



COVID-19 Tracker
CONFIRMED CASES AT UCONN STORRS
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20 **Current Residential Cases**
(positive/symptomatic)

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UConn students voice opinions on financial concerns, climate change to Vice Provost in virtual meeting

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Vice Provost Michael Bradford, along with Amanda Pitts, the executive assistant to the Office of the Provost, hosted a virtual meet and greet on Wednesday, Oct. 21 with University of Connecticut students to discuss student ideas and topics for the university administration.

Brianna Chance, a fifth-semerster fine arts major specializing in opera singing and vocal training, explained the struggle some low-income students at UConn face. She told administration a community housing program for these students is the best solution for this issue.

"It's extremely expensive to stay in the residence halls over break," Chance said. "There's no discount for homeless students, who often tend to be financially insecure. I speak from experience, unfortunately."

Chance said the COVID-19 pandemic increases the difficulty of finding a place to live. Some students might not be able to

stay on a friend's couch or sign a co-lease in an apartment due to the fear of contracting COVID-19 in a crowded living space.

"It's frustrating to be a homeless student and pay the same rate as typical students over breaks. Oftentimes, we have no other option but to pay the housing rate, which many homeless students cannot afford, or we're back to sleeping on couches and in public areas," Chance said. "Many homeless and housing insecure students also classify as independent. There needs to be a department or program on campus that caters to this population in addition to a community house for homeless students."

Bradford thanked Chance for her bravery in sharing her story, and Pitts noted she was unaware of the flat rate all students, regardless of financial security, face for on-campus housing.

Madelyn Pickett, a fifth-semerster biomedical engineering student, explained her proposal for a more eco-friendly UConn.

"The earth is dealing with the ramifications of climate change.

Encouraging a vegan diet is beneficial to both student health and is a sustainable plan," Pickett said. "The University of Massachusetts Amherst has a student-led co-opt vegan cafe that provides an example that UConn should follow."

Brandon Emerick, a former UConn student who recently transferred, explained why the university did not provide an ideal learning environment for him.

"I learn best from a self-paced education," Emerick said. "I want the university to offer online, self-paced, competency-based programs, especially bachelor's degrees."

2020 is Bradford's first year at UConn. He said he is excited to see how student ideas could turn into reality.

"Y'all are putting me to work," Bradford said at the end of the meeting. "And I love my job."

Vice Provost Michael Bradford met with students on a virtual platform to discuss ideas about administration and academics. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN



New study finds civil society can be a source of restraint or escalation in mass killings

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A new study at the University of Connecticut examines the effect of civil society on mass killings.

UConn political scientist Evan Perkoski worked with Erica Chenoweth, director of the Non-violent Action Lab at Harvard's Carr Center for Human Rights, to create this study.

The study came about after the Arab Spring (2010-2012), when President Obama created the Mass Atrocity Prevention Board.

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EVAN PERKOSKI

"The president got this group together, and they asked researchers like Erica Chenoweth and myself to start studying them to see if we can develop accurate models to statistically forecast when mass killings will happen in the context of national uprisings like those in the Arab Spring," Perkoski said.

Perkoski and Chenoweth found that civil society and civilian-led action can take many forms and vary considerably by local context.

"Civil society actors appear to be more effective in helping prevent mass atrocities when they have strong ties to or standing

with ruling political authorities and have multiple interests in containing violence," Perkoski said.

Civil society actors can help prevent mass atrocities, but are often constrained and their influence is not always positive, Perkoski said.

"In general civil society doesn't have a huge effect on its own, but in cases where you see lots of political inequality and it's institutionalized, you can see civil society being linked to really bad outcomes," Perkoski said. "So in places where you have political power distributed by wealth, race, ethnic group or by religion, those are contexts where people can mobilize and sometimes do really bad things."

Governments have incentives to keep data on mass killings less visible, and can vary in reliability based on the country the data is coming from, Perkoski said.

"We've had a big push in the last few years to collect better, more micro level data on violence whether it's mass killings, what rebel groups are doing and how many people are joining rebel organizations," Perkoski said. "This is following in the footsteps of previous efforts to collect information on things like democracy, income and welfare and other metrics that led the way for what we're seeing now in the realm of conflict studies."

There are two kinds of camps in the research on the effect of civil society, Perkoski said.

"You have optimists like Secretary Mike Pompeo ... these people think civil society is great for states. They can control them and reign in their worst

impulses," Perkoski said. "On the other hand, there are pessimists who see lots of cases where civil society has been activated for bad purposes too, such as in Nazi Germany, where it wasn't just a state that was committing violence against Jews, but you had individual German citizens who were sometimes identifying Jews and participating in Kristallnacht and other terrible events."

Perkoski said he and Chenoweth wanted to see which camp is most correct when it comes to mass violence.

"We found that neither one offers a great explanation on its own, but you do see civil society operating differently according to the levels of inequality in the state," Perkoski said. "The more unequal, the worse the civil society can be, but if you have a representative egalitarian state, then that civil society could be a force for good."

Since the study, people have come to Perkoski with more questions on how to build society and support civil society programs.

"We don't have the time to go in and work on underlying sys-

temic inequalities while there's an election being contested and people are in the streets right now," Perkoski said. "So, our response is that maybe you try to support civil society while also working with the state and with

individual civil society leaders to make sure the situation doesn't escalate. In other words, you can support civil society while being cognizant of, and trying to address, how it could spiral out of control."

Civilians underestimate the amount of conflict and mass killings there are in the world outside of the U.S., Perkoski said.

"A lot of these are slow-moving, simmering conflicts where civilian deaths have accumulated over a few years and haven't suddenly spiked like in World War II or in Rwanda," Perkoski said. "And as a result there are lots of civilians who are very highly repressed, who

are facing significant barriers to political participation, to free speech and to the basic things we take for granted here in the U.S. It's important to recognize that all this is happening while we're sometimes overly focused on ourselves."

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UConn faculty reflect on surveillance testing efforts, look to the future

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Rachel O'Neill, professor of molecular and cell biology, Kendra Maas, facility scientist at the University of Connecticut's MARS and Suzanne Onorato, executive director of student health and wellness, touched on the success of UConn's fall testing efforts and discussed their hopes and plans for the spring.

O'Neill began by providing a brief description of why the saliva testing effort is valuable. In essence, she said the pooled testing efforts were done to more efficiently utilize resources while working with UConn's low positivity rate.

"The overarching goal of this whole collective program is to reduce costs significantly and save critical, clinical-level tests for symptomatic or high-positivity rate areas," O'Neill said. "Right now, we're at a really low positivity rate, so it's an ideal approach to take."

Maas further emphasized UConn's successful numbers so far. She said this reflects students' general willingness to follow CDC guidelines and regulations.

"I can say that, so far, the surveillance screening that we have done has been remarkably low positives, and that's been reflected by follow-up point of care tests and that percentage that we're seeing at UConn,

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Health Beat: UConn Health receives \$50,000 grant

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The University of Connecticut Health Center was awarded \$50,000 this month, in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, to further its efforts in breast cancer research, according to a press release.

UConn Health was one of three Connecticut organizations awarded grants from the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative, the other two being Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and the Hospital of Central Connecticut.

“We are very proud of the support we continue to receive from sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants,” Joyce Bray, president of the CT BHI Board of Directors, said in the press release. “Those efforts translate into tangible support for cutting-edge research and programmatic initiatives, right here in Connecticut.”

With this grant, UConn Health’s Biomedical Engineering Dept. is able to further pursue its Personalized 3D Printed Breast Forms project. This project aims to “create personalized 3D breast forms for breast cancer patients who have had a mastectomy, but have not had breast reconstruction,” according to the press release.

The 3D printed prosthetic will be used in a bra or swimsuit, rather than be implanted. It will also replace the normally-uncomfortable standard breast form.



The UConn Health Center received money this month for their continued studies into breast cancer. Here, the Student Health Services building is featured. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ANGLISANO, STAFF WRITER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

“It will be a porous 3D lattice covered with a breathable fabric that is a match in both the front and back of the women’s shape,” according to the press release. “It is an advance that will make a difference in women’s lives as they navigate the challenges of breast cancer.”

UConn Health associate professor of biomedical engineering Liisa Kuhn noted the importance of this project.

“This research project will let me, and the female engineering students helping me, directly help women cancer survivors overcome challenges and concerns over their appearance post-mastectomy,” Kuhn said.

According to the release, women will be confidentially consulted on how to further improve the design as the project progresses.

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JOYCE BRAY, PRESIDENT OF THE CT BHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN A PRESS RELEASE

Presidential candidates face off in a final presidential debate tonight

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President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden are scheduled to attend the final

presidential debate tonight with new rules in place.

After a back and forth of interruption during the first debate, the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) announced Monday that the candidates will have their microphones temporarily cut off while their opponent is delivering.

In the debate commission’s statement, the organization assured the changes were implemented after considering the “opinion of many who expressed concern the [first] debate fell short of expectations, depriving voters of the opportunity to be informed of the candidates’ positions on the issues.”

The 90-minute debate will take place at Nashville’s Belmont University and will be moderated by the NBC News White House correspondent Kristen Welker, who previously co-anchored a Democratic debate in 2019 with MSNBC.

Many are wondering if Welker will be able to regain control of the candidates, unlike Fox News’ Chris Wallace, who mod-

erated the first regular presidential debate last month.

Similar to the first debate, the presidential candidates will face questions split into six segments of 15 minutes each on topics chosen by Welker.

Questions that may take light in the debate include hot-button topics such as fighting COVID-19, American families, race in America and climate change.

With less than two weeks until the presidential election, this debate is likely Trump’s final chance to persuade voters as Biden leads with nine points in the polls over the president.

The candidates will again skip the traditional handshake prior to the event and won’t be wearing masks on stage, but audience members will be required to do so.

After testing positive for the coronavirus, Trump turned down attending a second debate remotely after a decision was made to host the debate virtually.

The debate is set to air commercial free at 9 p.m. Eastern on all major TV networks such as ABC, CBS, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox, MSNBC and NBC. Individuals can also view the debate live on YouTube and streaming services such as Hulu with Live TV.

There will be a 90-minute debate at Nashville’s Belmont University. It will be hosted by the NBC News White House correspondent Kristen Welker.

Court orders California to cut San Quentin inmates by half

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A California appeals court has ordered state corrections officials to cut the population of one of the world’s most famous prisons to less than half of its designed capacity, citing officials’ “deliberate indifference” to the plight of inmates during the coronavirus pandemic.

