



CONFIRMED 2021 COVID-19 CASES AT UCONN STORRS
as of 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2021 *positive test results

69 Current Residential Cases (positive/symptomatic)

324 Cumulative Residential Cases*

308 Cumulative Commuter Cases*

183 Cumulative Staff Cases*

UConn places 5 dorms in quarantine



Rogers is a Northwest dorm building at the UConn Storrs campus. Along with the dorm buildings Eddy, Middlesex, Windham and Russell, Rogers will be placed in quarantine due to increased COVID-19 cases on campus, according to an announcement from the Dean of Students on Friday, April 2, 2021. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, PHOTO PRODUCER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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On Friday, the University of Connecticut placed five dorm buildings in quarantine due to a spike in cases on campus.

The announcement came in an email from the Dean of Students on Friday. The email specified Eddy, Middlesex, Windham, Rogers and Russell as the dorm buildings to be placed in quarantine. Guests are no longer allowed in the remainder of the buildings in North, Northwest and Alumni.

“Over the course of the last two days, SHaW has tested and identified 35 on-campus positive cases. These cases appear to be centralized among the North, Northwest and Alumni residential complexes,” the email read.

This includes 20 recorded on-campus cases on April 2, a single-day high of positive tests only seen one other day in the spring semester.

The email said large gatherings off campus may be to blame for the recent spike in cases.

“Positive tests usually emerge within 3 to 5 days of exposure. This suggests that this spike in positives may be

related to large off-campus gatherings that were reported this past weekend,” read the email.

The email also announced the campus would transition back to Yellow status when it had previously been at Blue. This color code change indicates a dorm has been put into residential quarantine, which means tighter restrictions on the number of people allowed at on-campus activities.

The email did not specify when these changes would end, but told students to expect the quarantine to last through the remainder of the week.

“SHaW will manage the residential quarantine and determine when it can be lifted,” read the email. “It is reasonable to assume that these residential areas will remain in quarantine through the end of next week.”

Save for students approved for post-break stay, most students are required to move out by Sunday, April 11 at noon, so the new restrictions are expected to last until most students move out.

“Students who wish to move out early and complete their quarantine at home are welcome to do so and will receive information from Residential Life,” read the email.

Be wary for phishing scams

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University of Connecticut student distribution lists are not publicly accessible for phishing attacks, Chris Bernard, chief information security officer, said.

A phishing email is a type of scam that attempts to gain “something of value” from the user, Bernard said. This could be information, passwords or money.

For students of the UConn community, their emails are protected by the university, but they are still at risk.

“Email addresses are not considered directory information and are not publicly available except to other students, faculty and staff via phonebook.uconn.edu or email, both of which require a university login,” Bernard said.

According to the UConn Information Technology Services website, UConn has enabled advanced threat protection on all university emails. ATP monitors malicious links and unsafe attachments.

However, phishing emails still get through to UConn students due to the sheer mass of phishing emails and its ever changing nature.

“The university maintains a variety of technological controls meant to help reduce the impact of phishing emails on the university community. On a daily basis, our automated systems block between 60 to 70% of incoming mail that is considered either a phishing email, malware or spam,” Bernard said. “That equates to over 500,000 messages daily that get automatically blocked, but due to the frequently changing nature of these messages, or their similarity to real messages, many messages still get through.”



Dr. Chris Bernard has been the chief information security officer at UConn ITS since 2019. Bernard aims to educate students about phishing scams and strategies to avoid them. PHOTO COURTESY OF SECURITY.UCONN.EDU

Students are at risk for receiving phishing emails when they sign up for any free service, he said.

“One way those services pay for themselves is by selling data,” Bernard said. “Remember, if you aren’t paying for a product, you likely are the product.”

Another way UConn emails become at risk for phishing emails is from a company compromise, such as the 2018 Chegg.com breach, he said.

“You can check out where your uconn.edu or personal email address may have been involved in a compromise by going to haveibeenpwned.com and entering your email address,” Bernard said.

There are many factors to recognize a phishing email, Bernard said. One common trick is watching out for the phrase “immediate action required.”

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HUSKIES LOSE IN FINAL FOUR



Apr 2, 2021; San Antonio, Texas; UConn Huskies guard Evina Westbrook (22) hugs Arizona Wildcats guard Bendu Yeaney (23) after their game during the second half in the national semifinals of the women's Final Four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament at the Alamodome. PHOTO COURTESY OF USA TODAY SPORTS



April 2, 2021; San Antonio, Texas; UConn Huskies players react while leaving the court after their game against the Arizona Wildcats in the national semifinals of the women's Final Four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament at the Alamodome. PHOTO COURTESY OF USA TODAY SPORTS

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How to avoid phishing scams as a UConn student

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For UConn students, scammers tend to create email addresses that are similar to common UConn emails, such as `firstname.lastname.uconn@gmail.com`, he said.

According to the UConn Information Technology Services website, the external message banner, which was added in Feb. 2020, will alert when the email is coming from outside of the uni-

versity. In a yellow banner, it will say “message sent from a system outside of UConn.”

“[The external banner] should really make you question whether your favorite faculty member or researcher really needs you to go purchase iTunes cards because they are stuck in a meeting,” Bernard said.

The UConn ITS website also said that most phishing emails have bad spelling or grammar, mismatched email address information and/or a generic signature line.

“If you receive a job solicitation without applying, or it [simply] seems to be too good to be true from a pay perspective, it probably is.”

CHRIS BERNARD, CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER AT UCONN ITS

Bernard said the best way to keep information safe is to be cognizant of the contents of the message before you click.

“If the email seems phishy, it most likely is,” he said.

He said popular phishing attacks aimed for UConn students either look like legitimate UConn websites or are offering jobs.

“If you receive a job solicitation without applying, or it [simply] seems to be too good to be true from a pay perspective, it probably is,” Bernard said.

He warned all members of

the UConn community to keep an eye out for all of their social media messages for attempted phishing attacks.

“Always take a second to ask yourself if this message is legitimate,” Bernard said. “And, this doesn’t only apply to email. The same goes for SMS text messages and other messages you might receive via social media.”

Members of the UConn community can report any suspicious emails to reportphishing@uconn.edu or contact the Technology Support Center.

Health Beat

UConn Health in partnership with FEMA to distribute more COVID-19 vaccines throughout the state

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UConn Health transitioned the Hawley Armory at the UConn Storrs campus into a mass vaccination center for both the university community and the general public, Jennifer Walker, UConn Health spokesperson wrote in UConn Today.

“The more people we can vaccinate, the better for everyone,” Sarah Tessier, clinical practice manager in internal medicine at UConn Health said.

Appointments are required in advance for a vaccine, and any eligible person can register with MyChart to find an appointment online. Appointments can also be made by phone through UConn Health’s COVID-19 phone line 860-679-5589.

“Two more mobile van unit clinics will soon open on UConn campuses at both Stamford and Avery Point,” Walker said.

About 250 people were vaccinated



UConn Health, Registered Nurse, Savannah Jaspering administers the COVID-19 vaccine while at the vaccination center in Hawley Armory at the UConn Storrs campus. The center is now open to the public as well as the university community. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN TODAY

on day one alone at the Hawley site, with plans to slowly increase daily vaccination numbers based on supply to 400 people a day, Walker said.

“Connecticut was selected by FEMA to be the first state in the country to receive a COVID-19 mobile vaccination unit, which consists of a mobile trailer,” Walker said. “UConn Health, along with Hartford Healthcare, Trinity Health and Griffin Hospital, has been chosen to participate in this program.”

UConn Health is helping to provide access to Connecticut residents to obtain COVID-19 vaccines through the FEMA Mobile Vaccine Unit later this month, Walker said.

“The mobile units will be on loan to the state for the next 60 days to be deployed in communities based on their social vulnerability index,” Walker said. “UConn Health has been assigned to the Mobile Vaccination Unit in four towns for nine days beginning at the end of April and running through the beginning of May.”

Minorities in Myanmar borderlands face fresh fear since coup

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Before each rainy season Lu Lu Aung and other farmers living in a camp for internally displaced people in Myanmar’s far northern Kachin state would return to the village they fled and plant crops that would help keep them fed for the coming year.

But this year in the wake of February’s military coup, with the rains not far off, the farmers rarely step out of their makeshift homes and don’t dare leave their camp. They say it is simply too dangerous to risk running into sol-

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LU LU AUNG, DISPLACED MYANMAR RESIDENT

diers from Myanmar’s army or their aligned militias.

“We can’t go anywhere and can’t do anything since the coup,” Lu Lu Aung said. “Every night, we hear the sounds of jet fighters flying so close above our camp.”

The military’s lethal crackdown on protesters in large central cities such as Yangon and Mandalay has received much of the attention since the coup that toppled Aung San Suu Kyi’s elected government. But far away in Myanmar’s borderlands, Lu Lu Aung and millions of others who hail from Myanmar’s minority ethnic groups are facing increasing uncertainty and waning security as longstanding conflicts between the military and minority guerrilla armies flare anew.

It’s a situation that was thrust to the forefront over the past week as the military launched deadly airstrikes against ethnic Karen guerrillas in their homeland on the eastern border, displacing thousands and sending civilians fleeing into

neighboring Thailand.

Several of the rebel armies have threatened to join forces if the killing of civilians doesn’t stop, while a group made up of members of the deposed government has floated the idea of creating a new army that includes rebel groups. The U.N. special envoy for Myanmar, meanwhile, has warned the country faces the possibility of civil war.

Ethnic minorities make up about 40% of Myanmar’s 52 million people, but the central government and the military leadership have long been dominated by the country’s Burman ethnic majority. Since independence from Britain in 1948, more than a dozen ethnic groups have been seeking greater autonomy, with some maintaining their own independent armies.

That has put them at odds with Myanmar’s ultranationalist generals, who have long seen any ceding of territory — especially those in border ar-

reas that are often rich in natural resources — as tantamount to treason and have ruthlessly fought against the rebel armies

with only occasional periods of ceasefire.

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March 30, 2021: Karenni villagers from Myanmar arrive on a boat with an injured person as they evacuate to Ban Mae Sam Laep Health Center in Mae Hong Son province, northern Thailand. Millions who hail from Myanmar’s minority ethnic groups are facing waning security as military conflicts flare anew. PHOTO BY SAKHAI LALIT/AP



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Myanmar minorities struggle during coup

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The violence has led to accusations of abuses against all sides, such as arbitrary taxes on civilians and forced recruitment, and according to the United Nations has displaced some 239,000 people since 2011 alone. That doesn't include the more than 800,000 minority Rohingya who fled to Bangladesh to escape a military campaign the U.N. has called ethnic cleansing.

Since February anti-coup protests have taken place in every border state, and security forces have responded much as they have elsewhere with tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition. But residents and observers say the post-coup situation in geographically isolated borderlands has been made worse by increased skirmishes between the military and armed ethnic organizations jockeying for power and territory.

Lu Lu Aung, who hails from the Kachin ethnic group, said she participated in protests, but stopped as it was now too dangerous. She said Myanmar security forces and aligned militias recently occupied their old village where they planted crops and no one left the camp because they feared they would be forced into work for the army.

"Our students can no longer continue the schooling and for the adults it's so much difficult to find a job and make money," she said.

Humanitarian aid for civilians in the borderlands — already strained by the pandemic as well as the inherent difficulty outside groups face operating in many areas — has been hard hit since the coup as well.

Communications have been crippled, banks have closed and security has become increasingly uncertain, said the director of a Myanmar-based organization supporting displaced persons who spoke on condition of anonymity for security reasons.

"There is no more humanitarian help and support," she said.

In eastern Karen State, where the airstrikes have displaced thousands, there are concerns that the arrival of rainy season could exacerbate a humanitarian situation already made difficult by reports that Thailand has sent back many of the civilians who fled. Thailand has said those who went back to Myanmar did so voluntarily.

Yet there are parts of the country's borderlands that have hardly been impacted by the coup.

In Wa State, a region bordering China and Thailand that has its own government, army and ceasefire agree-

ments with the Myanmar military, videos being shared online show life going on as usual, including the rollout of a coronavirus vaccination campaign.

Near Bangladesh in coastal Rakhine State, where the Rohingya were driven from and where violent clashes with the Arakan Army group have been

ongoing for years, the junta last month removed the group from its list of terrorist groups, raising hopes a lowering of hostilities. The Arakan Army, unlike a number of other armed groups, had not criticized the coup.

The group, however, since released a statement that declared its right to de-

fend its territory and civilians against military attacks, leading some to fear a fresh escalation in fighting.

