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## UConn student named Social Justice Fellow

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Last month, The Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation named University of Connecticut student Damani Douglas a social justice fellow, according to a UConn Today article.

Douglas, a seventh-semester political science and communications major, is one of 50 undergraduate and graduate students who make up the organization.

Douglas was inspired to get involved in social justice advocacy when he was in high school, in response to the 2018 Parkland shooting.

“With a group of other students, we organized a protest and raised several thousand dollars for the families of the victims,” Douglas said.

His efforts to pursue social justice and become involved continued into his college career.

“In my freshman and sophomore years here at UConn, I led USG’s Student Development and External Affairs Committees. In those roles I was able to build the foundation of what activism might look like on a large-scale level,” Douglas said, “In my junior and senior years, I have been able to

get a taste of high-level advocacy through work with UConn’s administration and the Mansfield Town Council.”

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As a fellow, Douglas and a group of peers met virtually over the past summer where lessons about social justice and advocacy were taught, a UConn Today article said.

To be appointed the award, Douglas had to work throughout

his career at UConn to voice his passion for social justice.

“From my first semester I have been involved in USG, NAACP UConn, UConnPRAXIS (formerly “UConnPIRG”) and many other organizations. I currently serve as President of NAACP UConn and last year I was elected USG’s first ever Chief Diversity Officer,” Douglas said. “Last year I was privileged to join Medical Minds Matter, a California non-profit started by UConn Alum Derek Pan to improve the mental health of pre-med and matriculated medical students.”

The award has great significance to Douglas because of the rarity and respect he has been able to gain from it.

“I am honored and humbled to be named one of only 50 Social Justice Fellows out of a nationwide applicant pool by an organization with the kind of impact that the Memorial Foundation has,” Douglas said.

As his passion and work for social justice advocacy continues, Douglas urges students and staff to attend the Rally for a Peaceful World being held at 12 p.m. on Oct. 12.

“I’ll be there and I’d love to see a few hundred students there as well,” Douglas said.



Seventh-semester student Damani Douglas was named a Social Justice Fellow by the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation in August. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAMANI DOUGLAS

## Feel Good Friday: Jonathan’s Challenge is back and open to all students

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Beginning this week, University of Connecticut students can sign up for a program that offers points and rewards in exchange for attending campus-wide events, according to UConn’s UKindness webpage.

The program, called Jonathan’s Challenge, runs until Thanksgiving

break. It consists of over 30 events, both virtual and in-person. The events relate primarily to leadership, critical world conversations, games, activities and service.

The challenge was introduced last year to encourage community engagement and connection among students, according to Kristen Carr, the interim associate director of leadership & organizational development at Student Activities.

“We brought back Jonathan’s Challenge as a way to continue building our UConn community, and to encourage students to participate in programs and activities they may not have taken notice of before,” Carr said.

Each event is worth one point and prizes are awarded based on the total number of points students have. Among the prizes are t-shirts, magnets, pins, beanies,

laptop stickers and gift cards.

“As students progress [through the challenge], they earn bigger prizes,” Carr said.

To earn points for events, students should first make sure they are registered for Jonathan’s Challenge through the website. Students may register at any time throughout the 10 weeks of the challenge.

When students attend an event,

the event’s host will record attendance through UConncontact. Students might also be asked to scan QR codes, visit virtual links or enter their email address as a way of redeeming their points.

All students automatically earn one point when they sign up for the challenge. The website’s leaderboard, which is updated twice a week, displays each participant’s name and score.



The banner for Jonathan’s Challenge on the UConn website. Jonathan’s Challenge is run by UKindness, a branch of Student Affairs. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN’S UKINDNESS WEBSITE



The logo for UKindness, with Jonathan XIV, the namesake of Jonathan’s Challenge. PHOTO COURTESY OF TWITTER

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## News

## Fighting fire with fire to protect ancient sequoia trees

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With flames advancing toward the signature grove of ancient massive trees in Sequoia National Park, firefighters on Thursday fought fire with fire.

Using firing operations to burn out flammable vegetation and other matter before the wildfire arrives in the Giant Forest is one of several ways firefighters can use their nemesis as a tool to stop, slow or redirect fires.

The tactic comes with considerable risks if conditions change. But it is routinely used to protect communities, homes or valuable resources now under threat from fires, including the grove of about 2,000 massive sequoias, including the General Sherman Tree, the world's largest by volume.

Here's how it works:

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FUEL

Three things influence how hot and fast a fire burns: the landscape, with fire burning faster up steep slopes; weather, with winds and dry conditions fanning flames; and fuel, the amount of material that can burn.

