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## Student Spirit Wavers: Fall semester coronavirus procedures presenting challenges for students on and off campus



Students wear masks while walking on campus. PHOTO BY ALEX LEO, GRAPH PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Students at the University of Connecticut are expressing their concerns regarding unforeseen challenges due to COVID-19's disruption of daily life on campus, and are worried about the remainder of the semester.

Jessica Ortega, a third-semester animal science and pathobiology major, said that she is doing okay so far but had the misfortune of her computer breaking down, which is a challenge considering that most of her classes are online.

"Classes definitely have a different vibe than they did when everything is normal. There is a distance how I feel with the professors being online than in person," Ortega said.

Shenelle Shaw, a third-semester biology major, said that as a commuting student, she appreciates in-person classes more since the switch to an online format by most courses. There is more structure to those classes, Shaw said, and that helped her take the in-person classes more seriously.

"I get more from those classes even with the new systems in place," Shaw said.

Shaw said that she felt pretty good about her classes and that the professors are doing as much as they can to make classes accommodating. However, even with these accommodations, she said that she feels the effects of the distance, including not being able to effectively reach out to professors.

Carly Saindon, a fifth-semester environmental science major, said that the most annoying aspect of the semester so far has been professors that do not have access to the resources they need to know how to teach classes online.

"There's been problems every class where the people

online can't hear or then all of a sudden we can't see what's being presented. And I feel bad for [my professor] because there's nobody around to help him," Saindon said.

Joe Zavorskas, a first-year chemical engineering Ph.D. student, said that in his case as a graduate student, he has been taking fewer classes and trying to get into research labs. He said that one big aspect of online courses that he has noticed is that his professors have not stuck to the modality of courses that were advertised on the student administration system.

"I'd had a couple of classes that were displayed on Stu-

dentAdmin to be hybrid blended that were changed to entirely online through Webex or 'I'm gonna post a recorded lecture and you have to do it,'" Zavorskas said. "I know UConn has kind of harped on that to their professors, and they said they'd be better about that next semester."

Zavorskas also said that in terms of his research lab study, it has also become more difficult because getting to know the professor, meeting students and seeing the lab space is important in selecting a research

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## UCCO's Black Liberation Series returns virtually this fall

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University of Connecticut Collaborative Organizing (UCCO) is continuing their Black Liberation Series on Sept. 27, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Brittany Diaz, president of UConn Collaborative Organizing (UCCO) and sixth-semester political science major, said this installment in the series will be talking about Black Feminism and the Combahee River Col-

lective.

Najha Zigbi-Johnson, director of Institutional Advancement at the Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center, will be the guest speaker for their first night in the series this semester.

UCCO plans to continue work on intersectionality and advocacy with the community online this semester. "Some goals for this semester include planning educational events and collaborating with other

organizations to teach the UConn community about the importance of issues that have always been a part of society but are coming to the surface in the present," Diaz said.

Diaz said UCCO has worked with Defund UCPD in the past and plans to continue that initiative with them and other organizations.

"We plan to continue to work with Defund UCPD, Everyone Eats But UConn and PowerUp UConn," Diaz said. "We are also working with the Native

American Cultural Programs right now on addressing indigenous land and culture through art."

UCCO will also focus on areas of its intersectional work such as climate justice, Diaz said.

"We are a grassroots organization that advocates for inclusive and equitable social change and climate action," Diaz said.

The organization welcomes new students and interested members to learn new ways to organize, collaborate and ad-

vocate for community issues, Diaz said.

"UCCO consistently aims to be a safe space for all members of the UConn community to come together in solidarity and to make our activism intersectional and intentional," Diaz said. "A lot of our work consists of collaborative organizing which involves partnering with other organizations on campus to ensure that we are also educating ourselves and supporting one another's goals and values."



UCCO and others protest racism in the fall of 2019. This semester, UCCO will host virtual sessions addressing Black liberation. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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# News

## UConn Health prepares to distribute flu shots next week

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Beginning next week, UConn Health will make flu shots available to all faculty, staff and students at no cost, according to Health News and Information Officer Chris DeFrancesco.

DeFrancesco said that UConn Health has ordered more than 20,000 doses of the vaccination already. The shots will be available as long as supplies last and will be available for free for those associated with the University of Connecticut.

“Essentially, everyone with a badge will be expected to get a flu shot this fall,” DeFrancesco said in an email.

While the flu shot is offered at no cost every year, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic changes the protocol on how UConn Health is allowed to distribute the vaccinations.

“In recognition of the flu shot’s effectiveness in reducing the spread of influenza,

*“Essentially, everyone with a badge will be expected to get a flu shot this fall”*

CHRIS DEFRADESCO

UConn Health makes no-cost flu shots available to faculty, staff, students, contractors and volunteers every year,” DeFrancesco said. “The only difference this year is we have to take extra precautions for how we administer the vaccine because of the pandemic. In past years we’ve been able to hold walk-in flu shot clinics.”

DeFrancesco noted that while there is a push each year to get vaccinated for influenza, this year the vaccination takes on added importance as researchers aren’t sure how the coronavirus pandemic will impact flu season.

“Researchers have little evi-

dence about how COVID-19 might affect the course of the flu season, however the CDC believes it’s likely that flu viruses and COVID-19 will both be spreading,” Jennifer Walker, UConn Health deputy spokesperson wrote in a UConn Today article. “Even though getting a flu vaccine will not protect you against COVID-19, it can still reduce your risk of becoming seriously ill from flu and even dying from it,” the article said.

Finally, DeFrancesco emphasized the importance of practicing good hygiene and getting vaccinated each year.

“Getting the influenza vaccine, practicing safe hygiene like frequent handwashing and staying home when sick are our best preventive measures against the spread of influenza,” DeFrancesco said. “While this is especially important in a health care setting such as ours, it also helps protect our families, our coworkers and ourselves so we can be there for our patients.”



Student Health Services is preparing to deliver flu shots. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Skepticism towards Trump’s coronavirus response surfaces after released tapes

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President Donald Trump is facing backlash in regard to his pandemic response after a released tape of him admitting downplaying the COVID-19 pandemic surfaced last Wednesday.

According to a poll that was released Sunday, conducted by Ipsos in partnership with ABC News, out of 533 Americans,

almost two in three Americans disapprove of President Trump’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

35% of participants in the poll said they backed the president’s response to the pandemic, while a total of 68% of respondents said they do not trust what Trump has said about the virus and that his response was too slow.

Amid these reports, a recent poll taken also by ABC reports a drop in his 55% approval rat-

ing since March, which is currently down to a steady 30% according to the ABC poll.

These drops in numbers come after an interview surfaced between journalist Bob Woodward and Trump that was taken earlier this February.

In the interview, Trump admits to downplaying the pandemic to avoid panic and that he was fully aware the coronavirus was “more deadly than even your strenuous flus.”

John Hopkins University data shows that more than 6.4 million COVID-19 cases and more than 190,000 deaths have been confirmed in the U.S.

The Trump Administration has commented on the tape and poll, stating Americans should be able to trust that President Trump is doing the best for the country.

“Americans very much trust President Trump to help us recover with the economy, and Americans also believe that

President Trump is the one who is best positioned to lead us to a vaccine,” Trump campaign adviser Jason Miller said in an interview with The Hill.

Biden is currently holding a 5% margin ahead of Trump according to a Fox News poll also taken Sunday.

A CBS poll released Sunday shows Trump is also falling short in the predominantly Republican state of Arizona, where Biden holds a 3% margin over Trump.

## Ex-manager of bone-strewn cemetery charged with embezzling

BRIDGEPORT, CT. (AP) A former caretaker of a Connecticut cemetery where police found bones strewn about and new graves placed over old ones is facing a new charge of embezzling more than \$60,000 from the cemetery.

Dale LaPrade, 66, was charged with first-degree larceny on Sept. 10 after a forensic audit discovered the theft of funds from Park Cemetery in Bridgeport between 2016 and 2018. Police announced her arrest on Tuesday.

“A forensic fraud examiner who assisted detectives determined that LaPrade made several cash withdrawals a day in some instances, and utilized

over \$60,000 of cemetery funds for personal expenses that were earmarked for burials and perpetual care,” Bridgeport police said in a statement. A woman who answered a phone listing for LaPrade on Wednesday declined to comment. Her public defender, Kelly Billings, said LaPrade maintains her innocence.

“She looks forward to defending herself against these baseless allegations in a court of law, not in the court of public opinion,” Billings said.

LaPrade, of Stratford, was previously charged with felony interfering with a cemetery and larceny. She has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

In 2018, Bridgeport authorities said they found about 130 graves disturbed at the 57-acre cemetery, included those of Civil War veterans. Gravestones and remains had been removed to make way for the newly dead, while some new graves were stacked on top of old ones, separated by a layer of dirt.

Officials found headstones and human bones thrown about on part of the property.

A state judge appointed a panel to oversee the cemetery after LaPrade’s first arrest, and it has spent nearly \$90,000 on cleaning up the cemetery, Hearst Connecticut Media reported.



In this Oct. 2, 2018 file photo, toppled headstones rest on the ground in Park Cemetery in Bridgeport, Conn. The former caretaker of the cemetery is facing a new charge of embezzling more than \$60,000 from the cemetery. PHOTO BY NED GERARD/HEARST CONNECTICUT MEDIA VIA AP

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# UConn Catering discusses menu for isolated students

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Steve Wojtyna, catering general manager, spoke about how University of Connecticut students currently in isolation receive their meals and how the menu was designed.

Wojtyna said catering first got involved when the university recognized how many students would be on campus. The number of students in isolation during the semester is much higher than it was over the summer when meals were delivered through McMahon Dining Hall.

“The process started when my boss said, ‘Alright, we’re not going to do it with the dining halls’ because over the summer they were doing it a little bit here and there, and McMahon was doing it, but they were only doing three or four at a time,” Wojtyna said. “When the students and the mass of testing came and we were concerned about a lot happening, he gave it to us.”

Wojtyna outlined the exact process that catering goes through when a new student is to be put in isolation. He is sent a notification stating that a student has been put in isolation along with some basic information about them before catering is informed of the new student.

“The process starts where there’s a dashboard ... and when a kid gets tested positive, they are put into a little cart, and we see them drive by, and they get driven over to Mansfield,” Wojtyna said. “They’ve already set up an area where this they’re going to be quarantined, so I get an alert ... only I can see it, and I can go on the dashboard to see who it is.”

When these students reach their isolation rooms, Wojtyna said catering contacts them to discuss any dietary restric-

tions the student may have. He said that it’s important to catering that all the students’ needs are properly accounted for.

“We tell them the address, the telephone number, we call them to make sure, number one, do you have any dietary restrictions? So if you’re lactose intolerant, if you’re gluten-free, dairy, whatever, we want to make sure that your meals are going to be able to be palatable for you so you won’t have any problems,” Wojtyna said.

