



CONFIRMED 2021 COVID-19 CASES AT UCONN STORRS
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6 Current Residential Cases (positive/symptomatic)

10 Cumulative Residential Cases*

9 Cumulative Commuter Cases*

17 Cumulative Staff Cases*

Nerves, Excitement or Worry: How do students feel about being back on campus?

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University of Connecticut students are excited to once again be in lecture halls after attending classes from behind a screen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic a year and a half ago.

Isabella Sitt, a first semester student, is one of many incoming freshmen excited to meet new people after spending her senior year of high school taking hybrid classes and not seeing her friends.

"I haven't really talked to a lot of people in a long time, and it is a lot of getting used to trying to meet new people, being comfortable in the classroom and actually learning again," Sitt said.

Jasmine Metcalf is another freshman navigating college for the first time. She said life at the university is what she was expecting before the pandemic.

"It was definitely similar to what I was expecting before COVID. The classes are still really big and everyone is participating," Metcalf said.

The university has a COVID-19 dashboard providing the public with a "color-coded system" to indicate guidelines students and staff need to follow when they are on campus.

These guidelines are determined by the number of cases present at all five UConn campuses.

According to the dashboard website, the university is following "Orange COVID-19 Gathering Guidelines," meaning students and



Students stand around the Daily Campus table at the Fall Involvement Fair in 2019. The fair is just one of many events that will happen in person again now that students are back on campus. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

staff are required to follow several guidelines, including mandatory mask-wearing indoors.

Metcalf is happy to see professors implementing mask requirements and making sure everyone feels safe in the classroom.

"I like how the professors are emphasizing mask policies to make sure everyone is wearing their mask correctly," Metcalf said.

The best part about being on cam-

pus for Metcalf has been seeing how inclusive professors and students are on campus.

"All the professors and all the people on campus seem very welcoming, and they are introducing everyone, which includes the sophomores because they weren't really on campus last year," Metcalf said.

Many returning sophomores spent their freshman year taking most, if not all, of their courses re-

motely, and many did not experience what student life is really like on campus.

Joaquin Bellomio is a third-semester political science major who feels like he is experiencing college for the first time.

"This is what I was hoping for when I came [to campus] last semester. Everything is very new to me. I am a sophomore but I very much feel like a freshman," Bellomio said.

Bellomio has enjoyed his first week of classes and is looking forward to interacting with professors and having in-class discussions with his peers.

"I really thrive on participation and conversation, and that is something that was completely absent last semester that took a hit on the whole experience," Bellomio said.

Despite missing out on opportunities his freshman year, he is looking forward to being back.

"It feels really good to be back and actually learning. I spent the whole last year taking classes but not really learning anything," Bellomio said.

Like Bellomio, other students felt the pandemic had an impact on their education.

Maddy Cubberly, a fifth-year women's gender and sexuality studies major, is one of many students who struggle with online classes, and she feels her education was negatively affected during the pandemic.

"I intentionally didn't take a full course load; I took two or three classes both semesters," Cubberly said.

Cubberly said this is something that impacted her ability to graduate on time.

"I transferred, which kind of impacted that, but the pandemic is what mostly impacted it because I didn't want to take a lot of classes," Cubberly said.

Even though Cubberly had a difficult time last semester, she is looking forward to being back.

"It is just really nice to see people," she said.

Feel Good Friday: Involvement Fair to be in person on Monday

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On Monday on Fairfield Way, the University of Connecticut Department of Student Activities will hold its first in-person involvement fair in more than a year, following the virtual involvement fair held last fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual event will include 450 student clubs and organizations for students to explore and get involved with. Clubs and organizations will be stationed at tables to engage with new students and talk about their groups offer, the Student Activities office said. The involvement fair will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. and is open to all students.

Kristen Carr, the interim associate director of leadership and organizational development,

student involvement and organization support and data systems manager, said there is a new energy to this involvement fair, as many clubs had to take a hiatus during the pandemic.

"Student organizations have been awaiting a return to the Involvement Fair and to be able to rebuild their clubs with new energy,"

Carr said. "Groups are also posting on UConncontact — an involvement fair that is open all year — and [they] are really getting ready to run activities and events."

Carr also said while there were challenges last year, she believes

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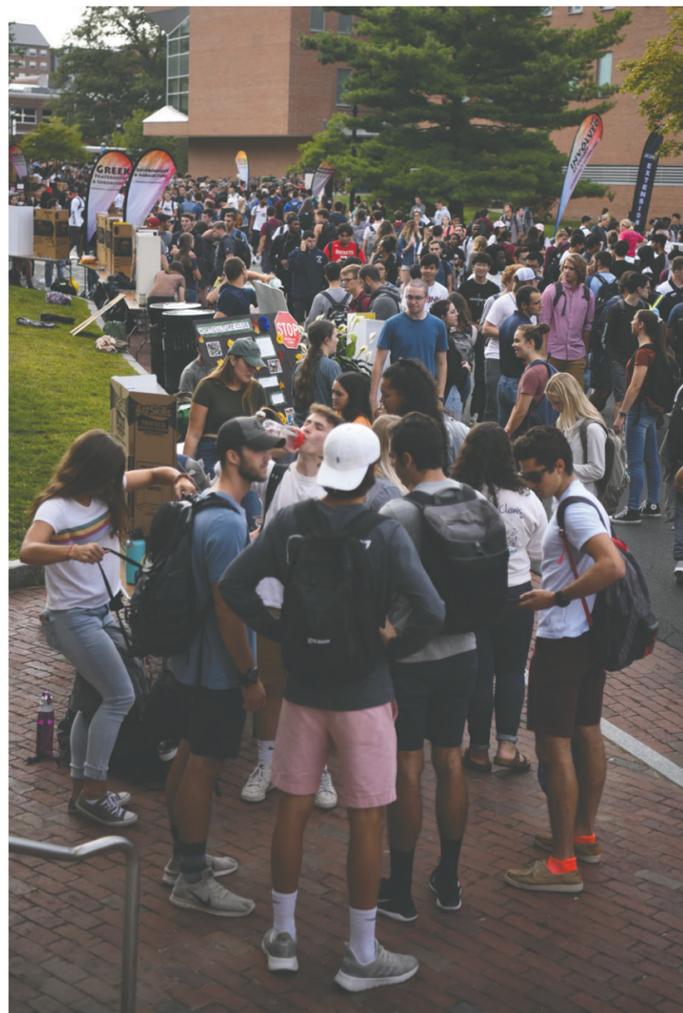
clubs are still strong and crucial to the UConn student experience.

"While connections were more challenging for students last year, hundreds of student groups stayed together in the virtual world because they believed in their groups and their friends," Carr said. "Involvement in clubs and university programs has been shown to be an absolutely crucial way to get connected and grow and we are expecting a great turnout."

Carr also recognized the pandemic is not over, and Student Activities has taken precautions to make students as comfortable and safe as possible.

"Student Activities has been working closely with the university to follow all campus and state guidance related to in-person outdoor events this fall," Carr said. "We are also encouraging masks as we anticipate a large turnout. We want to help keep our community safe."

As some students may not yet be comfortable attending a large in-person event or might have scheduling conflicts, a virtual involvement fair will be held on UConncontact.



Many clubs take on Fairfield Way for the Involvement Fair in September, 2019. It was initially postponed due to weather, but students were able to speak to many clubs and join for the semester. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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News

In COVID-slammed Idaho, schools risk buckling hospitals

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — When Idaho public health officials announced this week that northern hospitals were so crowded with coronavirus patients that they would be allowed to ration health care, roughly 11,000 kids in Coeur d'Alene were packing lunches, climbing on buses or grabbing backpacks for their first day of school.

Very few of them — maybe 2% or 3%, based on one district spokesman's estimate — were wearing masks.

Kootenai Health, the hospital at the epicenter of the region's COVID-19 health care crisis, is just a 10-minute walk from the Coeur d'Alene School District's headquarters. It has 200 beds for medical or surgical patients, but on Wednesday — the second day of school — Kootenai Health's doctors and nurses were caring for 218 medical and surgical patients, aided by military doctors and nurses called in to help with the surge.

On Thursday — the third day of school — the hospital tallied 109 COVID-19 patients, including 37 requiring critical care. The hospital normally has just 26 intensive care unit beds.

Meanwhile, Idaho's vaccination rates remain among the lowest in the U.S., and coronavirus cases have grown by 44% in the last two weeks as the highly contagious delta variant burns through the population. It's basically a math problem that adds up to a potential disaster.

"We're at risk of getting more patients," Dr. Robert Scoggins, Kootenai Health's chief of staff, said during a news conference Wednesday afternoon. "There's no mitigation in place in our school systems at this point, and I'm concerned about what's going to happen ... and how that will affect the care of COVID patients and non-COVID patients."

School outbreaks have been a

problem in other states with much higher vaccination rates than Idaho. More than 80 people at Kamiakin Middle School in Kirkland, Washington, were told this week to stay home until notified because they came in contact with two students who tested positive for COVID-19. More than 85% of the eligible people in the area east of Seattle are fully vaccinated, according to local health officials.

And in Oregon's Lake Oswego school district, more than 40 students are in quarantine because they were exposed to COVID-19 on a school bus. About 67% of adults are fully vaccinated in Clackamas County, where the school is located, according to state health officials.

In Kootenai County, which includes Coeur d'Alene, only 41% are fully vaccinated. Still, like the vast majority of school districts in northern Idaho, Coeur d'Alene is not requiring masks or other steps to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Many in the extremely conservative region have been adamantly opposed to mask mandates since the pandemic began. During one Coeur d'Alene school board meeting last month, some attendees held signs, booing or cheering the speakers. Three of the five school board members said they preferred to recommend wearing masks as a personal choice.

"We are highly concerned. I mean, we're already seeing the effects of the delta variant," said Panhandle District Health spokeswoman Katherine Hoyer on Thursday. "This is really going to take our community being responsible to protect each other and our health care facilities. We never wanted to reach crisis standards of care, yet here we are."

During last winter's surge, the Panhandle Health District worked with schools on contact tracing,

Hoyer said the Coeur d'Alene School District was especially helpful for cases involving students.

But this year, the public health district has jettisoned traditional contact tracing after the case backlog became hopelessly huge. Now the agency does smaller investigations for priority populations only: health care providers, long-term care facility residents and workers, and students and school staffers.