State prison officials said Wednesday that they are deciding whether to appeal the order, which otherwise will force them to parole or transfer about 1,100 inmates serving time in San Quentin State Prison north of San Francisco.

California’s oldest prison, home to its death row, was the site of one of the nation’s worst coronavirus outbreaks, with 28 inmate deaths and 2,200 infections at its peak — about 75% of the inmate population. Nearly 300 employees were sickened and one died, though all but nine employees are now back to work.

It was “the worst epidemio-

logical disaster in California correctional history,” the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco said in Tuesday’s ruling.

The three-justice court said officials’ decision not to cut the inmate population by half, as recommended by prison officials’ outside advisors in June, was “morally indefensible and constitutionally untenable.”

Assemblyman Marc Levine, a Democrat who represents the area, on Wednesday said that without a further significant reduction, “it is not a question of if another COVID-19 spike will happen at San Quentin, it is a question of when.”

However, there is only one current active coronavirus case at San Quentin, and two other California prisons now top it for both active cases and cumulative number of infections.

San Quentin’s outbreak flared when prison officials botched the transfer of inmates from a Southern California

prison in May, inadvertently sending infected prisoners who had not been recently tested.

Cases exploded, driven by “the unique architecture and age” of the prison that opened in 1852, and its “exceedingly poor ventilation, extraordinarily close living quarters, and inadequate sanitation,” wrote experts at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health and the University of California, San Francisco.

The prison then housed more than 3,500 inmates, many with multiple health vulnerabilities, the experts found. Cutting the population by half would allow many inmates to be housed separately and let officials clear more space to keep inmates spaced for treatment, quarantine or to reduce the virus’ spread, they said.

The three appellate justices said the state failed to present any evidence to the contrary. Their unanimous order re-



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quires prison officials to house no more than 1,775 inmates in space designed for about 3,100 inmates and a staffed capacity of nearly 4,500 inmates.

The population can be reduced by transfers to other

prisons or paroles, the court said. State prisons now hold fewer than 98,000 inmates, so those from San Quentin could likely be absorbed elsewhere, the court said.

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Faculty reflect on surveillance testing and look to the future

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which is lower than the state, so we can say that students are doing a good job of following those CDC guidelines,” Maas said.

In addition to the group testing being done, Onorato wanted to draw attention to Dr. Maas's work with wastewater sampling. Onorato said they hope to expand this test to get even more accurate readings of where the COVID-19 increase may have originated.

“When a particular wastewater site begins to have an increase in the presence of COVID, we then deploy pooled sampling to screen those students who reside in that area,” Onorato said. “This then allows for us to locate the positive cases early on and allows for rapid containment of the spread of COVID. We would like to continue to both create more local sources for wastewater testing in order to get even closer to the source with our pooled sampling.”

O'Neill said one of the major challenges they have faced so far has been clearly communicating everything to students. She said it is their responsibility to convey information to students well.

“We've actually done collaborations with amazing teams on campus ... who are going to help us translate this information and make it publicly available because I think it is our responsibility to translate that information and allow people to know ‘this is the level when you should be worried,’ and this is more informational and we need to be keeping track,” O'Neill said.

O'Neill also said it was important to note the expanse of the program and the amount of collaboration it has required. In



UConn has been offering testing for students who need it. Surveillance screening has had a big impact on maintaining COVID-19. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ANGLISANO, NEWS EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

particular, she noted the work done by UConn facilities to help Dr. Maas install her wastewater monitoring systems.

“This project has been collaborative and huge. It's involved many, many groups on campus who have been incredible at stepping up to try to protect the safety of the students,” O'Neill said. “Facilities have been right there every step of the way helping Kendra put these wastewater monitoring systems in place. It's just been absolutely incredible to watch.”

Maas wanted to draw attention to the work being done by the student body as well. She said she has several UConn students, both graduate and undergraduate, assisting with her work.

“All of the technicians who are doing this are students,” Maas said. “I have three masters grad students who do most of the lab work, and then I have

a couple of undergrads who are helping collect samples and distribute tubing. This is all students.”

Onorato spoke about future testing plans and the potential expansion of surveillance testing. She said this would likely be done in addition to educational efforts that showed proper strategies for the UConn student body regarding COVID-19.

“ISG is also interested in expanding the surveillance testing strategy across campus in order to meet an increasing desire for expanded testing as well as promoting education to the broader student community regarding UConn's COV2 strategy (through a new partnership with the newly established DxGroup at UConn),” Onorato said. “We are also considering a more routine pooled sampling approach for our residential student population.”

Unknown group sends Democratic voters intimidating emails

BOSTON (AP) — Democratic voters in at least four battleground states including Florida and Pennsylvania received threatening emails, falsely purporting to be from the far-right group Proud Boys, that warned “we will come after you” if the recipients didn't vote for President Donald Trump.

The voter-intimidation operation apparently used email addresses obtained from state voter registration lists, which include those of voters who are not affiliated with the group. The senders claimed they would know which candidate the recipient was voting for in the Nov. 3 election, for which early voting is ongoing.

Federal officials have long warned about the possibility of this type of operation, as such registration lists are not difficult to obtain.

“These emails are meant to intimidate and undermine American voters' confidence in our elections,” Christopher Krebs, the top election security official at the Department of Homeland Security, tweeted Tuesday night after reports of the emails first surfaced.

He urged voters not to fall for “sensational and unverified claims,” reminding them that ballot secrecy is guaranteed by law in all states. “The last line of defense in election security is you - the American voter.”

A spokesperson at FBI headquarters did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Asked about the emails during an online forum on Wednesday,

Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar said she lacked specific information. “I am aware that they were sent to voters in multiple swing states and we are working closely with the attorney general on these types of things and others,” she said.

The emails were sent by a group — its identity unknown — that put considerable time and effort into identifying vulnerable internet servers in several countries including Estonia, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates which they hijacked to send the emails, said security researcher John Scott-Railton, who examined dozens. Voters in Arizona and Alaska also received them, he said.

The Associated Press obtained one of the emails from a Florida voter.

Scott-Railton, of the Citizen Lab online civil-rights project at the University of Toronto, said the Proud Boys email address that the spammers placed in the email's sender field was “a flag of convenience.” The true addresses of origin — not readily visible but listed in email headers — were the hijacked servers. The email reviewed by the AP originated from a business in Estonia.

And while the operation was not terribly sophisticated, it may still have been backed by a nation-state. There are documented cases in which Russian agents have sent threatening mail, including to U.S. military spouses. Ukraine has also been hit by email hoaxes suspected to be the work of the Kremlin. Intelligence services like to use such techniques because they don't bear the stamp of government, thus providing deniability.

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CHRISTOPHER KREBS

Virus spikes have officials looking to shore up hospitals

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Hospitals across the United States are starting to buckle from a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, with several states setting records for the number of people hospitalized and leaders scrambling to find extra beds and staff. New highs in cases have been reported in states big and small — from Idaho to Ohio — in recent days.

The rise in cases and hospitalizations was alarming to medical experts.

Around the world, disease trackers have seen a pattern: First, the number of cases rises, then hospitalizations and finally there are increases in deaths. Seeing hospitals struggling is alarming because it may already be too late to stop a crippling surge.

“By the time we see hospitalizations rise, it means we're really struggling,” said Saskia Popescu, an epidemiologist at George Mason University.

Dr. Jay Butler, deputy director for infectious diseases for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Wednesday the United States is seeing a “distressing trend” with COVID-19 cases growing in nearly three-quarters of the country.

“We're seeing cases increase in really all parts of the country — in the Midwest, particularly — likely in part because people are moving indoors with the arrival of cooler temperatures,” Butler told reporters at a briefing at CDC headquarters in Atlanta.

“Another factor is that smaller, more intimate gatherings of

family, friends and neighbors may be driving infections as well, especially as these gatherings move indoors and adherence to face coverings and social distancing may not be optimal.”

Surges in coronavirus cases have led hospitals in Rocky Mountain states to raise concerns as their intensive care bed space dwindles. Utah, Montana and Wyoming have all reported record highs this week for the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19. Seven of 10 intensive care beds were filled in Utah hospitals and about six in 10 in Montana.

In Nevada, where the economy relies heavily on the tourism industry, officials have stressed the need to maintain steady trends to bring back concerts and conventions that employ thousands on the Las Vegas Strip.

When Gov. Steve Sisolak, a

Democrat, lifted the 50-person cap on gatherings on Oct. 1, he said he hoped to ensure safety while “preventing a rollercoaster of up and down cases that

“I worry a COVID wave that causes a heavy surge on hospitals that are already very busy will further add stress to a system that is exhausted.”

SASKIA POPESCU

leads to uncertainty for meeting and convention and event planners.”

Now, amid an autumn surge in new cases, Nevada is among seven states with more than 8%

of hospital capacity taken up by COVID-19 patients. Due to competing demands, particularly from flu season, 71% of the state's hospital beds are occupied, the Nevada Hospital Association reported.

State officials worry that hospital beds will fill up if trends continue. Nevada reported 535 confirmed and suspected COVID-19 hospitalizations on Wednesday, up 19% from Oct. 1.

“One day is fine and you're not at the capacity. A week later, you can be bumping up against your capacity for beds and for ICU units. Hospitals can then be teetering on the edge of having to turn patients away. We have to avoid that,” Sisolak said.

More than 40 million people around the globe have contracted the virus and more than 1.1 million people have died. In the United States, there have been more than 8 million confirmed cases and more than 220,000 deaths. The seven-day rolling average for daily new cases has reached nearly 60,000 — the highest since July.

The spikes come as President Donald Trump has sounded an optimistic tone that the virus is rounding the corner and that a vaccine is imminent. But public health experts maintain the virus will continue to persist and that a vaccine is several months away.

In some cases, spikes are happening as schools reopen and as Americans grow weary of wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

“At this point in the pandemic, everybody's tired. Everybody's craving human interaction,” Popescu, the epidemiologist, said.

Winter is a busy season for hospitals as influenza and other respiratory illnesses ramp up with more people congregating indoors. “I worry a COVID wave that causes a heavy surge on hospitals that are already very busy will further add stress to a system that is exhausted,” Popescu said.