When planning to deal with the isolated students, Wojtyna said that they put much of their thought and focus on the menu. In the end, they decided to develop a two-week rotating schedule to prevent students from having any repeat meals, since students typically only stay for 10 days.

“The main decision was based between myself, David Reid who is now our current production manager, and Rob Landolphi ... who is our assistant director of culinary operations ... Wojtyna said a major focus of their menu planning was comfort. They wanted to design a menu that was comfortable for students who are dealing with the difficulties of isolation.

“When we looked at the food we wanted to serve, first of all, we talked about comfort food because when you’re sick, you know, I want my mom’s grilled cheese and tomato soup which she would serve you ... Wojtyna said. Actually, every day we serve chicken noodle soup to you because it’s something you would get from your mom.”

In addition to this, Wojtyna said that they also looked at what kinds of meals were popular with college students. They wanted to make a menu to fit the various needs of students.

“We also looked at what’s trendy, what are the kids in



University catering is responsible for feeding students in isolation. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOLLEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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STEVE WOJTYNA  
CATERING GENERAL MANAGER

college eating that they like? Quesadillas, you know, cheeseburgers, stuff like that,” Wojtyna said.

To gauge student response to the menus, Wojtyna said that the sales office reaches out to students two to three days into their isolation. They check in with the students to see what they think about the food and the experience as a whole.

“We have our sales office call our students after the three days, ‘Hey, how is everything? Do you need anything from us, and how has the food been?’ A lot of very good, positive remarks, they really are happy with the food, timeliness and it’s worked out well,” Wojtyna said.

Wojtyna said but reviews of the menu have generally been positive, they’re constantly

looking to add new things. For example, he said that they are currently working on new pastries to be sent to students upon move-in.

“We’re working on some other stuff, like a ‘Get Well Soon’ cake-cookie that they’ll get when they first come in, ... Wojtyna said We try to make it fun for the kids,” Wojtyna said.

Wojtyna said that any student in isolation who may need anything should not be afraid to reach out. He stressed that Catering wants to make isolation as easy as possible for students.

“Call us if you need something,” . “We’re going to be more than accommodating because we know you’re not feeling well, we know you’re in isolation, so we’re going to make any adjustments.”

# Concerned students wonder about coronavirus procedures



Students getting tested for COVID-19 at Storrs Center. Students living on campus are sometimes randomly selected to get tested. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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group to work with, “especially because the program is five years.” He said he has found ways to work around it by talking with advisors and working around the lab restrictions.

Students said they feel it has also become harder for them to hang out with others due to the social distance regulations.

Ortega said hanging out outside is really the only thing a student can do. As a student living on campus, she feels there are far less interactions with students than last semester. She said the atmosphere of the campus also feels very different. She would usually see students walking across campus in and out of classes, but now it feels “very quiet.”

Saindon said the campus vibe has felt very depressing since there are no people

around.

“I’m a junior and I’ve been here for two years before the pandemic, so I already have a good idea of what campus is supposed to look like and how many people are supposed to be around, even spaces like this and the Union library and what purpose those are supposed to hold,” Saindon said. “Now there’s just not as much campus spirit. There’s not as many people walking around.”

She also said that it’s a bit of a struggle to study at the library because she would need to reserve a space, whereas before she could study there with other students freely.

“I’m fortunate enough to have an apartment, so when I have to do homework or when I have to do anything online I have a nice big space to go and sit and do my school work,” Saindon said, “but I feel for people who are stuck in dorms because spaces like the library aren’t really ac-

cessible to them.”

Shaw said that she feels nervous because she doesn’t know what could happen in the next week.

“I think a lot of things are changing constantly, and I don’t know what could be around the corner. It’s unpredictable. We just have to hope for the best,” Shaw said.

Shaw said she commends the efforts the university has taken to make her feel safe as a student.

“When I go to take the buses, you need to make sure that you have on your facemask, and I see people constantly cleaning surfaces that are touched. I think they are doing a good job,” Shaw said.

Saindon also said she feels UConn has done a “pretty good job” and feels safe in a lot of the spaces she enters, and appreciates that places like the recreation center have spaced out equipment and hand sanitizer dispensers everywhere.

Saindon said she is optimistic that campus life will hopefully go back to normal by the spring semester.

“I’m looking forward to sports events opening up again. I hope at some point, even next year, we can have on-campus events again,” Saindon said. “I think that is at the heart of our school and where a lot of our school spirit comes from.”

# Pandemic spells opportunity for marooned Coast Guard cadets

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — Branyelle Carillo was facing the prospect of a summer marooned by the pandemic at the Coast Guard Academy in New London when she was called up for a mission: The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Munro, bound for a patrol of the U.S. maritime border with Russia, had lost a tenth of its crew to quarantine and needed reinforcements.

Within two days, Carillo and 15 other students from the academy, some of whom had never been on a ship before, were part of its crew. She and 10 other second-year students, known as 3rd Class cadets, were sent to join five seniors, or 1st Class cadets, who had earlier been assigned to the cutter.

“The list came out and we just got up and went,” she said. “They just voluntold us. It was exciting.”

The Munro had been embarking from California in late June for the patrol when one of its

crew members tested positive for the coronavirus. Contact tracing resulted in 14 shipmates being ordered into quarantine for two weeks.

Capt. Blake Novak said that didn’t leave him with enough service members to sail. He came up with the idea of replacing them with cadets, having heard that much of the fleet was canceling internships and summer shadowing opportunities because of the pandemic.

“We were the only option to be up there and patrolling; there was no backup option,” Novak said. “I needed to be there.”

The cadets, tested and coronavirus-free, took over the menial jobs on the 418-foot Munro, such as washing dishes and cleaning its small boats.

But they also became qualified to handle the ship’s lines, become lookouts and perform safety duties such as firefighting. They received initial training in how to steer the cutter at the helm.

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## Carson's Commentary

### Does Trump deserve the Nobel Prize for Middle East peace deals?

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You've read the title by now; the question I have raised speaks for itself. And as is the case in most affairs centered around Donald Trump, such a simple question has quite a complex answer. Please allow me to take a break from covering the U.S. election this week and dive into it.

The criterion for winning the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize is outlined in the will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel. Since 1901, the prize has been awarded annually to "the person who has done the most or best to advance fellowship among nations, the abolition

or reduction of standing armies, and the establishment and promotion of peace congresses."

Winners over the years include Martin Luther King Jr., "Night" author Elie Wiesel and four U.S. presidents. The winner of this year's award will be announced in Oslo, Norway, on Friday, Oct. 9.

Of course, the question at hand here is, "What aspect of Nobel's criteria has Trump embodied this year



that justifies giving him the prize?" His nomination, submitted last week by Christian Tybring-Gjedde of Norway's Progress Party, came on the heels of the historic Israel-United Arab Emirates peace deal. The terms of this deal officially normalize relations between the historically hostile nations, who will exchange embassies for the first time and pledge to keep the peace.

Trump, appar-

ently running on a diplomatic high, announced a similar peace deal between Israel and Bahrain just days later. He hosted the leaders of all three countries at the White House on Tuesday to sign both agreements (Israel-UAE and Israel-Bahrain), thus bringing three key American allies in the region together. While Trump's exact role at the negotiating table will be subject to scrutiny, there is no denying that this is an impressive achievement.

But it doesn't take a political analyst to know that Trump has been dropping the ball on the home front for quite some time now. Seemingly right from the start, the president understood the severity of the

impending outbreak, calling it "deadly stuff" as early as Feb. 7. And with the release of Bob Woodward's "Rage" this week, more uncomfortable details surrounding Trump's handling of the virus will likely continue to surface.

I suppose I have now covered the greatest argument against awarding Trump a Nobel Prize. There are massive cases to be made both for and against his nomination, but the true answer of whether Trump "deserves" the prize comes down to how much weight we assign to his respective foreign and domestic policies.

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## Lockdown: Oaks edition

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2020 is a scary time. Every single month has been something different, and yet the novel coronavirus has impacted so many people worldwide. It has taught us so much as a society about cleanliness and learning to be more careful to take care of our health and strangers' health. Now, it's September, and schools are finally opening back up. This means it is up to the students to decide for themselves how they want to view this virus and what role they will take in order to help stop the spread.

Just last week, according to the Hartford Courant, the Oaks apartments in Storrs Center here at UConn were ordered to go under a two-week quarantine by the town of Mansfield, the UConn Health Center and the Eastern Highlands Health District. This was called into action based on a recent increase in cases (although it is not clear how many cases are confirmed to actually be at The Oaks). As a person living on campus this semester, when I saw the letter telling students in that apartment complex to self-quarantine, I couldn't believe it. The lockdown at The Oaks will not work in an attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus - here's why.

Just think about it: college students deprived of social interaction for months, all looking forward to reuniting with their friends at school. Now that the time has come, they are being told to stay inside again. Don't get me wrong, UConn has attempted a very good idea here. But, will the 700 students living at The Oaks quarantine by choice, and only leave their complex for groceries, solitary activity or to pick up food for takeout? People are given a choice in these tough times, and many students are choosing not to socially distance or wear masks when hanging out with other people. It's not that we don't want to keep everyone safe, it's just that we are young, newly independent during a pandemic, and think we are invincible.

Whether it be the "yolo" mentality that many students have (virus or not) or the idea that we can't be affected because of our young ages, a letter telling students to stay inside will only make the students want to go outside more. Without any numerical statistics and facts proving The Oaks to be a center for outbreaks, students are not going to listen to it. Take a minute and picture the students leaving their off-campus housing to do whatever they want, whenever they want. There is no way to guarantee that the students will all self-quarantine for exactly two weeks. Garrigus Suites on UConn's campus were locked down for two weeks due to an increase of cases, and now the administration is claiming that the quarantine was successful in slowing the spread of the virus. But these students were all being monitored on the campus, whereas The Oaks does not have these regulations. It's much easier for students off campus to leave, so it's really up to the individuals choosing to cooperate with these societal rules. I believe that the cases in The Oaks will go down if the students choose to follow the quarantine, but that is all a matter of individual conscience. Don't get me wrong, I want this virus gone, and if it means everyone needs to follow the rules and work together, I want that to happen. The general consensus is to have everyone safe, but the students outside of UConn's boundaries are not going to completely follow this mandate without a clear consequence. According to the Hartford Courant, the letter sent to the UConn residents of The Oaks said, "While we understand the deeply seated need for human connection and the excitement of spending time with friends, during a pandemic those interactions come with significant risk." To me, that looks as if UConn understands exactly where I'm coming from, and the fact that students just want to hang out (or else they would be at home, not living here). But it all comes down to a matter of trust, and that is something that will never have a 100% guarantee in today's world.

## All the President's Failures

### Bob Woodward's betrayal of journalism ethics

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This year, the coronavirus pandemic has killed 196,000 Americans and made over 6 million ill, likely causing many long-term health consequences. Since the beginning, President Donald Trump has attempted to act as though the pandemic wasn't really as bad as everyone thought, saying it would clear up in April, saying we'd have a vaccine earlier than is possible, saying the increased number of cases were simply due to testing more people than other countries rather than more people being sick.

