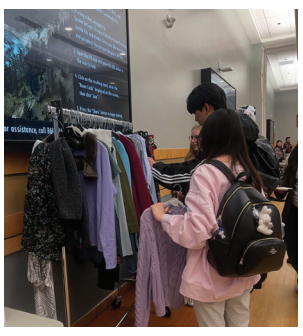
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
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FIELD HOCKEY
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SOFTBALL
Friday | 6 p.m. | Burrill Field

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday | 7 p.m. | Morrone Stadium

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Sunday | 11 a.m. | The Natatorium

FOOTBALL
Saturday | 3:30 p.m. | Oxford, OH

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Saturday | 4 p.m. | UConn Volleyball Center

MEN'S SOCCER
Saturday | 7 p.m. | Queens, NY

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MEME OF THE DAY



The USG Clothing Closet is back!

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Elegant business woman holding a coffee. The Undergraduate Student Government Clothing Closet has business casual options for students to choose from.

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Are you planning on heading to an upcoming career fair but have nothing to wear to it? Well, the University of Connecticut's Undergraduate Student Government has you covered.

USG's Clothing Closet, a pop-up shop where UConn students can acquire free professional attire, is having its first run of the year from Friday to today in room 026 of the Wilbur Crossing Building.

The Clothing Closet, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. today, offers suit jackets, dresses, skirts, pants, shirts, ties and belts, according to a USG Instagram post.

All UConn students are allotted 18 "credits" a semester to purchase items. A suit jacket or dress is five credits, a skirt or pair of pants is three credits, a shirt is two credits and a belt or tie is one credit.

This is USG's third year hosting the Clothing Closet, USG Director of External Affairs Lucas Landry, a fifth-semester economics and political science major, said.

"I was pretty fortunate to have inherited this initiative," Landry said. "It's a collaboration between USG, Goodwill and the UConn career center where we receive pallets of clothing from Goodwill annually."

The goal of the Clothing Closet is to give students an accessible source for professional clothing to wear to events such as career fairs, internships and interviews, Landry said.

"The unfortunate reality is there's kind of the expectation that you dress to impress, but there certainly is a financial barrier to entry with professional clothing, and we're at a pretty volatile age as it comes to size where stuff you had in high school may not fit you," Landry said.

If you missed out on the first opening of the Clothing Closet, don't worry — Landry said that there will be more openings throughout the year.

"This was just an early opening for the career fair," Landry said. "We'll continue to operate through the semester and hope to help more students."

USG receives over 3,000 guaranteed articles of professional clothing from Goodwill annually to go towards the Clothing Closet, Landry said.

"Truthfully, we have too much right now," Landry said, "We get them, sort through the sizes that would be most applicable to students, the most common sizes and, truthfully, also relevant styles. A lot of the things that people donate are straight from the 70s."

So far, the Clothing Closet has only ever been a physical pop-up shop that opens periodically throughout the year, Landry said, but this year he's trying to change that.

"This year we're trying to do something new, hopefully implementing it second semester, where we can have an online function for students to pick up the clothes from here," Landry said.

Landry said he hopes to open it up as a "mini drive-through," where students can order clothes from the pop-up shop year-round online.

"[The pop-up shop] creates a barrier of students physically searching through clothes," Landry said. "[An online function] would allow us to be open on days where maybe we don't have the staffing to open the full shop."

El Niño forms, set to be strongest on record

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A natural phenomenon has been brewing in the Pacific Ocean: El Niño.

El Niño is a shift in the winds across the Pacific Ocean. During the event, the water temperature of the Pacific Ocean increases, a change that is directly tied to the atmosphere and winds blowing over Pacific Ocean, according to NASA.

These wind changes will drive the circulation of air in the Pacific to redistribute the ocean's increased temperature, according to NASA. As the Pacific Ocean is the largest on earth, these changes don't stay local to the Pacific Ocean; the effects can be felt around the world.

In fact, this event is known as "one of the most important weather-producing phenomena on Earth," according to NASA.

Normally these events only occur every two to seven years. However, this year is set to be the strongest on record. In the past, the El Niño event has "provoked some of the great floods, droughts, forest fires, and coral bleaching events of the past half-century," according to NASA.

According to The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), El Niño should be the strongest during the winter months. It causes the jet stream winds to move further to the south, driving storms further south and causes drier conditions over the southeastern United States.

"For temperatures, El Niño often leads to a warmer than usual winter over the northern U.S.," according to NOAA.

According to United States Geological Society, the regional effect on the northeastern United States overall suggests less snow.

Recently, California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency because of the impending El Niño. His order will make it easier for the state to access emergency funds for responding to organizations across the state.

"The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant state agencies, shall expand accessible, multilingual public preparedness communications related to severe weather, flooding, emergency alerts, evacuation readiness, power outages, safe travel, disaster assistance, and household emergency planning," Newsom said in a statement to the public.

The governor's office cited the Climate Prediction Center's projected 69% chance that El Niño will reach historic strength between October and December.

"California is already taking steps now to protect communities from a potentially historic El Niño because we know how serious these weather extremes driven by climate change can be," California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot said in Newsom's statement.

Graph of the seasonal temperature outlook of the United States. This was issued Aug. 20, 2026 for December 2026 to February 2027.

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