range, as he's best known by Americans for his portrayal of the genius character Dr. House, managing to play the idiot well too. On the other side, Fry seems to have been made for the part of Jeeves, with his cunning and intelligent air mixed with his stone face that he expertly controls for Jeeves' judgmental expressions.

Like the novels, the series is a fun and easy watch, made truly for entertainment. Viewers and readers alike don't come out of the experience feeling pessimistic or angry, rather they feel lighter having watched or read a clever and witty series that doesn't feel the need to speak on divisive matters. The episodes are about an hour each, filled with constant schemes, comedy, and judgmental glares from Jeeves.

If you're looking for the perfect onscreen adaptation of a treasured book series, look no further than "Jeeves and Wooster" with its constant laughs and amazing acting, you really can't go wrong. If you



The two main characters from the show Jeeves and Wooster played by Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. The show consists of four seasons which were released in the early 90s.

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Photo of the Day | Rainy days



Two friends part ways outside of the Student Union on Oct. 13, 2025. Students visited to escape the rainy conditions outside.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PHOTO GALLERY



The University of Connecticut's women's basketball team plays Boston College at Mohegan Sun on Oct. 13, 2025. The Huskies won 84-67 in their first exhibition game of the season. PHOTOS BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

THE LOCKEROOM - TROUBLE IN HAPPY VALLEY AS FRANKLIN FIRED

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One of college football's most notable and longest-tenured coaches, James Franklin, was recently fired and bought out by Penn State for \$56 million amidst a 3-3 start to the team's 2025 campaign. Over his tenure at the university, Franklin asserted himself as one of the best coaches in program history, and since 2024 he went 104-45, marking a .697 winning percentage. In his best season at State College last year, he led the Nittany Lions to the College Football Playoff. The program won their first two games; however, they fell short by a possession against Notre Dame to reach the national championship game.

Entering this year, the Nittany Lions were riding high, as the team was ranked second and poised for another big year in the preseason. Franklin's team shined in their first few games versus lower-level opponents in Nevada, FIU and Villanova, where they outscored those three teams by a combined score of 132-17. In those games, star quarterback and top draft prospect Drew Allar was on par as he combined for four touchdowns while passing for just over 600 yards. But in recent weeks, things quickly changed for Allar and his team as they headed to Oregon for a big matchup with the Ducks. The visitors battled hard; however, they ended up falling in double overtime, 30-24, marking their first loss of the season. In that game, Allar threw for just 137 yards, while completing two touchdowns and one

interception. For Franklin, he couldn't secure wins in big games against top 10 ranked teams; he held a record of just 4-21, including a 1-18 record against top 10 Big Ten teams.

Coming off the loss, the team looked for a bounce-back versus a winless UCLA. However, things would only get worse as Penn State traveled to Pasadena and were upset by new UCLA offensive coordinator Jerry Neuheisel and quarterback Nico Imaileava. Penn State's second loss sent shockwaves around college football as the once-ranked no. 2 team in the nation fell out of the rankings entirely as they headed back home for a matchup versus Northwestern. From there, Oct. 11 went down as one of the biggest days in Penn State football history for all the wrong reasons. With the game close in the fourth quarter, Allar went down with a leg injury that ultimately sidelined him for the rest of the game. Penn State could not come back without their star as they fell 22-21, marking their third straight loss. Following the game, it was also determined that Allar's injury would be season-ending. For a team with three straight losses and no chance at making the playoffs, this was the nail in the coffin.

Penn State had gone from a team destined to win it all to now being left with questions about the future for a program with a storied history. Sunday also marked the first turnover at the top of the program in ten years as Penn State AD Patrick Kraft fired Franklin. Kraft said that "we hold our athletics programs to the highest of standards, and we believe this is the right moment for new leadership at the helm of our football program to

