An interview with UConn President Thomas Katsouleas

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The Daily Campus sat down with University of Connecticut President Thomas Katsouleas yesterday to talk about his plans for UConn and his impressions so far.

This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

The Daily Campus: How has adjusting to UConn been over the last few months?

President Thomas Katsouleas: Well, it’s been great to be here. It’s an exciting place, and every day and every week I learn new things about the university that are electrifying and excite me and on which we can build.

I don’t know why everybody says the weather is bad in Connecticut. I think it’s terrific.

The biggest challenge is it’s a large, complex university, so I’m drinking from the fire hose quite a lot and there are so many people to meet, and that’s been exciting.

The commitment to the mission has been pretty universal, which is kind of surprising how deeply people care about that, about providing affordable and excellent education and making it broadly accessible, and being a resource for the state.

The state has treated this university well over a couple decades and it’s a wonderful place and people are anxious to be a source of giving back to the state in its time of financial need.

DC: Your background is very much in STEM, how do you plan to support UConn’s humanities department?

TK: I’m a strong believer that what a broad academic-contest university can bring to society is that ability to look at all three dimensions of any societal need and, in fact, in our innovation and I think humanities are essential to that.

In an age of commoditized knowledge, humanities and fine arts, which are about cultivating creativity and ideas, that’s where the value is in today’s society. So it is a critically important part of our landscape and I’m so glad we have strong programs in those areas.

DC: How do you think UConn is doing right now in terms of balancing STEM with humanities, business and the arts?

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Bistro on Union Street reverting back to original menu

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Discussions are in the works to replace the French-inspired options at the University of Connecticut’s Bistro on Union Street with an American-style menu similar to that of its former title, Chuck, and Anga’s, beginning after Thanksgiving.

“Chuck is going to be a huge gray area in all of this,” Bistro on Union Street manager John Lyder said. “The chefs had to create the recipes, alter the options in the system and, pretty much, re-design the menu.”

The change will come one year after the initial rebranding that saw the restaurant take on a French theme. Although UConn is reverting back to its original form, it will keep its new name. Additionally, the restaurant will continue to focus on creativity.

Dominic Pierre, Executive Director of Dining Services, said feedback from faculty and students ultimately led to the change.

“We talked to the custodians and they offered the general feeling that although the French menu was not particularly bad, they actually preferred the old, American-style menu under Chuck and Anga’s, Pierre said.

However, not all share this sentiment.

First-year student Derick Hector was disappointed in the decision to revert back to its original menu.

“I was looking forward to the distinct options that would be available at the restaurant,” Mason said. “I find such a reversal one year before its creation quite strange.”

With the restaurant reverting back to an American style, homestyle produce will be of utmost importance, and the restaurant will buy its produce from Spring Valley Student Farm and other local producers.

However, this won’t come without a cost, for both the establishment and consumer. "Prices will generally remain the same, however, slight fluctuation in price will occur. Buying local does come at a higher cost, as a large sum of money has to be dispersed between the individual preparing the food and the students sustaining it,” Pierre said.

As the new year approaches and the change is ultimately implemented, consumers can expect to find signature sandwich vegetables and salads that defined the Chuck and Anga’s menu – such as the Mediterranean Salmon salad and Barbeque Chicken Panini – and classic American meals that will certainly appeal to students in campus.

Overall, Pierce and Lyder both valued the French experience and look forward to returning back to the establishment’s original format. Experienced, creative chefs and exceptional homestyle produce will inevitably lead to a continuation of the success the restaurant has had for more than a decade.

The staff and students have been heard, and given what they wanted,” Pierre said. “The quality of food that we serve is greater than before due to the excellent fresh produce, fresh fruits and vegetables, and exceptional homegrown options available on campus.

The students will continue to be accepted after one in the afternoon for an eat-in or take-out, along with Husky Bucks and other additional forms of payment.

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TomKat talks UConn culture, challenges and the regional campuses

The students here are pursuing broad disciplinary majors and cross-disciplinary majors and minors, and we’re offering a broad array to meet those needs.

TK: I think it’s important for anyone in a managerial role to use the same set of cop yr unanswerable, it’s always financial, so that’s kind of boring.

But it’s more interesting, I think, to talk about the challenges and the regional campuses.

TK: I toured the dorms and I asked the students what they thought of the dorms at Storrs, and they’re absolutely reasonable. I got the shriek from my high school kids, which is, “Yeah, they’re okay.” We’re saying that we need to have all the student services at the same standard, at the same time.