The first two can't be controlled, but there are ways to reduce fuels long before any fire breaks out — or even as one is approaching.

"Of all the things that affect fire behavior, the fuel is really where we can take action," said Maureen Kennedy, a professor of wildfire ecology at the University of Washington.

Historically, low- to moderate-severity fires every five to 30 years burned out excess brush and timber before deadly fires in the early 20th century led to aggressive firefighting and a U.S. Forest Service policy to suppress all fires by 10 a.m. the day after they were reported.

That led to dense forests of dead



A helicopter drops water on the KNP Complex Fire burning along Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park, Calif., on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021. The blaze is burning near the Giant Forest, home to more than 2,000 giant sequoias. PHOTO BY NOAH BERGER/AP

trees, fallen logs and overgrown brush that accumulated over the past century, fueling more massive fires.

## SLOWING FIRE BY CREATING FIRE

For centuries, Native Americans have used fire to thin out forests.

Prescribed burns set under favorable weather conditions can help mimic the lower-intensity fires of the past and burn off excess fuels when they are not at risk of getting out of control. If fire eventually burns the area, it will likely do so at lower intensity and with less damage.

The idea is the same during a wildfire. Fire chiefs try to take advantage of shifting winds or changing landscapes to burn out an area before the fire gets there, depriving

it of the fuel it needs to keep going. "They're trying to achieve the same effect," Kennedy said. "They're trying to moderate the fire behavior. They're trying to remove the fuels that make the fire burn so intensely. Of course, their goal there is to better contain and control the fire and protect the more valuable resources."

## SAFELY SETTING MILD FIRES

All wildland firefighters learn about burnout operations in basic training, but it takes a higher level of training to plan and carry out firing operations.

"You need to know how to fight fire before you light fire," said Paul Broyles, a former chief of fire operations for the National Park Service.

Burning an area between the fire front and a projected point — such as a firebreak or the Giant Forest in Sequoia — requires the right conditions and enough time to complete the burnout before the fire can reach a fire line constructed by firefighters.

Often such operations are conducted at night when fires tend to die down or slow their advance as temperatures cool and humidity rises.

The convection of a fire pulls in winds from all direction, which can help. As fires climb steep terrain, burnouts are sometimes set on the other side of a ridge so any embers will land in an area where dry grasses and brush have already burned.

The firing operations require a crew making sure the fire does not spread in the wrong direction. It

may also include bulldozers cutting fire lines or air tankers dropping retardant to further slow the flames.

All of it has to work in sync, Broyles said.

"Air tankers by themselves do not put fires out unless you follow up with personnel," he said. "It's like the military. You don't just bomb the hell out of your enemy without ground troops."

While burnouts are commonly used, they can backfire if winds shift or they aren't lit early enough.

"When you put more fire on the ground, there is a risk," said Rebecca Paterson, a spokeswoman for Sequoia National Park. "It carries the potential to create more problems than it solves."

Broyles said there were times he didn't get a burnout started in time and firefighters had to be evacuated.

"Fortunately, in my case, we didn't have any losses," he said.

## SMALL FLAMES TO PROTECT GIANT SEQUOIAS

Firefighters on Thursday were conducting burnout operations in the Giant Forest at almost a micro level, moving from tree to tree, Paterson said. Ground cover and organic debris known as duff close to the trees was being set on fire, allowing the flames to creep away from the tree to create a buffer.

The General Sherman and other massive conifers were wrapped in aluminum blankets to protect them from the extreme heat.

The park was the first in the West to use prescribed fire more than 50 years ago and regularly burns some of its groves to remove fuels. Paterson said that was a reason for optimism.

"Hopefully, the Giant Forest will emerge from this unscathed," she said.

## Minnesota high court OKs ballot question on Minneapolis PD

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Supreme Court cleared the way Thursday evening for voters in Minneapolis to decide on the future of policing in the city where George Floyd was killed, just ahead of the start of early and absentee voting.

The state's highest court overturned a lower court ruling that rejected ballot language approved by the City Council. A district judge said the wording failed to adequately describe the effects of a proposed charter amendment that would replace the Minneapolis Police Department with a new Department of Public Safety that "could include" police officers "if necessary."

But Chief Justice Lorie Gildea said in a three-page order that the justices concluded that the challenge to the ballot language did not meet the "high standard" that the court set

in earlier cases. She said the court will issue a full opinion laying out its legal reasoning sometime later to avoid impeding the start of voting.

"Now voters have the opportunity to make their voices heard on this ballot question," City Attorney Jim Rowader said.