Selin Bert's mother-in-law is among those who had to be hospitalized in recent weeks. The Mesquite, Nevada, woman had symptoms at home for a few days but her health deteriorated so much that she had to be rushed to the hospital after a family member found her on the bathroom floor.

She ended up in the ICU in Las Vegas and has since been released, but remains severely fatigued.

Bert suspects her mother-in-law was infected during a visit from her grandchildren, who traveled from Montana. But the topic of how she got infected is a delicate one in the family given how serious her illness was.



(Above) Medical Assistant Casey Garrison inputs patient information on a form at the drive-thru coronavirus testing at a respiratory clinic in Casper, Wyo., Sept. 12, 2020. PHOTO BY CAYLA NIMMO/THE CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE, AP

(Right) Health Commissioner at Summit County Department of Health Donna Skoda, left, explains the process of testing at a COVID-19 testing site at Chapel Hill Mall on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, in Akron, Ohio. PHOTO BY MIKE CARDEW/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, AP



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2 antisemitic incidents at UConn: Malice or ignorance?

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On October 8, UConn Hillel’s Instagram account reported an antisemitic incident that happened in South Campus’ Rosebrooks Hall. According to the post, references to the Third Reich were found by an RA on the whiteboard of a student’s door. That was pretty much all of the information given on the event, except the added assurance that ResLife and UCPD were investigating further and that it would be officially filed as a bias incident.

Now, there is very little context for what actually happened, but Hillel summed it up perfectly in their statement by saying that “incidents like this, whether born from malice or ignorance, should never be tolerated.” For obvious reasons, malicious intent should never be tolerated against any group, but the “ignorance” part of that statement is what brings me to the second event that’s happened in the past few weeks.

Since July, Instagram account @jewishoncampus has been taking testimonials from college students about their experiences with antisemitism at their schools, and with over 200 posts since then, some of the accounts are horrifying. Last week, it was UConn’s turn to be featured, as an anonymous student said this:

“During a philosophy lecture about Plato, the professor used the statement ‘Germany was as bad to the Jews as the Israelis are to the Palestinians now.’ This had nothing to do with the lecture and he moved right past it. No one in the 200 person lecture said a word.”

This was far from the most serious allegation the account has presented, with many falling squarely into the malicious intent category of antisemitism, including calling Jews dogs, denying the Holocaust and issuing physical threats, but this statement is still noteworthy because it was a thoughtless statement made by a professor which no student

dared protest.

Don’t get me wrong, the Israeli government’s treatment of Palestinians is atrocious. The so-called “settlements” are examples of colonization, and I believe that the rest of the world

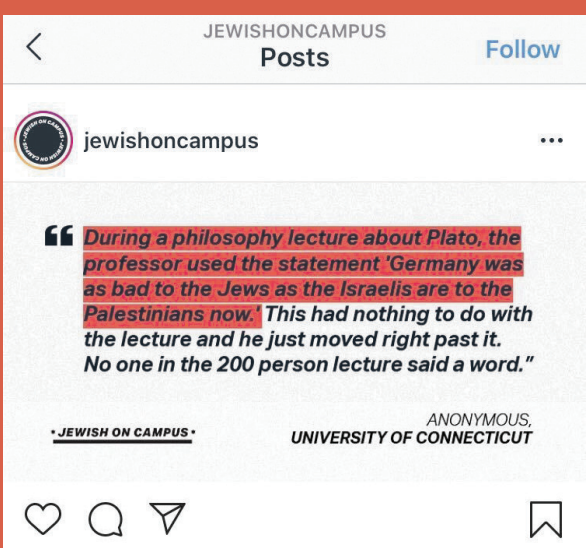
ment made by the professor is the problem here. Netanyahu is not representative of all Jews, or even of all Israelis, and saying so would be akin to saying that all Americans support Donald Trump.

The problem of generalizing and compartmentalizing groups is a problem that affects many worldwide, and is one of the problems I’ve seen the most among those highlighted by @jewishoncampus and similar accounts. There are many ways to criticize the Israeli government, and it’s a necessary thing to do, but people need to be careful in how they do it so they don’t come across as antisemitic. If the professor had worded his statement slightly differently, it most likely wouldn’t have had to show up as a complaint.

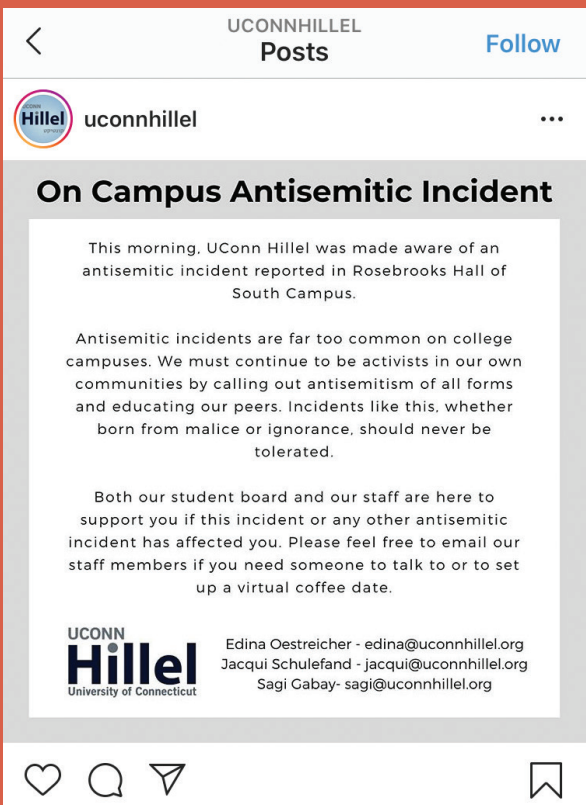
Whether the incident in question is a professor making an offensive statement to a large group or “the Third Reich” being written in a dorm, there are reasons to be alarmed. What’s important to stress is that there are two separate issues here. Good people can make mistakes; it happens all the time, and if someone says something that they don’t realize is antisemitic, such as the professor’s statement, the solution for this is simply to educate oneself. We live in the age of information, and it’s the responsibility of people wanting to make positive change in a global community to seek out this information. It’s not those who are simply uneducated on the matter who worry

me though, as malicious acts against many different groups happen every day. Hopefully, in a future where the people wishing to do good in the world are all more educated, we can work together to decrease the malicious acts and comments that are spewed all over the place. It’s important to recognize and commend that UConn did a good job in taking appropriate action in the Oct. 8 event, but also crucial to note that progress is never done. Many bias incidents go under the radar, antisemitic and otherwise, and that is unacceptable.

needs to step in and take a stand against what Netanyahu and Likud are doing. However, this does not give anyone the right to invoke the Holocaust as a comparison. Both what the Nazis did during WWII and what Israel has done to the Palestinians are widely considered genocide, but the conflation of the Jewish people and the Israeli government



Last week, Instagram account @jewishoncampus featured an incident of antisemitism at UConn (above). Earlier in October, the UConn Hillel account posted an account of a previous antisemitic incident on campus. SCREENSHOTS COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM



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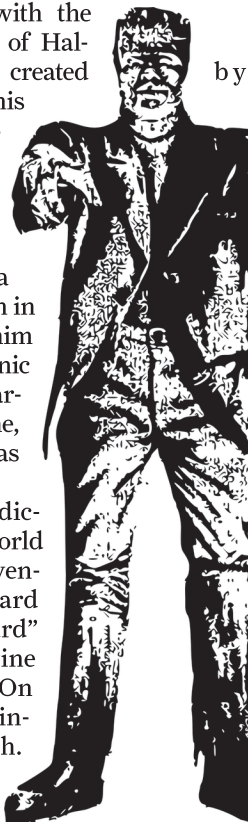
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October is a month filled with mystery, but there is nothing spookier than looking back and realizing some people actually managed to predict the future. Although they did not realize it at the time, many science fiction writers wrote about certain things that have actually come true today, hundreds of years later. These novels made very good predictions, somehow proving things to come true in the future before they could even be a real concept. This article is meant to provide some thought-provoking ideas about the place the world is in today, and how some science fiction authors managed to write about the future without even realizing it.

Let’s start with some of the medical mysteries of the past, including Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein.” In 1818, Shelley wrote about dead tissues becoming alive with the power of electricity. This novel depicts one of Halloween’s most famous monsters who was created by the scientist Victor Frankenstein. In creating this monster from scratch, the author managed to predict the idea of transplants being used for medical surgeries. Years later, the kidney was the first human organ transplant, and today, being an organ donor can save people’s lives. Martin Caidin wrote “Cyborg” in 1972, about a pilot who lost almost all of his limbs and vision in one eye after a crash. The scientists then give him two new legs, an eye with a camera and a bionic arm. This book is so titled because the main character becomes a mixture of a man and a machine, which predicted the first bionic leg transplant as a real medical solution 40 years later.

Now let’s move onto some technological predictions. Since the Industrial Revolution, the world has been progressing very fast, with new inventions and faster modes of life. In 1888, Edward Bellamy wrote the novel “Looking Backward” and predicted the use of credit cards. Imagine the time period of the show “Little House On The Prairie” because that world did not include any methods of paying other than cash.

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Trump isn’t a fascist and you probably aren’t a socialist

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Today the United States’s greatest fear is “socialism” or, thanks to the Cold War, communism. In America the word socialist is thrown around a lot, particularly as an excuse to discredit Democrats, while the left has now begun to call Republicans, specifically President Donald Trump, “fascists”. Labels such as these are a crucial part of politics. They’re how the public, media and politicians are able to distinguish themselves from one another. They help bring communities together as well as tear them apart. However, the overuse of these terms hasn’t just redefined their actual meanings, but has also shaped how politics play out in the modern day.

About 100 years ago, the fascist party came to dominate over the country of Italy. Benito Mussolini, now one of the major faces of fascism alongside Adolf Hitler, was named prime minister in 1922 and built a cult of followers that would give him the power to dictate over the region until 1943. But, by the end of World War II, the fascist regimes of both Italy and Germany collapsed. Giovanni Gentile, known as the “father” of fascism, was an Italian politician who popularized the fascist ideology. In his perspective, its purpose was to unite the state and the people under a strong central government, prioritizing the state’s ideological perspective of freedom over that of individuals. The main concern with fascism was that people would have to accept the views of the state regardless of their personal opinions or struggles. If people didn’t, then they were forced to. The will of the state would become the will of the leader, resulting in a dictator.