Other armed groups have issued similar statements. Some such as the Karen National Union have provided protection for civilians marching in anti-coup protests.



May 6, 2018: Internally displaced ethnic Kachins rest at their hut in a compound of Trinity Baptist Church refugee camp in Myitkyina, Kachin State, northern Myanmar. Far away in Myanmar's borderlands, millions of others who hail from Myanmar's minority ethnic groups are facing increasing uncertainty and waning security as longstanding conflicts between the military and minority guerrilla armies flare anew. AP FILE PHOTO

Florida works to avoid 'catastrophic' pond collapse

PALMETTO, Fla. (AP) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Sunday that crews are working to prevent the collapse of a large wastewater pond in the Tampa Bay area while evacuating the area to avoid a "catastrophic flood."

Manatee County officials say the latest models show that a breach at the old phosphate plant reservoir has the potential

to gush out 340 million gallons of water in a matter of minutes, risking a 20-foot-high (about 6.1-meter-high) wall of water.

"What we are looking at now is trying to prevent and respond to, if need be, a real catastrophic flood situation," DeSantis said at a press conference after flying over the old Piney Point phosphate mine.

Authorities have closed off

portions of the U.S. Highway 41 and ordered evacuations of 316 homes. Some families were placed in local hotels.

Manatee County Sheriff's officials began evacuating about 345 inmates from a local jail about 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) away from the 77-acre pond first floor on Sunday afternoon, the Tampa Bay Times reported. Manatee County Administrator Scott

Hopes said models show the area could be covered with between 1 foot (30 centimeters) to 5 feet (1.5 meters) of water, and the second floor is 10 feet above ground.

Officials first announced that they would move people and staff to the second story and put sandbags on the ground floor, but Sheriff Rick Wells later said moving all the inmates to the second floor posed a security risk.

County officials say well water remains unaffected and there is no threat to Lake Manatee, the area's primary source of drinking water.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection says the water in the pond is primarily salt water mixed with wastewater and storm water. It has elevated levels of phosphorous and nitrogen and is acidic, but not expected to be toxic, the agency says.

Crews have been discharging water since the pond began leaking in March. On Friday, a significant leak that was detected escalated the response and prompted the first evacuations and a declaration of a state of emergency on Saturday. A portion of the

containment wall in the reservoir shifted, leading officials to think a collapse could occur at any time.

Hopes, the county administrator, said Sunday that with new state resources, crews will be nearly doubling the amount of water being pumped out of the pond and taken to Port Manatee. Currently about 22,000 gallons of water are being discharged per minute, and Hopes said he expects the risk of collapse to decrease by Tuesday.

Early Sunday, officials saw an increase of water leaking out, but Hopes says it seems to have plateaued. The water running out on its own is going to Piney Point creek and into Cockroach Bay, an aquatic preserve in the Tampa Bay north of the facility.

"Looking at the water that has been removed and the somewhat stability of the current breach, I think the team is much more comfortable today than we were yesterday," he said. "We are not out of the critical area yet."

Hopes said he could not rule out that a full breach could destabilize the walls of the other ponds at the Piney Point site.



This aerial photo shows a reservoir near the old Piney Point phosphate mine, Saturday, April 3, 2021 in Bradenton, Fla. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency Saturday after a significant leak at a large pond of wastewater threatened to flood roads and burst a system that stores polluted waters. PHOTO BY TIFFANY TOMPKINS/AP

Hymns through masks: Christians mark another pandemic Easter

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Christianity's most joyous feast day was celebrated worldwide with the faithful spaced apart in pews and singing choruses of "Hallelujah" through face coverings on a second Easter Sunday marked by pandemic precautions.

From vast Roman Catholic cathedrals to Protestant churches, worshippers followed regulations on the coronavirus. In some European countries, citizens lined up on Easter for their turn to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

In the Lombardy region of Italy, where the pandemic first erupted in the West, a hospital gave a traditional dove-shaped Easter cake symbolizing peace to each person waiting to get vaccinated. Many who came were in their 80s.

A soccer team in Lyon, France, opened its stadium as a vaccination center for the long holiday week-

end. Some 9,000 people were expected to receive their shots there over three days as the French government tries to speed up vaccinations amid a fresh outbreak of infections.

In the Holy Land, travel restrictions and quarantine regulations prevented foreign pilgrims from flocking to religious sites in Jerusalem during Holy Week, which culminates in Easter celebrations. Pope Francis lamented that the pandemic has prevented some churchgoers from attending services.

At St. Peter's Basilica, the 200 or so faithful allowed to attend looked lost in the cavernous cathedral. Normally, thousands would be at the Mass celebrated by Francis, and more than 100,00 would sometimes assemble outside in St. Peter's Square to receive his Easter blessing afterward.

But this year, as in 2020, crowds are banned from gathering in Italy and at the Vatican. Francis delivered his noon Easter address on world affairs from inside the basilica, using the occasion to appeal anew that vaccines reach the poorest countries.

The pontiff sounded weary as he noted that pandemic measures have affected religious holiday traditions and kept some faithful from public worship.

"We pray that these restrictions, as well as all restrictions on freedom of worship and religion worldwide, may be lifted and everyone be allowed to pray and praise God freely," Francis said.

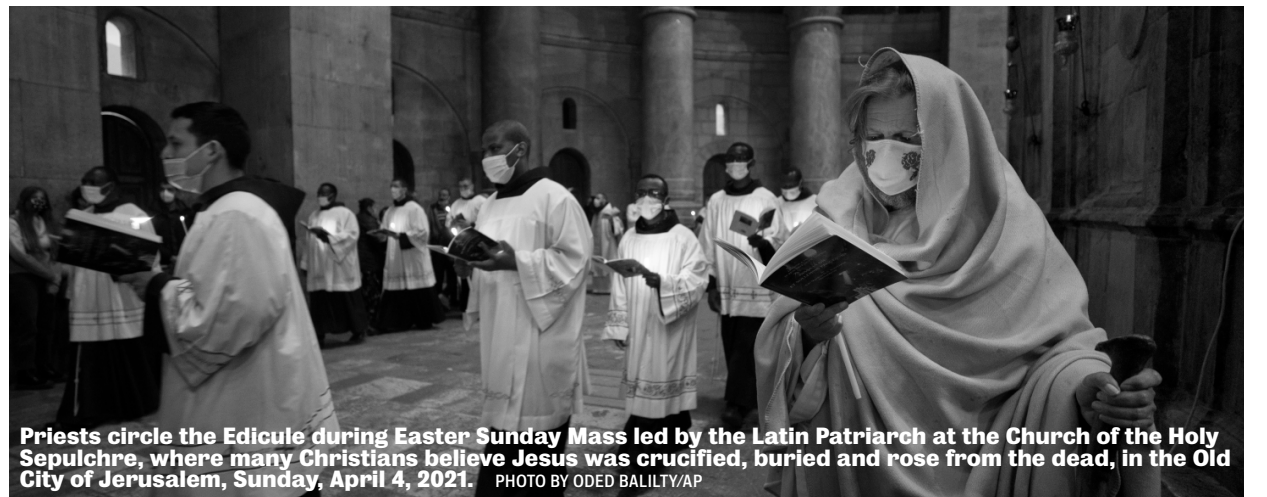
In Syria, where a national vaccination program has yet to begin, churchgoers in the Lady of Damascus Church prayed for a way out of the economic and political crisis, only worsened by the pandemic.

"We came to the church for Easter so we get rid of the pandemic that we are in," said Bassam As-saf. "Of course, we are not scared of coronavirus. It is the reality that we face, but it cannot stop us from coming and praying to God to take us out of this ordeal and help the world."

A service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City

of Jerusalem was celebrated by the senior Roman Catholic cleric in the Holy Land. That is the site where many Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead. Israel's successful vaccination campaign has allowed reopening of many places, including religious sites.

The pandemic kept Seville's Brotherhood of the Holy Resurrection from sending its ornate Easter float, bearing a towering statue of Jesus, through the streets of the Spanish city. Instead, the Brotherhood posted videos and old photos from their last procession, two years ago.



Priests circle the Edicule during Easter Sunday Mass led by the Latin Patriarch at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where many Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead, in the Old City of Jerusalem, Sunday, April 4, 2021. PHOTO BY ODED BALILTY/AP

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Syllabus database and mental health training plans are much needed

The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government recently passed two pieces of important legislation. One — the Syllabus Repository Act — allows students to view archived course syllabi for classes they are planning on taking. The other — the Mental Health Training Act — calls for mandatory mental health training for students, staff and faculty.

Both of these pieces of legislation are very important and necessary in their own ways. The Syllabus Repository Act will improve the effectiveness of course selection and the transition to a new semester for both professors and students. The Mental Health Training Act will help the UConn community gain a better understanding about how to support one another. These changes are very necessary and will prove helpful to students.

The Syllabus Repository Act will be extremely beneficial for students during class registration. Currently, when students sign up for classes, their choices are based solely on one to two sentence descriptions written in the course catalog. Many times, this is not enough to make an informed decision about a class, especially when information regarding coursework, exams and papers is not given. It is impossible to efficiently capture what exactly an entire class entails within just the course description listed in the course catalogue.

Having access to older syllabi will allow for students to take into consideration more aspects of the class, such as what topics they will be learning about, how they will be learning and how they will be tested. Students should no longer have to choose a course that they will take for about 14 weeks based on a short, not-always-accurate description written in the course catalogue.

It will also be very helpful for professors. Often, when professors start the course, they are unable to effectively plan everything due to the fact that students may not know what to expect in a class and these students plan to make changes during the add/drop period. The Syllabus Repository Act could largely decrease the class size fluctuation and allow professors to plan better from before the start of the semester, rather than 10 days into the semester.

In addition to the Syllabus Repository Act, USG also passed the Mental Health Training Act. This act will create a program similar to AlcoholEdu — a program for juniors in StudentAdmin. The program is meant for students, staff and faculty and will consist of modules that focus on mental health concerns specific to underrepresented communities; the effect of university fees, poverty and housing and food insecurity; and how COVID-19 has impacted students' mental health and academics.

Unfortunately, UConn students are intimately familiar with mental health concerns being ignored — SHaW-MH is still underfunded and students have reported numerous difficulties when seeking mental health services. Although this is not a complete fix, having modules that make students — and especially staff and faculty — more aware of what students are facing could be beneficial. These programs may inspire professors to empathize more with students' struggles and be a bit more accommodating, and the programs may teach faculty and staff how to better support students who are struggling. With students also participating in these modules, it will also help students learn how to better support their peers. It is not an absolute solution, but it is a good first step to fixing problems with how mental health concerns are handled on campus.

USG has passed two immensely important pieces of legislation. Both of them will work to improve student effectiveness and are beneficial for the overall UConn community.

Autistic Advocates: Again, left to fight against Autism Speaks

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April is many things. It's the month of Easter, most of the time. For students, it's the month of spring break. It's the month George Washington became the first president and the month Chernobyl exploded.

Fifty-one years ago in April of 1970, the Autism Society decided to hold the first autism awareness month. That was seven years after the puzzle piece symbol was first designed, a symbol that many autistic people have grown to detest over the almost 60 years since its creation. Today, Autism Speaks is the primary autism organization in the United States, and it has ensured that the month continues.

Despite repeated efforts by autistic people to change the narrative around autism awareness month, including efforts to rebrand it to autism acceptance month, efforts to push back against the typical blue color and puzzle piece of Autism Speaks and more have generally failed to influence the masses.

Autism Speaks was founded in 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright after one of their grandchildren was diagnosed as being autistic. That effectively set up the intent of the organization for the next 16 years; it has only ever been an organization by, and for, the parents and grandparents of autistic people and never for the autistic people themselves.

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vaccines didn't cause autism and to the fact that, until 2016, their mission statement still included a desire to cure autism; something which has been heavily denounced by autistic people.

However, perhaps none of those things have been more substantial than where the money that goes into the organization ends up. April has always been an important fundraising month for Autism Speaks, what with it being a month meant to support the individuals that their organization is meant to be supporting.

Charity Navigator notes that the organization made \$56 million in "Contributions, gifts and grants" in 2018, with another 3 million coming in from fundraising events. The amount of money going into programs has trended downward in recent years; in 2014, it was 42 out of 57 million, or 73.7% of the organization's funds. In 2018, it was 30 million out of just under 60 million, just 50%.

Even in 2016 and 2017, when revenue dipped to 47 and then 50 million, the amount of money for programs was higher than in 2018 when revenue shot up almost 10 million dollars. Despite the fact that Autism Speaks is meant to be a charity supporting autistic people and their families, that often

doesn't feel like what they're actually doing.

