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## Spring parking permits to be available for purchase in January



Parking permits for the spring will be available for purchase on Jan. 4. Lots C, K and the main section of W will be closed during the snow season. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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University of Connecticut parking permits for the spring 2020 semester will be available for purchase beginning Jan. 4, according to Martha Funderburk, UConn parking manager.

Students will be able to purchase parking passes for all lots, both commuter and residential.

"The same lots will be available for the spring semester that were available for the fall semester," Funderburk said in an email. "The lots that have been closed for winter snow removal (Lots C, K and the main section of W) will continue to be closed through the snow season."

This comes after a parking services announcement in October that stated multiple shuttle routes would be stopped due to a significant

decrease in ridership.

"In fact, ridership on our shuttles is down 82% from last year, with the HuskyGo system averaging just three passengers per quarter-hour on its buses," the announcement from the parking services website stated.

The green line was one of the shuttle routes temporarily shut down after this decision, were permitted Lot C permit holders to temporarily park in the eastern portion of Lot F, which had access to the Silver Line shuttle route.

According to Dwight Atherton, the associate director of parking and transportation services, Lot C permit holders will be able to continue to park in Lot F for the spring semester as well, since it is expected that Lot C will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year.

"We also expect that reduced shuttle bus service levels will

continue until our ridership increases," Atherton said in an email.

Atherton said that parking and transportation services will continue to monitor public health data as well as changing demands in parking and service routes.

"Parking and Transportation Services monitors performance data and remains responsive to changing demands and public health considerations," Atherton said. "We strive to minimize the frequency of required service changes and their impacts on established service routes."

As of right now, there are no other foreseeable changes to parking permits for the spring semester, according to Funderburk.

Funderburk added that more information will be available regarding spring parking permits in December on the parking services website.

## Students on campus over winter recess will have fewer job opportunities

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Students who remain on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs for the winter recess may have a difficult time seeking employment. Work opportunities from the university as well as nearby businesses will decrease during winter with the loss of most of the student population.

The majority of on-campus learning and housing will be paused in anticipation of a dangerous flu season. Fall semester classes will continue in an online format after Thanksgiving break. The last two weeks of class after Thanksgiving will be conducted remotely, including finals.

According to a ResLife email, students staying on campus during the winter recess must be enrolled in an in-person winter intersession course, have an academic internship, be affiliated with a university team requiring accommodations during winter or be unable to return home.

Most UConn student employment opportunities other than work-studies will be delayed until the spring semester. The fall work-study program ends

on Dec. 17 and the spring portion for students with full-year awards starts on Dec. 18, while the spring-only work-study program starts on Jan. 15.

According to an email from the Dean of Students office, policies on winter jobs are unique to each UConn department. The DOS does not anticipate hiring until after winter break, but plans on allowing the students already working for the office the option to keep their jobs over winter.

Many Storrs and Mansfield businesses, especially nationwide chains, are confirmed to be hiring both through the winter and seasonal hires.

Chains near the Storrs campus like Subway and Insomnia Cookies will be hiring through winter recess, although the number of hires may be less than a normal holiday season. Applications can be found on snagajob.com and indeed.com.

Jordan Barr, an Insomnia Cookies manager, gave his prediction for winter hiring in downtown Storrs, an area popular for shopping and services just off campus.

"Honestly, we might just hire one more person during winter," Barr said. "With all the people moving away, times will be tough."



A wintry mix hit UConn move in weekend on 01/21/2019 causing an inconvenience to student life. When paired with the temperatures, students received a frigid welcome home. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Get your 'Egg-cellent' UConn eggs: The Dairy Bar sells fresh

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While the University of Connecticut's Dairy Bar may be just starting to sell fresh eggs again, UConn poultry from the animal science department have been providing eggs for over thirty years, Dr. Steven Zinn, animal science department head, said.

Sarah Brady, Dairy Bar location supervisor, said the Dairy Bar temporarily stopped selling eggs in March due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Due to their new online services, they were recently able to start including more of their usual menu.

"Because of the COVID-19 shut down, we were closed until

June, and only reopened partially with an online ordering system and a reduced staff, so we reduced our menu offerings," Brady said. "With the cooler weather approaching, we are able to expand our online offerings to include more take-home grocery items."

UConn Dining Services announced in a Daily Digest on Thursday, Nov. 5 that the Dairy Bar is offering three sizes of eggs from UConn poultry. The Dairy Bar is selling small eggs, also called peewee/pullets, for \$4.50 per 30 eggs. Medium eggs are being sold for either \$3.50 for a dozen or \$7.50 for 30 eggs. Extra-large eggs are being sold by the dozen for \$4. Eggs can only be purchased via an online pre-order.

Brady said customers have been happy to order UConn eggs again.

"We have a loyal egg customer base who have been thrilled to be able to purchase eggs again," Brady said.

Zinn said the animal science department has been raising chickens at the poultry barn on Horsebarn Hill for more than 50 years. Although he did not know the exact year the Dairy Bar started to sell UConn eggs, they started selling eggs before he became department head in 1990.

The 600 chickens in the poultry unit lay about one egg a day, Zinn said. Every day, all the eggs are gathered and prepared to be sold. Although the eggs are not branded in any specific UConn logo,

they are the only eggs available for purchase at the Dairy Bar.

"The eggs are collected once per day, washed, sized and packaged and stored in our big egg cooler," Zinn said. "Eggs are sold within one to two days of being laid."

Brady said egg sales can range depending on the time of year and the size of eggs the poultry farm has available.

"It varies from twelve dozen to several cases a week during normal business operations," she said.

Customers like the freshness and range of eggs that the UConn poultry provide, Brady said.

"[Customers] like the freshness and that they can support the university with their purchase," Brady said. "We also sell peewee

eggs, which are not easy to find."

Zinn said it's up to the consumers to decide if the eggs taste different compared to store bought eggs.

"I believe that the fresher the egg, the better it tastes," he said.

Having fresh UConn eggs sold on campus allows the UConn community to taste first-hand the hard work affiliated with the animal science department, Zinn said.

"It's a great market for our farm products and another way that the community can be connected to the University," Zinn said. "In addition, for those that walk by the poultry farm on Horsebarn Hill, they may get satisfaction from knowing exactly where their eggs come from."

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## News

# While Trump campaign continues ballot validity battle, Biden transition team lays groundwork for upcoming administration

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After the declaration of Joseph R. Biden Jr. as the 46th President of the United States on Saturday, the Trump campaign still has yet to concede as they file lawsuits in multiple battleground states.

President Trump is currently working on new lawsuits to sue multiple states over various elements of the voting process and is asking for recounts.

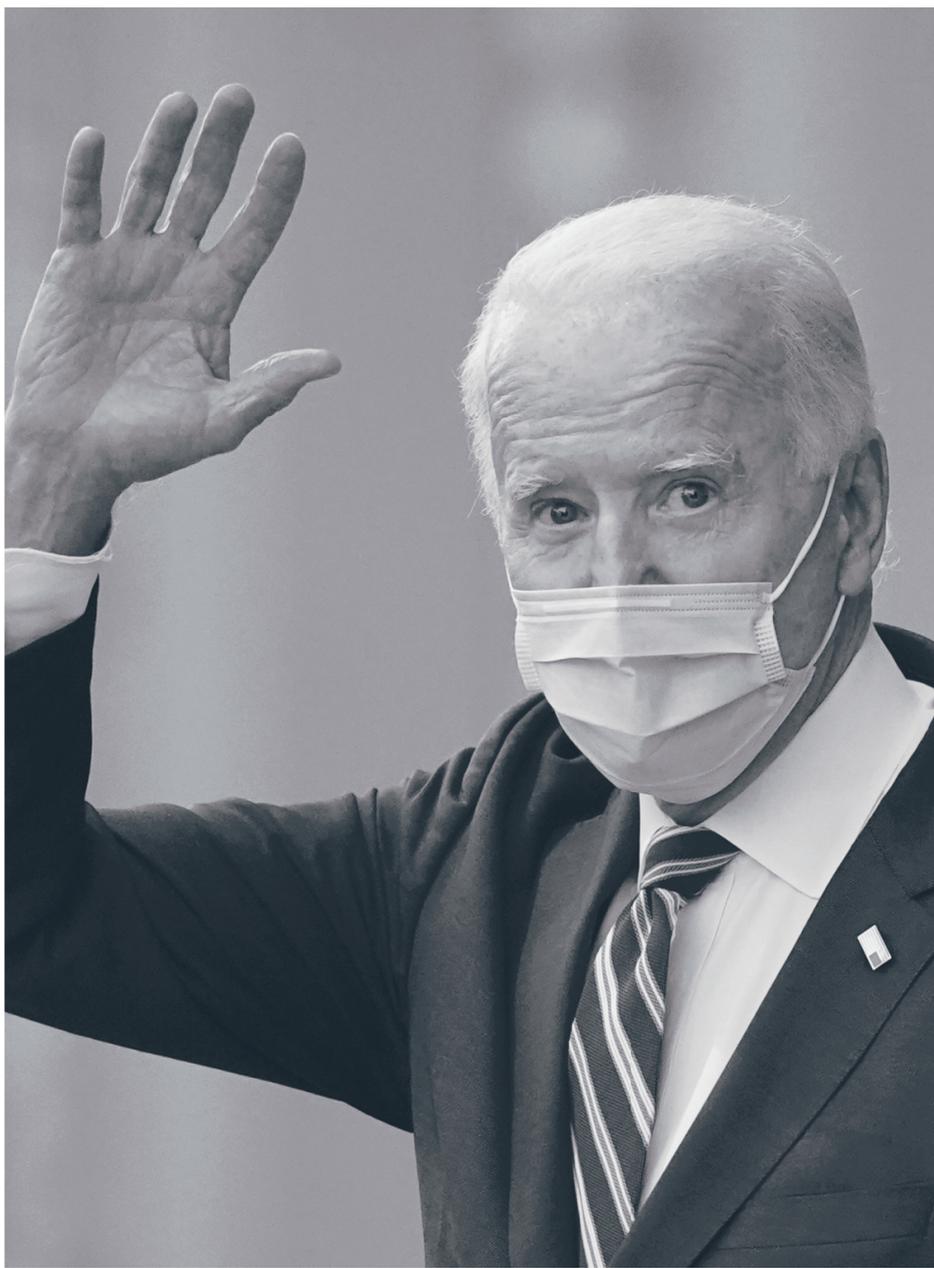
Election officials in multiple states have yet to prove any mishandling or fraud that would have played a role in the election, costing the Trump campaign a victory.

After Biden became the apparent winner in Pennsylvania last Saturday, President Trump filed a catchall lawsuit asking the U.S. District Court in Pennsylvania to prohibit certifying 680,000 mail-in ballots cast in the state.

President Trump also asked for a recount in Georgia. However, Chatham County Judge James Bass already dismissed the lawsuit during a hearing, citing a lack of evidence that the ballots referenced during the hearing were received after the deadline in place.

The president seemed to disregard the fact Biden already won the 270 electoral votes needed to secure the presidency, as he tweeted “We will win” early this Tuesday.

The head of the General Services Administration, Chief Emily Murphy, has also yet to recognize the incoming Biden team. She has not signed the letter of ascertainment, a document which gives an incoming president resources such as funding, government officials and classified documents need-



President-elect Joe Biden waves as he leaves The Queen theater, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, in Wilmington, Del. PHOTO BY CAROLYN KASTE/AP

ed to start a transition into the White House.