Last week, Bob Woodward, who is best known for his work on exposing the Watergate Scandal that ended President Richard Nixon's career, went on Stephen Colbert's show and showed a clip from February, where President Trump says the coronavirus is "more deadly than even your strenuous flus," and explains that it is airborne.

But the topic today isn't Trump's many lies; everyone knows he lies. He lies constantly, about everything, about things that make literally no difference in the world at all, like the crowd at his inauguration or that he won the popular vote. Trump lying is not a surprise. What is a surprise is the horrific breach of journalist ethics by Woodward in deciding to not release these recordings when he got them, instead keeping them until his book was coming out.

Woodward's book "Rage" is of course about Donald Trump. It is his second book on the subject; his first, "Fear: Trump in the White House" came out in 2018. Within "Rage," Woodward, who is without question one of the best-known journalists in the history of the United States, seeks to further explore Trump's presidency, especially in this unprecedented global pandemic. And that is fine, good, even. There are likely to be many, many books

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written about Trump's handling of the pandemic in the future.

But to have these tapes, this information from the president himself that he was lying to the American people in order to try to not cause panic, and to not release these tapes at the time or at any moment after until his book was done is an obscene violation of the ethics of journalism. We do not serve as listeners to the government, stenographers, merely taking note of what happens without attempting to care.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans have gotten sick, nearly 200,000 of them are dead, and Trump's lies have been on tape for seven months? Woodward knew he was lying for seven months, knew that he knew he was lying and simply chose to not reveal that fact? It's difficult for most people to fathom the idea that a journalist would think it ok to deny the public that information, information which could have saved lives.

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To make the situation a little more absurd, Woodward "told the Post that he didn't make any agreement with Trump to withhold his remarks until the book was published." This means that Woodward himself chose to not release the tapes and chose to instead wait until now, after seven months of a pandemic that has disrupted everyone's lives, torpedoed the economy and killed over 900,000 people worldwide.

Woodward is still an associate editor at the Washington Post, where he has worked for nearly 50 years. That means that not only did he have these tapes, proving that President Trump knew that he was lying to the American public, he had the resources to release this information to the general public easily with the Washington Post. Can you imagine the headlines if Bob Woodward had released more information about more terrible things that a president was doing?

Journalists have an obligation to the American people to inform them of matters that are important. That has been confirmed in the past: "The press was to serve the governed, not the governors," Justice Black said in 1971. "The press was protected so that it could bear the secrets of government and inform the people." Bob Woodward has failed in that essential duty. He did not reveal the secrets of the government; he protected a president who has caused hundreds of thousands of unnecessary deaths.

Donald Trump is not who the free press was meant to protect. Woodward has had a long, distinguished career. He is a good journalist, as everyone has known since the Watergate Scandal. But this moment, watching history pass by with rising death counts and permanent injuries, if Bob Woodward could've done anything to prevent that in any way, he had a duty to. And he did. He knew. Bob Woodward has had a successful career but this is, without a question, his biggest failure.



# Life

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# LIFE, EGGS AND ANTONI

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The Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) did something amazing Wednesday: They brought in Antoni Porowski to teach UConn students how to cook. Avid “Queer Eye” fans from across campus, and as far away as Moscow, Russia, tuned in to a livestream of Antoni talking to moderator Christine Jorquera — a fifth-semester psychology and human rights major and member of SUBOG Major Weekends — about life, eggs and our favorite show.

“I’m super passionate about creating fun experiences and memories for UConn students — especially during the hectic time we’re living through — and watching everyone’s excitement while marketing the Antoni event made me so happy,” Ashley Brown, a fifth-semester marketing major and the vice chair of marketing for SUBOG Special Events, said.

Although SUBOG didn’t release the name of the dish beforehand, they did give out a list of ingredients and equipment viewers would need to follow along. And, of course, I wanted to cook alongside him so that I could pretend to be one of his “heroes” that he has to teach to cook in an episode of “Queer Eye.” As it turned out, the dish was simply soft scrambled eggs. When I first realized this, I was a little concerned that the Antoni critics would take this as proof of the fallacy that he doesn’t know how to cook. But after seeing his gourmet kitchen on camera and tasting my own rendition of his recipe, I confirmed what I already knew: Antoni is amazing. I have never liked eggs, but his scrambled eggs — without the addition of cheese or the assistance of toast — are some of the best I have ever tasted.

Antoni had a few egg tricks up his sleeves that I had never heard of before, but I suppose that’s what happens when you get obsessed with mastering soft scrambled eggs during quarantine, as he said toward the beginning of the call. First of all, he let his eggs sit out for 10 to 15 minutes. Accord-

ing to him, this makes eggs noticeably creamier than when they’re cooked straight out of the refrigerator. Next he taught us how to destroy his pet-peeve: egg “umbilical cords.”

“There’s this part of an egg that looks like an umbilical cord — I thought it was an umbilical cord for a really long time, but apparently it’s just an extra sack — and it kind of looks like this stringy, chewy part,” Antoni said. “And since I’m making soft scrambled eggs, I don’t like to chew on that.”

Instead, Antoni plopped his three eggs into a strainer over a bowl. This causes the eggs to strain through, leaving the undesirable “umbilical cords” behind. This also helps to get rid of egg shells.

“I got a little piece of shell,” Antoni said, excitedly. “See, it’s stuck in there! So I don’t have to worry about crunching on extra unnecessary calcium.”

Antoni then whisked his eggs and added one teaspoon or tablespoon of water — chef’s choice — per two eggs he cooked with. Since his recipe called for three eggs, this meant he added one-and-a-half teaspoons/tablespoons to his mixture. Otherwise, he didn’t add any other seasonings just yet. He said that adding salt to eggs before they cook can cause a weird sort of separating to happen.

“Water is going to help them steam and become really creamy,” Antoni said.

Antoni then threw about a tablespoon of butter into a nonstick pan over medium high heat, spread it around and then poured his eggs in. As they cooked, he used a rubber scraper to swirl the eggs around the pan in a zig-zag motion. Although this was good advice, his movements were hard to follow, as his eggs cooked miraculously fast. It seemed like they were done in

seconds, and he had to cook most of it off the heat.

“Okay, no joke, my eggs are ready,” Antoni said after thirty seconds of cooking, while holding his pan a good foot away from the burner. “It literally took a minute. I had it on slightly higher heat than I usually do, because I wasn’t paying attention, but they still look fine.”

He then poured his eggs into a bowl and mixed in a couple pinches of salt and an “aggressive” amount of pepper. But not before giving his two cents on the ground versus unground pepper debate.

“Have you ever used ground pepper for anything?” Antoni asked his

“Antoni knows how to make just about any food sound delicious,” Jorquera said. “I definitely took some tips on how to fix my scrambled eggs. I will definitely be taking a trip to Trader Joe’s and grabbing an Everything bagel seasoning.”

Unfortunately, he then added a disreputable amount of ketchup.

“Woah — it just poured out there,” Antoni said as he accidentally dumped nearly a cup of ketchup onto his eggs. “Oh this is such a mess, and I can’t hide it cause you guys are watching. I’m going to mix it up, so it will be fine.”

As both Antoni and his UConn viewers began to tuck into their bowls of soft scrambled eggs, Jorquera began facilitating the Q&A session. Since none

of us viewers could talk directly to Antoni, SUBOG had asked us to submit questions a few days in advance for Jorquera to read. Many of his answers helped explain a lot about him and his role on the show.

Antoni explained the reason “Queer Eye” is mainly in Republican-majority states is “to turn the red states pink.”

“The purpose of the show is sometimes we go into these homes and — I’ll say it — we’ve seen Trump banners, we’ve seen — as a Canadian I get really uncomfortable around guns — I’ve seen guns in people’s homes; something I’m not really used to,” Antoni said. “But our point is to connect with these people. It’s not to start a fight or start a political debate or whatever it is. It’s to go and figure out what we actually have in common.”

Antoni also briefly addressed his reputation as a bad cook. He said that when he first started on the show, he didn’t understand video editing. So although certain

episodes would depict him only making one simple dish, he was actually doing a lot more behind the scenes.

“Case and point, Tom Jackson — when I was coined the guac/avocado guy — we actually did a full three-course meal where he had a flank steak marinated in lemon juice and oregano, and we did a whole salsa that was Lupas-free,” Antoni said. “I’m not a physician but I know there are foods that are inflammatory like nightshade, so we eliminated tomatoes and garlic, and we used jicama and corn and different things like that. But none of that made it, only the guac made it. I am not resentful at all.”

All in all, I like to think I feel as connected with Antoni after watching his livestream, as his heroes do on “Queer Eye.” I will treasure his eggs recipe and our one-sided, hour-long eye contact forever. That being said, everyone who attended the event was likely as jealous as me of Jorquera’s ability to talk to Antoni directly.

“It was such an incredible experience speaking with Antoni!” Jorquera said. “I’ve been a fan of him since ‘Queer Eye’ came out, and his ability to connect and speak with people is so heartwarming. The fact I was able to connect with him on a personal level throughout the event meant a lot to me.”

Considering this event was virtual, SUBOG was still able to make it feel incredibly inclusive and fun. It really did feel like a one-on-one session with Antoni.

“I think the event was very successful!” Brown said. “The student body seemed excited about the event, and everyone I had talked to said they enjoyed it. We also had no technical difficulties on our end, which is always refreshing during this time of virtual events! I had a lot of fun. My roommates and I all had a crazy busy week, so it was a nice way to come together at the end of the day, enjoy watching the event, feel connected to the UConn community, and make a meaningful memory — which is exactly SUBOG’s purpose and mission.”

Here’s to hoping SUBOG brings more of the cast of “Queer Eye” to campus in the future!



friend off-screen. “It’s horrible. I don’t even have it either. It’s just flavorless. It’s a horrible waste. It is disrespectful to the life of the peppercorn. What you want to do is get a pepper mill.”

He finished it off with a handful of chopped chives, before mixing the seasonings with the eggs. Five minutes later, I finished up my own eggs and gave them a taste: Amazing, creamy, flavorful and soft. The simple seasonings of the dish were made exceptional by the quality and texture of the final product. Antoni then garnished his with Trader Joe’s “Everything but the Bagel Sesame” seasoning.

## NUTMEG PUBLISHING: A TIGHT-KNIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CREATING PORTRAITS OF STUDENT LIFE

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There are eight Tier III organizations within the University of Connecticut. Naming all of them is difficult for most students, some being more well-known than others. While popularity varies amongst these organizations, their characteristics remain the same. As stated on UConn’s SOLID website, those traits include: being “financially supported by student fees, high visibility on campus, high accountability to a large constituency of students, moderate to high risk activities, regular interaction with University staff, reliance on the University for funding, financial support [and] facilities and event planning support.” Considering Tier III organizations play such a large role in the UConn community, it’s important to highlight the

ones that are not as visible. Take Nutmeg Publishing, for example.

