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University to pause Connecticut Commitment student aid program

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On Wednesday, University of Connecticut President Thomas Katsouleas announced that the university would pause its Connecticut Commitment student financial aid program for the foreseeable future due to budget deficits.

The Connecticut Commitment was initiated last October and seeks to fulfill all financial need for in-state students whose families make less than \$50,000 a year. The program pays the difference between the financial aid received from grants and scholarships and the total cost of tuition.

"The goal of the program is to enhance access and affordability for low-income students attending UConn and draw prospective students to apply here who may have otherwise thought that UConn was out of reach for them financially," Katsouleas said.

The Connecticut Commitment is completely funded by philanthropy and private donations. The cost to run the Connecticut Commitment this year is about \$700,000. The program's

cost is estimated to increase with each new class to a total of \$5 million by year four.

"We will not achieve the goal of raising enough to cover the full cost of the program over the next four years," Katsouleas said. "We are not confident that we will be able to fund the program beyond the first cohort of students."

260 students are currently enrolled in the first cohort of the program, which began with this fall's freshman class of 2024.

"We have the cash necessary to fund the first year of the first cohort of UConn students who qualified for the program and that is a commitment we will keep to them through their fourth year at UConn," Katsouleas said. "No student who arrived this fall and who benefits from the program will lose anything. We made a promise to these students and we will keep it."

President Katsouleas stated alternative methods of funding were taken into account before making the ultimate decision to suspend the program until further notice.

"Consideration was given to potentially funding the program through some avenue other than philanthropy, and while that

may have been a viable possibility in another time, it is not an option in this budget environment," Katsouleas said.

Despite the announcement, Katsouleas made clear the fundraising efforts for the program will not cease, but instead will be reignited when the program can run again.

"I am doubling my personal multi-year pledge to Connecticut Commitment and hope the other 500 donors who gave to the program will consider doing the same and perhaps inspire others to join," Katsouleas said.

Katsouleas and the board of trustees said financial aid is one of their top priorities for the future of the university, with about \$200 million being invested in financial aid this year.

"Pausing the program is the hardest decision I've had to make since arriving here. While unfortunate and regrettable, I believe that this is a prudent and necessary choice to make at this time," concluded President Katsouleas.

In a press release, university spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz stated the administration would reassess the program later in the fiscal year to discuss the possibility of resuming it in 2022.



UConn President Thomas Katsouleas speaks at his 2019 presidential inauguration. At this inauguration he announced the made the "Connecticut Commitment" that if an individual's family made less than \$50,000 annually they would be eligible to come to UConn tuition free. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UConn faculty working remotely will continue doing so next semester

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University of Connecticut faculty currently working remotely were told in a letter sent Oct. 21 to plan on working from home for the spring semester.

"Today we are confirming that staff who are working remotely should plan on continuing to do so through the spring semester, pending some change in the status of the virus and the tools we have to combat it," the letter said, sent on behalf of the University Provost Carl Lejeuz, Executive Vice President for Administration Scott Jordan, and Associate Vice President Chris Delello.

The letter cited the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Connecticut as a factor in this decision, as well as uncertainty about the potential for a vaccine.

At time of publication, UConn reported 14 current positive cases at the Storrs campus, while Connecticut reported 292 current hospitalizations, according to their respective coronavirus data tracking webpages.

University spokesperson Stephanie Reitz clarified that this decision is mainly meant for non-teaching staff, many of whom have been working remotely since the spring semester. It will not impact faculty who have decided to keep the modality of their course in-person.

"Faculty will be expected to teach the class in the modality in which it was listed when students made the selection," Reitz said. "This would provide the most stability and predictability for students."

The need for faculty members to be present on-campus will be dictated by factors such as on-site teaching and research activities, as well as agreements between individual employees and their reporting organizations, according to the letter.

"While some employees must be on site to do their work, others can effectively work from home," the letter said. "In general, no employee is barred from coming to campus if necessary, but no one should be coming to campus on a regular basis if they are not on the Human Resources registry."

According to the announcement, the return to a normal, on-campus working environment will depend on many factors, including the state of the pandemic and advice from public health officials.

"It is clear that we will not be able to return to normal as a workplace until circumstances and public health guidance change to a level where the university believes that we can return to working on-site on a large scale," the letter said. "As always, we will adjust to the state of the pandemic and will explore different options, including employees potentially returning at different times depending on certain factors, such as vaccinations."

For now, the employees are encouraged to continue to wear masks, social distance and wash hands.

"Nothing is more important than your health and our community's health - please do all you can to protect it," the letter said.

USG talks budget, confirms senator positions and talks mental health legislation

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On Wednesday, the Undergraduate Student Government at the University of Connecticut held their bi-weekly senate meeting where they discussed the university's budget, confirmed senator positions and approved legislation for the spring 2021 fee plan, Mental Care Act and international student wellness.

The meeting opened with a presentation from Scott Jordan, the Executive Vice President for Administration & Chief Financial Officer, to discuss the university's budget for this year and 2021.

In the 2020 fiscal year, UConn was able to cover its \$33.6 million deficit in refunds with federal CARES Act funding and department spending savings attributed to the spending freeze.

As of right now, UConn has a \$28 million unresolved deficit, which is up from the \$19 million deficit last year. But under the current projection, continued departmental tightening and the use of some fund balances from previous years will be relied upon. Jordan admitted that there could be some limited layoffs in some departments, but there is no plan for a mass layoff.

UConn projected many students would sit out this year in some capacity, yet enrollment is as high as it has ever been: 6.2% in freshman at Storrs, 16.3% at regional campuses.

The current case scenario depends on the school staying open the rest of this semester. If there is a closure, the deficit could go from \$28 million to \$49 million, which is \$2 million per week of closure.

Students brought up concerns about the Connecticut Commit-

ment, a financial aid program for low-income students that the university has paused. Jordan disclosed President Thomas Katsouleas and the university want to meet the needs of students, but feel that UConn is not at a place in their budget or philanthropy where they can make a commitment for next year's class that covers the entire four years.

Fabio Saccomanno presented the USG spring 2021 fee bill. His recommendation was against reducing student fees.

"When looking at the grand scheme of things and the best decision for students, I think the worst outcome is having to cut services. If we reduce the fee and happen to roll too far into our rollover, we probably won't feel it next spring. But they would be felt next fall," said Saccomanno.

With a vote of 19-1, the 0% deduction in the fee plan passed in the Senate.

Brittany Diaz proposed the Mental Care Act, which advocates for areas such as academic reform, relations between mental health and academics, allocating funds and investment towards

services such as CMHS and creating rigorous mental health training for CSD and SHaW staff, along with standard mental health training for professors.

The Mental Care Act was referred to the Diversity and Outreach Commission at the end of the meeting and will be discussed in the senate's next meeting.

International student legislation which would prioritize mental health of this population was proposed by Yibing Zhou. The bill includes ideas of conducting a peer mentor program and providing creative and relaxing workshops for international students.

There was also emphasis on reconvening the student support group for international students, forming group therapy centered around international students, hiring additional bilingual therapists and having ISSS provide more panels to update travel policy and assistance to resolve the academic difficulty undergraduate international students face during COVID-19.

At the time of publication, there was not a vote on this bill.



USG is the governing body of students on campus. They recently held a senate meeting on the schools budget. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Susan Herbst: What is she up to these days?



UConn President Susan Herbst introduces the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Innovation Partnership Building. Herbst is currently working on a new book titled "A Troubled Birth: the 1930s and American Public Opinion." PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The University of Connecticut looks quite different than it did last summer when former President Susan Herbst left on sabbatical. Now she is back, teaching for the first time in

years in a pandemic.

Herbst spent her sabbatical reading and researching for her newest book.

"It comes back to you like riding a bike," Herbst remarked on her re-acclimation into her field during an interview with The Daily Campus.

She said being President of

a university doesn't lend itself enough time to keep up with the scholarly work of her peers. She instead used her time away to get current on the recent happenings in the realm of political science. More specifically, in her field of expertise – public opinion.

Herbst also helped sociolo-

gist Jeff Manza in a sociology class at New York University during her sabbatical. She said she did this in order to get back inside of a classroom setting as well as spend some time studying the current climate of political polarization in government.

"It was a very normal professor kind of sabbatical – nothing special," Herbst said.

She is now teaching a remote upper level political science seminar class on public opinion on this election at the Stamford campus.

Her class is heavily focused on collaboration and discussion during its two and a half hour run time where she asks students to keep their cameras on to avoid painfully awkward Zoom silences.

"My teaching style is extremely collaborative with the students," Herbst said. "...I feel about the seminars as I've always felt in all my decades of teaching – that if the students don't participate with vigor, the class is not gonna be a success. So, I just tried to foster that feeling of ownership in the class so that everybody feels they're going to get as much out of it what they put into it."

She said one silver lining of distance learning is that it enables her and other professors to have more frequent guests in class – at a much less costly price than it would typically take to get an in-person guest. Universities typically have to pay fees for speakers, as well as travel and lodging costs if they're coming from far away.

In the public opinion class she is teaching, her students read a book written by Dr. Lawrence Lessig of Harvard law. During a discussion on disputed elections one class, a student pondered what Lessig would think of the conversation they were having. So, Herbst wrote to him, and he offered to join their class.

He visited a few weeks ago, she said, and talked to them about the discussion question as well as his views on a disputed election.

"I'm not a constitutional scholar and most political scientists are not," Herbst said of Lessig's visit. "And so, it's been a real struggle because I think every person teaching American politics right now would love to have a law professor in teaching with them."

Herbst said she will be teaching a course on American politics in film during the spring semester, open to students at all campuses since it will be remote. The class is listed as POLS 3246 and it runs from 3:35 to 6:05 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Herbst also researched for and wrote a book during her time away from UConn. This is her fifth book overall and fourth about public opinion. This one, titled "A Troubled Birth: the 1930s and American Public Opinion," explores the dynamics of politics and public opinion measures during the Great Depression and compares it to how polling and the like fit into today's political climate.

"Opinion polling, the way we see it now, was really born in the 1930s," Herbst said. "It was people like George Gallup and Elmo Roper ... who actually, started the industry in the 30s."

She said there are chapters on President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 1939 World's Fair in New York and how immigrants were portrayed on 1930s radio. The book focuses heavily on the historical aspects since there's quite a few people covering present day polling.

The book is currently undergoing a blind review process before it is due to be published next summer by the University of Chicago Press.

Amy Coney Barrett confirmed as Supreme Court Justice

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The United States Senate confirmed Amy Coney Barrett as a Supreme Court Justice Monday night with a 52-48 vote.

With Barrett filling Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat on the Supreme Court, the court now has a 6-3 conservative majority.

Following the vote, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas administered the constitutional oath to Barrett at the White House ceremony.

Many attended to celebrate,

including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and President Donald Trump, who in his speech for the confirmation called the ceremony a "momentous day."