TK: I think it’s important for TK: I want to thank you for coming tonight, and I really appreciate you being here.

TK: I have a couple of things. I’ll talk to them tomorrow about it, but they have some ideas on how we can follow up on what they want to know.

TK: I hope it’s consultative and team-building. I view academic leadership as kind of leading from the side rather than a project manager for the other side…

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First of all, I want to express my thanks to all of you. When the governor invited me to be dunked in a dunk tank over the weekend, I didn’t know what to think; and I got in.

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Of the 90 votes cast, Sen. Bernie Sanders received 27 percent, closely trailed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren at 24 percent and Mayor Pete Buttigieg at 23 percent. Former Vice President Joe Biden, widely considered to be the national front-runner, won just 6 percent. Businessman Andrew Yang and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard won 6 percent and a percent respectively. Other candidates received 1 percent or less.

Despite the highly contested field, College Democrats president Diamantis Datil says his group has held together and emphasized the importance of party unity heading into 2020.

“We don’t ever fight over who we want to be the candidate at this point,” Datil said. “We’re all so excited about the candidates that are ready to go up against Trump.”

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Scott Wallace, who recently did a story for National Geographic, said that these chemicals have a bad effect on the environment worldwide.

“The use of pesticides as well as other fertilizers are having a negative effect on rivers like the Amazon,” Wallace said.

For more information, students can read a brochure, a primer for school administrators and a longer primer that includes management information for school grounds managers. These can be found on UConn’s Pest Management website.

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ANNA HOLLAND, UCONN STUDENT AND CAMPUS COORDINATOR FOR CONSERVATIVE GROUP TURNING POINT USA, REMAINS CONFIDENT IN PRESIDENT TRUMP’S REELECTION CHANCES.

"MY PREDICTION IS THAT WAR- DEN WILL GET THE NOMINATION AND GIVE TRUMP A GOOD FIGHT. I DON’T THINK SHE HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BEAT HIM," HOLLAND SAID. "THESE CANDIDATES ARE VERY FAR REMOVED FROM REALITY, AND THEIR PLANS AREN’T EVEN CLOSE TO ALIGN- ING WITH REALITY."

THOUGH THE COLLEGE DEMOCRATS AND TURNING POINT USA ARE WATCHING THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES UNFOLD, SOME UCONN STUDENTS AIN’T EVEN PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE RACE.

"I’M NOT PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION, ALTHOUGH I HAVE WATCHED ONE DEBATE," BRENDON EGAN, A THIRD-SEMIESTER ALLERGISTS MAJOR AND FAN OF BIDEN, SAID. "I’M HAPPY TO SEE THAT THERE’S SOME GOOD CAN- DIDATES THAT ARE READY TO GO UP AGAINST TRUMP."

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"THE USE OF PESTICIDES AS WELL AS OTHER FERTILIZERS ARE HAVING A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON RIVERS LIKE THE AMAZON," WALLACE SAID.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, STUDENTS CAN READ A BROCHURE, A PRIMER FOR SCHOOL ADMINIS- TRATORS AND A LONGER PRIMER THAT INCLUDES MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL GROUNDS MANAGERS. THESE CAN BE FOUND ON UCON- N’S PEST MANAGEMENT WEBSITE.

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When it comes to saving a life, 3 numbers could be key

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For many of us growing up in the United States, it is easy to take for granted our personal safety and the security of our neighborhood. As children, we are taught from a young age that calling emergency services such as an ambulance, police or firemen in case of an emergency could mean the difference between life and death.

The choice to use only three digits for the medical emergency hotline is highly practical, because it can be quickly remembered and dialed in dire situations when people might panic and forget a longer number. For this reason, the Federal Communications Commission wants to establish a new three-digit suicide hotline. If this proposal becomes a reality, many people with suicidal ideations could likewise quickly dial 9 for help in their most desperate time of need.

The implementation of an easily recalled three-digit emergency hotline would expose more people to the possibility of calling in. The trained counselors who answer the suicide hotline offer counseling and active interventions to callers that can truly make a difference. However, the step that surrounds mental illness leaves many as more isolated and vulnerable, even when they begin to have suicidal thoughts. With increased societal familiarity of available mental health resources, people might feel more comfortable asking for help during a mental health emergency.