Nutmeg may not have the most perceptible presence on campus, but their efforts behind the scenes to create meaningful content make them the hidden gem of UConn. Maybe you didn’t know that the university has produced a yearbook every year since 1915, nor that the yearbook is essentially Nutmeg’s main project. As seen in their comedic street interview posted on their Instagram page, the fact that UConn even has a yearbook is unbeknownst to many.

The concept of a college yearbook may seem redundant. After getting one every year from first to 12th grade, you’ve probably grown tired of it. However, there’s no better way to commemorate four years of hard work than a book featuring portraits of graduates, campus events and general student life.

Not to mention, every graduating senior gets one for free.

Yearbooks aren’t the only commodity Nutmeg is in charge of. Their magazine is a fairly new aspect to the organization, having started in 2015, but it contains some of the most interesting content. You can access the latest issue and past issues on their website where there is also a link to subscribe for free. For the magazine, students submit any type of content that goes along with the specific topic for that issue. Their Spring 2020 issue covered quarantine life, featuring poems, art, recipes and other submissions having to do with life during a pandemic.

Alex Kim, a fifth-semester finance major who’s currently serving as Nutmeg’s business manager for a second year in a row, had a lot to say when asked about why he wanted to join the organization.

“I just didn’t know that we had a yearbook on campus until I saw a job opening on Daily Digest,” Kim said. “And I think it’s really cool to be a part of because we get to document some of the most fun, important, special years of your life in a yearbook and that’s not something most big schools like us can do.”

As for Nutmeg’s plans this semester, Kim was happy to answer.

“We’re still gonna be offering senior portraits and making a yearbook, and we’re gonna find ways to cover events, student groups and highlight what a resilient community we are even during this time,” Kim said. “Especially when we’re all virtual and separate, I think we can use the yearbook to really show the diverse student body we have on campus.”

The rise of a global pandemic has certainly raised challenges

for organizations on campus. Nutmeg is one of the many who are trying to make the best out of the situation. As a last remark, Kim commented on the goals of the organization as well as the benefits of joining.

“We’re a small but tight-knit group and a yearbook may not seem like much in college, but we’d like to change the conversation around that,” Kim said. “We’ve done a lot this past year to get more recognition and it’s a great place to be part of a publication for the thousands of seniors that get our yearbook and all the student population that gets featured in various ways!”

Now is a proper time to advocate for connection within the UConn community. Through their efforts to produce works that celebrate student life, Nutmeg Publishing is striving to do just that.



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Serial killers, corrupt cops, religious fanatics and blood sacrifices: Antonio Campos' "The Devil All the Time" is no stranger to these sinful elements. Set against a post-World War II backdrop, the characters and events in a couple Ohio and West Virginia towns converge around the life of Arvin Russell (Tom Holland), a young man seeking justice.

The thing is, the events that trigger Arvin's quest for justice don't really occur until the middle of the movie. While watching the first half of the film, I sometimes thought, "What's the point of all this?"

This movie plays a lot with the ideas of history repeating itself, with scenes and dialogue drawing parallels between Arvin and his father, Willard (Bill Skarsgård). It also does this between the choices Lenora (Eliza Scanlen) makes and those of her mother, Helen (Mia Wasikowska). I will

say I really enjoyed the attention to detail in the drawn parallels. After Arvin beats up some bullies, he cleans his bloodied hands in the same way as his father and says the same line Willard once said to him, "There's a lot of no-good sons of bitches out there," to Lenora. On the other hand, both Helen and Lenora find themselves drawn to the power that preachers have, and this only leads to rather unfortunate fates, to say the least.

The beginning of the film follows Arvin's father as he comes home from the war and falls in love with a waitress. A series of unfortunate events unfold, including cancer, a blood sacrifice and delusions, that lead to Arvin being orphaned at a young age, while elsewhere, Lenora is orphaned as a result of a weird cocktail of her religious zealot of a father and a serial killer couple.

The film jumps into the future, when Arvin and Lenora are young adults, and a perverse preacher (Robert Pattinson) preys upon Lenora. I understand the

first half of the film was for exposition and to set up parallels between characters as they age, but it honestly felt dull and sprinkled with unnecessary violence.

There is a lot of grisly violence in this film, a lot of it residing in characters being shot to death. "The Devil All the Time" isn't too gory, but a lot of the events and deaths in the film have a feeling of pointlessness to them.

At least the film has a wide cast of characters, despite being blindingly White, that help weave together a creative narrative as they all crescendo into one another. The serial killer couple, Sandy and Carl, like to pick up good-looking hitchhikers. After Sandy has sex with them, Carl likes to take photos of them both during sex and while the hitchhikers beg for their lives before they're killed. These two are unknowingly interconnected with Lenora, and later with Arvin. Sandy is the sister of the corrupt Sheriff Lee Bodecker (Sebastian Stan), who plays an important role in Arvin's life.

Probably the biggest reason why you should watch "The Devil All the Time" is for its acting. Holland and Pattinson's performances in this film are probably some of the best from the two actors. The climax of the movie lies within the standoff scene between the two actors, setting into motion a chain of events where the other characters converge around Holland's character during the falling action.

There will be minor spoilers in the next paragraph. Skip ahead if you wish to avoid them.

The pivotal scene in the second half of the film between Pattinson and Holland is what really stunned me. The standoff between them is monumental. Arvin enters the church with his father's pistol, his hands shaking and his breath shuddering, he confesses his sins to Reverend Preston Teagardin (Robert Pattinson) by actually retelling the events of the sexual assault that Teagardin puts girls of the church through. The seven-min-

ute scene, in which you can see Holland's anxiety turn to anger as it brews in his chest, combined with Pattinson's initial prowess and menace that later turns to fear and egomania, is the absolute highlight of "The Devil All the Time." It almost makes the rest of the film feel worth it, as the events preceding it builds up to a crescendo of Arvin shooting and killing Teagardin as vengeance for the death of Lenora.

If only the rest of the film could be this powerful.

"The Devil All the Time" has a really great cast and stellar performances, complete with narration by Donald Ray Pollock, the author of the book which the film takes its source material from. But to no avail, it progresses too slowly by clocking in at 138 minutes, and much of the film feels unnecessary. Somewhere, toward the end of the film, Bodecker says, "Some people were born just so they could be buried." Well, that can apply to movies too.

**Rating: 3/5**

# Hollieats

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I've been a fan of Trader Joe's since I was young, and slowly but surely, I've grown perhaps a bit obsessed with the quaint grocery chain in the past few years.

I apologize in advance if this turns into a mushy love letter of sorts – you've been warned.

As much as I would complain about the distance, maybe it's lucky that the location nearest my house is at least half an hour away, lest my wallet be continually drained. When my mom, who was suddenly afflicted with an unfortunate dairy allergy about 15 years ago, frequented the store for their wide and affordable variety of dairy-free products, I would marvel at the fun products that lined their shelves. Even now, I'm arrested with childlike wonder every time I enter the store. Maybe it's the friendly employees that make you feel welcome (but not at the intense level of Chick-fil-A workers), the eye-catching signs done up in colorful chalk art or the aisles packed to the brim with an ever-changing assortment of goods, but grocery-shopping never feels like a chore when I'm at Trader Joe's. And I know I'm not alone, considering the cult following of the brand.

With my latest trip there, my roommates and I were almost overwhelmed by the number of autumnal items that had just come out. We weren't able to get everything that we wanted, but that's an advantage of the seasonal products being rolled out so soon. I certainly haven't been able to try everything that's caught my fancy at Trader Joe's, however, I sure have a number of favorites that have captured my heart (and taste buds). Here are just a few of my staples that hopefully you can get your hands on:

## Chocolate Brooklyn Babka

Trader Joe's bakery goods are on another level. Luxurious stripes of chocolate weave throughout the fluffy loaf, studded with a solid amount of chocolate chips that melt with just a few seconds in the microwave (recommended method of consumption). The inexpensive price tag compared to some high-end bakeries is just a bonus.

## Mandarin Orange Chicken

We always have a bag of this dish in our freezer at home for an easy meal to throw together. Our family has tried our fair share of Americanized Chinese food, and we're proud to say this orange chicken is Lao-approved.

## Cold Brew Latte Dessert Bars

The Friendly's coffee ice cream set up my expectations for coffee very high, so the first time I tried the drink and was disappointed by its bitterness. But now, I'm a coffee lover and I enjoy the accuracy of the cold brew flavor for a quick, icy treat.

## Literally all the dim sum options

Another staple in the Lao household are the multitude of dumpling and shumai dishes, from the Thai vegetable gyoza to the pork shumai. To curb my xiao long bao cravings when we can't travel to Chinatown, the pork and ginger soup dumplings are pretty up to par.

## Ube Ice Cream

I'm equally ecstatic and miffed that ube has become such a trendy flavor recently. I'm glad there are more accessible foods, like this delicious alternative to the Filipino Magnolia or Selecta options when we haven't gone to Roosevelt Avenue in New York in a while (if you can't tell by this column entry and the previous, New York has my culinary heart), however, I can't shake the "we liked it first" mindset.

## Cinnamon Bun Spread

Cinnamon buns are my favorite dessert, and the gooey center is the best part. How could I not love this?

## Sour Cream and Onion Corn Puffs

I used to be mad at these puffs for not being as sour cream-y as the Lay's chips I'm enamored with, but now I appreciate them for their lightness and airiness so I can eat more without feeling sick.

## Coconut and Almond Vanilla-flavored Creamer

The nuttiness of the two milk alternatives coupled with the slight sweetness of the vanilla flavor add a nice twist to my cup of coffee.

**Honorable mentions:** Thai tea mini mochi, lemon basil arugula salad kit, everything bagel ciabatta rolls, chocolate-covered banana slices, breaded cod fillets, vegan pesto, roasted garlic hummus, mini chicken tacos, southwest salad, cold brew caramel latte chocolate bar.

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## Nick Miller's beverage of choice!

So, this week we decided to make old fashions, based only on our mutual love for Nick Miller from "New Girl." We wanted to be that handsome bartender/writer, getting drunk as he works on his next segment of the "Pepperwood Chronicles." But apparently, we are not Nick Miller. We're not even Reagan.

For those who don't know, old fashions are made of bourbon, bitters, orange twists, water and sugar cubes. According to experts, it will taste amazing if you use incredibly expensive, top-shelf ingredients. Due to our status as poor college students, we did not follow that advice. And the results were terrible. It was straight up icky.

"Okay, goal: Taste less, swallow more," a Thirsty Thursday taste tester said. We followed the directions, more or less, only to be faced with awful results. The bitters are — and this might sound dumb — shockingly bitter. The bourbon is nasty. And the sugarcube does nothing to combat the taste of its companions.

"I want this to be gone, but I don't want to drink it," a Thirsty Thursday taste tester said. In order to consume the disgusting drink, we added orange juice, extra ice cubes and another sugarcube. The results were the same: waves of grossness.