The Supreme Court was under pressure to rule quickly because early and absentee voting opens at 8 a.m. Friday in the Minneapolis municipal elections. The ballots were already being printed when Hennepin County District Judge Jamie Anderson ruled against the language Tuesday. It was the second time she had struck down the council's wording. Gildea put the case on the fast track Wednesday.

Lawyers on both sides said beforehand that they expected the high court ruling allowing the ballot language to be the final word,

given the late hour. Leaders of the pro-amendment Yes 4 Minneapolis campaign have a rally set for Friday afternoon.

"We're all very pleased that the system worked," said Terrance Moore, an attorney for Yes 4 Minneapolis. "As ugly as it sometimes looks, the process went through from beginning to end and in the end the Supreme Court followed the law and its precedent. And the voters get to vote on the ballot question."

The proposal has its roots in the "defund the police" movement, which gained steam after Floyd's death last summer sparked protests, civil unrest and a national reckoning on racial justice. The amendment does not use the term "defund." But it would remove the city charter's requirement that Minneapolis have a police depart-

ment with a minimum staffing level. Many details of how the new agency would work would be left up to the City Council and mayor to decide later.

Yes 4 Minneapolis, which spearheaded the initiative, insists that the city would continue to have police if voters approve the amendment, but that the new department would be free to take a fresh approach to public safety that could reduce excessive policing against communities of color.

Opponents of the amendment, including former council member Don Samuels and his wife, Sondra, who were behind the court challenge, said the ballot language leaves too many important questions unexplained for voters about how the new department would be implemented, led, staffed and funded.

The All of Minneapolis anti-amendment campaign said it will start running its first ad on Friday. Its message is that the lack of a plan for what comes next if the proposal passes is alarming to many residents, especially given the track record of City Council members who have expressed varying degrees of support over time for defunding or abolishing the police.

Yes 4 Minneapolis argued in its filing with the Supreme Court that the Minneapolis Police Department would not automatically disappear if the amendment passed. The group said the department would continue to exist under current city ordinances until the City Council passed new laws to establish the new agency, and that the council could keep the force in place as long as necessary for an orderly transition.

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# Nuclear submarine deal will reshape Indo-Pacific relations

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The U.S., Britain and Australia have announced they're forming a new security alliance that will help equip Australia with nuclear-powered submarines. The alliance will see a reshaping of relations in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond. Here's what it might mean for various players:

## THE UNITED STATES

Ten years ago under President Barack Obama, the U.S. began discussing the need to focus more attention on the Indo-Pacific region while pivoting away from conflicts in the Middle East. Under President Joe Biden, the U.S. has now withdrawn its troops from Afghanistan while finding that tensions with China have only grown. In the Pacific, the U.S. and others have been concerned about China's aggressive actions in the South China Sea and its antipathy toward Japan, Taiwan and Australia. In announcing the deal, none of the three leaders mentioned China, although the alliance was seen as a provocative move by Beijing. The U.S. had previously only shared the nuclear propulsion technology with Britain. Biden said it was about ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific over the long term.

## BRITAIN

Leaving the European Union under Brexit has left Britain seeking to reassert its global position. Part of that has been an increased focus — or tilt — toward the Indo-Pacific. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the new alliance would allow the three nations to sharpen their focus on an increasingly complicated part of the world. He said that perhaps

most significantly, it would bond the three nations even more closely together.

## AUSTRALIA

Under the arrangement, Australia will build at least eight nuclear-powered submarines using U.S. expertise, while dumping a contract with France for diesel-electric subs. Experts say the nuclear subs will allow Australia to conduct longer patrols and give the alliance a stronger military presence in the region.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he had called the leaders of Japan and India to explain the new alliance. Japan, India, Australia and the U.S. already have a strategic dialogue known as "the Quad." Biden is set to host fellow Quad leaders at the White House next week.

## FRANCE

Australia told France it would end its contract with state majority-owned DCNS to build 12 of the world's largest conventional submarines. The contract was worth tens of billions of dollars. France is furious, demanding explanations from all sides.

"It was really a stab in the back. We built a relationship of trust with Australia, and this trust was betrayed," said French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on France-Info radio.

## CHINA

China said the alliance would severely damage regional peace and stability, and jeopardize efforts to halt nuclear weapon proliferation. It said it was "highly

irresponsible" for the U.S. and Britain to export the nuclear technology, and that Australia was to blame for a breakdown in bilateral relations.