Barrett then took a moment to speak at the ceremony, which appeared to target doubts that the judge would not separate her personal beliefs from her judicial duties.

"A judge declares independence not only from the Congress and the president, but also from the private beliefs that might otherwise move her," Barrett said. "The judicial oath captures the essence of the judicial duty: the rule of

law must always control."

Barrett then went on to perform the judicial oath in a private ceremony on Tuesday.

Barrett was confirmed to the Supreme Court only 30 days after her nomination by Trump, less than a week before Election Day, and is now the youngest judge to serve on the court at the age of 48.

Many speculate that Trump's nomination for Barrett for the Supreme Court may be a last-ditch effort to regain Christian voters, as Barrett is known for her conservative views.

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden was critical of the confirmation, saying

it was "rushed and unprecedented."

Many have come to scrutinize Barrett for her lack of experience as she served less than three years on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals after working as a law professor at Notre Dame Law School for two decades.

After a resurfacing of Barrett's opinions denouncing abortions, many Democrats grew concerned the conservative judge may try to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion nationwide.

In 2006, Barrett signed a "right to life ad" that appeared

in the South Bend Tribune. The ad from the Saint Joseph County Right to Life calls for "an end to the barbaric legacy of Roe v. Wade and restor[ing] laws that protect the lives of unborn children."

Barrett also told an audience at Jacksonville University she doesn't believe Roe v. Wade could be overturned, but she believes access to abortion could be limited.

If Barrett does become the factor when it comes to overturning Roe v. Wade, the decision then is up to the states to decide, leaving access to abortion and bodily autonomy dependent on where one lives.

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Rising infections complicate rules for New York-area travel



In this Sunday, March 29, 2020, photo, a sign welcomes motorists to New York, on the border with Connecticut, near Rye Brook, N.Y. Governors in New York's tri-state region were left scrambling in late October 2020 when virus infection rates in Connecticut and New Jersey climbed high enough to qualify for their own 14-day quarantine requirements. It highlighted a worrying trend in a region that used the list to set itself apart from large swaths of the country and raised questions about whether it was worth keeping. PHOTO BY SETH WENIG/AP.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Rich Collins is trapped in the maze of coronavirus-related travel restrictions in the Northeast. The Rhode Island firefighter has custody of his 5-year-old daughter every other weekend in an agreement with his ex-wife, but he can't bring her to his home because she lives in upstate New York.

"The problem is, if I bring my daughter to Rhode Island for her weekend here, then when she goes

back to New York — due to Rhode Island being on New York's quarantine list — she can't go to school. She has to quarantine for 14 days," said Collins, 36, of Warwick.

"It's been taking its toll," he said. "There's no end in sight. I find it ironic that Rhode Island is the only New England state on New York's list. It's very frustrating."

With coronavirus rates rising across the country, more states have qualified for the travel re-

strictions imposed by New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, raising questions about the usefulness of those rules. Only seven states now have rates low enough to avoid the three states' 14-day quarantine mandate.

Connecticut and New Jersey recently qualified for their own restrictions due to rising virus rates, dealing a blow to the pride of a region that saw low virus numbers over the summer after suffering

through the country's first large outbreak.

Public health officials say the restrictions continue to help limit the spread of the virus, but enforcement has been uneven, with the three states all relying on the honor system for travelers to self-isolate and complete forms.

And the virus rate thresholds adopted by the three states are low, compared with some others used around the country and world.

"When you impose these rules and you can't even satisfy them yourself, what it does is it shines a bright light on how ill-conceived these rules are," said Sheldon Jacobson, a computer science professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who studies pandemic data. "Do you change the bar? Do you keep moving it so that you are no longer part of it? Or do you ... drop it, saying, 'This is not working?'"

Police bill plays big role in Connecticut legislative races

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — While Democratic candidates for the General Assembly contend they have a strong record to run on, despite COVID-19 greatly limiting legislative successes in 2020, Republicans have latched onto the police accountability legislation that passed in a special session, believing voters will agree it goes too far.

The bill cleared the Democratic-controlled legislature in late July along mostly party lines. GOP incumbents and challengers throughout the state argue it's an overreach that makes it more difficult for officers to do their jobs.

"Police officers, unions from across the state from the beginning made their point very clearly that passage of that bill would be harmful for the police community and to police officers individually," said Rep. Jason Perillo, R-Shelton. "Quite frankly, the Democrats who supported the bill either didn't hear it or didn't care. And people took note of that."

But Democrats contend the new law, which attempts to change police procedures and policies in light of the killing of George Floyd and other Black people, has been mischaracterized to create alarm, and argue they're the party with the pro-union record, not the Republicans.

"There's really nothing in the bill that a hardworking, honorable police officer should fear," said Senate President Martin Looney, D-New Haven. Among other things, the wide-ranging bill removes

governmental immunity protections for officers in certain serious situations, creates a new inspector general to investigate police use-of-force cases, and requires periodic mental health screenings for officers.

Looney noted that Democrats helped negotiate long-awaited, bipartisan legislation in 2019 with unions and local municipal leaders to provide one year of workers' compensation coverage to police and firefighters suffering with post-traumatic stress-related psychological injuries, without having had a physical injury. The legislation is being touted by Democratic lawmakers as they seek re-election this year.

"At that time, the police were extraordinarily grateful to us and they were saying it was something that they would always remember and that it was something that they had been looking for years," said Looney.

Democrats currently control both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly; 22-14 in the Senate and 91-60 in the House of Representatives. While the Senate's membership was split evenly between Democrats and Republicans after the 2016 election, the Democrats rebounded in 2018.

It's unclear whether the GOP will have enough momentum this year to capture control of the chamber, especially in a presidential year with a Republican president at the top of the ticket who is relatively unpopular here.

Besides the PTSD bill, Democrats are also campaigning on other major bills from the 2019 session, including legislation providing most workers up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a family member, a new child or their own serious health condition by 2022; and a new minimum wage law that incrementally increases the rate to \$15 an hour by 2023 and then ties future increases to the employment cost index, which is calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Some Democratic candidates are also holding themselves out as protectors against Trump administration policies. With the appointment of conservative Amy Coney Barrett to the

U.S. Supreme Court, they're pointing to state legislation that incorporates much of the federal Affordable Care Act, including protections for people with preexisting conditions, as well as legislation passed years ago which codified provisions of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision in state law.

"State legislatures are the first line of defense to protect citizens' rights and Democracy," State Sen. Alex Kasser, D-Greenwich, promises on her website.

Her opponent Ryan Fazio, like other Republicans, has focused on the pitfalls of Democrats retaining large majorities in the General Assembly. On Facebook, he's

raised concerns about the possible regionalization of schools, limits on local zoning and implementation of highway tolls — all issues raised by other GOP candidates during this year's election season, as well.

But no issue appears to have been embraced more by Republicans, both incumbents and challengers, than the police reform debate. And they have welcomed the political endorsements from local police, some candidates promising they'll work to revisit the issue when the General Assembly reconvenes in 2021.

Some police union leaders, however, contend they didn't intend to just endorse Republicans.



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► Editorial

Fixing the gender wage gap at UConn

SETTLEMENT BRINGS TO LIGHT GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION IN ATHLETICS

It recently came to light that the University of Connecticut will pay \$249,539 to seven female employees who are underpaid in comparison to their male counterparts, according to an audit from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Five of the seven women were involved in the athletics department at UConn. Although UConn maintains the wage gap was not due to gender discrimination, this does raise concerns regarding athletics at UConn, and the repeated pattern of underpaying women in athletics more broadly.

UConn should not have a wage gap between male and female employees. It is necessary to dismantle these discriminatory practices and change the system completely to ensure employees at UConn, especially in the field of athletics, receive equal wages.

Across the U.S., women often make less than their male counterparts. Currently, women on average make about 82 cents for every dollar a man makes — and this does not take into account the fact that women of color generally make less than this.

This is concerning; such significant wage gaps should not be present in this day and age. Females athletes and females involved in athletics are often underpaid compared to male athletes and males involved in athletics, which is evident in American sports teams.

Recently the U.S. Women's Soccer Team filed a lawsuit regarding equal pay on the basis that they constantly outperform the U.S. Men's Soccer Team, which failed to qualify for the World Cup in 2018, and that overall the U.S. Women's Soccer Team brings in more revenue than the men's team.

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, male athletes get about \$179 million more in athletic scholarships than females. Colleges and universities often spend an average of only 24% of their athletic budget on women's sports. Especially at a university like UConn, where the women's basketball team is extremely high-performing and one of the top teams in the country, those involved in women's athletics should be paid adequately. UConn should not be a part of this systemic gender discrimination. Thankfully, it appears that UConn is moving away from this.

In addition to the settlement, UConn has agreed to review and revise outdated pay practices. Hopefully this will ensure women involved in athletics at UConn are treated fairly. This is a good first step, and we hope the women in the athletics department receive wages comparable to their male counterparts.

We would, however, like to see more transparency from the university regarding this issue. We would like to know how specifically these pay practices will be implemented, how they will help ensure that gender wage discrimination is eliminated and how UConn will fix the problem at its root. Once UConn is able to answer these questions, will we know that the problem has truly been resolved.

Yes, gender inequality is still a problem in 2020

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Just last week, the University of Connecticut agreed to pay almost \$250,000 to seven female employees after a routine audit by the U.S. Department of Labor found evidence of gender-based pay discrimination. But UConn isn't the only one. Just two weeks ago, Yale University settled a similar gender-discrimination case by paying \$87,500 to four female cardiologists in its medical school who were paid less than their male counterparts. Why does this keep happening? Shouldn't we know better by now?

Despite what most people think, the gender pay gap still exists and has not closed much in the last 50 years. In fact, it has remained almost stable for the past 15 years or so. According to an analysis by the Pew Research Center in 2018, women in the United States are still earning 85% of what men do. That means for every dollar a man earns, a woman will only earn 85 cents.

Research from the Economic Policy Institute shows that women cannot "educate themselves out of" the wage gap. Even with a college degree, women workers are paid on average \$10.20 less per hour than men, which amounts to a deficit of \$21,216 per year.

PayScale explains that "part of the reason for the gender pay gap is that women are more likely to take a break during their careers to have children or to seek lower paid positions that offer more flexibility to make it easier to manage a family," however, "some people mistakenly assume that this 'explains' the gender wage gap and eases fears over sexism."

The bottom line is that even when controlling for differences in education levels, prior experience, occupation type, and leaves of absence, the data still reveals a disparity in how much men and women are paid for the exact same jobs. Why is this?

A new study out of Cornell University found that more than half of the pay gap is based on how we perceive the value of traditionally "male" or "female" occupations. Another 38% came from pure discrimination (conscious or unconscious). These two factors go hand in hand. As stated in the New York Times, "janitors (usually men) earn 22 percent more than maids and housecleaners (usually women)," even though their day-to-day labor tasks are very similar.