Over time the word fascist has become more of an insult which radicalizes nationalism rather than a whole political movement. President Trump has encouraged violence, deployed federal forces on American cities and ran a campaign with the slogan “Make America Great Again.” His actions mirror those of authoritarian regimes, but in reality, President Trump is a populist, not a fascist. Trump has demonized his rivals, constantly attacked the media and disregarded powers outside executive control, key components of populism and now Trumpism. See FASCISM, p. 8



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‘WHAT IS A FASCIST? A TRANS-ATLANTIC ISSUE’

LOOKING AT THE PRESENT WITH THE EYES OF THE PAST

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With the words “fascism” and “fascist” constantly being tossed around in the media, as well as with the rise of Antifa – whose name derives from the word “anti-fascism” – it can be difficult to understand what these words actually mean. What is a fascist? What is an anti-fascist? How do their historical meanings compare to their usage in modern political conversations?

All these questions and more were discussed in the first panel discussion of the Noether Dialogues in Modern & Italian History, hosted by Professor Sergio Luzzatto, the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History here at UConn.

The panel included keynote speaker Victoria de Grazia, Moore Collegiate Professor of History at Columbia University, as well as guest speakers Moshik Temkin and John Foot. Temkin is an associate professor of history and public policy at Harvard University and Foot is a professor of modern Italian history at the University of Bristol. All participants were incredibly well-versed and well-published on the fascist period of Italian history.

In their discussion, the panelists worked to unpack the definition of fascism, as the meaning of the word has changed over time.

“There is no doubt that every generation has had its interpretation of fascism; I should say, every historiographical cohort, roughly speaking,” de Grazia said.

De Grazia reflected on her own experience, seeing the different interpretations of the concept evolve over her academic career, beginning in the 1960s as a student up through the 21st century as a professor.

Some of the discrepancies surrounding fascism stem from what Temkin called “sloppy usage” of the term.

“[There is] the distinction between fascism, the historical phenomena and then fascism as a label,” Temkin said. “It strikes me that these are actually two different histories: One is the history of people who called themselves fascist and led fascism, and then there are the histories of people who were called fascist by others.”

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As Americans, we often associate fascism with the regimes of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Since the United States fought against these powers in the Second World War, the panelists believe that the label of “fascism” and its subsequent connotation have a very dismissive quality that ends a discussion.

“If we hold fascism to be the bar that a particular political phenomena has to reach in order for us to react in a negative way, then we find ourselves bogged down in a discussion that distracts from the damage that these regimes might already be doing,” Temkin said.

The panelists examined the administrations of various world leaders, particularly that of President Trump. They discussed the fact that every historically fascist society not only has a charismatic leader, but also several enablers that allow for that leader to come to power.

“At the end of the day, Trump is only one guy,” Temkin said. “He is a 74-year-old man sitting in the White House. He can’t do everything by himself, a lot of people have to do what he says, in order for all those things to happen. My tendency, as a historian, is to say, who are these people? Why are they following orders?”

The panelists discussed the possibility of there always being “fascist” movements in every nation at all times, waiting for the proper leader to come around and pull up their constituency, a theme in many contemporary elections.

“[Fascism] is a very hot word, a difficult word to bring into conversations without it exploding,” Foot said. “We need to get a grip on how it is used.”

The panel concluded that whether or not a current leader meets the definition of a fascist should be irrelevant. Instead of focusing on labels, society should simply judge a leader’s actions on its effect on society.

“What does it entail for us to state that, let’s say, Trump, is a fascist?” Temkin said. “Or, in that sense, what does it entail to say that he is not a fascist? Does that change in any way, the way that we think, individually or collectively, about how society needs to address the problems we have? The question of whether Trump is a fascist should not dictate necessarily how we respond to him as political creatures.”

‘REBECCA’

A REMINDER THAT MRS. DE WINTER IS COMING

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Netflix’s new film “Rebecca” has as much of a mysterious aura as the title character herself. Based on a gothic novel written by Daphne de Maurier in 1938, “Rebecca” revolves around a young woman (Lily James), who remains unnamed through the entire film, and her mysterious and temperamental new husband Mr. Maxim de Winter (Armie Hammer). The romance begins in a fairytale-like manner with an elopement in Europe. However, once they are married and arrive at the family home on the English coast, memories of Maxim’s late wife Rebecca begin to resurface, spoiling the romantic fantasy for the new Mrs. de Winter.

The housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers (Kristin Scott Thomas) makes it very clear that Rebecca cannot be replaced in her heart and spends a considerable amount of time convincing the

new Mrs. de Winter that she is not worthy of the title. Although Mrs. de Winter seems to think the same privately, she remains in the household, determined to prove Danvers wrong.

Despite her efforts, everything Mrs. de Winter does only seems to anger her husband. After realizing Mrs. Danvers’ manipulative nature and unhealthy obsession with Rebecca, Mrs. de Winter stops trusting her and demands that Maxim explain everything about Rebecca. Maxim, who had been relatively closed off about his late wife, opens up to Mrs. de Winter, and all the pieces seem to come together before the film is even finished.

The film, directed by Ben Wheatley, primarily takes place at the enormous family estate, Manderly. The mood of the film switches very quickly as Mrs. de Winter discovers more about Rebecca. Bright and vibrant colors occupy nearly every scene toward the beginning of the film, but as the unnamed pro-

tagonist uncovers more information about Rebecca and how she died, the colors seem to become darker and more faded. The cinematography is definitely one of the most appealing aspects of this film.

The constant in this film is definitely how far Mrs. de Winter is willing to go for her husband. No matter what the cost could have been to her freedom and her life, she comes to Maxim’s defense, especially when it matters most.

At the conclusion of the film, Maxim notices how much his wife has changed, and I agree. It becomes very evident through her expressions and actions how much Mrs. de Winter has grown. James delivered an amazing performance about a woman who will truly do anything for love and whose insatiable curiosity drives the plot forward. If you are a fan of mysteries, “Rebecca” will definitely pique your interest.

Rating: 4.5/5



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What Willibrew can make for you!

The “Pumpkin Pie Martini” was strong, which shouldn’t be surprising since it’s made of three different forms of alcohol. The menu said it was made of vanilla vodka, pumpkin liqueur, Irish cream and pumpkin puree, which of course sounds delightful in theory and tastes like a pumpkin pie in reality. Our only problem with this drink — and I’m sure this will make us sound like babies — was that it tasted too much like alcohol. The vodka flavor overpowered the pumpkin and made it difficult to enjoy. I wish another sweet element had been incorporated into the drink, like honey or agave.

With colder weather well on its way, our Thirsty Thursdays taste testers decided to take advantage of the outdoor bar scene before winter set in. They headed out to Willimantic Brewing Company and ordered the most seasonal cocktails on their menu: the “Fall Apple Cosmo” and the “Pumpkin Pie Martini.” And the results were both wonderfully autumnal and nearly worth the price.

The drink was saved by its aesthetics. The Irish cream provided a creaminess reminiscent of pumpkin spice lattes, and the pumpkin pie spice sprinkled on top only emphasized this likeness. It was a very stylish and refined drink, perfect for a night out with friends. And the strength of its vodka flavor acted as great evidence of its alcohol content.

But while we liked the “Pumpkin Pie Martini,” the “Fall Apple Cosmo” was exponentially better. It was bright pink, with a skewered lime topping it off like a jaunty hat. Its flavor was between an apple-flavored Skittle and green Jell-O — very sweet but highly artificial. Given it contained apple vodka, triple sec, lime juice and cranberry juice, there was no alcohol flavor to be tasted. It was all sugar and we were fine with that.

To be honest though, I feel like they could've incorporated real apples into the cosmo. Why skewer a lime when you could easily skewer an apple slice? Why add cranberry juice instead of apple cider? I think this drink was delicious, but by no means gourmet. I wanted a little something more considering the high cocktail price of \$10.

The two drinks combined caused me to become the perfect level of tipsy — happy and talkative, but not sick or dizzy. Granted, I am a lightweight, so you probably can’t judge your own ability to get tipsy from these drinks off of me. But still, it made for a great evening.

To be honest, the poor college student in me recommends just making better versions of these drinks yourself at home. Although bottles of triple sec and flavored vodkas may seem expensive, it is far more economical to spend \$30 on a couple bottles of alcohol, than \$20 on two fairly small cocktails. But I suppose it’s a certain kind of fun experience getting drunk publicly at a bar or restaurant. Maybe it’s not so bad to splurge money on bar-quality cocktails once in a while ... after you turn 21, of course.

Rating: 2.5/5

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My parents nursed my love for food from a young age by en-trenching my sisters and me in our cultures' cuisine since we could eat, as well as a little something called the Food Network. I would gaze and marvel at the bevy of dishes the hosts would travel to try, and follow along as the chefs cooked up a storm. Nowadays, I'm grateful social media has provided an avenue for more food-related content to be shared with greater representation of creators, foods and ideas. Whether I want to lust over posts of food I've been craving, watch a one minute recipe video or listen to people review the latest snacks, I know I can pop over to YouTube or Instagram and have a world of content at my fingertips. I'm close friends with a fellow foodie whose delicious creations I've been lucky enough to indulge in over the years, and you can marvel at her artistry yourself over at @rebz.eatz on Instagram.

"I was always known by my family for being the one spending [so] much time trying to take a perfect picture of my food, whether it was at a restaurant or something I made at home," Rebecca Mailhot, a fifth-semester nutritional sciences major and psychology minor, said about starting her food account last summer. "I wanted some place to share all those pictures where people would truly care and be interested in seeing what I was eating!"

Food-related family traditions inspired her love for baking and cooking, including baking pies for Thanksgiving, making Easter bread and having a dedicated day for making Christmas cookies.

Mailhot has been able to pursue her passion through a dream job at a local bakery in her hometown and knows it will play a central role in her future career path of becoming a registered dietitian (RD).

"[I]t has been a dream of mine to work in a bakery," Mailhot said. She has worked at Alyssa's Cakery in Wallingford, CT for the past two summers, decorating the cupcakes for sale in the display case and for custom orders. "No day was ever the same at the cakery. It was so fun to know that the cupcakes I made were going to be on display at someone's birthday party, graduation, baby shower, or even wedding."

Although social media has made concerns about body image and nutrition more complex, it has also provided people an avenue to connect with others about improving their mindset about food. Whether through her future profession or her food account, Mailhot hopes to educate as many people as she can "on the importance of having a healthy relationship with food."