"The most urgent task is for Australia to correctly recognize the reasons for the setbacks in the relations between the two countries, and think carefully whether to treat China as a partner or a threat," said Zhao Lijian, a spokesperson of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Beijing has been unhappy with the Biden administration calling it out over human rights abuses in the Xinjiang region, the crackdown on democracy activists in Hong Kong, and cybersecurity breaches. Biden spoke by phone with China's President Xi Jinping last week. After the call, the official Xinhua News Agency reported that Xi expressed concerns that U.S. government policy toward China has caused "serious difficulties" in relations.

## NEW ZEALAND

Left out of the new alliance is Australia's neighbor New Zealand. It has a longstanding nuclear-free policy that includes a ban on nuclear-powered ships entering its ports. That stance has sometimes been a sticking point in otherwise close relations with the U.S. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said New Zealand wasn't asked to be part of the alliance and wouldn't have expected an invitation. Still, it leaves New Zealand out of a deal to share a range of information including artificial intelligence, cyber and underwater defense capabilities.

# US unemployment claims rise after hitting pandemic low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits moved up last week to 332,000 from a pandemic low, a sign that the spread of the delta variant may have slightly increased layoffs.

Applications for jobless aid rose from 312,000 the week before, the Labor Department said Thursday. That was the lowest level since March 2020. Jobless claims, which generally track the pace of layoffs, have fallen steadily for two months as many employers, struggling to fill jobs, have held onto their workers.

Last week's increase was small and may be temporary. The four-week average of jobless claims, which smooths out fluctuations in the weekly data, dropped for the fifth straight week to just below 336,000. That figure is also the lowest since the pandemic began.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales unexpectedly rose 0.7% last month, as Americans kept spending despite the rise in coronavirus cases.

But how they spent continues to be skewed by the pandemic. Online shopping jumped in August but spending at restaurants, bars and other businesses that rely on crowds, appears to have gone into a holding pattern.

Unemployment aid applications jumped 4,000 in Louisiana, evidence that Hurricane Ida led to widespread job losses in that state. Ida will likely nick the economy's growth in the current July-September quarter, though repairs and rebuilding efforts are expected to make up for some of that in the coming months.

Still, Ida shut down oil refineries in Louisiana and Mississippi about two weeks ago and left more than 1 million homes and businesses without electricity. But Ida's impact was limited: Applications for jobless aid fell slightly in Mississippi.

The job market and the broader economy have been slowed in recent weeks by the delta variant, which has discouraged many Americans from traveling, staying in hotels and eating out. Earlier this

month, the government reported that employers added just 235,000 jobs in August after having added roughly a million people in both June and July.

Hiring in August plummeted in industries that require face-to-face contact with the public, notably restaurants, hotels and retailers. Still, some jobs were added in other areas, and the unemployment rate actually dropped to 5.2% from 5.4%.

The steady fall in weekly applications for unemployment benefits coincides with a scaling-back of aid for jobless Americans. Last week, more than 8 million people lost all their unemployment benefits with the expiration of two federal programs that covered gig workers and people who have been jobless for more than six months. Those emergency programs were created in March 2020, when the pandemic first tore through the economy.

An additional 2.7 million people who are receiving regular state unemployment aid lost a \$300-a-week federal unemployment supplement last week.



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# 'Jeopardy!' hosts: Bialik, Ken Jennings will finish 2021

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayim Bialik and Ken Jennings will split "Jeopardy!" hosting duties for the remainder of 2021.

Sony Pictures Television announced the plan Thursday, the same week that episodes filmed by ousted host Mike Richards are airing.

Richards, who also lost his role as "Jeopardy!" executive producer, was initially tapped as Alex Trebek's successor but left the show after past

misogynistic and disparaging comments surfaced.

Bialik was tapped as interim host, and her episodes will air through Nov. 5. After that, Sony says Jennings and Bialik will share hosting duties based on their schedules through the end of the calendar year. No on-air auditions of other potential hosts were announced.

Jennings, the record-holder for longest "Jeopardy!" winning streak, is a consulting producer on the show.

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Marriott human resources recruiter Mariela Cuevas, left, talks to Lisbet Oliveros, during a job fair at Hard Rock Stadium, Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits moved up last week to 332,000 from a pandemic low, a sign that worsening COVID-19 infections may have slightly increased layoffs. PHOTO BY MARTA LAVANDIER/AP



