



CONFIRMED 2021 COVID-19 CASES AT UCONN STORRS
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(positive/symptomatic)

141 Cumulative Residential Cases*

180 Cumulative Commuter Cases*

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USG Governing Board votes no confidence for student body president

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On Sunday night, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Governing Board issued a vote of no confidence for senior President Mike Hernández amid growing controversy over the president's support of a proposed free speech bill and his comments to students in recent weeks.

The bill, which was introduced by junior political science and economics double major Isadore Johnson, aims to protect students and their right to freely express their opinions within student government and also at UConn as a whole. Opponents of the bill, however, have argued the legislation gives students a free pass to express casual racism, homophobia and misogyny without conse-

quence, and have expressed concern over Hernández's support of the bill.

"Over the past several weeks, President Hernández has acted in a manner unbecoming of the office he holds, which has manifested in an apparent inability to understand the impact that his actions have and a disregard for the concerns repeatedly brought to him by those he leads," USG's statement read.

Hernández came under fire earlier this week when he made a private comment to a fellow student likening protecting minorities to treating them like children, a statement that ultimately fueled the move to give a vote of no confidence.

"We reaffirm our sentiment that the best way to promote inclusion is to condemn racism, antisemitism, sexism and all other forms of bias and discrimination," the statement read in acknowledgement of Hernández's comment.

Brittany Diaz, one of the main opponents of Hernández and the only candidate for the upcoming chief diversity officer election, expressed her satisfaction with USG's vote and said she is optimistic about the organization's future.

"I believe it is the responsibility of the student government to hold our president accountable. This was long overdue but much needed," Diaz said. "I am happy to see that a statement was released. I look forward to seeing how the student government addresses the legislation in the next senate meeting."

Hernández declined to comment. Chris Bergen, the sole candidate for USG's comptroller election and a signor on the free speech bill, said he is not surprised with the reaction to the bill and the response from USG leadership.

"Half of the leadership represents the few students who seek to silence those with differing opinions, while the other half is afraid to uphold what is right for fear of personal ridicule from members," Bergen said. "Our bill has been deliberately mischaracterized as a justification for students to say whatever they want, without accountability. This is not so. We sought to define the university's role in civil discourse, and change the toxic, intolerant culture that is preventing respectful dialogue from happening."

The vote comes days before the 2021-2022 school year USG elections, when students will elect a new president/vice president, comptroller, chief diversity officer and several senators. The free speech bill will also be debated at the government's upcoming Senate meeting on March 10 at 6:30 p.m.



On Sunday, the USG Governing Board issued a vote of no confidence for senior President Mike Hernández due to his posed free speech bill and his comments to students.
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Dr. Sherry Pagoto discusses COVID-19 vaccine safety, efficacy



UConn students get tested for COVID-19 in the Student Union Ballroom. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Sherry Pagoto, a professor in the department of allied health sciences and the director of the University of Connecticut's Center for Health & Social Media, spoke about the steps being taken to prove the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective, and refuted several

misconceptions surrounding the vaccine and discussed what people outside of the medical field can do to help.

Pagoto began by talking about the steps being taken by tech companies like Google and Twitter to push these campaign efforts to the front. She said this is no accident, and tech companies have made a particular effort to amplify voices in the medical community to get the word out.

"Tech companies have been amplifying public health efforts to get the word out. The medical and scientific community on Twitter is also very active in discussing the COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 in general. For breaking news on COVID-19, I recommend following the topic, 'COVID-19 health experts' on Twitter," Pagoto said.

Pagoto went on to discuss several misconceptions surrounding the COVID-19 vaccines being administered to the public. She said one particular misconception is the vaccines were produced too quickly, but she said they are built upon previous research and benefitted from greater funding.

"One very common concern about the vaccine is that the speed at which the research was done and at which the vaccine was approved means that the data can't be trusted," Pagoto said. "The reality is that the science the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines is based on has been developing for over a decade ... Because of the urgency, this research

received far more resources than usual. As a clinical trialist, I can tell you this matters a lot."

Pagoto said another point of confusion for many was the production of the vaccine before trials were complete. She said this was done because of the severity of the situation, and it has led to an impressive number of vaccines being administered.

"Normally, when we aren't in an emergency situation, production wouldn't start until after the trials. Many people are frustrated that the vaccine rollout is so slow, but it is actually an impressive feat that as of yesterday [Feb. 25] 66 million doses have been administered since Dec. 14 when the vaccines were released," Pagoto said. "If they hadn't started production early, we would be nowhere near that."

Pagoto spoke about the idea college students may not need to receive the vaccine because many are not part of an at-risk group. She said infectious diseases are like dominoes, so a student getting COVID-19 runs the risk of transmitting the disease to others who may likewise contribute to these dominoes.

"Each of us is a domino, but you can't knock one over without knocking over many more. If you get infected, it is because the domino before you did, and just like that domino knocked you over, you will knock over the next one, and so on," Pagoto said. "Every infection keeps the pandemic alive — the

dominoes just keep falling. I think we can all agree that our goal is to end the pandemic ASAP."

Pagoto also said a sizable number of young adults have COVID-19 symptoms that last longer than two weeks. She discussed several long-term symptoms and asked students to consider if they are willing to face these symptoms for an extended period.

"About 27% of young adults infected with COVID-19 will have symptoms for more than 2 weeks, and many will have symptoms for months," Pagoto said. "Long COVID-19 symptoms include severe fatigue, brain fog, sleep disorders, shortness of breath and more. People with long COVID-19 also have high rates of depression and anxiety ... Even if you like your odds of surviving COVID-19, be sure to consider how several weeks to months of being debilitated would affect your life right now."

Much of the misinformation surrounding the vaccine starts on the internet, Pagoto said. She said websites like Twitter have ecosystems of "bots," or non-human-run accounts, designed to spread incorrect information that plays into people's fears.

"Most myths are started on the in-

ternet, and they appear so shocking they end up getting shared widely. Social media outlets like Twitter have a significant 'bot' ecosystem that fans the flames of misinformation, so these myths easily go viral," Pagoto said. "The vaccine myths typically tap into our worst fears like infertility, genetic mutations and death. Fear sells."

Pagoto said people not involved in a medical field can still take steps to

convince those around them the vaccine is safe and effective. She said people can speak about their personal experiences with the vaccine and stay up to date on news from reliable sources to

share with others.

"Some people are worried about severe side effects, which are actually quite rare. If they see lots of friends and family reporting no major problems with the vaccine, they may become more comfortable with getting it themselves," Pagoto said. "Another step you can take is to educate yourself about the vaccines with reliable sources and pass along what you are learning to people in your life who may not be accessing this information. I think we each have a responsibility to educate ourselves and to pass that along to others is a great service."

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SHERRY PAGOTA, ALLIED HEALTH

JonaTHON program allows Connecticut students to fundraise 'for the kids'

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With HuskyTHON only two weeks away, the lesser known JonaTHON program has been working hard to raise money and awareness for Connecticut Children's, Bhavana Gunda, 2021 JonaTHON co-director and sixth-semester physiology and neurobiology and global health double major, said.

The JonaTHON program is a subset of HuskyTHON that allows Connecticut elementary, middle and high schools to fundraise toward the final

HuskyTHON total, Gunda said.

"Our JonaTHONs are such an integral part of HuskyTHON, with so many passionate students that all come together across the state to be for the kids," Gunda said. "Each of our schools gets paired with one of our wonderful captains to support them one-on-one with everything from planning to fundraising."

All of the money raised goes directly to Connecticut Children's, the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Rachel Violette, 2021 JonaTHON co-director and sixth-semester actuarial science major, said.

"[The] money then goes to the

Greatest Need Children's Fund at Connecticut Children's, which is spent on different things that the hospital needs the most at any given time," Violette said. "In the past, this money has been used for things like PPE, and the HuskyTHON Center of Procedural Excellence at Connecticut Children's."

The program started in 2015 and has grown every year, Gunda said. The 2020 program included 10 Connecticut schools that raised over \$36,000 toward the 2020 HuskyTHON final total.

"HuskyTHON would not be what it is without our JonaTHONs," Gunda said.

It is up to each participating school on how they want to be involved in the program, Violette said.

Some of the high school JonaTHON programs are run as clubs, meaning that anyone can sign up to join, fundraise or help in any way, she said. Some of the elementary schools are run by either a student council or a specific class.

"There are so many different ways to get involved and we are open to working with all students/teachers," Violette said.

Gunda said the events can be as big or as small as the students want.

"JonaTHONs can be anywhere

from a spirit day to a mini-marathon, or anything in between, Gunda said. "Some events our programs have put on in the past include selling food in the mornings, game and movie nights, raffles and so much more. It is ultimately up to the students how involved they want to be and what types of fundraisers they want to host."

One of the common events is the mini-marathon, Violette said. It closely mimics the HuskyTHON dance marathon, but on a much smaller scale.

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Each school plans the event differently.

“Our JonaTHON programs that put on mini marathons typically fundraise all year long in a variety of ways, and celebrate their fundraising efforts with a four to five hour dance marathon with dancing, food, games and much more.” Violette said.

Gunda said there is no fundraising minimum or maximum that the schools need to achieve.

“Schools can fundraise as little or as much as they are interested in and everything they raise goes towards the hospital,” Gunda said. “Any amount is so helpful and Connecticut Children’s appreciates all of it.”

Due to COVID-19, the majority of the 2021 JonaTHON program has been virtual in order to follow safety precautions. Violette said the switch to virtual fundraising and events has been a challenge for the participating schools, but they have still been quite successful.

“But nonetheless they have persevered and have been raising money all year,” Violette said. “Our schools have been working so hard and we have been amazed by what they have accomplished this year. We are so excited to reveal the 2021 JonaTHON’s total on March 20.”

Any school in the Connecticut Children’s region can be part of the JonaTHON program, Gunda said. If a school is interested in joining the program, all they have to do is email jonaathons@huskython.org to be paired with an official captain who will help support planning.

“You just need some passionate students that want to make a difference in the lives of the kids and families at Connecticut Children’s, a faculty advisor and permission from your school,” Gunda said.

It is never too late to sign up for the JonaTHON program, Gunda said. Any fundraising made before March 20, this year’s Night-Of, will go toward the 2021 HuskyTHON total. Any funds raised after will go towards the 2022 total.

“Any fundraising that schools do before HuskyTHON’s Night-Of goes toward that year’s total, but schools can continue to fundraise after that until the end of their school year — that money just goes towards next year’s total,” Gunda said. “There is definitely still so much time for schools to sign up for HuskyTHON 2021.”

Violette said schools should join the JonaTHON program because it extends the UConn community and the fight for Connecticut Children’s across the state.

“Along with a sense of community, this is a great opportunity for students to develop essential leadership skills, such as event planning, organizing, communication, money management and so much more,” Violette said. “Lastly, it’s a fantastic way for students to be a part of something bigger than themselves; the kids of Connecticut Children are so inspiring and our cause is super important.”

Gunda said the feedback from participating students has always been positive.

“The students we’ve worked with have all been huge fans,” Gunda said. “The HuskyTHON energy is infectious and all of our students love meeting the kids and hearing their stories, planning and hosting these fun events, and they’re proud to be part of the HuskyTHON community. Our JonaTHON participants always have wonderful things to say about their experience.”



UConn students raise a record \$1,520,234.98 for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in their annual HuskyTHON dance marathon last February. The dance marathon lasts 18 hours and is a show of solidarity and support for children effected by long-term illnesses. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, PHOTO PRODUCER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Health Beat

SINGLE DOSE COVID-19 VACCINE MAY BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

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The United States has a new weapon in the fight against COVID-19 as of Saturday, when the Food and Drug Administration cleared a vaccine made by Johnson and Johnson that works with a single dosage instead of two, according to AP News.

The FDA said J and J’s vaccine offers strong protection against serious illness, hospitalizations and deaths related from COVID-19. In a huge study that spanned three continents, the single-dose vaccine showed to be up to 85% protective against the most

severe COVID-19 illness, according to AP News.

In a UConn Today interview, Dr. Jeff Aeschlimann, infectious diseases pharmacist specialist at UConn Health and of the UConn School of Pharmacy, said the new vaccine could be available as soon as next week, following a similar timeline for shipping and distribution as the previous two COVID-19 vaccines.

Aeschlimann warned that we need to be careful in directly comparing the effectiveness of the new single-dose vaccine to the other two available vaccines.

“For starters, the vaccines were not compared to each other simulta-

neously in a randomized, controlled research trial format using the same definition for effectiveness — this is the best way to determine comparative effectiveness of any medical therapies,” Aeschlimann said in the interview.