"[T]his career will allow me to not only educate my patients about how much the food you put in your body truly impacts your health and everyday life in so many ways, but to use medical nutrition therapy to treat a variety of diseases and conditions," Mailhot said. "Not only should we eat foods that make our bodies happy, but we should eat foods that make our brains and minds happy too! It's so important to find that balance."

Mailhot understands the impact of social media and how the content and initial theme of @rebz.eatz changed over time once she realized it wasn't realistic to only feature "healthy foods."

"So many people fall into the unhealthy patterns of fad diets and restrictive eating," Mailhot said. "It's so important to understand that a lot of the people we see on social media are posting unrealistic lifestyles and making viewers feel as if they need to be living like them to be their happiest. I hope someday that I can be a source of inspiration to others by having a realistic presence on social media."

If you like any content related to food with beautiful photos to boot, Mailhot's account has got it all, from cooking posts to restaurant eats to homemade meals. She has featured themed weeks of food on @rebz.eatz, including a week of custom baked goods for her friends with treats like mini cinnabon cheesecakes, coffee donuts and chocolate chip cookie dough brownies. Earlier this month, pumpkin dominated her feed with spins on the seasonal flavor with pumpkin spice churros, pumpkin spice waffles and my favorite, pumpkin cinnamon rolls. She expressed a love for baking desserts, especially holiday flavors such as pumpkin and apple for Halloween and Thanksgiving and peppermint for Christmastime.

"[A] smaller goal I have ... is to diversify my account," Mailhot said. She aims to grow her account enough that companies will reach out for partnerships.

Despite current caution about travel, she hopes to return to travel to other foodie destinations such as Spain and Greece in the future, but has been lucky enough to visit her dream destination in Italy in 2018. However, for the time being, local UConn places like Earth, Wok, and Fire and One Plate, Two Plate, and her own talent in creating mouthwatering creations, will do for now.

"And of course, the Dairy Bar is one of my top favorite [food recommendations around campus]!" Mailhot said. Be sure to check out more of her food feats at @rebz.eatz on Instagram.

Foodie feature with @rebz.eatz



PHOTOS BY REBECCA MAILHOT

Opinion Study Break

Huskytalk | What does candy corn taste like?

“It’s like some artificial sweeteners, some dead leaves, and a little bit of whatever is at the bottom of the jar of cookies your grandmother leaves out.”

Avery Bikerman
Applied & Resources Economics
Seventh-semester



“I think it’s disgusting but I like the spirit of it.”

Catherine Windover
Political science
Third-semester



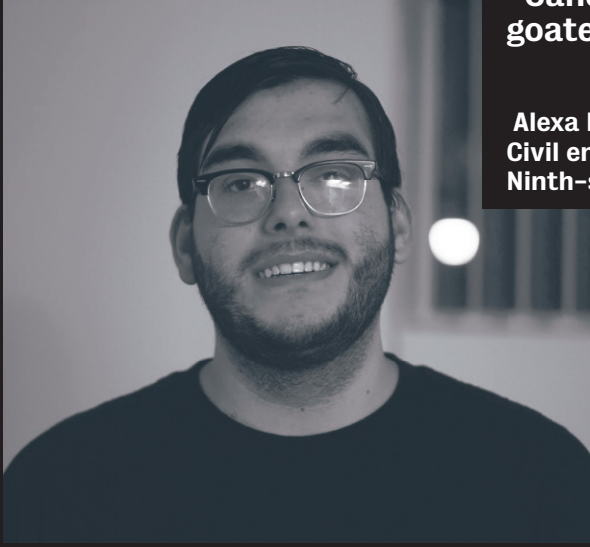
“I like it but I would never buy it.”

Sana Patel
ACES
First Semester



“Candy corn is kinda goated.”

Alexa Kugler
Civil engineering
Ninth-semester



Letter to the Editor

As part of the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Election Assistance Task Force, political scientists all over the country are writing publicly about the core elements of smooth elections and healthy democracy. This is important because people need clear information about how they can vote freely and fairly. It can also be confusing especially because each state has slightly different voting procedures and deadlines.

The UKindness initiative through UConn’s Student Affairs has put together a very helpful resource that contains information UConn students need for information on voting. Importantly, students should know that there are two important steps to take if they want to vote in the upcoming November election and deadlines are coming fast. First, make sure you are registered to vote and that your registration is current. Second, make a plan to vote either in person or by using an absentee ballot.

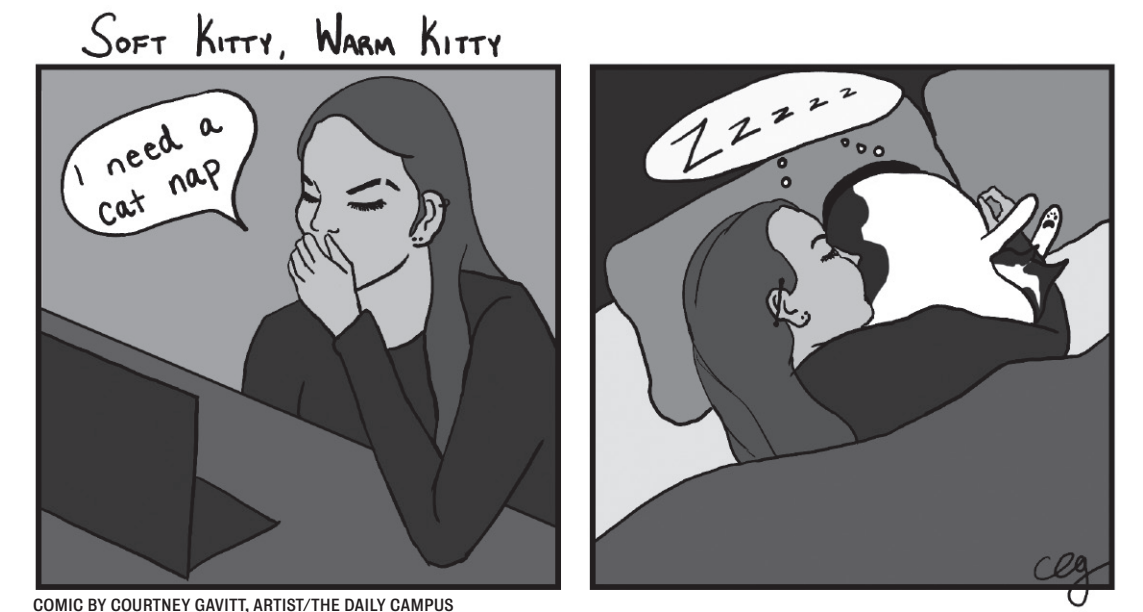
A common question we hear young people ask is: why should I bother with politics? After all, it often seems like politicians ignore young people. But this is precisely the reason young people should participate. The more young people that do participate the more likely politicians will listen. Studies show that politicians tend to be most responsive to groups that are active and hold clear preferences, even if they are small in number. Young people also have vastly different preferences on a whole host of policy issues, from climate change to equality and inclusivity in American society. Yet young people in the United States vote at some of the lowest rates, especially when compared to other nations.

Democracy rests upon the idea that all people affected by policy decisions should have a say in the political process. Voting is the way to translate preferences on issues into representation in government and in turn pressure elected officials to take action.

Of course, voting is not the only part of a healthy democracy. While voting may be the most prominent act in a democracy, citizens’ participation in many areas keeps democracy healthy. But no matter what else you do, voting will always be an important way for each of us to contribute to democracy’s continued centrality in American life.

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WHAT CAN SCIENCE FICTION PREDICT?

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Today, credit cards are the easiest way of paying, with many people carrying them for their convenience. In the novel, the main character falls asleep and wakes up in the year 2000. After waking up, the people in the year 2000 use “credit” cards to purchase products. Although the book did not fully predict the full concept of credit cards (for they are more like debit cards), credit cards are used everywhere to buy products. Ray Bradbury wrote the novel “Fahrenheit 451” in 1953. Many will remember this novel’s plot, where books are illegal and burned. The characters in this story listen to “seashells” and “thimble radios” in their ears, predicting the existence of earbuds used for listening to

audio in their ears today. Another popular device used today is the iPad, which was predicted in Arthur C. Clarke’s 1968 novel “2001: A Space Odyssey.” It explores the possibilities and dangers of increasing new technology, one of which he describes as a “newspad,” an electronic paper that people read. “Neuromancer,” by William Gibson was written in 1984 and is about a group of criminals who work for an artificial intelligence that tries to break free. This novel reflects the growing impact of cyberspace today, and the idea of computer hackers, something that increases as more of our lives move toward being fully online.

Since science fiction mostly revolves around space, one would expect some of the predictions to be about the future of space. My father would give anything to travel

into space with NASA, so I’m sure a lot of people find space travel exciting because it is something only known to a few well-trained astronauts. In 1726, the novel “Gulliver’s Travels” was written by Jonathon Swift and predicted the fact that Mars has two moons. Swift had never traveled to space, since the first person to do so wasn’t until the 1900s, but he wrote about a traveler who finds different worlds with different people. On one of the worlds, it was found that Mars has two moons. It wasn’t until years later that astronomers found out that Mars has two moons, naming them Phobos and Deimos.

Arguably one of the greatest novels of all time, you can find it on Amazon. For more of the story, visit DAILYCAMPUS.COM

LABELS LIKE “FASCIST” AND “SOCIALIST” INSTILL FEAR AND MEAN LITTLE

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Despite America’s difficult times, what he has done to maintain his idea of peace is no different from presidents that came before him. He isn’t ruling with an iron fist like Mussolini. Instead, President Trump mocks reporters and politically advertises himself on Twitter.

President Trump’s main goal throughout his entire presidency has been to appeal to ordinary people, the strategy that got him into office. More effective is his promotion of nationalism and opposition of immigrants. In his speeches he has even used words such as “we” and “our” to give the

impression that Americans as a society come first. This language has aided him in distinguishing us, Americans, from foreigners, and created a greater emphasis on nationalism with a right-wing ideology. However, calling President Trump a fascist should not just be avoided because he lacks the key elements that categorize him into that area, but also because overusing the term when criticizing his policies ignores the history and real meaning behind fascism.