Logan’s 2006 Grammy performance of her song “Sooner or Later” suggests that this could be true. In this song, Logan sings, “I pray that the truth will come rushing to our aid.” Many of us would not think twice before dialing to get to resources if we were in a threatening situation. It is just as important for people going through a mental health emergency to know where to turn. Instituting a three-digit suicide hotline would be a step in the right direction for normalizing the need to care for our mental health.

It’s a tragedy, not a fashion statement

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Comments on the Instagram post above

Fashion brand Bstory posted an image of their in-store apparel, which included “273-TALK,” in reference to the hotline for those thinking about suicide. The image caused a controversy because many people believed it was a branding opportunity to profit off of the tragedies that happen.

The only positive thing that can come out of the tragedy in Sandy Hook Elementary School is legislation to help prevent a future shooting. In the future, the news would perhaps be less shocking and more accepted if the tragedy was a call to action. It is absurd to think that tragedy can be profited from. It is also absurd to think that tragedy can be made into a fashion statement. The only positive thing that can come out of the tragedy in Sandy Hook Elementary School is legislation to help prevent a future shooting.

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Editors’ Note

“it’s the first event of the semester, and I’m so glad it went so well.” AMIR Cadbury, the club’s president, said. “We had all different types of students, including those who came from regional campuses, and the fact they knew about BSA and our program was a sign of what we’re doing here. Every club at UConn is a family, and the BSA might be the tightest-knit one in every. Everyone knows everyone else. When we went on stage, everyone knew who we were."
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The DC Life Section
A LOOK AT OUR OTHER INTERESTS

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The movie "It" is a perfect example of a killer clown story. "It: Chapter Two" is the sequel to the 2017 film "It," and it continues the story of the Losers’ Club, a group of seven youths from Derry, Maine, who band together to take down the evil clown Pennywise. The film is set 27 years after the events of the first film, and it follows the Losers as they return to Derry in search of Pennywise.

The story of "It: Chapter Two" starts off with the 2017 film titled "It," a horror film that has captured the attention of viewers for its vivid portrayal of Pennywise, a shape-shifting clown that leaves fear in its wake. Though they wound Pen- nywise at the end of the first film, the Losers' Club knows that he's not done yet. The film ends with Pennywise escaping and setting his sights on Derry...
UConn hosts a health fair to bring awareness to different health issues on Fairfield Way. Students went to several tents to learn about current health and wellness issues and practical resources.

Another available resource that not many students know to take advantage of is the Nutrition and Physical Activity Services located on the third floor of the Hilda Williams Building. They offer nutrition counseling by registered dietitians, physical activity counseling by certified personal trainers, professional assistance with dining hall accommodations, and dietary advice on pet dietary needs and the pets education group helping to achieve Positive Eatin.

Some activities at presentations at the fair included the following: Running a booth about Screenware and Accessing Women’s Health Issues, cartoons for a free raffle, the latter group gave information on how to make their own diet by storing food, as well as tips on how to reduce your risk of developing kidney disease.

One overall goal is to raise awareness about kidney disease, as it’s the ninth leading cause of death. Sandhini Kumar, a seventh-semester physiology and neurobiology major, said, “He’s co-president of the university’s chapter of KDSAP. “One out of five people are at risk of developing kidney disease...”

Another goal was to go to the local communities and run full kidney health screenings on site. “UConn Health was also offering information about food safety, an issue that not many students know about but nonetheless impacts many of us. We provided tips about properly preparing, reheating and storing foods, as well as keeping an eye on food temperatures for take-out and canned foods. There were also some familiar booths at the fair, such as Allied Health Sciences as well as UConn dining services, which had information about their nutrition and offered samples of Moroccan influenced salad. The Women’s Center was also present, with representatives to talk about the UConn Body Project, “a program that emphasizes creating and maintaining a physically healthy image. The program offers advice on choosing the right food and getting an array of symptoms and images.

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Armana Islam, president, put on their “Welcome Back Dawaat” in the Rome Ballroom, celebrating the start of the new school year and the first of many exciting events put on by the club. The Bangladeshi Student Association held its “Welcome Back Dawaat,” which hosts a variety of performances from on- and off-campus talent. The event was in full force yesterday afternoon on Fairfield Way. The weather yesterday for the Lost at Home and Well Fair couldn’t be more different than the past few days last Thursday, when the fair was supposed to take place. The event was delayed, but luckily the sun was out yesterday afternoon on Fairfield Way. The fair provided resources geared toward health and wellness for college students with information about topics like mental health, nutrition, body image and fitness. Many of the resources were also intended for students to along with information about their resources. “I liked how many different booths there were with actually helpful tips,” Maggie Hausman, a third-semester pre- teaching major, said. “Also, the cashiers told us from the Dining Services test was yummy.”