In a statement from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to NBC News, national intelligence will not communicate with the Biden transition team until GSA decides the clear winner of the election.

“ODNI follows the statutory direction provided in the Presidential Transition Act, which requires ascertainment of the candidate by the administrator of GSA prior to supporting a potential presidential transition,” the statement said. “ODNI would not have contact with any transition team until notified by the GSA Administrator.”

Biden already commented on Trump and his campaign’s behavior as “an embarrassment” and said it “does not in any way change the dynamic of what we’re able to do.”

Regardless, the Biden transition team also seemed to disregard the push and pull of the validity of the election results, as Biden already announced plans for fully restoring The DREAM Act, rescinding Trump’s travel and immigration restrictions as well as imposing a national mask mandate.

Biden and his team also unveiled on a press conference Monday morning a group of public health experts to make up a COVID-19 advisory board, where Biden also left a determined comment on his upcoming plans despite the Trump campaign’s hesitation toward a smooth transition.

“We’re going to be moving along in a consistent manner, putting together our administration within the White House and reviewing who we’re going to pick for the Cabinet positions,” said Biden. “And nothing’s going to stop that.”

## 350 students, 20 teachers in Connecticut town quarantined

NEW CANAAN, Conn. (AP) — More than 350 students and 20 teachers in a wealthy Connecticut suburb are in quarantine after a new round of coronavirus testing turned up 15 infections, according to the local school district.

New Canaan schools on Tuesday reported 13 students and two teachers tested positive, days after all 540 COVID-19 tests of students came back negative, the Stamford Advocate reported. There were also 26 new positive tests last weekend, First Selectman Kevin Moynihan said.

“We continue to see cases spread from gatherings, din-

ner parties, out-of-town caregivers, house cleaners, and not unexpectedly, within families,” Moynihan said. “This rapid case increase over the weekend illustrates how fast community transmission spreads and accelerates.”

The most recent testing resulted in quarantines for 213 students at New Canaan High School, 70 at Saxe Middle School and 70 at three elementary schools. People in quarantine are told they must stay home for 14 days.

The new test results come as virus-related infections, hospitalizations and deaths in Connecticut are increasing.

## Election shows Fairfield County keeps trending Democratic

(AP) This year’s presidential election bolstered Fairfield County’s swing towards Democrats, while rural and working-class portions of eastern Connecticut remained Republican country.

Just three of the 23 cities and towns that comprise the wealthy coastal communities near the New York border — a region that was known for being reliably Republican for decades — voted for President Donald Trump this year. That’s down from six in 2016, when Trump faced Democrat Hillary Clinton. And in some communities that backed Clinton four years ago, Biden received a greater percentage of support this year.

Meanwhile, many eastern Connecticut communities, some of which had supported Democratic President Barack Obama before backing Trump in 2016, held firm this year and voted for the president again by roughly the same percentage.

While Democrats benefitted from evolving demographics and voter registration in Fairfield County, they also got some help from Trump himself.

“Let’s face it. Donald Trump played hard. He said the suburbs could be overrun by violence and project housing,” said Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont, who divides his time between Hartford and his home in Greenwich, in an interview with The Associ-

ated Press on Friday. “I think the suburbs across the country said, ‘That’s not what I see.’”

Lamont said Republicans in Connecticut would have performed better in this year’s election if they had “distanced themselves from Trump.” Biden easily won the state’s seven electoral votes, and the GOP failed to defeat any of the five incumbent Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Their overall numbers in both chambers of the Democratic-controlled General Assembly also shrank. Democrats, for example, won legislative seats in the Naugatuck Valley, in south-central Connecticut, which has been supportive of Trump.

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# Residents urged to stay home at night as COVID-19 cases grow



In this June 17, 2020, file photo, Liz Cahn, center, and her daughter Cara eat lunch at Meli-Melo Creperie, Juice Bar & Cafe, in Greenwich, Conn. The Department of Public Health issued a statewide advisory, urging Connecticut residents to limit any non-essential trips between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The advisory issued Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, includes exceptions for essential workers. It comes as the state begins rolling back portions of the third phase of reopening. PHOTO BY MARK LENNIHAN/AP

(AP) Connecticut residents were being urged Thursday to limit any nonessential trips between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus, a move that comes as the state starts rolling back portions of the third phase of reopening.

The Department of Public Health issued the statewide advisory, which takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday. It applies to all residents except essential workers who need to leave home to get to their jobs during that time period and people who need to leave home for an emergency to seek medical care, purchase medical supplies, food or groceries.

Also at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, the state begins Phase 2.1, which limits restaurant capacity to 50% instead of 75%, with no more than eight people at a table; recommends indoor gatherings, including Thanksgiving meals, to be limited to 10 people; and limits religious venues to a maximum of 100 people, or 50% capacity,

among other measures.

Gov. Ned Lamont had originally said restaurants and certain attractions such as movie theaters would have to close by 9:30 p.m., with an exception for takeout and delivery of meals. But he said Thursday that restaurants will be allowed to stay open until 10 p.m.

The Democrat said he understands that people will be frustrated by the changes, including the limits on private gatherings as the holiday season begins.

“Look, it’s a tough pill to swallow. I get it. We’ve talked about that before,” he said. “But do it now. Do it this Thanksgiving. Put up with this a little bit longer. We’re going to be much better off for the long term.”

As of Thursday, 68 cities and towns in Connecticut were in the red zone alert level, the highest of the state’s four alert levels.

In other coronavirus news in Connecticut:

**YOUTH SPORTS RESTRICTIONS**

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Lamont also announced new restrictions on scholastic and youth sports in Connecticut.

The governor said the state will not allow athletic tournaments involving teams from outside Connecticut and is asking Connecticut teams not to travel to other states through the end of 2020.

He said that prohibition will not apply to colleges or professional sports.

He’s also prohibiting the playing of high-risk sports as defined by the National Federation of High School Sports through the end of the year. Those include 11-on-11 football, boy’s lacrosse, wrestling, competitive cheer, dance, boxing, rugby and martial arts.

Medium-risk sports, such as basketball and hockey, will be allowed to continue as long as the athletes wear masks during competition.

“We’re doing everything we

can to keep you safe, because we’re not out of the woods yet,” he said.

Lamont said the new restrictions mean an end to the independent leagues that have popped up to replace high school football, which was cancelled earlier in the fall.

Ben Zhao, a senior captain who played linebacker for Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, said he was happy to get to play at least four games with that town’s independent team.

“Loved playing with my brothers and the last 4 years was just unbelievable,” he wrote in a text message to The Associated Press. “Greatest experience of my life and I hope the governor understands what he is taking away, not just a sport but a family.”

**RAPID TESTING PROGRAM**

Health and education officials have launched a pilot program in Middletown that will use new rapid tests in an attempt to identify and contain any coronavirus

outbreaks in schools.

Under the program that was announced Thursday, students, teachers or other staff showing COVID-19 symptoms can get a test that promises to identify an infection within 15 minutes.

Lamont said the idea is to contain any outbreak quickly and prevent schools from having to unnecessarily close classrooms or buildings.

“If you have to just do the PCR test and it takes two days to get the results, that could really mean a big quarantine for a period of time,” he said.

School officials promised that no student would be tested without the consent of a parent or guardian. They said any parent coming to pick up an ill student would also be given the option of taking a rapid test.

Education officials said the pilot will give them an idea of best practices and any glitches before rolling out a similar program across the state.

## Hospitals in New Haven, Hartford restrict visitors

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hospitals in New Haven and Hartford have become the latest in Connecticut to ban routine visits as coronavirus cases rise.

Yale New Haven Hospital announced Tuesday that visits will be limited to maternity patients, child patients, those at the end of life and other rare circumstances. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford implemented similar visitor restrictions on Monday.

Hospitals in Norwalk, Danbury, New Milford and Sharon also recently limited visitor access due to virus spikes in the region.

New data released by the state showed nearly 550 people were hospitalized Tuesday, 52 more than the day before. And nine more people died, pushing total virus-related deaths to more than 4,700 since the pandemic began.

In other coronavirus-related news:

**BUS DRIVER CLUSTER**

The school bus company First Student is expected to submit a corrective plan to the state Department of Public Health on Tuesday after a group of bus drivers in New Haven contracted the coronavirus.

New Haven officials said 27 positive tests were traced to an October birthday party attended by First Student drivers.

The company plans to set up a drive-thru site on Thursday to test its employees, said Michael

Pinto, the chief operating officer for the city’s public schools, who blamed “poor judgment” of employees for the outbreak.

First Student said in a statement Tuesday it is implementing new cleanliness standards and regular randomized COVID-19 testing, in addition to protocols already in place. The company also said infected employees are being quarantined, and it is reinforcing with employees that they need to take precautions such as social distancing both at and outside the workplace.

New Haven has had no in-person learning this year, but First Student has transported parochial, private and charter school students.

*“New Haven has had no in-person learning this year.”*

**DORMS QUARANTINED**

The University of Connecticut is placing five dormitories that house more than 500 students under quarantine after 11 students who live there tested positive for the coronavirus.

Combined with another 23 students who live off campus testing positive, it was the highest daily total of new student infections since testing began in August, UConn officials said.

More than 250 residential students have tested positive for the virus since returning to campus in August.

## Lamont concerned as hospitalizations spike in Connecticut

(AP) Connecticut saw a spike in coronavirus-related hospitalization over the weekend, filling about half of the state’s available COVID-19 beds in intensive care units, Gov. Ned Lamont said.

The governor reported that 496 patients were hospitalized with the virus on Monday, an increase of 94 from Friday and the state’s highest figure since the end of May. The figure is double the number who were hospitalized with the virus just two weeks ago.

“We’re watching this carefully,” Lamont said. “We still have a lot of capacity in our regular hospital beds. We have only 50% use in our ICU, intensive care. We have the ability to expand that pretty quickly as need be.”

Connecticut’s pandemic-related death toll rose by 27 over the weekend to 4,698 and there were 3,338 new confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 reported in the state, according to the governor’s office.

The seven-day rolling average of the positivity rate in Connecticut has risen over the past two weeks from 2.18% on Oct. 25 to 4.74% on Nov. 8.

State health departments are calculating positivity rates differently across the country, but for Connecticut the AP calculates the rate by dividing new cases by test specimens using data from The COVID Tracking Project.

In other coronavirus-related news:

**FIREFIGHTER OUTBREAK**

New London officials are monitoring a coronavirus outbreak in the city’s fire department, where 10 firefighters have tested positive and four others are awaiting test results, Mayor Michael Passero said.

The outbreak started with one firefighter who was exposed to the virus and tested positive about a week ago, Pas-

sero told The Day newspaper on Sunday. All fire department workers who have since tested positive worked with the first one or two firefighters who became infected, Fire Chief Thomas Curcio said.

All 14 department employees who tested positive or are awaiting results are quarantining, and some are expected to return to work next week, Passero said.

**OUTDOOR DINING**

The state has agreed to a set of guidelines for how restaurants can use temporary outdoor heated structures, like tents, as they try to maintain customers during the pandemic, according to the Connecticut Restaurant Association.

The association said the enclosed outdoor structures at restaurants, such as igloos and tents, must include adequate ventilation with fresh air being brought in and inside air being exhausted.

The buildings also must have one door and two or more vents open at all times, and there must be sanitization of all touchpoints and a 15-minute waiting period between groups of diners.

**TOWN AID**

Gov. Ned Lamont said Monday that the state will be sending more than \$11 million in grants to more than 90 small towns for infrastructure projects aimed at boosting their economies and helping them respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

It’s the first time in four years that the state has awarded money through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program.