Furthermore, when women enter traditionally male-dominated fields (perhaps to earn a higher salary), they are still paid less than men. In fact, wages on the whole fell by 34% when women in large numbers became designers, and 18% when they became biologists. On the flipside, when men who go into "pink-collar" careers (think teaching and hospitality), they are often paid more. Computer programming,

which used to be a "relatively menial role" performed by women, became a lucrative and prestigious career when men began to outnumber women in the field. It isn't that women pick jobs that are less skilled or important, but rather that employers see women's work as less valuable. We should change that.

Closing the gender pay gap isn't only good for equality, but it's also good for business. When women feel that they are treated unfairly or have no opportunities for advancement, turnover rates are higher, and companies miss out on talent and new ideas. Reducing the pay gap helps women advance to higher ranks within the company, which, according to a 2017 study by McKinsey & Co, makes the company 21% more likely to see above-average profitability.

Audits, like the ones done at UConn and Yale, are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to solving this problem. Economists also say that sharing salary information is an important way of bringing these issues to light. Despite what many people think, discussing salary is completely legal, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Companies like Whole Foods and Jet.com do a good job of being transparent about salaries for all employees. Furthermore, employers should not rely on past salaries to set pay, which just perpetuates existing inequalities. One solution is to use standardized pay scales, as companies such as Reddit and GoDaddy

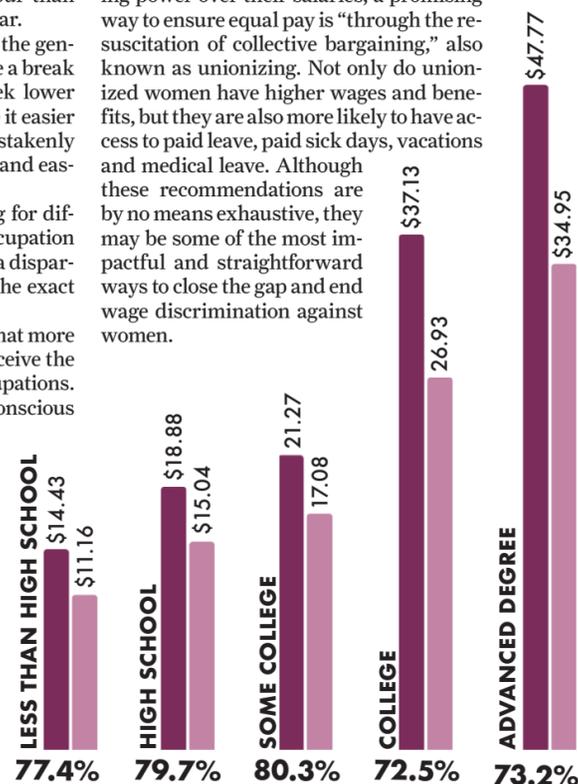
already do. For individuals who may not have bargaining power over their salaries, a promising way to ensure equal pay is "through the resuscitation of collective bargaining," also known as unionizing. Not only do unionized women have higher wages and benefits, but they are also more likely to have access to paid leave, paid sick days, vacations and medical leave. Although these recommendations are by no means exhaustive, they may be some of the most impactful and straightforward ways to close the gap and end wage discrimination against women.

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES BY GENDER AND EDUCATION

- MEN
- WOMEN

% represent the percentage of a man's average that women earn

data from Economic Policy Institute



College during a global pandemic

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Our college lives are only a small percentage of what they used to be. Since the beginning of this global pandemic, people have been asked to stay inside in hopes of decreasing the spread of the virus and limiting the number of people admitted to hospitals. With the growing number of positive results came a growing number of people suffering with anxiety. For the majority of 2020, we have lived in a world surrounded by death, isolation, fear and uncertainty. Nothing is the same, but the one common concern is when this will all end. Everyone is trying to make everything go back to normal again,

and at the front of this are the college campuses all over America. No matter how hard colleges try, college life is not the same and the mental health of students is only suffering.

I made the choice to return to campus at the University of Connecticut and I do not regret it. That being said, living at UConn right now has made me realize all that the coronavirus pandemic has changed, with the biggest change being the fact that about ¾ of students don't live on campus right now. As was expected, you need to wear a mask everywhere. Buildings now have signs warning people to not come inside if they are sick and there are arrows for people to follow and circles on the ground determining where people can stand. In classrooms, there

are seats labeled for students to use and in the larger rooms, seating is limited.

When I walk through this campus, I am only reminded of how it used to be Crowds of students walking in any direction, every building filled as students walked to and from class, not being able to go one day without seeing somebody I knew and stopping to talk with them. Now, you see a few people, but the campus is mostly empty. Events are all virtual, and even the ones the university has planned are mimicked with limitations. Social life is limited by fear of getting caught, and right now, tailgate season is not occurring.

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Life

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THE POWER TO VOTE

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Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, several expert panelists from political science, law, Asian, Indigenous, LGBTQ and Latina studies gathered for a virtual discussion on “Race, Ethnicity, Gender and the 2020 Elections,” at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28.

Doug Spencer, a professor at the UConn School of Law and Department of Public Policy, said voter turnout can often show how satisfied people are with the current government and whether or not voters are suppressed. He explained the current records of high voter turnout show that people are demanding change.

“This is on people’s minds and it’s not just about White people finally coming to grips with systemic racism or racist immigration policies or multiculturalism,” Spencer said. “I think minority communities themselves are mobilizing to effect change, calls for reform to police, reform to health-care, reform in criminal justice in a way we haven’t seen in quite some time; it’s a social movement.”

Janene Yazzie, activist and co-founder of Sixth World Solutions, a business that works with Navajo communities to develop programs and policies to promote sustainability and self-governance, stated

that elections have always had problems, whether they are from language, ballot issues or representation. She also stated that the current administration has reversed a lot of progress that was made in the past, and emphasized the importance of providing the younger generation with political education.

“Participation in this particular election is not rooted in the hope in voting for equity or racial justice, it’s rooted in the strategy against fascism against white supremacy culture, a hetero-normative culture, or it’s creating that clear allegiance to those values,” Yazzie said.

Glenn Magpantay, executive director at the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance Chair and a part of the LGBT Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, also related the topic to the Asian community, which sometimes faces a language barrier and the lack of translators makes it difficult for accurate voting. He gave an example of the 2000 election: translators in Chinatown mixed up the word for Democrat and Republican on the ballot, which caused serious issues.

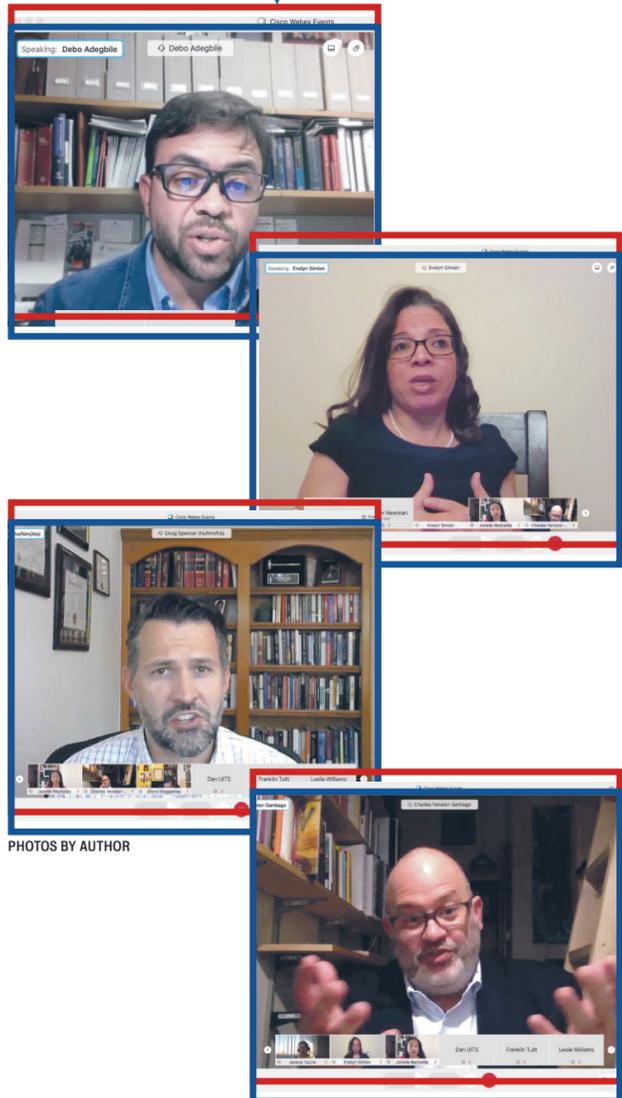
“I think it is so pernicious that campaigns use voter turnout data to decide who to reach out to, who to mobilize, who to contact, who to pitch their message to based on the people they think are gonna

turn out to vote,” Debo Adegbile, who specializes in political science, elections and business, said.

“In order to figure who is going to turn out to vote they go look at the voter lists in the states, and so people who are mobilized this year to vote and actually cast a ballot, but then for some reason their ballot [is] not counted. Either their mail-in vote comes after election day in a state that’s not going to count it or weird questions about their signature [arise],” Adegbile said. “Those people will not have shown to vote even though they did.”

Many of the panelists, like Charles Venator-Santiago, associate professor for Latina studies, emphasized the importance of voting for local representatives too, as they have the most impact on local communities. While it takes a lot longer for change to happen on the federal level, he agreed with other panelists that education in politics is important.

“That’s a role universities can play in lifting voices, and I hope that it continues not just in presidential years but every election year, because there is no more powerful tool than consistently coming out to the polls so that you need to be factored into the political dialogue on a going-forward basis, and so that your interest or interests that policymakers need to consider going forward [are known],” Adegbile added.



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To say that live entertainment has suffered in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic would be a hilarious understatement. Yet, instead of giving in to the doom and gloom of life in quarantine, some organizations have adapted their shows for the virtual mode.

“American Dreams,” the virtual adaptation of a 2018 satirical play, takes a look at the American immigration system through a flashy and playful game show where three immigrants vie for the ultimate prize of United States citizenship.

In quite possibly the most interactive virtual event of the semester. Audience members did not sit idly by as the show transpired over Zoom. Instead, they

formed the jury, judging which of the three contestants were best suited to be a U.S. citizen.

The event marked the collaboration between the touring production and Connecticut theater institutions including: HartBeat Ensemble, The Bushnell, University of Connecticut and Free Center in association with Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford Stage and TheaterWorks Hartford.

Before the event began, viewers took a survey developed by the North American Transportation, Security and Immigration agency, answering questions regarding their gender, place of birth and that of their parents and grandparents. This information seemed irrelevant until you took a second to think about the acronym the organization’s name forms.