Many of the things the organization has continued to support, such as Applied Behavior Analysis or ABA therapy, are actively harmful to autistic people. Despite the fact they have made some changes for the better, including their removal of the word "cure" from their mission statement, the organization has still promoted incredibly harmful ideas.

The fact that ABA remains legal and is now required to be covered by many insurances, for instance, is largely a result of lobbying by Autism Speaks. Despite the fact that the organization has been told over, and over and over about the harm of this "therapy" they continue to vocally push for it and support it.

Why? Because Autism Speaks has never been an autism organization. It's never been an organization for autistic people, which is why so few autistic people have been in positions of any power within the organization. It is, as it was founded by, an organization for the relatives of autistic people. And for far too many of those people, the idea of a child behaving in a more neurotypical way is worth subjecting them to therapy that is virtually universally opposed as cruel and harmful by the autistic community.

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My life as a person with autism

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For most of my life, I was terrified of the world around me. To most people reading this, what I just said sounded insane. But if you have autism (specifically Asperger's syndrome in my case) then this is a normal sentiment.

You see, when I was three years old, I lost my ability to speak. That sounds hard to believe especially if you know me in person, but at that age, my parents took me to Yale New Haven to get me tested and it turned out that I had Asperger's syndrome.

What would follow would be going to preschool and being abused by my teacher who would take my shirt off in public and throw chairs on the ground if I or the other students wouldn't listen to what she had to say. The only silver lining out of that experience was meeting my friend Ben who is one of my closest friends to this day.

My home life wasn't much easier as my parents divorced when I was

five. Funny enough, it happened on Halloween out of all days. What was scarier than ghosts and goblins however was the anxiety of having to pick a side and deciding which parent I liked better. I ultimately chose myself because the yelling I received from both of them had me crying too often.

Going to elementary school in the suburbs was okay. I tried to connect with people about movies and sports, but ultimately I was an outcast because while everyone was enjoying hot lunch and talking about Pokemon, I had to attend multiple forms of therapy which included speech, physical and occupational, whatever that means.

Apparently I needed physical therapy because my grabbing skills were that of an arcade claw. I also needed speech therapy because I had trouble pronouncing words (I still have trouble by the way, especially with th sounds.)

Once I reached middle school, life started to go downhill. When I was 13, I had my first episode of suicidal

thoughts. At first I didn't know why I was suicidal, but when I was 18, I later realized that I wanted to die because I felt so out of place everywhere I went.

The placebo for making feel with it was running track. Even as I won races and got into the best shape of my life, I still felt like an outsider. Maybe it was the fact that I spoke to myself in public and yelled adlibs in class that made me weird. I still do both of those things by the way and I'm proud of it.

High school was interesting for me. I didn't go to any parties, rather, I would play Mario Party with my friends at the time while also ranting about how the special education teachers treated us. Looking back at it, they did their best, I just did not like going over algebra. Funnily enough, I was a part of the drama club for a majority of my high school career and I even got to play Officer Krupke in "West Side Story." My unusually loud voice was perfect for the vicious police officer.

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'SUBOGEATS'?

MORE LIKE STUDENTS ATE

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This year's "subogEATS" food truck festival, hosted by the Student Union Board of Governors, was not UConn's usual endless line, limited supply affair. With students required to sign up for hour-long time slots in advance and caps on how many people could sign up for each slot, lines were either fast-paced and short or nonexistent. To the awe of all who attended this past Saturday, you could go to every truck easily before your hour was up — with satisfied stomachs and another meal or two for later.

There were four trucks this year — Lizzie's Curbside, Food Extrovert, Uncle D's Blazin BBQ and Fryborg — as well as a small table with ice cream for senior hour. The food options were situated throughout Fairfield Way and the Student Union lawn to account for proper spacing in the lines, with security and SUBOG student volunteers checking wristbands for the correct time slot.

"I tried to get involved [with SUBOG] in the fall, but my schedule was too busy," Fiona Boyd, a second-semester biology major and member of SUBOG's Special Events Committee and Concert Committee, said. "I really started getting involved in the spring. I'm in the Concert Committee and the Special Events Committee, so I really like it a lot. It's so fun to plan events and stuff like that, and it reminds me of student council in high school, so that's why I like it so much."

You may remember Lizzie's Curbside as the food truck formerly located near Homer Babidge, which always smelled like amazing breakfast food. Many students rejoiced at seeing Lizzie's back at UConn, and the sentiment seemed to be mutual, with a "Hello UConn! Missed u!" message scrawled on the charming chalkboard menu.

"I loved all of the trucks, but I would say Lizzie's is probably my favorite because I miss having them on campus all the time so it was great to have them back!" Kimoya Wallace, a sixth-semester communication and entrepreneurship major, as well as the Special Events chairwoman for SUBOG and the head programmer for "subogEATS," said.

Lizzie's Curbside offered options such as vegan chickpea curry; grilled cheese panini with tomato and a choice of pesto or chipotle mayo; and homemade veggie burgers with lettuce, tomato and mayo. The grilled cheese was perfectly crisped, with molten cheese and pesto cascading over the tomato. The buttery, toasted bread fittingly complemented the creamy, slightly sharp white cheddar and the nutty, herby pesto. It felt like the essence of comfort — a much needed feeling as the semester winds down.

Lizzie's chickpea curry was equally comforting, generously la-

GRILLED CHEESE WITH TOMATO & PESTO
-LIZZIE'S



dled warm and piping into the tray. There was an excellent balance of spice, heat and flavor throughout the dish, which featured chickpeas, biryani rice, onions, tomatoes and other vegetables. It was the perfect dish to warm you up on the sunny — blisteringly windy — day, as fitting of Storrs.

Food Extrovert specialized in macaroni and cheese on Saturday, with variations of the classic comfort food that would make your

vanilla, raspberry sorbet and this year's Senior Scoop from the Dairy Bar. "I really liked the grilled cheese from Liz-

MAC ATTACK WITH BEEF BRISKET
-UNCLE D'S



mouth water — traditional, chicken, spicy black bean and buffalo chicken. The traditional option was a dish to melt into. Rather than the usual elbow pasta, they used ditali — a short, tube-shaped pasta. This shape allowed for the creamy cheese to pervade throughout the dish. They also topped the mac with a somewhat sweet bread crumb, which countered the texture and flavor of the dish perfectly. The buffalo option featured the traditional mac and cheese base with bite-sized chunks of chicken and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with a tangy buffalo sauce to add a slight kick.

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Uncle D's Blazin BBQ is definitely the option that gives you the most bang for your buck (even if this event was free).

"I'm loving this buffalo chicken mac and cheese," Boyd said. She was manning the ice cream table, which was winding down after senior hour, and offered packaged scoops of

Out of their curated full menu, they offered the "Mac Attack" — with "Gramma Jessie's mac and cheese — and Uncle D's rice bowl — with "jag," Cape Verdean spicy rice and beans — both topped with your choice of meat and barbeque sauce. The truck also offered bourbon barbeque wings to round out the options.

Not only was the meat beautifully seasoned, but it was also that kind of slow-cooked, slightly charcoaled, melt-in-your-mouth meat that you dream of in the summer. There were two types of meat options in addition to the wings: pulled pork and chopped beef brisket. By far, the pulled pork rice bowl was one of the tastiest options offered at the festi-

wings — crisped to a delicious charcoal and doused in a pool of tangy barbecue sauce — were incredible.

Last but not least, Fryborg's offering may seem understated compared to the other trucks — just french fries, nothing unusual there — but their sauce options were something to gawk at. There were 19 options — some normal such as ketchup, while others were eye-opening such as the black currant yuzu mayo. The latter sauce was purple and tasted almost sweet and fruity, but still slightly smoky. It paired with a french fry like no other. Other sauces that caught our eyes were garlic sriracha mayo, mango habanero and curry ketchup. The thick-cut slices of potato were fried to a satisfying crisp and seasoned with a nice hit of salt.

SUBOG also took this event as an opportunity to give away all of their leftover merchandise from the year. This led to a shocking variety of merch options, including but not limited to: sweatshirts, athletic shorts, various tanks, T-shirts and long sleeves, stuff-a-huskies, bucket hats, winter hats, notebooks, stickers and face masks.

SUBOG also had a music table, where they DJ'ed the event and held contests every half hour. These contests included who can guess the song fastest and who can dance this TikTok dance first. Winners got a high quality gray SUBOG crewneck.

"This is actually my first SUBOG event because I, like Fiona, tried to get involved last semester but I wasn't able to because I wasn't on campus myself," Jaclyn Grace, a second-semester biomedical engineering major and member of SUBOG's Special Events Committee, said. She was running the ice cream table with Boyd. "So this is my first semester on campus and it's honestly really nice to be able to have events that I'm looking forward to either going to or helping out with. Because these last couple of semesters have been hard for everyone and I think that just being able to get outside and meet some new people that you wouldn't necessarily be able to meet otherwise is really cool."

For those who attended or helped run this festival, it was sort of a last opportunity for normalcy and fun on campus this semester.

"I think events like these allow students to get out of their normal environment and 'take a breath,'" Wallace said. "This past year has had many challenges with no room for reflection. Allowing students to take a break from their normal and enjoy each other's company in a fun (and safe) manner is a great way to let them relax and relieve a little stress."

It was a heartwarming experience to take part in. Seeing students gathering together for food and fun, almost made it feel like 2019 again.

"I think it [this event] brings the community together because almost everybody tries to come to it," Boyd said. "Even if you're an athlete or whatever you do, it just brings UConn together."

BLACK CURRANT YUZU & BBQ FRIES
-FRYBORG



zie's. But I definitely want to try stuff from the fry place. I'm trying to hit all

val, with the smokey pork pairing perfectly with the acidic tomato in the rice. The brisket mac and cheese was an equal contender, with elbow pasta coated in creamy cheese sauce and herby breadcrumbs serving as a perfect vehicle for the succulent, flavorful beef. That being said, the

TRADITIONAL & BUFFALO CHICKEN MAC
-FOOD EXTROVERT



A day to explore eco-friendly transit around UConn



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On Easter Sunday bikes, music, free shirts, raffles and snacks are what filled the entrance of Fairfield Way. The Student Union Board of Governors, UConn Recreation Cycle Share program, Office of Sustainability and Undergraduate Student Government sponsor Community Ride Day, an event for people to relax, skateboard, bike and rollerblade.

Through UConn Rec's cycle share program, on-campus students can rent bikes for free. The event also featured an Easter egg hunt throughout campus. Students can return the raffle ticket in the egg for a chance to win a skateboard, bike kit, penny board, rollerblades or gift baskets.

"We were supposed to do it last Sunday but it poured last Sunday so we're like 'okay it has to be on a Sunday' because UCPD told me they can't shut down the roads on any other day besides a Sunday," Gaston Neville, an advocacy coordinator for the transportation and recreation subcommittee at USG and organizer of the event, said. "The next Sunday after this is spring break so I was like we still want this to be done, we're just gonna

do it on Easter and make it Easter themed. We came up with an idea to do a scavenger hunt with prizes because we still have a good amount of money leftover in the budget so I was like 'okay, we can do a raffle.'"

Neville said the widespread support from administrators and the UConn police department made the event easy to plan. He said the event took a month to plan, but it will be easier in the future to make it a recurring event. Neville says he would like to host Community Ride Day once every semester and possibly host it on another holiday so more people will participate.

"It was a fun event and it was great weather today," Qingli Hu, sixth-semester physiology and neurobiology and psychology double major said. "It was completely free so we were like 'why not' and it's a good way to exercise too. If they could advertise it more in the future, there would be more people, but I thought it was a good event."

Students needed to register in advance to pick up their bikes but can ride them any time between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. throughout campus.

"I rented a bike here before but I think these bikes are brand new. I got a free t-shirt, a water bottle. It was a

nice day and yeah I really enjoyed it," Dana Chamberlain, an eighth-semester nutritional science major, said.

Saumya Shah, a sixth-semester computer science major, said she planned to go to this event with a group of her friends and had a great time.

"It's a beautiful day, I like how they sectioned all the routes for us, for cars and stuff so it was a lot safer," Shah said. "We got some goodies too, it's a good way to spend time with people in a COVID safe way."

Neville said the hardest part was ordering the t-shirts for the event. He said the design of the shirt took one day, but logistically buying the shirts took a lot of time. Neville said the goal of the event is to promote sustainable transportation and raise awareness about biking.