The new funding includes a COVID-19 provision to help towns pay for pandemic-related projects including improvements to the heating and cooling systems of buildings, breathing units for firefighters and a pavilion to hold outdoor municipal meetings.

## Officer suspended for Facebook post about Black Lives Matter

STRATFORD, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut police sergeant has been suspended for three days without pay for calling Black Lives Matter a terrorist group in a Facebook post in September.

The discipline against Stratford Sgt. Jamie Rivera was announced by Mayor Laura Hoydick after a Town Council meeting on Monday, the Connecticut Post reported.

Rivera’s post was condemned by Stratford officials and community leaders, with some calling for the sergeant to be fired. Others said on social media that they agreed with Rivera.

Messages seeking comment were left for Rivera and the police union, the Post reported. The union is appealing the suspension.

Rivera’s post said, “I’m just gonna say it!! I’m pro Trump. If anyone doesn’t like it. So be it. I’m a cop. I became a cop in 2001. I’ve seen a 180 about how people feel Me !!! Black lives matter is a terrorist organization!!!!”

Without citing any evidence, Rivera also wrote, “They call for the killing of cops. No matter what color. So if you support them you don’t support me!!!!”

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## In 2021, America MUST support higher education

The University of Connecticut, and higher education in general, are in a precarious spot. The COVID-19 pandemic has been financially disastrous for universities across the country, and the Donald Trump administration's antagonism toward many universities have made many university officials and faculty nervous about the place of higher education in our society. Given all this, it is critical that President-elect Joe Biden and the incoming administration uphold and support higher education.

Now more than ever, college is an essential part of American society. A bachelor's degree is considered an almost necessary prerequisite for many jobs, and graduate degrees open doors to many other opportunities. Moreover, research at universities produces a great deal of innovation for society across all disciplines. Especially with public-private partnerships becoming more popular — including at UConn — we can see that higher education is one of the bedrocks of the way we live.

Despite this, many universities — again, including UConn — are having their very existence threatened. Many students have been unsatisfied with the lack of a traditional college experience amid online classes and empty campuses. Many university officials are in full "survival mode." There isn't enough money for less popular sports teams, and scholarships are being threatened by lack of funding. That isn't to mention austerity cuts that are sure to hit in the coming months and years across institutions. And President Trump has repeatedly shown hostility to international students through travel bans and attempted COVID-19 restrictions, even when they support our universities and economy in research output and teaching.

We are in a dire place, and we need a light at the end of the tunnel. Will a new government provide this?

There is some hope. Incoming First Lady Jill Biden is a community college educator herself, and, in fact, she will continue working as such. Jill Biden has stated she intends to work on increasing access to higher education as first lady.

Trump was not the most friendly to international students, a group making up an increasingly large part of many universities, especially at the graduate level. At public universities, international students help with revenue for the schools as well, making for a mutually beneficial situation. Supporting international students at American universities will help higher education in various ways. While it remains to be seen how Joe Biden acts in supporting international students, we have some hope for a different administration supporting them better than the current.

Joe Biden has also already made many promises about canceling some student loan debt, though his success at this may be limited by Congress. Supporting higher education may very well be one of the incoming president's priorities, but above all else, UConn and other universities need substantial and sustained financial help.

UConn is facing a \$76 million deficit this year due to the pandemic, even in the best case. As a public university, our main recourse is to ask the state for money, which the university has done. However, as the whole world is struggling against the strain of COVID-19, this is unlikely to be enough. Higher education needs another substantial stimulus package to offset losses across the board. Federal coronavirus relief is the only way many colleges and universities will be able to stay afloat, especially as campus closures drag on for longer and longer.

Otherwise, many schools will be forced to close their doors forever. Even if UConn isn't among these, we too, are at a cliff. Without aid, we foresee the university being forced to cut services and programs essential to student and academic life. We foresee downsizing and strained class sizes as a result. We foresee changes that will take decades to undo. UConn and higher education in general needs to see support from the incoming federal government in order to survive, let alone flourish.

Will this support be given? We at The Daily Campus sure hope so, but only time will tell.



## Carson's Commentary

### AOC raises eyebrows with proposal to 'archive' pro-Trump tweets

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In case you missed it in the midst of last week's election chaos, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.-14) found herself facing widespread condemnation for her actions on Twitter. Ocasio-Cortez, the freshman Democrat commonly known as AOC, tweeted the following on Friday, Nov. 6:

"Is anyone archiving these Trump sycophants for when they try to downplay or deny their complicity in the future? I foresee decent probability of many deleted Tweets, writings, photos in the future."

When I first read this message, I had to pause before I read it several more times. The wordy nature of Ocasio-Cortez's tweet tripped me up, particularly the word "sycophant." Google defines the term as "a person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage."

Obviously, President Trump is an important person. But who was Ocasio-Cortez referring to when she used the word "sycophant?" She might have intended the tweet to be directed at prominent Republicans like Ted Cruz and Lindsey Graham, who vehemently opposed Trump in 2016 but unequivocally support him now. But that hardly matters, as Ocasio-Cortez's statement was interpreted as a direct threat to the millions of American citizens who posted pro-Trump content on Twitter and proceeded to vote for the president last week.

It is well-known that President Trump has used Twitter to make ridiculous suggestions hundreds of times. But regardless of Ocasio-Cortez's true intention in writing the "sycophant" tweet, her suggestion that pro-Trump tweets should be saved and later weaponized against his supporters is just as dangerous as it is egregious.

Even if the establishment of a mass system of tweet archives was a good idea (it is not), Ocasio-Cortez is way out of line to suggest its creation —



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rather, its return. The Library of Congress actually archived the text of all public tweets from 2010-17, before Twitter's increased character limit made the process too cumbersome. Today, it only archives tweets "on a very selective basis," which includes the posts of public figures and anything else potentially important to the public interest.

The difference between the Library of Congress' archival and Ocasio-Cortez's proposal is, of course, the nature of the content being archived. Most pro-Trump tweets (and anti-Trump, for that matter) are of little interest to the Library's archives. There are no grounds to suggest that those behind the tweets had said or done anything beyond expressing their views in a public forum. Thus, there is no reason for a member of Congress to advocate for what is essentially police work to threaten public thought.

Furthermore, the establishment of a sycophant archive is simply

not necessary. This is because I am convinced that Ocasio-Cortez's desire to hold Trump's accomplices and supporters accountable will be fulfilled anyway. As many celebrities find out the hard way, the internet never forgets. Tweets that do not "age well" are promptly called out and reposted by various users for the public to view.

This phenomenon has shown itself in politics on several occasions. Just a few weeks ago, Twitter users directed allegations of inconsistency and hypocrisy toward several Republican senators who opposed the confirmation of Merrick Garland in 2016, yet supported Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation.

Lastly, Ocasio-Cortez's tweet carries huge political implications for today's Democratic Party. To put it bluntly, tweets that call for the archival of half of America's social media posts stand in stark contrast to president-elect Joe Biden's call for national unity. In his refusal to attack Trump's base after the election, Biden has correctly portrayed this united image; Ocasio-Cortez has not. To her I say, attacks from the far left are not a legitimate response to the attacks of the far right.

## A statement about pass/fail in the context of concerns about university senate

To anyone and everyone reading this,

I come to you today first and foremost as a concerned student, and second as the Academic Affairs Advocacy Director for the Undergraduate Student Government. From the end of September to the present, my committee has pushed for more lenient Pass/Fail requirements for students. That journey involved two different phases.

We began the journey by creating a piece of legislation, which called for the policy change, that passed through the USG Senate and then went to the University Senate. This piece of legislation sought to amend the proposal that scholastic standards presented, which is the one that applies currently. When our proposed legislation and amendment reached the University Senate, it saw some substantial opposition. The University Senate is the entity at the university that is responsible for the majority of the big academic policy changes we see within the university. For example, they decide the format of the academic calendar each year and, yes, decided to extend the pass/fail date and relax the requirements for Spring 2020.

We did not let that loss in the University Senate stop us, and we were determined to gather substantial student data in the hopes that it would change the minds of those who were opposed the first time around. Our survey, which ran from Oct. 9 to Oct. 22, received approximately 1,000 responses that mostly said the same thing: We are really struggling over here and we need Pass/Fail again. We organized the data into a presentation, highlighted student testimonials that came up over and over again and we were ready to fight.\*

### • OP-ED

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**We are really struggling over here and we need Pass/Fail again.**

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# Life

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## A DIALOGUE ON RACE PROVIDES FOOD FOR THOUGHT



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The Democracy and Dialogues Initiative and the Dodd Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut held an event on Zoom last night to discuss race in the UConn community.

The event, titled “Race and Community Dialogue Discussion,” was part of a series made to create a space for the UConn community to develop skills and foster dialogue on race and diversity. This event was the fourth of the series, which began in November 2019.

Brandon Kane, the director of the Democracy and Dialogue Initiative program, said the program began in response to concerns of racism in the UConn community. The catalyst was the March for Solidarity that took place on the Storrs campus on Nov. 19, 2019.

Much of the event took place in smaller breakout rooms, where participants answered guiding questions.

Scenarios were provided to the participants and they were asked to identify which scenario resonated with them the most, explain the reasons behind the behaviors in the scenarios and share if there were any personal experiences that made it stand out.

Jonelle Reynolds, the director of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives, chose a scenario in

which a white couple crossed the street upon seeing a group of Black men approaching. Reynolds shared that she sympathized with feeling uncomfortable passing groups of men on the street due to negative experiences women have with catcalling from groups of men on the street. However, she said a negative perception of Black men would not excuse the couple’s actions.

Reynolds said, “A lot of my stereotypes came from American TV that I consumed largely back home, so I can see that playing a part in stereotypes being reinforced and dictating how we see ourselves and see other people and usually in the media, we see the worst of minority groups.”

“Whether or not you do it consciously or not, it’s there,” Reynolds said of the implicit bias.

The breakout discussions concluded with the participants sharing their opinions on barriers the UConn community faces and potential action the university can take to eliminate them.

“They have the job of saying what they do and don’t stand for at the university,” Alexa Fritas, an undergraduate student, said of the UConn administration. Fritas said she believed that the administration should sponsor events like this in order to encourage more conversation around diversity as well as making information available to students on where to get support.

The groups collectively agreed that a lack of diversity in the faculty was a barrier. For example, Megan Villanova, a graduate student at the UConn School of Social Work, expressed her shock at never having had a sociology professor who was not White, despite the field concerning issues of race.

A suggested solution was increased funding and scholarships promoting diversity at UConn. The group agreed the temporary cessation of the Connecticut Commitment at UConn was a major step backward.

The Connecticut Commitment initiative was a program to provide scholarships to low-income students. However, amidst budget cuts, President Thomas Katsouleas announced the University would be temporarily discontinuing the program.

The other potential steps included having consistent exit interviews and updating class curricula. A noteworthy idea was to redirect university funds to have conferences and other events to engage students in conversations about race, possibly involving the cultural centers.

These solutions will be collated and shared with the Office of Institutional Equity and the president’s office, according to Kane. The Democracy and Dialogues Initiative will be holding another discussion on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

## UConn Political Science Professors Provide Their Take on the 2020 Election

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The 2020 election panned out to be one of the most interesting and controversial election cycles this country has ever witnessed. In addition to the highly contested presidential election race, there were also important races in the House of Representatives and the Senate, which are still taking place and could provide Democrats with the opportunity to regain control of the Senate.