Coeur d'Alene School District spokesman Scott Maben said the school system has also ended contact tracing.

"We don't have the resources to do it this year," Maben said. "We are definitely relying on people to self-report to us."

That could be a problem. Hoyer's agency has run into several families that refuse to say which school their COVID-19-positive child attends. Last school year, Maben saw families knowingly send kids with COVID-19 to school and extracurricular activities.

The school district can send the child home for mandatory quarantine if it knows about a positive coronavirus test, but again, relies on families to disclose the information.

"We're urging people to stay home until it's safe to be around others, but we also know that a lot of families believe that a lot of these concerns are exaggerated and their kids need to be in school," Maben said. "That's an ongoing frustration with us."

Kids are far less likely than adults to become seriously ill from coronavirus. Roughly 188 children statewide have been hospitalized with the virus since the pandemic first came to Idaho, according to numbers from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. But kids, like adults, can easily pass the virus to others, and in a state where

only half of the residents are fully vaccinated, a schoolhouse outbreak could quickly become a major problem, said Dr. David Peterman, a pediatrician and CEO of Primary Health Group in southwestern Idaho.

"We have evidence all over the world that when children go to school and masks are not required, that coronavirus spreads among those children and into the community," Peterman said.

Most schools in the region where Primary Health runs 21 urgent care and family medicine clinics started two or three weeks ago, and many districts in the area didn't require everyone to wear masks.

"We are now reporting out on a regular basis two to three hundred new cases or more," Peterman said, compared to about 10 new cases a week at his clinics in early July. "There is no question that this has coincided with children being back in school."

In southwestern Idaho, the state's largest school district started classes a couple of weeks ago requiring masks but allowing parents to "opt out." More than one-third of the West Ada School District's 40,000 students opted out.

On Wednesday, a popular high school history teacher at the school district died of COVID-19. At a scheduled meeting later that day, the West Ada School Board said the district would temporarily require masks for everyone, regardless of whether they opted out, until at least Sept. 24, the Idaho Statesman reported.

"As one of the largest organizations in the Treasure Valley, as well as state, we believe that we have a public health obligation," Superintendent Derek Bub said. "Implementing a mask requirement for students and staff is one way that West Ada can make a positive contribution to the community."



In this photo provided by the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Blaine Woodcock, a critical care nurse, provides care to a COVID-positive patient during the COVID-19 response operations at Kootenai Health regional medical center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Sept. 6, 2021. PHOTOGRAPH BY KADEN PITT, AP

Florida official sentenced to 5 years in corruption case

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A former city commissioner who once ran the Florida Democratic Party was sentenced to five years in federal prison for taking money from Uber and undercover FBI agents in exchange for his influence.

Former Tallahassee Commissioner Scott Maddox pleaded guilty in 2019 to wire fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy to commit tax fraud. The sentencing was delayed while Maddox and co-defendant Paige Carter-Smith cooperated with investigators in the prosecution of a local developer.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Hinkle said that cooperation played a part in issuing a sentence below federal guidelines that called for between five years,

10 months and seven years, three months in prison.

But Hinkle said the crime was serious, and that the "real problem with bribery ... is that it undermines confidence, it undermines faith in the system."

Paige Carter-Smith, Maddox's longtime associate, pleaded guilty to the same charges and received a two-year prison sentence.

Prosecutors said that Maddox would send clients to Carter-Smith's lobbying firm after he returned to the city commissioner in 2012, and she would then pay Maddox for his influence. Maddox was first elected to the commission in 1990 and later served as the Tallahassee mayor until 2003. He has been a Democratic candidate for governor,

attorney general and agriculture commissioner. He was chairman of the Florida Democratic Party from 2002 to 2005.

Maddox was ordered to pay the Internal Revenue Service \$76,763 and Carter-Smith was ordered to pay the IRS \$115,619. Each was ordered to forfeit \$70,000 to the federal government.

The court found that the pair accepted \$30,000 from the ride-hailing and delivery company Uber and \$40,000 from the undercover agents posing as developers in exchange for influence. When the pair pleaded guilty, an Uber spokesperson said the company didn't bribe Maddox, but was rather a victim of extortion.

Maddox and Carter-Smith told Hinkle that they each went into

public service to do good and to serve people, but they eventually crossed a line. Maddox said he justified taking the money because he knew he was going to vote the same way regardless.

Undercover FBI agents investigated Maddox for two years, which included a booze-filled trip to Las Vegas, where the agents took Maddox to a strip club. Maddox told Hinkle his reaction to hearing himself on FBI tapes, "drunken and slurring" and bragging about how big he was.

"I'm deeply, deeply ashamed that I did that," he said. "I deserve everything I'm going to get, whatever you decide to do."

He said he lost his reputation, his law license, all of his money and caused his family to suffer

"by being drunk and stupid."

Several supporters asked Hinkle for leniency, saying Maddox has done a lot to make Tallahassee a better city, from improving roadways to creating a dog adoption program. They recounted individual help he gave people not for the attention, but to do what's right.

But federal prosecutor Peter Nothstein said whether an elected official does good or bad, the crimes Maddox committed were harmful.

"That corruption shook this community to its core," he said.

Hinkle agreed that because of Maddox and Carter-Smith's actions, people might question the motives of people who serve the public for the right reasons.

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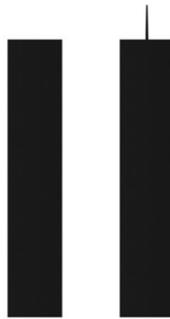
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UCONN REMEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 11TH

On this day, we remember those who were lost, recognize all who survived, honor the sacrifices of the first responders and recovery workers, and recapture the spirit of unity and service that arose in the immediate aftermath of the attacks.



The anniversary of the 9/11 attacks is a time to reflect, honor, remember, and learn. It is also a time to come together in solidarity and remember what we all have in common.

BELL CEREMONY
8:30am
Public Safety Complex
126 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT
UConn Public Safety will host a remembrance ceremony for the victims of the attacks on September 11th, 2001.

THE UNIVERSITY CARILLON AT STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WILL RING
8:46am
This time marks the moment American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

FIELD OF FLAGS
All day
Fairfield Way
The Student Union will host the Field of Flags on Fairfield Way with the placement of 3,000 flags.

WREATH RIBBON TYING
All day
Student Union
Four wreaths will be on display in the Student Union, decorated in memorial ribbons to honor the lives lost on the four downed planes.

ILLUMINATION OF THE REC CENTER
Dusk
Student Recreation Center
To conclude the day of remembrance, UConn Recreation will illuminate the Student Rec Center in the colors of the American flag.





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► Editorial

UConn needs more affordable housing

Over the summer, a planned affordable housing development of 358 units in Mansfield at the corner of Route 195 and Route 44 was the subject of significant conflict between the Town of Mansfield and the administration of the University of Connecticut.

In order to prevent such a development, in July, the UConn administration announced their plan to purchase approximately 20 acres of land in the town — much of which was set aside for mixed-use development (residential and commercial), including the site of the Mansfield Affordable Housing Corporation's planned development. After substantial protest on behalf of the Town of Mansfield, the new Agwunobi administration reversed this purchase in late August.

This is a great step in the right direction. Allowing the construction of affordable housing units in Mansfield will have a dramatic impact on the cost of housing, and thus the cost of education for UConn students, which has risen in recent years alongside most colleges, disproportionately to the real wealth and wages per-capita in the United States. Assuming the demand for housing is relatively unchanged, increasing the supply of housing in Mansfield will lower the price of housing here.

This is very important for residents of UConn because, although the affordable housing development is being constructed off campus, the commodity of housing in Mansfield is priced according to all available housing supply whether it is owned by UConn, a private landlord or administered by a municipality as public housing. Dorms are so expensive at UConn because the supply of housing is so low. UConn sets the prices for their dorms in accordance with the amount of available housing stock off campus, and such a construction will at least forestall any further price increases in town — if not lower housing costs.

This explains why over the summer, UConn moved to block the construction of any affordable housing units. The university generates hundreds of thousands of dollars every semester in revenue from students who purchase housing, and the increase in housing stock off campus would directly threaten this source of revenue, which UConn uses to fund the construction of new residential facilities.

Lowering the cost of housing at UConn is a key component to lowering the overall price of attending school here, which is indispensable to any conversation about accessibility. Expensive room and board breeds a statistically White, upper-middle class student body.

Looking at the bigger picture, since more affordable housing in Mansfield would make the school and town more diverse and lower wealth inequality, the local effects of this construction would be amplified on a regional and state-wide scale. We often forget in conversations about the region that Connecticut is one of the most racially segregated states in the country, and one key reason for this is a lack of affordable housing. Accompanying this are also high property taxes, restrictive single-family ordinances, and single-use zoning schemes that ultimately preserve the value of property in a given town at the expense of those who can't afford to own or rent that property, who are going to be people of color in a society still dealing with the repercussions of centuries of inequality.

Mansfield contains what is arguably the most important university in one of the most important states in the country. It shouldn't be expensive and restricted to upper-class students. It should be made accessible to anyone bright enough to contribute to it, and developing more affordable housing units is a promising first step towards this ambitious goal.



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DAILY CAMPUS HISTORY

Origins of UConn's student newspaper

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Welcome to my column for the semester! Having been inspired by my new job at UConn Archives and Special Collections, I've decided to create a weekly spotlight of notable instances throughout the Daily Campus' 125-year history. It's quite remarkable that this university has had a relatively continuous publication for so long, and it's really interesting to see its evolution. What started out as the Storrs Agricultural College Lookout has gone through many iterations, beginning as a monthly magazine and eventually coming to the five-days-a-week schedule that allows us to put "Daily" in our name.

Today, we will be winding back the clock as far as it goes — at least when it comes to UConn student newspaper terms — and zeroing in on the aforementioned S.A.C. Lookout. Founded on May 11, 1896, the Lookout already had some of the features of the modern Daily Campus. An eight-member board of editors, which likely functioned as both today's editorial board and board of directors, was headed up by original editor-in-chief J.H. Evans, who graduated in 1896.