"Everytime I drink it, I think it will be better than the last time," a Thirsty Thursday taste tester said. "And every time I sip it, it's fine for a second and then terrible." Our dreams of being Reagan, and producing Nick the perfect old fashion, are dashed. Instead, we are forced to take giant gulps of this nasty beverage, quickly followed by a healthy swig of cheap wine.

"I want to be tipsy, but I don't want to go through the process of drinking this drink," a Thirsty Thursday taste tester said. If we were to recommend this to the nice 21-year-olds around campus, we would suggest only doing it if a horrific situation arises where they are surrounded by only Jim Beam, bitters, oranges, sugarcubes and nothing else. Otherwise, stick to fruity beverages, cheap wine, shots of vodka and tequila or water. It's not worth the inebriation it provides consumers.

And yet, at only 11:53 p.m. on a Saturday night, its level of alcohol was enough to get us dancing to the "Yodeling Walmart Kid EDM Remix 10 HOUR VERSION." While that doesn't necessarily mean much, considering the group of taste testers assembled, it is semi-decent. Aesthetic-wise, this drink is the classiest we will ever drink. It made us feel like businessmen stopping at a bar after a long day of working and being sexist. It would be a great accompaniment to either a Nick Miller or an "American Psycho" Halloween costume.

That being said, if you do decide to drink it, it pairs surprisingly well with a giant tub of Goldfish and a nightlong binge of "Pride and Prejudice" with Colin Firth.

**Rating: 0.5/5**

# PRACTICING MINDFULNESS CAN HELP IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

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The University of Connecticut Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) center is prioritizing the mental and physical health of students by offering additional events that can help to cope with the stress and anxiety caused by the coronavirus pandemic. One of these events is an Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop that supports stress reduction and overall

"Mindfulness is simply paying attention to now," Tracy Gruber, a clinical case manager at SHaW, said. "Too often, we are thinking, worrying, etc. and we are not actually attending to what is actually happening."

Mindfulness has both physical and mental benefits that contribute to an overall healthy lifestyle. Simple practices like mindful breathing and paying attention can have many benefits. Some of these practices include boosting

energy levels, improving sleep, relieving stress, reducing anxiety and improving self-esteem.

Many of these benefits translate to the classroom and can help students achieve academic success. People are constantly connected to their phones and other devices which can be a big source of distraction when trying to complete schoolwork or study for an exam. Mindfulness can help boost your concentration levels and allow you to focus all of your attention on the task at hand instead of scrolling mindlessly through social media or watching Netflix for hours.

- Boost energy levels
- Boosts concentration and focus
- Helps with digestive problems
- Improves sleep
- Relieves stress
- Reduces chronic pain
- Reduces anxiety
- Improves heart function
- Improves self-esteem
- Improves mood and happiness

well-being.

This 60-minute workshop is held every weekday and introduces students to the basic skills of mindfulness practice. Deep breathing, present moment awareness and self-acceptance are just a few of the many mindfulness practices that you can add to your daily routine to help deal with everyday struggles.

College students nationwide are in the midst of dealing with the transition to either a fully or partially remote learning environment and it is common to feel anxious and stressed about the implications that this new normal will have on your education. Being able to properly handle this added stress and prioritize your mental and physical health is very important, and practicing mindfulness is a great way to do this.

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Gruber recommends that students consider both formal and informal mindful practices. "We also encourage students to be intentionally mindful intermittently when the thought

occurs to them. Every moment there is a mindful opportunity," Gruber said. There are plenty of apps and YouTube videos available, for beginners and pros alike, that can act as a guide for your mindfulness practice. Headspace, Calm, Insight Timer and Aura are a few examples of mindfulness apps and they offer many services to their users like breathing exercises and guided meditations. Practicing mindfulness in your daily routine can help you feel more grounded and connected to the world around you. Oftentimes, people can become caught up in the stress of everyday life and begin to feel overwhelmed. This is a normal feeling to have, and mindfulness provides you with the opportunity to be present and pay attention to the moment you are currently in.

"Mindfulness is a great skill that can enhance quality of life," Gruber said. "By learning to breathe properly for stress reduction, to notice and accept more of what is and learning to tune into the present moment can have lasting effects on overall wellbeing." If you are interested in learning more about mindfulness or taking part in a workshop, visit the Student Health website for more information.

## THE POWER OF TIME & PRIORITIZING: A VIRTUAL TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

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The University of Connecticut has started a brand-new initiative designed to teach students leadership and organizational skills. Let's Talk Leadership is a new series of virtual workshops, each designed to give UConn students an introduction to a different skill set. Their latest event, The Power of Time & Prioritizing, took place last night.

The Power of Time & Prioritizing was an interactive Zoom conference focused on teaching students how to effectively manage their schedule and balance the often overwhelming amount of tasks college students can face on a daily basis. Throughout the workshop, many simple, but effective, time management tips were provided. These pieces of advice seemed to focus on teaching students how to plan their day in a way that is efficient, realistic and manageable.

The workshop was led by Cassandra Gonzalez, a first-year master's student in UConn's higher education and student affairs program.

"Time management is important in school and your life in general," said Gonzalez. "Even if you're not in school, it's important to manage everything you're doing in order to get everything that you want done."

At the beginning of the workshop, each participant was given a hypothetical to-do list. The list ranged from simple activities, like eating lunch or attending a friend's birthday party, to more complex tasks, like studying for an exam or writing a five-page paper. Each participant was asked to create their own schedule based on the list. The group then came together to discuss how

they decided to order their list of tasks and which tasks they felt were most important.

"The most important thing I took away is that I have a to-do list, but I don't have a timed-to-do list," Andre Rogers, a first-year graduate student in the social work program said.

Following this activity, Gonzalez gave examples of several different methods students can use to organize their own to-do lists. The students were encouraged to find out which organizational method works best for them. For example, one person may prefer to keep a physical calendar while others work best with virtual tools.

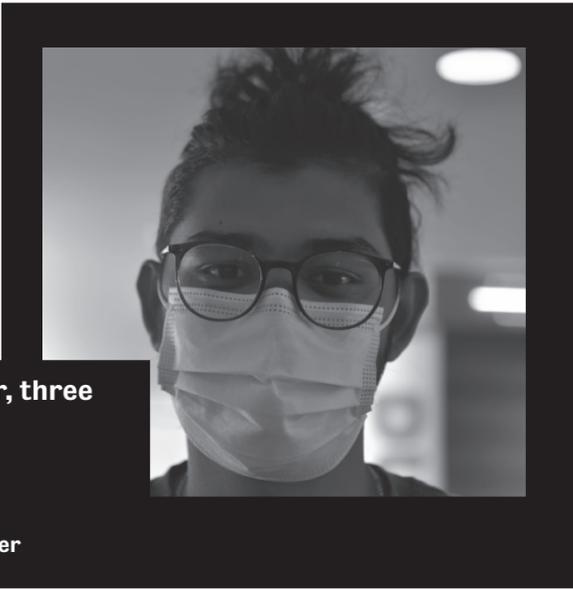
One aspect of the workshop that stood out was the time that was given to the topic of self-care. The message was repeatedly reinforced that if you don't set aside enough time for basic necessities such as eating and sleeping, you will be unable to complete your work. This mindset also extended to leisure activities. Several times throughout the event, students were reminded of the importance of fitting breaks into their schedule, rather than trying to get as many things done as possible, in order to prevent burn-out.

Another original element of the workshop was the focus on motivation. The students were encouraged to set goals for their day and find ways to motivate themselves to reach these goals. One idea that was repeatedly tossed around was to watch a motivational Ted Talk before starting your work.

Let's Talk Leadership will be running several more virtual, interactive workshops this semester. Their workshop calendar for the month can be found on the Let's Talk Leadership UConn contact page. The sessions are available to all UConn students.

# Opinion Study Break

## Huskytalk | How do you drink your coffee?



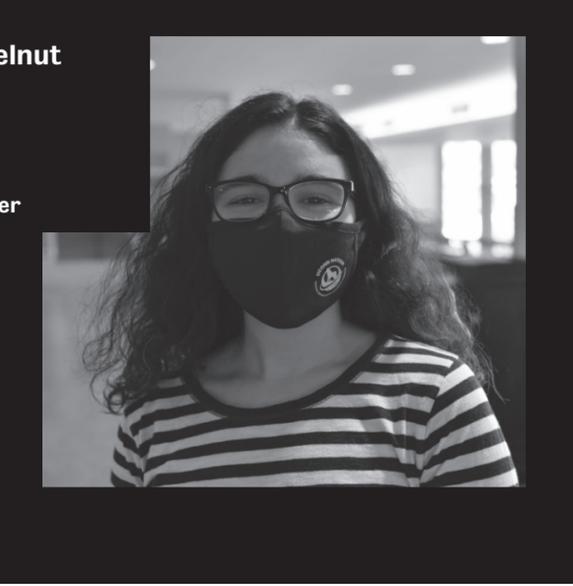
“Three sugar, three cream.”

Alex Sukdeo  
Applied Math  
Seventh Semester



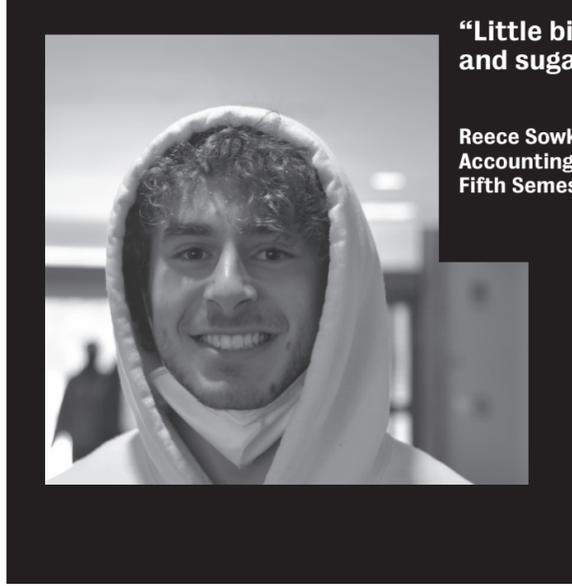
“Caramel iced coffee with cream and sugar from Dunkin.”

Colleen Daly  
Animal Science  
Fifth semester



“Dunkin Hazelnut swirl.”

Rachel Deponte  
Animal Science  
Seventh Semester



“Little bit of cream and sugar.”

Reece Sowka  
Accounting  
Fifth Semester

## Trump’s diplomatic success can’t overcome his domestic failures

TRUMP, cont. from p. 4

Can you deny rewarding a man who brought two Arab nations to cease their decades of hostility with Israel in a single month? At the same time, can you defend rewarding a “peace” prize to a man whose carelessness has subsequently led to the deaths of nearly 200,000 Americans?