With the start of the live broadcast, audience members were greeted by the particularly bubbly and bouncy hosts, Sherry Brown (Leila Buck) and Chris White (Jens Rasmussen). Brown and White led the three contestants through a series of challenges, including basic American civic trivia, American popular culture, special talents and hard-hitting questions in the “hot seat.”

The show paired the contestants with audience members to answer such questions, serving as a lifeline for contestants in need of American expertise. I am ashamed to admit that I failed to correctly identify the most popular American sport (it’s football, in case you were wondering), much to the dismay of my contestant.

The three contestants all presented heartwarming stories as

to why they wanted to become American citizens: Adil (Ali Andre Ali), a chef and philanthropist from Palestine who wanted to open a restaurant for all people; Alejandro (Andrew Aaron Valdez), a medic in the American National Guard, deported for being illegally brought from Mexico as a young child; and Usman (Imran Sheikh), the loveable Pakistani cartoonist who fell in love with American culture from “Star Trek.”

As the game show continued, the hosts’ tone took a dark turn, grilling the contestants under prejudices true to the beliefs held by many Americans. While I will not spoil the ending, I can assure you that is not a happy one. After all, we knew from the beginning that only one would receive American citizenship.

Usman pleads, “There’s only

three of us. why can’t we all win?”

With the fall of the virtual curtain, I remained in a state of shock, half expecting the audience to reappear for a discussion and debrief on the stunning final moments of the broadcast’s conclusion.

Perhaps the entire purpose of the event was to pose questions, rather than give answers. While I have no critiques for the team who transferred this experience from the stage to the screen, I thoroughly miss the moments after attending a live performance where you can turn to your neighbor and say, “What the hell did we just watch?”

“American Dreams” is running online from now through Nov. 15. For more information or to purchase tickets to an upcoming show, go to their website, wamericandreamsplay.com.

Life

BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES DURING COVID-19

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The COVID-19 pandemic has completely changed the dynamic between work and home life, blurring many of the boundaries between the two domains. As many people continue to work remotely and take online classes, the struggle between work and family responsibilities has amplified the need to set boundaries and mobilize your support networks.

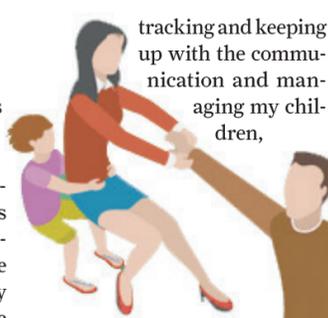
“For some of us the entire process we used to do our job has changed,” Vicki Fry, manager of employee engagement and wellness at the University of Connecticut, said.

To address this growing concern, various departments at UConn teamed up to host a discussion entitled “The Intersection Between Work and Family Responsibilities During COVID.” Attendees were asked to share the problems they have faced while adjusting to working remotely, and also to ask any questions they have about what the university is doing to offer support to faculty and students during these uncertain times.

“I feel like the longer this has gone on, the flexibility has lessened and not everyone’s home life has changed much since March,” Amber Guillemette, administrative coordinator at UConn Extension, said.

Guillemette shared concerns that many people have commonly faced since work from home orders were issued regarding maternity leave and other types of leave, uncertain expectations upon returning from leave, how timelines have changed during work from home protocols and how there was more flexibility offered in March when work from home orders were just beginning.

“I find much of my time is spent



tracking and keeping up with the communication and managing my children,

their care and our household,” Guillemette said. “And then there are actual job duties.”

The stress of working remotely and being quarantined to your home basically overnight has also been augmented by the racial tension in our country and the highly contested election taking place next week. These contexts have added additional stressors to many people’s daily lives.

Toxic positivity has been regarded as a common problem that has made working from home seem like a bigger burden than it should be. This term refers to being overly optimistic about situations. Although positive thoughts are helpful during times of uncertainty, many meeting attendees agreed that they can invalidate their unease towards the pandemic and working from home. Being aware that you are not alone in this struggle is crucial to creating a successful work-from-home environment.

“Asking for help when you need it is so important,” Fry said.

You will be surprised to know how many of your coworkers are facing similar difficulties with the current work situation, which is why communicating with your supervisor and other staff members is a great way to utilize your support networks. Going to others for guidance during tough times

is a way to garner emotional support and understanding of your questions and concerns.

Setting boundaries for your workday is another important way to ensure that your job does not overtake your life. Once the workday is done, turning off your computer and not checking emails will allow you to take a breath and enjoy some

much-needed time away from the screen.

Prioritizing self-care is another key strategy that will allow you to set aside time to cater to your mental and physical health. Whether this is waking up early to go for a run, meditating or simply setting aside a few minutes to read or watch TV, it is crucial to maintain low levels of stress and anxiety.

UConn has implemented many new practices and resources to ensure that students and staff are supported during this difficult time. Wellness events, such as Meditation Mondays, are now open for UConn students, faculty and staff. The UConn Center for Career Development has created Affinity Communities which allow faculty, staff, employers and alumni to interact with students while focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion.

These are just a few of the many resources offered to members of the UConn community. If you are struggling with working remotely and need extra help, remember to utilize your support networks and communities to help guide you through these times.

‘SO YOU THINK UCONN SING’ FOR THE KIDS?

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Whether you’re a solo act, a rapper, a band, an acapella group or any other kind of musician, HuskyTHON invites you to participate in its interactive virtual event “So You Think UConn Sing” for a chance to be the headlining performance at HuskyTHON 2021.

According to Director of Entertainment Abbey Conrad, auditions for the event will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. Musicians who are interested must fill out the application form online, which can be found in the Instagram bio on @HuskyTHON, and submit an audition video that will be shown at the event. The audition video must be no longer than three minutes in length. Participants may perform any non-explicit song they want, but they must begin the video explaining what HuskyTHON means to them and why they want to perform at HuskyTHON 2021.

Students may submit a video through the application, or by emailing conrad@huskython.org if the file size is too big. Once all submissions are in, they will be reviewed by Conrad and her Entertainment Captains to decide who will compete in the event.

“The criteria that the Entertainment Captains will be using to select which musicians will compete include engagement, energy, uniqueness, appropriateness for HuskyTHON and overall performance strength,” Conrad, a fifth-semester marketing major, said.

According to Conrad, the event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. via YouTube Live on HuskyTHON’s YouTube channel. Audience members can tune in to watch the submissions and after the live stream ends, voting will be open for 24 hours. Both the live stream and HuskyTHON’s Instagram page will provide instructions on how to cast your vote. Viewers can vote by donating \$2 to the So You Think UConn Sing: HuskyTHON Headliner Competition Donor Drive page. After donating, you receive a link to the voting form via email.

“If a voter is also a HuskyTHON participant, their \$2 donation will be moved to their personal donor drive page after the event,” Conrad said. “This means that everyone who is currently registered for HuskyTHON 2021 will get their \$2 voting fee put into their personal donor drive. If voters are not registered, their donations will count towards the general HuskyTHON 2021 fundraising total.”

Once voting closes, the winner of the competition will be announced the next day via Instagram as the headliner for HuskyTHON 2021. The winner is guaranteed a full 30-minute set at the 18-hour dance marathon. However, musicians who do not win the competition may still be asked to perform at HuskyTHON 2021, according to Conrad.

For more HuskyTHON news, up-and-coming dates future events, follow on Instagram @HuskyTHON.

Hollieats

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With last week’s roundtable on fall flavors and one coming out Friday about Life’s favorite Halloween candy, our section has published its fair share of discussion on seasonal food offerings. Why, pray tell, have I not indulged my own thoughts on the matters? The short answer: I love them all. I’ve had a special place in my heart for comforting holiday fare and the flavors that crop up around this time of year. As for our favorite Halloween (trick or) treats, only in the past few years did I start enjoying a larger selection of candies and chocolate; as a child, I always traded off my initial haul for a pile of solely Kit Kats, Hershey’s dark chocolates and Crunch. Nowadays, Snickers, Twix and Milky Ways top my list – and I’ve even seen the merit of sour candies. I know Halloween is usually prime for spooky celebrations, however it’s important to stay safe if you plan on gathering with others. Luckily, you can still don a costume and compile a respectable snack table for a safe, socially distanced gathering. Without further ado, let’s talk about festive fall foods and sweet treats you can create for such an occasion or for yourself and your housemates this Halloween.

Reese’s Bats

These cute candies are deceptively simple to make but have the perfect presentation for a spooky scene. Just cut each side of an Oreo in half, dab peanut butter on them and press them onto mini Reese’s cups to create wings. Dab on some more peanut butter to stick on candy eyes and you’ve got some fabulous bats.

Chipotle Pumpkin Hummus

Dips are a must at any celebration or gathering and hummus is both delicious and versatile. With the addition of smoky chipotle and a pumpkin flavor that adds some sweetness yet still keeps it savory, you’ll be glad to know another delectable and unique rendition of our favorite chickpea dish. Check out the recipe from The Healthy Family and Home to see how to make it.

Ghost S’Mores Dip

Here’s a sweeter dip to complement the equally sweet Halloween candy you’ll no doubt be downing over the next few days. This recipe from Delish calls for ghost marshmallows or Peeps but honestly, any bag of marshmallows will do. Preheat your oven to 450 degrees, pour about two cups of chocolate chips and a ¼ cup of heavy whipping cream over the bottom of a 9-inch baking dish and lay the marshmallows in a single layer over the top. Place mini chocolate chips on the marshmallows for eyes and a ghoulish mouth and bake them until golden (about eight to ten minutes). Serve with graham crackers!

Pretzel Broomsticks

This treat is so easy to conjure up you would have thought a spell summoned them. Just cut a stick of string cheese into thirds, spread out the strands so it looks like the end of a broomstick and poke a pretzel rod into the other end. The recipe (if you could call it that) also calls for thin chives to tie around them, but as a college kid, you probably don’t have those lying around and it’s just a finishing touch.

Glazed Brown Sugar Maple Cookies

Think you want something to test your baking skills more? The cookie base gets a richer, sweet tang with dark brown sugar, maple syrup and pecans and is perfectly complemented by Half-Baked Harvest’s Brown Butter Glaze in this recipe.

You don’t need to go crazy decorating the cookies as the recipe photos show, but if you have time, go for it!

Happy Hollie-ween

'WORK GLOBAL, STAY LOCAL': EDUCATION ABROAD OFFERS SPRING 2021 VIRTUAL GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS



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Global pandemics surely do not act in favor of studying abroad — just ask any student whose experience was ultimately brought to a halt in March. Months later, countries around the world are still confronting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving future abroad opportunities tentative. In the wake of this matter, the University of Connecticut's Education Abroad program recently hosted its virtual global internship launch, where students can remotely work with international companies based on their aspiring field. Opportunities stem from seven major cities including Dublin, Paris, Prague, Madrid, Florence, London and Washington, D.C.