The front page of this paper offers some information about the school that shows just how much has changed over the years. A complete list of the faculty appears under the Board of Editors, with a miniscule 12 people named. For context, UConn's fact sheet in 2019 stated the school employed 1,540 faculty. Aside from that, the school only had six clubs and organizations: Shakespearean Club, YMCA, Students' Organization, Council, Athletic Association and the Tennis Club.

Of those organizations, some have become other departments at UConn, such as Athletic Association becoming the Athletics Department and Students' Organization eventually morphing into the modern-day USG, but Club Tennis is the only surviving club of the bunch.

One of the most immediately noticeable differences between the Lookout and the paper from today is the poetry section fea-



tured on the front page. Multiple editions of Vol. 1 of the Lookout featured student poetry before the editorials section.

A speech delivered by Lady Principal Margaret Kenwill was a particularly interesting read in the May 1896 issue. The text is titled "Patriots and Patriotism," and given this was written only three decades after the 13th Amendment's ratification, I initially expected a very conservative lecture. But, while there is plenty of very outdated language (namely, referring to Queen Elizabeth I as a "great man"), there are also some ideas that must've been quite progressive for the time. One passage presents Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the Haitian Revolution, as more of a patriot than Napoleon, Cromwell or even George Washington. Of L'Ouverture, Kenwill states, "This man risked his empire rather than permit the slave trade in the humblest village of his dominions."

Another hero Kenwill mentions is General Samuel Armstrong, with whom she worked at the Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), a school for Black and Indigenous peoples. Kenwill went on to become the first music teacher at UConn, making her quite the early icon at the university. Reading about her has led me to wonder why she is not more celebrated here today.

One last thing to highlight from the first volume of the Lookout is an editorial called "Student Life at S.A.C.," exam-

ining the schedule of the typical student. Some facets of the schedule seem to have remained mostly unchanged, with students having to get up early for breakfast, but from there things change drastically. Since Storrs Agricultural College was a trade school, instead of possibly going to an 8 a.m. class, students would "report for work at the place assigned" to them, which was either the horticultural department or on the farm. Afternoons more closely resembled the afternoons of students today, as classes were between 1 and 4 p.m. After classes were over, however, mandatory three-night-a-week military drills took place, followed by mandatory chapel. Along with mandatory chapel, students were also supposed to attend church on Sundays.

It is clear that much has changed since the original editors decided to create the Lookout, and goes to show the importance of having a campus newspaper at any point in history. Simply because a handful of students decided to create these documents back then, more information is now available about our past today. With that said, to my fellow Daily Campus writers, we should all think about how each time we write an article, take a photo or work production on the paper, we are creating primary sources that our successors at UConn will learn from for generations to come, and that's something to take serious pride in.

Why UConn needs a strong climate justice movement

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Summer, coming to a swift, torrential close as you read this, is leaving in its wake an unspoken yet overwhelming sense of despair for climate activists. We don't speak of this despair due to a cycle all too familiar to anyone who has sat down to conceptualize the enormity of the political, social, and cultural tasks necessary to mitigate climate catastrophe in a realistic time frame (read: urgently and immediately). That is, despair begets nihilism, nihilism begets inaction, and inaction begets further despair for more of our friends, family, and community members. Upon

reaching a critical mass of bemoaning would-be activists submitting to ecological collapse, the cycle ends. In its infernal drive to consume the riches of our world, capitalism distributes them into the ashy hands of the wealthy ruling class, leaving bitter smoke for the rest of humanity. Should our social organizations fail to stop fossil fuel emitters from pursuing profit over the security and health of the biosphere, the consequences will be outsized and numerous.

Hurricane Ida, which is battering North America from New York to Louisiana, is amplified by rising ocean temperatures. The latter, in conjunction with a heightened sea level, will render stronger hurricanes a staple of the climate catastrophe. Observing Texas' disastrous handling of its own brush

with irregular weather, a nearly anomalous snowstorm that shut down 70% of the state's privately-owned electricity grid and indirectly led to the deaths of over 100 unhoused, innocent people, we can posit with a reasonable degree of certainty that many of our neighbors will be snagged by the consequences of two centuries of industrial exploitation of the earth.

Climate scientists are also concerned with the current state of the Amazon rainforest — previously a sink of CO₂ emissions, now a net emitter of them, largely due to forest fires ripping through indigenous communities meant to make space for cattle farms.

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A History of 9/11:

REMEMBRANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 have defined the past 20 years of world history. They revealed shortcomings in the United States' intelligence community, ignited conflicts which remain ongoing and led to the passage of legislation that normalized mass government surveillance of American citizens. It is important that we take time each year to reflect upon the 9/11 attacks, both to honor the 2,977 people who directly lost their lives — as well as those who have died in the resulting War on Terror — and to recognize the historical significance of the day.

This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. We are the first generation of Americans to have grown up under the shadow 9/11 cast over the United States. Thus, our perception of the attacks is vastly different than that of our parents and those who witnessed the towers fall, live on national television. It is difficult to imagine the emotions previous generations felt while watching these events unfold. It is said that the country experienced an increased sense of togetherness and community, while simultaneously harboring misplaced hostility toward Arab and Muslim people in general.

University of Connecticut stu-

dents at the time were among those who watched the news coverage of the attacks. On the evening of Sept. 12, 2001, UConn's Undergraduate Student Government organized a candlelight vigil on the Student Union Mall to commemorate the victims of the attack. Approximately 3,000 students, faculty and staff were in attendance.

Chris Hattayer, USG President at the time, gave a speech pertaining to the importance of recognizing the community of the human race. The flame was passed among the crowd until all of their candles were lit. They then stood and collectively sang renderings of "Imagine," "America the Beautiful," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Amazing Grace," "Kumbaya" and "Lean on Me."

UConn Health has made a tradition of holding an annual remembrance ceremony in honor of the victims of the 9/11 attacks. UConn Police Officer Susan Kassey runs the event every year. In 2020, the speakers gathered in the Academic Rotunda at UConn Health and livestreamed the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some speakers at the event included UConn Health CEO and current UConn Interim President Dr. Andrew Agwunobi, and then-Connecticut State Sen. Gennaro Bizzarro. Officer Kassey also read an original poem.

This year, on Sept. 8, the University of Connecticut Office of Veter-

an Affairs and Military Programs hosted a 9/11 Tower Challenge. Participants gathered at the Sherman Family Sports Complex to walk 2,071 stairs in honor of the people who travelled across the 110 stories of the World Trade Center.

This year, on Sept. 11, 2021, uK-indness will be hosting a day of remembrance on the Storrs Campus. UConn Public Safety will hold a remembrance ceremony at the Public Safety Complex at 8:30 a.m. Additionally, the Student Union will be hosting the Field of Flags event on Fairfield Way with the placement of 3,000 flags. Four wreaths will be on display at the Student Union, symbolizing the four downed planes. At dusk, UConn Recreation will illuminate the Student Rec Center in red, white and blue.

With the recent collapse of the Western-backed Afghan government and the seizure of the country by the Taliban, the American people have once again been reminded of the lingering effects of the 9/11 attacks. Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, was seized by Taliban forces on Aug. 15, leaving Hamid Karzai International Airport (protected by NATO forces) as the only evacuation route not controlled by the Taliban. Between Aug. 14 and 25, the United States evacuated 82,300 people via the airport. Among them were American citizens and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa applicants.



The Field of Flags is a time-honored tradition at the University of Connecticut, and one of the many events held as part of UConn Remembers September 11th. 3,000 American flags are placed on Fairfield Way to remember those lost in the devastating attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

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Be BOLD with your bike

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Seeing campus come to life after a year and a half of minimal capacity is surreal. I have heard other students remark that they don't recall this many students at UConn before the pandemic. Either way, with an almost-fully functioning campus comes a slew of pedestrian, vehicular and cyclical traffic. With astronomical parking pass prices, inconvenient parking spaces and clogged roads in the middle of campus, many students opt to walk, take the bus or bike around Storrs.

Phoebe Mrozinski believes students and community members alike should be comfortable regularly using their bike to commute around densely-populated areas such as college campuses and cities, and she hopes her BOLD project raises awareness of that fact and educates people on bike commuting.

"I want people to feel like they have the knowledge to confidently bike more often," Mrozinski, a seventh-semester environmental science major, said about the individual project she is working on as part of UConn's BOLD Women's Leadership Network. "I would like to normalize biking to get around. I want people to know that bikes have the right to the road, and it's possible to get around with biking versus driving all the time."

The final official event for Mrozinski's project is a bike tour of Mansfield for UConn students tomorrow, Sept. 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The ride is about 9.5 miles, and the group will be meeting at the UConn seal.

"We're stopping at the Red Barn Creamery first, getting ice cream, and then Shundai farm," Mrozinski said, explaining how the parents of Sena Wazer, a seventh-semester environmental science major, own the farm. Wazer's father will provide a tour. "And then we're going to the Mansfield Farmers Market. I think it'll be fun, I've never biked this tour. It'll introduce people to fun things in the area ... and there are free rentals from Cycle Share if you don't have your own."

UConn's BOLD program is a leadership program for undergraduate women focused on "facilitating opportunities for women's career development and networking through scholarship funding, programming, and post-graduation fellowships," according to its website. The program seeks to "empower young college women to become leaders in their life and careers after college."

"The BOLD program has about

nine, maybe 10 people per cohort," Mrozinski said. "You apply as a sophomore ... and in the summer between junior and senior year, you do a BOLD project, which you work on planning and developing during your junior year. For the project, you work for 13 weeks full-time on whatever you want to do."

Like with most great ideas, Mrozinski's project almost didn't come to fruition. Fortunately, she was encouraged by a fellow Phoebe, Professor Phoebe Godfrey of the department of sociology, to apply.

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"That was when COVID was just starting, so I was like, 'I probably won't do it,'" Mrozinski said. "But then I ended up filling out the application. On the application, you apply with a general project idea. I mean, you're not held to it, but it's some idea you want to do. At that point, I was commuting maybe not every day, but wherever I wanted to go. Or I carpooled. I just felt that there was a need for people to be aware of safety measures, like how to drive around bicycles. I think I also just want to decrease car dependence. Cars really aren't necessary in all this."

A sustainable transportation and urban planning class expanded upon Mrozinski's idea.