"We're trying to show the roads are for more than just cars, they're for cyclists too," Neville said. "This should be more naturally occurring stuff, a lot of cities across the U.S. and Europe especially, they actually do this every weekend. They shut down the roads every single weekend in the downtown area and then open it up to cyclists, open it up to pedestrians and it's always super popular and people always love it."

UConn students participate in Community Ride Day, an event held by the Undergraduate Student Government, on Sunday, March 4, 2021. The day consisted of closing four main roads on campus for students to bike, skate and walk on, as well as providing free bike rental from the UConn Recreation Center. PHOTOS BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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TALKS ABOUT HER LIFE AS A DATING COACH

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Karenna Alexander is someone who has had a very interesting life. From 1984-1988, she was a part of the Daily Campus starting off as a campus correspondent before eventually becoming the news editor.

"As a news editor, I would assign stories and I would write stories. I would write headlines and edit the stories," said Alexander on some of the responsibilities she had while being the news editor. She also said that the paper had to be sent in by either 3 or 4 p.m. to the printers while she was editor.

One of Alexander's primary moments while working for the Daily Campus involved a member of the campus police escort service having a criminal record. Alexander asked for the name of the member but was denied so she filed a freedom of information request. This case would go all the way to the Connecticut supreme court where the judge decided not to allow the release of the escort's name.

After the Daily Campus, Alexander went to Columbia University to get her master's degree in journalism before eventually becoming a crime reporter for the Danbury News Times. She would work for the paper for 17 years and would cover stories such as the trial of Michael Skakel.

Skakel was a relative of the Kennedy family, the same one as late president John F. Kennedy. When Skakel was 15, he allegedly murdered Martha Moxley in Greenwich, Connecticut and was sent to prison for 20 years in 2002. In 2013 however, a new

trial was held and Skakel would be released on a \$1.2 million bail since his counsel was deemed inadequate.

After her career at the News-Times, Alexander became a dating coach, which is her current profession. She explained how she first got interested.

"When I was at UConn, I never thought I would become a dating coach. I didn't even know dating coaches existed. But when I was at the News-Times, I had a dating problem of my own. I actually met a guy at the investigative reporters and editors (an organization), it didn't work out and I was getting frustrated with my dating situation. So I read a book that really resonated with me and I called the authors of it afterward and they helped me out with my issue and trained me to become a dating coach," Alexander said.

Today, Alexander has a new dating book titled "A Woman's Guide to Understanding Men: Dating Secrets Most Women Don't Know" which was published this past March. The book focuses on the concept of courtship, the idea that the man should be the one to pursue a woman in a relationship.

"When I became a dating coach, I added matchmaking to my repertoire because a lot of people were saying 'I don't know where to meet people.' I stopped doing that because I like the coaching better," Alexander said about her plans after her book.

She plans to write more books about courtship and more non-fiction dating books geared toward women.

Alexander was also asked what the process is like for writing a dating book. "I kind of wung it the first time

around. I put down the things that I thought that I would've liked to know 15 years ago," Alexander said.

Alexander went on to mention how similar to writing articles. She sometimes puts a lot of thought into a page at one time and organizes it later.

In addition to being a dating

coach, she is also a freelance journalist and has a blog where she writes about dating. Recently, she appeared on the radio show "Chaz & Aj in the Morning." Her newest book is also available on Amazon for purchase.



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CRT hones the craft of virtual theater with their new production of 'Antigone'

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The latest in Connecticut Repertory Theatre's string of virtual pandemic theater productions is "Antigone," the first of the ancient Greek dramatist Sophocles' plays based on the family of the mythical Oedipus. The plot of "Antigone" is incredibly thin. Despite its two-hour runtime, very little actually happens. Most of the play is taken up by only a handful of passionate, drawn-out conversations between pairs of characters, and the events of the play never venture beyond the walls of the city of Thebes.

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ent forms of the performers are projected lends the production an eerie visual quality which only serves to highlight the grim tone and subject matter of the play. The opening of this production is beautifully rendered, taking full advantage of the new medium.

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work with the foundation of a strong narrative to back it up, but the weak narrative on display here means that the melodrama takes full control. Every emotion and situation feels so dramatically heightened that it's easy for audience members to quickly lose interest and connection.

That doesn't mean that "Antigone" offers nothing for audiences to enjoy. The sequence between Antigone and Creon is by far the most interesting and well-written portion of the play, presenting two conflicting points of view with empathy and patience. This conversation provides the crux of the narrative, questioning (as director Gary M. English described it) the relationship between moral



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While all of this may sound like a criticism, it actually ends up working in the show's favor. Taking into consideration the limitations of the format, the play's simplicity makes it easy to follow. Instead of having to balance a large number of cast members on screen at any given moment as in last semester's "Men on Boats" or a wide variety of locations as in the recent "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," the audience can spend more time focusing on the content of scenes alone without added distractions.

The lack of complexity also means the show is able to experiment more with style and presentation. Of the CRT productions I have seen during the pandemic, this is the first one which doesn't look like a Zoom call. Instead of being confined to small boxes, actors are superimposed over the screen at various sizes depending on role or prominence to the scene. The minimalist, shadowy backdrop over which the somewhat transpar-

Christopher Collier as a rebellious Haemon.

As for the play itself, removed from the context of this particular production, I didn't find it particularly strong. Being light on plot doesn't necessitate a weak story, but in the end it all comes down to the pacing. If a story is paced well, it won't matter if it takes place over the course of an afternoon or an entire lifetime; the audience will be entertained. In "Antigone," each conversation drags on too long, taking what could have been a single act and stretching it into a full play. Most of the play's action occurs all at once toward the very end, and even then it happens off-stage/offscreen and has to be verbally explained to the audience. Having all information delivered expositionally does not make for compelling theater.

The second half of the play mostly consists of a lot of yelling and dramatic monologuing, which can get tiring. Melodrama can sometimes

rights and civic responsibilities. The play also provides a fascinating meditation on the value of mercy and punishment in upholding justice, as well as the extent of family loyalty and obligations.

In terms of technical difficulties, there were very few to speak of. Overall, the show moved along smoothly without a hitch. The only issues of note were the lag between video and audio (difficult to avoid using this platform) and volume inconsistencies between actors. I'm not sure if the latter was a flaw in the broadcast itself or a disparity with the individual actors' setups, but hopefully this can be fixed for future performances. Thankfully, both of these were relatively minor and did not get in the way of enjoying the performance.

"Antigone" will continue to run Wednesday, April 7, through Sunday, April 11. Tickets can be purchased on the CRT website, and the show can be accessed through a Zoom link.

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Given that I'm writing this on Easter, I was hoping to recommend a convoluted playlist somehow related to pastel colors, abnormally large bunnies and candy-filled eggs. Unfortunately, there are no songs I know of that pertain to those themes (as confirmed by a 20-second keyword search on Spotify). The least I can do is acknowledge it is Easter and compared to last year's holiday, things seem to be slightly better. With vaccinations being rolled out, the chances of seeing friends again drawing closer and the end of the semester approaching quicker than anticipated, I can finally admit to seeing some sort of light at the end of a very long tunnel.

And yet, the tunnel continues! Five essays have been specially reserved for the remaining month, while three of them happen to be due the day before spring break. I like to call these my "academic challenge weeks," when my habit of putting off big assignments backfires and requires me to work incessantly until the last minute. There were a lot of those moments this semester, and now I'm bracing myself for another one.

Thus, I've spent my Easter weekend in a productive mood rather than the celebratory one ironically encouraged by my professors. If there was anything that got me through Saturday when I was writing about how Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels would evaluate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's political policies, it was listening to the ambient mixes saved on my SoundCloud.

Finding the right studying music can often be an arduous task. In the past, I've usually catered toward simple lo-fi beats or instrumentals, whereas other times I would just play my movie playlist on shuffle. As it turns out, film soundtracks create the best productive environment. Syneptic VIP on SoundCloud has a bunch of soundtrack mixes from various movie franchises — including "Lord of the Rings," "Harry Potter," "Star Wars" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" — all of which I experienced while working on my essay.

It's difficult to describe each piece as they happen to be an hour long,

but as a collective assortment, they all contain the perfect balance of being not too bland to bore and not too bold to distract. I think the most distracted I got was during the "Star Wars" mix, mostly because I had hit the two-hour benchmark and forgot how good the score was. John Williams tends to have that effect on people, I guess.

My appreciation for Hans Zimmer also ended up resurfacing after delving into "Pirates of the Caribbean," which I consider his third best work after "Interstellar" and "Inception." In my humble opinion, "One Day" is objectively the prettiest piece of music ever made. Despite being prepared to physically fight anyone who says otherwise, I'm open to dedicating another column to prove my theory as well.

There is a large possibility that my enjoyment of calming fantasy music stems from longing for fictional universes and the subconscious denial of college and corona-filled reality. On the bright side, having that sliver of optimism is enough to provide much-needed motivation for the next couple weeks — especially since optimism is hard to come by recently. Now that my Easter plans have remained uneventful, maybe I'll incentivize myself by purchasing some discounted candy later. Munching on some bunny-shaped Peeps may not lessen the workload, but it'll definitely be a positive reminder of better times ahead.

Esther's Study Playlist!

-lo-fi beats
-instrumentals
-Syneptic VIP's film soundtracks on SoundCloud

The best film soundtracks to study to:

-"Lord of the Rings"
-"Harry Potter"
-"Star Wars"
-"Pirates of the Caribbean"
-"Interstellar"
-"Inception"

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: APRIL 5-9

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Though members of the same species, human beings around the world celebrate a vast array of vibrant and colorful cultures. While borders try to define the groups of people who follow such cultures, they rarely get it right, with various cultures and practices constantly coming in contact with one another. While some cultures coexist and thrive, others feud until one is left standing. So let's dive in!

On April 5, 1614, 154 years ago, Pocahontas married John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia.

While I love Disney's 1995 film, "Pocahontas," just as much as the next 2000s kid, it should be noted that Disney didn't get it right when they tried to tell the story of the famed Native American princess.

For starters, her real name was Matoaka, while Pocahontas was a pet name her father gave her, probably translating to "playful one" or "favorite child." She was the daughter of Chief Wahunsonacock (called Chief Powhatan by the English), who led a confederation of approx-

imately 30 Algonquian tribes in the Tidewater region of the Chesapeake.

Just seven years prior, about 100 English colonists led by John Smith settled along the James River and established Jamestown, Virginia, in the heart of the Powhatan Confederacy. Despite what the English believed, they had not found an untouched wilderness, but rather a complex civilization numbering approximately 20,000.

While people remember the epic love story of Pocahontas and John Smith, this was highly unlikely considering Pocahontas was only 10 when she met the 30-year-old Smith, and several historians disagree with Smith's story that she stopped his execution in 1607, as nobody would have listened to a 10-year-old, nor would she have even been brought to watch an execution.

Pocahontas was, however, well known in the Jamestown community, as she was sent by her father to teach the English how to farm and, ultimately, how to survive. When Smith returned to England, tensions between the English and

APRIL 5, 1614
POCAHONTAS
MARRIES
JOHN ROLFE

APRIL 9, 1865
CONFEDERATE
LEE SURRENDERS
TO GRANT

Powhatan chilled. The English captured Pocahontas and used her as a pawn to take food and land from the Chief Powhatan. During this time, Pocahontas fell in love with the English tobacco planter, John Rolfe (who was much more age appropriate). She converted to Christianity and was baptized as Lady Rebecca, marrying Rolfe in a union approved by her people and those of her husband. The marriage resulted in a decade-long peacetime between the English and the Powhatan peoples, only to be ruined by English expansion into Powhatan territory that resulted in further destruction and bloodshed.

While her name is legend today, Pocahontas lived a brief and troubled life. She and Rolfe would have one son, Thomas, and eventually travel to England. One day before she was set to return to her home in North America, she died of smallpox at the age of 20.

On April 9, 1865, 56 years ago, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, ending the American Civil War.

The Civil War was the bloodiest conflict in American history, with

more casualties than any other war the United States was involved in. Historians estimate between 620,000 and 750,000 Americans died on the various battlefields across the country.

By the winter of 1865, the South was sinking to its knees, and Union forces had captured the Confederate capital city of Richmond, Virginia., leaving Lee and his 28,000 troops cut off from reinforcements in North Carolina. With several Confederate troops deserting on a daily basis, Lee had no choice but to surrender to Grant at the home of Wilmer McLean. All Confederate troops were to be pardoned and allowed to keep their property. Fun fact: There was a specific provision in the agreement that allowed Confederate troops to keep their horses because the animals would be desperately needed to begin planting for the spring season.