And if this year’s Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded to Trump, then who should receive it? There are cases to be made for various people and organizations, including New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the World Health Organization. However, giving the prize to Trump could actually be long overdue. In 2018, he became the first sitting president to hold a summit with North Korea’s Kim Jong-un. And earlier this year, Trump authorized the withdrawal of American forces from Afghanistan, moving the 18-year conflict into its final phase.

Does any of this erase the damage caused by COVID-19 in America? Of course not. If I held a seat on that Norwegian committee, I certainly would not vote for Trump to receive the award. If he wins it this year, I will be as shocked as the rest of us. To briefly provide an answer to the question I have teased all along: “Not now, but not never.” But if you can appreciate great diplomacy for what it is, it is possible that we will see things differently a few years down the road.

What’s next? More about Trump ... After all, he has to debate Joe Biden in 12 days, and I would be silly to preview it.

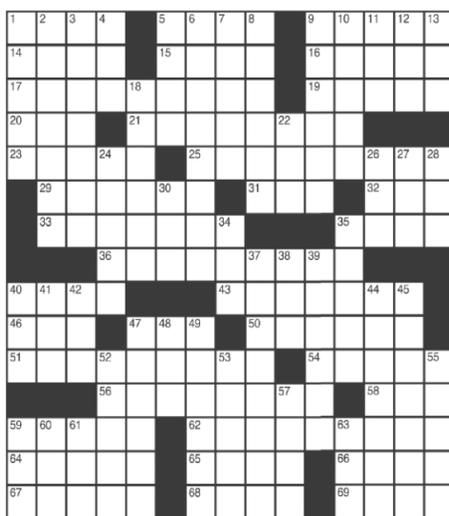
Have a great week, and happy fall!



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### Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Big bash
  - Lestrade’s rank, in Sherlock Holmes stories: Abbr.
  - Music rights org.
  - Hose color
  - Ward of TV’s “FBI”
  - Rattle
  - Excursion in a Loire Valley town?
  - Others, to Pablo
  - Former trucking watchdog agcy.
  - Newscast attention-getter
  - National capital on the Cape Verde Peninsula
  - Horse of southeastern France?
  - Improve, as a highway
  - Composer Rorem
  - Rome’s \_\_\_ Veneto
  - Going down
  - Way off the highway
  - Relative in a Cote d’Azur family?
  - Minute Maid Park player, to fans
  - Rickety, say
  - “Queen Sugar” creator DuVernay
  - Clear dishes from
  - More work
  - Swindle at a French festival?
  - “Because \_\_\_ so!!”
  - Relieve
  - Day-\_\_\_
  - “Dust-colored,” in Hindustani
  - Hybrid linguistic term that hints at the answers to 17-, 25-, 36- and 51-Across
  - Aspect of a problem
  - Accommodates
  - “Desperate Housewives” character
  - Set of beliefs
  - Old-time dagger
  - Lip



By Mike Peluso

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- DOWN**
- Reeking
  - Nissan Leaf and Toyota Prius
  - River through Reno
  - Scand. locale
  - Ratio phrase
  - Synthetic rubber used in waders
  - Winter weather aftermath
  - “Islands in the Stream” duettist
  - Loved
  - Man-goat of myth
  - Tough mutt
  - Japanese carrier that sponsors a major LPGA event
  - Box score abbr.
  - Low clouds
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  - City addr. info
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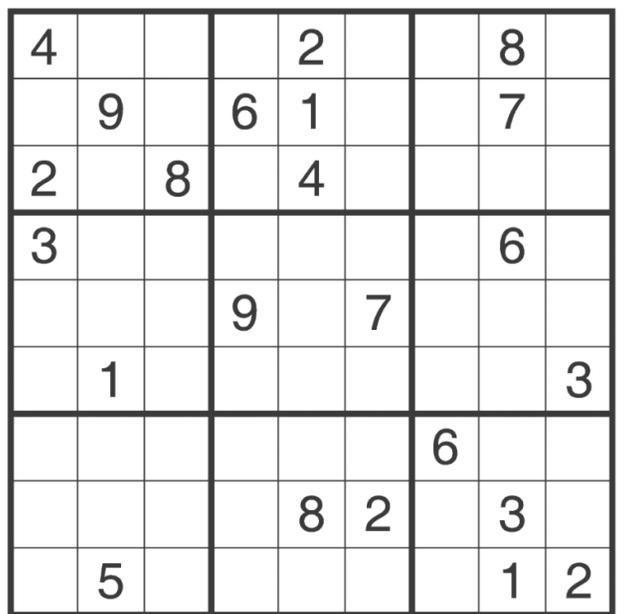
### Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved



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### Sudoku



### DYK?

**The military has used silly string to detect trip wires in Iraq.**

The United States Department of Agriculture says the official definition of a sandwich is: “at least 35 percent cooked meat and no more than 50 percent bread”.

**A 23 sided shape is called an Icosakaitricon.**

# LeBron James makes All-NBA team for record 16th time

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — LeBron James now stands alone in All-NBA recognition history, getting there unanimously.

James was revealed Wednesday as an All-NBA player for a record 16th time, breaking the mark he shared with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan. He was a first-team pick on all 100 ballots, joining Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo as the only

unanimous first-team selections this season.

Joining them on the first team: Houston guard James Harden, Lakers forward Anthony Davis and Dallas guard Luka Doncic, who got the nod in just his second season in the NBA — becoming the first player to get there in either his first or second season since Duncan did for San Antonio. Duncan was first-team in each of his first eight NBA seasons, starting in 1997-98 and

going through 2004-05.

The 21-year-old Doncic is the sixth player to make All-NBA at that age or younger, joining Kevin Durant, James, Duncan, Rick Barry and Max Zaslofsky.

James is a first-team pick for the 13th time in his career, extending his record there. Bryant and Karl Malone were 11-time first-teamers. Antetokounmpo, the reigning MVP and the front-runner to win the award again this season, was picked unani-

mously for the second consecutive year.

Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard, Denver center Nikola Jokic, Portland guard Damian Lillard, Oklahoma City guard Chris Paul and Toronto forward Pascal Siakam were on the second team.

The third-team picks were Boston forward Jayson Tatum, Miami forward Jimmy Butler, Utah center Rudy Gobert, Philadelphia guard Ben Simmons

and Houston guard Russell Westbrook.

Paul and Westbrook are now nine-time All-NBA players, Harden a six-time choice, Lillard is a five-timer and Antetokounmpo, Leonard and Davis are four-time selections. Butler and Gobert are three-time selections, Jokic a two-time choice and Siakam, Tatum and Simmons all joined Doncic as being on the team for the first time.

Harden and Doncic appeared on all 100 ballots — though only James and Antetokounmpo were unanimous as first-team choices on every ballot. Davis and Jokic were on 99 ballots, and Leonard appeared on 98.

The voting was conducted based on regular-season games played through March 11, and voters had to choose two guards, two forwards and one center for each team. Milwaukee forward Khris Middleton did not make All-NBA even though he appeared on more ballots (60) than Simmons (43) and Westbrook (38); they made the team as guards. Philadelphia's Joel Embiid got 39 votes and did not make the team either, after finishing fourth among centers.

Middleton led forwards who didn't make the team in votes, Embiid did the same for centers and Washington's Bradley Beal (26 votes) did the same for guards. Beal posted the 24th season in NBA history where someone finished with averages of at least 30 points and six assists — and became the first of those 24 to not make an All-NBA team.



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) directs the offense during the second half of an NBA conference semifinal playoff basketball game against the Houston Rockets Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. PHOTO BY MARK J. TERRILL/AP PHOTO

## Alfaro homers twice, Marlins beat Red Sox 8-4

MIAMI (AP) — Jorge Alfaro homered twice before he took a foul ball to his helmet and the Miami Marlins beat the Boston Red Sox 8-4 on Wednesday night.

Garrett Cooper also homered and scored twice for Miami, which moved within 2 1/2 games of first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Alfaro, the Marlins' catcher, was removed in the seventh inning as a precaution after Christian Vázquez's foul ball beamed him.

Miami chased Boston starter Michael Kickham with a four-run third. Alfaro hit his first of two two-run blasts. Brian Anderson had a run-scoring single and scored from first on Lewis Brinson's RBI double to make it 6-1.

Alfaro also went deep in the fifth, a 412-foot shot to left-center off Robinson Leyer.

Yimi Garcia (2-0) pitched a perfect eighth and was credited with the win even though he entered with an 8-4 lead. Brandon Kintzler was the sixth Miami reliever and worked a scoreless ninth.

Miami starter Trevor Rogers was lifted after three innings and 76 pitches. Rogers allowed one run on three hits, walked



Miami Marlins' Garrett Cooper, right, celebrates with Jesus Aguilar (24) after hitting a two-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, in Miami. PHOTO BY LYNNE SLADKY/AP PHOTO

two, hit a batter and struck out three.

J.D. Martinez snapped a 1-for-30 funk with a two-run homer off Miami reliever Ryne Stanek in the seventh. Martinez drove in another run with a sacrifice fly in the third.

Cooper hit a two-run homer to center in the first that snapped a 14-inning scoreless string by Boston pitchers.

Kickham (1-1) allowed six runs on seven hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Alex Verdugo had three hits, a walk and scored twice for Boston.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Marlins: OF Starling Marte was given the night off after playing 16 consecutive games since joining the club in a trade with the Arizona Diamondbacks Aug. 31.

### UP NEXT

Red Sox: RHP Nate Eovaldi (2-2, 4.82) will pitch the series finale on Thursday. Before joining the New York Yankees in 2015, Eovaldi spent three seasons in Miami, where he went 13-27.

Marlins: RHP Jose Urena (0-1, 7.71) allowed five earned runs in 4 1/3 innings against Philadelphia in his previous start.

## Chargers' Williams looks to continue as big-play receiver

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Mike Williams is soft-spoken during interviews, but his knack for making flashy plays has made him one of the top deep threats in the NFL.

The Los Angeles Chargers wide receiver leads the league in receptions over 35 yards since the start of last season. Williams has 11 receptions when going deep, including eight for 40 or more yards.

Williams will try to continue his success against defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City on Sunday as the Chargers play their first game in SoFi Stadium.

Two years ago, Williams caught a late touchdown and two-point conversion to help the Bolts upset the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. Last year, he had

a 50-yard reception on fourth down to keep a late drive alive.

"He's big and knows how to go up and get the thing. He's a gifted athlete," Kansas City coach Andy Reid said during a conference call.

Williams, who is in his fourth season, isn't among the fastest receivers, but his 6-foot-4, 218-pound frame makes him a matchup problem for defensive backs.

Despite missing the last two weeks of training camp with a shoulder injury, Williams played in last Sunday's opener against Cincinnati and had four receptions for 67 yards. One was for 37 yards after he got separated from Bengals cornerback Darius Phillips before taking a hard hit from safety Jesse Bates at the Bengals 18. The long com-

pletion would later result in a Michael Badgley field goal.

Quarterback Tyrod Taylor said Williams has the biggest catching radius of any receiver he has thrown to over his 10-year career.