The use of the word “fascism” has risen over the years, but more popular in America is its political counterpart “socialism.” According to the Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary, socialism is “any of various economic and po-

litical theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.” Democrats like Bernie Sanders have embraced the misunderstood term used by the GOP to attack more left-leaning policies, but even Senator Sanders himself is not a “true” socialist, he’s a Social Democrat. Bernie’s ideology greatly regulates capitalism but does not do away with it like socialism would.

Republicans have a long history of calling many Democrat run policies “socialist” as a means of preventing their ideas from gaining support. This is heavily due to the Cold War era’s ideological conflict between the United States

and the Soviet Union beginning in 1947 and lasting until 1991. In addition, the first and second Red Scares spread the fear of communism in America. Socialism is not communism, no matter how many right-wing supporters want to say otherwise. In a communist regime people cannot own property whereas property ownership is still possible under socialism, and although both of them reject capitalism, communism seeks to violently overthrow the middle and upper classes, while in contrast, socialism seeks to reform an existing social system.

Leftist policies that are branded as socialist or communist are a result of America’s bad history with the movements. A Democrat

offering a more liberal or progressive idea, however, does not make them a socialist or a communist. Capitalism has created inequality while expanding opportunity. The issue lies in that certain individuals may have more advantages than others, and that is why socialism, or socialist ideas, have become so popular.

Overusing labels has been happening for so long that most people forget the meanings of the words they use. “Socialist” and “fascist” have become derogatory terms meant to instill fear as a method of undermining possible solutions to problems. The less the history behind the words are understood, the more people move away from making educated decisions.

Looking ahead to the semifinals



A general view of the 2019 League of Legends World Championship final between Team G2 Esports and Team FunPlus Phoenix, in Paris on Nov. 10, 2019. PHOTO BY THIBAUT CAMUS/AP

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Last week, the four quarter-finals matchups of the League of Legends World Championship took place. There were eight teams remaining: three from Asia and two from Europe. After those games, there were only four remaining.

First, Damwon Gaming faced off against DRX. That game went exactly how everyone expected. Damwon Gaming repeated their 3-0 from the LCK Finals. DRX didn't fail as badly as they could've, but in no part of the series did it seem as though they'd win, which is pretty bad if you're a team who wants to win.

The second series was more interesting. Suning Gaming faced off against JD Gaming, both of which are LPL teams. JD Gaming was the second seed from China, coming out one above Suning who was third, making them the favorites heading into the quarter-finals match.

Despite being the underdogs, Suning put on a fantastic performance. They did drop Game 1, but it was a close game and JDG didn't seem massively better. In Games 2, 3, and 4, Suning took control and refused to let their foot off the gas. Their 19-year-old bot laner Huanfeng was a major part of the victory, showing off on Jhin in Game 2. The entire Suning lineup

popped off. From Angel's taunt in game three to secure top laner Bin a double kill at one minute in, to Huanfeng ulting JDG from their base in game two, to Sofm's powerful engages.

They ended up winning the series 3-1, dropping only the first game. It was a classic LPL faceoff — fierce and full of teamfights and mistakes. It wasn't the cleanest game, as LPL matchups never are, but it was very fun to watch with two very strong teams fighting. At the end of the day, Suning were just the better team.

The third quarterfinals game was TOP Esports vs Fnatic. TOP has been the favored team throughout the tournament; they're the first

seed from the LPL, which has won two Worlds in a row, and they looked positively dominant heading into last week.

But then, they faltered. Fnatic won Game 1, and then they won Game 2. Somewhat more frighteningly, neither of the first two games felt all that close; Fnatic felt like the better team. They were the ones making the plays against the best team at the tournament and for a moment it felt like not only might Fnatic win, they might win 3-0.

And then TOP remembered how they got to Worlds in the first place. Games three and five weren't close; TOP rode on the backs of star mid laner Knight and jungler Karsa to fight their way back from a 0-2 deficit. They completed the reverse sweep, going from 0-2 to 3-2, and crushed Fnatic's dreams. While going 2-3 against the team that will likely win the tournament is still impressive, it wasn't enough. To some extent, being so close only makes it hurt worse, because they could've won.

It wasn't like DRX vs Damwon. There DRX never had a chance and that fact was clear in their series. But Fnatic did have a chance against TOP, however unlikely that was heading into their best-of-five. In a press conference after the series, Fnatic's bot laner Rekkles explained why their impressive performance still wasn't something he was proud of, saying "Still, no one will really remember how we played today. I don't think the way we played makes it 'okay' to lose, so because of this, I feel that a loss is a loss and a win is a win."

The final quarterfinals matchup was G2 Esports vs Gen.G. This was projected to be pretty close. G2 had some

inconsistency issues this year and Gen.G felt like a potential darkhorse. It could've been a close matchup — last year's second best team taking on a Korean team many felt were underrated after they only claimed the third seed in Korea.

Naturally, because this is Worlds, that didn't happen at all. G2 Esports continued to show a much improved level of consistency, bringing out impressive plays in three straight games. Perkz and Caps showed off, and the entire team was very, very good. The one question coming out of that quarterfinal would be whether G2 can play that well without their favorite Jhin and Sylas picks. Caps played two games on Sylas, and Perkz played all three on Jhin.

The semifinals will be on Saturday Oct. 24 and Sunday Oct. 25. G2 Esports will face off against Damwon Gaming on Saturday, while TOP Esports will face Suning on Sunday. G2 and Suning are both clear underdogs, but after TOP's questionable performance last week, and Suning's dominant one, an upset in the LPL matchup is not out of the question. And for G2, well, they've beaten favored teams before; Perkz famously led the roster to a win over RNG in 2018's quarterfinals, robbing the favored Chinese team of even a semifinals berth.

There are just four teams left, out of the 22 that originally were at the tournament. One of these four teams will lift the Summoner's Cup and become the tenth team to win the biggest esports event of the year. But three of these teams, who have survived 18 others and proven themselves to be some of the best in the world, will still not be good enough.

Bills defense looks to rebound after consecutive losses

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The usually stingy Buffalo Bills defense has yet to find its identity this season.

This might be the perfect week to create one.

Following back-to-back losses to the Tennessee Titans and Kansas City Chiefs — games that saw the Bills struggle in just about every area defensively — the Bills face the winless New York Jets on Sunday.

For Buffalo, a game against one of the worst offenses in the league appears to be coming at just the right time.

"We just haven't found that niche yet of what's going to work for us," Bills cornerback Tre'Davious White said. "Is it going to be us holding teams to lower points, is it going to be us holding them to lower yards, or is it going to be us taking the ball away? We've got to find which defense is going to be us."

Six games into the 2020 season, Buffalo's defensive struggles have come as a surprise. The Bills rank 24th in yards allowed (387.5), 24th in pass defense (256.2 yards per game), 25th in run defense (131.3 yards per game) and 21st in points allowed (28 per game).



Kansas City Chiefs' Demarcus Robinson (11) holds off Buffalo Bills' Tre'Davious White (27) as Bills' Justin Zimmer (61) also pursues during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, in Orchard Park, N.Y. PHOTO BY ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

That's quite the change from last season, when Buffalo finished third in yards allowed (275.9 yards per game), fourth in pass defense (195.2 yards per game), 10th in run defense (103.1 yards per game) and second in points allowed (16.2 points per game).

Ever since coach Sean McDermott and defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier arrived in 2017, the Bills have built their team around a strong defense. This year, Buffalo has had to increasingly rely on its passing offense, which has been unable to bail out the defense the past two weeks.

Buffalo's coaching staff can point to its first season in charge for inspiration. That year, the Bills went through a winless three-game stretch that saw them allow 135 points. Buffalo went on to win four of its next six games and end its lengthy play-off drought.

"Look at the stretch that we went through and we ended up becoming a playoff football team," Frazier said. "Been through it. The one thing you've got to do is make sure you don't lose confidence in what you're doing. There's some times where things are getting a little haywire and you want to throw out the kitchen sink and start all over again."

"If you knee-jerk because you've had a bad game or a couple bad games ... all of a sudden the players going, 'What are we? Who are we?' And you really have no identity as you try to fix some of those problems."

The primary issues appear to be a revamped defensive line that has struggled to win at the

line of scrimmage and a back seven that has been ravaged by injuries.

The Bills lost defensive linemen Shaq Lawson and Jordan Phillips in free agency and replaced them with veterans Mario Addison, Quinton Jefferson and Vernon Butler. Buffalo has yet to find a combination that works, which led to the unusual and surprising decision to deactivate Trent Murphy and Harrison Phillips against the Chiefs. Ed Oliver, the ninth overall pick in last year's draft,

has also struggled to regain his form from the end of last season.

Top linebackers Tremaine Edmunds and Matt Milano have also missed time because of injuries. Milano has missed three games with pectoral and hamstring injuries and was limited at practice on Wednesday. Edmunds suffered a left shoulder injury in Week 1, missed one game, and has been playing at less than 100 percent since his return. Four of Buffalo's cornerbacks — White, Josh Norman, Levi Wallace and Cam

Lewis — have all been injured and missed time.

"We haven't been doing a good job of winning our one-on-one's and we've got to get back to the drawing board and see where we can put ourselves in position to make those plays," White said. "We can't panic, man. Who said we were going to go 16-0 or 15-1 and win the Super Bowl? You don't have to win every game to win a Super Bowl. You have to win enough to get yourself in the playoffs. ... We're still in a good spot. We're No. 1 in the division and we have another division opponent coming up this weekend. ... We have the players here and we have the answers here. I feel like we're going to be fine."

"We just haven't found that niche yet of what's going to work for us."

**BILLS CORNERBACK
TRE'DAVIOUS WHITE**

Throwback Photo of the Day | Another W



The Huskies took home another win against ECU 76-52, with Josh Carlton (25) leading the team with 20 points and 16 rebounds on February 3, 2019. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

DB's Weekly Take:
THE RED SOX ARE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF BASEBALL

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Oh, how the mighty have fallen. A franchise that two years ago this month sat alone on top of the baseball world following a 108-win regular season and a cruise to its fourth World Series title of the millennium is now a meme as its best player from that team tears it up in the postseason for his new team.

Of course, the franchise I'm referring to is the Boston Red Sox, and the player is one Markus Lynn Betts. You might know him better by his nickname Mookie. You know, just the best homegrown talent the Red Sox had since at least Wade Boggs. A top-three player in baseball. The kind of guy you pay \$365 million and build your franchise around, not trade away in a salary dump in the prime of his career.

But what do I know? I'm just a young sports writer. I have no idea how to run a baseball team. Clearly, Boston's front office knew what they were doing, and the team is doing fine without Mookie, right?