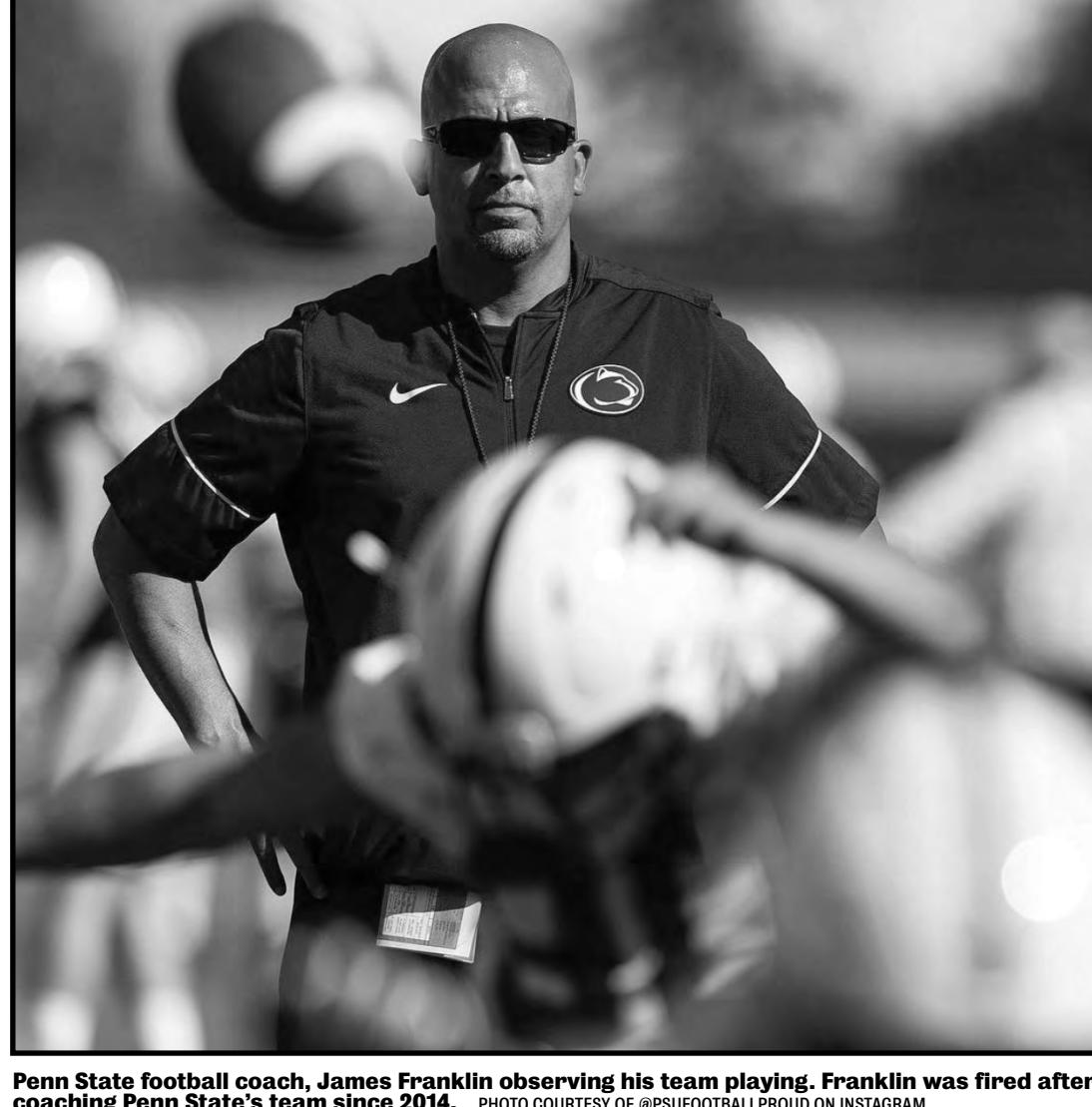
advance us toward Big Ten and national championships."

For Allar, he will rehab as his college career is presumably over, as he has used up all four years of his eligibility; however, he still should be considered a top draft prospect at his position. Franklin ultimately rebuilt this program following Joe Paterno and Bill O'Brien; however, he could not do what the brass

wanted most, and that was not to create just a sustainable program, but to also win a national championship.