To discuss the election results and their future implications, the UConn political science department hosted a PoliSci Chat that gave professors the opportunity to provide their take on the election.

In accordance with the uncommon nature of 2020, panelists agreed that this election cycle was unprecedented for many reasons. Claims of voter fraud, ballot miscounts, long lines at polling locations and the mere fact that this was all taking place against the backdrop of a pandemic combined to produce an unforgettable election.

Going into the election, the Latino vote was deemed an important voting bloc that many people were paying attention to and candidates were trying hard to win over. According to the Pew Research Center, the number of Latinos in all 50 states has continued to grow, with the demographic now making up an increasingly large share of the electorate and thus holding a lot of political power.

“It is extremely important to remember that we cannot paint all Latinos with one single brush,” Beth Ginsberg, an assistant professor in residence, said. “There are tremendous diversity and distinctions amongst the different voters.”

In 2016, President Trump won 28% of the Latino vote, and though we will not know for a while how this percentage compares to the 2020 results, many Latinos, according to Ginsberg, have begun to identify as Evangelical Christians, which generally leads to political conservativeness. Given that the Latino vote is extremely complex and diverse, it can be hard to pinpoint for candidates.

“As soon as Joe Biden was called a socialist, immediately, in the minds of the many Cuban and Venezuelan, Nicaraguan and Colombian voters in South Florida, it was no difference between him and Fidel Castro or him and Hugo Chavez,” Ginsberg said.

Another key takeaway from the election was voter turnout rates. Despite taking place during a pandemic, this year’s turnout rates were higher than any other presidential election.

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Despite many prominent news organizations calling the election

in Biden’s favor, President Trump has outwardly refused to accept the results and has launched legal efforts in many states over various voting procedures.

“It was the most openly blatant attempt to suppress the vote that I’ve seen in my lifetime by a president,” Paul Herrnsen, a political science professor, said.

As the coronavirus pandemic continued to worsen, President Trump expressed early on his distrust in and disdain for mail-in voting. He encouraged his supporters to show up to the polls in person instead.

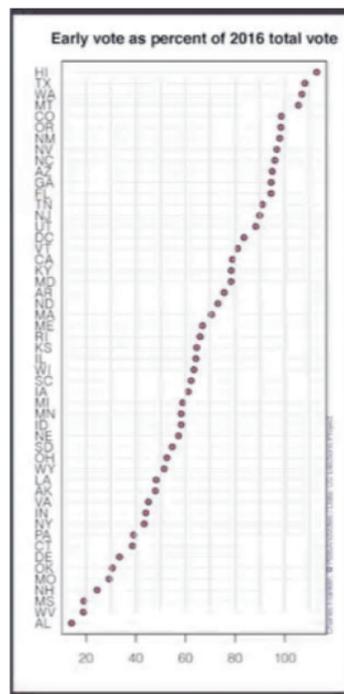
“We have one person who’s supposed to represent us all, yet that person, the president of the United States, used a divide and conquer approach to governing and campaigning,” Herrnsen said.

Trump’s outright attempt to cast doubt on the electoral system did not work out in his favor, as millions of Democrats chose to cast mail-in ballots and take part in early voting, which is what allowed Biden to ultimately surpass the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

The next few weeks are sure to be interesting and full of surprises as President Trump appears to be hanging on to any last hope that he can still win the election.

“All I kept thinking of is the 20th Amendment ... the terms of the president and the vice president shall end at noon on the 20 of January,” Ginsberg said. “Even if President Trump wants to stay, he can’t. His term ends on January 20.”

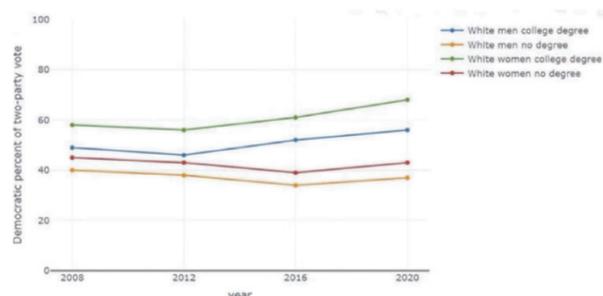
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### THE 2020 GENDER GAP, BY EDUCATION



Sources: 2008, 2012, and 2016 vote validated Cooperative Election Study (previously CSES) data. The 2020 estimates

## Life

# CELEBRATING UCONN'S BRILLIANT ARTISTS AT THE RAINBOW CENTER 'ART GALA'

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This year's online adaptation of the annual Rainbow Center Art Gala featured several artists, all with immense talent, who displayed their pieces over Zoom. The gala was held Thursday, Nov. 11.

Although different from a traditional art show, the online platform allowed each artist to display and describe their pieces, while also giving other attendees the opportunity to give comments and ask questions freely.

The variety of mediums and styles displayed by each person created a beautiful and dynamic array of artwork.

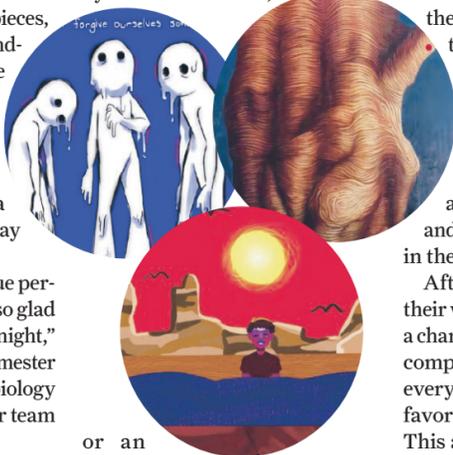
"Every artist has a unique perspective and style and I'm so glad they got to showcase that tonight," said Mita Kale, a seventh semester ecology and evolutionary biology major and Rainbow Center team leader.

Some artists, like Kallan Doyon, showed their skill with photography. Doyon's photos centered around nature, with up-close images of flowers. Each picture was taken in a different part of Connecticut, some of which highlight the mathematical properties of floral imagery. She used a method of photography that shows the stunning details of each subject.

Cassandra Calebrese's medium of choice was pencil on paper for pieces such as "The Shed." When asked to discuss her art, she explained she wanted to draw on happy memories and feelings to

make them appear more unsettling through colors and values. She also received praise for her use of texture in her art, which she said was inspired by both tree bark and skin.

Other artists expressed themselves using digital art. The vivid colors and distinct styles of each piece showcased the creativity of each artist. Every piece told a story, whether it was inspired by another work,



or an experience the creator had.

Cal Benitex, a digital artist, described both his methods and muses for his art. The vivid colors and compelling style of his pieces were eye-catching, and conveyed feelings that were further supported by the stories behind the artwork. This is clear in "Dark Side of the Moon," which he said was created with the intent of expressing strong emotions.

Wren Halpern, also a digital artist, created a two-paneled piece called "We Forgive Ourselves." Also employing the use of strong

colors, they explained the intensity of the piece was designed to be both jarring and familiar at the same time. The title of this piece comes from the sentence that spans the top of both panels: "We must forgive ourselves sometimes for what our brain creates."

Each artist welcomed questions and comments, giving the attendees a chance to gain insight into each piece of artwork. When answering the questions, the artists revealed how much thought went into all of their art, showing that even the smallest details can carry significant meaning.

"I loved tonight's Art Show because we could really connect with the artists and ask them specific questions in the virtual format," said Kale.

After the artists had presented their work, and everyone had had a chance to ask questions and give compliments, the hosts invited everyone to share some of their favorite artists via Instagram. This also gave the artists an opportunity to share other works that they had not submitted to the gala.

Despite the challenges of the online platform, both the hosts and artists seamlessly transitioned to holding the gala online. While it is difficult to get together, now more than ever, the Rainbow Center's art show gave students a chance to connect with each other over a passion for art.

"It's really important for the community to be able to express themselves and feel connected to one another, especially right now," said Kale.

# HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY WITH THE UCONN DIETETICS PROGRAM



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With the holidays just a few weeks away, it's almost time for families across America to pull out old recipes, start making their lengthy shopping lists and prepare for the decadent feasts that soon await. Of course, the holidays are about family, friends and being thankful, but many people would agree that food takes center stage every November and December.

While many traditions have to be put on hold this year, holiday menus are traditions we can continue in our new socially distant world. We may have to share these dishes with family members over Zoom, but that familiar bite of turkey, mashed potatoes or pecan pie can bring a sense of normalcy to our very atypical holiday season.

As part of their Healthy Holiday Eating Series, students in the Allied Health Sciences Dietetics Program partnered with Human Resources to present what they called, "Remake Your Holiday Dishes Healthier," where they provided advice to make holiday meals lighter without sacrificing taste. Presenters included Caroline Thiede, Josie Hare and Anthony Duong, all of whom are second year graduate students in the MS in Health Promotion Sciences and Coordinated Dietetics Program at UConn.

Here are some tips and tricks they shared to make Grandma's famous stuffing a little less stuffing on your stomach:

**Tip Number 1: Try to make your holiday dishes from scratch.**

"When you make your food from scratch, you have more control over what ingredients you use," Thiede said. "Some hidden items in ready-to-eat foods include sodium, fat and sugar. It takes you looking at the label to realize how much it adds up over the meal."

Thiede recommended switching some ingredients with healthier alternatives, using half of the original favorite and half of the new option. For example, to cut

down sodium content in your mom's mashed potato recipe, try using half the amount of potatoes you usually use and replace the second half with rice cauliflower. By including the original ingredient, you can still enjoy the traditional taste without the high sodium content.

**Tip Number 2: Swap salt for herbs and spices.**

While it's hard to part with the savory taste salt brings to our holiday favorites, replacing salt with herbs like garlic, basil and oregano can significantly reduce the sodium content.

"At the table, there's hidden sodium areas that we want to watch out for," Hare said. "For example, mashed potatoes and gravy can be a hidden gem of sodium. You can always try sweet potatoes instead, or they even sell low sodium gravy."

Low-sodium gravy can actually reduce your sodium intake by 100 mg per serving, providing a healthier alternative to a dinner table staple.

**Tip Number 3: Keep portions in mind.**

"On average, Americans consume about 3,000 calories during their Thanksgiving meal," Duong said. "Drinks, appetizers and desserts can bring the total calorie count to 4,500."

While it's great to indulge, especially during the holidays, dishes can still be enjoyed without overeating. The proper portion size for holiday meats like turkey is approximately 3 ounces, about the size of a deck of cards.

With that being said, the team reminded audience members that it is okay to eat your holiday favorites in moderation.

"At the end of the day, it's important to remember that at the holidays it's okay to indulge," Thiede said. "Being mindful about it, and making sure you are eating for enjoyment while maybe taking a brisk walk after is great for digestion and your mental health. It could be a very different holiday this year for a lot of people, so do what makes you happy and celebrate those traditions."

# 'AUNTY DONNA'S BIG OL' HOUSE OF FUN'



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I don't even know where to begin ... and not in a good way. I'm rarely displeased by shows; as long as they're not scary, I enjoy them, but this one is far different. Comedy group Aunty Donna invites us into their new Netflix Series "Aunty Donna's Big Ol' House of Fun," which recently aired this past Wednesday. While it hurts me to be so brutally honest, I don't think I would be able to find more than three things that I liked about the show.

Aunty Donna is an Australian comedy group located in Melbourne that consists of three main members: Mark Samuel Bonanno, Broden Kelly and Zachary Ruane. Surprisingly enough, Aunty Donna's fanbase is quite large, with over 300,000 YouTube subscribers and numerous Reddit threads dedicated to them. Most recently, they created a podcast called Aunty Donna (original, I know) which led them on tour around

the United States and United Kingdom.