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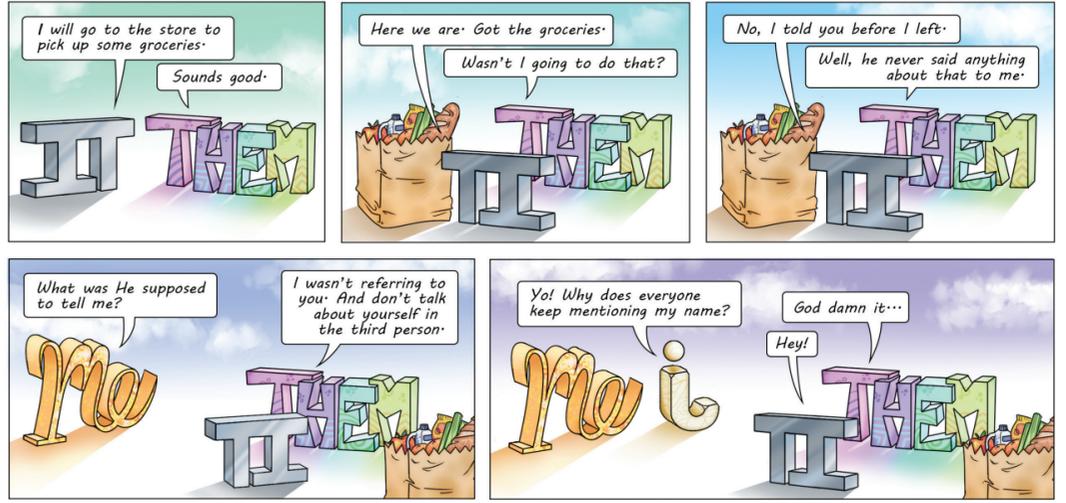
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# USE MORE EXPERIMENTAL WRITING



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As humans, we don't all like the same things. Some of the literature we hold dear, others see as mediocre. Acknowledging that others have different tastes and thoughts is essential to better empathize and persuade.

Our conception of "comfortable" does not always correspond with others' views. To convince, we need to be willing to try new methods rather than digging our heels into a style that fails to change minds. A fifteenth rationalist blog will not win any new converts. Similarly, Insta-activism won't attract many not already obsessed with social media. Exploring new styles of composition will

*"Exploring new styles of composition will expose you to more audiences."*

expose you to more audiences, plus the challenge of trying something new will improve your writing capabilities.

One experimental strategy to engage people is what I dub the "foil." This happens when a fictional character is created to argue for a position a writer may not entirely endorse. For instance, an evil twin Isaac arguing for the disenfranchisement of the elderly crafts a little more tongue-in-cheek argument than someone using their column to directly argue for disenfranchisement. The foil creates a dynamic of ambiguity where someone is able to "test out" a position or construct an adversarial relationship where a perspective can be raised and discussed. Personifying an argument is a good way to make those more interested in people and less in

ideas, more interested in your topic and thoughts.

Another reason why a foil can be an important writing tool is because it can insulate people from social desirability bias. Some ideas have negative connotations and having some plausible deniability for an argument is a good way to avoid risking your reputation to make an argument. Furthermore, debating an idea's merits with another perspective allows for conversational synthesis, and can allow you to flesh out multiple angles in your writing. Characters in novels are commonly used to express different perspectives and adopting this technique from another writing form can lead to some interesting intertextual work. The foil does not need to be portrayed in a positive light either. Demonstrating the implications of a certain ideology can call attention to moral or intellectual poverty.

The use of satire is similarly helpful towards conveying information

because of its strategic ambiguity. Effective satire teases ideas that are dominant, demonstrating an understanding of the other perspective while subverting it. The use of ad-absurdum for instance can be used to demonstrate the limitations of a conceptual framework while simultaneously demonstrating you understand it. Satire also requires the ability to show without directly explaining why something is wrong encouraging subtlety and charm. Furthermore, satire can be helpful because it avoids object-level disputes and instead critiques the underlying logic of an idea.

Two final compositional oddities are extended metaphors and direct storytelling. Creating imagery and an imaginary person onto which to project

your ideas onto is a way of helping people to connect to the concepts in ways they would otherwise struggle to do. Stories play an important part in the psyche, and by interspersing comparisons and visualization, you are able to understand ideas in more familiar contexts. Think of how much fables have influenced your thoughts. Cleverness, kindness, and cooperation have been etched into us since childhood. Drawing from the same tools may be just what's needed to convince someone of your ideas.

Overall, people should be more willing to experiment with their writing. There's no harm in trying out a new approach, and tapping into other medium tools may change a few hearts, as well as a few minds.

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# Life

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# AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

## WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO CAMPUS

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The University of Connecticut H. Fred Simons African-American Cultural Center held their annual Welcome Back Dinner in the Student Union last night. The dinner was one of the first large gatherings the center had held since March 2020, when the pandemic started.

The program began with a few words from Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, the director of the AACC, and the introduction of guests in attendance, including Frank Tuitt, the chief diversity officer of UConn and Letissa Reid, the associate vice president of the Office of Institutional Equity.