Now, the Nittany Lions aim to change their future, and this season, that future might be nerve-racking. They will have the number one and three teams in Ohio State and Indiana in back-to-back weeks following

a game versus Iowa next week. They will look to build some momentum to get their program back to the top as they will see a regime change in the offseason. Jerry Smith has now been named head coach at Penn State as he looks to steer the program back on track during what promises to be a long offseason for whoever is at the helm.



Penn State football coach, James Franklin observing his team playing. Franklin was fired after coaching Penn State's team since 2014. PHOTO COURTESY OF @PSUFOOTBALLPROUD ON INSTAGRAM

BRAYDEN'S BREAKDOWN: RUNNING BACK OPTIONS TO BOLSTER THE PATRIOTS BACKFIELD

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The New England Patriots defeated the New Orleans Saints on Sunday despite Drake Maye being their leading rusher with 28 yards. The run game has been a problem for the Patriots despite the 4-2 record through 6 games.

Rahmondre Stevenson scored two touchdowns last week against Buffalo but has dealt with fumble issues over the past two seasons. Stevenson has three fumbles so far this season and has not rushed for more than 54 yards in a game all year.

Rookie TreVeyon Henderson has been solid but has not had many chances this season. His season high carries are 7 while he has 18 catches out of the backfield this year.

Antonio Gibson suffered a season-ending ACL injury in the Patriots week 5 win over the Bills. Despite being the third string running back, Gibson was an explosive player for New England, returning a kickoff for a touchdown earlier in the season against Miami.

Here are four moves that the Pats could make to gain depth in their backfield.

Trade for Tank Bigsby

Bigsby was already traded from Jacksonville to Philadelphia at the start of the season. Bigsby has not carried the ball once as an Eagle and has primarily been used as a kick returner for Philly. The 23-year-old has fresh legs and would provide a spark to the Gibson-less backfield in New England. Last season with the Jaguars, Bigsby rushed for 766 yards and 7 touchdowns. He has racked up 500 returning yards in his three NFL seasons, him taking

Gibson's spot as a running back and a returner would be crucial for Head Coach Mike Vrabel's team.

Sign Zach Moss

The 28-year-old Moss remains team less six weeks into the NFL season. He played in 8 games with the Bengals last season, running for 242 yards and 2 touchdowns before suffering injuries and losing playing time to Chase Brown. Moss had his best season in 2023 as an Indianapolis Colt, filling in for Jonathan Taylor who only played in 10 games that season.

The former third round pick ran for 794 yards and 5 touchdowns while also racking up 192 receiving yards. Henderson and Stevenson have not provided much receiving help either aside from the game against Miami. Moss can make an impact on both the passing and running games in New England.

Reunion with Cordarrelle Patterson

Like Moss, Patterson is a jack of all trades on offense while providing a massive spark on special teams. The former Patriot was released by the Steelers in July and has not been on a roster since. Patterson spent 2018 in New England where he had 1 rushing, 1 returning and 3 receiving touchdowns during the regular season while racking up 42 all-purpose yards in the Patriots low scoring Super Bowl 53 victory. Patterson is now 34 years old and has dealt with his fair share of injuries, however, just three years ago he ran for almost 700 yards and scored 8 touchdowns. He and Maye would be a great duo and his veteran presence would help Vrabel's culture continue to grow.

Trade for Tony Pollard

Pollard is in the second year of a three-year deal with the



Efton Chism III celebrating during a game. Efton is a wide receiver for the New England Patriots. PHOTO COURTESY OF @PATRIOTS ON INSTAGRAM

struggling Tennessee Titans and could be a crucial asset for the Patriots. The former Dallas Cowboy has rushed for over 1,000 yards in three straight seasons and is on pace to be close to the 1K threshold this season. The 1-5 Titans are still in the rebuilding process during year one of Cam Ward being under center, so there is no reason to keep Pollard around. The Pats are not afraid to trade

mid-late round picks for players like Pollard, so this move is very possible. New England and Tennessee play each other this upcoming weekend, a possible audition for Pollard.

With the easiest remaining strength of schedule, according to Tankathon, the Patriots are poised for a postseason run. One of these four running backs would complete this team as a possible Super Bowl contender

in just year two of Maye as quarterback.