Taylor compared Williams to Cleveland's Jarvis Landry and Kansas City's Sammy Watkins (who was Taylor's teammate in Buffalo) in terms of being able to make catches with their bodies.

"The catches you see him make in practice and games just wows you," he said of Williams. "It gives you trust to give him more opportunities to make plays."

Williams struggled with injuries as a rookie but has shown the past two seasons why the Chargers took him with the seventh overall pick in 2017.



Los Angeles Chargers' Mike Williams (81) tries to make a catch against Cincinnati Bengals' William Jackson (22) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, in Cincinnati. The pass was incomplete. PHOTO BY DARRON CUMMINGS/AP PHOTO

## Sports

## Photo of the Day |



The Huskies won against Iona College in December 2019 with a final score of 80-62. Josh Carlton (25) and Christian Vital (1) lead the team with 19 and 16 points. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# U.S. Open Preview: A challenging weekend ahead

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The story of the 120th U.S. Open is not centered around any particular player or group, but rather on the course that has been picked for arguably the most prestigious major in all of golf. The site of Phil Mickelson's infamous 18th hole collapse back in 2006, Winged Foot Golf Club is one of the most historic courses in all of New York, but it is also one of the most difficult. This is where the rescheduled U.S. Open will be taking place this year, and it is shaping out to be unlike many others of the past.

Regarded as one of the hardest courses on Tour, the West Course at Winged Foot has been the host of the U.S. Open five times. Of those five times, only one champion has ever finished under par: Fuzzy Zoeller back in 1984. In fact, it was in this tournament where the only under-par finishes ever at the course during a U.S. Open were recorded, with Zoeller beating Greg Norman in a playoff after both finished 4-under.

To put it bluntly, this course is brutal. It measures at nearly 7,500 yards, lengthened over

200 for the major. This distance is spread out all over the course, with some of the par 3s playing at around 250 yards. The last three holes are all par 4s that can quickly turn a player's round to a complete disaster. The greens are ridiculously fast; some argue that they might even play harder than Augusta National's challenging slopes. They are also nearly impossible to figure out. Members of the Winged Foot say they have barely figured out all of the breaks after years of playing, something that the players are going to have to do in one weekend, all with the pin location changing daily. The fairways are long and narrow and are surrounded by some of the thickest and deepest rough on Tour. If a player misses the fairway, the ball simply disappears into the grass, and without spectators to trample down the rough, it will be a consistent thickness throughout its entirety, meaning there is no advantage for players to miss far to the left and right of the fairway.

The golfing world has recently seen players like Dustin Johnson post rounds of -30 and then win the Tour Champion-



Dustin Johnson, of the United States, hits out of a bunker during a practice round for the US Open Golf Championship, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, in New York. PHOTO BY CHARLES KRUPA/AP PHOTO

ship a couple of weeks later at -21. This will most certainly not be the case this weekend, as many experts are projecting the winning score to be over par with a cut line on Friday of around +8. Simply put, it won't

be the player that makes the most birdies that takes home the trophy. Rather, it will be the player that can avoid making the most bogeys throughout the weekend. We are set up to watch a fun, exciting and cer-

tainly humbling weekend of golf.

My Pick to Win: Dustin Johnson

Winning Score: +4

Final Round Score of Champion: Even (72)

# League of Legends: Play-ins Predictions



A view of the broadcast desk at the League of Legends World Championship in 2013. PHOTO BY CHRIS YUNKER/FICKR

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On Tuesday, the groups for the play-ins and group stage for the League of Legends Worlds Championship were drawn. Today, I'm going to take a deep dive into the more interesting situations that have been created to give some predictions on what teams will falter in the play-ins stage and which might surprise us.

The play-ins certainly have a lot of potential for surprises this year. With this year's system, eight of the 10 teams will remain after the round robin, which means that underdog teams have a lot of chances to make a splash in potential best-of-fives. In Group A, the favorites to advance must be Team Liquid and the MAD Lions. As the European and North American representations in the play-ins, they are two of the four "major" region teams.

But that doesn't mean that Legacy, Papara SuperMassive

and INTZ should be ignored. While none of them can possibly be favorites against the North America No. 3 seed and European No. 4 seed, the new format means that even one upset is a huge victory. You only play each team once this year in the play-ins, so teams have no chance to redeem a bad loss to an underdog team.

In addition, both Team Liquid and MAD had some struggles in the playoffs. MAD only just qualified after edging out Schalke 04 in the lower bracket in Europe, and Team Liquid had some questionable moments en route to their third place. These are not invincible teams.

Group B seems to be much more dynamic. While it would be the shock of the decade if LGD didn't get first in the group, there doesn't seem to be a clear second-best team. Unicorns of Love, the LCL's team, had a powerful performance last year, and if they can replicate that success, second place

in the group could be theirs.

At the same time, the PCS's PSG Talon have suffered a severe setback. Two of their players, River and Tank, who are both from Korea, will be unable to make it to Worlds in time for play-ins following visa issues. In addition, their ADC, Unified, will miss some games due to the visa requirements. PSG has borrowed AHQ's jungler and mid laner, Kongyue and Uniboy, and will be using the substitute ADC of Machi Gaming, Dee. To get through play-ins with this situation, where only two to three of your players have played with your team, would be an incredible feat.

In the end, I think we will be seeing the Unicorns of Love join LGD, Team Liquid, and MAD Lions in the group stage. While there are many talented players in the play-ins, there can be no doubt that once again, the wildcard region teams are going to have a fight ahead of them if they want to make it to the group stage.

# Semyon Varlamov carries New York Islanders to Game 5 victory, avoiding elimination

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To be quite honest, the outcome of this game was a bit of a surprise. After the Islanders' performance in Game 4, I thought for sure that the team was done for and would be knocked out by Tampa Bay on Tuesday. But this was a hard-fought game, and New York showed that they are still interested in trying to win the Eastern Conference Finals. The latest meeting between the New York Islanders and Tampa Bay Lightning ended with a score of 2-1 going into a second overtime.

The first period of play saw the Islanders take the lead over Tampa Bay with only four minutes left. The goal was scored off a New York power play, which has been historically weak this entire playoff series. With only 37 seconds left in the power play, Islanders' center Mathew Barzal carried the puck down the right side of the ice against the boards into the Tampa Bay zone. After being pinned in by two Tampa Bay players, a backhanded pass was caught by Nick Leddy who set up a beautiful one-timer with Ryan Pulock. Pulock began charging a slap shot as soon as Leddy touched the puck and was able to rocket it deep into the net from behind the left faceoff circle.

Tampa Bay did not wait too long to tie the game up in the second period. Four minutes in, Leddy cleared the puck from



**New York Islanders goaltender Semyon Varlamov (40) makes a save on Tampa Bay Lightning centre Cedric Paquette, back right, as Islanders' Nick Leddy (2) defends during the third period of Game 5 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference final, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, in Edmonton, Alberta. PHOTO BY JASON FRANSON/AP**

the Tampa Bay zone down by their net all the way across the ice. The puck was picked back up at the New York blue line by Blake Coleman, who carried it deep. In the right faceoff circle, Coleman took a light shot straight toward goaltender Semyon Varlamov, who easily kicked it out off his leg pad. Unfortunately for New York, the puck rebounded to Victor Hedman who was able to dump the puck straight in.

The rest of the second period and the whole of the third saw no more scoring from either side. This continued into the

entirety of the first overtime. Another goal wasn't scored until well into the second overtime, when New York ultimately won the game with yet another one-timer. The play started with Lightning defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk attempting a slap shot but missing the puck almost entirely. The puck slid slowly in front of him, but was swatted to the boards by Matt Martin. The Islanders' right winger charged past Shattenkirk to retrieve the puck just over the blue line and carry it deep into the Tampa Bay zone. In the left faceoff

circle, he passed to linemate Jordan Eberle, who was able to score off of the pass due to Andrei Vasilevskiy being out of position. It was a classic one-timer and nice end to the play of the night.

To put it lightly, the Islanders are in a rough position. Unlike their last victory over Tampa Bay, this game was far from a blowout performance. New York is going to have to play the best game of hockey they have all post season during their next meeting with Tampa Bay if they hope to make it into the Stanley Cup Finals.

# Tyler Pollock: the return of one of the Huskie's best players

**POLLEY, cont. from p. 12**

Hurley is anticipating a big year from Polley, especially with the evolution of James Bouknight and two new starting guards, RJ Cole and Jalen Gaffney, to work with.

"It's critical to have guys like Tyler on the court with a guy like James, and we feel like Gaffney and RJ are really going to put Tyler in a position to shine next year," Hurley said. "The emergence of James, two guards that will really be able to find him and an improved frontcourt will really open things up for Tyler."

In this 2020-21 college basketball season — whatever it may look like — the UConn Huskies will look to be among the top teams not only in the Big East Conference, but in the country, and one of the storylines to follow will be Tyler Polley's comeback tour. If all goes well, we could be seeing many more performances like that Wednesday night way back in January, when Polley showed everyone, including himself, what he's capable of.

"I feel like the last game [against Tulane] is something I could do every game," Polley said. "I think I just took a different approach that game, played fearless and that's the result ... I know what I'm capable of and I know I can do that every game."

# Point/Counterpoint: Which new head coach-quarterback combo will have the most success this season?

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This NFL season is all about familiar faces in unfamiliar places. Two of the best examples are the GOAT, Tom Brady, playing in Tampa Bay with the Buccaneers and former MVP Cam Newton taking his place in New England with the Patriots. After Week 1, the Patriots are 1-0 and the Bucs are 0-1, so this week we debate which combo of Brady and Bruce Arians or Newton and Bill Belichick will find the most success over the course of this season.

**Ben Berg:**

No, the Miami Dolphins and New Orleans Saints are not the same, but Cam Newton and the Patriots won and Tom Brady and the Buccaneers lost in each quarterback's respective debut with their new teams. There's no doubt Brady showed flashes of classic New England Tom, but the Buccaneers offense, with all their weapons and offseason hype, just never quite clicked. That's understandable, given the fact that this is the first time in over twenty years Tom Brady has played for a team not named the New England Patriots, but Sunday's 23-34 loss to New Orleans was never even as close as that score suggests. Brady threw for 239 yards with two touchdowns, and more damn-ingly, two interceptions (one was returned for a touchdown). He connected with Mike Evans and Rob Gronkowski for a combined 13 yards on three catches. There's still time to figure this thing out in Tampa, but that was not the start anyone in the orga-

nization wanted or envisioned. Meanwhile in Foxborough, for the first time in (checks watch) two and a half years Cam looked like CAM. Newton threw for 155 yards and rushed for 75 yards with two touchdowns, all with the classic Cam Newton swagger. This is the first time Bill Belichick, the smartest football mind of all time, has been able to redesign his offense around a new quarterback (who has an MVP trophy on his shelf) in over twenty years. That's scary for opponents. Add in the fact that the New England defense grabbed three interceptions while allowing zero touchdowns, and New England could return to contention in a weak division very quickly.

