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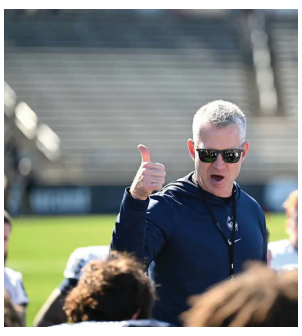
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Candle returns to his home state in clash against Miami University

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MEN'S SOCCER
Tuesday | 6 p.m. | Morrone Stadium

CROSS COUNTRY
Friday | Princeton, NJ

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Friday | 6 p.m. | UConn Volleyball Center

FIELD HOCKEY
Friday | 6 p.m. | Sherman Complex

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



Husky Village is home to many fraternity and sorority houses based at UConn. Husky Village is one of the many residence areas to be renovated in the summer of 2027.
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STORRS — The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees convened at the Wilbur Cross Library on Wednesday for its first meeting of the semester, greenlighting a slate of major capital investments, facility repairs and public safety employee benefits across the university system.

Headlining the agenda was a significant budget expansion for the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion. Trustees approved an additional $21.3 million to overhaul the arena's aging HVAC system, a multi-phase project specifically designed to prevent condensation from dripping onto the basketball court during games. Construction on the HVAC renewal, designated as phase three of the arena project, is slated to begin in fall 2028. The latest funding increase elevates the total projected cost of the Gampel Pavilion renovations from $99.4 million — initially funded through state-backed UConn 2000 bond sales — to $120.7 million.

Gampel is currently navigating phase one of its renovation plan, which remains on track for completion by the end of fall 2026. Current work includes a full roof replacement to improve acoustics, centralized facilities for the Department of Kinesiology, modernized locker rooms, upgraded meeting spaces and new grab-and-go concession areas.

Moving beyond athletics, the board addressed employee retention within the UConn Police and Fire Departments in accordance with recently enacted state legislation, House Bill 5003. Under the new package approved by the board, full-time public safety personnel and their dependents will receive full tuition waivers for the fall and spring semesters, as well as up to $25,000 to cover external coursework taken outside those primary terms. University officials anticipate a five to 10% participation rate, projecting an annual cost between $144,000 and $288,000.

Trustees also moved forward on several campus infrastructure initiatives, including approving a $710,000 construction budget to build administrative offices on the unoccupied first floor of the Whetten Graduate Center.

For student residential life, the board authorized $20 million for the summer 2027 phase of UConn's ongoing five-year housing refresh plan. The sweeping improvement plan targets asbestos removal, door security upgrades, enhanced thermal control systems and the installation of water-efficient bathroom fixtures and washing machines. Summer 2027 renovations will specifically target McMahon Hall, North Campus residence halls, Husky Village, Charter Oak Apartments, Hale and Ellsworth Halls and Snow Hall. The board was additionally briefed on $1.6 million spent on emergency repairs following a recent steam system failure at McMahon Hall.

In academic construction, the board allocated $13.75 million to complete the shell space within the new Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing building. Driven by accelerated student enrollment that fulfilled the conditions of the original donor agreement, the additional funding will outfit the vacant space with new classrooms, advanced laboratories, a simulated emergency department and intensive care wards. While the main nursing facility is scheduled for completion in January 2027, construction on the newly funded shell space will begin in summer 2027 and wrap up in early 2028.

Trustees also highlighted regional development and community outreach. Officials celebrated the opening of the Hartford campus's new Pratt Street residence hall, which recently welcomed its inaugural cohort of 200 student residents.



Construction workers work on phase one of the Gampel Pavilion's renovation plan, which remains on track for completion by the end of fall 2026. The latest funding increase elevates the total projected cost of renovations from $99.4 million to $120.7 million.
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UConn: Torrey Life Sciences hazardous chemical situation left no residual danger

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A chemically hazardous situation arose at the Torrey Life Sciences Building on the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus on Wednesday night.

Around 8:30 p.m. students were warned of the situation via the UConnALERT system, which instructed students to avoid the area. The situation also closed North Eagleville Road between North and Northwest residence halls, and students were asked to avoid the Biology-Physics Building next door, as parts of the area were also affected.

Students received a later alert around 9:50 p.m. saying the situation was mitigated by University Safety and Facilities Operations and the area was safe.

In an emailed statement to The Daily Campus, UConn spokesman Michael Enright said students should not worry about residual danger from the situation, such as chemicals still in the air. He said the closing of roads and buildings was "to allow for emergency vehicle access and an abundance of caution."

The university did not comment on how the hazardous situation began or what chemicals were released.