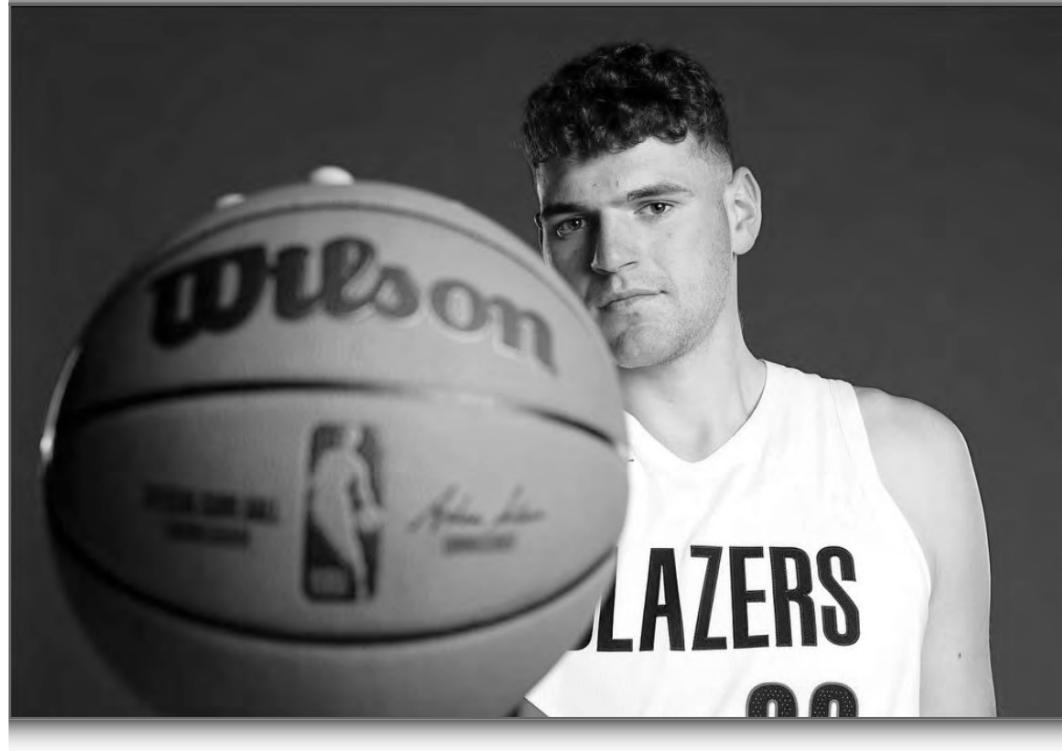
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HUSKIES IN THE PROS: BREAKING DOWN THE HUSKIES' PERFORMANCES ACROSS THREE LEAGUES



Former Husky, Donovan Clingan, poses in his Portland Trail Blazers uniform. In their next matchup, the Trail Blazers will face the Warriors. PHOTO COURTESY OF @DONOVANCLINGAN ON INSTAGRAM

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MLB: George Springer

The Toronto Blue Jays eliminated the New York Yankees from the 2025 MLB playoffs after defeating them 5-2 in Game 4 of the ALDS on Saturday.

In their final meeting, Springer recorded a hit on one of four at-bats, driving in a run. The 36-year-old averaged .176 with an on-base percentage of .250 and an on-base-plus-sluggish percentage of .721.

Now, the Blue Jays advance to the ALCS to clash with the Seattle Mariners in a best-of-seven series. In Game 1 on Sunday, the club fell to the Mariners 3-1.

The Blue Jays notched the first points of the match in the bottom of the first inning, as Springer went to yard for a single homerun. However, the Mariners scored three unanswered runs in the top of the sixth and eighth innings.

Springer ended the day slashing a .190 average, a .250 on-base percentage and a .821 on-base-plus-sluggish percentage.

The Blue Jays look to find the equalizer in Game 2 of the ALCS on Monday, with the first pitch scheduled for 5:03 p.m. on Fox Sports. Game 3 is scheduled for Thursday at 8:33 p.m. on Fox Sports 1.