Each internship will be hosted by a variety of organizations specialized in providing academic abroad experiences. For those interested in working in Madrid, for example, internships will be offered through EUSA, "a non-profit educational organization that works with colleges to create for-credit academic programs across Europe." Almendra Staffa-Healey, director of EUSA, and Lea Girasole, the university relations manager, gave insight about the program during the informational session for Madrid.

The influential benefits of a virtual internship may be questionable compared to in-person programs. However, both Staffa-Healey and Girasole managed to debunk this notion.

"When we started, there were jobs that no longer exist, and three years from now, there's

gonna be jobs that still haven't been invented," Staffa-Healey said. "So we really like working with our students to help them achieve experience, exchange, reflection and growth."

To aid this information, Girasole touched upon the statistical results of internship alumni.

"A recent alumni survey shows that an overwhelming percentage of our alumni gained adaptability, global fluency and improved their professionalism and work ethic," Girasole said. "And that's something that can still be translated in a virtual setting as well."

Academic-wise, internships will count as four UConn credits made up of a three-credit course and a single-credit course. Interdisciplinary Internship Field Experience (UNIV 3991) requires 120 hours of online internship work while

International Study: Workplace Reflective Practice (UNIV 3993) includes 15 hours of coursework as part of an online seminar hosted by each organization.

The concept of virtual global internships is understandably unfamiliar to most, which is likely why Education Abroad made sure to add a student perspective panel in their presentation schedule. Hosted by Valerie Jenkelunas, one of the Education Abroad advisors, the session allowed current global interns to discuss their experiences of working from home as well as advise potential applicants.

When asked about what compelled her to participate in a virtual internship, Lily DeBlasio, an eighth-semester political science major on a pre-law track, gave a detailed answer about how interning at

a London-based company has advantaged her academic plan.

"Since I'm graduating, I need to find a job next semester," DeBlasio said. "So the experience that I have and the skills that I'm learning in this internship is something that's going on my resume, it's something that I'm going to be talking about in interviews. It's extremely important to my career and also again the class component of it is kind of the academic side. I know we have a journal entry due in a few days, so that reflective aspect is also super helpful because it's forcing us to think constructively about what we've learned and how we can use that later on."

For further details regarding virtual global internships and to view the informational sessions for each city, make sure to visit the Education Abroad website.

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Let's wine taste, not wine waste

If you have ever watched an episode of "Frasier," you know about the classy and slightly toxic world of wine tasting. It is considered an art form which, if mastered and studied closely, can lead you to a high-paying sommelier job at a fancy restaurant. If you don't quite get to that level, though, it's still a great party trick to wow your friends while eating out.

There are four basic steps to tasting wine. And oddly enough, none of these include guzzling it down or getting drunk.

Step one: Look

Once your wine is poured into a glass (possibly after a nice airing, depending on how much time you have on your hands), use neutral or natural lighting to give it a good gander. There are several things you should watch out for. Note the color: Is it red or white? Is it a rose? Color indicates whether or not the skin of the grape was used in the production of your wine. It can also indicate the type of grape. Now note the opacity: Is it opaque? Clear? Cloudy? Opacity can be a good clue to the vintage. And lastly, give your glass a little swirl to investigate viscosity. Does your wine have legs? Or, in layman's terms, does it leave visible, slow droplets along the side of your glass? The stronger the legs, the higher the alcohol content.

Step two: Smell

When you buy a bottle or box of wine from the store, it always advertises the wine's bouquet. Maybe it says the wine has a hint of peach or an aroma of rose or a nutty undertone. And maybe you've never stopped to really give your wine a good whiff and investigate if those smells exist. But that could just be because you never knew how. The shape of a wine glass actually traps in the fragrance of wine better than a more open cup or mug. Thus, if you use one, the smell will have a higher chance of impacting the overall flavor of the wine. As you bring your nose to the rim, try and identify bigger scents first, a.k.a. the primary aromas. Are there floral or fruity notes? Next, try and sniff out the yeast-derivation of the wine, or the secondary aromas. Are there any nutty or cheesy undertones? And lastly, smell the hardest layer to crack: the tertiary aromas. These come from aging and are often more savory, such as oak, cedar or tobacco.

Step three: Taste

Personally, I disagree with the common practice of spitting out your wine after tasting it. But I suppose it helps to be sober when you are trying to suss out the exact origin and vintage of the wine you're tasting. First, note the taste. Swish the wine around your mouth or aerate it by sucking in air between your teeth. By adding air to the wine, you can better taste the flavor. The acidity, bitterness, sweetness or even saltiness of a wine can be a great indication of wine variety. For instance, Pinot Grigio tends to be more bitter. Next, assess the mouthfeel. Texture can be an indication of ethanol and tannins. With the former causing the wine to feel thicker than water and the latter causing your tongue to feel more dry. And, finally, ask yourself what the length of the wine is. How long does it stay in your mouth? At what point have you consumed it?

Step four: Think

Consider everything you noticed in the previous steps. Was this wine good? Was it bitter? Was it memorable? Was it a Californian variety? Spanish? French? From all of these concepts, can you figure out what you just drank without checking the bottle?

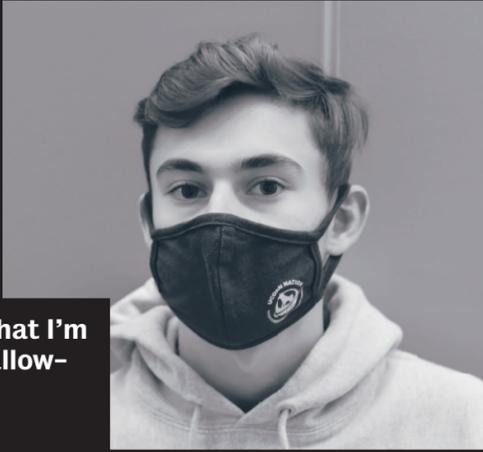
If the answer to the final question is yes: Amazing! You're ready for your next party.

Opinion Study Break

Huskytalk | What are you doing for Halloween/What is your Halloween costume?

"I don't know what I'm doing yet for Halloween."

Joe Meredith
ACES
First Semester



"I'm hanging with my two cousins who also go to UConn, and I'm being a butterfly."

Kathleen O'Brien
Chemistry
First Semester



"I'm dressing up as a witch and doing Stuff a Spooky which sounds fun! I'm also doing some stuff with friends."

Riley Morrill
History and economics
First Semester



"I'm not sure what I'm doing yet for Halloween but I'm dressing up as Jackie Moon, that basketball player from that Will Ferrell movie."

Ryan Nettle
Finance
First Semester



CARTOON BY KAITLYN TRAN, STAFF ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Universities need to find a balance

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When getting meals from the dining halls, you can either eat outside, use limited seating inside, or takeout to go and eat in your room alone. It was just yesterday when I visited a dining hall and I started a conversation with the woman swiping cards. We talked about our weekends and I got a glimpse into this woman's life, who then waved me goodbye, and said "Have a nice day, Teresa." Now, I know this might seem like a regular conversation, but these days people are too afraid of one another. Masks can make it harder to start conversations and detect emotions. This lady looked at the screen and addressed me by my name, and for a second I thought everything was normal. I thought I was meeting my friends for our hour-long meals in the dining hall, where we became friendly with the cooks and spent our time talking with the people we knew who kept coming in and out.

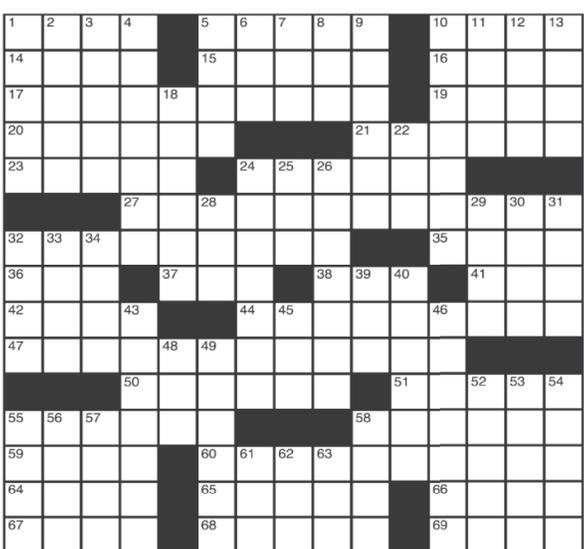
Even the academics themselves have changed. I came into this semester thinking I would have a mixture of online and in-person classes. It is now halfway through the semester and I take my classes sitting in my room on my laptop alone. I can no longer meet new people through class or stay after to ask the professors a question. Everything is done through text or email, and in group projects or labs, nobody turns their cameras on, so I stare at a blank screen. And the one thing I really

miss is getting up and having a schedule. Even the first week of classes when I had to find my way around this big campus is something I could not experience this year. Every day is the same, but the worst part is feeling like I am missing out on something. I am more of a hands-on learner, so not only do I struggle to absorb information through a screen, I feel, as a science major, I should be getting real experience in a lab, not through a computer simulation.

College students are expected to change their modes to online learning, spend hours each day teaching themselves and submit assignments on time, while in the background there is a global pandemic. Not only does this increase anxiety, but it makes people feel more alone in a time when nothing is certain. Mental health issues were already rampant among college students due to stress, but now that suffering will go untreated on a larger scale. Colleges need to take this into consideration this semester and realize that students are trying their hardest during this global pandemic. More classes could be offered in person, professors could assign less work and longer deadlines and more in-person events could be held for both the on-campus and off-campus students so they can meet new people. College is an escape and a student's first glimpse into independence, so campuses all over the country need to find the balance between protection and normalcy, because that normalcy might be the only sense of comfort a student feels during this time.

Crossword

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 1 "___ Come Undone": Wally Lamb novel
 5 They're on the house
 10 Sty fare
 14 Guinness logo
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 16 Info on a blood donor card
 17 Anger at progress?
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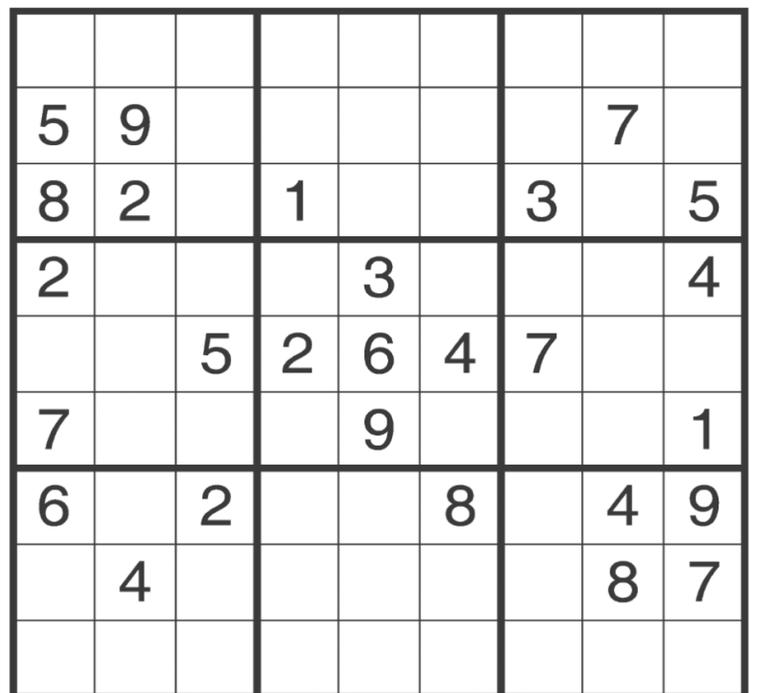
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Premier League Matchday 7 preview

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Another weekend of Premier League soccer is among us. While there are many interesting games that will be played out, I will be picking out the three games neutrals should keep their eye on.