Aeschlimann said there are many factors that influence the protective effect of any COVID-19 vaccine, including the definition of when and how protection gets evaluated, how much of the virus is in communities at the time of the study and also by the variants of the virus that are in the communities.

Aeschlimann said it is important to consider these factors, because

the new vaccine may be slightly less effective than the previous two vaccines in a direct comparison.

Still, Aeschlimann thinks the addition of an effective single-dose vaccine will help increase the total number of people who are protected from being infected with COVID-19, and significantly limit the ability of the virus to spread through communities.

“It’s undoubtedly another very important tool that we now have in our toolbox to help arrest the progression of the pandemic and gets our society moving back toward some degree of pre-COVID-19 normalcy,” Aeschlimann said.

Aeschlimann said he is cautiously

optimistic that with continued roll-out of vaccinations to people throughout Connecticut, there will continue to be a significant downward trend in the overall prevalence of COVID-19 infection throughout the state.

“If, in Connecticut, we are able to get high percentages of vaccination throughout the age ranges under the aggressive timeline proposed by the Governor/CT DPH, I definitely envision us progressing to a point in late summer/early fall where we could realistically consider doing a significant roll-back of our current recommendations for high levels of social distancing, masking and other preventative measures,” Aeschlimann said.

Cuomo sorry for remarks aide ‘misinterpreted’ as harassment



N.Y. Gov. Andrew Cuomo delivers his State of the State address virtually from N.Y. state Capitol. On Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, Cuomo acknowledged for the first time that some of his behavior with women had been “misinterpreted as unwanted flirtation,” and he would cooperate with a sexual harassment investigation. (AP Photo/Hans Pennink, Pool, File)

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo acknowledged for the first time Sunday that some of his behavior with women “may have been insensitive or too personal,” and said he would cooperate with a sexual harassment investigation led by the state’s attorney general.

In a statement released amid mounting criticism from within his own party, the Democrat maintained he had never inappropriately touched or propositioned anyone. But he said he had teased people about their personal lives in an attempt to be “playful.”

“I now understand that my interactions may have been insensitive or too personal and that some of my comments, given my position, made others feel in ways I never intended.

I acknowledge some of the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation. To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry about that,” he said.

Cuomo, one of America’s most prominent governors, is facing the most serious challenge of his decade in office following claims he sexually harassed at least two women who worked for him. Democrats in New York and around the nation aren’t rallying to his side, leaving him increasingly isolated from traditional allies.

His partial admission of wrongdoing came after a day of wrangling over who should investigate his workplace behavior.

By day’s end, Cuomo acquiesced to demands that Attorney General

Letitia James control the inquiry.

James said she expected to receive a formal referral that would give her office subpoena power and allow her to deputize an outside law firm for “a rigorous and independent investigation.”

“This is not a responsibility we take lightly,” said James, a Democrat who has been, at times, allied with Cuomo but is independently elected and had emerged as a consensus choice to lead a probe.

Calls for an investigation mounted after a second former employee of Cuomo’s administration went public Saturday with harassment claims.

Charlotte Bennett, a low-level aide in the governor’s administration until November, told The New

York Times Cuomo asked questions about her sex life, including whether she ever had sex with older men, and made other comments she interpreted as gauging her interest in an affair.

Her accusation came days after another former aide, Lindsey Boylan, a former economic development adviser, elaborated on harassment allegations she first made in December. Boylan said Cuomo subjected her to an unwanted kiss and comments about her appearance.

Cuomo, 63, said he had intended to be a mentor for Bennett, who is 25. He has denied Boylan’s allegations.

Over several hours Sunday, James and other leading party officials rejected two of Cuomo’s proposals for how an investigation might proceed.

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Some GOP state lawmakers help spread COVID-19 misinformation

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Many Republican lawmakers have criticized governors’ emergency restrictions since the start of the coronavirus outbreak. Now that most legislatures are back in session, a new type of pushback is taking root: misinformation.

In their own comments or by inviting skeptics to testify at legislative hearings, some GOP state lawmakers are using their platform to promote false information about the virus, the steps needed to limit its spread and the vaccines that will pull the nation out of the pandemic.

In some cases, the misstatements have faced swift backlash, even getting censored online. That’s raised tough questions about how aggressively to combat potentially dangerous misinformation from elected officials or during legislative hearings while protecting free speech and people’s access to government.

Last week, YouTube pulled down a video of committee testimony in the Ohio House after a witness inaccurately claimed COVID-19 wasn’t killing children. The platform said the video violated its community standards against the spread of misinformation.

Ben Wizner, director of the ACLU Speech, Privacy, and Technology project, said YouTube went too far.

“When we’re talking about testimony that occurred at a public hearing, the far better response would be counterspeech, maybe in the form of fact-checking or labeling, rather than this attempt to flush it down the memory hole,” Wizner said.

But opposing voices aren’t always present in committee hearings.

In Michigan, for example, a House Oversight Committee meeting didn’t feature state health officials or other virus experts in a discussion about an extended pause on youth contact sports ordered by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

It did include Jayme McElvany, a virus skeptic who also has posted about the QAnon conspiracy and former President Donald Trump’s unfounded claims of election fraud. Founder of a group called Let Them Play, McElvany questioned mask mandates and the



Jan. 30, 2021: Organizer Jayme McElvany speaks with athletes from the Upper Peninsula behind her during a “Let Them Play” rally at the Capitol in Lansing, Mich. In Michigan, the House Oversight Committee didn’t include state health officials or other virus experts in a discussion about an extended pause on youth contact sports ordered by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. (Nick King/Lansing State Journal via AP)

science behind state COVID-19 data during a legislative hearing that didn’t feature any witnesses from the other side. The committee chairman, Republican Rep. Steven Johnson, said the state health department was invited to testify but did not. Legislative Republicans have been challenging decisions of the Whitmer administration throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Wizner said such imbalances need to be highlighted, not suppressed.

“People need to know this is what passes for local government,” he said. When the hearings are posted online, YouTube owner Google has plenty of tools for flagging questionable information and directing people to facts, Wizner said.

In Tennessee, a Republican lawmaker is pushing legislation that would ban most government agencies from requiring anyone to get COVID-19 vaccines, which isn’t a mandate anywhere. Rep. Bud Hulseley has tried to drum up support downplaying the seriousness of the disease.

While testifying, he ticked off selective statistics that COVID-19 has a lower death rate among children and falsely alleged that the vaccines could cause genetic modifications.

Hulseley faced pushback from a fellow Republican, Rep. Sabi Kumar, a surgeon who has been a rare GOP advocate for proper mask-wearing while lawmakers gather at the Tennessee Capitol.

“The concern I have is that (the bill) creates an anti-vaccine attitude,” Kumar said.

Kumar pointed out that vaccines have saved countless lives throughout the centuries and repeatedly fact-checked Hulseley by emphasizing that the vaccines don’t change a person’s DNA.

Hulseley wasn’t convinced.

“People have seen governments all across this country do things that have never ever happened in the history of the United States, and it scares them,” he said. “They have every right to be afraid.”

His bill has advanced out of a House subcommittee.

In Alaska, Gov. Mike Dunleavy is fighting what he called a pat-

tern of misrepresentations by state Sen. Lora Reinbold, a fellow Republican, saying he would no longer send members of his administration before her Senate Judiciary Committee.

In a scathing Feb. 18 letter that referenced her Facebook posts, Dunleavy accused Reinbold of misrepresenting the state’s COVID-19 response and deceiving the public.

“The misinformation must end,” the governor wrote.

Reinbold has been a vocal critic of Dunleavy issuing disaster declarations while the Legislature wasn’t in session. She has used her committee to amplify voices of those who question the effectiveness of masks and the effects of the government’s emergency response.

On social media, she characterized the Dunleavy administration as being “wild” over “these experimental” vaccines. At a hearing in early February, Reinbold questioned the extent to which the administration had suspended regulations during the pandemic.

“It’s almost like martial law,”

she said.

The governor said that while he has tried to ease rules on businesses such as suspending fees, he’s never imposed martial law or forced Alaskans to get vaccines. Reinbold has called the governor’s criticism of her baseless.

“Some call ‘misinformation’ information they do not agree with or do not want to hear,” Reinbold said by email.

The dustup prompted intervention by the Senate president, who said he expected his committees to provide a “balanced approach.”

In Idaho, Rep. Heather Scott opened the legislative session in January by declaring, “The pandemic is over.” She said Idaho’s 1,600-plus COVID-19 deaths at that time amounted to “nowhere close to a pandemic.”

The average number of daily COVID-19 cases is falling in Idaho, but the death toll has risen.

During a live Zoom forum with constituents in mid-February, Scott criticized the National Governors Association, which last year issued a statement with tips for fighting misinformation about the virus. She alleged that the group is run by “globalists” at the World Economic Forum and that “they are the ones that came out with COVID.” The term “globalists” is widely considered to be an anti-Semitic slur.

Scott didn’t immediately respond to a message seeking clarification on what she meant.

Several of those who are spreading bogus virus information in legislatures also have supported Trump’s false claims that the 2020 election was stolen.

In Virginia, Republican Del. Dave LaRock, who attended the Trump rally in Washington, D.C., that preceded the attack on the U.S. Capitol, warned a state House Health committee in late January that COVID-19 vaccines couldn’t be trusted. He said they were especially risky for several communities, including the elderly and people of color.

Democratic Del. Cia Price, who is Black, called LaRock’s false claims “simply dangerous.”

“There is legitimate vaccine hesitancy in communities that the gentleman listed, but actual and factual information is key, not fanning the flames that are based on historic events,” she said.

Spacewalking astronauts prep station for new solar wings

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Spacewalking astronauts ventured out Sunday to install support frames for new, high-efficiency solar panels arriving at the International Space Station later this year.

NASA’s Kate Rubins and Victor Glover put the first set of mounting brackets and struts together, then bolted them into place next to the station’s oldest and most degraded solar wings. But the work took longer than expected, and they barely got started on the second set before calling it quits.

Rubins will finish the job during a second spacewalk later this week.

The spacewalkers had to lug out the hundreds of pounds of mounting brackets and struts in 8-foot (2.5-meter) duffle-style bags. The equipment was so big and awkward that it had to be taken apart like furniture, just to get through the hatch.

Some of the attachment locations required extra turns of the power drill and still weren’t snug enough, as indicated by black lines. The astronauts had to use a ratchet wrench to deal with the more stubborn bolts, which slowed them down. At one point, they were two hours behind.

“Whoever painted this black line painted outside the lines a little bit,” Glover said at one particularly troublesome spot.

“We’ll work on our kindergarten skills over here,” Mission Control replied, urging him to move on.

With more people and experiments flying on the space station, more power will be needed to keep everything running, according to NASA. The six new solar panels — to be delivered in pairs by SpaceX over the coming year or so — should boost the station’s electrical capability by as much as 30%.

Rubins and Glover tackled the struts for the first two solar panels, due to launch in June. Their spacewalk ended up lasting seven hours, a bit longer than planned.

“Really appreciate your hard work. I know there were a lot of challenges,” Mission Control radioed.

The eight solar panels up there now are 12 to 20 years old — most of them past their design lifetime and deteriorating. Each panel is 112 feet (34 meters) long by 39 feet (12 meters) wide. Tip to tip counting the center framework, each pair stretches 240 feet (73 meters), longer than a Boeing 777’s wingspan.

Boeing is supplying the new

roll-up panels, about half the size of the old ones but just as powerful thanks to the latest solar cell technology. They’ll be placed at an angle above the old ones, which will continue to operate.

A prototype was tested at the space station in 2017.

Rubins’ helmet featured a new high-definition camera that provided stunning views, particularly those showing the vivid blue Earth 270 miles (435 kilometers) below. “Pretty fantastic,” observed Mission Control.

Sunday’s spacewalk was the third for infectious disease specialist Rubins and Navy pilot Glover — both of whom could end up flying

to the moon.

They’re among 18 astronauts newly assigned to NASA’s Artemis moon-landing program. The next moonwalkers will come from this group.

Last week, Vice President Kamala Harris put in a congratulatory call to Glover, the first African American astronaut to live full time at the space station. NASA released the video exchange Saturday.

“The history making that you are doing, we are so proud of you,” Harris said. Like other firsts, Glover replied, it won’t be the last. “We want to make sure that we can continue to do new things,” he said.

Rubins will float back out Friday with Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi to wrap up the solar panel prep work, and to vent and relocate ammonia coolant hoses.