WNBA:

Kiah Stokes:

Stokes hoisted up her third WNBA championship with the Las Vegas Aces after defeating the Phoenix Mercury 97-86 in Game 4 of the WNBA finals. The former Husky now owns a total of six rings between the NCAA and the pros.

Napheesa Collier:

Collier unanimously earned a spot on the 2025 All-WNBA first team. With the Minnesota Lynx in the 2025 regular season, the 29-year-old accumulated nearly 23 points, just over seven rebounds and a little over three assists per match. The veteran ended the year ranked No. 2 with slightly under 23 points, No. 3 with around 1.5 steals and No. 5 with 1.5 blocks per meeting.

Paige Bueckers:

The WNBA selected Bueckers to the 2025 All-WNBA second team. In her first year with the Dallas Wings, the rookie broke several records and won Rookie of the Year. The guard contributed slightly over 19 points, almost four boards and just under 5.5 assists per clash. Additionally, the 23-year-old topped the 2025 draft class with a little more than 19 points per game. To top the cake, the former Husky lands at No. 3 with 692 points scored as a rookie.

NBA:

Stephon Castle:

The reigning 2025 NBA Rook-

ie of the Year has yet to take the court, as he suffered a minor knee injury during a scrimmage last Monday. Currently, Castle is a game-time decision for the San Antonio Spurs' Monday match against the Indiana Pacers.

Donovan Clingan:

Clingan has played two pre-season clashes for the Portland Trail Blazers. The former Husky averaged 14 and a half minutes and combined for six points, 17 boards, an assist and two blocks. While facing the Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings, the center nailed a total of three of eight (37.5%) tries from within the paint.

The Trail Blazers host the Warriors on Tuesday at 10 p.m. on BlazerVision, KUNP 16 and the NBA League Pass.

Cam Spencer:

In the Memphis Grizzlies' last three pre-season matchups, Spencer averaged 10 points per game within almost 16 minutes. The second-year guard sniped two of five (40%) shots from within the perimeter and four of 11 (36.4%) attempts from deep. So far, the 25-year-old has only botched two of 16 free throws.

The Grizzlies travel to play the Hornets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. on FanDuel Sports Network and the NBA League Pass.

Liam McNeely:

So far in the NBA pre-season, McNeely has struggled to convert his basketball skills to the

pros. In the Hornets' back-to-back battles with the Oklahoma City Thunder, the rookie buried all seven free throws but drained just one of eight shots.

In the team's recent face-off versus the Dallas Mavericks, the 20-year-old went perfect, knocking down two attempts from the field and a three-pointer. Within 15 minutes, the guard finished with five points and two rebounds.

The Hornets take on the Grizzlies on Wednesday, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. on FanDuel Sports Network or the NBA League Pass.

Andre Jackson Jr.:

At the end of the 2024-2025 stretch, Jackson Jr. saw a decline in court time. In the Milwaukee Bucks' pre-season, the former has seen about 10 minutes per meeting.

Within the franchise's three-game winning streak, the

23-year-old posted 11 points, nine boards, two assists and three steals. Jackson Jr. registered two of three (66.7%) attempts from the field and splashed one of two tries from downtown.

The Bucks host the Thunder on Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Peacock or the NBA League Pass.

Tristen Newton:

Newton participated in every pre-season outing for the Minnesota Timberwolves and performed his best against the Pacers. The 24-year-old ended with nine points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals. The guard knocked down one of two (50%) two-pointers and one of two (50%) shots from beyond the arc.

The Timberwolves travel to face the Chicago Bulls on Thursday at 8 p.m. on the Chicago Sports Network and the NBA League Pass.

Kiah Stokes holding up her six combined NCAA rings. Stokes, who played for the UConn Huskies until 2015, now plays for the Las Vegas Aces. PHOTO BY @LVACES ON INSTAGRAM



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: SARAH AND SERAH LEAD THE WAY, HUSKIES DEFEAT EAGLES 84-67

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Fresh off winning their 12th National Championship, the UConn women's basketball team is back, locked and loaded.

On Monday afternoon, the Huskies returned to the hardwood to take on the Boston College Eagles at the Hall of Fame Exhibition series, where both the men's and women's programs played against each other's squads. In the end, the Huskies came out on top with a final score of 84-67.