Friday: Wolves vs Crystal Palace

The only game of the day to kick off Matchday 7. Both clubs had a decent start to the season, with three wins, two defeats and a draw. However, the Eagles are a place above Wolves due to goal difference (Palace in eighth with -1 goal difference, Wolves in ninth with -2 goal difference).

For Palace, Wilfred Zaha will continue his hot form following last week's clash against Fulham, where they won 2-1, as he secured a goal in the 63rd minute as well as an assist to Jairo Wiedewald in the eighth minute. As for Wolves, they have proven themselves to be a strong team the past few years. However, in their last game against Newcastle, they took the lead in the 80th minute thanks to Raúl Jiménez, but fumbled their three points nine minutes

later after conceding a goal from Newcastle's Jacob Murphy. They will have home advantage though, and with their 1-1-1 home record, this gives them a chance to add another win in the Molineux.

Saturday: Sheffield United vs Manchester City

I hate to say it, but these two teams have been extremely disappointing this season. I've had high hopes for Sheffield after their incredible performance in their promotion last season finished in ninth, but they now sit in the relegation zone of 19th. As for City ... well, it's City. You kind of expect them to do well with the money they have, and so far, them sitting in 13th isn't reflecting that.

The Blades will host the match after traveling to Anfield and losing 2-1 to current champions Liverpool. There really isn't a whole lot to say as this entire month they haven't been able to secure a win. As for the Citizens, they will travel to Bramall Lane following a 1-1 draw against West Ham. They will be in better form, however, as they secured a 3-0 win in the UEFA Champions League against Marseille on Tuesday, where Kevin De Bruyne assisted two



Leipzig's Justin Kluivert, right, is challenged by Manchester United's Luke Shaw during the Champions League group H soccer match between Manchester United and RB Leipzig at the Old Trafford stadium in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. PHOTO BY DAVE THOMPSON/AP

of the three goals.

Monday: Leeds United vs Leicester City

I'll be one to admit: I have Leeds as the underdogs to make it past the middle of the table when this season's over. For instance, they put up a very strong fight in their 16-year return to the topflight against Liverpool despite losing 4-3 at the death of

the full 90 minutes, but I'm not here to boast about Leeds.

The Whites currently sit in sixth place and will be coming off a 3-0 clean sheet against Aston Villa, where Patrick Bamford scored his hat trick. As for Leicester, they will travel to Elland Road after a rough clash at the Emirates last Sunday, where Jamie Vardy squeezed a

goal in the final 10 minutes of the match to remain in fourth. They do have a clean away record (3-0-0), and with Vardy being the Foxes' top scorer with six goals, the former champions of England shouldn't be underestimated. It should also be noted that Yuri Tielemans has also been a major contributor for the club.

Roundtable: FOOTBALL'S WORST COACH



New York Jets head coach Adam Gase walks the field as his team warms up before an NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in Orchard Park, N.Y. The Broncos play the New York Jets on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. Both teams are off to 0-3 starts for the second consecutive season. PHOTOGRAPH BY ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

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having their chant be "G-A-S-E, Leave, Leave, Leave!"

Oh God Jorge is back Staff Writer

Hey, I wasn't done. Don't even get me started on how Gase handles injuries. Before a Week 4 game this season, offensive tackle and No. 11 overall pick Mekhi Becton was not expected to play. He had hurt his shoulder the previous week, and the Jets had the Thursday night game, so it didn't make any sense for him to play considering he was injured and on short rest. But the Jets had him suit up anyway. They didn't start him, but they had him suit up just in case they needed him. Well, guess what? They needed him, so they put him in the game. Adam Gase just blatantly disregarded the health of his star player, the franchise cornerstone. He just didn't care. Makes me sick.

Last season he also got into multiple public disagreements with players over their injury situations. Before the season,

they traded for veteran offensive guard Kelechi Osemele. He injured his shoulder during a game, and knew he couldn't play. However, Gase and the Jets didn't believe him. So do you know what he did? Per an SI article, He fined Osemele the maximum amount he could as many times as he could for missing practice. Then, when Osemele got surgery, one he informed the Jets he was getting, he was cut. The Jets said the surgery wasn't approved.

Another such instance came with wide receiver Quincy Enunwa, who was fined over \$27,000 for missing treatments. Enunwa posted on Twitter why he missed those treatments, and here it is: "I missed those two days, because I took my VETERAN wife out for Veterans Day lunch and because I had to handle an emergency in my house. I let the team know this after the fact, and yes, I should have told them beforehand, but I feel like this was excessive." Want to know how he found out about the fines? He wasn't told in person. He wasn't called into Gase's office so they could talk about why

he missed the treatments. He wasn't communicated with. He just saw his fine posted on a big announcements TV in the facility. Therein lies maybe the biggest problem with Gase — communication, or lack thereof.

Whatever Jorge, just close it out Staff Writer

Whenever watching him, Gase just looks like he has no sense of how to communicate with his team. He doesn't go over to reassure his young quarterback after a bad play or drive. He doesn't show any fire or will to win the game. He just doesn't do anything. He stands on the sidelines, or in some cases just sits on the bench, all alone, with his head buried in his playbook. I don't know what he could possibly be looking for in there; it's certainly not wins.

I don't think I've even mentioned yet that the Jets are 0-7. That's how bad Gase is. The overall team record is the least of their worries. This Jets team is probably the worst team I have ever witnessed. They're clearly significantly worse than

the 0-16 Browns from a few years ago, and I'd argue they're also worse than the 0-16 Lions. I don't see this team winning a single game this season.

Just look at how some of the players have done after they escaped Adam Gase. Ryan Tannehill is killing it in Tennessee. Robby Anderson has become a bonafide No. 1 WR in Carolina. Kenyan Drake is ... err, never mind. But you get the point. There are more examples too: DeVante Parker, Mike Gesicki and soon, probably, Le'Veon Bell.

That raises the question — how is he still employed? Everyone with an even remote knowledge of the NFL knows Adam Gase should be fired. He has to have the Johnsons under some sort of magic spell where he convinces them he's the man for the job. Maybe that spell is just Peyton Manning. I don't know. It doesn't make sense. The only thing that makes sense is he's a horrific head coach, and until he leaves, the Jets are going nowhere but down.

Wow, that was actually kind of cathartic.

World Series Recap:

DODGERS WIN FIRST FALL CLASSIC IN 32 YEARS

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The Rays had no answer for the likes of Dodger pitchers Alex Wood, Dylan Floro, Pedro Baez, Victor Gonzalez, Brusdar Graterol and Julio Urias, only reaching base twice during their combined seven and two thirds innings pitched. While the storyline may be centered on other things, the Dodgers bullpen put the team on their back for this one.

The World Series MVP was Corey Seager, who also earned NLCS MVP honors earlier in the postseason. This is an uncommon double occurrence, yet it happened the last time the Dodgers won the World Series back in 1988 with Orel Hershiser.

One ridiculous fact about the game was the removal of Justin Turner in the eighth inning, due to a positive COVID-19 test that day. Turner had been in the dugouts, next to players, unmasked, for eight innings. If there had been a Game 7, it almost certainly would have been delayed to retest everyone and to let MLB weigh their options. It turns out that they didn't care too much now that the season is over, since Turner was seen without a mask celebrating after the game with his teammates.



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Throwback Photo of the Day | Goal!



The Huskies won against Old Dominion on November 10, 2019 in the Big East Tournament. Svea Boker (22) scored both goals back-to-back in the 3rd quarter. PHOTO BY NAME/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Round table: THE WORST COACH IN FOOTBALL

Seven weeks into the NFL season and we've already had some crazy storylines. Teams like the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears have surprised fans with their impressive starts, while the entirety of the NFC East looks like they'd be better off in the AFL. And more often than not, barring injuries to star players (Sorry Cowboys fans), a team's struggles can usually be boiled down to the coaching staff. In today's roundtable, the DC Sports Section will be dishing out and potentially ranting about who they believe to be the worst coach in the NFL. Keep it PG, New York fans, and let's dive in:

Jorge Eckardt Staff Writer

I wasn't expecting to lay into Adam Gase today, but here I am. Actually, what am I lying for? I knew this was coming. I've been planning for it all week. Also, prepare for this to be all over the place because I'm just typing everything that goes through my head when I watch the Jets every week. 100-150 word limit? Better add an extra zero. Here. We. Go.

Adam Gase might be the worst head coach I have ever seen. He's undoubtedly the worst head coach to ever coach the Jets in my lifetime, and I'm qualifying that because I just can't speak on any coach from before the turn of the millennium. But you know what, no, Gase is so bad I'm 10000% confident that he is the absolute worst head coach ever in the Jets organization. The head coaches I really remember? Eric Mangini, Rex Ryan and Todd Bowles. Mangini wasn't the absolute worst, Rex was Rex (that's really the only way to put it, iykyk) and Bowles was just bad. I cannot express to you how much I wish 'ole Rex Ryan was back in town, foot fetish and all.

Gase has single-handedly ruined Sam Darnold. When you watch him play, he looks like he's regressed since his rookie season. He only lets Sam throw check-downs and if you compare his mechanics to his rookie season, they've gotten worse. Gase was supposed to

be a quarterback whisperer, an offensive genius. His offense this season is ranked No. 32 out of 32 teams in the NFL. I didn't even check; this is just a known fact.

Jorge Eckardt (again) Staff Writer

This next paragraph is addressed specifically to Peyton Manning. Um, hey, Mr. Manning, huge fan. Um, just one quick question for you, um ... WHY??? WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO US??? WHAT DID WE EVER DO TO YOU??? WAS AN 8-4 CAREER RECORD AGAINST THE JETS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU??? Is it because we beat you 41-0 in the playoffs in 2003. And then 17-16 in 2011? You got us in 2010, though, 30-17, so those two should cancel out. But okay, I'm sorry. I would like to formally apologize to you, on behalf of Jets fans everywhere, for 2003. We didn't mean it. I'm sorry. Now take it back. Why'd you have to sic Adam Gase on us like the old man with his dog in "Stand By Me"? That's cruel and unusual punishment. Why did you have to go and make this man's career, Peyton, why? You've brought us all so much pain. Why? Why? Why?