Members of the executive boards of organizations affiliated with the AACC introduced themselves afterward, including the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, the West Indian Student Organization and the Black Student Association.

Throughout the program, there were multiple performances and short speeches by those affiliated with the AACC.

A recorded performance by the Voice of Freedom gospel choir was played in lieu of a live rendition. The video featured members of the choir singing over video and the clips were pieced together with music to create the performance.

Iris Jordan, the president of UConn Poetic

Release, performed a spoken word poetry piece during the program as well.

The evening also featured live musical performances from Wesley Nyambi on the piano and Tony Diaz on the violin.

Roger Hamlin, the father of an AACC student employee, also gave a musical performance at the event.

Stepping and strolling performances were given by members of Alpha Phi Alpha along with a short history of their fraternity.

A short candlelight vigil was held in honor of Shaneca Napier, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho, who passed recently and was very active in the AACC in her time at UConn.

“We’ve got to be safe, we’ve got to be healthy, and we’ve got to take care of ourselves,” Price said to students at the end of the program.

The program ended with prayers from representatives from the Black Muslim Student Association and a prayer by the emcee before food was served.

The AACC will be holding a general interest meeting for those interested in participating in homecoming on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the AACC lounge.

The African-American Cultural Center will be announcing future events through their website at [aacc.uconn.edu](http://aacc.uconn.edu) and on their Instagram page @aacc.uconn. They can be found on the fourth floor of the Student Union or contacted at [aacc@uconn.edu](mailto:aacc@uconn.edu).

*“We’ve got to be safe, we’ve got to be healthy, and we’ve got to take care of ourselves.”*

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**B.J. NOVAK'S****'The Premise'****LEAVES VIEWERS CONFUSED WITH ITS  
UNCLEAR TAKE ON HOT-BUTTON TOPICS**

(From left) Tracee Ellis Ross, Ayo Edebiri and Ben Platt star in 'The Premise.'  
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Daniel Dae Kim stars in 'The Premise' episode, titled "Butt Plug."  
PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF ROLLING STONE

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"The Premise" is a new anthology series that aspires, but ultimately fails, to live up to its predecessors, "Black Mirror" and "The Twilight Zone." Created by "The Office" star, producer and writer B.J. Novak, the series takes on modern issues in five half-hour episodes.

Unlike the shows it draws influence from, every episode takes place in the present day, allowing for literal, rather than metaphorical, interpretations.

"My genre isn't science fiction or dystopian technology. Mine is some line between realistic drama and comedy," Novak said in an interview for "USA Today."

This checks out with the style of "The Office," which iconically turns the workplace into a comedic environment. However, "The Office" doesn't typically address issues as weighty as those featured in "The Premise."

Novak's new show brings in elements of comedy, while simultaneously aiming to offer commentary on topics like Black Lives Matter, gun violence and cyberbullying. If skillfully done, the product would be golden. Unfortunately, the humor is somewhat excessive and only distracts from any overarching takeaways.

The first episode focuses on a trial to release a Black man who is wrongly accused of tripping a policeman. The exonerating evidence? None other than a sex tape. Looking back at the tape, Ben Platt's character Ethan catches sight of the officer tripping himself in the background. In an attempt to do the right thing, he comes forward with the tape, but in doing so, lays his entire reputation on the line.

The episode is admittedly hilarious but compels viewers to feel sympathetic for Ethan's circumstances instead of honing in on the larger implications of police corruption. Ironically enough, Platt's character wishes to avoid being a White savior. Yet, that's exactly what he becomes when the absurdity of his story ends up dominating our attention.

Another episode involves the National Gun Lobby hiring a man who had lost his daughter in a school shooting. Absurd situations seem to be a common theme, despite the show's goal of realism, and the ending is once again muddled.

That's not to say the show was bad. In fact, the two episodes currently out on Hulu are rather enjoyable. Overall, Novak does a solid job of tackling heavy topics satirically; he simply misses the mark when it comes to delivering a sense of clarity and purpose.

**"If skillfully done, the product would be golden. Unfortunately, the humor is somewhat excessive and only distracts from any overarching takeaways."**

In an unreleased episode, Novak collaborates with Jia Tolentino, author of "Trick Mirror." The two create the story of a woman bogged down by a troll on her Instagram page. Another episode, screened by Billie Eilish herself, tells the tale of the lengths to which a pop star goes when visiting his former high school.

Perhaps there is potential yet to be discovered in one of these episodes, but so far, this anthology is rather lackluster.