On the day of the surrender, when Union bands played in celebration, Grant shushed the troops and said, "The war is over. The Rebels are our countrymen again." While this was a nice sentiment, history would later reveal that the North/South divisions of the United States would last much longer than 1865.

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Photo of the Day | How egg-citing



Oscar the fluffy Easter bunny masks up this past Sunday as this past weekend marked the second Easter weekend affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

‘At the end of the day, it is my job to work on myself’: My experience living with autism

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Even with the acting and the friends I had, I still felt like an outsider and I saw my classmates driving their cars and ripping their Juuls in class. It wasn't until I went to Norwalk Community College where I started to find out who I was. As my home life was getting more chaotic, I took joy in making and seeing movies around the area. It also helped that NCC had film classes which, though they were hard as hell, gave me a way to geek out about movies and not seem too weird.

As a person on the spectrum, I feel like I am living in a world of my own ... Most days I wear two masks, one to fight COVID-19, the other to fight the stigma of my condition.

The highlight of my time in community college was when I became the assistant editor in chief at the college newspaper *The Voice*. Given how a year prior, I had stormed out of a meeting for not listening to an editor, I realized that in order to be a good editor, I needed to contain my rage and try to work with my condition. It wasn't always easy, but thanks to my friend and also editor in chief Edison, I was able to remain calm while also working on articles.

Eventually, I would transfer to the University of Connecticut where I would go to the Daily Campus and start off as a campus correspondent and later a staff writer. Admittedly, I felt out of place at first given that not only was I a junior transfer student, but that I was also autistic. No one gave me any problems for my condition, but sometimes, I would take edits on my articles too personally and consider quitting many times.

As a person on the spectrum, I feel like I am living in a world of my own. Whenever I talk to myself in public I feel free to express myself and to let out the energy I hold in from masking all day. Most days I wear two masks, one to fight COVID-19, the other to fight the stigma of my condition.

The hardest question I have ever had to answer is whenever someone asks me what autism is. You would think that I would immediately have the answer, given that I live with it every day. I always describe the basics of the condition to someone, like how it's a neurological condition and how vaccines DO NOT cause it. But I always struggle to say anything else because it's like a fish describing being in water.

Not everything about being autistic is bad however. I have been able to narrow in on my interests and find people that are also alike.

You're just living through it and unless you're on the spectrum, you won't know what it is like.

Some of my biggest struggles today include the anxiety of being too excited about certain people or being too distant with others. I also have a bad habit of running away from an argument or situation if it scares me. This obviously doesn't excuse any of my actions but I'm working on making sure I can handle other's points of view while also expressing my own.

Not everything about being autistic is bad however. I have been able to narrow in on my interests and find people that are also alike. I have also been able to make more time for myself instead of trying to fit into circles I know wouldn't fit my best interests.

What I have learned over the past 23 years is that at the end of the day, it is my job to work on myself and be the best version of me that I can be. At the same time, it's ok to ask for help and to reach out when things get tough. Shoutout to my friend Kevin for always being there and understanding me so well.

The most important lesson I ever learned however came back in October of 2020 when I was seeing a friend and we were talking about this bad habit I had. She said that I shouldn't quit doing it for her, rather I should quit doing it because I want to do it. The moment I heard that, it changed everything.

For the longest time, I felt like I had to do everything for someone else. Whether that be getting good grades to impress my parents or volunteering at a homeless shelter for my resume, I always felt like I was subservient to someone other than myself. But after that conversation with my friend, I began to shift my life toward working on myself so that I would not have to feel bound by anyone's expectations.

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I have also been more accepting of my condition and I now realize that as long as I am not hurting anyone else, I can pace around outside my dorm, I can talk to myself and most importantly, I can play a Sporcle quiz on NBA starting lineups while replaying a song five times in a row.

If you have any questions about me and how I live with autism, feel free to ask. I'm not afraid of who I am anymore. There will be moments where I struggle with my identity and I will question my worth, but ultimately, my condition is not an anchor to my potential. To anyone on the spectrum reading this, you are more than your condition and remember that you have my support to be who you are. As long as you're not a bigot or hurting others of course. To anyone who is not on the spectrum reading this, you are also special and I thank you for taking the time to read my article. It really means a lot.

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Barkov, Driedger lead Panthers to 3-0 win over Blue Jackets

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Aleksander Barkov had a goal and an assist, Chris Driedger posted his third career shutout, and the surging Florida Panthers beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-0 on Sunday.

Frank Vatrano and Gustav Forsling also scored, and MacKenzie Weegar had two assists as the Panthers won their sixth straight and moved into sole possession of first place in the Central Division.

Driedger, who has earned wins in four of his last five appearances, stopped all 32 shots he faced for his second shutout of the season.

Joonas Korpisalo also had 32 saves for Columbus.

Vatrano's unassisted goal -- his 13th -- came eight minutes into the third period to put Florida ahead 2-0, and Forsling capped the scoring at the 12:20 mark.

Playing in only their second game back from injury, Barkov and Patric Hornqvist teamed up for Florida's first goal at 1:52 of the second period.

Hornqvist grabbed an attempted Columbus clear and fed Barkov at the top of the right circle. The Panthers' captain ripped a one-timer that landed top shelf past Korpisalo for his 14th.

It was the second assist in as two nights for Hornqvist, who missed four games prior to Saturday's return. Barkov was out six games.

Neither team generated any sustained momentum during a relatively even first period that featured an 11-7 shot advantage for Florida. It remained close in shots (24-19) after 40 minutes.

The Panthers could not capitalize on several odd-man rushes, and Columbus faced numerous disruptions on attempted rushes into the offensive zone.

Florida was more successful putting pucks on net, however, including a blast from Barkov that hit the post midway through the period.

CLIMBING

Barkov passed Olli Jokinen for the second-most even-strength goals (116) in franchise history. He trails only Jonathan Huberdeau (123) in that category.

SCORING

Weegar leads all Florida defensemen in even-strength scoring with 22 points. Weegar and Hornqvist have a combined 35 assists.

ATTENDANCE

The game was witnessed by 4,069 fans, just slightly under the 25% capacity at the BB&T Center.

UP NEXT

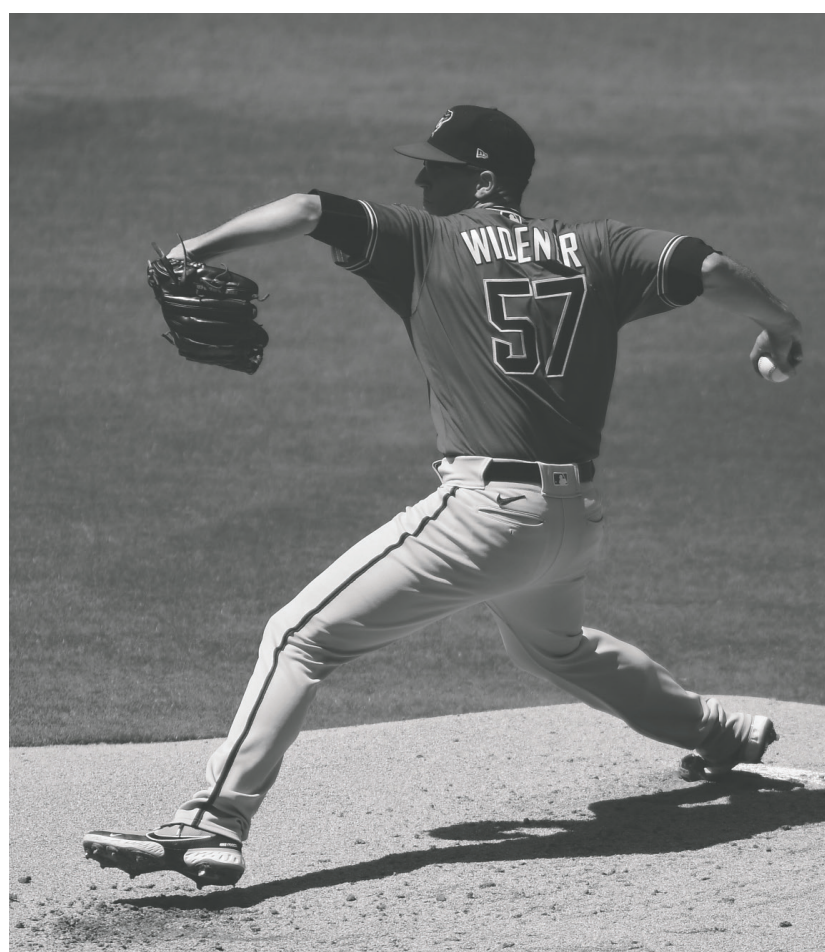
Blue Jackets: Host Tampa Bay on Tuesday night.

Panthers: At Carolina on Tuesday night.



Columbus Blue Jackets goaltender Joonas Korpisalo (70) locates the puck as defenseman Vladislav Gavrikov (44) helps on the play during the third period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Florida Panthers on Sunday, April 4, 2021, in Sunrise, Fla. PHOTO BY JIM RASSOL/AP

Widener, Diamondbacks beat Padres 3-1 to avoid 4-game sweep



Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Taylor Widener winds up during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the San Diego Padres on Sunday, April 4, 2021, in San Diego. PHOTO BY DENIS POROV/AP

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie Taylor Widener flustered San Diego's potent offense for six scoreless innings to win his first big league start and David Peralta hit a two-run triple for the Arizona Diamondbacks, who beat the Padres 3-1 Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep.

Widener (1-0) held the Padres to three hits while striking out five and walking three.

It was Widener's 13th big league appearance after making 12 in relief during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. He made his big league debut on July 25 with 1 2/3 scoreless innings in Arizona's 5-1 loss to the Padres at Petco Park.

The Padres avoided a shutout when Fernando Tatis Jr. hit his first homer of the season with two outs in the ninth, off Chris Devenski, who got the save.

Widener was hit on the right leg by Jake Cronenworth's comebacker with one out in the first but stayed in the game and got out of the inning on five pitches.

He worked his way out of a jam in the second, when the Padres had runners on the corners with no outs. He struck out Wil Myers and Luis Campusano before intentionally walking Jurickson Profar to get to Padres starter Chris Paddock,

who took a called third strike.

Five Arizona relievers combined to hold San Diego to three hits and one run in the final three innings. After Joakim Soria issued consecutive two-out walks in the eighth and then left with an injury, Kevin Ginkel came on and struck out Campusano to get out of the jam. Ginkel played at El Capitan High in suburban Lakeside.

Paddock (0-1) had a frustrating season debut. He gave up three runs, two earned, on four hits in four innings, struck out three and walked three. Paddock was San Diego's opener day starter in 2020 but struggled and is now No. 4 in the rotation behind newcomers Yu Darvish, Blake Snell and Joe Musgrove.

Paddock got into trouble early and needed 28 pitches to get through the first. He allowed a one-out walk to Ketel Marte and a single to Christian Walker before Peralta tripled to right.

Josh Rojas walked to open the third and eventually scored on Tatis' wild throw, the shortstop's fifth error this season.

Marte had a sensational series, going 9 for 16 with 3 runs scored and three RBIs. He had four hits in an 8-7 opening day loss on Friday.

SHAKY TATIS

Tatis made two errors. He had only three in 57 games last year after committing 18 in 83 games as a rookie in 2019. Tatis signed a \$340 million, 14-year contract on Feb. 22, the longest deal in baseball history.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Diamondbacks: Walker was back in the lineup at first base with a black eye after coming out of Saturday night's game when Rojas' throw from shortstop bounced and hit him on his left cheek.

UP NEXT

Diamondbacks: RHP Luke Weaver (1-9, 6.58 ERA in 2020) is scheduled to make his season debut Tuesday night in the opener of a three-game series at Colorado, which will counter with Germán Márquez (0-0, 2.25).

Padres: LHP Adrian Morejon (2-2, 4.66 in 2020) is scheduled to make his season debut Monday night in the opener of a three-game series against San Francisco, which will counter with RHP Anthony DeSclafani (1-2, 7.22 in 2020 with Cincinnati).

Astros batter A's 9-2 to complete 4-game sweep

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jason Castro homered in his first start back with Houston, and the Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 9-2 on Sunday for a four-game sweep.

Dusty Baker tied Bill McKechnie for 14th among managers with 1,896 wins.

Kyle Tucker and Chas McCormick also homered for the Astros, off to their best start since 2001. Yuli Gurriel had three hits and two RBIs.

Houston outscored the A's 35-9 in the series with 47 hits, including eight home runs. The Astros became the fourth team in major league history to score eight or more runs in each of its first four games.