Alright, back to Gase. He was handed the best running back of the last decade on a silver platter, but he never wanted him in the first place (for whatever convoluted reason). Instead of just sucking it up and using arguably the most

talented ball carrier to ever put on a Jets uniform (I'm saying most talented, Jets fans, not who had the best Jets career; Curtis is still king). Look at the numbers Le'Veon Bell put up in Pittsburgh; he was on a historic pace. He was literally the all-time leader in scrimmage yards per game, with a 50-game minimum. Sure, small sample size relative to other all-time greats, but that's why it was a historic pace. But Gase never wanted him. He never wanted the guy who, at that point in his career, gained more scrimmage yards than anyone in the history of the game. So he threw a hissy fit and never used him properly. It's okay though, let's just use THIRTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Frank Gore. Who cares that we drafted a running back in the fourth round? What's the point in playing him? The 37-year-old is clearly the future of the team, not the 22-year-old. Oh, you don't want to "stunt his growth" by playing him? Makes sense. It's like they say: The best way for a player to develop is to sit on the bench.

Bell wasn't just the only player Gase alienated, though. Remember Jamal Adams? The 2017 No. 6 overall pick, the one who turned into probably the best safety in the entire NFL by his third season? That guy? Yeah, why do you think he wanted to get out of town so badly? Gase. Now don't get me wrong, I think the trade was a huge success for the Jets; Joe Douglas pulled off some serious wizardry, but my God, he was the most talented player to come through this organization in years! Probably since Revis. You know what Adam Gase has to do whenever he sees talent? Alienate the hell out of it! Make them hate playing for the Jets! I mean, under Gase, who wouldn't?

Still Jorge... Staff Writer

Bell wasn't the only player Gase misused either. Let me introduce you all to Chris Herndon. The third-year tight end really hit it off with Sam Darnold back when they were both rookies, catching 39 passes for 502 yards and four touchdowns — very respectable numbers for a rookie. His 2019 was a wash, essentially missing the entire season due to a mix of injuries and a suspension. But he's back this year, and the Darnold to Herndon connection was hopefully going to pick up right where it left off.

Boy, were Jets fans wrong. This season, through seven games, Herndon has 13 receptions for 98 yards. That's it. Yes, he has also played poorly, but the fact is that Gase's game plan is just not set up for tight ends to succeed. Remember Ryan Griffin? He was on the UConn team that beat Notre Dame! Well, after a very solid 2019 in relief of Herndon, the Jets rewarded Griffin with a three-year,

there's reports that anonymous players on the team are saying this guy doesn't know how to do his job. I know it's year one of a long-term contract, but Jerry Jones should fire this guy tomorrow. As a Giants fan, though, I hope he stays in Dallas for a long, long time.

Cole Stefan (The Gase slander continues from someone new)



New York Jets head coach Adam Gase looks at copies of plays during the first half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Fla. PHOTO BY LYNN SLADKY/AP

about \$11 million contract. He has eight targets this season. EIGHT. He's only been on the field 39% of offensive snaps! Darnold showed in his first two years he liked throwing to tight ends, so naturally, Gase wipes them from the playbook.

Ben Berg (finally someone else) Staff Writer

It's hard to pick anyone but Adam Gase, but given that our resident Jets fan Jorge has already brutalized him, I'll take the next worst thing: Mike McCarthy. Didn't the Cowboys just fire their head coach because going 8-8 was drastically "underachieving" for a team with so much talent? Now they're 2-6. I know they're missing Dak Prescott but so far this year they're 1-3 with him and 1-3 without him. McCarthy has turned Zeke Elliott into a practice squad level guy and their defense couldn't stop me from throwing a beach ball from end zone to end zone. Now

Campus Correspondent

There are several options for this painful, to say the least, award. Options range from Mike McCarthy of the Dallas Cowboys to Matt Patricia of the Detroit Lions. The true winner here has to be the man in charge of the Jets, Adam Gase. In addition to having the worst record in the entire NFL, Gase has overseen disappointing losses from losing to the Bengals to getting shut out by former Jet Ryan Fitzpatrick. As is the case with most bad coaches, his awful coaching has been called out by players on the Jets. The situation has gotten so bad that Gase could not even trade Le'Veon Bell away, so he cut him and now owes him \$15 million in dead cap. People have wanted out of the Jets, whether it is Jamal Adams hightailing to Seattle or Trevor Lawrence outright refusing to play for the Jets. The Jets are a few losses and bad choices away from

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Dallas Cowboys head coach Mike McCarthy before the start of an NFL football game against Washington Football Team, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, in Landover, Md. PHOTO BY PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Western Collegiate Hockey Association releases schedule

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In a sea of conferences releasing preliminary plans for the 2020-21 college hockey season, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association has put out official schedules for all teams in the conference.

The plans for the conference have every team playing a single series against the nine other schools in the WCHA, with all but three of these meetings being played between January and February. Beginning on Nov. 20, WCHA teams will play in 38 non-league games leading up to the main start in January. As a result of COVID-19 restrictions, many of these games will be between WCHA opponents but not played for points that count toward league standings. This is especially true for the University of Alaska, Anchorage and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks which will be playing each other seven times over the course of the season to reduce out of state travel. Official league play will have all



The men's ice hockey team from the University of Michigan plays a game in the Yost Arena in 2005.
PHOTO BY JEFF WILCOX/FLICKR

teams play four games at home, four away and a single home and away series.

While every WCHA team will face at least one other league opponent in non-league competition, Alabama Huntsville and Bowling Green are the only WCHA teams scheduled

to face teams from outside the league. The Chargers will visit Robert Morris Nov. 20 to 21, the opening weekend of the regular season, while Bowling Green will travel to Robert Morris on Nov. 24 before a home-and-home series with Mercyhurst on Nov. 27 and 29.

BGSU will visit Quinnipiac Dec. 18 and 19 and host Robert Morris on Dec. 29 for the last WCHA non-league game. Bowling Green is also set to play a road game against the U.S. National Team Development Program on Nov. 7.

The season officially begins

on Dec. 2 with a game between Northern Michigan University and Lake Superior State. Two more games played between Minnesota State and Alaska Anchorage in Anchorage on Dec. 18-19 will be the only other WCHA conference games played before the New Year.

The regular season will end for teams between Feb. 24 and 27 with each school playing their league-designated travel partner at home and away. These games will be: Alabama Huntsville vs. Bowling Green, Alaska vs. Alaska Anchorage, Bemidji State vs. Minnesota State, Ferris State vs. Lake Superior State and Michigan Tech vs. Northern Michigan.

The WCHA has designated March 5 and 6 as a bye weekend for all ten league members and is expected to be used to make up games that had been postponed earlier in the season.

The format for the WCHA Tournament has not been finalized as of yet, but the tournament is expected to be played during the weekends of March 12 and 13 and March 19 and 20.

UConn's return to the Big East

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"I think it was only right that UConn's in the Big East, it should be," Steele said. "You think of all the great players, coaches ... all the big-time shots at Madison Square Garden during the Big East Tournament. UConn's had huge moments and is a huge part of the Big East and the history of the Big East. To get them back is awesome. We're excited. It's only gonna make the best league in the country even that much better."

The excitement doesn't stop with the coaches either. Both James Bouknight and Isaiah Whaley, two of UConn's expected top performers this season, said that playing in the Big East means a lot to them.

"Being from New York, playing in the Big East has always been a dream of mine," Bouknight said. "Just being able to play at home in front of my family ... Just playing in the Northeast has always been a dream of mine."

"For me, being someone who studies the history of basketball and college basketball, knowing the rivalries between the Big East schools, it's super exciting," Whaley said. "Especially being a part of it is gonna be really exciting for us. So just knowing the history makes it a lot more exciting."

Bouknight added that the move to the Big East factored into his decision to return to UConn for his sophomore year.

Other players around the conference expressed their excitement to play UConn, including the preseason pick for Big East Player of the Year, Marcus Zegarowski from Creighton. He grew up in Hamilton, Massachusetts, and became very familiar with UConn when his brother Michael Carter-Williams played at Syracuse, the Huskies' old Big East rival.

"I think it's a great addition," Zegarowski said. "UConn is a great program. They were in the Big East. I grew up watching them. I grew up watching Kemba [Walker] ... It's awesome. They're a great program, they got a lot of great players and I'm excited for the battles."

For some players like Xavier senior captain Jason Carter, it's

the memory of playing UConn in the past that generates excitement.

"I know for me personally, seeing the fanbases and how into the game they were, especially it being a neutral site, the fanbases showed up [in Charleston] and made that game so much more intense," Carter said. "I know I'm excited to play them twice a year now. I think they're a great add for the conference, and I think it's gonna be a great rivalry going forward. I know I can't wait for those games."

For others like St. John's sophomore Julian Champagne, it's more of the sense of familiarity with both individual players and the program as a whole that makes him eager to play against UConn.

"It's cool stuff," Champagne said. "Growing up, I watched UConn a lot. I know a couple of players on UConn and some of the coaches. So having them back in the conference is gonna be fun. It just adds another team to the list that we can't wait to play."

Champagne said he knows Bouknight, Richie Springs and Tyrese Martin either from high school or through mutual friends. Hurlley said this regional familiarity with players is exactly what makes recruiting and engagement better in the Big East.

Hurlley knows the Big East extremely well, growing up in New Jersey, playing at Seton Hall and spending the entirety of his coaching career in the Northeast. He said the best part of playing in the Big East is that every game is high-profile.

"Everyone's watching Big East basketball," Hurlley said. "This is national-stage games. This is absolutely no nights off home or away. You could lose any game because top to bottom, there's just no nights off in a conference like this."

It seems that everyone's on board with UConn returning to the conference where they had so much success for over two decades. The Huskies will officially make their "re-debut" in the Big East when they host St. John's on Dec. 11. There was a lot of talk about UConn at media day, but perhaps nobody summed it up better than Bouknight.

"UConn belongs in the Big East. Everyone knows that."

Big East operations during COVID-19

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Conference play was moved up and will start on Dec. 11, with every team playing four to five games before the holidays.

"Our hope again is to get in that full slate of 20 conference games, and if the virus doesn't allow for that, so be it, but that is our hope as we go into conference play," Ackerman said.

Perhaps the biggest change to the schedule was the Big East and the Big Ten mutually deciding to cancel the 2002 Gavitt Games. The intention is for this to be a one-year change and to continue the Gavitt Games next season. The Big East's non-conference challenge with the Big 12 will still occur.

"We intend to persevere in the coming weeks and months, and are going to do our level best to stage a season where disruptions are kept to a minimum and a robust number of Big East schools are in a position to compete for the NCAA National Championship next spring," Ackerman said.

The decision on whether or not to have fans in attendance, and how many, will be left up to the individual schools in compliance with their state regulations, Ackerman said. The conference will have protocols to control how far away the fans would be from the court as well as various other issues for the schools that do allow fans in attendance.