"I signed up for a class in transportation planning first semester junior year, which was an amazing class with Norman Garrick, and he took everything that I thought in my head and taught it as a class, telling us like what cities are good for ... like how cars don't really have a place in the city," Mrozinski said, referencing CE 2710: Transportation Engineering and Planning in the department of Civil Engineering with Professor Emeritus Norman Garrick. "Cars are necessary if you live far from places, but in a city, they just don't fit. So that just made me even more excited about this project."

Mrozinski discussed the impact of having mentors like Professor God-

frey and Professor Emeritus Garrick, who serve as role models for getting involved beyond academia.

"I think he's retired, and I think The New York Times wrote an article about him," Mrozinski said. (They did.) "And then I read it, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I took his class.'"

In her search for fleshing out the details of her project, Mrozinski became involved in and aware of the various bike organizations and infrastructure in the state.

"I found BiCi Co., a community-based organization in Hartford, which is based through the Center for Latino Progress," Mrozinski said. "And they also have a shop that is fully functional. It's actually the only bike shop in Hartford, which is really important. If you're biking to work and your bike breaks, it's really important they're open, and they have pretty regular hours."

Mrozinski described BikeLIFE! hosted by BiCi Co., a yearly bike festival in Hartford for ages seven to 19, and broken into two parts: five two-hour safety courses held throughout the week, followed by the BIKELIFE festival on the last day, according to the webpage. This year's BikeLIFE! was hosted the week of June 21 to 26. The webpage also mentions how the

safety courses are "strategically located around Hartford to reach as many youth as possible," and that "[i]t's an awesome opportunity to connect with youth that love bikes and riding."

"BikeLIFE! is a festival where about 60 people sign up," Mrozinski said. "Once you sign up, it's \$20 to register and you get a free bike helmet and bike lights. And parents brought their kids who learned about safely getting bikes back out into the community."

Mrozinski enjoyed the community and interaction gained by volunteering at BiCi Co., as well as learning about the many events and initiatives they work on.

"Every Wednesday, they have time for people who need to come in and either work on their own projects or volunteer for BiCi Co., which takes in old bikes, fixes them and gives them out at events, like BikeLIFE!" Mrozinski said. "Sometimes I organized the shop, other times I worked on fixing bikes. I learned a lot about maintenance. I helped out at safety classes for the bike festival. They also did a camp for six weeks, and it's \$25, so very accessible to everyone there."

Previous to the Mansfield Bike Tour, Mrozinski hosted other events related to the work she did this summer.

"I developed programs over the

summer that would last an hour, and I wanted to teach that lesson to like, maybe three or four camps," Mrozinski said. "At the beginning of the school year, I tabled at the WOW resource fair for two days, and then hosted the Huskies Bike class at Storrs, which focused on how to take care of your bike, as well as the resources that UConn already offers ... such as the Office of Sustainability has a bike website, Mansfield has a map of its bike [trails], and the Adventure Center has a lot of classes."

As expected of an independent project produced during a pandemic, Mrozinski's work proved isolating at times.

"Working from home is very challenging," Mrozinski said. "BOLD is great because you'll have a lot of people to talk to, but we're all working from home. Like you know, mid-COVID and doing our own thing means I don't have any coworkers. And a lot of people say the same thing, which is, all the decisions are up to you, it's your own project ... You can talk to other people for guidance, but it's kind of a lot to handle, like how do you know what you're doing is feasible, or if you're making the right decision."

Despite these challenges, Mrozinski found channels of support and connection through BOLD.

"[Other BOLD scholars in my cohort and I try] to catch up with each other every once in a while, because we're all starting in the same place," Mrozinski said. "A lot of people did different projects or like a documentary, but we have similar struggles."

Mrozinski similarly used Instagram for self motivation, creating an Instagram account specifically to track her progress on her project.

"I use Instagram as a progress thing, and it's fun to have other people see what you're doing without directly talking to them about it all the time," Mrozinski said. "It's just a way to look back on how we're doing, we have weekly check-ins, but this is a way for me to personally see."

After learning about the resources around her, in the state, in the town of Mansfield and on campus, Mrozinski can offer much expertise on becoming a regular bike commuter yourself.

"If you need to ask for help, don't be afraid to ask for help," Mrozinski advised. "The Adventure Center is probably the best spot for that. They have mechanic hours Monday and Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m., and Friday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. They don't do repairs, but they're willing to help you and give you the tools to do yours. They also have a repair station outside, which you can use for repairs. They also give recommendations for bike trips to go on."



Phoebe Mrozinski, a seventh-semester environmental science major, prepares for the upcoming Mansfield Bike Tour on Saturday, Sept. 11. The Mansfield Bike Tour is Mrozinski's individual project as part of UConn's BOLD Women's Leadership Network.
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SHaW provides support to students through a multitude of interactive activities

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When most people think of the Student Health and Wellness office, their mind immediately correlates it to a medical center. But, SHaW is so much more than just that. It provides a variety of resources that can aid students in anything they are going through, both in individual or group settings.

Kristina Stevens, SHaW's director of mental health, recently shed light on what her office truly strives to accomplish here on the University of Connecticut campus.

"Student Health and Wellness offers a comprehensive set of services from medical, mental health and wellness services by a team that works collaboratively to cultivate optimal health and well-being for every UConn student," said Stevens. "In the other words of our motto, we want students to 'Be Well, Feel Well and Do Well.'"

There are a multitude of programs SHaW hosts to aid in cultivating a feel-good environment for students, including Meditation Monday

"Meditation Monday takes place every Monday at 4 p.m. and offers students a virtual space to engage in practices that support mental wellbeing, and help to build community and connection," said Stevens.

Students from any UConn campus can join Meditation Monday through a simple link. For those focused on building a skillset that can help reduce stress and promote wellbeing, Introduction to Mindfulness takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., as well as on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Arjona Room 403.

For something more interactive, Pet Therapy is the perfect option. Every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall Room 126, students are given the chance to not only hang out with dogs (what could be better?), but also to use the time to decompress and take a step back from their hectic lives.

On the more physical side, Gentle Therapeutic Yoga is held in Arjona on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and online on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.. As Stevens describes it, Gentle Therapeutic Yoga is a "full body practice that calms, dissolves stress and strengthens core muscles." If one is looking to use yoga as a method to help with addiction, Recovery Yoga Sessions are held in-person at the UConn Recreation Center and virtually on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

SHaW uses these resources to help aid in the holistic wellbeing of students.

"All aspects of who we are affect our mental health," said Stevens. "At

SHaW, when we talk about cultivating optimal health, that means the optimal health of the whole person."

If you find yourself in a situation of wanting to help a peer, there are a multitude of ways where UConn students can provide temporary aid.

"Students have been active partners in programming for and participating in activities that increase awareness, decrease stigma and create a culture of care across the University community," said Stevens. "Their voices have been and always will be central to promoting mental health across the University."

The programs listed above are not the only options if a student is struggling. Other services include online self-directed support, informal consultation with a counselor, as well as crisis support day and night, group and individual therapy, medication management and clinical case management.

Any student is welcome to participate in SHaW's programs. Many of them involve simply dropping in and joining the activity; however one can always call (860) 486-4705 with any questions or concerns. Students can also reach SHaW by visiting their website at <https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/>. Furthermore, all newly issued One Cards contain a QR code that will lead a student directly to the SHaW website where other information can be found.



Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) provides students with information about COVID-19 testing and surveillance as well as the timeline for medical isolation. Students can call the on-call nurse for advice about COVID-19 related questions.
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BROADWAY IS BACK

but is it back to normal?

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After more than a year in the dark, the bright lights of Broadway are back on and brighter than ever ... or at least on the path to be. The COVID-19 pandemic first shuttered the doors of all 41 Broadway theaters in Midtown Manhattan on March 12, 2020. Initial predictions hoped for a return to Broadway in the fall of 2020, which was subsequently pushed to January 2021, then to June and finally to September.

In May, New York lawmakers gave the go-ahead for Broadway productions to reopen at full capac-

ity by Sept. 14, with some projects given special permission to open before Labor Day weekend. "Hadestown," the smash-hit musical and winner of eight Tony Awards — including Best Musical — reopened on Thursday, Sept. 2, alongside the limited-run revival of "Waitress" with composer Sara Bareilles in the lead role. Of course, the word "revival" should be used loosely here, as the original production closed not too long before the pandemic hit. But now is not a good time to discourage any theatrical works in whatever form they may take.

Both productions opened to packed houses, however, with stringent health and safety regulations imposed to ensure Broad-

way's reopening is permanent rather than temporary. Upon arrival, audience members are required to present vaccination cards and ID verification. Face masks are required throughout the duration of the musical or play, and patrons are not allowed to wait by the stage door for pictures or autographs from the cast members.

Some productions are even reworking their entire shows to better accommodate COVID-19 precautions. Several of them have removed the intermission and condensed the show, so there are fewer chances for COVID-19 transmission throughout the performance. "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," New York and London's hot-ticket play before the shutdown, used to perform in two parts, with audiences attending the first part in the afternoon and the second in the evening. To prevent audiences from needing to be screened twice upon arrival, the show has been condensed into a one-act play, though the creative team assures the fantastical magic audiences first fell in love with will remain. This redone production will take its first bow on Nov. 12.

While these regulations and reworkings may seem disheartening to any theater fans itching to get back to Broadway, the COVID-conscious reopening is certainly a step in the right direction. New York is just as ready for Broadway to be back as we are. Interestingly enough, Manhattan's theater industry contributes \$11.9 billion annually to the New York City economy, not to mention the business theater-goers bring to the restaurants, shops and hotels of Times Square



The exterior of the Walter Kerr Theater was decorated with red flowers to celebrate the reopening of Broadway's reigning Tony-winning Best Musical, "Hadestown." "Hadestown" reopened on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 after being closed for more than a year. PHOTO COURTESY OF VARIETY



Sara Bareilles returns to Broadway to star in a limited-run revival of "Waitress." The production opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theater on Thursday, Sept. 2 and will run through Jan. 9, 2022. PHOTO COURTESY OF VULTURE

and its adjacent neighborhoods. Essentially, the Big Apple is counting on Broadway as the final piece of the puzzle to rebuild its economy.