Wrong. The Red Sox finished with the fourth-worst record in baseball this year and the worst record for a Red Sox team in terms of winning percentage since 1965. I understand that Mookie wouldn't have made that much of a difference this season, because the bulk of the problems were with the pitching staff. But maybe, if you have a guy like Mookie elevating your lineup, it actually entices the front office to do something about the atrocious pitching staff instead of just embracing the tank like they did this year.

But we'll never know, because the Red Sox with their

insanely rich ownership group decided to trade Betts to the Los Angeles Dodgers prior to the season in order to avoid paying him. You have to give them credit, though. They were able to get rid of half of David Price's contract, and they got a couple of decent prospects in return in addition to Alex Verdugo, a guy who might one day be almost as good as Mookie Betts. Most importantly, they were able to get back under the ever-important luxury tax threshold. Woo-hoo! I can't wait to see the 2020 Luxury Tax Champions banner whenever I'm able to go to Fenway Park again.

I mean what are we even talking about here? You had a guy whose number 50 would have been hanging on Fenway's right-field pavilion with the retired numbers, a guy who would have had a Red Sox cap on his Hall-of-Fame plaque and a guy who would have been talked about in the same sentence as Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski and David Ortiz when you talk about the best players in Red Sox history. And you trade that guy away to get under the luxury tax threshold?

This made no sense back in February when it happened, but it's blowing up even more in Boston's face now. Mookie seems to make a highlight every night for the Dodgers in this postseason, whether it's robbing home runs like he did multiple times in the NLCS or stealing bases and hitting home runs like he did in Game 1 of the World Series.

The baseball community on social media has wasted no

time in ridiculing the Red Sox for trading away such a dynamic player in his prime, and in my opinion, they deserve every bit of it.

The worst part is there's actually a portion of the Red Sox fan base who thinks trading Mookie was a good move. Can you imagine? They claim that he isn't worth the contract he got and that he wouldn't have signed an extension in Boston anyways. That's just BS to be honest. If the Red Sox offered him the same contract as the Dodgers (12 years/\$365 million), he would have re-signed in a heartbeat. But the Sox supposedly capped their offer at \$300 million and wouldn't negotiate.

So the front office sold the story that the only way they could avoid him leaving for nothing was to trade him, and some people bought it. It's a sad day when a franchise worth over \$3 billion has to trade a generational talent for salary relief. The Red Sox hire Chaim Bloom and all of a sudden they become the Tampa Bay Rays in terms of frugality.

I'm sure Bloom will build a solid team in the coming years like he did in Tampa, but there's no way that team wouldn't be better with Betts as the centerpiece. So every time he shows out on a national stage, it will be a brutal reminder of what the Red Sox missed out on by not paying the man.

I don't think the Red Sox will ever live down that move, and a lot of people — myself included — lost respect for the franchise. The Red Sox are the laughing stock of baseball right now, and deservedly so.



Red Sox's Alex Verdugo heads to the field during practice at Fenway Park in Boston, Friday, July 3, 2020. PHOTO BY MICHAEL DWYER/AP

HEY DAVE: WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON
THE EUROPEAN PREMIER LEAGUE?



Ajax's Jurgen Ekkelenkamp, left and Liverpool's Curtis Jones, right fight for the ball during the group D Champions League soccer match between Ajax and Liverpool at the Johan Cruyff Arena in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020. PHOTOGRAPH BY PETER DEJONG/AP

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I'm not sure how it is with other sports, but in soccer, there are numerous competitions going on per season in the countless leagues there are worldwide. For instance, as most are familiar, four clubs from England participate in the Champions League while a couple others enter the Europa League. Additionally, they have domestic leagues to compete in like the FA Cup or the Carabao Cup. But there's one more competition that clubs across the major five leagues could partake in if it's approved: the European Premier League.

So, what exactly is this proposed league? As I said, this competition would consist of 18 teams from Europe's top five leagues (Premier League, La Liga, Ligue 1, Bundesliga and Serie A). Teams at the top of this league would play in a knockout tourney that would conclude the competition. If approved, it can start as early as 2022. It should also be noted that this proposed competition is backed by various clubs across Europe, including Liverpool and Manchester United, and is also backed by FIFA.

What's my take on this proposal you might ask? This is incredibly stupid. Almost as absurd as the proposed "Project Big Picture" that was unanimously rejected by English clubs a couple of weeks ago.

Look, I love this beautiful game as much as the next person, but you have to look at this from a club's perspective, more specifically the players and coaches. Just last year, various Premier League coaches like Jürgen Klopp at Liverpool spoke on their frustration with their compact schedules of domestic league competitions and the Champions League. Should this competition be approved, I seriously don't want to hear him, or any other top clubs in their

respective leagues, moan and complain about how the players have little time to rest and so on.

Another thing to note: This would likely replace the UEFA Champions League. Yep, you read that right. The one competition that virtually everyone enjoys watching no matter if your team is competing or not. Hearing the angelic "the chaaampiooons!" is what gets anyone excited and pumped to watch an hour and a half of soccer. Why on Earth would anyone think that a major competition can be simply swapped out for some dumb league that's essentially the same exact thing, but with a smaller roster of teams. It just doesn't make sense to me.

I may be nitpicking at this point, but what music will be composed that can beat the heavenly Champions League anthem? Music, in my opinion, helps the fan become more engaged with the game; and I don't really think fans would be happy with downgrading from a great European anthem to something like Europa League's anthem. Don't get me wrong, the Europa League anthem is pretty solid, but it's levels below the anthem for the Champions League.

All in all, I seriously hope this proposed league gets rejected like "Project Big Picture". Everyone is fine with the Champions League that's been around since 1955, so why scrap it? All this league will do is give more money to the super clubs of Europe like Manchester City, Barcelona and Real Madrid, just to name a few. I understand that this pandemic has greatly impacted the finances of these clubs, but there are surely other ways they can get back on track other than starting a whole new league. Talks of a European super league have occurred over numerous years and no one was really a fan of it, what makes them think that it's okay now just because their pockets are "hurting?" It's ridiculous.

Winners and losers of NHL free agency

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tures Shea Theodore, Brayden McNabb and Alec Martinez as the other three top four defen- semen. In addition to improv- ing the defense, Vegas re-signed Robin Lehner for five more years and \$25 million. Assum- ing Fleury does not go any- where after feeling backstabbed by the team that “redrafted” him, the Golden Knights should have an incredible 1-2 punch at the crease that will intimidate goal scorers for years to come.

Loser: Arizona Coyotes

The Coyotes are in an inter- esting situation. They made the playoffs for the first time in eight years thanks to the ex- panded playoffs but were not able to retain Taylor Hall to help grow that playoff experience on a young team. Even then, Arizo- na would not have had the mon- ey to pay Hall as they have an \$84 million cap hit next season and no cap space, as of release, to use on anyone else. Even worse for Arizona, they will have to deal with a dissatisfied Oliver-Ekman Larsson, who gave himself a trade deadline to get out of the desert only to not even be sent away. Now, the Coyotes are forced to deal with his \$8.25 million annual salary for the next seven seasons un- less something happens. Most of the guys the Coyotes signed were just meant to add to the depth such as John Hayden and Jordan Gross. The Coyotes will start strong but disappoint late

in the season, despite their im- proving young core and veteran experience in Phil Kessel.

Winner: Buffalo Sabres

Of all the teams in the NHL, I did not think Buffalo would be the home of Taylor Hall for just one year. Basically, Kevyn Adams entered the city and injected some life into an orga- nization looking to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2011. This signing of Hall just adds to a busy offseason in which the Sabres brought in Eric Staal to bolster the depth and also brought in Tobias Rieder among others. Back to Hall, he was one of the biggest talents on the entire market and he chose the Sabres to try and prove he was a good first overall pick and replace the talent lost in Wayne Simmonds, who went up north to the Maple Leafs. Hall will look to work alongside Skinner and Eichel to build a young core on the first two lines that will scare opposing defen- semen and goalies. Again, if the Sabres can improve at just one position, they will be highly considered as a wild card team if not a top three finisher this year. Extending Hall would look even better as long as it does not turn into a Jeff Skinner kind of contract. Buffalo is com- ing back to relevance once again and I am quite excited.

Loser: Boston Bruins

Boston has just had some bad luck recently. The Bruins might have won the President’s Tro- phy but instead they earned the

lowest seed for said winner ever thanks to the round robin. Then they lost in the Second Round to the Tampa Bay Lightning. From there, they managed to lose a big part of their defense as To- rey Krug signed with the team that beat Boston in the Stan- ley Cup last year while Zdeno Chara remains unsigned. Al- ready, that is two huge losses to the defense of the defending President’s Trophy Champions. But it gets worse, the Bruins are expected to not have Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak when the season begins on Jan. 1 as they are both recovering af- ter having undergone surgeries. Boston is going to have to rely on Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci to score in their absence, but those two are not getting any younger. Craig Smith was a nice addition, but he does not produce at the levels that Pas- trnak does. In a year where Tom Brady has left the Patriots, Mookie Betts was shipped away to the Dodgers and the Celtics were oh-so-close, this is anoth- er huge loss in the New England City of Champions.

So these are just defined by their free agency moves dur- ing the offseason, but that does not mean that the team is going to improve or decline. A lot has changed in 2020, and the trans- actions that have taken place will clearly shake up next sea- son’s projections and possibly bring about a new era of hockey in many big cities. I am looking forward to seeing what each big player and their talents bring to each team.



Boston Bruins' David Krejci, second from left, celebrates his 200th career goal with teammates during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Carolina Hurricanes in Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019. PHOTO BY MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Round table: The biggest villain in sports

Almost every sports fan has a favorite team and/or player. Likewise, about the same number of people have a player or team that they absolutely despise. Whether it be because they are on a rival team, cheated their way to a title (we won’t name names but you know who) or are simply disliked for being the best at what they do, just as many people can come together over their joint hatred for a player or team as can come together to support them. In today’s roundtable, the DC Sports Section will be picking who we feel are the biggest villains in professional sports, whether or not they deserve to be. Let’s get right to it.