And with that, the festivities be- gan. A group of four musical friends, performed some Bollywood songs for the crowd. Stress, Connecticut’s premier competitive- based dance team, performed a medley of Bhangra-ange contemporary- performance. Latha, one of the fair’s head of the event fair, came to the stage. Halving all the way from New York City, Latha and her group of performers came to perform songs for the now dancing crowd, including an unre- leased single A!

“Two out of five people are at risk of developing kidney disease...”
‘It: Chapter Two’ is a satisfying culmination
of the classic Stephen King story of Derry. Each go their separate ways and all but one of them move away from Derry. Twenty-seven years later, the Losers’ Club has pretty much forgotten about the terrorizing their hometown Pennywise, a shape-shifting clown that lives off fear. Though they wound Pontypool at the end of the first film, they promise to come back to defeat the clown if he makes another attempt at stealing their hometown of Derry. Each go their separate ways and all but one of them move away from Derry. Twenty-seven years later, the Losers’ Club has pretty much forgotten about the terrorizing their hometown Pennywise, but the killer clown from the source is back and killing people. This is where ‘It: Chapter Two’ begins, with the Losers’ Club finding that it’s time to go back to Derry to finish off Pennywise. The odd departure of their group can’t remember much about Pennywise, so after Pennywise previously disappeared from the town, the Losers’ Club manage to look into their pasts in Derry while trying to defeat the soulless Pennywise. The film depicts the Losers’ Club’s effort to rescue Pennywise, defeat him after his return, and rescue the town from the evil Pennywise. As the story comes to a close, the Losers’ Club almost succeeds in defeating Pennywise, but Pennywise’s return means an even more terrifying terror of Derry. While the film’s nod to the original is an awesome benefit, the rest of its story is not as strong as it could have been. The acting was mixed; some were good while others needed more work. Pennywise’s portrayal was interesting, but the overall story lacked the same level of excitement as the first film. Overall, ‘It: Chapter Two’ is a wonderful experience for horror fans who want to see how the original story plays out in a modern setting. The film’s cast delivers a compelling performance, with an especially impressive turn by Bill Skarsgård, who perfectly captures the essence of Pennywise and the eerie atmosphere of the town. The film’s visual effects are top-notch, adding to the overall experience. ‘It: Chapter Two’ is a great addition to the horror genre, offering a fresh perspective on the original story and leaving audiences craving for more. Rating: 4.5 out of 5.
Every philosopher dreams of building their own personal library someday, but has probably been hampered by the reality of how pricey this endeavor might be. Book thrifting is a great way to work towards this goal while still staying on a budget. I usually look for books I’ve already read but want to own, classic novels, or books I finish a series that I’ve already have one or two of. Although you may not find the latest Leigh Bardugo novel among the shelves of used books, the money you save from thrifting books can go towards copies of the newer books you can’t wait to own.

It takes some time to look through used books, but that’s part of the charm. I love the look on people’s faces when you find a book you’ve been looking for or a fan of a book that you didn’t expect to find in a used bookstore. Here are two places that I frequent to work towards building my own book collection.

**The Book Barn (Niantic)**

If you know me, you’ve probably heard me rave about The Book Barn. To be honest, I’ll probably talk the most about it and I’m not really sure if it’s the state’s coastline, the store, or the purpose of barns to house over 500,000 used books. There are three different locations, all within miles of each other. The Main Barn, the Downtown Shop and Chapter Three. I usually just go to the Main Barn, as I can easily spend more than two hours there. With goats on the property, as well as these cute cats that wander around, the Book Barn has such a comforting atmosphere for book lovers. As a used book store, they also are open to buy your old books. Paperback costs $1 and hardcovers cost around $2.50.

The store has such a vast and relevant collection of books, but I can personally voice for their contemporary, young adult and classic novel selections. I’ve learned that the best selection is probably during the spring, as people are doing some spring cleaning, and during the summer, a lot of people are frequented the shop and building the most coveted books.