It's evident Novak went in with great intentions, but his work gets carried away with its over-the-top theatrics. If you like "The Twilight Zone" or "Black Mirror" and are looking for a bite-sized version, it's worth giving "The Premise" a shot; however, it's not looking like it will become a fan-favorite anytime soon.

**RATING:**

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## FOLLOWING UP ON FOOD FROM FRESH FORK CAFÉ

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Yesterday, I featured Matthew Tetrault, CLAS '08 and his return to the University of Connecticut with the latest addition to Storrs Center — the Fresh Fork Café. The fast-casual eatery boasts an extensive menu ranging from classic café offerings to more unique creations that are completely customizable based on your diet and preferences. A dish starts out with the basic ingredients, and you can then make it vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free. With such a wide selection of food, a cozy atmosphere and a sustainable approach to ingredients and materials, I hope the UConn community appreciates the much-needed addition of Fresh Fork Café to campus.

"I thought the café was cute and had a nice calm feel to it. It also seems like it could be a great study spot too," Celia Chacko, a seventh-semester mechanical engineering major. I visited the café with her and Sruthi Takillapati, a seventh-semester physiology and neurobiology major, earlier this week.

The ambiance is bright and welcoming when you enter. There is a good amount of seating with a divider in the middle for privacy to enjoy your meal or for some quiet studying. The fixtures and art on the wall give the restaurant a modern, but still comforting vibe. A colorful (and long) menu in an aesthetically artistic style sprawls the wall behind the cash register and drink area.

"I traveled all over the world, and that's why the menu is so varied, with my insurance and finance background taking me a lot of places," Tetrault said. The menu takes inspiration from other cuisines, such as Tetrault's twist on a banh mi and a simple pasta dish. "With my wife, we travel with food in mind. We tried to take that back here, with high quality ingredients, but not getting over the top."

This approach to food is an extension of Tetrault's first food venture, GBury2Go, which only serves their food to go. Because of this style of operation, he tried to choose foods that were amenable to take out, whereas for Fresh Fork Café, he was able to expand the menu because of the sit-down option.

"I feel like it works well because the college experience is the whole idea of sitting next to someone eating a burger while you're eating something entirely different," Tetrault said about the variety of food options. "I think that's the whole idea, for people with different views, different diets, to be able to come to the same place and just enjoy some good food."

But what do they actually offer? Good question. The menu includes sections for breakfast all day, sandwiches, noodles, chicken, bowls, salads, sides, smoothies and local coffee from Drumroll Coffee Roasters in Wethersfield. The wide variety makes it easy to select something to order for next time.

Tetrault recommended first-time visitors order the tofu banh mi, seasoned fries, a smoothie or a fried chicken sandwich (if you're able to eat meat). At first glance, the other choices that stood out to me were the signature grilled cheese, any of the noodles (they all seemed similar to me), the Asian chopped salad, the onion rings, the buttermilk biscuits and mac and cheese.

When I visited Fresh Fork Café at the end of August, I ordered the fried chicken sandwich (\$9), an order of the buttermilk fried chicken (\$10), seasoned fries (\$5), the Singapore noodles (\$10) and a strawberry and banana smoothie (\$7).

The fried chicken sandwich was all I had heard about and more: the piece of chicken was huge and sufficient, fried to an immaculate crisp with a perfectly savory seasoning. Unlike other bread buns I've had that brought down the quality of the sandwich, the bread for this sandwich wasn't bland at all and had a balanced sweetness to it. The pickled red cabbage provided a nice crunch and freshness, while the spicy mayo was deliciously creamy. The buttermilk fried chicken had a similar fried crunch and seasoning with a spice and was a pretty good price — four pieces for \$10. They've definitely got their frying down because the fries were perfectly crunchy, and the seasoning was yummy, albeit a bit salty. The smoothie, which they boast is made with only organic fruit — no syrup or ice added, is a bit pricey, but the pure fruit made a big difference in taste, so if you like smoothies, it's definitely worth a try.

I was excited to try one of the noo-

dle dishes — the options are drunken noodles, garlic noodles and Singapore noodles — and they give you a good amount for \$10. As described on the menu, the Singapore noodles come with "garlic, shallot, broccoli, carrots and bell peppers tossed in a sweet chili and tamari soy sauce topped with scallions and toasted sesame seeds." The vegetables were definitely fresh and abundant, but I was a bit disappointed by the overall flavor. I felt like the noodles were a bit lacking in flavor, which was pretty noticeable with rice noodles. I'm not sure if this is the case with the other noodle dishes, but then again, I can't expect much, considering they're not necessarily an authentic Asian restaurant.