Musical juggernauts "Wicked," "The Lion King" and "Hamilton," will return on Sept. 14, alongside Broadway's longest-running American musical, "Chicago." These familiar faces will be joined by a slate of new musicals planning to open this fall, including "Flying Over Sunset," "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Diana" and "MJ: The Michael Jackson Musical." "Six," the British-import chronicling the lives of the wives of King Henry VIII, is a particularly anticipated musical for the New York audience that

was just 90 minutes away from its opening night performance when the Broadway shutdown was announced.

Some favorites not returning, however, include "Mean Girls," the recent revival of "West Side Story" and "Frozen." It seems that even Disney could not afford to keep the lights on during the dark days of the pandemic.

Though it has been a long road to get to this point, Broadway is back and ready for a revival. We can only hope that as the stage lights turn back on over the next few weeks, they will burn brightly for decades to come without any more interruptions.

Hollieats: The Hidden Still is a hidden gem

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Considering my lack of transportation at UConn for my freshman and sophomore years, I honestly have not been able to explore much of the food options more than 15 minutes out of campus. That, and the fact that a student's time is valuable when they're running around for classes, meetings and extracurriculars all the time. But acquiring a car this year and catching up with people I haven't seen for more than a year merits an out-of-town excursion to see what towns that are otherwise irrelevant to me have the offer. Fortunately, the trip to Ellington to the charming, casual tavern of The Hidden Still was worth the drive, as well as the company of the friend I dined with.

The cozy atmosphere of the restaurant reflected the comfort level of its clientele, which ranged from older patrons to families with younger children. There is a nice seating area with lights in the back, but my friend and I opted for the bar, where we could quickly order our drinks and food. I appreciated how the atmosphere was lively with appropriate volume and selection of music and reasonable lighting for a tavern.

Although I'm a food columnist, I'm going to put my Thirsty Thursday cap on and start with the star of the meal: the drinks. However, considering The Hidden Still is Connecticut's first moonshine bar, can

you blame me? The selection was varied and wide, with moonshine selections from in-state and around the country, wine, bourbon, whiskey, beer on tap — the works. However, what caught our eyes were the specialty cocktails with none other than moonshine. They had simple fruit cocktails — Pineapple Refresher, with pineapple moonshine and soda water — intense fruit cocktails — Ellington Sunset with moonshine, orange, pineapple juice, grenadine float, fresh orange and cherry — indulgent dessert cocktails — blueberry cheesecake cocktail — and everything else in between.

I started out with a Berry Moonshine Mule because I'm a big fan of ginger and herbs in my drinks, and it didn't disappoint. The mule was perfectly balanced with the alcohol, ginger beer and lime juice. I guess I'm a fan of moonshine! Or maybe we had a really good bartender. Or maybe both. My friend started with the Skinny Cucumber with cucumber vodka, soda water and fresh cucumber, which was perfectly refreshing, but I think she was missing out on trying some moonshine. That was quickly remedied with her second drink of Peach Tea, composed of peach cobbler moonshine and iced tea. The drink was well-balanced and not at all sugary like some iced teas. Another well-made drink!

As for appetizers: I honestly usually never get appetizers with my family — we go straight for the gold, A.K.A. the entree — but

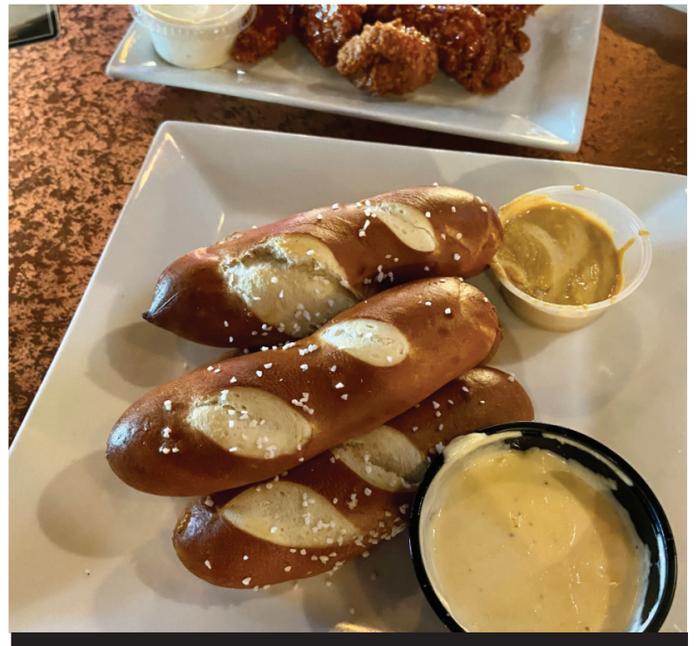
for some reason, with friends, I am much more inclined to be order-happy. When you've got an appetizer spread like The Hidden Still, which features bar favorites with unique twists (clam fritters? I honestly would get those next time), I am even more inclined to forgo my usual entree expedite. I let my friend lead the way, and she ordered boneless wings (classic and Bavarian pretzel sticks with beer cheese and mustard (which I honestly had never had before but was excited to try). The restaurant had over 20 unique sauce options, and the smoked garlic sriracha seemed right up our alleys — which was correct. The wings were a reasonable size with succulent meat and a garlicky, smoky sauce — perfectly yummy, but boneless wings are never really anything to write home about. The soft pretzels were definitely worth the try though, as the texture truly was soft and fluffy, with just enough salt. The beer cheese really elevated the appetizer though, being a delectable mix of creamy, tangy and warm — I could've eaten it with everything.

I'm extremely indecisive when it comes to ordering, so usually I choose under pressure. When the waitress came to me, I landed on the shrimp and grits (though I was debating the drunken Irish stew — I have a soft spot for mashed potatoes and tenderly cooked beef). I've never had grits before either, and it seemed like a night of trying new things I feel like I should've had before. The shrimps were large,

succulent and seasoned with a Cajun sauce that melded nicely with the heaping bowl of cheesy grits. However, considering my entree was only shrimp and grits, and grits are pretty much an inexpensive filler carb, I wish they gave more shrimp — I think the dish came with 6. The grits pretty much tasted like creamy cheddar mashed potatoes with some texture — yes, I know, the grit — and I would say I liked them, but now I'm realizing why I probably felt sick when I got home and when I eat the leftovers, considering how much butter, milk and cheese are in the grits. No wonder they taste so good — just maybe not worth the heartburn and upset stomach.

The tavern also offers a large variety of burgers, wraps, salads, paninis and other entrees. My friend got the hangover burger with bacon, fried egg, fried avocado, cheddar cheese and hollandaise, and it looked heavenly. The garlic seasoned tater tots were amazingly crispy and abundant, too.

The Hidden Still is a great casual joint at which to catch up with friends or family over some delicious drinks, yummy appetizers and fun entrees in very sizable portions for the price. Barring my intolerance for dairy, at least everything tasted pretty good. It was maybe not worth going completely out of your way for, but if you're in the area, it's worth a try.



At The Hidden Still, author Hollianne Lao recommends the Bavarian pretzel stick appetizer with beer cheese and mustard. The Hidden Still is a cozy, casual tavern-style restaurant in Ellington, CT. PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

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A UConn student naps on a couch in a lounge area on one of the upper levels of the Student Union on Wednesday. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

What's wrong with a reality show president?

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Robert, the quintessential Middle American, slides onto his scratched-up leather couch. The sound of a potato chip crunches beneath his body weight as he adjusts his position to reach for the plastic remote. His hands quiver ever so slightly as he grasps it and pushes the rubber power button forward. His television remains mostly dark. Something is wrong. Robert darts into action as his index finger reaches for the “increase brightness” button. There is no effect. Anxiety starts to set in. His grasp tightens around the remote as he begins pressing buttons in a mad dash to reconfigure the menu, searching for what could be wrong. Can Robert afford to miss tonight’s show? Robert sits quietly, thinking, looking at the television menu with options like contrast, picture mode, sharpness, hue, and backlight. Suddenly, he hears clapping.

In the middle of his screen, a spotlight glares bright yellow, and a well-dressed man walks on. Robert rapidly exits out of the menu and sinks deeper into the couch, and the program is full screen yet again. There’s the man he voted for. The president, a handsome blond with a perfect jawline, booms, “On today’s show, we’ll be jeopardizing our foreign commitments. Afterwards, we’ll tax the Wheel Of Fortune. Finally, after Hurricane Melania, we’ll fix up the Jersey Shore.”

That should send a shudder through at least some readers’ minds. Why? The threat of reality television defiling America’s most cherished blood sport is almost palpable. They wouldn’t be alone in feeling this way. In fact, many reporters used “reality show president” as a pejorative term to dismiss Donald Trump.

This should strike people as odd. Reality television is a mainstay in American culture. Studies show Americans spend one-third of their free time watching TV shows, 67 percent of which are reality TV programs. If reality television is so abnormal and grotesque, why is it more American than apple pie (which is English by the way)? Considering how much the average

American watches it, dismissing reality television as pedestrian or distasteful seems odd.

Yet, we continue to express mockery and disdain for reality television. This “trashy” form of entertainment has been argued to destroy societal values and corrupt the minds of the audience. Is it truly traumatic that our nation loves Kendall Jenner and Snooki, or is there a deeper issue unveiled by thinking about how the media and other institutions interact with the average American’s tastes? It’s not just reality television that gets a bad rap. Other popular forms of entertainment like NASCAR, guns, SUVs, wrestling, and the movie “Suicide Squad” are similarly condemned.

Perhaps the resentment has less to do with the specific activity; after all, reality shows don’t all have the same premise. Instead, hating reality shows could be a conspicuous way to signify social class. Although discussions often center around economic class, social class also plays a big role in America. In the brilliant piece titled “The Real Problem at Yale Is Not Free Speech,” Natalia Dashan uncannily hits the nail on the head: “Before, to signal you were in the fashionable and powerful crowd, you would show off your country-club membership, refined manners or Gucci handbags. Now, you show how woke you are.”

Many people in college, especially the politically active, do come from high socioeconomic status backgrounds. Various cultural attitudes, like how one thinks about reading, the type of food one likes and one’s attitude towards patriotism, seem to stratify around class. That doesn’t necessarily mean all political beliefs are a result of one’s social class and background, but it isn’t a crazy hypothesis. Things get bizarre when you start thinking about other ways that upper-class people distinguish themselves

those lower on the totem pole. Notice how the list of “grammatical pet peeves” is a suspiciously good match of the differences between middle- and upper-class dialects. The upshot to this is the revulsion towards reality television probably has more to do with disdain for lower classes than a complete mortification about Kim Kardashian.