"We just had tons of momentum coming in from last year," McCormick said. "The guys are really hungry. We just crushed them from the first pitch to the last pitch of the whole series. It was cool to watch, cool to be a part of."

Sweeping the division rival A's was especially pleasing to the Astros, who were taunted at the Coliseum throughout the series. Houston faces the fallout from the sign-stealing scandal in which Major League Baseball penalized the team ahead of the 2020 season, which was played in empty ballparks due to the pandemic.

Oakland won seven of the 10 games with Houston in 2020 on the way to its first AL West title since 2013.

"You can't do much better than the start that we had," Baker said. "You take a quick, fast start anytime. You have to enjoy it while it's here, try to build off it and keep going from there. We're leaving out of here mainly feeling good about ourselves with our bullpen strong."

Mark Canha doubled, tripled and scored twice for the A's, who are 0-4 for their first time since losing five straight at the start of 1987.

"Look, we don't feel good about it," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "A little bit embarrassing. We played really poorly and they played great. We have to turn things around. It's not just going to happen."

Castro was back in the Astros lineup for the first time since leaving Houston as a free agent following the 2016 season. Third on the franchise's list for games caught entering the year, the 33-year-old Castro is slated for a backup role this season and is likely to share time with Martín Maldonado.

Castro's home run off Sean Manaea (0-1) in the second came after Myles Straw drew a two-out walk.

Tucker homered off Manaea in the first.

McCormick added a three-run drive off Yusmeiro Petit in the sixth, his first in the majors.

"It was unreal," McCormick said. "It was an 0-2 count. Rounding the bases I couldn't stop smiling."

Brandon Bielak (1-0) pitched 4 2/3 hitless innings of relief with four strikeouts and no walks.

Astros starter José Urquidy struck out five in 4 1/3 innings, allowing two runs and four hit.

Manaea (0-1) gave up five runs, six hits and three walks in 4 2/3 innings.

Oakland was held to four hits.

ROOKIE MAKES MOUND DEBUT

Oakland rookie Ka'ai Tom pitched a scoreless ninth inning — after starting the game in left field. Tom retired Jose Altuve and Tuck-

er on infield pop-ups before Alex Bregman reached on an infield single. Yordan Alvarez then grounded out. "It was because our bullpen was beat up over the course of these four games," Melvin said. "I just didn't want to have to use another pitcher."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF Michael Brantley showed improvement a day after getting hit in the right wrist by a 90 mph fastball, and Baker is cautiously optimistic. "When he's coming back just depends on his body and how he heals," Baker said. "We dodged a major bullet by him having no fractures or a broken wrist or anything like that."

Athletics: RF Chad Pinder is scheduled for an MRI on his left knee Monday after he was taken out not long after making a leaping catch and crashing hard into the fence on Altuve's deep fly leading off the game. Pinder also made a pair of spectacular catches on opening night. ... Sean Murphy (wrist bruise) felt discomfort hitting in the cage before the game and remains out. ... Ramon Laureano (sore wrist) is feeling better but was held out.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Luis Garcia (0-1, 2.92 ERA in 2020) makes his second career start in the first of a two-game series at Anaheim on Monday.

Athletics: Frankie Montas (3-5, 5.60 ERA in 2020) makes his season debut at home against the Dodgers on Monday. Montas hasn't pitched since coming out of his final spring training start because of a cuticle tear on his right middle finger.



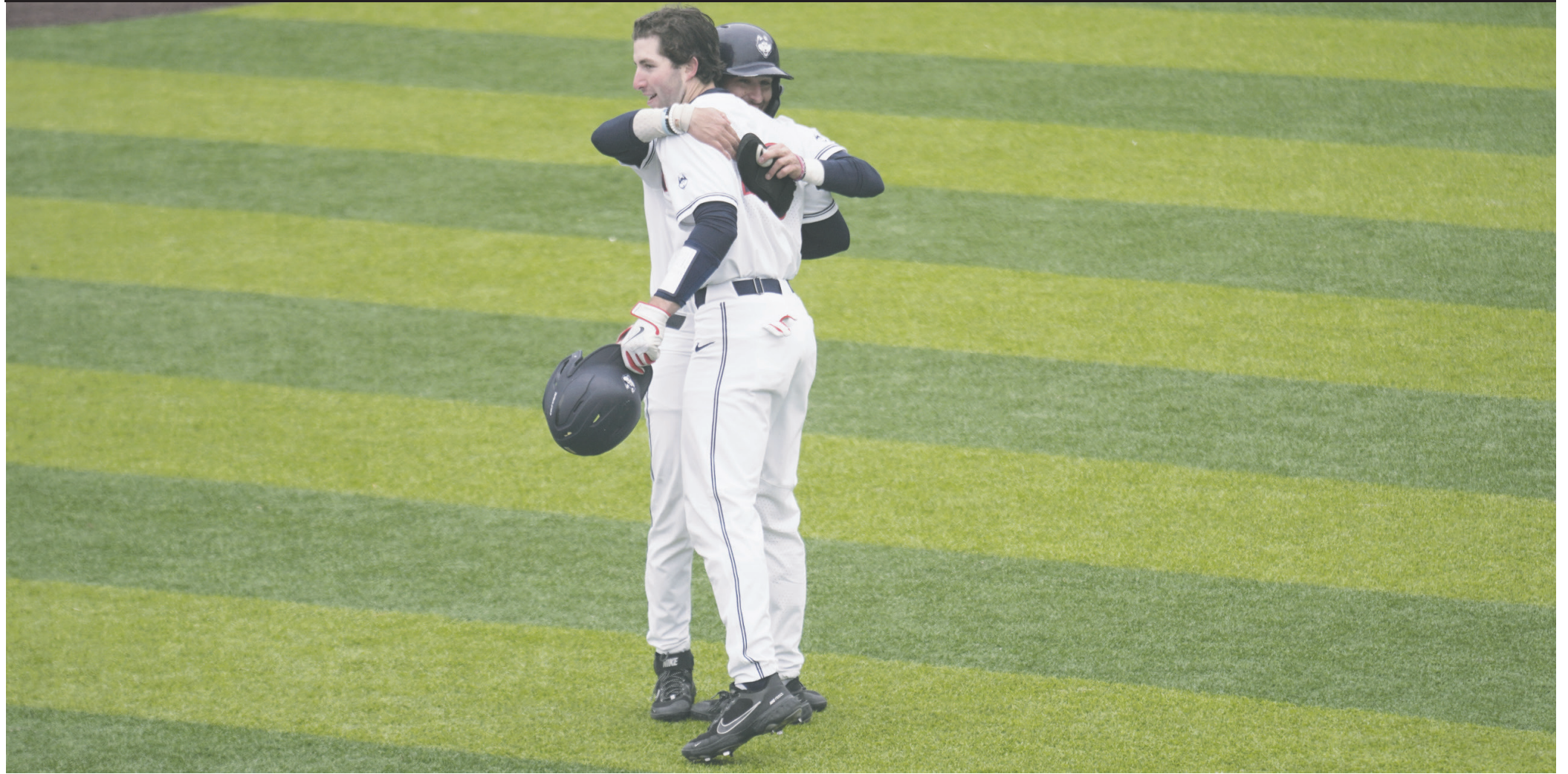
Oakland Athletics shortstop Elvis Andrus, left, cannot field a throwing error by third baseman Matt Chapman, top, as Houston Astros' Myles Straw (3) advances to second base during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, April 4, 2021. PHOTO BY JEFF CHIU/AP



Houston Astros' Chas McCormick (6) is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run home run against the Oakland Athletics during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, April 4, 2021. PHOTO BY JEFF CHIU/AP

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Catcher Pat Winkel (43) receives a hug from a teammate during The UConn vs. UMass baseball game on a cold afternoon in Elliot Ballpark on Friday, March 2, 2021. UConn beat UMass 9-2, and the Huskies have won seven of their last nine games this season. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Men's Soccer Recap: Huskies face 4th straight defeat to No. 2 Georgetown

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UConn added another defeat to their record over the weekend when they faced No. 2 Georgetown. The Saturday fixture resulted in their biggest defeat thus far in the season, losing to the home side 5-1.

The Hoyas (6-0-2, 6-0-2 Big East) did not mess around and made an impactful start to the game following midfielder Dante Polvara's early goal 55 seconds in the first half. Polvara's shot was right on the half-circle of the penalty area, all while the UConn (1-6-1, 0-6-1 Big East) defense was caught off-guard on the play.

The hosts recorded another goal before the end of the first half. In

the 12th minute, Polvara assisted midfielder Paul Rothrock from a near-post pass that was met on the far-post. Midfielder Chris Hegardt was also involved in the play, giving the ball to Polvara in the build-up.

By the end of the first half, Georgetown recorded 10 more shots against UConn's Jahmali Waite, two of which were saved by the goalkeeper. As for UConn, they didn't register their first shot until the 41st minute through Maxwell De-Bodene's near-post shot.

The Hoyas' momentum continued and proceeded to net three comfortable goals in the back of UConn's net in the second half. Dante Polvara added another goal involvement to his name in the Saturday match and secured his brace at the 49:20 mark. Jacob Montes provided the assist.

Montes also scored Georgetown's remaining two goals; the first in the 57th minute and the second roughly seven minutes later.

UConn at least made sure Georgetown's victory wouldn't end with a clean sheet. In the 67th minute, Moussa Wade and Okem Chime made critical passes to each other, the end result being Chime's pass to Wade who curled the ball toward the left side of Georgetown's net to lower the goal deficit down to four.

At the final whistle, the hosts had a total of 23 shots, 11 of which were on target. UConn's total shots only went up to five, four being on target.

UConn will make one last stop on the road to Providence before heading back to Storrs for their match against Villanova to close out their regular season.



The UConn Huskies loses to the St John's Thunderbirds with a final score of 0-1 on March 20, 2021. UConn struggled to make a goal with Felix Metzler (8), Maxwell De-Bodene (12) and Moussa Wade (11) taking blocked shots. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Softball: Huskies swept by DePaul, back at .500

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The UConn Huskies softball team looked to expand on its six-game winning streak this weekend, but ultimately lost all three games it played in and fell back to .500 on the season.

In the first game, things were quiet in the first two innings once again as it was a battle of the aces in freshmen Payton Kinney and Natalie Halvorson. Unlike previous games however, the first offense to strike blood was the Blue Demons in the bottom of the third.

With two outs, a double by Jessica Cothorn sparked a series of events as she would be replaced by Julyana Gomez and then score when Brooke Johnson singled her in. The Blue Demons would triple that lead when Maranda Gutierrez hit a two-run home run to deep left field, her second of the year.

Down 3-0, the Huskies would not respond until the top of the fifth inning, when junior Emily Piergustavo doubled in redshirt junior Hollis Wivell to cut the lead down to 3-1. That would be all the Huskies would muster as senior Reese Guevarra grounded out with two on (freshman Makenzie Mason singled and stole a base) and two out.

DePaul was not done yet either as Gutierrez added two more RBIs to her stat sheet when she doubled in Johnson and Cothorn to extend the Blue Demons lead to 5-1. That would be enough as the Blue Demons held on to win the first game in the three-game series.

Kinney only went four innings this time, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out five. Halvorson

was dominant in this game as she went five innings, allowing one run on four hits and struck out four.

In the second game, DePaul was looking to get some runs early as they had the bases loaded on two singles and a walk, but before any one of the runners could cross the plate, sophomore Meghan O'Neil got Gabby O'Reilly to ground out to short to prevent any damage from happening.

The Husky offense would not be silenced this time and got to business in the third inning. A double by junior Aziah James brought home Guevarra and with both James and freshman Jana Sanden on the bases,

senior Briana Marcelino clobbered a three-run home run to center field to give the Huskies a 4-0 lead that they could work with.

DePaul would get half of those runs back in the bottom half of the frame as a fielding error by Marcelino brought home Kate Polucha and a walk to Nicole Sullivan with the bases loaded brought home one more.

The Blue Demons were not done yet as they carried that momentum into the bottom of the fourth inning. Polucha got things started with a triple, then scored when Cothorn slammed a double. She would get replaced by Audrey Tumbarello,

who proceeded to score the tying run when Johnson hit a double. Gutierrez then hit a double of her own to give DePaul a 5-4 lead.

Kinney then came into the game again and surrendered a single to O'Reilly that expanded the lead to 6-4. The Huskies had a chance to make things interesting in the top of the seventh with two on and one out, but Sanden struck out and Marcelino flew out to give the Blue Demons the series and the 6-4 victory.