In the beginning part of the first episode, Ruane changes their house wifi password to "poopoo," which somehow garnered the attention and love of the entire neighborhood. One woman jumped out of the bush, the other walked out of the trees and then somehow Jerry Seinfeld showed up. First of all, I didn't find the change of the wifi name that funny. Then, it was so blown out of proportion that it didn't even seem realistic. While I believe that making things absurd and completely out of the ordinary is part of their comedic style, it just isn't my cup of tea.

Another thing that grinded my gears was how they sing at the beginning of their episodes. There's nothing worse than people singing who have absolutely no vocal talent at all. Not to mention, the lyrics make absolutely zero sense. Can you tell I'm annoyed? On top of that, they spend five minutes trashing their entire home, from smashing bottles across a cupboard to

throwing the dishwasher (that speaks, might I add) out the door.

With all of this being said, there are two things I appreciate about the show. The first thing is their superb acting skills. While I'm not sure if they know it or not, all three men are amazing actors. Throughout the show they interchangeably play different characters, and do so in a professional and realistic way. For example, there was a skit similar to the show "Jeopardy" where Ruane and Bonnano play four characters all at the same time. The second thing, and arguably the most important, is their accents. I am a sucker for an Australian, New Zealand or English accent, so the accent box is 100% checked off in my book.

It may just be me, but I don't think I even cracked a smile during these episodes. Accents and all, the one word I would use to describe Aunty Donna is overwhelming. If you're into fast-paced, electric comedy, then they may be your style, but I just wasn't able to keep up.

**Rating: 0 out of 5 stars**

## Green Bean Casserole



• Typically made with milk and cream of mushroom soup

- Try substituting with Campbell's reduced fat mushroom soup
- Or using mushroom, chicken, or vegetable broth and making a roue with flour!

## Mashed Potatoes



• Typically made with butter and whole milk or cream

- Try substituting cream with skim milk, and butter with low-fat sour cream! Greek yogurt is also a great substitute for sour cream!
- Try replacing 1/2 of the potatoes with riced cauliflower!

## Where to Find Hidden Sodium this Holiday Season:

### Before the Main Meal:

- While it may not be obvious, appetizers can be packed with lots of sodium!
- Breads, crackers, cheese, dips and deli meats contain lots of it.
- Luckily, there are low sodium options for all these culprits, look for these!
- Aim for fresh veggies or fruit!



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# Thirsty Thursday

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## Shots, shots, shots, shots, shots!

Picture this: COVID-19 isn't happening, parties are raging across campus. What do you pregame with? Taking shots is one of the most efficient ways to pregame. It's fast, effective and the alcohol units are easy to track. But some shots are more painful to throw back than others. Here's a comparison of the classics. Disclaimer: Please assume all brands are the cheapest ones available, for a more accurate comparison.

### Vodka:

Vodka, a beautiful, cheap classic. But let's be honest, it's disgusting. It burns going down, and more often than not will make the drinker momentarily nauseous. This is especially true the cheaper you go, with Popov being the most vile of all the shots I've consumed. That being said, it's one of the more affordable drinks and probably the one you're more likely to consume at parties. If you're not a great shot-taker (and this is true for all the shots I talk about), don't be afraid to add some juice. Lemonade and orange juice can usually cover up the worst of any liquor. Even a shot of juice can make all the difference.

**Rating: 1/5**

### Tequila:

I can't quite explain why, but tequila is 10 times easier to drink than vodka. It's not as sharp when it goes down. The burn is still there, but it is nearly tolerable. And if you decide to do things properly and eat some salt, take the shot and then immediately suck on a lime wedge, then you'll be more than fine. Even amateurs can do it. The beauty of tequila, specifically its popular brand of Jose Cuervo, is that after a couple of shots, you'll probably be capable of taking a swig out of the bottle. And while I would never advise binge drinking, I can't help but point out how excellent tequila is in a pregame cinch. Unfortunately, it is ever so slightly more expensive than most cheap vodkas, with a 750 milligram bottle of Jose Cuervo going for about \$18 and a bottle of Popov of the same size going for \$11.

**Rating: 2/5**

### Rum:

I'm talking Bacardi, specifically. Bacardi is even smoother than tequila. You won't even need the lime and salt accessories! It's almost tasty and lacks the burn of its fellow liquors. While I am a terrible shot-taker, I can still manage to drink a shot of this stuff without gagging. It's also wonderfully cheap at \$15 per 750 milligram bottle. I highly recommend giving it a try if you haven't already.

**Rating: 3/5**

While there are plenty of other liquors to be rated, I would be, frankly, a little horrified if I saw a college student take a shot of brandy, whiskey or gin. In general, though, please remember that a shot of vodka, tequila or rum all count as one unit of alcohol and that there are much more pleasant cocktails, wines and (yuck) even beers out there for you to drink instead. Personally, I'd rather have a glass of prosecco any day.

# Hollieats

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My favorite part of traveling is the food, and everyone who has gone on a trip with me has left the food plans in my capable and overeager hands. With the current situation, both traveling and eating out have been much trickier to navigate – and if you do either of those activities, make sure you're taking the necessary precautions and being safe when doing so. Scouring Instagram and watching food-related media is the most I can do in the meantime to satiate any cuisine wanderlust, but I've exhausted many of the options already out there. I've taken to rewatching episodes of "The Great British Bake Off" because my impatient self is used to binge-watching the seasons on Netflix. Fortunately, Eater, the food and dining network of Vox Media, comes in the nick of time to provide fellow foodies a taste of what international culinary experiences were like pre-COVID-19.

"Eater's Guide to the World" on Hulu offers quick bites of dining destinations in seven 30-minute episodes, showcasing a range of eateries and the local culture in locations such as Costa Rica and New York City. It's not the most unique food and travel docuseries out there, but the show is still a comfort to watch and offers a healthy amount of food content for the soul. Comedian and actress Maya Rudolph offers colorful narration to the culinary adventures viewers are taken on. Her humorous commentary pairs well with the more lighthearted tone of the show (with the third episode titled "The Ass Crack of Dawn in New York City," you can tell Eater doesn't take itself too seriously). Sometimes, per her comedic style, Rudolph draws out some cringey bits, however they're not enough to distract from the main attraction: what's on people's plates.

From what I've watched so far, I appreciate how "Eater's Guide" manages to showcase a solid number of restaurants, each with a fair amount of screen time and attention, all within the half-hour running time of each episode. We get to see the owners, the kind of food they serve, and their place in the community and food scene. Not only does each episode explore the restaurant scene in a location, but it presents a particular theme about eating. For example, "Cultural Crossroads in Casablanca" takes a look at traditional foods while "Taking Off in America" features unique eateries worth checking out right beyond major airports. "Jungle to Table in Costa Rica" and "Planting Roots in Tijuana, Mexico" explores the all-encompassing cuisines of the local cultures while the New York and Los Angeles-based episodes explore the fusion of cultures in their food scenes.

I enjoyed all of the locations that each of the episodes featured; however, "Dining Alone in the Pacific Northwest" definitely resonated with one aspect of my eating style. At first glance, I assumed it was going to be about safe eating in the pandemic. Instead, the solitary dining experience "Eater's Guide" featured in the region was akin to the cultural expectation in Japan. In Japan – which the episode discusses with the chef Mutsuko Soma and her restaurant, Kamonegi – it is socially acceptable to dine alone, whether for convenience or to more fully experience the food. As someone who eats her food fairly slowly compared to her fellow diners in an attempt to savor and appreciate the food, I can certainly get down with that becoming more socially acceptable. Sure, I enjoy social dining as much as the next person, but in the current climate, let's bring solo dining back.

"Eater's Guide" isn't groundbreaking, but it isn't trying to be. It offers a spot of entertainment, escapism and good ol' food to lust over as you plan your next trip for who knows when. You can binge the season pretty quickly, then get back to looking at Yelp reviews of restaurants you're hoping to visit in the future (or is that just me?).

**Other food film favorites:** "Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat," "Worth It" on BuzzFeed, "The Hundred-Foot Journey," "The Great British Bake Off" (which I've mentioned one too many times), "Chef's Table," "The Big Family Cooking Showdown," "Ugly Delicious"

*Feeding my global food fantasies*

# Opinion Study Break

## Huskytalk | When is an appropriate time for Christmas decorations?



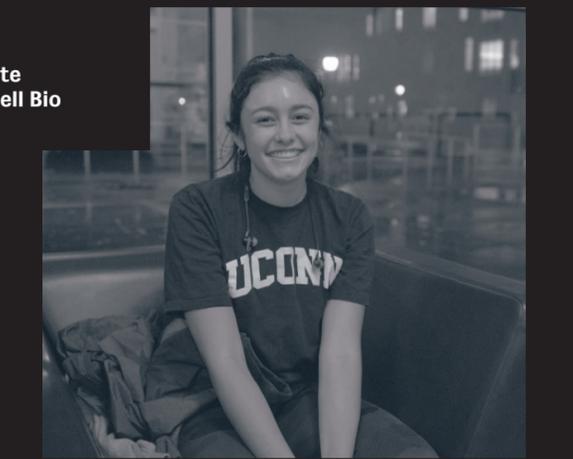
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Ijaaz Sultaan  
Biomedical Engineering  
PhD student



“The week after Thanksgiving.”

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Molecular and Cell Bio  
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“The night of Thanksgiving.”

Shamary Wilson  
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## Students don't have enough power in university Senate to get the policies they need

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When our P/F proposal reached the University Senate the second time around, all five of our student representatives, nominated by the Student Body President, spoke again in strong favor of Pass/Fail. I am concerned because even though all of our student representatives spoke up, their perspective and support for Pass/Fail went in one ear and out the other. I want to be clear when I say that often, the student representatives in the University Senate push for initiatives and policy changes that students want to see, but because the “University” Senate has seventy-two faculty members and only five undergraduates, the change students want to see is often left unheard. I am also concerned because I discovered through this process that our student body president does not have speaking rights in the University Senate; only University Senators have speaking rights.

This leads me to two important questions that I would like you all to consider:

Why are there only five student representatives to represent over 23,000 students (they represent all undergraduates, regardless of campus)?

Why doesn't the UConn Student Body President, who is seen as representing all of our undergraduate students, have speaking rights in the University Senate?!

I want to acknowledge the faculty members in the University Senate who were sympathetic to student concerns the second time around. I appreciate you. Pass/Fail almost passed the second time around. It needed 2/3 or 66% of the vote to pass. It received approximately 56% with 37 yes, 27 no, and 2 abstentions. The concern remains, though: As long as we continue to be extremely overpowered by faculty in the University Senate, student concerns will remain unheard to some extent.

I am not here to say that the University Senate never listens to student voices. I believe the academic calendar, which USG helped develop for next semester, is pretty solid. However, there are some faculty in the Senate who are neither sensitive to student concerns nor seem to actively seek student input or give student perspectives the consideration they deserve.

I am solely writing this to start a dialogue. Let this sink in and let it upset you. USG will be sending more policy changes to the University Senate in the next couple of months, policy changes I believe our community will largely benefit from. I want our student representatives to be able to make substantial changes. To make that change happen though, we need more student representation in the University Senate.

Do not just take my word for it. I implore you all to watch the Pass/Fail Part of this video (<https://ait.uconn.edu/university-senate-meeting/>, start at 1:56:11) if you are interested as to why it did not pass.