With such a legendary player like Paige Bueckers leaving for the WNBA after Connecticut's dominant 2024-25 season, many wondered who would fill the void of the star-studded player on the Husky roster.

Now, with one exhibition game, it's not necessarily only one player who will fill the void, but multiple players.

In the first half, the game had its various ups and downs, with the Huskies looking to grow accustomed to such a shuffled roster.

The 2025-26 season brought five new players to the Huskies roster, including senior transfer Serah Williams from the University of Wisconsin Madison, who started the game at the five for the Huskies.

Right off the bat, Williams and her teammate, sophomore Sarah Strong, were the difference makers for the Huskies.

Every time the ball was in the North Carolina natives' hands, Strong made things look effortless from any spot, whether that be in the paint or on the hardwood.

The 6-foot-2 forward finished the first half with 15 points, five rebounds and four assists.

On the other hand, her teammate, Williams, followed suit with 10 points and three rebounds.

Right off the bat, Williams and Strong were the clear difference makers out on the court, but the Huskies' offense in the first quarter still looked a little shaky. However, that is to be expected in the first exhibi-

tion game of the season.

In the first quarter, Strong proved her high-low to be the most dominant, scoring six of the Huskies' first eight points.

In addition, Williams went 100% from the field to close out the first frame of the game.

"Those two have a really good connection," Head coach of the program Geno Auriemma, said to the media when asked about Strong and Williams. "I think the more she plays with us, it's not the easiest thing in the world to play one way for three years and then come in and perform into a scenario like that."

The second quarter told a similar story to the first. Both Williams and Strong still commanded the court, making it pretty evident that the Huskies were not pushing the ball unless it was a wide-open lane.

At the half, the score was 43-30. With only a 13-point lead over the Eagles, the Huskies, including graduate student Azzi Fudd, returned to the locker room looking to regroup after the first half.

With only scoring five points in the first half of the game, it lit a fire underneath Fudd.

In the third quarter, Fudd kicked things off, scoring 15 points and racking up two rebounds.

"I mean, I didn't do anything, it was all my teammates," Fudd said to the media postgame when asked about this scoring spurt, "I just stood in the corner, and Sarah [Strong] and other people found me and gave me great chances."

What Auriemma prides his team most on is how, like Fudd, his team can get shots off and immediately change the tempo of a game.

"That's kind of been a hallmark of our team to score points so quickly," Auriemma said.

With just one game under their belt, it was a perfect way for the Huskies to iron out kinks and look at what they need to harp on before heading into the regular season.

"They're exhibitions for a reason. We saw a bunch of good things and a bunch of bad things; that's what makes these games successful," Auriemma said.

Next up, the Huskies have an exhibition date against the Southern Connecticut State University Owls on Oct. 26.

Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the newly renovated Peoples-Bank Arena in Hartford, Conn.

If Husky fans cannot make it to

Connecticut's capital, they can tune into the game on UConn+ or listen in on 97.9 FM from Learfield.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL: UNDERMANNED No. 4 HUSKIES BEGIN SEASON WITH 71-52 EXHIBITION WIN OVER BOSTON COLLEGE



The UConn Huskies take on Boston College at Mohegan Sun on Oct. 13, 2025. The Huskies won the exhibition game with a score of 71-52.

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Down two starters, the fourth-ranked UConn men's basketball team used a second-half surge to down Boston College in an exhibition game at Mohegan Sun Arena, 71-52.

The Huskies had two presumptive starters out due to injury. According to the team, Georgia transfer guard Silas Demary Jr. was ruled out with a calf injury and is considered day-to-day, while center Tarris Reed Jr. has a hamstring injury that could sideline him for longer, as he will continue to be evaluated in the coming weeks.

In their place were Dayton transfer guard Malachi Smith and freshman center Eric Reibe, who made their debuts in a UConn uniform.

Smith looked like a spark plug at the point guard position. With an aggressive energy all over the court, the Bronx, N.Y. native scored 7 points on 2-6 shooting with a team-high five assists.

"I definitely felt good today," Smith said. "I want to make sure I don't put a lot of stress on myself."