Gomez picked up the victory for DePaul this time by going 4.2 innings of relief and surrendering one hit with three walks and six strikeouts. O'Neil, meanwhile, went 3.1 innings allowing six runs (five earned) on eight hits, four walks and three strikeouts.

Looking to put Friday behind them, the Huskies tried to salvage one game in this series. With the bases loaded on consecutive singles by James, Sanden and Marcelino, junior Sami Barnett was hit by a pitch that brought in the game's first run. Despite having the bases loaded, the Huskies could not bring anyone else home as Sanden was thrown out at the plate on a fielder's choice and Mason grounded out.

The 1-0 score would remain that way until the bottom of the second when O'Reilly continued to rake with a two-run home run to give the Blue Demons a 2-1 lead, her third of the season.

The Huskies had an opportunity to tie things in the top of the third when they had runners in scoring position, Mason fouled out to end any hopes of equalizing the contest at that point in time.

In the bottom of the third, Angela Scalzitti slammed her first home run of the season to extend the Blue Demon lead to 3-1 and later on that in-

ning, Kinney was relieved for O'Neil once again as she got the next two outs on three batters.

The Huskies would not go away quietly as graduate student Devon Casazza took the first pitch she saw in the top of the fourth deep to left center to slice the lead in half. Down 3-2, the Huskies could not muster anything else and their rally ended when Guevarra was caught stealing.

DePaul would add one more in the bottom of the fourth when Polucha singled in Skylor Hilger to double the lead again to 4-2.

In the top of the fifth, the Huskies had an opportunity to make noise once again, but a fielder's choice play to home plate and a Mason popout prevented any runs from scoring. The Blue Demons would hold onto that lead and lock the sweep with a 4-2 victory.

There was some good news though. After many months of waiting, senior Marybeth Olson finally made her return to the mound. In her two innings of relief, she gave up two hits and struck out two batters without allowing a run. For the time being, she will be used in relief, but the Big East should be put on notice when she starts again. She did not lose a single game last year.

Kinney, who started the final game in the series, went 2.1 innings and allowed three runs on three hits, two walks and two strikeouts. Her 8-10 record still does not reflect the dominance she has shown all season long.

While the Blue Demons improve to 14-7 (6-0 in Big East play), the Huskies (13-13, 5-4 in Big East play) will look to bounce back strong on the road against the Providence Friars (2-7, 1-4 in Big East play) next weekend in a three-game set on Saturday, April 10 (doubleheader) and Sunday, April 11.



The Huskies sweep the 3-game series against the Butler Bulldogs behind a 1-0 win on Sunday March 28, in Storrs. Unfortunately their streak ended this weekend with three losses to DePaul. PHOTO BY MATT PICKETT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women's Soccer Recap: Huskies defeat Seton Hall

HUSKIES ARE IN POLE POSITION TO BE NO. 2 SEED IN BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

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Seton Hall took the UConn women's soccer team to the limit in their matchup on Saturday, April 3 at the Owen T. Carroll Field. Nevertheless, the Huskies (8-2-1, 6-2-1 Big East) were able to snatch the victory in overtime to defeat the Pirates (2-8-0, 1-8-0 Big East) and maintain their position in second place in the Big East women's soccer standings. On the other hand, the Pirates are still yet to attain their second conference win of the season.

Margaret Rodriguez' starting 11 remained unchanged; Randi Palacios was in net, the backline consisted of Jacqueline Harnett, Julia Petrillo, Kara Long and Melina Couzis. The midfield was made up of Emma Zaccagnini, Jessica Mazo and Lucy Cappadona. Finally, the strike partnership consisted of Yamilee Eveillard, Kess Elmore and Jada Konte.

UConn's heart skipped a beat in the opening stages of the contest when Pirate defender Lauren DiPietro's shot ricocheted off the crossbar in the sixth minute. Although they just barely avoided going down 1-0 in the opening minutes of the match, it would foreshadow what was to come, as in the 11th minute, Pirate midfielder Laura Hooper found fellow midfielder Cassidy Harrigan. Harrigan slid it past Palacios to give the Pirates the breakthrough.

UConn struggled to garner a reaction after going down so early.

Elmore got the first shot for the Huskies in the fifth minute, and the next shot would not come until the 22nd minute courtesy of Cappadona. The Huskies would only have

left corner had it not been for Palacios' outstretched hands. Palacios was once again called into action one minute later when forward Alyssa Reszkowski's effort was bundled up

theless, she was not able to parry it out of danger, which allowed Lynch to put it in the back of the net to level it up for the Huskies.

The Pirates offense went silent

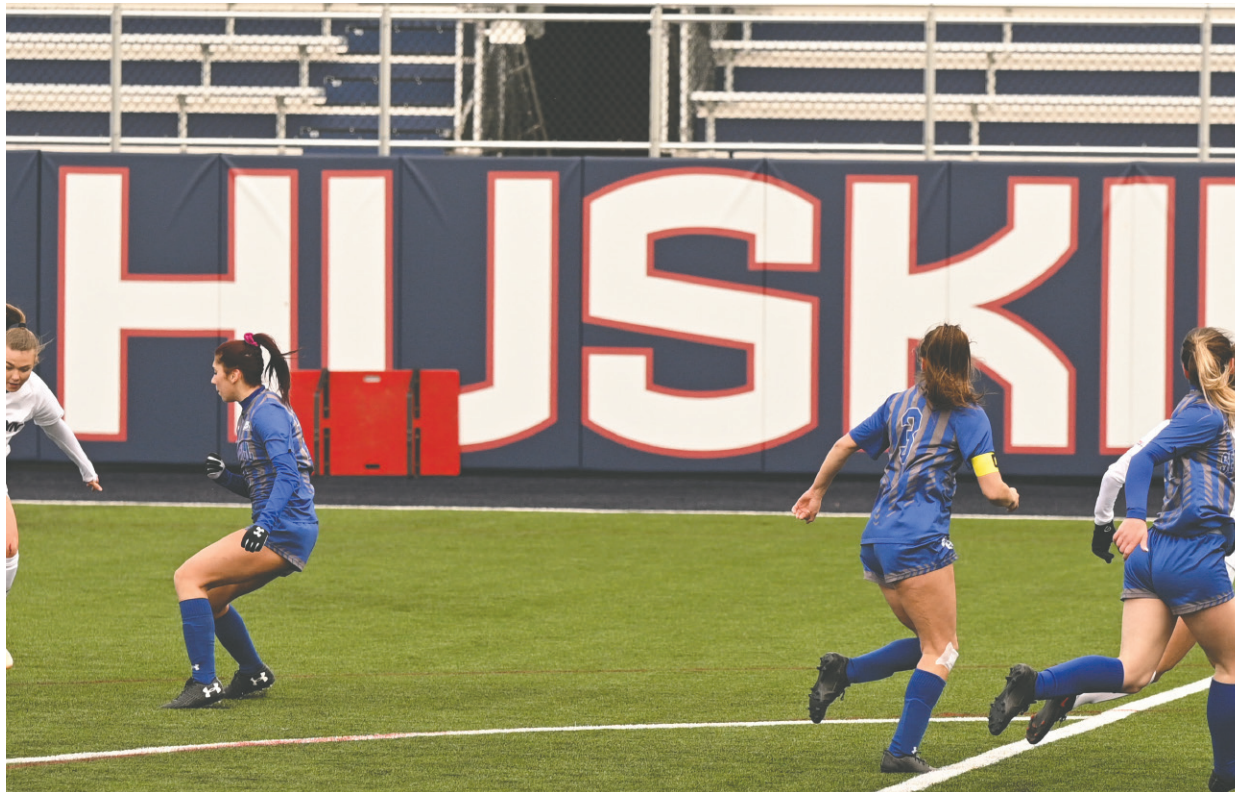
headed toward the bottom left corner had it not been for Grace's outstretched arms.

Regulation could not decide the winner, so overtime was needed. The Pirates got no shots off in the first overtime period, while the Huskies' best chance of the period came in the 93rd minute, when Mazo hit a ball that was headed toward the top corner had it not been for Grace.

Seton Hall would get no shots off in the second overtime period as well, and were holding on for dear life. UConn was in the Pirates' final third for the whole of the period, but could not generate any offense; it felt as if the Huskies would have to accept the draw.

However, just when it seemed as if all hope was lost, "super sub" midfielder Sophia Danyko-Kulchicky played a dangerous ball through to Cappadona, who was able to find the back of the net to get the sudden death golden goal in the 107th minute, and give the Huskies the 2-1 victory.

UConn's final match of the season is a tough one, as they'll have to go up against undefeated Georgetown on Thursday, April 8 at 2 p.m. The Hoyas' (9-0-1, 7-0-1 Big East) last game against St. John's was canceled, which means they have not played a match since March 28, something that will definitely benefit the Huskies. Seton Hall finish the season against Villanova on Thursday, April 8 at 6 p.m. Ultimately, both the Wildcats (2-9-2, 1-5-2 Big East) and the Pirates will look to finish on a high after what's been a disappointing season for both sides.



The Huskies win 5-0 against Seton Hall with two of five goals scored by midfielder Jessica Mazo (6) on March 14, 2021. The Huskies won against the Pirates again on April 3, 2-1 in overtime. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, STAFF

two other shots in the half, which came from forward Isabelle Lynch in the 22rd minute, and Cappadona in the 43rd minute.

While UConn's offense struggled, Seton Hall's thrived. Pirate midfielder Laura Hooper's shot in the 37th minute was destined for the bottom

by the Husky goalkeeper.

The UConn offense would finally get going in the second half. Mazo and Eveillard tested Pirate goalkeeper Grace Gordon in the 53rd and 54th minute, respectively. Mazo had another effort in the 55th minute that was saved by Grace; never-

for the remainder of the second half, while the Huskies put more and more pressure on Seton Hall's backline. Elmore and midfielder Cara Jordan's shots in the 69th and 72nd minute were easily saved by Grace, while Mazo's third effort of the game in the 76th minute was

UConn field hockey continues 5-game win streak with shutout of Villanova

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The UConn field hockey team took to the field this weekend against conference opponent Villanova in an impressive show of force. The team dominated the play over the course of the two games, winning 8-0 on Saturday and 3-0 on Sunday.

Saturday's game between the Huskies and the Wildcats was a commanding performance by the UConn Huskies. From early in the first quarter up until the end of the fourth, the Huskies controlled the flow of play and showed Villanova that they were not there to mess around. UConn topped every statistic except for saves, with Cheyenne Sprecher only having to make three saves to the combined eight made by Villanova's goaltending pair Claire Borman and Jordan McGinley. The team made 20 shots over the course of the game, with 16 being counted as shots on goal and eight of those going in. The Wildcats only managed to take four shots against the Huskies.

Sophie Hamilton wasted no time at all opening up the scoreboard for the Huskies, scoring on a breakaway just 4:43 into the first quarter. Taking a pass from Vivienne Tucker at the center line, Hamilton carried the ball in deep on a fastbreak and beat starting goaltender McGinley during a 1-v-1 move in front of the goal. This was

the first of three goals for Hamilton over the course of this game.

The Huskies were able to score again in the second quarter, starting with a penalty corner goal from Aiyi Young. At 22:29, Young inserted a corner and then collected a pass off of that. Bringing the ball to the left side of the box, she was able to bury it in. Just two minutes later, the lead was extended to 3-0 after a loose ball from Young was collected and put into the net by senior midfielder Chiara Ma. The half was closed out with UConn's fourth goal, just two minutes from the end. Claire Jandeworth scored from the top of the circle after a UConn penalty corner.

The pressure did not let up in the second half. Just two minutes after the start of the half, Hamilton posted her second goal of the game after she stole the ball from Villanova and carried it into their zone on a breakaway and scored unassisted. The next Husky to score was Erica Solomen, who got a pair of goals 40 minutes into the game. Expanding her impressive score sheet, Solomen also got credited for an assist on the goal of the game, again coming from Hamilton. Scoring her third goal of the game, Hamilton took a pass from Solomen and beat the goalkeeper in the center of the circle. Hamilton is now up to 14 goals and 12 assists this season.

Sunday's game was driven by an extremely consistent and aggressive UConn offense. The Huskies took 17

shots over the course at the game, including 8 on the Villanova net. Just like during Saturday's game, the constant offensive pressure allowed the team to control the flow of the game and enforce their brand of hockey on the opponent. This is where the Huskies have excelled during the entirety of the season, controlling the flow of the game with constant offensive drives and driving the shots on goal as high as they can. The Wildcats were only able to produce 5 shots over the course of the game, with 3 of those being shots on goal.