So, why could a reality show president be a good thing? For one, America already yearns for salacious, scandalous details about politicians. Perhaps we would be better off knowing this out of the gate rather than at the last minute. If the media covers scandals early in a politician’s career, perhaps it could help the public to better focus on their important political issues later on. By fulfilling the American impulse to gossip and leer, other aspects of the political process can become less antagonistic and show-focused. Each presidential “season” can have a theme, which could culminate in some especially entertaining finales.

Streamlining the outrage into a very specific part of government may allow for more overall interest in and consideration for the political process. A reality show president would allow for different levels and ways of engaging with politics. People want to feel included in the decision-making process but are often disinterested in how the sausage is made. Each of the thousand ceremonies that C-SPAN records costs time and money. However, under a reality show president, a paper-view Easter at the White House would become a valuable asset to reduce taxes or pay for important social programs.

As time has gone on, the public’s relationship with the media has changed. We’ve gone from the printing press to papers to radio to televised debates to the Internet. Politicians have largely kept up with the times, utilizing new ways of communicating with the public. Jefferson was a notorious pamphleteer. Roosevelt used radio to soothe our souls with fireside chats. Perhaps, it is time we should welcome the era of the reality TV president.



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Other consequences of climate change will include drought, crop failures potentially cutting off food sources from billions and forest fires across dry, warm regions such as California. This fate could spell devastation in the short interval — mass extinction in the long interval.

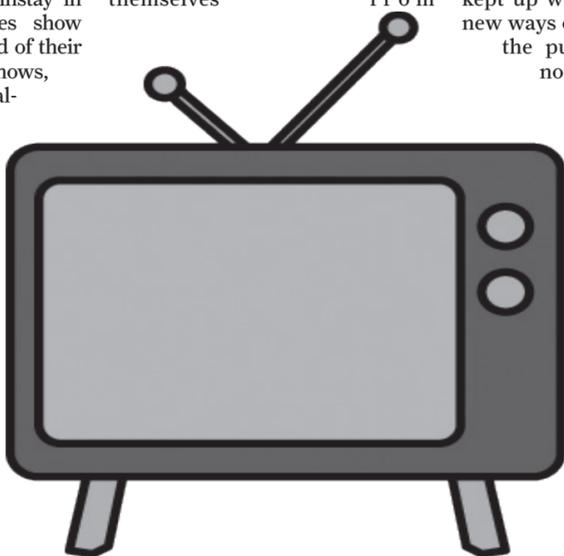
We are not yet, however, at a point of futility; according to the highly visible report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The time to eliminate industrial and commercial greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewables is now, lest we miss the opportunity through circular arguments in Congress, the Oval Office and in state and local governments. The report prescribes “limiting cumulative CO₂ [carbon dioxide] emissions, reaching at least net zero CO₂ emissions,” and “Strong, rapid and sustained reductions in CH₄ [methane] emissions” to slow future climate change. Extinction is only a possibility if we fail to act; this is why the University of Connecticut community must cultivate a radical and unified environmental justice movement.

As individuals, our impact on the trajectory of the climate crisis is insignificant, to be charitable; as a collective, however, the future that today seems impossible could tomorrow become a reality. Let us take a deep breath, reorient, and picture

ourselves as singular points within a community of multitudes — an exercise I have to do often to stave off climate despair. If you are reading this, you are likely part of the UConn community — one which can possess a great deal of power if its arsenal is wielded properly. Institutions of living and learning such as the university are not only weathervanes for impending social change, but mechanisms by which we may bring about transformations in social understanding and social practice.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), spearheaded by Black student activists in the Jim Crow South, was a student organization critical to mobilizing support for the Black Liberation movement of the 1960s. Born out of Freedom Ride demonstrations and student sit-ins to protest lunch-counter segregation, the SNCC quickly became deeply woven into the network of grassroots civil rights activism. SNCC, partnered with the anti-imperialist organization Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), also made inroads into the anti-war movement, popularizing such slogans as “Hell no, we won’t go!” in opposition to the drafting of Black students and workers into an unjust war that claimed the lives of at least two million Vietnamese civilians.

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Gonzaga coach Few smelled of alcohol prior to DUI arrest

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga basketball coach Mark Few's breath smelled of alcohol and he had bloodshot eyes on the night he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, though he initially told a police officer he had not been drinking, according to newly released documents.

"Mark told me he had spent the day with his family. I asked him how much he had to drink today and Mark told me nothing. I did not believe that Mark was being truthful based on my previously stated observations," Officer Matthew Lovinger is quoted as saying in the document that details his interactions with Few during a traffic stop Monday night.

Under further questioning by the officer, Few eventually said he had two beers that day, with his last beer coming about four hours before he was pulled over, according to the probable cause declaration filed by the officer in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Efforts to reach Few for comment by telephone and email Thursday received no response. Gonzaga athletic director Chris Standiford said the school had no comment beyond what was issued earlier in the week, when university officials said they were aware of the situation.

Few previously issued a statement Tuesday, apologizing and saying his decisions that night "do not exemplify" the actions of



"Gonzaga coach Mark Few signals to players during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Santa Clara in Spokane, Wash. Few has been cited for driving under the influence. The Coeur d'Alene Press and Spokesman-Review acquired a police report through a public information request that says Few was stopped Monday evening, Sept. 6, after he was "called in as driving erratic and speeding." AP PHOTO/YOUNG KWAK, FILE

a role model.

"I recognize that operating a motor vehicle after consuming any amount of alcohol exhibits poor judgment," Few wrote. "Regardless of the outcome of the pending investigation, I will never

allow such a lapse in judgment to occur again."

According to the probable cause declaration, the incident began around 8 p.m. Monday when the officer pulled Few over in Coeur d'Alene, about 30 miles east of

the Gonzaga campus in Spokane, Washington. The officer was responding to a report of a black SUV swerving erratically and speeding.

Lovinger said in the documents that he could smell alcohol

on Few's breath through the open car window. He said Few was moving very slowly and had difficulty finding his paperwork in the center console of his car and glovebox.

Lovinger asked Few to perform a field sobriety test but the officer said Few began arguing with him about whether or not the tests were subjective.

Based on his observations, Lovinger determined it was unsafe for Few to drive a car and he handcuffed and arrested Few.

Few provided breath samples at the scene of .119 and .120, which is above the legal limit of .08, according to the document.

Few was then taken at his request to a hospital to receive an independent blood draw. While there, Lovinger was contacted by his superiors and directed to release Few from custody and issue him a citation for drunken driving, the documents said. Few called a friend to pick him up from the hospital.

Few has coached Gonzaga for 22 seasons and has never generated much off-court controversy. He has taken the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament every year except 2020, when the tournament was canceled because of the pandemic. Gonzaga lost to Baylor in the national title game earlier this year. Few is 630-125 at Gonzaga, and his .834 winning percentage is the best of any active coach.

Giants O-coordinator Jason Garrett remembers 9/11 attacks

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett walked out to the patio of New York Giants headquarters expecting to talk about the season opener against the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

The first question wasn't about either his offense or the Broncos' defense. It was about something as stark for him on Thursday as it was on Sept. 11, 2001: The terrorist attacks that stunned the United States.

A backup quarterback and holder for the Giants at the time, Garrett spoke for nearly three minutes about the attacks that claimed almost 3,000 lives and led a ramped-up U.S. involvement in a fight against terrorism. "It's a tragic time in our country's history and just having been here, the memories are really vivid for me," Garrett said. "I can remember so many specific details of the day and certainly the week and the time to follow. It just was a really, really sad time."

Garrett recently spoke with Kerry Collins, the Giants starting quarterback that season. The two marveled at how the area, the country and parts of the world came together after the attacks.

"I can remember we were living in the city at the time, and I can remember we were going to go donate blood, and literally they said, 'We've had so many people want to donate blood, we do not need any more blood,'" Garrett said. "To us, that was always like this amazing thing, how everybody rallied around the cause after such a tragedy."

The Giants, who had lost the Super Bowl to Baltimore in January, had played a season-opening Monday night game against the Broncos in Denver and lost. They flew back to Newark International Airport after the game, and literally walked past some passengers waiting to board United Flight 93.

Terrorists hijacked that flight 40 minutes after it took off. Passengers tried to retake the plane and it crashed in a field Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing 44 people, including four hijackers.

Giants coach Jim Fassel, who recently died, team officials and players made many trips to New York City after the attacks. They visited Ground Zero, where the Twin Towers were destroyed. They spent time at firehouses and police stations and talked to some children who lost their moms and dads.

"At least you felt like you were trying to do something," Garrett recalled.

The Giants didn't play again until Sept. 23 when they went to Kansas City to face the Chiefs. That is never an easy place to play and Garrett said the fans made the Giants feel welcome. He remembered hearing a lot of Bob Dylan music being played, calling it surreal.

"This fan base in Kansas City that was always so behind their team was certainly behind the Chiefs, but you also felt their support for our team and for people in our area, and that was a great takeaway," Garrett said.

He recalled hearing the national anthem and seeing teammates and others crying. It was extremely difficult to take a deep breath and then go play.

"Personally, for me, I held in that game for the first time, and I can remember the pressure of that," he said. "Needing a field goal late in the game and Morten Andersen was our kicker and just making sure, 'Hey, catch it and get it down. This is damn important.' Good thing it all worked out."