The defined a minute of the songs have all the books that are now to their collection, which includes a mix of recent novels and a few classics. The fewer selection, I’m grateful. The newer books are found in the interconnected section, but it’s totally worth it in the long run. Some places I’ve been able to score at The Book Barn are the “Gone Girl,” “The Goldfinch,” “The Kissing Booth,” “Howl’s Moving Castle,” the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy and “This Savage Song.” I’ve even found an advance reading copy of “Framed in Love” at the end of the summer.

**Goodwill/Savers (Local)**

Apparently, the book section at my local Goodwill (Th belford, if you want to check it out) is pretty good, as I’m grateful for that. The used books here are not organized in any way—no alphabetization or by genre—but don’t let that deter you. The selection here is definitely skewed more toward adult fiction, so I normally look for classics and contemporary novels at Goodwill, but there is still a lot to peruse in this secondhand shop. The newer books I’ve found a lot of books that I’ve read before and want to own or older books or classics that I haven’t read and know that I should. I’ve made at Goodwill include “The Handmaid’s Tale,” “The Things They Carried,” “The Secret History,” “Graceling” and some Malcolm Gladwell books.

One of the things I enjoy about my local Goodwill, besides some reasonably low prices similar to the thrift shop, is the selection. I’ve made a post about copies of the newer novels and a shelf of the compound have all the niche. The prices here are insanely low, around $1 for paperbacks and $3 and hardcovers, so it turns out to be worth it to go to the Main Barn, the Downtown Shop and Chapter Three. I usually look for books I’ve read before and want to own or older books or classics that I haven’t read and know that I should. I’ve made at Goodwill include “The Handmaid’s Tale,” “The Things They Carried,” “The Secret History,” “Graceling” and some Malcolm Gladwell books.

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It is imperative that humans are having an impact on the climate. We are changing the climate. Departments within the administration seem to lack the will to change despite the overwhelming evidence. Increasing global temperature, ocean acidification, and ocean conditions and mass species loss must not be swept under the rug. We need to look at our most vulnerable communities. Hurricane storms are becoming more frequent, directly threatening people who live in floodplains along the coast, as well as other vulnerable and oceanfront properties. The impacts of human activities causing climate change will only get worse and worse as time goes on, unless we act now.

However, individual actions only go so far. We need those in power, the 1 percent, those on whose behalf corporate leaders are fighting, to implement sweeping reforms and actually take on climate change as an end in and of itself. It is an end to false scale factors. It is in the interest of all to make progress in technology, and we must work together to protect our communities against this crisis.

According to an EPA training, methods do not adequately address the issue of lead paint, since normal cleaning of exposure causing anemia, a possible effect of exposure, can be prevented. Additionally, the report also discovered that the EPA has not tracked other crucial information about the regulation enforcement, such as how EPA employees educate or interact with lead-based paint homes and how the EPA impacts affected properties. The inspections that the EPA has reported on require taking and analyzing an indirect amount of negligence on the part of the EPA. The report records suggest fewer than one percent of inspections on homes working on homes with lead-based paint have been inspected over the past five years. For example, in a region including Texas and New Mexico, the EPA reported only six inspections were conducted. Of those inspections, a key finding of this report was the piece of knowledge that a strong message to contractors is that the standing regulation enforcement is doing nothing to stop the workers who follow lead-based paint rules.

The EPA And Lead-Based Paint
A powerful lack of action

The Environmental Protection Agency, responsible for enforcing legislation at the federal level, is meant to protect the environment and promote the health of those dwelling in it. While written by lawyers and state officials, they hold no real leverage when the EPA fails to make concepts on a page reality. Understanding the structure of regulations meant to protect children from exposure to lead paint is not flexing morally or as eagerly as it should, creating an alarming disconnect between written protections and their actual execution.

Lead-based paint was very prevalent in American homes before it was banned in 1978. As a result, millions of homes used it, and the associated risk has vanished before the foundation was laid. When paint was required to have lead removed from it, homes painted with lead-based paint, paint flakes and associated dust can accumulate. Some serious health problems for nearby residents, especially children and pregnant mothers. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, lead poisoning can have adverse effects on the brain, including decreased learning, memory loss, headaches and behaviors with high levels of exposure causing anemia, brain damage, and an increased risk to those risks, children. Both of these take special precautions when working with lead-based paint, since normal cleaning methods do not adequately eliminate paint residue. According to an EPA training document, one must "use water, detergent and a HEPA vacuum to clean up dust effects.