\*NOTE: If you would like to see the raw data from the survey and everything we sent to the University Senate, USG will be releasing it on our social media soon, so keep an eye out for that.

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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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# The NFL's biggest headache

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Sports are the closest thing to watching real-life superheroes. People pay their hard-earned money to marvel at incredible feats of strength and agility by athletes who won the genetic lottery and have dedicated their lives to honing their craft. The National Football League, more so than almost any other sports league on earth, bases its entire economic philosophy on a shock-and-awe value system of brutal head-to-head impacts. In a league that has historically sold itself on violent collisions and pushing the human body to its absolute limits, is there any cause for concern regarding player safety? Will the inherent risk in playing the sport ever take a toll on league profits? Should American football executives, owners and enthusiasts be worried?

The reality is that the risk involved in playing football is negligible to most people when it involves the return of an NFL salary, not to mention endorsements and other perks available to league stars. However, the NFL should be more concerned with how the decisions of NFL stars affect the perspective of younger athletes in college, high school and even Pop Warner football. High school football participation has dropped ten times in the last eleven years and hit its lowest point since 1999. Even Pop Warner and other youth football leagues have seen a 6.5% decrease due to state legislators pushing to ban kids playing full-contact below the age of 12 and parents instituting their own personal restrictions on their kids playing the sport due to the serious risk of injury.

The NFL is hoping that its status as an American cultural phenomenon and its potential to be a gateway out of poverty is enough to entice kids to keep enrolling in high school and collegiate football programs.

In 2015, NFL running back Jerome Bettis, who played 13 seasons in the league, stated his case on why he is still a strong proponent of kids playing football. While he supports his kids playing football, he claimed that he would not let his son play the game before the age of ten and that he played football so that his son would not be forced into the game to pay the bills. His reasoning for playing was that football teaches a lot of team building and life skills, but are those not achieved through less violent means in other sports and activities? He also mentions that the NFL's player safety initiative in recent years has made the game safer and is starting to have a trickle-down effect on youth programs. While it is true that the NFL has made great strides in making the game safer, it is not possible to mitigate levels of serious injury to acceptable levels, especially when the head is the most vulnerable part of the body in football. Players have been taught to hit lower by trainers and coaches, but several tackles still result in players' heads being hit violently against the ground or put under a lot of pressure during mid-game pileups. With players getting stronger and faster, the hits just become more and more devastating. The last ten seasons have seen well over 200 concussions every year between preseason and regular season which amounts to 0.64 concussions per game, a greatly increased likelihood for players to sustain a recurring head injury and an over 40% chance to have long-term mental effects as a result of their football career.

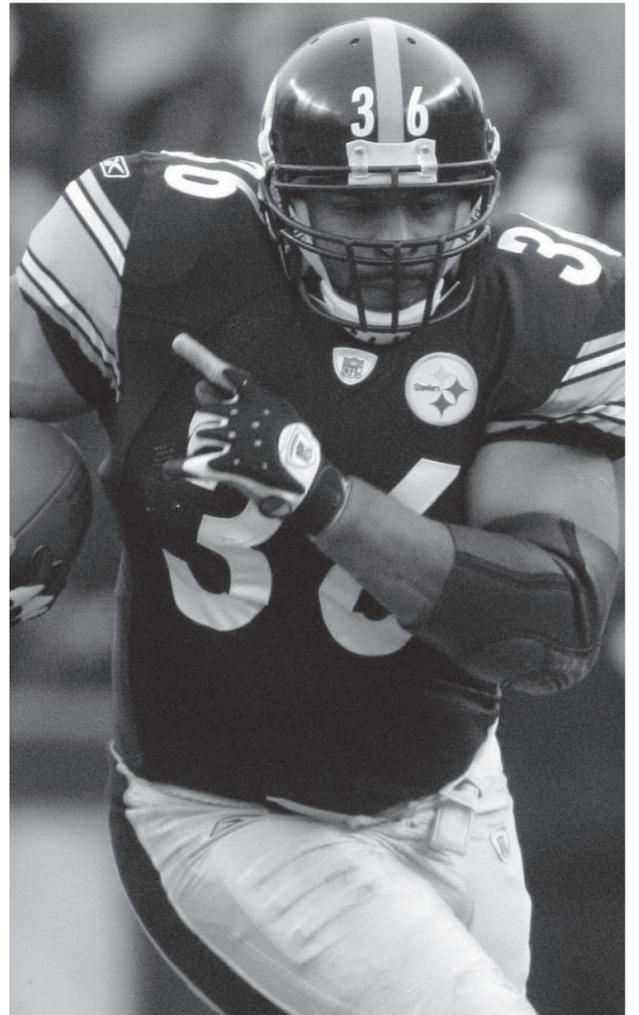
Dr. Ann McKee, a highly acclaimed neuropathologist, examined the brains of 111 NFL players and found that 110 were found to have chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), which is caused by repeated blows to the head. While CTE can only be identified postmortem, hundreds of current and retired NFL players suffer from vari-

ous degrees of symptoms of the degenerative neurological condition which include memory loss, confusion, sudden mood swings, depression and dementia. The disease can also severely impair decision-making and critical thinking ability, which has led to the suicides of star NFL players Junior Seau, at age 43, and Aaron Hernandez, who was convicted of two homicides before being found dead in his jail cell at age 27.

The threat of long-term physical and mental impairment has actually begun to dissuade players from staying in the NFL long-term. The sport has become a type of gladiator game where people who are forced to participate due to poverty are being put at risk and then get out as soon as they become financially stable. Stars who were considered generational talents, such as quarterback Andrew Luck, receiver Calvin Johnson, defensive back Patrick Willis and running back Tiki Barber, are just a few examples from a growing trend of early NFL retirements. Even NBA great LeBron James, who was actually once considered a transcendent young talent at the wide receiver position himself, has openly stated that he has banned his sons from participating in football, a byproduct of a growing trend of financially stable families who don't support the participation of their own kids in the sport.

If people like watching football more than playing it themselves, what does it mean for the NFL? Will the talent pool become diluted if much of the premiere athletic talent is attracted by other sports? Is there an alternative talent pool for a sport that is cared for in just two countries worldwide?

The first issue to address is that, economically speaking, the NFL is undergoing and will soon feel the effects of a labor shortage due to injury risks. It is doubtful that the NFL will ever run out of players to field



In this Jan. 1, 2006, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis carries the ball for 12 yards and a first down against the Detroit Lions in an NFL football game in Pittsburgh. PHOTO BY GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

the current 32 teams, but the product on the field will start to diminish if the top athletic talent isn't interested in the sport, directly affecting the NFL bottom line. With the pandemic worsening the injury situation because of a lack of normal team conditioning routines, the number of players opting out of play due to no protected bubble-like set up akin to the NBA and NHL, and interest already declining in terms of television viewership, the NFL has a serious problem.

With Tom Brady, Drew Brees and other icons of the game set

to retire in the next couple of years, young stars going out with injuries seemingly every game and kids choosing other sports over football, what does the future hold for the current king of American sports? The countless headlines of yet another promising young player getting hurt, in combination with its already declining popularity due to the NFL's flawed marketing priority of the league over individual players and their highlights, could signify that the league will soon be passing the torch as America's premier game.

## LOCK LAMENTS LOSS OF TIGHT END AS BRONCOS SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

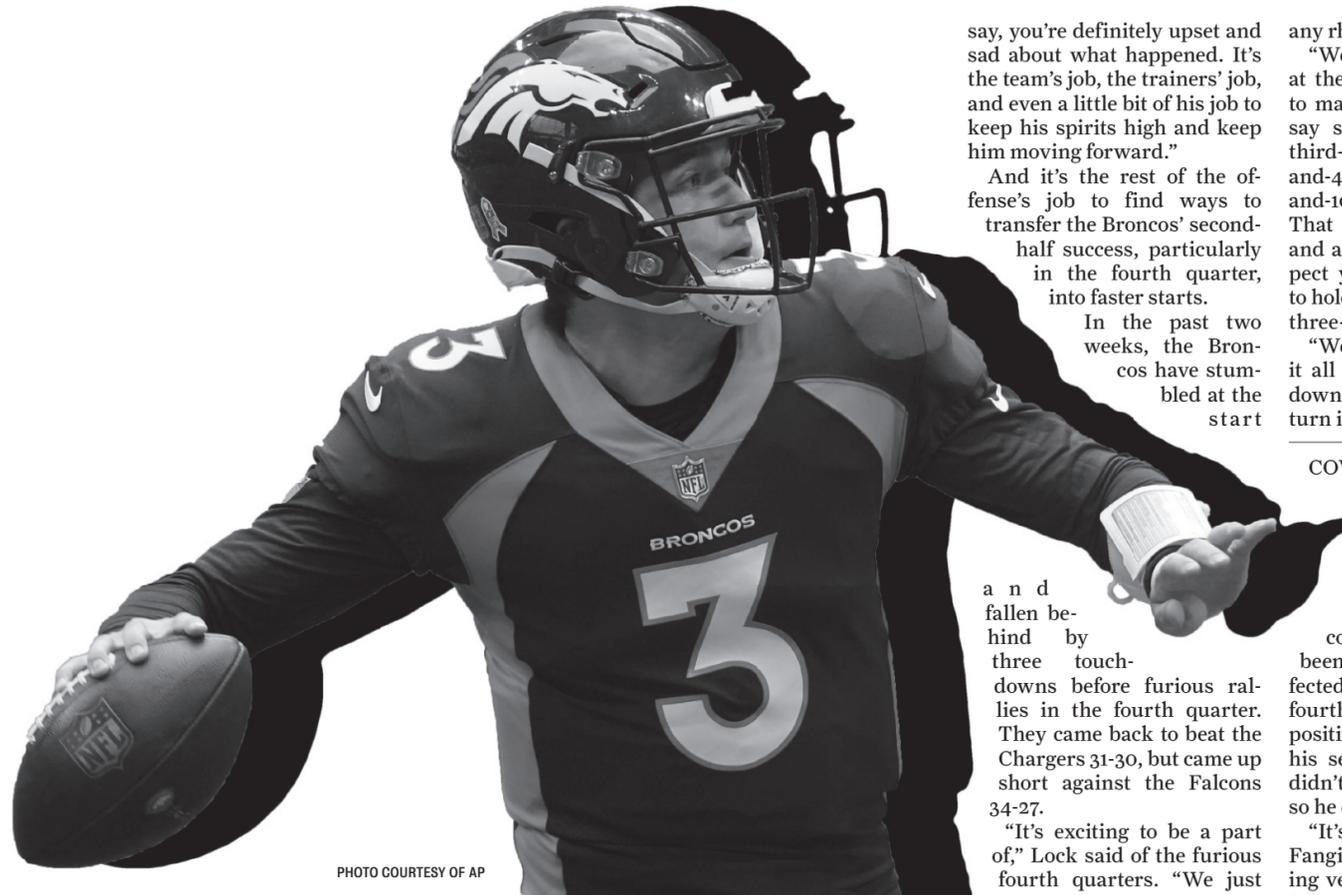


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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Drew Lock and Pat Shurmur are going to have to figure out how to smooth Denver's Jekyll and Hyde offense without the quarterback's favorite target.

Lock said Wednesday that he's bummed about losing rookie tight end and college buddy Albert Okwuegbunam, who was placed on IR this week with a season-ending right knee injury.

Lock and Okwuegbunam (pronounced owe-COO-ay-BOO-num but known to all as 'Albert O.') hooked up for 17 touchdowns in their two years together at the University of Missouri. That built-in chemistry was evident last sum-

mer when Lock zeroed in on the 6-foot-5, 260-pound rookie during red zone drills.