Glover and Noguchi were among four astronauts arriving via SpaceX in November. Rubins launched from Kazakhstan in October alongside two Russians. They’re all scheduled to return to Earth this spring.

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NASA astronauts Kate Rubins, top, and Victor Glover work outside the International Space Station Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. The spacewalking astronauts ventured out Sunday to install support frames for new, high-efficiency solar panels arriving at the International Space Station later this year. (NASA via AP)

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Call It What It Is, China: Concentration camps

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Genocide is not a “different norm,” as President Biden called the treatment of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang. The mass internment of Uyghurs in the province has led to international scrutiny, yet the Biden Administration has been slow to respond. There is more of a concern for economic policy with China than human rights. A reminder that money keeps being prioritized over lives.

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China’s crackdown on the Uyghur community was justified by the nation which claimed that the Muslim minority held “extremist” views that are a threat to security. The Xinjiang government was so concerned with the people’s religion that they even passed a law prohibiting men from growing long beards and women from wearing veils. If that doesn’t spread Islamophobia then

how about the thousands of destroyed mosques? Since 2017, an estimated 30% of mosques have been demolished, and another 30% damaged in some way, according to The Guardian.

The Uyghurs being held in China’s so-called “re-education” camps, a nicer term for “concentration,” are forced to abandon Islam and accept atheism, the Chinese government and Communist Party’s official belief system. They are to pledge allegiance to the Chinese state and chant “all hail Chinese President Xi Jinping” in their cells.

The millions of detained Muslims have been physically and psychologically tortured. Thousands of children have been separated from their parents, and women have been subject to forced birth control methods. What are Muslim-majority countries doing about this? Nothing. The double standard coming from some nations such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Qatar proved once again that, just like the United States, it’s easier to turn a blind eye when you economically benefit. They applauded China’s commitment to protecting their country from “terrorism, separatism and religious extremism.” Their hypocrisy is evident of course considering that in 2019 they urged for other nations to take measures against increasing islamophobia.

The terror against Uyghur Muslims is not bound to stop any time soon and the silence coming from numerous nations concerning the matter shows just how much power China has over international affairs. However, in recent

months, people have taken to social media to speak out against the issue but the difficulty of getting that message across on a large scale remains. This genocide is not a trend. It is not something that will come and go with a few legislation changes. It is not like posting a black square on your Instagram and thinking you’ve done enough. Thousands are dying a day in these concentration camps just because they choose to believe something different from the norm. It’s important that the United States recognizes it as a serious issue against humanity.

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THE GUARDIAN

Every year countries around the world recognize the millions of lives lost in the Holocaust. If people do not push for the recognition of the human rights violations being committed in Xinjiang, then one day these people will also have a remembrance day. It’ll be a memorial day remembering all of the lives that could have been saved if policies actually concerned themselves with people rather than wealth.

RAPID FIRE

If we’re lucky in the Opinion section, we work through our beliefs completely and support them with great arguments. But sometimes, we don’t need a deeper reason to hold our convictions. Rapid Fire is for those tweet-length takes that can be explained in just a sentence or two. No more justification needed.

WHAT’S THE ONE POLICY YOU’D IMPLEMENT TO IMPROVE UCONN DURING THE PANDEMIC?

Harrison Raskin, Opinion Editor

No restrictions on dorm pets. Animal companions really help with mental health, they’re awesome and besides, many of them can’t even spread COVID-19.

Sharon Spaulding, Weekly Columnist

A way to unsubscribe from all the emails that aren’t relevant to those of us not on or near campus this semester.

Anika Veeraraghav, Associate Opinion Editor

UConn always gives away a lot of free apparel during events like Spring Weekend; since a lot of these events aren’t really possible this year, I would be very open to UConn mailing us free stuff every now and then. After all, it probably comes from our tuition money, anyway.

Carson Swick, Staff Columnist

There should be more consistency with seating in the dining halls. At South, I see people moving chairs around, sitting together and having a grand old time. But all the tables at McMahon have only one chair, and no one moves any chairs around. It makes eating there quite depressing. Also, the ice skating rink is cool, but I wish it was bigger and open more than three days a week.

Maddie Papcun, Contributor

Give us a scream room (or two, or three). Sound proof it, and utilize online sign ups and capacity limits to remain COVID-safe, but let us have a place to properly yell as a way to deal with the frustrations of the online college experience.

‘THE POWER OF MISINFORMATION’: EXAMINING ANOTHER PANDEMIC THAT PLAGUES OUR WORLD

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Misinformation is defined as the spreading of false information by those who believe it to be true, while disinformation is defined as the spreading of false information by those who know it to be false. Both concepts, timeless in practice, have disastrous consequences if believed by significant numbers of people within a society. Misinformation and the spread of conspiracy theories have significantly harmed the United States over the past year. COVID-19 misinformation has contributed to the rising global death toll, while election misinformation incited the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

In a panel discussion titled, “The Power of Misinformation,” Community Outreach and Common Cause CT hosted three distinguished speakers to share their expertise on the implications of misinformation in our current world. The panel included Adam Enders, assistant professor of political science at the University of Louisville, Ugochukwu

Etudo, assistant professor of operations and information management at the UConn School of Business and Sherry Pagato, professor of allied health sciences and director of the UConn Center for mHealth & Social Media.

“The most important thing to understand about conspiracy theories,” Enders said, “is that it’s not just crazy ideas from some small number of tin foil hatted people in their parents’ basement. Conspiracy beliefs originate out of the human condition; motivations that all of us have: political motivations, social motivations and psychological mechanisms that are innate.”

While Enders believes that conspiracy theories have always been a part of human society, the greater attention toward misinformation in the past year could be attributed to the pandemic and extreme political polarization, with the feelings of fear and powerlessness forcing many to turn to alternative ideas as sources of comfort.

Pagato, who spoke specifically to the health side of misinformation, explained that need for caution when



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labeling something as a conspiracy theory, as it may stem from a legitimate concern or question that should be addressed to the general public.

“Given it is a new vaccine, there is a healthy amount of hesitancy that we could expect,” Pagato said. “So it is not irrational to have questions and so we should also create a space for people to get their questions answered instead of just dismiss it all as, ‘Oh, you’re a conspiracy theorist,’ or ‘You’re an anti-vaxxer.’ So it’s not as black and white as that.”

Etudo, who focused on the technological aspect of misinformation, explained the role of social media in the spread of disinformation, as social media makes the spread of information, both true and false, more democratic, allowing all people, including the misinformed, to spread false claims to the masses.

“We should never underestimate,” Etudo said, “the role that technology has played in bringing bad actors together or selectively injecting information into people’s information ecosystems.”

The panel noted that social media usage has increased tremendously

since the beginning of the pandemic, with every member of the U.S. Congress having some presence on at least one of the major social media platforms and therefore able to spread information of their choice to their supporters. “Fake news” travels at a faster rate than the truth, so this can be difficult to combat, especially when de-platforming may not hinder the spread of disinformation, but rather send the perpetrators to a new and separate space.

While there may be no clear solution to combat the plague of misinformation in the world, Enders reminded the audience that this is nothing new, especially when looking at previous pandemics and the relationship between the government and the media.

“[In 1918] The whole term ‘Spanish Flu’ comes from Spain being the only country that was actually reporting on the pandemic at the time,” Enders said. “They weren’t being silenced by their government because they weren’t in World War I. Maybe it’s disheartening that we haven’t gotten a lot better over time, but it seems to me like the same old story.”

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CITED AS THE FOUNDATION OF SUPPORTING BLACK EXCELLENCE

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On one of the last days of Black History Month, Delta Nu Boulé teamed up with UConn to host the third session of “Couch Conversations.” The event titled “Future Vision: Supporting Black Excellence” invited panelists to gather and reflect on how to continue to empower Black people, especially children and young adults, to become the next generation of doctors, teachers, advocates and more.

“I think systemic racism shows up in so many different ways that we can’t begin to do justice to the conversation without dialogues like these,” Dr. Katherine Golar, chief medical officer for Optimus Health Care, said.

Golar spoke about how she has faced a lot of discrimination within the medical field and shared how the medical profession needs to make changes to become a more welcoming community for Black people. After a long history of racism and discrimination within the United States, many Black Americans are fearful of going to the doctor because of concern over lack of respect, negative attitudes and other factors. Golar said that to amend this, change needs to happen from the inside.

“We as healthcare institutions have to do a much better job of helping our staff meet people where they are ... so a lot of it is work on our part that we have to do,” Golar said.

The medical field is just one of many career paths that are disproportionately geared toward non-Black Americans due to different levels of education access and equity. All three panelists agreed that equal access to quality education is one of the most important steps in supporting Black excellence.

“You want to get an education that will allow you to be in a position

where if something were to happen and you can pivot easily into either your home or another opportunity because you’re qualified,” Nadene Mckenzie-Reid, deputy head of technology at NatWest Markets, said. “I think that’s really where we want to focus when we talk to kids about career choices.”

Early on in her career, Mackenzie-Reid noticed the need for strong advocates for children who might not have this in their parents, guardians or family members. This led her to become involved with Stamford Cradle to Career, a partnership that works to align community resources to ensure equity in education for every child.

Mackenzie-Reid now serves as the Vice-Chair of the board and focuses a lot of her time on providing educational opportunities for underserved students.

“The emphasis on getting our kids educated and understanding that if you take a job in a company where your job is coveted and it’s hard to get by and you are not easily replaceable that’s a position you want to put yourself in,” Mackenzie-Reid said.

The coronavirus pandemic showed just how easily and quickly the entire landscape of the world can change and many people found themselves without a job overnight. Mackenzie-Reid and the other panelists talked about how COVID-19 has disproportionately affected many

Black workers because they were either on the frontlines with a high risk of contracting the virus or they were fired from their jobs.

The first step in ensuring that all students, not just those of a certain race or socioeconomic status, have the opportunity to achieve success in their professional working life is to create more opportunities for diversity and inclusion in educational institutions.

“I think institutions are now starting to understand that we can’t take color-blind approaches to supporting our students,” Dr. Franklin Tuitt, vice president and chief diversity officer for UConn, said. “We need to have some kind of affinity-based programs and support measures in place so that our students can have opportunities to feel validated, affirmed and encouraged.”

Tuitt has more than two decades of higher education administration experience and was hired at UConn in July 2020. Since then, he has worked tirelessly with students, faculty and the administration to create a more inclusive and affirming campus environment so that all members of the UConn community can feel like they belong.

In addition to education as a factor supporting Black excellence, all three panelists echoed the importance of showing up in your communities in whatever way you can to offer guidance and support while advocating for the people who are far too often left out of the conversation.

“For me it’s really about lifting our community together in ways that create opportunities for us to be the best versions of ourselves,” Tuitt said.

Though Black History Month is now over, we must continue to support Black excellence and celebrate the achievements of Black Americans all year long to continue to work toward a more inclusive and representative society.



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UConn Writing Center hosts scholars for ‘Racism in the Margins’ conference

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On Feb. 26, the UConn Writing Center hosted Dr. Vershawn Young, professor of Communication Arts and Literature at the University of Waterloo, and Dr. Asao Inoue, professor and the associate dean of Academic Affairs, Equity and Inclusion for the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts at Arizona State University, for the “Racism in the Margins” conference. The “Racism in the Margins” conference — hosted through Zoom

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DR. ASAO INOUE

— was a conference hosting scholars to discuss how racism manifests in the classroom, through academic writing, and how we can work toward the inclusion of different voices in student writing. The audience had the opportunity to submit questions throughout the conference.

Young talked about how racism through literature is connected to racism and violence outside of the classroom. He believes that Black pronunciation, articulation and dialect are often harshly criticized within the classroom, and that Black people often have to diminish their anger about injustice in their academic work.

“To be a Black person, and to have relative consciousness about what goes on in North America concerning Black people, as James Baldwin put it, is to be in a state of ‘rage and anger, almost all of the time,’” Young said.

Young stressed the importance of recognizing Black expression as art in language arts, and its usage in oral works. He provided examples of Black oral expression and asked the audience questions about the usage.

“What we need to really start

doing is understanding how our morality impacts and influences effective rhetorical presentations, particularly the orality of African American English,” Young said.

Young advocates for code-meshing rather than code-switching when it comes to African American Vernacular English.

“I am advocating for less switching, less changing out of Blackness and more meshing, merging Blackness in schools and in professional settings,” Young said.

Inoue also recognized racist discourse in the classroom, and highlighted the White book standards that are often present in academic and professional settings. He believes that in order to rid academic institutions of racist discourse, we must go against them.