With such negative health consequences at stake, one would think that the EPA would enforce the law in ways that ensure such hazards are addressed. Unfortunately, the EPA does not have an effective strategy for enforcing the regulations. Regulations are educated about such hazards and, as a result, they are not always followed.

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“Baker is a young quarterback who is still learning,” Thomas said. “I think he'll be able to make that adjustment and better.”

The Browns were the talk of the NFL in Week 1 as the team was making moves in a relatively weak division. They were expected to improve by 4-10 in 2019, but instead, they are 0-2 coming into Week 2. With six first downs at almost the same percentage, they are 11th of the NFL teams, left uncovered. The Brown's defense is somehow worse, but it is still a shockingly small 1.9 percent of college football players make it to the NFL. Yes, there are outliers. According to the NCAA website, one hundred percent of them did Gutierrez will get better at it, just as I will,” Mayfield said Wednesday. “He understands the game as well, even with the Browns taking bouncing back from losses (just out of 35 of his 35 pass attempts in 2018). He chose another interception, bringing his season total to 13. That's good enough for the season, but it may not be enough. He throw an 89-yard touchdown pass to tight end David Njoku last week. He has also been a force in Week 1, rushing for one of the team's two touchdowns.

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Huskies looking to sail past River Hawks over the weekend

Mike Marvedakis

Photo of the Day | Protecting their territory

The UConn women’s soccer team takes on Harvard at Dillon Stadium in Hartford on September 15, 2019. Harvard went home with a 3-1 victory. UConn’s defense will need to generate a strong offensive presence in their next contest and live up to a tough Harvard attack. The Huskies also suffered from an increased workload in the first half, allowing them to get into red cards by the 54th minute. UConn head coach Margaret Rosenbrock is on the lookout for the team to bounce back in their next game versus Quincy U in just over a week.

The River Hawks strengths are likely due to their shaky defenses play thus far. They have allowed 2.72 goals per game so far this season, which 62 percent have been on corner kicks. Despite their opponent this week has shown a propensity to accept fouls rather than risk a penalty among the 12 shots she has taken, 10 of which have been on goal percentages. For the Hawks to take a win, they will need to neutralize the River Hawks ability to draw fouls in dangerous places. One key extra attention to the midfield on the attack and get their forwards in on the action. The game takes place Saturday at 7 p.m. at Cushing Field in Lowell. It will be streamed through the “River Hawk Net” app.

The UConn men’s soccer team was posted online Wednesday. Despite getting off to a slow start, UConn’s head coach Ray Reid said he still has plenty of confidence in his team for the rest of the season.

“We’ve got a lot of depth and we’re always trying to rotate our guys, a lot of talent [and] we’re starting to blend together now [and] we’ve got a lot of options,” Reid said. “[They’re] a great group of guys, a lot of talent [and] we’re starting to blend together now [and] we’ve got a lot of options.”

The Bucks will have to remain strong on both ends of the field, something that shouldn’t be too hard for this team to accomplish. When asked what his team’s strongest trait was, Reid took a second to think of his response, but it remained a simple and confident one. “Toughness,” Reid said. “They’ve got a lot of grit and they’ve got a lot of fight.”

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Men’s Soccer: Huskies looking to keep momentum going against Columbia

Middlefielder Arthur Silva lines up a kick.

Conner Dillon

The UConn men’s soccer team will take on Columbia University Thursday at 7 p.m. at Dillon Stadium in Hartford. The Huskies are coming off a strong start to the season, tying and defeating Manhattan. Reid spoke on how important the bench can be for the team’s success.

“The bench is deep and we’re always trying to rotate our guys,” Reid said.

Looking at Columbia (2-1-3), they have not had a particularly strong start to the season, tying and losing to Creighton and No. 5 St. John’s. They anchored by sophomore midfielder Sebastian Guayh, who has two goals in just three shots for the Lions, and senior midfielder Danny Lamacce, who scored his long goal of the season, in their last game against St. Joseph’s.

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Patriots receiver Antonio Brown declined to answer questions about allegations of sexual assault and rape against him and says he’s keeping his focus on football.

Brown answered only four questions at his locker on Thursday in an interview that lasted just over a minute. It was his first interview with reporters since agreeing to a deal with the Patriots on Sept. 7.

He twice declined to answer questions about the civil case filed against him in South Florida by former trainer Britney Taylor, who claims Brown sexually assaulted her on three occasions, including rape, in 2017 and 2018. He also declined to say whether he’s heard from the league about the allegations.