BILL BELICHICK



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I think the greatest villain in recent sports memory has to be Bill Belichick. He’s basically the sports equivalent of an evil scien- tist. While he is respected as one of the greatest coaches in football history, there’s not many people outside the New England Patri- ots bubble who actually like the guy. And honestly, why should people like him? The way he car- ries himself makes him one of the least likable people not only in football, but in all of sports. Just watch one of his press con- ferences if you don’t believe me. He never smiles, he’s as mono- tone as can be, he always looks like he’s being inconvenienced by other people’s presence and he very rarely gives longer than a two-line answer to a question. In addition to being a reporter’s nightmare, Belichick is also the mastermind behind the most hated team of the millennium, which adds to his villain image. I think he embraces this percep- tion of himself and has respond- ed by winning more. In order to be a true villain, you have to be really good at what you do, extremely hateable and content with not being liked. Belichick checks all the boxes.

BRAD MARCHAND



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Everyone’s opinions are dif- ferent, and that is perfectly fine. Although I do feel mildly light hatred from time to time, I will say that the most hated person in all of professional sports is, of course, Brad Marchand. Do not get me wrong, that guy is abso- lutely impressive and has put up a 100-point season, but Brad Marchand is just the epitome of an entire squad of profes- sional players that no one likes. The number one thing that dis- gusts me is the fact that he has licked people during games from Ryan Callahan to Leo Ko- marov. It is possible to say that he is the Antonio Brown of the Boston Bruins, but Marchand is not as bad as Antonio Brown was to the Steelers. If there is anything that people enjoy about Marchand, it was seeing him cry when the Blues won the Cup.

HOUSTON ASTROS



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Everyone knows the Houston Astros are currently the biggest villains in sports. They won the 2017 World Series while cheat- ing, beating the Yankees, Red Sox and Dodgers along the way (the three biggest markets in baseball). Furthermore, Carlos Correa has become the team’s ambassador for talking trash. Do Astros fans even like this guy? The most frustrating part of the entire situation is that the Astros think they have to prove to the world that they can play baseball without cheating. Of course they can. That’s why we’re so angry. They had the most talented team of the 2010s and instead of winning honestly, they decided to cheat. Then, once they were caught, they tried to use that narrative to act like un- derdogs. What gives? The most tragic part is that they never had to deal with having fans this year booing them into oblivion. Imag- ine it: a full Yankee Stadium all on their feet booing like their lives depended on it as the 2017 MVP (over Aaron Judge mind you) Jose Altuve comes up to bat. We were robbed of that.

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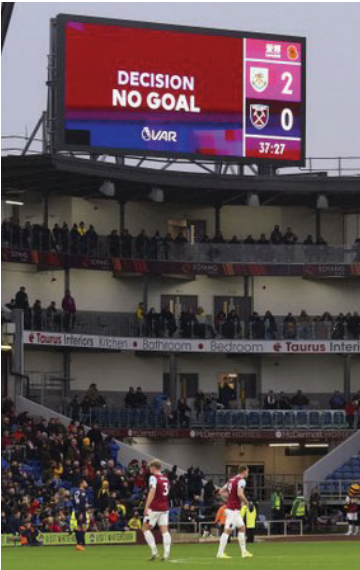


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Virtual Assistant Referee was incorporated last season in the Premier League and re- ceived mixed opinions on its implementation. Just a few weeks into the 2019-2020 sea- son, there was massive contro- versy of its use after instances of offside calls and handballs went down to the smallest nanometer, and a good portion of the time, it was the wrong call. Not only that, but even when a player scores, fans in the stadium are immediately looking at the big screen to see the VAR decision and waiting a good while. Why does it have to take a millennium for the re- feree to make the decision? Half the time it seems like they go with their interpretation of the rules rather than the people in the Video Operating Room, so what’s the point in having VAR in the first place? VAR is the enemy of English clubs.

1980 SOVIET UNION MEN’S NATIONAL ICE HOCKEY TEAM



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When I think about the greatest villains in sports, one team comes immediately to mind: the 1980 Soviet Union Men’s National Ice Hockey Team. I challenge you to think up a more iconic rivalry game than the Miracle on Ice dur- ing the 1980 Winter Olympics. The match between the United States and the Soviets was sup- posed to be a crushing victory for the Soviets because they came into the tournament with an extreme edge over everyone else. The Soviet players were all professional athletes who had extensive experience in inter- national tournaments playing against a collection of college hockey players from around the U.S. The Soviet team had a player on the ice carrying a handgun under his jersey to make sure none of their players acted up, which just screams evil villain by itself. I challenge you to watch the film Miracle and come out of it not thinking that the Red Army team was the most evil bunch of guys to ever take to the ice.



Sports

MLB: Mookie's brilliance gives the Dodgers a 1-0 World Series lead



Tampa Bay Rays' Manuel Margot is safe at third past Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner on a ball hit by Joey Wendle during the second inning in Game 2 of the baseball World Series Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, in Arlington, Texas. PHOTO BY ERIC GAY/AP

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On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Los Angeles Dodgers opened the World Series with an 8-3 statement win over the Tampa Bay Rays. Mookie Betts dominated while Clayton Kershaw did his best to shed the “playoff choker” label he’s been strapped with for years. The Dodgers are scary.

With Tyler Glasnow and Kershaw on the mound, Game 1 began as expected: in a pitching duel. The first three and a half innings were scoreless for both teams but ultimately Glasnow faltered while Kershaw prospered. Glasnow was charged with six earned runs in four and a third innings, two of which came off a Cody Bellinger two-run homer, while Kershaw

cruised through six one-run innings. From there, both bullpens allowed two more runs and the game finished 8-3.

There is nothing Mookie Betts can’t do. The superstar began the World Series by tallying two hits including a home run, two stolen bases, two runs and a walk, all while playing a Gold Glove-caliber right field. Meanwhile, Bellinger (two RBIs) and Kershaw (one earned run) both performed well. That’s a great sign for those two, who have suffered through their fair share of criticism about how they play in big games. All is well in La La Land right now.

Usually when the Rays score three runs, it’s enough to win the game. That wasn’t the case on Tuesday as Glasnow blew a tire in the fourth inning, allowing six runs. Suddenly,

Glasnow’s performance in the playoffs begins to come into question, and since he’ll likely pitch in a potential Game 5 or 6, they’ll need him to bounce back. More concerning for the Rays is that the Dodgers may have solved the MLB’s Randy Arozarena problem. It turns out, Arozarena can’t hit fastballs if you don’t throw him any. The Dodgers decided to pitch around the ALCS MVP, and it largely worked. Arozarena went 0-3 at the plate with one walk and one strikeout. You’ll take that if you’re LA. The Rays will need to adjust their lineup so that LA thinks twice about walking Big Randy.

Game 2 will be played on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8:08 p.m. Eastern. Blake Snell will pitch for the Rays against Tony Gonzo of the Dodgers.

UConn hockey captain Natalie Snodgrass invited to U.S. Women’s National Team evaluation camp

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Natalie Snodgrass, a senior captain on UConn’s women’s ice hockey team, has been invited by the United States Women’s National Ice Hockey Team to participate in their evaluation camp taking place between Oct. 25 and 31 at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minnesota. This evaluation camp is taking place in order to select the team to represent the United States at the 2021 International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championships. This event is set to be held between

April 7 and 17 at locations in Halifax and Truro, Nova Scotia. This team is also being put together to start training for the 2022 Olympics, which the U.S. women’s team has qualified for.

Katie Million, director of women’s national team programs for USA Hockey, said in the USA Hockey release, “We are excited to get our top players together as we prepare for the upcoming season and head toward the 2022 Olympics. We look forward to being in Blaine and ultimately the culmination of this season ahead in the world championship.”

This is not Snodgrass’s first experience with the National Team, playing on the Under-18



The Women’s Hockey team defeated the Maine Black Bears 2-1 on January 24, 2020 at the Freitas Ice Forum. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK

NHL: Free agency, who won and who lost?

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After a few weeks of transactions on the free agent market, big name players have relocated to new teams, others have signed to stay with their current team, many young talents were drafted and a few trades occurred, sending players to

other places either for other players or picks. Here are the winners and losers of the NHL free agency (so far):

Winner: Ottawa Senators

Ottawa may be a few years away from being contenders again, but they are starting to build their new core, making Eugene Melnyk look, dare

I say it, good. First, the Senators drafted Tim Stutzle, Jake Sanderson and Ridley Greig to bolster their young guns such as Thomas Chabot and Brady Tkachuk. To help this young core develop, the Senators also acquired Evgenii Dadonov in free agency for three years and \$15 million. He should be an interesting step in the right direction to improve the offense. In net, Matt Murray is a good replacement for Craig Anderson. The goalie that opposed Anderson in the 2017 Eastern Stanley Cup Finals, Murray’s veteran leadership and playoff experience is going to drive this team forward towards better days. Plus, all the players are going to look amazing when they suit up with the new logo.

Radko Gudas, but is Verhaeghe going to replace the talent that Dadonov had? The Panthers will also be significantly weaker if they do not bring back Mike Hoffman, leaving most of the offense to be carried by captain Aleksander Barkov and maybe first round draft pick Anton Lundell. Florida might have some winning programs right now, but not in Sunrise.



Ottawa Senators center Chris Tierney (71) skates the puck past Calgary Flames defenseman Mark Giordano (5) during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 in Ottawa, Ontario. PHOTO BY SEAN KILPATRICK/AP

Loser: Florida Panthers

Florida has been losing since partway through the last regular season. The Sergei Bobrovsky contract of seven years is currently a disappointment, as Bobrovsky is not playing like his Vezina-winning self. The Panthers had expectations to go to the playoffs last season, but got no further than the Islanders and their young core. The Panthers did manage to sign center Carter Verhaeghe and

Winner: Vegas Golden Knights

Vegas is looking to go full Viva Las Vegas soon. They may have shipped away Paul Stastny and Nate Schmidt, but the replacement of Alex Pietrangolo on defense wipes those somewhat necessary trades clean. Pietrangolo’s seven-year \$61.6 million deal adds some huge depth to a defense that fea-

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Teams we're paying attention to

Athletes we're paying attention to

Walker Buehler

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY

@uconnhuskies
#throwback to last year's First Night with @uconnmbb and @uconnwbb!

TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sky Sports News
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BREAKING: Liverpool and Manchester United among top clubs in talks over bombshell plot to join new FIFA-backed 'European Premier League'

ABC7 Eyewitness News
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The Los Angeles Dodgers are heading to the World Series for the third time in four years after beating the Atlanta Braves in Game 7 of the NLCS.

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