“Educational systems’ racist discourse is overdetermined,” Inoue said. “It’s never just one thing, never just a single test or standard or rubric or book. It’s all over the place and it’s never just school, just grading practices, just our lessons or texts. It’s also the economic systems that make our schools and colleges possible.”

Inoue said that it is important for English professors and teachers to often check and watch themselves closely for bias when grading.

“What if you had to wear a grading body cam recording your every word of feedback, every marginal comment, even every move of your mind?” Inoue said. “You’d be worried about getting recorded. How often would you be tempted to turn off the grading body cam?”

More information about the conference and the scholars can be found on the UConn Writing Center’s website.



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The last of the Critical LOOKing Dialogues happened this past Thursday, with the William Benton Museum of Art hosting an analysis of “La Conquistadora at the Trinity Nuclear Site, Near Socorro, New Mexico” by Craig Varjabedian, taken in 1996.

Assistant Curator and Academic Liaison Amanda Duoberely begins every Critical LOOKing session with two minutes to just simply look at every aspect of the piece of work. She asks the audience to step back and truly take the piece in, picking up on the details and various aspects of the photograph. “La Conquistadora at the Trinity Nuclear Site, Near Socorro, New Mexico” is exactly what the name says. It’s a photograph of a statue and Mother Mary on the world’s first nuclear site, which happened to be in New Mexico. The exact date of the explosion is July 16, 1945.

The photograph depicts a triangular statue next to Mother Mary in the desert. To some, Mother Mary

represented something more than just a religious figure.

“It reminds me of the damage that we can do, and it almost says ‘God, help us all. Look at what we’ve done; a nuclear device exploded on this Earth,’ so the religious figure will do her best to protect or to heal to a certain degree,” one audience member said.

The audience correlated Mother Mary to a higher purpose at the land-site, one of healing from a devastating event that took place. It symbolizes the peace, but also the severity, that the explosion caused. Its destruction was so large that it needed a religious symbol to begin healing.

Along with a deeper meaning, the photograph is visually appealing. The statue and Mother Mary are both a triangular shape, which allows for a cohesive feel. The photograph also incorporates elements in the foreground, middleground and background. The art piece takes up the foreground, the bushes embody the middleground and the mountains take up the background. The addition

of making the photo black and white adds an emotional element to the story. It creates a somber feeling that most likely would not be so evident if the photo were in color. I believe this is intentionally done by the artist, as it was evident the landscape was one of human destruction and sadness.

Duoberely makes a connection between the conqueror of the indigenous people and this imposition on the land/landscape.

According to Duoberely, along with many other things, the image represents the idea of conquest and a further connection between the Trinity detonation, which she argues starts the Anthropocene concept.

The Benton has been analyzing pieces from the Anthropocene for several months now, and will conclude the exhibit on March 5 with “Film Screening: Anthropocene: The Human Epoch” at 6:30 p.m. If you have never tuned into a Critical LOOKing session, they’re usually less than an hour and can be found on the Benton’s website.

MORE IN MARCH: WHAT’S COMING AND LEAVING NETFLIX THIS MONTH

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Sticking to their promise to release an exorbitant amount of content regularly throughout 2021, Netflix adds a solid selection of original and previously-released movies and TV series this month to get you through midterms.

Netflix has done a fairly good job with their Young Adult novel adaptations (see “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before”) and is hoping to continue that success with “Moxie,” dropping on March 3. The Netflix Original is directed and produced by Amy Poehler, who also stars as 16-year-old Vivian’s (Hadley Robinson) mother. Inspired by her mother’s rebellious past and her confident new friend (Alycia Pascual-Peña), Vivian anonymously publishes a zine calling out the sexism at their school and sparking a “coming-of-rage” revolution.

Originally planned for a 2020 theatrical release, prank comedy “Bad Trip” starring Tiffany Haddish, Eric Andre and Lil Rel Howery will release on the platform on March 26.

Adding to a colorful repertoire of culinary content is “Nailed It!: Double Trouble,” a spin-off of the beloved baking competition show that features teams instead of single bakers. And in perhaps the cutest food show no one could have seen coming, Michelle Obama and puppet friends explore food and culture from around the world in “Waffles + Mochi,” dropping on March 16.

Another family selection I’ll probably end up watching is “Yes Day” coming out on March 12 and starring Jennifer Garner, in which she and her husband (Edgar Ramirez) decide not to say “no” to their three kids for 24 hours.

Also coming out on the 12th is Netflix Original sci-fi series “The One,” in which a DNA researcher discovers a way to find your perfect soulmate. Other series to look out for

are illusionist reality show “Magic for Humans by Mago Pop” and Sherlock Holmes spin-off “The Irregulars,” arriving on March 26.

On the documentary side of things, “Biggie Smalls, Biggie: I Got a Story to Tell” about rapper The Notorious B.I.G. comes out today. True crime docu-series “Murder Among the Mormons” and “Nevenka: Breaking the Silence,” the latter of which looks into the first public sexual harassment case in Spain, will be available on March 3 and 5, respectively. Season one of sports docu-series “Last Chance U: Basketball” drops on March 10, a spin-off of the series traditional content of American football teams. Previously released documentaries “Audrey” about actress Audrey Hepburn and “The Last Blockbuster” will be available to watch on March 14. Also arriving on the 14th is the first season of Netflix Original “The Lost Pirate Kingdom,” a documentary-history-hybrid that follows the real-life pirates of the Caribbean as they “violently plunder the world’s riches and form a surprisingly egalitarian republic.” “Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal,” about the controversy involving Lori Loughlin and other high-profile celebrities, comes out on March 17. Continuing with sustainability-focused “Down to Earth,” “Seaspiracy” coming on March 24 discusses what harm humans do to the ocean.

Film classics like “Batman Begins,” “The Dark Knight,” “I Am Legend,” “Crazy, Stupid, Love” and “The Pursuit of Happyness” are available to watch on Netflix today, while viewers will have more of a wait for all four seasons of Nickelodeon favorite “Big Time Rush,” coming on March 26.

Make sure to get in your last screenings of “Spring Breakers,” “Silver Linings Playbook,” “Inception,” the “Sex and the City” movies and “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” because they’ll all be leaving Netflix by the end of March.



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“The World’s a Little Blurry,” a documentary on Billie Eilish directed by R.J. Cutler is one of the most engaging films I’ve seen in a while. The documentary was released Feb. 26 on Apple TV+, after around two years of filming. The film features footage taken by Eilish’s family, coupled with professional documentation to offer an intimate look at the young singer’s rise to stardom and mental health journey during the release of her first album, “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?”

Eilish produced her first album in her humble childhood home and while on tour with the help of her brother Finneas O’Connell, and the support of her parents Maggie Baird and Patrick O’Connell. “The World’s a Little Blurry” does a phenomenal job exposing the tight-knit relationship between Eilish and her family. There is something inherently unique about the contribution

a parent can make as their young artist grows, as Baird emphasizes in the film. They offer the unconditional support that money can never buy; they can sense the way Eilish feels in a way no one else can.

The documentary featured a particularly notable scene about the demanding world of production. When discussing the release of “xanny,” a song about Eilish’s disdain for drugs and similar self-destructive behavior, a representative from Interscope asks if releasing the song could come back to bite her in the future.

“Are you actually not going to let her be authentic to who she is now, in case she grows up to do drugs?” Baird responds, defending her daughter.

Cutler’s film further expands on the constricting nature of the industry. Eilish confesses to hating the songwriting process and the pressures of deadlines. Finneas works with Eilish, encouraging her to think about accessibility when creating music.

Viewers also get a glimpse of Eilish’s unhealthy relationship with fellow singer Brandon Adams, whom she refers to as Q. Eilish struggles to stay happy with an increasingly distant and self-destructive Q, ultimately deciding to part ways when realizing that neither could make the other happy.

During all this, Eilish battles with her self-confidence. Eilish says she had to quit everything she’s ever loved doing, namely dance, due to injuries. In the film, we see them resurface as Eilish sprains her ankle and tears ligaments preventing her from putting on her shows the way she wants to. She is a bundle of nerves before performing at Coachella and panics over a malfunctioning screen. Eilish struggles to accept these minor setbacks are not at all detrimental to her performance and her audience is simply content with seeing her sing.

Furthermore, the documentary highlights Eilish’s mental health. She shows journals filled with drawings and dark thoughts at the start and end of the film, as she grows out of

depression. We get a glimpse of this through her iconic “Same Interview, One Year Apart” series with Vanity Fair, but “The World’s a Little Blurry” goes into far more depth.

The film features an interview where Eilish is praised for her transparency when it comes to mental health. However, she claims that she never intended to make a statement; she simply conveyed what it felt like to be a human. Eilish tells it like it is, her honesty remarkably rare in a world of fame.

The notion of fame is also called into question in this piece. We see Eilish still celebrating in her tiny childhood home after having won five awards at the Grammys, see her coming of age and learning how to drive, just like any other person.

A clip of Eilish at 12 is pulled up, where she is in tears at the thought of having to love someone other than Justin Bieber. Her mother reveals that she considered sending Eilish to therapy over her obsession with the pop star. Merely years later, Bieber

reaches out, wanting to be featured on a remix of “Bad Guy.” When Eilish finally meets her idol, she is starstruck. Her brother reminds her that Eilish knows exactly how it feels to be on the reciprocal side of that feeling.

During a productive night on tour, Finneas highlights her accomplishments, deliriously claiming they really were millionaires.

“We’re so not. We have millions of dollars but that does not make us millionaires,” Eilish bursts out laughing.

Albeit lengthy, “The World’s a Little Blurry” is a documentary for the books, depicting Eilish’s growth in a way untainted by the conventional idea of stardom. It reveals both the frustration and joy that comes with being a young artist, offering astounding insight as to Eilish’s authenticity and evolution. It perfectly encompasses the idea behind her song “everything i wanted.”

“I had a dream / I got everything I wanted / Not what you think.”

Not what we think, indeed.

Rating: 5/5

What Your Horoscope Says About You: March 2021

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Aries (March 21 – April 19):

For the majority of March, you should focus on yourself and fixing any personal issues. Manifesting new goals is not advised during this time, and meditation is recommended. Toward the end of the month, however, you should focus on goals; just be aware of rushing into anything too soon.



Taurus (April 20 – May 20):

Planning for the future will take up a majority of your March since the sun will be in your 11th house. This could include networking with others, brainstorming and getting to work on a project. Rest will be coming toward the end of the month though so work hard and expect a relaxing end of March.



Gemini (May 21 – June 20):

Your best month will be right in front of you since the sun will be in your 10th house. Do not be surprised if you start getting compliments from your boss or from authority figures in your life. Also, late March will see the month move to your 11th house highlighting collaboration and communication with others.



Cancer (June 21 – July 21):

March is the perfect month to explore the world (safely) and find yourself and what you are passionate about. Having the sun in your ninth house allows you to explore your desires and once the sun moves to your 10th house later in the month, you will be ready to work on any project.



Leo (July 22 – Aug. 22):

If you have had trouble with your personal relationships, March is the best time to work on those since the sun will be in your eighth house. As the sun moves toward your ninth house near the end of March, you should be able to feel more comfortable reaching out and meeting new people.



Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22):

Focusing on your finances is going to be a major part of your March, especially toward the end of the month. Your relationships should also be worked on too since the sun will be in your seventh house for the early part of March.



Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22):

Work is on its way this month so expect to be busy through most of March since the sun will be in your sixth house. Your needs will change toward the end of the month however since the sun will move to your seventh house and a partnership is something you will crave.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21):

Try your best to enjoy life's pleasures throughout March. The sun will be in your fifth house which gives your creative abilities a boost along with being more playful. There will also be time to focus on work and projects in March as the sun will move into your sixth house later on in the month.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21):

As much as you typically like to party or have fun, that will have to wait until later in March because for the majority of the month, the sun will be in your fourth house. Focusing on yourself and your family will be crucial in order for you to have fun later in the month.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19):

Get ready to be busy throughout most of March. Your workload will increase since the sun will be in your third house. Your sun moves to your fourth house toward the end of the month meaning expect to spend more time at home with your loved ones or those close to you.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18):

Expect material wealth to be in the forecast for most of March since your sun will be in your second house. You will most likely be tempted to spend a lot of money but be careful not to focus too much on possessions. Also, expect to be more social toward the end of March and open up more.



Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20):

Look for people with similar values to you throughout the month you will be keeping to yourself for the first half of March. The second half will be different for you since you will be more communicative. Friendship is the key term to pay attention to throughout March.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: MARCH 1-5

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Fear is a powerful emotion. Whether rational or irrational, fear can drive a person to make rash decisions that have life-altering consequences. This week, we will look at two moments in American history where fear and even hysteria drove the decision-making of people in power, significantly impacting the lives of those around them. So let's dive in!