He has previously denied the allegations by Taylor.

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Asked if he was currently in good standing with the league and available to play on Sunday when New England hosts the New York Jets, Brown responded that he was “super grateful to be here to play for Bill Belichick and Tom Brady.”

“I got a lot of the offense to learn and catch up on,” he continued. “But I’m excited and grateful to be here and be a part of these guys.”

After responding that it was “a tremendous honor” to a question about working with Brady, Brown was asked what the process of acclimating to the Patriots has been like with everything going on. Brown deferred to football.

“It’s football,” he said. “I’m grateful to play football. Every time you walk in the doors here you know you have to be your best for the team. So every time I walk in here, I just want to make sure I’m preparing to give these guys my best.”

Asked a final time if he’s heard anything from the NFL about his availability, Brown said, “I appreciate that question. I’m just here to focus on ball and look forward to getting out there and playing and being with the team.”

Two people with knowledge of the investigation into Brown told The Associated Press that one of the accusers has met with NFL investigators and that there is no timetable for concluding the probe.

Brown practiced with the Patriots in the aftermath of Taylor’s lawsuit becoming public and scored a touchdown in his debut against the Dolphins. He’s also been on the field for both of the Patriots’ practices this week.

Two sources told The Associated Press that Brown was not placed on the commissioner’s exempt list last week and was eligible to play against Miami because no criminal charges had been filed against him and because the NFL hadn’t fully developed its investigation.

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UConn will take on the Uni- versity of Indiana on this Saturday following their bye, and head coach Geno Auri- dio and Edsall are confident that his guys will be ready for the chal- lenge.

"On the road, the field is still the same width and the same length, and we will block off any distractions and look to get another win," Edsall said at the Tuesday press conference.

This will be the first time that the Huskies (1-1) will play away from home this season.

True-freshman quarterback Jack Zergiotis is set to make the second start of his young college career. According to Edsall, having the week off to work with Zergiotis will help him be ready for Saturday.

"I think the bye was good for us," said Edsall. "We were able to get two games, and with the change we made at quarterback, it gives us another week to help Jack (Zergiotis) get better."

Zergiotis was also thankful for the bye but he will be careful to keep him fresh and not too strong.

"If the bye helped a lot in regards to making corrections," Zergiotis said. "Hopefully we don’t come out flat against In- diana. I think we’ve had such a long rest period, but I think we’re ready for Saturday.

Zergiotis completed 21-of-35 passes for 275 yards and two scores and two interceptions in his debut against Illinois, which resulted in a 15-3 loss.

Indiana (1-2) too has been get- ting a different quarterback ac- customed to the starting role early in the season. Game one starter Michael Penix Jr. left the second game of the season with an undiagnosed injury.

Up to that point, Penix Jr. was playing pretty well. Through one and a half games, he was 38-60 of shots on goal.

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Michigan State, Abby Gooder- corners. Two days later against a penalty corner attempt, only to separate weekends, the Hus- kies will look to continua three shutouts.

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Though the Huskies (1-2) suffered their first defeat last weekend to No. 3 Michigan, UConn only dropped one spot in the rankings. No. 4 and with a known name on their record, the Huskies will look to contin-

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The Huskies will take on a fifth-ranked opponent vs. No.6 Princeton, as Penix Jr. is day-to-day and will be a game-time decision.

Regardless of who starts un- der center, UConn will have to be ready to stop an aggressive pass-

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UConn and Indiana will face off on Saturday, October 19 at noon.

whether this is good or bad news for the Huskies. In the first game of the season against Wagner, UConn only allowed 16 passing yards and no scores on the ground.

Against Illinois, on the other hand, the defense surrendered 347 passing yards and four touch- downs but only gave up two yards and no scores on the ground. However, it is worth noting that offensive play and defensive cap-

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Tuesday press conference.

For the second-consecutive weekend, the UConn field hockey team will hit the road for a pair of contests. First up is Big East road game back on track.

Grace Raylin has been a stone- wall in net for Princeton. The senior from Eng- land has made 22 saves and has goals four times, with a pair of aces and a team-high of 10 shots on goal. Junior Cara Ruth and

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Sophomore Hannah Davey has finally entered the starting offense. The senior from Eng- land has scored three goals thus far, with a pair of aces and a team-high of 10 shots on goal. Junior Cara Ruth and

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