A strained hip slowed him coming out of camp, however, and Okwuegbunam didn't make his debut until Week 6 when he caught two passes for 45 yards at New England. A week later, he led the team with seven receptions on seven targets for 60 yards against Kansas City.

Two weeks ago, he hauled in his first touchdown catch in the pros, but he tore his right ACL on his only catch Sunday at Atlanta.

"It makes me sad about Albert. Like, actually sad, human sad. Believe it or not, we

are still humans even though we play in the NFL," Lock said. "He worked really, really hard this offseason, grinded on the playbook, got his chance, played well, and was going to be a big weapon for us in these last games."

Instead, he's sidelined just like No. 1 wide receiver Courtland Sutton, who sustained the same type of knee injury, a torn ACL, in Week 2.

"It's extremely unfortunate what happened to him, especially with him just being a good friend of mine," Lock said of Okwuegbunam. "It stinks. You never want it to happen to anyone. I know he's just a little upset, regardless of what he'll

say, you're definitely upset and sad about what happened. It's the team's job, the trainers' job, and even a little bit of his job to keep his spirits high and keep him moving forward."

And it's the rest of the offense's job to find ways to transfer the Broncos' second-half success, particularly in the fourth quarter, into faster starts.

In the past two weeks, the Broncos have stumbled at the start

any rhythm early on.

"We don't get enough yards at the beginning of the drives to make it manageable," Lindsay said. "We don't make it third-and-2, third-and-3, third-and-4. We're making it third-and-10, third-and-7, penalties. That right there kills drives and after a while you can't expect your defense to continue to hold up when you keep going three-and-out."

"We have to find a way to put it all together ... and get first downs because first downs turn into touchdowns."

**COVID-19 CONCERNS:** The Broncos activated RG Graham Glasgow from the COVID-19/reserve list Wednesday but DE Shelby Harris tested positive for the coronavirus after having been in close contact with infected individuals. Harris, the fourth Broncos player to test positive for the virus, will miss his second straight game. He didn't make the trip to Atlanta so he could quarantine.

"It's a big blow," coach Vic Fangio said. "He's been playing very, very well this season for us. He's probably having the best season of his career up to this point. He missed last week; he'll miss this week. It's a big blow anytime you lose one of your better players, but we've got players behind him that will step in and give us the best and we'll find a way."

**NOTES:** WR Jerry Jeudy (shoulder) and RT Demar Dotson (groin/hand) didn't practice Wednesday, but CBs A.J. Bouye (head) and Bryce Callahan (ankle) returned after missing last week's game. Fangio said recently re-signed CB Devante Bausby won't be able to play this weekend because of the COVID-19 protocols he has to go through after his release from the Cardinals.

and fallen behind by three touchdowns before furious rallies in the fourth quarter. They came back to beat the Chargers 31-30, but came up short against the Falcons 34-27.

"It's exciting to be a part of," Lock said of the furious fourth quarters. "We just need to do it earlier."

The past two weeks, Lock threw for just 98 and 58 first-half yards without a touchdown, but in the fourth quarter has thrown for 151 and 153 yards with five touchdowns total.

That's led to widespread criticism on the Colorado airwaves of Shurmur, the Broncos' offensive coordinator, for not turning Lock loose from the start and going up-tempo before it's an absolute necessity.

Lock said the problem is the Broncos keep finding themselves facing third-and-long early in games and running back Phillip Lindsay lamented the number of three-and-outs that prevent them from finding

## Sports

## Throwback Photo of the Day | Snipa Out



The Men's Basketball Team celebrated their Senior Night where Seniors Christian Vital (1), Alterique Gilbert (3), Temi Aiyegbusi (45) and Mamadou Diarra (Student Assistant Coach) made their last home appearance as a Husky on March 5, 2020. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# Letdown Texas Ranger:

## THE BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE 60-GAME SEASON

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I need to get this out of the way: I had high hopes for the Texas Rangers entering the 2020 season. Even after the months-long delay due to COVID-19, I had expectations for them to be a contender in the AL West. But like most of 2020, they had a bad, horrible, no good and rotten year.

There were other disappointing teams as well, from the Boston Red Sox (half of which was due to bad luck/pitching) to the Colorado Rockies (like Charlie Blackmon, the team regressed in the second half) to the Washington Nationals (Seriously? A hangover now?). But above all, I strongly believe the Texas Rangers had the highest hopes to be contenders for an AL Wild Card at most and still disappointed. Even in an expanded playoff format that might come back, they let baseball down. But why am I insulting a team if there is no background about their talents?

Last year, the Texas Rangers went 78-84, good enough for third place in the somewhat competitive AL West. Their star position player Joey Gallo might have regressed from his 2017 and 2018 form by hitting 22 home runs, but he improved his batting average to .253 and made the All-Star Game for the first time in 2019. In addition, the Rangers had decent performances from Hunter Pence (selected All-Star starter at DH) before he went down and the middle infield combination of Elvis Andrus and Rougned Odor (42 home runs, 3.2 WAR and .240 BA combined). But most of all, the Rangers had pitching, primarily starting pitching, but pitching. At the front of the rotation was a veteran southpaw by the name of Mike Minor, who struck out 200 batters and was an All-Star who dominated on the mound with a career year. In addition to his 200 Ks, he piled up an ERA of 3.59 and surrendered just 83 runs earned. Next in line in that rotation was a new acquisition in Lance Lynn. Lynn, who had stints with the Cardinals, Yankees and Twins, developed into a true ace with a 3.67 ERA and 246 strikeouts while surrendering just 85 runs. Coincidentally, both pitchers pitched 208.1 innings and had an ERA+ over 140. Both players might have been older than 30, but they were the leaders of a Rangers team that really needed just one superstar to get over the hump. The Rangers even had a solid

closing option in Jose Leclerc, who may have acquired only 14 saves, but struck out 100 batters in relief and surrendered just 34 runs for an ERA of 4.33. He might not have had solid closer numbers, but he was a good closer.

Their solution was to upgrade their pitching while some young members of the hitting core developed, from Nick Solak to Scott Heineman. For their pitching resolution, Texas went out of their way to acquire Kyle Gibson in free agency and trade for Corey Kluber. Ownership was hoping Kluber would return to his prime form of 2014-2018, where he finished outside of the top 3 in Cy Young voting just once (2015), won the award twice (2014 and 2017) and went to three All-Star Games while recording 1,228 strikeouts along an ERA of 2.59, one of the best stretches of the 2010s. What the Rangers got instead was 2019 Kluber. In 2019, Kluber pitched in only seven games before he was shut down due to injury after regressing to a 2-3 record and 5.80 ERA only to get replaced as the team's ace by Shane Bieber. What was worse, Kluber pitched only one inning with one strikeout this year before he left his first game as a Ranger due to injury. Due to the nature of the 60-game season, he was lost for the year and the Rangers now only had three veteran pitchers to rely on to go longer than five innings. What was even worse was that Mike Minor regressed from his 2019 peak form. In seven games started with the Rangers, Minor did not win a single one and surrendered 23 runs on 35 hits for an ERA of 4.89. Put simply, this was a down year, and in his walk year, Minor was sent to the contending Oakland Athletics for players to be named later, where he at least won a game. On top of that, the Rangers did not really have any solid pitchers outside of Lynn, with Jose Leclerc playing two games and losing his closer position while the rest of the rotation outside of Minor went 4-19 with an ERA well over 5.00.

Literally everyone regressed on the offense. It really says something when Gold Glove Winner Isiah Kiner-Falefa is the team's best hitter with a .280 batting average. The team compiled a total of 62 home runs, which was 12th out of 15 teams in the AL, and ranked dead last in major hitting categories as a team, from batting average (an abysmal .217) to OPS (.648, consider that this is on-base percentage plus slugging). To put this into perspec-

tive, the Rangers hit 27 of their 62 home runs over 30 games at the brand-new Globe Life Field, while the Dodgers hit 34 in just 16 playoff games. Do not get me wrong, the Rangers can steal bases, having finished in the top two each of the last two seasons, but speed is not going to win today's ballgame. This was a team last year that was in the middle of the pack for most hitting categories and then suddenly fell off a cliff somehow. The offense was so bad that they were described as the weakest offensive team, with a wRC+ (weighted runs created plus), as recorded by Fangraphs, of 67, the lowest in all of baseball. That means the Rangers were 33% below the league average for runs created last year.

The team still had young rookies and young talents, but a team entirely made of young players is not going to be as successful as a team with loads of talent. Solak appeared in all but two games last season and only hit .264.

Leody Taveras and Willie Calhoun did not play in that many games, having played 33 and 29 respectively, but they were both alright, with Taveras batting .227 and Calhoun batting .190. The season was not perfect for anyone, but at the same time, the Rangers do have some reason for hope in their young core. As long as they continue to develop along with some of the veterans such as Andrus and Odor, the team should function. However, without the veteran talent, the team will look like just a young team. There is still some hope, but with no prospects in the top 25, the Rangers have some work to do.

Despite all the negativity, the Rangers still had some bright spots. In addition to Gallo and Kiner-Falefa winning their first career Gold Gloves, Lynn was solid with 89 strikeouts over 84 innings with an ERA of 3.32 and a 6-3 record. Almost certainly, the Rangers are going to rely on Lynn to dominate

against opposing hitting about 31 times next season. Overall, the team had the worst record in the AL at 22-38, and only the Pirates lost more games, which means the Rangers have the second overall pick next year. To make matters worse, a baseball team won a World Series inside of Globe Life Field, but it was not the Rangers. At least their ballpark had baseball's craziest moment of 2020, thanks to Brett Phillips.

I cannot even say that injuries played a part in this disaster of a season for the Rangers, and there is no significant reason why things started to get worse. With the loss of multiple players such as Shin-Soo Choo and Jeff Mathis to free agency, the Rangers are going to need to respond or they will be a cellar team. Honestly, this has been Texas' biggest disappointing moment since losing Game 6 of the 2011 World Series, no better, since getting swept by the Wild Card Toronto Blue Jays in 2016.



Members of the Texas Rangers including Mike Minor, Doug Brocail and Dan Warthen before a game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore in July 2018. PHOTO BY KEITH ALLISON/FICKR

# Masters 2020 Preview: A tradition unlike any other in a time like no other

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After months of delay in a year where we all thought we might never see it play out, the greatest tradition in golf is finally here, as the best players in the world once again gather at Augusta National for the 84th Masters Tournament. Usually played in April, the coronavirus pandemic has brought PGA Tour golf to Georgia in the middle of November, where we will see autumn foliage towering over the historic green landscape, making this Masters Tournament one unlike any we have ever seen before.

The eyes of the fans who usually pack the course will instead have to watch on television, and they will obviously be focused on the defending champion, none other than Tiger Woods, who has held the title for the past 579 days due to the pandemic. He will be looking to overcome a slow start to the 2020 season to try and win his record sixth green jacket. This will not be an easy feat, however, as the best players in the world are vying to take the most valued prize in golf away from the former world No. 1.

Although this Masters will be in the fall, the weather will not have a significant impact on the tournament. The middle of the week brought some showers to the south and slowed the fairways and greens down, but the weekend is bringing classic sun and breezes to Augusta, which will make the greens fast and the golf balls fly farther, setting

up the players to record very low rounds.