On March 1, 1692, 329 years ago, the Salem Witch Trials began.

Salem Village of the Massachusetts Bay Colony had been established as an English Puritan settlement in the early 17th century, with residents adhering to the strict moral code of Puritan Protestantism. In February of 1692, nine-year-old Elizabeth Parris and 11-year-old Abigail Williams, members of the reverend's household, became unexplainably ill with mysterious fits, leading the doctor to deem them as "afflicted by witchcraft."

Wanting to "purify" the community, as the religion's name suggests, Salem adults encouraged the girls to identify the witches within Salem society, making scapegoats out of community outsiders. Among the first three accused were Sarah Goode, Sarah Osbourne and Tituba, the Parris family's slave from Barbados. On the same day, Tituba, through coercion, admitted to working for the Devil, but identified Goode and Osbourne as fellow followers of Satan. This began a pattern where those who admitted to witchcraft but informed on other "witches" were spared while those who pleaded to be innocent were convicted.

A special court was established by the colonial Massachusetts government to try the nearly 150 people accused of witchcraft. Young children's accusations and convulsions were taken as legal proof against the defendants, typically consisting of middle-aged women, with some men and one four-year-old girl. As fast as the hysteria began, it finally died down in May of the following year having sent 18 innocent women and men to the gallows to be hung, and one man to be pressed to death by stones.

On March 1, 1917, 104 years



ago, the infamous "Zimmermann Telegram" was published and revealed to the American people.

While practically every American can tell you the United States entered World War II following the Attack on Pearl Harbor, very few can recall the reason why the U.S. entered World War I. While you cannot necessarily pinpoint one decisive moment, the Zimmermann telegram is largely considered to be the final straw that sent American troops packing for the European continent.

Though the Great War began in July of 1914, the United States had taken a strong isolationist position throughout the first three years of the conflict, with then-President Woodrow Wilson winning reelection on the campaign slogan: "He kept us out of war." Not very catchy I'll admit, but certainly very effective to win the presidency in a nation wanting to keep out of European affairs.

That being said, while the U.S. maintained a neutral position, they certainly made their support for the Allied powers known. Germany was aware of this, engaging in unrestricted submarine warfare on American vessels aiding the British and French. Tensions heightened in 1915 when a German U-boat torpedoed the RMS Lusitania, killing 128 American pas-

sengers out of 1,198 total civilian casualties.

By January of 1917, it seemed certain that the U.S. would enter the war. The German Foreign Secretary, Arthur Zimmermann, sent a coded message to the Mexican government proposing a German-Mexican alliance. Along with the promise of funds and supplies, Germany would allow Mexico to reconquer the states of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico from the U.S.

For a little extra historical context, the U.S. was at war with Mexico during the 1840s, so did not exactly have the best relationship around the time of World War I. Practically all of the modern American Southwest was lost by Mexico during this conflict. This is why several southwestern American cities have Spanish names like San Antonio, Santa Fe, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Fun fact: several Mexican-Americans can trace their roots back to this war where their ancestors did not cross the border but rather the border crossed them.

The Mexican government had no interest in joining the war, and since Zimmermann had sent the message via the Western Union, the telegram passed through Great Britain and the United States before ever arriving in Mexico. British intelligence intercepted the message and gave the decoded report to American officials. Congress effectively declared war one month later on April 6, 1917.

While the U.S. would have arguably entered the war without the discovery of the telegram, its release to the American people prompted the extreme anti-German hysteria of the early 20th century. German-Americans were a tremendously large ethnic group, yet were targeted for harboring sympathies for their ancestral homeland. German immigrants changed their last names from Schmidt to Smith, and Americans began calling hamburgers and sauerkraut, "liberty steaks" and "liberty cabbage." The German language in the U.S. was a particular casualty, dropping from being the most studied language in American schools to being virtually outlawed. While German-Americans are still the largest ethnic group in the country at approximately 17% of the total population, only 5% of this group can speak German.

Casual Cadenza: 'Cats' bad, 'Memory' good

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Jan. 1, 2020 was the first and last time I saw the movie "Cats." Before watching, I already knew it was bad. From what I heard, audiences had been left petrified by immoral displays of human-cat crossbred creations, while critics were referring to the film as a feline hellscape. Apparently, the plot itself couldn't save its potential designation as a cinematic masterpiece, with its tedious — and at times confusing — storyline. Due to morbid curiosity, I got to experience all of this first-hand in an empty theater (with the exception of two friends). We later managed to develop a conspiracy theory about how having "Cats" as our first movie of 2020 eventually contributed to the curse of the coronavirus pandemic. More research is yet to be done on that.

As someone with very limited knowledge of musical theater, I'm sorry to say that "Cats" was my first and only exposure to the original production by Andrew Lloyd Webber. I'm sure it's great, considering it's won both the Laurence Olivier and Tony awards for Best Musical. But for the sake of mental reparation, it'll be a long time before I delve into the world of lyrical lynxes again. So instead of rejuvenating my current image of "Cats," I thought it'd be better to focus on the good bits of what I gathered from that fateful New Year's Day. Granted, there's really only one.

Maybe it was just the result of my brain grasping for redeemable material, as over halfway through the film, my mind had solely processed the following: the main group of cats are called the "Jellicles;" human-cat dancing is the equivalent of a bad trip; Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer are amazing cat names; Judi Dench sacrificed her damehood to play a female cat Jesus; Idris Elba looks surprisingly decent as a cat and a glittery Taylor Swift descends on a swing. I still had no idea what the premise was.

But all that didn't matter once Jennifer Hudson chose to carry the immense weight of failed furballs and fever dream sequences on her back. Her character, Grizabella, is old and disheveled, her scruffy appearance the outcome of unkind years following a youthful period of glamour. Despite yearning for acceptance, the Jellicles ostracize her, leaving her to live a lonely life. She's prompted to sing in front of Old Deuteronomy (Judi Dench), whose compassionate expression after hearing Hudson's golden pipes was the epitome of my reaction.

Listening to Hudson belt out her sorrows in "Memory," a song about reminiscence and renewal, was truly the break I needed, being the least nightmarish aspect of the entire film. Her performance is poignant and passionate, accompanied by an instrumental climax I could listen to for nine lifetimes. The emotion, the

orchestral crescendo into Hudson's high melodic trill and the astonished faces of the Jellicles at the end are what make this rendition the best part of the soundtrack (yet another failed feature of the movie adaptation). However, whether the performance alone is enough to classify the first hour and a half as worthwhile remains questionable. If the entire film was just Hudson singing "Memory," then perhaps.

"Cats" finally meets its end by electing Grizabella as the "Jellicle Choice." She ascends in a hot air balloon, bound to enter some sort of cat heaven that I wasn't even aware of because I'm pretty sure I blacked out in the middle ("Memory" caused me to respawn). As strange and regrettable as the experience was, I can't help but agree with the ending. It's an exact representation of how I feel toward the film: Grizabella's performance makes her the only one to deserve escaping the Jellicles, who are likely to continue their infernal businesses of human-cat song and dance numbers for the rest of time.

My friends and I concluded our movie night blasting "Memory" in the car on our way back home. The lyrics essentially summed up how we felt exiting the theater: "I can smile at the old days / I was beautiful then / I remember / The time I knew what happiness was / Let the memory / Live again." Life was better before seeing "Cats." But "Memory" makes it worth living.

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | No wonder the sun is in love with her



A waxing gibbous moon hangs over the trees outside of the UConn Rec Center. This phase of the moon lasts about 7 days and is when the moon is more than 50% illuminated but not a full moon. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Nannies and billies

6 Skylit courtyards

11 Toyota Prius, e.g.

14 Tin Pan __

15 Transactions with interest

16 Pub pour

17 *Data transmission science

19 Khaki-colored

20 Pedal pusher

21 Full moon, e.g.

22 Cartoon maker of iron bird seed

23 Salinger teen who says, "I prefer stories about squalor"

24 *Elementary school fundraiser

26 Whistle blower

28 Piece for three instruments

29 They're often pop-ups

32 Major artery

36 Irritate

39 Quick swim

40 Fell behind

42 Golf ball holder

43 Stockpile

45 Dig deeply (into)

46 Pigs out (on), briefly

47 Blacken in a pan

49 Dictator Amin

51 *Rank for TV's Columbo

56 "Shoo!"

60 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.

61 Ceremonial conical structure

62 Tra-__: refrain syllables

63 "__, humbug!"

64 Track meet infractions ... or short words hiding at the beginning of the answers to starred clues

66 Musician Brian

67 Had the flu, say

68 Cove, e.g.

69 Tennis do-over

70 Sanctify

71 Love to pieces

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By Catherine Cetta 3/1/21

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1 Faux pas

2 Mixed bags

3 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author

4 Wobble

5 Leb. neighbor

6 A, as in Athens

7 Invoice word

8 Employee's reward

9 Motivate

10 Biblical beast of burden

11 Not be fooled by

12 San Antonio mission

13 Continue to subscribe

18 Decide on

22 Z__ zebra

25 Swapped

27 Patronizes, as a restaurant

29 Oral health org.

30 Not bright, as a light

31 Many a NASA mission

33 "Far out, dude!"

34 White-__: formal

35 Every one

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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37 Ref. work that added "YOLO" in 2016

38 Proposer's preferred response

41 Paperless party announcements

44 " __ up!": "Quiet!"

48 Sell directly to the consumer

50 Manhattan or Staten

51 Defame in print

52 Foolish

53 Woman's name backward or forward

54 Vaulted alcoves

55 Requirements

57 Monte __

58 Raise a hemline on, say

59 Sample, as food

64 Tide alternative

65 Spanish aunt

DYK?

If a star passes too close to a black hole, it can be torn apart.

THE HOTTEST PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM IS VENUS.

The highest mountain discovered is called Olympus Mons, located on Mars.

OLYMPUS MONS IS 16 MILES HIGH. MOUNT EVEREST IS ONLY 5.5 MILES.

Footsprints left on the moon won't disappear because there's no wind.

EARTH IS THE ONLY PLANET NOT NAMED AFTER A GOD.

Facts courtesy ofthefactsite.com

Sudoku

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UConn Women’s Soccer Recap:

HUSKIES DEFEAT NORTHEASTERN TO GET THEIR SECOND WIN OF THE SEASON

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The UConn women’s soccer team defeated Northeastern 2-0 at the Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on Sunday, Feb. 28 to get its second win of the season and improve their overall record to 2-0-0 (2-0-0 Big East). On the contrary, Northeastern suffered their second loss of the season, and now sit at 1-2-1 (1-2-1 Colonial Athletic Conference).

Whereas the 2-0 scoreline may suggest that UConn dominated Northeastern throughout the entirety of the match, the reality is that Northeastern had the Huskies on the back foot in the opening stages of the first half. Head coach Ashley Phillips gave her players free range to aggressively press UConn, which sometimes caused more harm than good for the visitors, as UConn were able to play out of the press, or catch Northeastern out of position to hit them on the counterattack. Although they were unable to capitalize, their ability to quickly get into Northeastern’s final third was definitely a promising sign.

Northeastern continued the press, but also relied heavily on possession, as they dominated the majority of possession for the half. UConn continued their style of play, which was to hit Northeastern on the counter attack, and their patience finally paid off in the 14th minute, when forward Jada Konte was put through on goal, which forced Northeastern goalkeeper Angeline Friel to come off her line and clear it before Konte was able to capitalize.

In like manner, Northeastern would get a shot of their own to break the deadlock in the 23rd minute, when a corner put into the box was connected on by the Huskies, and just narrowly went over the crossbar to keep the contest scoreless.

The back and forth by both teams would finally end in the 26th minute, and it would be UConn that came out on top. A free kick about 40 yards from goal was hit into the box by defender

Jacqueline Harnett, with midfielder Sophia Danyko-Kulchicky leaping over the cluster of bodies to head it over Friel and into the back of the net to make it 1-0 UConn.

Kulchicky’s goal led to an overall increase in confidence for the squad; this time, it was UConn who were putting Northeastern under pressure, and their hard work nearly led to another goal scoring opportunity in the 28th minute. Furthermore, in the 31st minute, Konte was able to beat her defender on the left side of the pitch, which allowed her to dribble towards the byline, and, despite sending in a dangerous, low-driven cross into the box, no one was at either post to get on the end of it. UConn was unable to take advantage of their opportunities, but the ease at which they created chances is something that certainly concerned the Northeastern coaching staff.