Villanova stopped the Huskies from being able to score early in the game on Sunday, not allowing a single shot on the Wildcat net for the first half of the game. They also lead the match in shooting for the first 30 minutes, outshooting the Huskies 3-2.

UConn's Vivienne Tucker did not wait long to change this around, scoring just 38 seconds after the start of the third quarter. She was able to collect a feed in the center circle from Jessica Dembrowski and carried the ball to the front of the Wildcat's cage where she beat Borman and opened up the scoreboard for the Huskies. Jandeworth added a second goal slightly less than three minutes later off of a penalty corner with an assist from Young. The third quarter was when UConn's offensive prowess began to surface, with the team taking 12 of



The Huskies win against the Quinipiac Bobcats with a final score of 8-0 on March 28. Over the past weekend, the Huskies faced the Villanova Wildcats, winning both games in a shut-out. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

their 17 shots and gaining seven of their eight penalty corners during the third. The final goal of the game came from familiar face Hamilton. After a pass from Tucker, Hamilton took a shot from the right side of the cage and snuck it past Borman.

This pair of wins brings UConn to 9-1 overall in this season,

with a conference record of 8-1. They lead the Big East Conference standings with a .889 win percent, with Liberty close behind with a 0.833. The Huskies will play next against Providence College for the second matchup of the season with a home and away series on April 9 and 11.

Volleyball: Huskies fall in Big East Tournament semifinals



The women's volleyball team takes on the UCF Knights in its final match of the 2019 season. This weekend, the team earned their spot in the Big East tournament. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The UConn women's volleyball team earned a spot in the Big East Tournament after Providence was forced to withdraw due to COVID-19 issues within their program. The Huskies came in as the second seed from the East division and took on the Creighton Bluejays (12-3).

Creighton took command early in the first set. The Bluejays utilized a 7-0 run to earn a quick 9-3 lead out of the gates. The Huskies stayed focused and were able to string together consecutive points on a few occasions to cut the lead down to three toward the end of

the set. Creighton continued with their aggressive mindset throughout the entire first set and grabbed it 25-20, from an Annika Welty kill of an Ally Van Eekeren assist.

It was the Huskies in set two who raced out to an 8-2 lead and caused the Bluejays to call an early timeout. Genna Florig played a sensational set for the Huskies, registering three blocks and four kills for the Huskies. UConn crushed 10 kills and took advantage of attacking miscues from Creighton to earn a strong 16-9 lead midway through the set. From this point on, the Huskies began committing more errors, and the Bluejays were able to cleanly finish more points.

At 22-17 in favor of UConn, it

seemed like the Huskies were going to be able to tie the matchup at a set apiece, but this would not be the case. Creighton went on a 5-0 run to tie the matchup at 22-22 before an attacking error by Kiara Reinhardt gave the Huskies back a slight one-point edge. The Bluejays were able to wrap up the second set 25-23 in their favor, off a Jasmine Davis error and two Keeley Davis kills.

The third set began with tons of powerful strikes and minimal errors from both squads. It was a must-win set for the Huskies to stay in the tournament, while Creighton was trying to book their ticket to the Big East Finals for the seventh time in eight seasons. Receiving

serve with a 13-11 lead, the Bluejays were able to make a strong push to extend their lead and take complete control of the third set. Well-executed serves from Ellie Bolton gave Creighton an 18-11 lead and forced UConn to call a timeout. The Huskies battled well at the end of the set, but the Bluejays prevailed 25-18, off a Kiana Schmitt kill.

The Huskies concluded their first season back in the Big East conference with a 4-7 overall record. The team got to compete in a Big East Tournament game and can take many positives away from the abbreviated season. UConn will definitely set its sights on winning a game in the Big East Tournament when next season rolls around.



Sports

Huskies stunned by Arizona in 4th straight Final Four loss

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The UConn women's basketball season came to an abrupt end on Friday after the Huskies were upset by Aari McDonald and three-seed Arizona, losing 69-59 and once again falling short of a trip to the National Championship.

Despite game planning more thoroughly for this matchup than their game against Baylor, UConn came out flat, never once holding a lead en route to their fourth straight loss in the National Semifinal.

"I think we came out with the wrong mentality," Christyn Williams said. "We thought it was gonna be easy I guess, and we got flustered. They had great ball pressure and it wasn't like anything we've seen before this season. We just couldn't get in a flow offensively."

Defense was the name of the game early, with both teams struggling a bit to get things going. The Huskies started the quarter 1-7 compared to Arizona's 3-9, but the main difference was the Wildcat's going a perfect 3-3 from deep in that span to put them up 9-3. UConn would end the first down 16-10 with more turnovers (4) than made shots (3), shooting just 21% in the period.

Williams did her best to keep the Huskies in the game in the second, scoring 10 of the team's 12 points in the

quarter, but McDonald and Arizona kept their offense rolling, hitting three more 3-pointers and extending their lead to 10 at halftime. The pressure the Wildcats put on early proved too much for UConn to bounce back from, as their 22 points were the lowest they scored in a half all season.

"It was incredibly difficult for us to get anything done," head coach Geno Auriemma said. "I thought the intensity level that they played with and the aggressiveness on the defensive end, we just didn't respond as I had hoped we would."

As they've been known to do this tournament, the Huskies brought a little more fight in the third quarter, using a quick 5-0 run to cut the Arizona lead back to five, but an immediate 7-0 run in response by the Wildcats told the story of how the game went for UConn.

Another 9-4 run in the final quarter brought the Huskies back within five, but Auriemma said the missed free throws and layups — they went just 7-22 inside in the game — were too difficult to overcome.

"We got it back and then we just missed shots that you've gotta make at this point in time," Auriemma said. "You've gotta make those shots, those free throws, those layups [and] those open 3s that you get because they're not easy to come by. You've gotta be able to play a bunch of high-level games in a row in order to win the whole thing."

The Wildcats made 13 free throws

in the final quarter, going 22-31 on the night to clinch their first trip to the National Championship in program history, sending UConn fans and players home shocked and disappointed at a season with so much potential cut short.

Williams was one of the Huskies' lone bright spots in the game, finishing with a team-high 20 points on 7-17 shooting and was the main catalyst in UConn's comeback attempts in the second half. The junior unfortunately fell victim to a tightly called game by the officials, fouling out on a phantom call with 3:51 remaining in the game.

Paige Bueckers and Evina Westbrook added 18 and 10 points respectively in the loss, but every other player struggled for the Huskies. Aaliyah Edwards was held to just eight points, Olivia Nelson-Ododa had her first game of the year without a made field goal and first without an assist since Feb. 17 and as a team, the Huskies scored their fewest points (59) on their worst shooting percentage (36%) of the year.

However, as is always the case after a loss, the Huskies have plenty to learn from this season, and with everyone

set to return for another year with the addition of No. 1 recruit Azzi Fudd, Auriemma is confident his team will be back and better prepared come next year.

"I believe that what we learned this year through all the ups and downs is gonna really

benefit us for the next couple years," Auriemma said. "I remember saying that in 2008, we lost to Stanford in the semi-final, it was Maya Moore's freshman year and I said, 'we'll be back,' and we went back and we were undefeated the next two seasons. I don't think that's gonna happen, but we'll be back here sooner rather than later."



Connecticut forward Aaliyah Edwards (3) passes around Arizona guard Aari McDonald (2) during the second half of a women's Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament semifinal game Friday, April 2, 2021, at the Alamodome in San Antonio. PHOTO BY ERIC GAY/AP

Baseball: Huskies dominate UMass, sweep weekend series

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The UConn baseball team looked as good as it has all season this past weekend, outscoring the Minutemen 27-6 in their first series sweep of the year and putting the team's record over .500 for the first time in 2021. The Huskies (13-12) kicked the weekend off with a 9-2 win Friday afternoon before completing the sweep with 11-1 and 7-3 wins in Saturday's double header.

It was a slow burn for UConn in Friday's series-opener. The team knocked in one run in each of the first three innings, all coming from the Winkel brothers. Pat Winkel got things started in the first with an RBI double down the left field line to score Tyler Fedko, while Chris Winkel doubled the lead by crossing home plate on an infield grounder in the second before Pat scored his first run of the game, this time off a Christian Fedko single to right. Head coach Jim Penders said he loved what his guys were able to do early in this one.

"Offensively, I loved our approach at the plate," Penders said. "We took advantage of some of their mistakes ... at least early in the inning and then we capitalized. We could've been more opportunistic, but we did enough."

After a quiet next few innings, freshman Chris Brown got a leadoff triple in the sixth — the first of his career — and crossed home plate after a Ben Maycock sac fly to extend the Huskies' lead to four. Pat Winkel and Christian Fedko would both knock in their second RBIs on the day to put UConn up 6-0.

RBIs from Tyler Fedko and Reggie Crawford in the seventh gave the Huskies a 9-0 lead and all but sealed the deal in an all-around dominant series-opener.

Ben Casparius (3-2) earned his third win of the season and played

perhaps his best ball of the season. The UNC transfer went seven innings and allowed just two hits, no runs and punched out eight UMass batters before relief pitcher Brendan O'Donnell and Bobby McBride closed out the game.

"I thought Ben did an excellent job of pitching to contact probably for the first time all year," Penders said. "He probably could have finished it today but there was no reason to extend him with the lead [and] I was glad to see Bobby McBride get out there, you got to see how electric his stuff can be."

But for as dominant as the Huskies were in Friday's matchup, they looked even better in the first half of Saturday's double header, earning their first run-rule win of the season.

After a quiet first two innings, UConn got hot in the third, using a five-

run frame to take the Minutemen out of the game early. Tyler Fedko, Crawford and Erik Stock all knocked in one run while Christian Fedko kept his bat hot, slashing a double down the left field line to bring home his third and fourth runs of the series and put the Huskies up 5-0.

All nine starters got a hit in the game with six different players bringing in runs and eight different guys crossing home plate, in what was the most complete game we have seen from UConn's bats.

"I really like this group," Penders said. "It's a bunch of good guys [who] work really hard. We'll walk back in and get the post-game meal and you'll already hear the ping of the bats [because] the guys will be working on something. And that's the sign of a good club, so I like our group."

UMass would score their lone run off a solo shot to left field in the fifth before the Huskies ultimately took over the game, ending it in the eighth via the run rule.

Zach Bushling kicked off the final inning with an inside-the-park homer after the center fielder over committed but came up short, letting the ball roll all the way to the fence. The Huskies followed Bushling's unconventional homer with back-to-back dingers from Tyler Fedko and Crawford before a shutout inning from relief pitcher Randy Polonia enforced the run rule and gave UConn the series win.

Austin Peterson (3-1) looked impressive in the win, throwing six innings, allowing four hits, one run and punching out a season-high eight batters before Polonia took care of business with two shutout innings

before the run rule called the game.

The back half of Saturday's double header brought more of the same with UConn's bats taking care of business while the pitching staff kept UMass at bay.

The Huskies led 1-0 after three innings, but used a six-run fourth inning — the most runs they've scored in a single inning all season — to go up 7-0 en route to the 7-3 win and series sweep.

Chris Winkel and David Langer got things started in the fourth with back-to-back walks with the bases loaded to push UConn's lead to three, before a bases-clearing double from Brown extended their lead to six. Tyler Fedko would knock in Brown with a double of his own for his lone RBI of the day, but the seven, eight and nine spots for UConn were responsible for six of the team's seven runs in the game.

The Minutemen would give the Huskies a bit of a scare in the sixth with a three-run shot to make the game 7-3, but shutout innings from Andrew Marrero, Justin Willis and Caleb Wurster were enough to push UConn to victory and earn the series sweep.

Joe Simeone (1-3) earned his first win of the year in Saturday's finale and continued the show UConn's starting pitchers put on, pitching five shutout innings, letting up just one hit and striking out eight.

"He really buckled down and did a nice job for us," Penders said. "He knew didn't have to do too much today but he gave us exactly what we needed. [We're] proud of him and really happy that he stuck with it, dug deep today and got us that sweep."

The Huskies now sit above .500 for the first time all year and are one of the hottest teams in baseball having won nine of their last 11 games. Next up for the team is a visit from Bryant University before they kick off conference play next weekend. Everything is clicking at the right time for this team, setting up for what should be an exciting second half of the season.



The UConn Huskies win both double header games against the UMass Minutemen with a final score of 11-1 and 7-3. The first game ended after three back-to-back homeruns in the 8th inning by Zach Bushling (8), Tyler Fedko (3) and Reggie Crawford (21), forcing UMass to forfeit by mercy rules with the Huskies at a 10-run lead. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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