Reibe looked like a freshman at times but overall looked

promising for the Huskies. In Reed's absence, the Hanover, Germany native scored 8 points on 3-9 shooting and brought down six rebounds.

"I thought Eric handled himself well," UConn head coach Dan Hurley said, who noted that Reibe should have had 14 points and eight rebounds. "He didn't finish everything, but I thought he functioned well and got himself to the right spots. He's going to grow and keep getting better. I think the guy's going to be an awesome player."

The rest of the newcomers made their debut Monday night as well.

Five-star freshman guard Braylon Mullins scored 12 points on 4-9 shooting but got into foul trouble with four. While he is known as a sharp-shooter, the McDonald's All-American went just 2-7 from downtown and finished with a -3 plus/minus.

Le Moyne transfer Dwayne Koroma was the first player off the bench and did not disappoint with a +19 plus/minus rating and five rebounds in 12 minutes. However, like Mullins, Koroma was also in trouble with four fouls.

Australian wing Jacob Furphy only played five minutes, but the Huskies outscored Boston College by nine throughout

the time he was on the floor.

IU Indy transfer Alec Millender saw 14 minutes on the floor, and his four assists helped Connecticut outscore the Eagles by 12.

Rezon Elezaj, Jacob Ross and Uros Paunovic did not play until the very end, but Elezaj provided one last highlight to add to the reel with a block and the game-sealing steal in the final seconds.

The Huskies' offense looked like a shell of the top 15 offense they had last season. They started the game with Mullins' first basket from near the restricted area, but were 1 for their next 8 shots taken, with the only basket coming from an old-fashioned 3-point play from Reibe.

Despite being projected to be the No. 2 offense on KenPom ahead of the season, Connecticut shot 36.8% from the field and 23.8% from deep in the first half. Both numbers are lower than what they were last season.

The shots looked good, especially from downtown, but the Huskies struggled to connect with the bottom of the basket. They had a lot of opportunities too, with 38 field goal attempts and 21 3-point attempts after the first 20 minutes.

While the Huskies ended up shooting just 38.7% in the second half and 37.7% for the game,

they looked better on offense for the back end of the final 20 minutes. Even though Boston College ended up taking the lead for what felt like a split second, UConn regained the lead thanks to star forward Alex Karaban.

The two-time national champion, with just one shoe on, made a 3-pointer in transition to give the Huskies a 44-40 lead with 11:30 left in the game. Despite only making one of his first seven 3-pointers, his second provided a 13-0 jolt for the Huskies' offense with 11:30 left in the game.

The Southborough, Mass. native finished the game with 17 points on 6-16 shooting and a team-high 11 rebounds.

"It was good just getting the jitters out," Karaban said. "I thought we learned a lot."

On the defensive side, you can argue their defense looked better than ranked 75th in the country on KenPom last season.

At the end of the first half, Boston College turned the ball over 12 times and made just two 3-pointers. While the Huskies gave up a 9-0 run in the second half, Boston College finished the game with 20 turnovers.

The free-throw differential was one of the stories of the first half, with the Eagles taking 15 shots from the charity stripe to UConn's two. Connecticut was a team prone to getting in foul

trouble a season ago, and that seemed to transition over on Monday night, with 11 fouls to Boston College's six. That continued in the second half, with the final box score favoring the Eagles, 30-11. What hurt Boston College was their inability to make free throws, only making 19 of their 30 attempts.

Jayden Ross came off the bench and had a massive impact. Despite not being a box score stuffer, his presence brought him to a team-high +26 plus/minus rating.

"What this team is dying for is somebody off the bench; a big wing, that can really guard, play with athleticism," Hurley said. "I thought he had a much better second half. We need him to be the guy whose minutes are where they were tonight."

Boston College finished the game shooting 31.9% from the field and made just three 3-pointers out of 17 attempts.

They were led by wing Donald Hand Jr., who led all scorers with 23 points. Most of his points came from the free-throw line, where he was 12-12.

The Huskies will play one more exhibition game before the regular season gets underway. They will host No. 22 Michigan State at the PeoplesBank Arena (formerly known as XL Center) on Oct. 28.