Although most would say that the most noteworthy moment of the half was UConn’s opening goal, it can be argued that the introduction of forward Jaydah Bedoya surpassed anything else that went on in the opening 45 minutes. Bedoya came on and immediately beat multiple defenders before cutting in on her right and hitting a shot that went just over the crossbar. She served as the catalyst in attack for the Huskies on the left side, and her ability on the ball created gaps in Northeastern’s midfield and defense.

In like manner, forward Kess Elmore’s introduction also changed the dynamic of the attack, as her equally great dribbling skills allowed her to beat defenders and open up the pitch to create opportunities for her teammates.

Despite the 1-0 lead, head coach Margaret Rodriguez’s squad would not get complacent, and it showed. They began the second half with the confidence and aggressiveness with which they had ended the first, as they maintained their shape and limited the options in attack for Northeastern.

Bedoya and Elmore began the second half, and they’d certainly be looked toward when UConn went

on the attack. However, the opening stages of the half involved a stalemate between the two sides, as the ball spent most of the time in the middle of the pitch, which meant Bedoya and Elmore were not able to have their usual impact on the wings.

The 55th minute would finally see Bedoya have an impact in the attack, as she received the ball at the edge of the box and cut in before taking a shot that veered just off target.

Northeastern had a golden opportunity in the 61st minute, as Fisher dribbled toward the byline before putting a cross into the box that found unmarked forward Rose Kaefer at the back post, who hit it over the net to keep UConn on top. Another opportunity came Northeastern’s way in the 83rd minute when they were awarded a dangerous free kick at the edge of UConn’s box. Fisher stepped up and shot it

toward goalkeeper Randi Palacios’ near post, but was unable to find the bottom corner.

These missed opportunities would prove costly for the visitors as, in the 85th minute, forward Yamilee Eveillard played a ball to midfielder Lucy Cappadona at the edge of Northeastern’s box; Cappadona proceeded to hit a rocket toward goal that went bar down and into the back of the net to double UConn’s advantage. This goal would ultimately seal the deal for UConn, and give them the victory over Northeastern.

UConn now gets set to travel to Rhode Island on Thursday, March 4 to take on the Providence Friars, who also sit at 2-0-0 (2-0-0 Big East). If there’s anything we can be sure of, it’s that one of these two squads will attain their first loss of the season this Thursday.



The UConn Huskies defeated the Northeastern Huskies with a final score of 2-0. The first goal was scored by Sophia Danyko-Kulchicky (23) and assisted by Jacqueline Harnett at 26:11. The second goal was scored by Lucy Cappadona (4) and assisted by Yamilee Eveillard (4) at 84:58. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women’s Lacrosse: Huskies dominate against UNH



The UConn Huskies beat the University of New Hampshire 19-3 in a blowout game on Sunday evening. Sydney Watson (11) scored five goals and had eight draw controls. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Coming off a commanding 18-5 victory against UMass Lowell, the UConn women’s lacrosse team looked to carry that momentum into Sunday’s matchup against the 1-1 New Hampshire Wildcats. The team did just that Sunday afternoon as UConn obliterated the Wildcats 19-3.

It didn’t take long for the Huskies (2-1) to put up points on the board as superstar midfielder Sydney Watson found the net in just 29 seconds on an unassisted goal. Watson herself looked absolutely phenomenal in this matchup, scoring a total of five goals and earning her third hat trick of the season in just the first half. Shortly after Watson’s quick goal, Olivia Troy would find the net on a great assist from Stephanie Palmucci. Troy, who finished with two goals on the day,

would put the Huskies up 2-0 before another Sydney Watson goal that would bring the score to 3-0. After additional goals from Lauren Barry, Watson, Kate Shaffer, Sam McKenna, Lia LaPrise and Troy, the Huskies would finish with an impeccable 12 goals after the first half, while only allowing one goal to UNH’s Izzy Holmes.

The second half was no different for the Huskies, who continued to score on a UNH team that looked lost. UConn was able to score quickly once again in the second half on Barry’s goal with an assist from LaPrise. After LaPrise and Watson’s goals that put UConn up 15-1, the Huskies would play phenomenal defense and only allow two second-half goals from UNH. When the horn sounded, the Huskies would only allow nine shots on goal and 12 shots in total from the Wildcats.

Aside from the amazing performance of Watson, LaPrise was exceptional in this matchup. LaPrise,

who had two goals this game, would have a team-leading five assists on the game and was sensational in finding her teammates for easy goals. Another solid performance came from Barry, who had three goals on the game and was the team’s leading scorer in the second half with Sydney Watson on the bench. Barry was a key contributor in helping the Huskies put this game even more out of reach for the UNH Wild Cats. Along with these three impressive performances, Meghan Whitley, Morgan Carter and Rylee Brown scored their first goals of the season to contribute to the 19-3 victory. As a team, the Huskies indeed outperformed the Wildcats. UConn forced 16 turnovers against UNH and outscored the Wild Cats 18-6 in draw controls.

With a two-game win streak, the Huskies will look to extend their win streak at Morrone Stadium on Thursday against the University of Albany.

Volleyball Recap: Huskies split series with St. John’s

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The UConn women’s volleyball team began conference play at Gampel Pavilion against St. John’s University. The Huskies split the two-game series at home to move to 1-1 in Big East play and 1-2 overall.

Game one of the series started very competitively as both teams kept the first set close throughout, the biggest lead of the set was an early four-point UConn advantage. With UConn trailing 20-22 in the latter stages of the opening set, Caylee Parker recorded a kill to give the Huskies the serve back. Kennadie Jake-Turner was then able to secure the first set for UConn 25-22 following four spectacular serves that resulted in three aces and a bad set from Iliana Rodriguez.

St. John’s was able to steal the momentum in the second set. The second set began with both teams ex-

changing a mix of kills and errors, bringing the score to 10-10. From that point on, St. John’s cleaned up their game and dominated set two. During the middle of the set, the Red Storm strung together six consecutive points, building up a substantial eight-point lead. Errors kept piling up for the Huskies as they quickly dropped set two 15-25.

With the match tied at a set apiece, both squads displayed exceptionally high levels of play. Neither team led by more than three points in the third set and the score was tied on 16 separate occasions. The Huskies were able to wrap up the set 25-23 following a Parker kill off a Madi Whitmore assist. In the third set, UConn recorded 16 kills and posted an attacking percentage of .282.

The Huskies were in control throughout the entire fourth set. After Efrosini Alexakou notched a kill for the Red Storm during the first point of the set, the Huskies

never trailed again. St. John’s was only able to win consecutive points on three instances during the final set. A service error by Rachele Rastelli would conclude the fourth set 25-17 in favor of UConn.

In game one of the series, UConn finished with four more aces and blocks than St. John’s, while the Red Storm finished with eight more kills. Parker led the Huskies in kills with 18, and Taylor Pannell led the team in blocks with five. Courtney Morris also registered 24 assists and eight digs in the victory.

The second game of the series saw UConn get off to a promising start. The Huskies were placing their serves beautifully and got off to a 14-9 lead. Trailing 12-16, the Red Storm made a strong push ripping off six straight points to take the lead. St. John’s was then able to ride their lead to the end of the set, finishing with a 25-21 advantage. Both teams played a clean first set, with the Red Storm finishing with a .452

attacking percentage to the Huskies’ .379 percentage.

St. John’s continued to stay aggressive as they went up 5-1 to start the second set. UConn was able to tie the score numerous times throughout the second set, but St. John’s continued to keep their nose in front and had a few set points at 24-21. UConn did not panic though, as they utilized two kills from Parker as well as a couple of attacking errors from St. John’s to generate their own set point at 25-24. The Red Storm were able to save the first UConn set point, but the Huskies were able to capitalize on their second set point and grab the set 27-25.

The third set began with both teams wrestling back and forth with the lead. With UConn up 11-10, St. John’s began to raise their level of play. The Red Storm were firing on all cylinders and placing the Huskies under a ton of pressure. Alexakou closed out the set for the Red Storm 25-19 with an emphatic

kill. In the third set, St. John’s registered 17 kills to go along with a .538 attacking percentage.

UConn had a positive beginning to the fourth set. The Huskies were dictating play and forcing St. John’s into errors. The Huskies led 16-13, but the Red Storm were able to take the lead at 18-17. The momentum shifted multiple times during the closing stages of the fourth set. The score would become leveled at 23-23, making the next point critical for both sides. St. John’s were able to win the next two points to take game two of the series.

The Red Storm’s Rastelli concluded the series with the most kills at 47, while UConn’s Pannell recorded the most blocks with 13. Both teams notched over 100 digs and 90 kills across the two-game series.

The Huskies will look to pick up another in-conference victory when they go on the road for an away series with Villanova this weekend.

Photo of the Day | Defending the ball with a high kick



The UConn men's soccer team suffers a 0-2 defeat to the Providence Friars on a rainy Saturday afternoon. The first goal was scored on a penalty kick in the first half. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

The importance of teamwork on the court

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Using her height and strength to her advantage, the freshman grabbed miss after miss for the Huskies, hauling in six offensive rebounds in the final two quarters alone. And on the rare occasion she wasn't able to grab the board, Edwards was always out on the fast-break, opening plenty of opportunities for Bueckers to find her. After the game, Bueckers said Edwards does all the dirty work and that she loves having her as a teammate.

"I really enjoy playing with Aaliyah," Bueckers said. "Tonight, where I went 4-12 from three, she probably got like seven of the rebounds off my missed shots, so just knowing that even if I miss, good things are gonna happen out of it [is huge]. She makes it really nice to play with, the way she runs the floor, the way she hustles and plays on both sides of the ball."

Unbeknownst to the freshmen duo, x=Edwards received Bueckers' second record-breaking assist of the night. There were multiple occasions where Bueckers fed Edwards on the fastbreak, but in the fourth quarter Bueckers was able to find her teammate for her 13th and record-breaking 14th assist of the night. The record was previously held by Renee Montgomery in a 13-assist effort back in 2008 and will likely be held by Bueckers for a long time.

Edwards' work paid dividends for the Huskies as their lead continued to slowly grow throughout the second half, and her 24 points and

14 rebounds both represent career highs that should give the freshman and Auriemma plenty of confidence heading into March.

"You saw the real Aaliyah Edwards today," Auriemma said. "That's her as a competitor. She gives us a dimension that we didn't have last year. She gives us a presence that we didn't have last year. So it makes winning games a little easier when you've got somebody that's gonna work that hard at both ends of the floor."

Despite combining for over 40 points for the second time this season, Bueckers and Edwards were not the only contributors in the win. Westbrook (16), Williams (15) and Nelson-Ododa (11) also got into double figures, while Aubrey Griffin wreaked her usual havoc on the glass and Nika Muhl added nine points and five assists of her own. These efforts across the board are exactly what Auriemma hopes to see with the Big East and NCAA tournaments right around the corner.

"You have to get contributions from a lot of people at this time of the year," Auriemma said. "You can't just think that one person is gonna be able to carry you."

Butler's 68 points was the most UConn has conceded to a conference opponent this season, so there is some work to be done on the defensive end heading into Monday's matchup against a tough Marquette team, but when the offense is rolling like it was in this one, it feels like nothing can stop the Huskies.



UConn Huskies guard Paige Bueckers (5) drives to the basket against the Seton Hall Pirates in the second half at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion. UConn defeated Seton Hall 70-49. PHOTO BY DAVID BUTLER/ USA TODAY

Baseball: Huskies snag 1 in back-and-forth series against Golden Eagles

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The UConn baseball team traveled to Hattiesburg this weekend to take on a tough Southern Mississippi team in a three-game series. But despite leading at one point in all three meetings, the Huskies (2-4) dropped both Friday and Saturday's games by one run before besting the Golden Eagles in a 10-7 win on Sunday.

UConn struck first in Friday's series-opener, with Andy Hague and Erik Stock hitting back-to-back singles to open up the inning. Pat Winkel followed it up with a sacrifice fly to deep right field that would bring Hague across home plate to open up the scoring.

A leadoff home run for USM would knot the score at one, but a pair of Winkel homers from brothers Pat and Chris in the third gave the Huskies the lead right back.

From there, UConn sank back into their strikeout issues at the plate, whiffing or getting caught daydreaming on five of their next six at bats en route to 12 Ks on the day, but Ben Casparius (0-1) was doing enough on the mound to keep the Huskies out front.