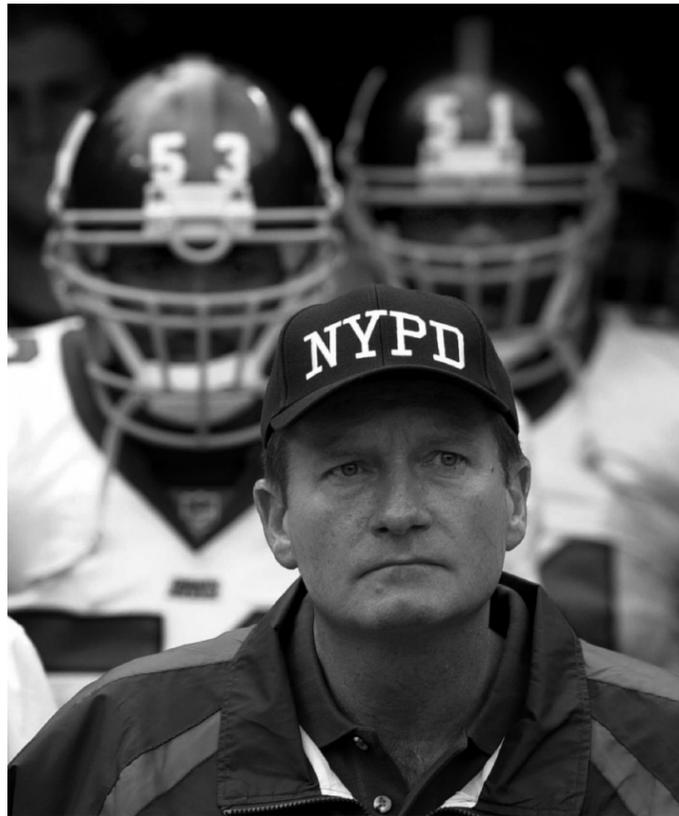
After the game Fassel had his team get close together in the locker room and team photographer Jerry Pinkus took a photo. A copy of the picture is in Garrett's office. He has another at his home.

"We felt a real burden and a responsibility to have success for this area and for the people who were going through such challenging times, and I thought that moment captured it where we all kind of came together," Garrett said. "It's still one of my favorite pictures I've ever had in football."

A golf tournament was held for Fassel recently and Garrett said many of the people who came to the dinner were policemen, firemen and people the coach had stayed in touch with at 9/11.

Looking back, Garrett stressed that the greatest thing was seeing people come together for a cause.

"It wasn't about being liberal or conservative," he explained, "it was about being an American and it was about being a human being."



New York Giants coach Jim Fassel wears a New York Police Department cap while pausing during a moment of silence before an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. A backup quarterback and holder for the Giants in 2001, New York Giants offensive coordinator Jason Garrett spoke Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, about the Sept. 11 attacks and the tragedy that claimed almost 3,000 lives that day. AP PHOTO/COREY SIPKIN, FILE

Lakers add longtime Clippers big man DeAndre Jordan



In this Feb. 10, 2021, file photo, Brooklyn Nets' DeAndre Jordan, right, looks for an outlet as Indiana Pacers' Myles Turner (33) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game in New York. The Detroit Pistons acquired Jordan in a multiplayer trade with the Brooklyn Nets on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021. The Pistons also received four second-round picks and cash considerations from the Nets in exchange for forward Sekou Doumbouya and center Jahlii Okafor. AP PHOTO/FRANK FRANKLIN II, FILE

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Center DeAndre Jordan has signed with the Los Angeles Lakers, adding another seasoned NBA veteran to their experienced roster.

The Lakers announced the move Thursday to fill the penultimate roster spot. Los Angeles already has veteran centers Marc Gasol and Dwight Howard under contract along with Anthony Davis, who regularly fills in at center.

Jordan is a 13-year NBA veteran who spent his first 10 seasons down the Staples Center hallway with the Los Angeles Clippers. He led the league in field goal percentage five times and won two rebounding titles during his decade with the Clippers, who reversed the franchise's image as longtime losers during his partnership with Chris Paul and Blake Griffin.

The 33-year-old Jordan has played for the Mavericks, Knicks

and Nets since leaving LA in 2018. After averaging just 7.5 points and 7.5 rebounds for Brooklyn last season in 21.9 minutes per game — all his lowest totals since 2013 — Jordan was traded earlier this month to the Detroit Pistons, who bought out the remaining two years and \$20 million on his contract.

Jordan moved quickly to sign with the Lakers, who believe they can contend for the franchise's 18th title with a remarkably experienced group of players around Davis, LeBron James and Russell Westbrook.

Jordan is the 10th player who is 32 or older on the Lakers' roster, joining Gasol, Howard, James, Westbrook, Carmelo Anthony, Trevor Ariza, Kent Bazemore, Wayne Ellington and Rajon Rondo. Los Angeles also still could re-sign 34-year-old Wesley Matthews.

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UConn Forward Maddy Wray (8) stares down the ball as the Huskies take on Georgetown in November, 2019. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Unseeded Fernandez, 19, reaches 1st Slam final at U.S. Open



Leylah Fernandez, of Canada, returns a shot to Aryna Sabalenka, of Belarus, during the semifinals of the US Open tennis championships, Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in New York. PHOTO BY SETH WENIG/ AP

NEW YORK (AP) — Leylah Fernandez's first major semifinal, at the U.S. Open just days after her 19th birthday, did not go her way at the start.

She recovered from dropping the initial three games to take a lead, before No. 2 seed Aryna Sabalenka pushed a match filled with momentum swings to a back-and-forth third set. No matter what, Fernandez did not worry. Didn't waver.

And why would she at this point? The Canadian's poise, it seems, is as limitless as her potential. And no foe, no matter how accomplished or highly ranked, poses an insurmountable problem. Speedy afoot and steady at crunch time, the unseeded Fernandez edged Sabalenka 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-4 on Thursday night in Arthur Ashe Stadium, earning right to play for a Grand Slam title.

It was the 73rd-ranked Fernandez's fourth consecutive three-set victory over a seeded opponent. First came No. 3 Naomi Osaka, the 2018 and 2020 U.S. Open champion. Then came No. 16 Angelique Kerber, the 2016 champ. That was followed by No. 5 Elina Svitolina and Sabalenka.

"That's years and years and years of hard work and tears and blood," said Fernandez, who could give Canada its second U.S. Open women's title in quick succession, following Bianca Andreescu's triumph in 2019. "Everything. On court, off court.

Sacrifices."

Fernandez was born in Montreal to an Ecuadorian father — who is also her coach, although he is not with her in New York, instead offering coaching tips in daily phone conversations — and a Filipino Canadian mother. The family now lives in Florida.

In Saturday's final, the left-handed Fernandez will face either another unseeded teen, 18-year-old qualifier Emma Raducanu of Britain, or 17th-seeded Maria Sakkari of Greece. Neither of them has participated in a Grand Slam title match, either.

At the end of the first set and again the third, it was Sabalenka, a Wimbledon semifinalist in July, who let things get away from her. In the last game, she double-faulted twice in a row to set up match point, then sailed a forehand long.

Fernandez collapsed to the court and put her hands to her face.

Nearly 2 1/2 hours before that, it was Sabalenka who looked in control, claiming 12 of the first 14 points for a 3-0 lead. Just eight minutes had elapsed and most spectators were yet to reach their seats. Not until later did the 20,000-plus in the stands rally the fist-aloft Fernandez with chants of "Let's go, Leylah! Let's go!" accompanied by rhythmic clapping.

Sabalenka tried at times to get them on her side, waving her arms to ask for some support,

too.

She showed nary a hint of hesitancy. Truly not a trace of nuance, either. Her game is built on power with a purpose. Full speed ahead, always. Serves at up to 120 mph. Groundstrokes generated with full force.

And most swings of her racket announced with a loud grunt, winners noted with a shaking

fist.

Fernandez got herself going eventually, as anyone who has watched her play over the last two weeks might have expected.

Her style is all about reflexes and court coverage, reaching everything and immediately redirecting balls back over the net, although she did produce one early love hold that featured a

trio of aces and a service winner, albeit much slower than Sabalenka's deliveries.

Fernandez went from 4-1 down to 4-all in a blink. Sabalenka came within a point of taking that set, leading 6-5 while Fernandez served at 30-40. But that chance was wasted when a forehand found the net.

In the tiebreaker, Sabalenka went up 2-0 and then completely lost her way. Every point won by Fernandez came courtesy of a miss by Sabalenka, including a flubbed overhead that landed several feet long and a double-fault to hand over a set point. A backhand return into the net — Sabalenka's fourth miss when replying to a second serve in the tiebreaker — ended that set to roars from the crowd.

It was the sort of lapse that contributed to Sabalenka never getting past the fourth round in her first 15 Grand Slam appearances, until a breakthrough run to the Wimbledon semifinals in July.

In the second set, Sabalenka regained her form and Fernandez took a step back. Fernandez was two games from victory, serving at 4-all in the second, when she sailed a backhand beyond the baseline to get broken. Sabalenka held at love, and on to a third set they went.

And that, of course, was Fernandez's time to shine. This is only her seventh Grand Slam appearance — impossible as that is to tell.



Leylah Fernandez, of Canada, reacts after defeating Aryna Sabalenka, of Belarus, during the semifinals of the US Open tennis championships, Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in New York. PHOTO BY SETH WENIG/ AP

Field hockey gears up to face Boston College this weekend

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Other players on the verge of breaking out include preseason all-conference midfielder Abby Gooderham, who is looking to make a bigger impact this year. She currently leads the team in shots taken but has failed to convert thus far, though her first goal is seemingly inevitable. Defender Claire Jandewerth was able to help the team offensively out of the backfield last season, scoring the second-most goals on the team in 2020. She hopes to impact the team in the same fashion this year.

The Huskies slipped in the national rankings this week, falling from No. 6 overall to No. 12 after dropping two of their first four games to ranked Northwestern and Rutgers. If they want to at least stay at No. 12 overall, they will have to win at least one of their games this weekend.

Boston College is currently red hot, as it started the season 4-0 with big wins over Northwest-

ern, Maryland, and Maine — all ranked teams. They are averaging nearly three goals a game, so it looks like the UConn defense will be busy on Friday. The Eagles are led by junior midfielder Milagros Arteta, who leads the team in goals and points with four and eight, respectively. This match would be a huge win for the Huskies, as it could build their resume to win an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament (if they don't win the Big East Tournament).

Meanwhile, Syracuse has had some early successes, starting out 2-0 before dropping their first game to No. 23 Kent State this past weekend in an overtime stunner. While definitely a more favorable matchup for UConn, the Huskies will still have their work cut out for them on Sunday. A player to look out for is Syracuse forward Pleun Lammers, who is currently second in the country in goals per game with 1.67. If the Huskies want to win their first home contest of the year, they're going to need to keep the Lammers at bay.