I think this will be a Masters unlike any other, not only because of the November start, but because of what Bryson DeChambeau has the capability to do to Augusta. Historically, the difficulty of the Masters has mainly been on the greens, which are very fast and have few places to land the ball for a player's approach shot. However, the course is not brutally difficult otherwise, playing under 7,000 yards, and with the absence of fans and grandstands, a lot wider now as well. DeChambeau's ability to carry drives well over 300 yards will allow him to cut corners on many of the short par 4s, as well as turn longer holes into birdie opportunities. While there are certainly other long hitters like Justin Thomas and Dustin Johnson who will attempt to do the same, no other player has such a significant advantage off the tee as DeChambeau, which is why many experts are picking him to win his second major in a row this weekend. Even amongst the best golfers in the world, he stands out, and this pandemic pushing golf back and allowing him to bulk up into a long-driving machine makes him my favorite to win the Masters this year. If he can play like he did at the U.S. Open, he will tear Augusta to pieces and leave the competition in the clubhouse.

My pick to win: Bryson DeChambeau

Winner final score: -15

Other players to watch: Brooks Koepka and Patrick Cantlay



Bryson DeChambeau hits his tee shot on the 10th hole during a practice round at the Masters golf tournament Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, in Augusta, Ga. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

## Men's and women's college hockey schedules released

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Additionally, postponed games due to COVID-19 or any other reason will be rescheduled during these flex weekends.

The men's team has flex games currently scheduled against New Hampshire, UMass Lowell and Northeastern, while the women's team's flex games are currently against Providence, Maine, Boston College and Merrimack.

After the first two weekends, most of the schedule for the Huskies consists of home-and-home weekend series with their opponents. The lone exception is a two-game home series for the women against Maine on Feb. 6 and 7.

Hockey East is partnering with NESN again to broadcast a bunch of games. In the initial batch of games scheduled for NESN broadcast, UConn has only one, on Jan. 1 for the men's team against New Hampshire. However, the conference announced that every game will be available to stream for free through ViacomCBS Digital. How-to-watch information will be announced in the coming days.

The women's regular season ends on Feb. 27 against Holy Cross, while the men's ends March 6 against Merrimack. The postseason format will be announced at a later date.

After months of waiting, college hockey finally returns to Connecticut next weekend.

## THIS OFFSEASON'S WORST MLB FREE AGENT SIGNINGS

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If Cruz ends up retiring (which he will not), then my next best guess is going to be Blake Treinen because although he has a ring, he has not shown signs of his 2018 career year.

DANNY BARLETTA  
SPORTS EDITOR

We're a UConn student paper, which usually makes this a "no George Springer slander" zone, since he, along with Kemba Walker, is one of our most notable athletic alumni currently playing pro sports. However, I believe some team is going to significantly overpay Springer this offseason. I have a bad feeling that team may be my hometown Boston Red Sox. The Sox have a bad habit of overpaying free agents while not holding onto their own homegrown stars (\*cough\* Mookie Betts \*cough\*). So it would not surprise me to see them dish out \$175-200 million to Springer, who is a really good hitter and a solid outfielder. But he's 31 years old, and I feel like he's already hit his peak and will be declining in the next few

seasons. If someone could get him in the neighborhood of four-years, \$100 million, that would be perfect, but I have a feeling his value is going to be driven up because this isn't a particularly strong free-agent market, especially for hitters. He will get close to \$200 million, and as much as I love Springer, he's frankly not worth that.

MIKE MAVREDAKIS  
STAFF WRITER

This may be a bit strange considering he's probably the best player on the market right now, but I am going to pick J.T. Realmuto. He's the best catcher in baseball right now, and he has been for a few years, but I just don't think he's going to last much longer. He's a catcher whose game is predicated on a mix of contact-skills and speed. He's not a big bopper and he doesn't walk much. Catchers can dramatically decrease in value — think Jonathan Lucroy — and I have a sinking feeling that's going to happen with Realmuto. The Mets or whoever gives him the \$100 million-plus he's looking for are going to be severely disappointed come 2022-23.



29-year-old Miami Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto runs onto the field in 2018. PHOTO BY IAN D'ANDREA/FLICKR

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 1 RECRUIT AZZI FUDD COMMITS TO UCONN

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For the fourth time in five years, the UConn women's basketball team has brought in the No. 1 recruit in their respective class. In 2017 it was top prospect Megan Walker, followed by Christyn Williams in 2018 and most recently Paige Bueckers in 2020. And yesterday, the nation's top recruit in the class of 2021, Azzi Fudd, added herself to that list, committing to UConn via ESPN's Instagram Live on her 18th birthday.

"This recruiting process has been crazy," Fudd said during the Live. "It's been a blessing to decide what college I want to go to. It was a hard decision, but when it came down to it, I wanted to be somewhere that I would be proud of and know I made the best decision for me."

Fudd is widely considered to be a generational talent that can change the landscape of both college and professional basketball. Standing at 5-foot-11, the Virginia native has been one of the most closely followed youth athletes for years now, with her first offer coming from the University of Maryland when she was just 12 years old. She has even garnered the praise of NBA great Stephen Curry in an interview he did with ESPN.

"I think she has more of a textbook jumper than anyone I've seen," he told ESPN. "Maybe Klay Thompson and Azzi Fudd ... You go Ray Allen, Klay Thompson and Azzi Fudd. Textbook. You would teach somebody how to shoot with their form."



Fudd plays at the Stephen Curry Select Camp in 2018. She recently committed to play basketball for UConn. PHOTO COURTESY OF AZZI FUDD VIA TWITTER

Now 18 years old, Fudd has the resume of a champion without even stepping foot on the court at the college level. At 14 she became the youngest member of the USA U-16 National Team, helping them win her first gold medal at the FIBA Americas U-16 Championship. The next year she partnered up with future teammate and 2020 No. 1 recruit Paige Bueckers to earn her second gold medal at the 2018 U-17 FIBA World Cup.

In the 2018-19 season, her sophomore year of high school, Fudd averaged 26 points and became the first ever sophomore to win the National Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, the same award Bueckers won a year later. In April of 2019, Fudd tore both her ACL and

*"I have a feeling we have multiple national championships in our future."*

AZZI FUDD

MCL, forcing her to miss most of her junior year, but she has recovered and is eager to finish her senior year and get to Storrs.

"I'm looking forward to winning and being a part of the UConn family," she said.

Joining Fudd in this recruiting class is No. 5 recruit Caroline Ducharme, No. 15 recruit Amari DeBerry and No. 30 recruit Saylor Poffenbarger in what is one of UConn's most complete groups of players in recent memory.

With no seniors on the current roster, Fudd, Ducharme, DeBerry and Poffenbarger will join an already stacked UConn team next season that has the No. 1 recruit excited for what is to come.

"I have a feeling we have multiple national championships in our future," Fudd said.

## Hockey East releases men's and women's hockey schedules

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After weeks of anticipation for college hockey fans, Hockey East finally announced the 2020-21 men's and women's ice hockey schedules on Wednesday. Both seasons are starting on Nov. 20, as previously reported, but now we know who every team is playing and when, including UConn.

"We're excited to make this announcement today, and very appreciative of all the hard work by so many in making it happen," Hockey East Commissioner Steve Metcalf said in the press release. "We've worked closely with all our member institutions in establishing protocols in an effort to play as safely as possible, while also giving our teams a complete and meaningful season."

The UConn men's hockey team, who finished fifth in Hockey East last year with a 12-10-2 conference record and a 15-5-4 overall record, will begin the season with two away games at Vermont on Nov. 20 and 21. Vermont finished last in Hockey East last season with only two conference wins.

Then, the Huskies will host Maine for two games the following weekend on Nov. 27 and 28. Maine finished just ahead of UConn in last season's standings and were slated to be UConn's first-round opponent in the Hockey East Tournament before it was canceled.

For the UConn women's hockey team, who also finished fifth in Hockey East last year with a 13-12-2 conference record and a 19-18-2 record overall, they will start the season with the same opponents but at the opposite venues. They will host Vermont for two games on Nov. 20 and 21 before traveling to Maine for two games on Nov. 27 and 28.

Both the men's and women's teams will be playing home games at Freitas Ice Forum on the Storrs campus this season. Freitas is always the home for the women, but the men usually play at the XL Center in Hartford. But with no fans being allowed anyways, the smaller, more team-friendly Freitas Forum was an obvious choice for both programs.

Both teams have 26 games on the schedule, all against Hockey East competition, but only 20 of the games count toward the conference standings for the men and 18 for the women. The remaining games are designated as "flex games," where the opponents may change to "maintain a competitively balanced schedule," according to the press release.

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## ROUNDTABLE: PREDICTING THE WORST MLB FREE AGENT SIGNINGS THIS OFFSEASON

Two weeks ago, the 2020 MLB season came to a close with the Los Angeles Dodgers taking home the World Series. Now we can head into one of the most exciting parts of the season, the off-season. With players like George Springer and Trevor Bauer reaching the end of their contracts, there could be a lot of money dished out to get these All-Star pieces onto your favorite team, but will every single one of them be worth the absurd amount of money they get? Probably not. In this week's roundtable, the DC Sports Section will give our takes as to who the worst MLB free agent signing will be this off-season, personal biases welcome. Let's get right into it:

**EVAN RODRIGUEZ**  
CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT

I'm going to go with an under-rated pick and say Yoenis Cespedes. I know he hasn't been getting solid playing time for two years due to injuries, but I feel like some team will still fall for the trap and pay him good money. With Cespedes, you're getting an outfielder who won't play much, will produce unproductive numbers and won't contribute to team success at all. We saw that with his time on the New York Mets, as he caused drama and did little to help the team. At 35 years old, Cespedes is really only worth the risk for a minor league contract

and anything more is just a waste of time at this point in his career. This is not the all-star outfielder we saw in past years and we definitely won't see anything close to that with a brand new MLB contract in 2021.

**JORGE ECKARDT**  
STAFF WRITER

It's a little off the board, but my pick is DJ LeMahieu, IF he signs with anyone other than the Yankees. He just put up two fantastic seasons, back-to-back for the Yanks, coming in fourth in the

AL MVP voting in 2019 and followed that up by raising his OPS by over 100 points in 2020. He's been nothing short of a superstar in the Bronx, but that's the issue. In his previous six full seasons in Colorado, he had just one season with an OPS over .900 — the year he hit .348 and won the batting title. Other than that though, he was nothing more than average before he got to New York. Yes, he's been awesome for the Yankees, and if he stays, I'm sure he'll still be great. I just think if he leaves Yankee Stadium, leaves

the short porch and leaves the stacked lineup the Yankees have, he won't be the same. If someone wants to lure him away from the Yankees it's going to take superstar caliber money, and going into his age-32 season, I just don't think he's a true superstar. He'll still be good — but he won't be as good as the contract. I think he's had an awesome few years in a great situation, and he should get all the credit in the world for that. I just don't think at his age that it's sustainable, and if someone gives him big money, they're going to regret it sooner rather than later.

**COLE STEFAN**  
CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT

I love the man, but Nelson Cruz is 40 years old. Any team that signs him is going to be taking the biggest risk of their lives with a 40-year-old designated hitter. Sure, he will easily fill up the DH position without even trying, but what about his slugging? Will he continue to forge the same path that David Ortiz had in his swan song with Boston, or will Cruz falter in the later stages of his career like Tim Wakefield, among others? Age is just a number for many of these players, but, unfortunately, at that age, the muscles start to get fatigued and things can go terribly wrong.



Nelson Cruz batting for the Seattle Mariners in 2015. He is currently a free agent. PHOTO BY KEITH ALLISON/FLICKR

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