**Danny Barletta:**

I'll admit, Sunday looked very promising for the Patriots and not so much for the Buccaneers. But you said it yourself, there's still plenty of time to figure it out. Fifteen more games in fact. Brady didn't look great on Sunday. He made a few horrible throws. But we've seen Brady get off to rocky starts in New England before, and by Week 8, it's a distant memory. This was the first game in a whole new offense with all new players and coaches around him. Not to mention they were playing the favorite to reach the Super Bowl in the NFC, the New Orleans Saints. So I think it's really unfair to hold this week against Brady and Arians. I believe they will build up a trust in each other, but they need a little more time than one game. It may not be anything like it was in New England with Brady and Belichick, but you still have the greatest quarterback of all time paired with a really good offensive mind in Arians and some

great players to throw to on offense. They'll be fine.

As for the Patriots, I'm not so sure. Sunday was good, but they still only put up 21 points against a horrible Miami team. This offense was so stagnant last year, and while Cam helps that a little bit with his running ability, there still isn't a lot of talent around him. You can get by with read options and play action passes against the Dolphins, but against a good team (like the Seattle Seahawks, who they play this week), I'm not sure it will work. They have to play a real opponent before I buy any shares of Newton/Belichick stock.

**BB:**

In all likelihood both teams will be 1-1 by next week. You mentioned the Pats will take on Russell Wilson and the Seahawks while the Buccaneers should be able to handle the rebuilding Carolina Panthers with Teddy Bridgewater at the helm. Both teams have a gauntlet schedule aside from the Patriots having the New York Jets on the schedule twice and the Dolphins once more. But the Patriots, while clearly the less talented team, have an almost ridiculous track record of getting big contributions from unknown names, and Belichick has had some success without Brady before. Belichick's record is 14-6 while playing Matt Cassel, Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett. None of those guys are Cam Newton. I trust Belichick to get the most out of this team while practically the entire roster plays with a chip on their shoulder.

Meanwhile, in Brady's first game without Belichick, he looked frazzled behind a struggling offensive line, who al-

lowed him to be sacked three times and pressured on practically every other pass. Bruce Arians will need to get Brady into the quick rhythm offense he thrived in with New England if he wants to hide this offensive line from the great pass rushes lurking in the NFC. Both teams could be great, but I'll never bet against Bill Belichick, especially with a former MVP behind the wheel in Cam Newton.

**DB:**

Don't get me wrong, Belichick is the best coach ever. If anybody could make it work with the current Patriots roster, it's him. But I just feel like their ceiling is so much lower than Tampa's. If everything goes right (and rarely everything goes right) what are the Patriots? A 10-6 team maybe? Meanwhile, if Brady settles in and gets comfortable with his new teammates, the Bucs could sneeze

and get 10 wins. Bill Belichick is twice the coach Bruce Arians is, so I have no doubt if both were given the same roster, Belichick would get more out of it. But Arians has such a better roster in his control without gaping holes at wide receiver, tight end and linebacker. The Buccaneers as currently constructed are built to win a Super Bowl, and they happen to have a quarterback that knows more about doing that than any other player in the history of the game. Belichick doesn't have that luxury. It's going to take some doing just to get the Patriots into the playoffs. So while I think both tandems will achieve success this season, that success is on different levels. I have the Patriots going 9-7 and getting bounced in the first round of the playoffs, while I have the Bucs going 11-5 and making it to the NFC Championship.



**Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) scrambles under pressure from New Orleans Saints defensive end Trey Hendrickson in the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020. PHOTO BY BUTCH DILL/AP PHOTO**



# Sports

## Tyler Polley: A comeback season in the making

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On Jan. 8, 2020, the UConn men's basketball team squared off against Tulane. It was a Wednesday, 9 p.m. game at Gampel Pavilion, which is never a huge draw for fans regardless. But add in the fact that most students were off campus for winter break, and Gampel probably resembled something of a ghost town that night. Officially, the attendance was 5,721, but unofficially, there were probably more empty seats in the house than full ones.

The game wasn't anything remarkable. The Huskies won 67-61, moving their record to 10-5 at the time. The star of the game was Tyler Polley, who scored a season-high 19 points on 7-of-15 shooting and grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds, six of them on the offensive end.

Leaving the court that night, Polley had played his best game in what could have been a breakout junior season. However, two days later, he tore his ACL in practice and would not return to the court for the remainder of the season.

That Tulane game feels like a lifetime ago now with everything that has happened in the world since then. But through the coronavirus pandemic and all, Polley has rehabbed his knee and is eyeing a comeback whenever the college basketball season starts.

"Rehab is going good right now," Polley said when ad-

ressing the media last month. "Just taking it easy, taking it slow because we don't know when the season's even gonna start. So there's no rush right now, but I'm making great progress I think. Right now on the court, I'm just putting up shots, not doing too much. But I'm getting there though. It's coming soon. Trust me."

Polley said that if the season does start on time in November, which is seeming less and less likely, he believes he would be ready to play. Polley still being on pace to return is impressive considering he didn't have anything resembling a normal rehab process. He said it was really difficult at first to rehab alone at home with only virtual help from the trainers.

"As the months started going along, I found a gym and I found a place where I could get some rehab in and get some extra work in," Polley said. "It worked out for the best, but at first when I first got home, it was pretty hard."

Head coach Dan Hurley is impressed with Polley's progress since being back on campus. He said Polley is up to 45-minute workouts four times a week.

"Tyler looks great," Hurley said at the beginning of September. "He's doing pretty much all different movements — backpedal, slide, sprinting. It's all 1-on-0 stuff, but he's doing a lot of game-simulated live shooting and defensive movement things."

Getting Polley back for this season is huge for the team, not only because of his strong

play, but because he will be one of the leaders of the team as a senior. This is a role that Polley is embracing.

"It's surreal to me because I remember being a little freshman coming to campus nervous, bright-eyed," Polley said. "But now I'm a senior and it's time to take on more responsibility, time to take on more leadership. I'm excited for the role. I'm excited to step up to the challenge."

Hurley said having someone like Polley for younger players to look up to as an example is important for his team.

"It's our third year together, so we're on the same page," Hurley said. "Tyler understands exactly what the expectations are and the standards. He really helps us uphold them."

Aside from his role as a leader, Polley might be one of the Huskies' best players this year. He has improved his game every season he's been in Storrs, setting career highs in points (9.5) and rebounds (3.2) per game last season before his injury.

Polley's greatest asset to the team is his 3-point shooting. He is a career 39% 3-point shooter, and he led the Huskies last year by hitting over 40% of his threes. Hurley said his ability to stretch the floor as a 6-foot-9 forward provides so much versatility and is an incredible advantage for the team to have.

"His shooting and his underrated defensive abilities obviously were missed last year," Hurley said. "When you



Senior Tyler Polley played against Iona College in December 2019. PHOTO BY MICHAEL CONROY/AP

play small with four guards, to have a 6'8" guy that you can play as a fourth guard or to go big with him as a third guard, it just does so much for you defensively in terms of length. We were obviously a lot better

defensively prior to his injury if you look at the numbers. And then to go along with his shooting, those are critical components."

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## NBA: Murray and Jokic carry Nuggets to Conference Finals, Heat squeak by in OT thriller



Los Angeles Clippers guard Patrick Beverley (21) is pressured by Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray (27) as he drives with the ball during the second half of an NBA conference semifinal playoff basketball game Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. PHOTO BY MARK J. TERRELL/AP PHOTO

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The Denver Nuggets are a problem.

More specifically, Jamal Murray and Nikola Jokic are a problem.

For the second straight series, the Nuggets found themselves down three games to one, this time against the championship-favorite Los Angeles Clippers. But for the second time they came out on top, becoming the

first team in NBA history to come back from such a deficit in back-to-back series. It has taken a complete team effort spearheaded by Murray and Jokic, but somehow Denver has found their way to a 6-0 record in elimination games and earned a spot in the Western Conference Finals.

Through the first half it looked as though the Clips were in control and that their star power and veteran leadership was too much for the young Nuggets to handle. Kawhi and

the Clippers would inch their lead slowly up to around eight to 10 points, but some key runs from Murray and the Nuggets would keep it close until they were finally ready to pull ahead. This was exemplified at the end of the first half.

The Clippers held a 10-point lead with a couple minutes left and it looked like they were poised to run away with it, but Murray had other thoughts. A 20-point quarter highlighted by his own 8-0 run to end the half cut the gap to two and told you all you needed to know about how the rest of the game was going to go. Once the second half tipped off it looked like the Nuggets were the favorite to go all the way and LA was simply there for the ride.

Once the third quarter started, the Clippers hit a bit of a cold stretch, reminiscent of the Playoff P we saw earlier in LA's playoff run. But while their struggles began, the Nuggets hit their stride and never looked back. Murray and Jokic took over on the offensive end while the defense worked as a unit to completely shut down PG and Kawhi. After three, the Nuggets had extended their lead to eight, and at game's end earned the 15-point victory in a decisive Game 7.

By the time the final buzzer sounded, Murray dropped 40 points — pretty average for him these playoffs — while Jokic put together an insane 16/22/13 triple double. Meanwhile for the Clippers, their two stars combined to score just 24 points on 10/38 shooting.

Next up for the Nuggets is a matchup against the other team out of LA, LeBron and the Lakers.

Out in the Eastern Conference, the Miami Heat and Boston Celtics faced off in the first matchup of their Conference Finals. This was the first time in NBA history that neither the No. 1 seed or No. 2 seed has made it to this stage of the playoffs, paving the way for an exciting new matchup, and they did not disappoint.

This game was about as back-and-forth as they get, with each quarter being decided by at least eight points. The Celtics struck first, getting out to an early eight-point lead after one, but Goran Dragic led the Heat back in the second and at half-time Miami found themselves up four. Dragic would end the game leading Miami in scoring with 29 points and chipping in seven boards.

The third and fourth quarters mirrored the first half, with

the Celtics once again regaining control early on only for the Heat to mount a comeback in the final quarter. But it was the overtime period that made this one special.

With 15 seconds left in OT, Jimmy Butler drove in on Tatum with the Celtics up by one. On the drive he took one, but two hits, drew the foul and hit the layup, where after converting the and-1, he gave his team a two-point lead. On the other end of the court, with time winding down the Celtics put the ball in Jayson Tatum's hands.

A screen at the top of the key left Tatum with what appeared to be an open lane to the hoop, but it was Bam Adebayo who came out of nowhere from the weak side, met Tatum in the air and got what was potentially the block of the year at the rim. In the end, that stifling defense that had gotten Miami this far once again prevailed and earned them a crucial Game 1 win to set the tone for the rest of this series.

Game 2 is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. where the Celtics will try to earn their first win while the Heat attempt to extend their lead as they try to become the first No. 5 seed in NBA history to win the NBA Finals.

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