The field hockey team prepares to play again this weekend. They need to win at least one game this weekend to keep their national ranking. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Men's Soccer: UConn looks to bounce back against Monmouth



The Huskies lose to URI despite fighting hard at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium, Sep. 3, 2021. UConn put seven shots on goal to URI's four, but Rhode Island's keeper Stefan Schmidt (1) saved all of them. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The University of Connecticut men's soccer team will continue its stretch of home games in the early stages of the 2021 season as it takes on Monmouth University on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Morrone Stadium.

It will be First Responders Night in Storrs, as the team is hosting police, firefighters, veterans and active military members to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The Huskies will look to rebound from their disheartening loss against the University of Rhode Island last weekend, a game where the offense went cold, failing to put a shot in the back of the net against the Rams.

This is only the fourth-ever matchup between Monmouth and UConn, with the Huskies winning two and drawing in the third. These two northeast foes are meeting for the first time in a decade this weekend. Monmouth comes into the showdown cur-

rently undefeated in this young season, winning its last two games by a combined 7-0 score.

The dynamic duo of Griffin Tomas and Julian Gomez helped lift the Hawks to a dominant 4-0 win over the University of Delaware on Tuesday night, despite being outshot 15-12. Goalkeeper Sean Murray will look to keep his clean sheet streak intact, as he turned away all four shots Delaware took on his goal in that game.

While they were kept at bay in their most recent effort against Rhode Island, the Huskies had plenty of opportunities to equalize, even win the match outright. The key for UConn is to win the shot battle against Murray, put to-

gether a mix of offensive tempo and contain Tomas, Gomez, and the rest of the red-hot Hawks' offensive onslaught (which has led Monmouth in notching 10 goals in its first three games of the season).

Kickoff for Monmouth vs. UConn will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Morrone Stadium.

The team is hosting police, firefighters, veterans and active military members to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

NFL opens to full stadiums as COVID-19 surges

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady calmly ran out from a smoke-filled tunnel, leading the defending Super Bowl champion Buccaneers onto the field Thursday night against the Dallas Cowboys in front of a full stadium for the first time since COVID-19 upended the world and changed the way sports were viewed.

The NFL kicked off its biggest season — teams are playing a 17-game schedule — with no capacity limitations as the league follows the NBA, NHL, MLB, NCAA and others in opening its doors to soldout stadiums.

While there were no restrictions in the preseason, stadiums weren't completely filled as many fans skip exhibition games.

That wasn't the case at Raymond James Stadium with more than 65,000 fans coming out to see the Buccaneers celebrate their championship before beginning defense of their crown.

"Seven months ago, we made NFL history," owner Bryan Glazer told the screaming fans during a brief pre-game ceremony. "There was one thing missing: All of you. Welcome back to Raymond James Stadium."

Thousands of fans gathered outside the stadium before the game, eating, drinking and enjoying the atmosphere as they waited for gates to open. Once they did, the party moved inside.

Fans are returning as COVID-19 surges, with about 150,000 news

cases daily. The delta variant is filling hospitals, children are getting sick, and some schools are abruptly switching back to remote learning because of outbreaks. The U.S. death toll stands at more than 650,000, with one major forecast model projecting it will top 750,000 by Dec. 1 — deep into the NFL season.

"We and our clubs are in daily and regular conversations with local and state authorities, but as we sit here right now, we don't anticipate any reduction in capacity this year," Peter O'Reilly, NFL executive vice president of club business and events, said in the league's last briefing.

"We really feel good about where we stand, given the vaccination rates across the country, and feel as though we will be able to move through the season. Obviously, we don't take anything for granted; we work closely on all of our protocols, working with and under the guidance of those state and local authorities. As we sit here today, all 30 stadiums are able to be at full capacity and that's how we expect to go through the season in lockstep with those local and state authorities."

NFL teams can have different stadium policies and protocols. The Seattle Seahawks, Las Vegas Raiders and New Orleans Saints are requiring fans to provide proof of vaccination to enter. Other teams may join them along the way.

College football's first full weekend included some stadiums filled



Tampa Bay Buccaneers fans tailgate outside Raymond James Stadium before an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in Tampa, Fla. PHOTO BY MARK LOMOGGIO/ AP

to capacity — more fans than will attend most NFL games.

"While people are still getting sick, people aren't dying at the same rate, according to the statistics. That's the key," said Dr. Rand McLain, chief medical officer of Live Cell Research Health.

"You go back to where it started, hospitals were loading up and an inordinate amount of people were dying. We're past that now at least at this time, though we have the delta variant and the mu variant beating the vaccines. From there, being outside is a huge plus. You're

not seeing the transmission when there's a breeze blowing."

The Buccaneers have relaxed several protocols. Fans will not be temperature screened and masks are not required, but are encouraged for indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status. Few fans wore masks inside one of the stadium's club suites.

"We're vaccinated, we followed all the rules and we're not afraid," said Bucs fan Terry Leonas, who snagged a pair of tickets last minute off a friend who couldn't make the game.



In this Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, file photo, Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) hands off the ball during the first half of a preseason NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Houston. PHOTO BY JUSTIN REX/ AP



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UConn vs. Purdue: How will the Huskies rebound?

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After an embarrassing loss at the hands of Holy Cross, the University of Connecticut football team will attempt to earn its first win of the season at home against the Purdue Boilermakers.

The Huskies, fresh off the 10-point loss to Holy Cross and the resignation of head coach Randy Edsall, have truly hit rock bottom. But that means there's nowhere to go but up, and this Saturday is a great place to start for the team. Interim head coach Lou Spanos will look to fix the problems Edsall created for the team. Spanos has moved backup quarterback Steven Krajewski into the starting role for the Huskies after the mediocre play of Jack Zergiotis in UConn's two games this season.

"There's not an aspect of this offense that Steven [Krajewski] doesn't understand," quarterback coach Mike Moyseenko told The Hartford Courant. "Through this time, I think Steven has started to gain a lot of confidence in his arm and his ability to make throws, throw the ball on time, and all that good stuff." Purdue, after disposing of Oregon State 30-21, will bring a talented team into Connecticut. Junior quarterback Jack Plummer is coming off a phenomenal game for the Boilermakers, as he threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns while completing 70.7% of his passes.

Plummer is certainly not alone

on the field for Purdue, as he is joined by receivers Jackson Anthrop and David Bell. Payne Durham has also been great for the Boilermakers at tight end, putting up two touchdowns and 120 receiving yards last game. Linebacker Jalen Graham and safety Cam Allen help anchor Purdue's defense, which is sure to make the Huskies fight for yards on Saturday.

A miracle win for the Huskies would mark the first win against an FBS team since 2019. Purdue head coach Jeff Brohm seems to understand the excitement on UConn's sideline.

"I know their guys will be energized, fired up, and ready to play," Brohm said. "[They've] got a Big Ten opponent coming into their stadium, and when that happens, teams get ready to play."

For the Huskies, the key to stopping Purdue will be limiting their passing game and forcing them to run the ball much more than the Boilermakers are used to. With such a vast array of different offensive weapons, Purdue will be quick to take advantage of UConn if its secondary slips up. While Purdue's running game is not its strong suit, fifth-year running back Zander Horvath won't be handing the UConn defense any favors.

Kickoff for Saturday's game is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Rentschler Field. The game will be nationally televised on CBS Sports Network.



The UConn football team plays against Holy Cross on Saturday at 12 on Sept. 4 at The Rentschler. The Huskies lost 38-28 after a strong start winning at the end of the first quarter.
 PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Field Hockey: Another important weekend ahead for Huskies



The UConn field hockey team plays Boston College Friday, Sept. 10 at 5 pm. They will travel to Chestnut Hill, MA to try and land another win.
 PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Fresh off its second win of the season, the UConn field hockey team is looking to add two more wins in a pair of Top 25 matchups this week. The Huskies are set to take on No. 3 Boston College on the road on Friday, while No. 16 Syracuse comes to town on Sunday afternoon.

The stretch of tough competition continues for UConn, who will absolutely be ready for the Big East and NCAA Tournaments. They know exactly what to expect, having played some of the best teams in the country in just the season's first three weeks.

So far this season, the Huskies have lacked a consistent scoring option, as the team has only put

up four goals in as many games. The competition has been tough, but UConn's lack of scoring has been a glaring weakness thus far. On the bright side, freshman forward Sophia Ugo has scored in both of the last two games, earning her Big East Freshman of the Week honors. Look for her to try to continue her streak this weekend.

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Volleyball: Dartmouth Invitational preview

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After winning two of three matches in their home opener last weekend, the University of Connecticut women's volleyball team will look to add to its 3-3 record as it reaches the halfway point of its non-conference schedule.

UConn will travel to Dartmouth University for the Dartmouth Invitational to play three matches over the weekend, all of which will be streamed live on ESPN+. The Huskies will be led by senior Kennadie Jake-Turner, who leads the Big East in hit percentage at .391, and senior Caylee Parker, who leads the team with 3.36 kills per set and ranks eighth in the conference.

The first match will take place on Friday, where the Huskies will take on Holy Cross, who fell to a 1-7 record following a loss Wednesday to New Hampshire. UConn has had Holy Cross's number, touting a 3-0 record against them since 2011. The two teams last matched up in 2019, which saw the Huskies win 3-2 thriller, thanks to a game-winning kill from Caylee Parker.

The Huskies will take on New Hampshire on Saturday, who beat Holy Cross handily 3-1 earlier this week and currently hold a 4-3 re-

cord on the season. Once again, the Huskies will look to preserve an exceptional record against the UNH Wildcats, as they have won six of the last seven matchups against them, including swept five straight wins since 2011.

Finally, UConn will finish the invitational with a matchup against Dartmouth. The Big Green are 3-0 to start their season, having swept the Lehigh Steel Tournament. They are looking to add to their undefeated record on the season, but much like the rest of the teams in this tournament, UConn comes into the invitational with a stellar 3-1 record against Dartmouth in their last four matchups. Specifically, the Huskies should look out for Dartmouth sophomore Ellie Blain, who is averaging 4.58 kills per set and is currently leading the Ivy League in kills.

This weekend provides a unique opportunity for the Huskies to climb back up the Big East standings, as they currently sit in a six-way tie for fifth in the conference. A winning record in the Dartmouth Invitational would be a great help in helping push UConn closer to the upper half of the standings as the team heads into its final weekend of non-conference play next weekend.

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