In his second start this year, the fourth-year junior went seven innings, gave up four earned runs, struck out seven and left the field with his guys up 5-4. But in unusual fashion, normally sure-handed Kenny Haus entered the game in the eighth and the Golden Eagles blew the game open.

Facing four batters, Haus struck out the first before walking the next two and hitting the third to set up Caleb Wurster with bases loaded. USM would bring in two runs in the inning and shut out the Huskies in the top of the ninth to hand UConn its third loss of the year and second by just one run.

Head coach Jim Penders said the biggest issue has been and continues to be plate composure and had a couple at bats gone his team's way the game would have been different.

"When we put balls in play or got on top of the baseball good things were happening," Penders said. "We just didn't get enough bats to the baseball ... we have to be better with our approach at the plate."

Game 2 almost flipped the script, but the Huskies once again came up just short.

UConn got off to another hot start and held a 3-0 lead after three innings on the back of RBIs from Reggie Crawford, David Langer and Kyler Fedko, but a 3-run homer from the Golden Ea-



The UConn Baseball team secures a 2-1 win against the University of Rhode Island April 24, 2019. The Huskies (2-4) dropped both Friday and Saturday's games by one run before besting the Golden Eagles in a 10-7 win on Sunday. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

gles' Chris Sargent tied the score in the third before USM outright took the lead one inning later.

The Huskies' offense was rendered ineffective for the next few frames, but an eighth inning push nearly proved enough for UConn to mount their own comeback.

Ciaran Devenney started things off with a blooper to center field, and after a Chris Winkel pop up, Zach Bushling and Stock loaded up the bases with Pat Winkel up to bat. In his first hit of the day, Winkel singled the ball to center field, bringing Devenney and Bushling home to close the cut USM's lead to two. Crawford would get his second RBI on the day in that inning to make it 7-6 Golden Eagles, but were shut out from there and were handed their second one-run loss in as many days.

Penders liked what he saw in the eighth, but knows his team has to be able to convert on those chances every time they arise if they want to start winning games consistently.

"We've gotta step up in the moment," Penders said. "We're not getting enough of those dudes stepping up. Had a ton of opportunities early, then too many zeros in the middle of the ballgame and left so many runners on."

Joe Simeone was handed the loss, giving up four earned runs and striking out four in his 3.1 innings pitched.

UConn finally got their revenge in Game 3 in an impressive 10-7 win that, while in doubt at points in the game, was enough to earn the team their second win of the year and prevent the sweep. A huge part of that being the efforts of Reggie Crawford.

After going a combined 2-8 in the series' first two games, Crawford took over in Sunday's finale and almost single-handedly earned his team the win. The second-year freshman opened up the box score with a double into left

field in the second inning, and followed it up with a two-run homer in the fourth and another three-run homer in the fifth to knock in five of the Huskies' six runs to that point and put them up 6-0. Crawford said it was all game plan. "I knew they were gonna try to spin me the whole at bat," Crawford said. "I was just trying to stay opposite field and I found a pitch that I could take advantage of."

UConn would extend their lead to seven, but another pitching change at the start of the seventh nearly cost the Huskies the win. Checking in for starting pitcher Austin Peterson, Colby Dunlop would give up three quick runs. Followed up by a couple errors from the infield, USM put themselves squarely back in the game, tightening the score to 7-5.

The Huskies sealed the win in the top of the eighth with a 2-RBI double from Erik Stock and a sac fly from Crawford to give him his career-high sixth RBI on the day.

Caleb Wurster would pitch two shutout innings to earn the save and give UConn their second win of the season, but the star pitcher of the day was Peterson, who in his first start for the Huskies threw six innings and struck out eight, allowing two hits and just one run.

Penders said this was exactly the kind of performance they needed from the junior.

"Austin was awesome," Penders said. "He was as advertised and showed a little emotion that I hadn't seen from him which was good. I was happy to see him come out and really chuck it. He was really really on."

Next up for UConn is a trip to South Carolina as they prepare to face off against Miami University, Davidson College and Coastal Carolina University in search of their first series win.

Women’s softball struggles in 2nd weekend out

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Over the weekend, the Uconn women’s softball team played its sixth through 10th games of the season at the Lone Star State Invitational in Waco, Texas. The team faced off against the University of Mississippi, Baylor University, Lamar University and the University of Texas in a total of five games over three days, from Friday through Sunday.

The team faced off against all of their opponents once except for Baylor, who they faced twice over the weekend. The weekend got off to a rough start; on Friday, the Huskies dropped a 0-7 game to the University of Mississippi and a 0-5 game to Baylor University.

The huskies held on against Ole Miss until the bottom of the fourth in their first game of the invitational, when they gave up three runs to the Rebels. That started the downslide that continued in the bottom of the fifth, when the Huskies gave up another four runs, giving the Rebels a total of seven.

The struggle continued in the second game of Friday, this one against the Baylor Bears. The

UConn offense continued to struggle massively, failing to score in their second game in a row and dropping another five runs. The pitching duo of Meghan O’Neil and Payton Kinney struggled; Kinney dropped seven runs in the first game and lasted just four innings, while O’Neil played the last inning of that game and all seven of the second, giving up four runs and getting only two strikeouts.

The team rebounded in their Saturday games, where they again played Baylor but also played Lamar University. Their game against Lamar was far more successful; the Huskies scored seven runs and gave up none on the back of a much more successful pitching performance by O’Neil, who pitched five innings, and Kinney, who pitched two innings

The true star of the Lamar game, though, was senior Briana Marcelino, who scored three runs on a pair of home runs alongside three RBIs. Lauren Bensen also showed up, scoring two RBIs and a run. The offense was also successfully baserunning; they stole four bases in the game, including two by Hollis Wivell.

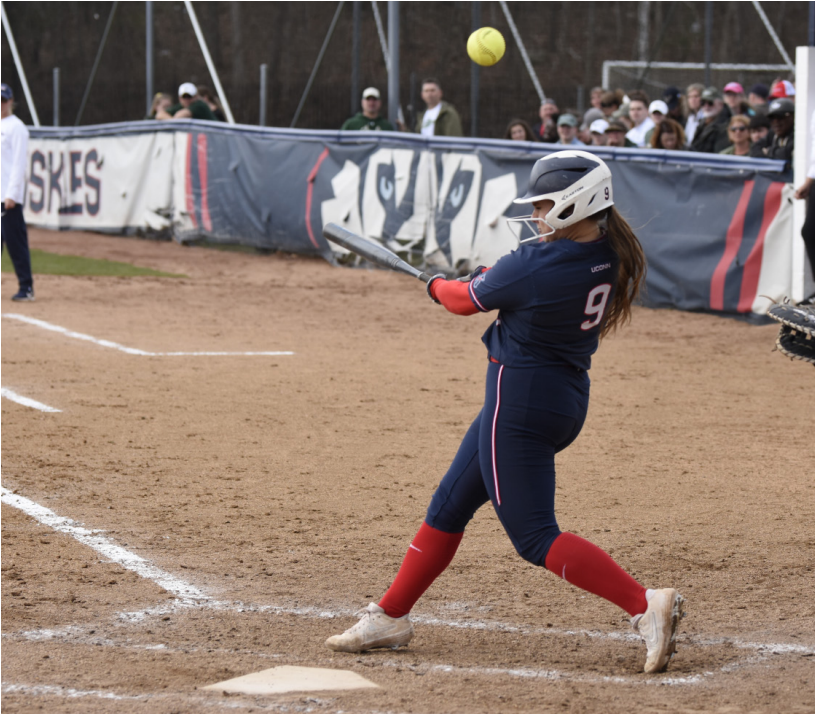
The fourth game was also more successful. The Huskies

scored seven runs once again, as Marcelino continued her impressive performance going 2-2 with three runs and two RBIs. Kinney pitched another six innings, giving up three runs and striking out three, while O’Neil closed out the day with two outs.

Despite the impressive Saturday performance, the Huskies performance on Sunday was far from exceptional. The game lasted just five innings as O’Neil gave up 11 runs in three innings, and Kinney added another five, to cement the four-and-a-half inning loss for the Huskies.

Coming off of a weekend where the Huskies had gone 3-2, this 2-3 weekend is disappointing. That disappointment is only exacerbated by the fact that the Huskies were so thoroughly routed in their losses; in the three losses the Huskies scored only two runs and gave up a whopping 28.

Perhaps the most concerning sign for the Huskies was the pitching. Both O’Neil and Kinney struggled through most of the games, which is understandable to some extent when they combined for a full five games over three days, but giving up 16 runs in five innings is a concerning



UConn softball plays against the University of South Florida April 21, 2019, resulting in a loss of 0-1. This weekend, the Huskies dropped a 0-7 game to the University of Mississippi and a 0-5 game to Baylor University. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

performance by every standard.

Next weekend, the Huskies will be playing in the UNC Tournament, where they will be facing off against the University of South Carolina and the University of

North Carolina in four games over the weekend. The tournament will begin on Friday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m. EST in a game between the UConn Huskies and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.



Midfielder Jayden Reid tries to stop the ball from going over to Providence in their game on Saturday. The UConn men’s soccer team suffered a 0-2 defeat to the Friars on a rainy afternoon. The first goal was scored on a penalty kick in the first half. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Men’s Soccer Recap: UConn stunned by Providence in conference opener

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UConn made their second appearance of the regular season in the new and improved Morrone Stadium to host Providence in their first Big East match. Unfortunately for them, the match didn’t go the way they hoped, and UConn conceded 2-0 to the visitors.

The opening 15 minutes of the match consisted of arguably the most controversial plays that affected the score sheet. In the fifth minute, UConn was on the attack until a player was tackled in the Providence (2-0) penalty box. While many Huskies (1-1) called for a penalty to be given, the referee thought otherwise and said to play on. Just a bit over five minutes later, a similar situation occurred in UConn’s penalty area, but the visitors were awarded a penalty. Midfielder Paulo Lima took the

shot from the center spot and scored the opener of the match.

UConn did try to put the pressure on for an equalizer before the half-time whistle. Moussa Wade had a chance in the 20th minute, but the ball went wide. Felix Metzler had two chances, once in the 33rd minute and the other in the 44th, but he couldn’t manage to get the ball in the back of the net.

At half time, both sides were split in the number of shots taken (three and three) despite the Friars’ 1-0 lead.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Ben Awashie took his chance to put the Huskies on the scoresheet but to no success as his shot from the near post went straight to the Providence keeper. A couple minutes later, Providence was shown the first yellow card of the match after defender Ramzi Qawasmy fouled Okem Chime who tried to go on the attack. It should also be noted that UConn’s Robin

Lapert picked up a knock in the 57th minute and had to be substituted off.

In the 60th minute, Providence was at the double as midfielder Gevork Diarbian scored off a clinical finish. The Friars were on the attack following a throw-in, where the ball went momentarily loose between Providence and UConn players. Providence was quick to get the ball out and into UConn’s final third of the pitch where forward Gil Santos threaded the ball to Diarbian who put the ball toward the far post and in the net.

Following the second goal, the Huskies were relatively quiet, only taking a few shots, some substitutions and a yellow card on Jayden Reid. They did have a great chance in the 86th minute to put at least one goal up, but the sideline ref raised their flag for an offside call.

UConn’s next Big East match will be on the road against St. John’s on Wednesday.

Women’s Hockey: Huskies upset No. 6 Boston College on 6th try

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The UConn Huskies’ season lives on for at least a few more days. They said it could not be done, they said we had absolutely no shot against a strong Boston College attack. Heck, I predicted that Boston College’s high-powered offense was going to come out strong and early and it would take a defensive performance for the ages to take them out.

But holy cow, it happened. After losing to the Eagles five times including a brutal overtime loss, the Huskies took the monkey off their back with a dominating 5-1 win at the Conte Forum yesterday. It was quite a performance, too, as both the aggressive offense and solid defense came out to play.

Let us start with the true player of this game, junior goalie Samantha Carpentier-Yelle, who conceded just one goal on 26 shots. After conceding four goals in her previous outing against the Eagles, she put her car in the clutch and flipped the script.

The first period was scoreless. Almost four minutes into the game, senior captain Natalie Snodgrass tried to get a puck past Abigail Levy early, but Levy turned her shot away. Hannah Bilka had an opportunity two minutes later, but Carpentier-Yelle did not flinch and turned the puck aside.

In one of the weirdest sequences you will see all season, the Eagles crashed the net looking for that first goal of the game, but Carpentier-Yelle denied every single shot. No penalties were called during this complex chain of events and the game remained scoreless after some shots went wide.