Creighton head coach Greg McDermott echoed the sentiments shared by many coaches when discussing the possibility of fans, stressing safety as the most important factor. He also noted how the rise of cases in their state of Nebraska could impact the number of fans allowed at their games.

"Two weeks ago it probably looked good for us to have the opportunity to have a fair amount of fans in the stands.

Obviously, the cases in Nebraska have escalated, and now those conversations change to 'what is safe?'" McDermott said. "If we're gonna have fans in the building, we're going to do everything we can to ensure the safety of the players and coaches from both teams, and also for the fans."

One big topic of speculation has been the potential of playing the season in a bubble, but Ackerman said the current plan is to travel for games. She said the conference has been advised by their doctors that the travel model can work safely.

However, if they needed to, they are prepared to shift to other options, including a single venue format or a regionally focused format, Ackerman said.

"Models are on the table, and we're going to do our best to pick the one that most suits our needs and provides the safest environment for our athletes at whatever time we have to make that decision," Ackerman said.

Some coaches, like Wojciechowski, see the bubble as the best long-term solution.

"I do feel like a bubble could work, and it may end up being our best option," Wojciechowski said. "With the NCAA guidelines as they are right now, to think that we're the only university that's gonna have a COVID positive test is just not realistic, especially with where our country is trending as it relates to COVID. So we may find that although we're going to start the season in a travel model, the best bet to have a season that best resembles what we're all used to, in a lot of ways, is a bubble."

Villanova head coach Jay Wright agrees, but he doesn't know logistically if it is a real possibility.

"There's no doubt the bubble is the answer, there's no doubt," Wright said. "If you want to ensure that you're going to get all

your games in, the bubble is the answer. All the medical experts will agree to that. The challenge for us and college athletics, specifically college basketball, is our players are students, they're not employees. To force someone to go into a bubble is shaky, and number two, if you do it for the men you have to do it for the women, which doubles the cost for everybody ... I don't think the schools have the finances to do that."

Hurlley has some concerns, as he is worried about the idea of a long-term bubble for the student-athletes. He said he prefers that bubbles, if they were to occur, be smaller, short-term solutions.

"Do a little mini bubble with rapid testing every couple weeks, maybe every two weeks, where you bring maybe four teams in and you try to knock out three games in five days, go back to campus for 10 days, and then go back into the bubble for maybe a shorter period of time and try to knock three or four games," Hurlley said. "Going in for a month, to play a bunch of games, to me, could become a very unhealthy environment."

Ultimately, though, Ackerman and many of the coaches stressed that the onus is on student-athletes to be accountable for themselves. If this is to work, it will hinge on how well they can follow the rules.

"A lot of the success of this will be on them and their ability to follow the guidelines, to mask, to be physically distant from others, to manage their social lives, which is heart-breaking that they might have to do that, but really paying attention to the rules and taking it upon themselves to do what they need to do in order to make this a successful endeavor for all of us," Ackerman said. "So that particular issue, student-athlete accountability, I think will loom large in the success or not of all of our endeavors."



Big East Conference Commissioner Val Ackerman speaks to reporters after the remaining NCAA college basketball games in the men's Big East Conference tournament were cancelled due to concerns about the coronavirus, Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Madison Square Garden in New York.
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Sports

MBB: The Big East community reacts to UConn's return at media day



The UConn men's basketball team lost against Tulsa on Sunday after forcing an overtime but losing by 4 point difference with a final score of 75-79. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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UConn is back in the Big East conference, where it was an original member from 1979-2013. We've known this for a while now, but on Wednesday, the Big East basketball community got together (virtually) for the first time with UConn included for media day with the men's basketball programs.

UConn was a topic of conversation around the conference, with mostly everyone welcoming the Huskies back with open arms.

"We could not be happier to have the Huskies back at home," Big East commissioner Val Ackerman said to open the day. "For the first time since

our realignment seven years ago, we have a new school, but it really is an old school ... The transition of UConn back into the Big East — coronavirus notwithstanding — has gone very smoothly, and we're certain that Husky basketball, men and women, will help allow us to maintain our high perch in the college basketball world for many years to come."

During his availability, head coach Dan Hurley talked about what it means for the conference to have UConn back.

"UConn is gonna add one of the most passionate fanbases in the country," Hurley said. "You're adding a recent tradition in the last 20 years, which is top five in the country in terms of National Championships and producing lottery

picks and first round picks [in the NBA Draft]. I see UConn doing nothing but enhancing the league."

Many of the coaches around the conference agree with that sentiment, including the Big East's longest tenured and most respected head coach, Jay Wright of Villanova.

"The beauty of the Big East is the authenticity of the Big East that every school is a basketball school," Wright said. "We are basketball schools, it's the biggest thing that's happening on campus. So to add UConn to that, which is a great basketball school ... it just multiplies the value of the Big East."

DePaul's head coach Dave Leitao, who spent two separate tenures as an assistant coach at UConn under Jim Calhoun,

also praised UConn's return, as well as Hurley's rebuild of the program.

"Them entering back into the Big East is monumental because of the success that they've had as a major force in this league," Leitao said. "The things that UConn has stood for, [Hurley] has quickly returned to, as well as having a really good team ... I'm looking forward to seeing some old faces and just enjoying the experience, because I know the positivity of UConn in the Big East has been such a wonderful thing nationally for college basketball."

In addition, head coach Ed Cooley from Providence, UConn's most local opponent in the conference, is looking forward to renewing the regional rivalry.

"Excited to have Connecticut back as it's a regional game for us," Cooley said. "They're an original Big East member. It's a natural fit. It's gonna be exciting to compete, to go to Gampel and/or Hartford. The fanbase on both sides will be excited to play one another ... It'll be a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to competing against a very, very good basketball team."

Head coach Travis Steele from Xavier, who beat UConn last year in a double overtime thriller in the Charleston Classic, said he told Hurley after the game that it was a preview of the Big East. He said it just feels right now that UConn is officially back.

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World Series Recap:

DODGERS WIN FIRST FALL CLASSIC IN 32 YEARS

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Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw celebrates with the trophy after defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 to win the baseball World Series in Game 6 Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, in Arlington, Texas. PHOTO BY ERIC GAY/AP

In a COVID-19 year of despair, anguish and uncertainty, there is one thing we know to be true. The Los Angeles Dodgers are your 2020 World Series champions, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in six games. For a while, it looked as though the Rays were sticking around in the series, but the Fall Classic favorites pulled away in the end. This victory is even more meaningful for those on the team since 2017, who lost a heart-breaking seven-game series to the trash-can-banging Houston Astros.

In this must-win game for Tampa, they struck first, taking a 1-0 lead off of a solo home run by none other than Randy Arozarena, his record-extending 10th dinger this postseason. After this home run, things got quiet on the offensive end for five innings, as Tampa's Blake Snell, as well as five LA pitchers combined to give up no earned runs over that span.

Speaking of Blake Snell, this guy was absolutely dealing in the biggest game of his career. He had nine strikeouts and gave up no runs on just one hit headed into the sixth. After getting the first out, he allowed a single to Austin Barnes, which prompted manager Kevin Cash to pull him from the game. Knowing he was pitching well and only at an astoundingly efficient 73 pitches, Snell was visibly irate with his coach for not keeping him in. With only one runner on, they were one ground ball away from the end of the inning.

Cash's decision proved to be a big mistake, as reliever Nick Anderson gave up a double down the line to Mookie Betts, putting runners on second and third. A wild pitch in the dirt scored Barnes from third and moved Betts over, still with one out. Betts, one of the best baserunners in the game, easily scored on a ground ball to first. Anderson got taken out at bat later, but the damage had already been done. A Betts homer later in the game cemented the win, 3-1.

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How the Big East will operate during COVID-19

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Without a doubt, the biggest topic of conversation during Big East Media Day was the COVID-19 pandemic and how the conference will operate.

Val Ackerman, the commissioner of the Big East, discussed the current plan for the season.

Ackerman said they have an intraconference COVID-19 task force, composed of several team physicians and national experts in infectious diseases, that has been regularly advising them while they make protocols for the upcoming season.

"The health and safety of all of our participants is paramount," Ackerman said.

This sentiment was shared by coaches all around the Big East, including Xavier head coach Travis Steele.

"Our doctors here in the Big East, our administration, is doing everything we can to make sure that our student-athletes are safe and healthy," Steele said. "That's always going to be priority one. Number two, if you ask our guys, they want to play, they want to compete, and we're trying to give them that platform in order to do that. And I think our league's done a really good job."

Per NCAA guidelines, the Big East will be doing testing three times a week of tier one individuals — the student-athletes and

essential basketball personnel. It was up to the schools to make the testing arrangements, which Ackerman said they have, but the conference has an arrangement in place to assist them.

One of the biggest challenges is the 14-day quarantine for teams with players who have tested positive for COVID-19 or come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

In fact, Marquette is in the midst of one right now. For some coaches, like Marquette's Steve Wojciechowski, the 14-day quarantine poses some problems.

"The one positive test and 14-day quarantine is a challenge, there's no question about that," Wojciechowski said. "There's going to be outbreaks across the country, there's gonna be outbreaks across our league, and the 14-day quarantine creates a lot of problems, not only for the school that is going through it, but also when we're in season, the schools that are supposed to play that school."

If more outbreaks occur, it could impact how the Big East has a season.

"Obviously, as a coach, your number one priority always is the health and safety of the young men you coach," Wojciechowski said. "We don't ever want to put our kids in a position where we're putting them in harm's way. But there's also a side of it that our kids, and



The Huskies lost 87-96 against the Saint Joseph's Hawks. The team opened the game with a score of 0-14, but was able to close the point difference to at most 3 points in the second half. Their next home game is on Nov. 17 against University of Florida. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

I would assume every kid that's wearing a Big East member institution uniform, wants to have a season. We need to make sure that happens, and I believe we will."

Some coaches, like Seton Hall's Kevin Willard, are more strongly opposed to the 14-day quarantine, and said if it remains, it will be almost impossible to have a season.

"[Wojciechowski] just did it, he had one kid test, so now he's going to quarantine for 14 days," Willard said. "You're gonna need four days to get your team back, and then you're still going to be testing — what happens now when someone else gets tested positive? Now you're down for another 14 days. It just doesn't make sense to me why, if we're going to test so much, why we're not using the tests to keep

moving forward."

Willard said Seton Hall is testing every two days, so if someone tests positive, they can isolate that person and know everyone he came in contact with. Then, they can do more testing and see if it spread.

UConn's Dan Hurley also said he would like to see "testing out" be introduced, wherein if a program has to be put on hold because of a positive test, people can "test out" of isolation with negative tests. However, Hurley also stressed that he is not a medical expert, and, ultimately, they need to listen to the science.

Ackerman said the conference has built-in time for make-up games, but the plan is to still finish the season by early March.

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