Five minutes later, junior Camryn Wong took a pass from junior Danika Pasqua and fired it onto the net, but the golden glove of Levy was right there to stop her puck from passing the line. With two minutes remaining in the first period, junior Danielle Fox got an incredible break-away chance, but her shot was also blocked by Levy’s brick wall.

The second period is where things got interesting. Not even two minutes in, senior Morgan Wabick got a beautiful pass from Pasqua and lunged the backhandler into the net. Just like that, the Huskies had taken a 1-0 lead. The deflection was something Levy could not beat.

Sophomore Claire Peterson had an opportunity to double the lead, but Meghan Beres got in the way of the shot, blocking it with her entire body. Peterson was able to get another shot, but her chance of finding the back of the net was denied by Levy.

Maddie Crowley-Cahill would get two minutes for tripping, and the Huskies would get right to work on the power play. Levy was able to save one of their first shots, but her decision to pass the puck would come back and haunt her. Junior Viki Harkness was given a pass from senior Savannah Bouzide, which she used to sneak a shot beyond Levy to double the lead to 2-0. With less than nine minutes left in the period, the Huskies meant business. The announcers had said earlier that only one power play goal had been scored in all the games between these teams this season, but jinxing came into play at the right time.

The Husky offense would not stop there. With a little over two minutes left in the period, Fox was able to slip a

pass beyond the legs of multiple Eagles to sophomore Coryn Tormala, who finished off the pass with a shot that left Levy stunned as it found the back of the net. In one period alone, the Huskies had tripled their lead and made a huge statement over the No. 6 Eagles, entering the intermission up 3-0.

In the third period, the Huskies wanted to put the nail in the coffin, but Pasqua’s shot went off the crossbar, which arrived at her stick on a pass from Bouzide. After an eventful ten minutes of play, which included a wrist shot from Caroline Goffredo that resulted in a Carpentier-Yelle save, Pasqua was going to get her chance once again.

This time, Pasqua was given a pass from Bouzide once again and she took it the distance. In a one-on-one situation, Pasqua was able to shoot one past Levy, hit the post, and have it cross the goal line to give the Huskies a powerful 4-0 advantage over a team that had nearly dominated them during the regular season.

Less than two minutes later, Cayla Barnes won the faceoff in the Huskies’ zone and slapped one into the back of the net to cut their deficit down to 4-1. The Eagles may have been down, but they were not out yet as they were finally able to score after multiple shooting opportunities throughout the period.

The announcers referenced the last time Boston College came back from being down three goals and won it, but that was then, and this game was now. With less than two minutes left in the game, Wabick took a pass from Pasqua and was able to backhand one past the defense and into the net to bring the lead back up to four once again.

Now a 5-1 game, the Huskies were able to put it away and successfully upset the Eagles. It was a statement win for a program that has seen an incredible turnaround under the leadership of head coach Chris MacKenzie.

What impresses me the most was the third period. The Huskies were able to bring their energy when it mattered the most and did not slow down after building up a 3-0 lead. They may have had just three shots on goal throughout the period, but they scored on two of them and used their incredible defense to limit the Eagles to ten shots.

For the Huskies, this was their second consecutive year beating Boston College in the quarterfinal round. The two things that make this sweeter are that it was a winner-take-all game and that this loss possibly eliminated Boston College from the field of eight that leads to the Frozen Four, pending other conference tournaments of course.

With the win, the Huskies will advance to their ninth semifinal game and fifth in seven years, where they will take on either the No. 2 Northeastern Huskies in a conference final rematch or the Maine Black Bears on Wednesday, March 3.



Women’s hockey lost 1-3 to the Boston University Terriers Feb. 22, 2019, a tough loss as a season closer. The Huskies took the monkey off their back with a dominating 5-1 win at the Conte Forum yesterday. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR /THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Men’s Basketball: Huskies cruise to 80-62 win over Marquette

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The last time the Huskies played Marquette on Jan. 5, they had to overcome an 18-point second half deficit to win. They didn’t need that type of comeback in Saturday’s 80-62 win, where they led comfortably throughout the final 30 minutes.

It was potentially the most complete performance from the UConn men’s basketball team (12-6, 9-6 Big East) this season from start to finish. UConn shot nearly 52% from the floor while holding Marquette (11-13, 6-11 Big East) to just 39% shooting. James Bouknight and R.J. Cole both had monster games, with Bouknight scoring 24 and Cole scoring 21. Everything seemed to be working for the Huskies.

“It was a pretty clean performance,” head coach Dan Hurley said after the game. “When your backcourt gives you that and you guard, you’re pretty hard to beat.”

However, the team did have to deal with foul trouble on its frontcourt in the second half, which led to some pretty interesting lineup combinations. Adama Sanogo and Isaiah Whaley each picked up their fourth fouls early in the half and then Josh Carlton went down with an ankle injury. This put Hurley in a really tough spot. Despite the fact UConn was winning handily at the time, he knew that could have been a time where everything fell apart.

“That was a brutal time, that was not a good time,” Hurley said. “We had lineups in the game that had never played positions and that were trying to run actions that we run. But we scored enough. I think the closest [Marquette] got it was maybe 12. During that stretch, if they would’ve cut it to single digits, things could have gotten really messy. But we survived long enough so we could get Adama back on the court and stabilize things.”

Cole and Bouknight really had to bear the weight during that stretch and score on nearly every UConn possession, which they did. This was only the second game all season where UConn had two different players score 20 points. The first came back on Dec. 30 against DePaul, when Tyrese Martin and Bouknight each did it.

The relationship between Bouknight and Cole has grown throughout the season, and now they are playing as good of basketball as any backcourt in the Big East — and in Bouknight’s opinion, the best in the Big East.

“When we see something on the court, when one of us is not going hard or trying to take plays off to get some air, we have the relationship where we can talk to each other, and we can get each other to tighten up,” Bouknight said. “Today we played really well together, and we just hope we can keep this up. I believe that we’re the best backcourt in the Big East and one of the best in the country, without a doubt.”

Bouknight and Cole may have com-

bined for 45 out of UConn’s 80 points, but other guys also played really well. Tyler Polley got out of his shooting funk and knocked down a few threes; Andre Jackson had his best game of his young career with eight points, eight rebounds and some really disruptive defense; and Martin, before he got into foul trouble, played a key role on the glass.

Now the key for the Huskies is making this type of performance a regular thing. Hurley says the strength of this team is its depth, and that’s true. But getting consistent production from your top players is key, especially as we get into March. Bouknight is good for at least 20 points every game it seems, but consistently getting another guy to score close to that level would transform this team into a title contender. Cole could be that guy.

“We saw this a lot at practice last year, we saw this a lot at Howard,” Hurley said. “He’s found his rhythm and timing at an important time.”

It’s certainly an important time for all college basketball teams as the calendar flips to March, but



Connecticut Huskies guard R.J. Cole (1) drives against Marquette Golden Eagles forward Jamal Cain (23) in the second half at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion. UConn won 80-62. PHOTO BY DAVID BUTLER/ USA TODAY

especially one like UConn who is trying to prove its worthiness for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Look for the Huskies to maintain this “kill or be killed” mindset that Bouknight noted for the rest of the campaign.

Next up is Seton Hall on Wednesday in what is a crucial game for both teams. UConn has a chance to play itself off the bubble with a big

win over the Pirates on the road, while Seton Hall needs the win to remain on the bubble.

“They’re gonna be desperate, we’re gonna be desperate. I know that,” Hurley said.

Well, if the Huskies play at the level they did against Marquette, there should be no doubt that they are a tournament team, and a very good one at that.

Women’s Basketball: Freshmen steal the show in win over Butler

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In the first meeting between UConn and the Butler Bulldogs back in December, veteran leadership from the likes of Christyn Williams and Olivia Nelson-Ododa led the Huskies to their 103-35 rout. But behind some career-highs and broken records, it was freshmen Paige Bueckers and Aaliyah Edwards taking over in the rematch, carrying UConn (20-1-17-0 Big East) to a 97-68 win against their conference foe to wrap up their road trip with a perfect 5-0 record.

Head coach Geno Auriemma had nothing but good things to say about the freshmen’s play in their recent away stretch.

“When you watch Aaliyah play, you’re impressed with her work ethic, how hard she competes, how aggressive her mindset is and her competitiveness every possession,” Auriemma said. “She just plays the game the way big guys are supposed to play. And Paige and Nika have done a great job with the ball.”

Contrary to what many expected after the Huskies beat Butler by 68 in their first meeting, the Bulldogs kept themselves firmly in the game through the first quarter and half on the backs of some incredible shooting from deep. After going just 6-24 on 3-pointers in their first matchup, deep balls were raining for Butler in the rematch, as they hit 10-21 from three through the first half alone.

But despite the Bulldogs shooting the lights out and even holding the lead on a couple different occasions, UConn still found themselves ahead with a 14-point lead

through two quarters, and Bueckers first broken record of the night.

On a pass to Evina Westbrook midway through the second quarter, Bueckers earned her 124th assist on the year, passing Renee Montgomery and Pam Webber for sole possession of most assists in a freshman season. Auriemma praised Bueckers’ pass-first mentality and maturity on the court despite only being a freshman.

“If somebody told you she was a senior you wouldn’t be surprised,” Auriemma said. “She handles and ball [and] sees the floor like one, and for her to be doing it at this young age [and] to have someone that would rather pass it to you and you score than they score, that’s truly enjoyable to watch and it’s really old school.”

At halftime, Bueckers and Westbrook led the Huskies in the scoring department with 13 and 12 points respectively, but on the rise was Edwards, who tallied seven points, four boards and three rejections in the second quarter alone. But even with those impressive numbers, fans had no idea what was in store for the second half.

Shots stopped falling for Butler in the second — they shot 28% from the field — and even Bueckers and Westbrook cooled off in the second, going a combined 4-18 from the floor, but Edwards was just getting started.

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Seton Hall Pirates guard Andra Espinoza-Hunter (4) defends against UConn Huskies forward Aaliyah Edwards (3) in the second half at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion. UConn defeated Seton Hall 70-49. PHOTO BY DAVID BUTLER/ USA TODAY

MHOC: UConn split results in home matches against UMaine

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UConn hosted UMaine in a home-and-home series at the Freitas Ice Forum this weekend where the Huskies (9-10-2) suffered one more defeat before returning to winning ways. Quite an action-packed series, to say the least.

UConn was left stunned by the Black Bears (3-10-1) on Friday with a score of 6-4. The hosts were off to a good start in the opening period, however, as junior forward Marc Gatcomb scored a shot-handed goal while Maine was on the power play under a minute earlier when junior forward Carter Turnbull was penalized for tripping.

By the midpoint of the first period, the Black Bears’ AJ Drobot brought the game leveled. Toward the end of the first period, both teams managed to put up another goal on the scoreboard. The Huskies were first, at the 18:27 mark, with Hudson Schandor scoring an unassisted goal, and Maine’s Ben Poisson less than half a minute later with sophomore defenseman Adrien Bisson and JD Greenway aiding in the buildup.

The second period only saw the visitors dominate by slotting in three goals before the midpoint. At the 2:22 mark, sophomore Brady Gaudette managed to find an open space in the net to shoot despite UConn heavily guarding the area. About 20 seconds later, senior forward Jack Quinlivan scored his first of the season; by the 8th minute Greenway got another point in the match to make the scoreboard 5-2.

A similar start in the final period of Friday’s match, UConn scored first before the midpoint of the period. Leading goal scorer Jonny Evans slotted in his 13th goal of the season after getting ahold of a loose puck and sending it right behind the Maine goaltender. With under two and a half minutes left in the match, Maine’s AJ Drobot picked up his pair and dealt the final blow for a UConn comeback. At the 19:04 mark, UConn’s Eric Linell scored the final goal.

As for Saturday’s rematch, UConn made a valiant effort to add another win to their record. The first period was overall quiet on both sides. UConn managed to strike first, but it didn’t come until the 14:43 mark by Carter Berger.

The second period was action-packed with not just power plays from both sides, but of the Black Bears leveling the match. Freshman forward Cassidy Bowes scored his first of the season in the 9th minute, with Adam Karashik providing the assist. Toward the end however, Maine’s Adam Dawe was able to snag a pair against a three-man UConn.

The third period was the most crucial 20 minutes for the Huskies to return to winning ways. Leading up UConn’s third goal of the match, Maines’ Dawson Bruniski was sent to the penalty box at the 17:03 mark for high sticking. Less than a minute later, Ryan Tverberg brought the Huskies in the lead by tapping the puck in from a distance shot taken by Schandor. To deal the final blow, Gatcomb got his second goal in the series with two seconds left in the match.

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