This time, I ordered the signature grilled cheese on organic multigrain bread with a sweet chili drizzle, bacon and a blend of American and cheddar cheese. It was a bit pricey for \$9, but I thought it a delicious grilled cheese nonetheless, with nice toasty bread, melty cheese and crispy bacon. Takillapati ordered seasoned fries with Chacko, as well as a tofu banh mi with local organic "bridge tofu," pickled carrots, pickled red onion, pickled red cabbage, cucumbers and sweet chili sauce.

"The fries were perfectly crispy and the seasoning added the perfect touch of flavor," Takillapati said. "The tofu banh mi was not only a visual delight of tofu blended with carrots, radish and sauce. It was the perfect combo for vegetarians."

Takillapati already thought of what to add to her order next time.

"If you do takeout, it's easy to add jalapeños, cheese and other condiments to your liking to add an extra touch," Takillapati said. "The bread had a wonderful touch of sweetness that wrapped all the flavors together. I loved the trays that they served, as it's convenient for the customer and the server, no mess."

Chacko ordered the fried egg banh mi that has the same toppings as the tofu one, but with pulled pork and fried egg instead of tofu.

"The subtle sweetness from both the bread and the sweet chili sauce working their way into the pickled veggies really complemented the savory pulled pork and the fried eggs that had a nice runny yolk," Chacko said. "It's super satisfying and filling."



Fresh Fork Cafe offers three noodle dishes, including drunken noodles, garlic noodles and Singapore noodles. Singapore noodles (above) come with "garlic, shallot, broccoli, carrots and bell peppers tossed in a sweet chili and tamari soy sauce topped scallions and toasted sesame seeds."  
PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY AUTHOR



The signature grilled cheese is a blend of American and cheddar cheese on organic multigrain bread with a sweet chili drizzle and bacon. At \$9, author Hollianne Lao thinks the sandwich is a bit pricey, but a delicious grilled cheese nonetheless.  
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Author Hollianne Lao tries the fried chicken sandwich at Fresh Fork Cafe in August. She noted their impeccable frying, crunchy fries and chicken fried to an immaculate crisp.  
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# RATING:



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## Photo of the Day | On Their Way



A pet owner takes her three dogs for a stroll along Fairfield Way on the first day of classes of the semester, this past Aug. 30. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Render speechless, maybe
- 4 "Morning Joe" network
- 9 Bach's instrument
- 14 Family nicknames
- 15 "Goodies" singer
- 16 Muralist Rivera
- 17 It may be bruised
- 18 Guitar connoisseur?
- 20 School team member who argues a lot
- 22 Capers
- 23 Fleecy females
- 24 Shakespearean villain
- 26 Shakespearean villain
- 29 Coopers' creations
- 31 Lets go
- 33 Burbank-to-Fresno dir.
- 34 Old Austrian money
- 36 Cabdriver's pickups during a storm?
- 38 Dunkable cookie
- 40 Tall one
- 41 Savings for replacing old tools?
- 45 Chew out
- 49 Toward the 50-Across
- 50 See 49-Across
- 52 "The Wreck of the Mary ..."
- 53 Hoffman title role
- 55 Hindu royalty
- 57 Indulge, with "on"
- 58 Like some bulls
- 60 Like many tuxedo shirts
- 62 One with a lofty greeting?
- 65 Texter's lead-in
- 66 Dividing range
- 67 Hollow winds
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- 70 Center
- 71 Bad check ltrs.

- 3 Song with the phrase "kiss me mucho"
- 4 MD-to-be's exam
- 5 44-Down, once
- 6 Caviar spoon materials
- 7 Bud
- 8 Arrange local transportation
- 9 Baltic feeder
- 10 Daytime host Lake
- 11 Scores high
- 12 Previously
- 13 Postal motto word
- 19 More rangy
- 21 Memorable JFK words after "And so, my fellow Americans"
- 25 Needlefish
- 27 Axl's group, briefly
- 28 Run up a bill, say
- 30 Feudal laborers
- 32 Golfer with three PGA Championship top 10s after age 60
- 35 Not on any side
- 37 Curly-haired "Peanuts" girl

- 39 Like a mild chili
- 41 Word of support
- 42 Tabloid topic
- 43 Thrown-together
- 44 Four-time pro basketball MVP
- 46 Vientiane native
- 47 Ross Martin's "The Wild Wild West" role
- 48 Steamed ... and like five answers in this puzzle?
- 51 Dozed for a bit
- 54 Painter Frida
- 56 Wintry rides
- 59 Soft "Over here!"
- 61 In olden days, once
- 62 1963 Newman title role
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**WEEKLY RECAP** ➔



# Syracuse hosts in-state rival Albany with a lot at stake

(AP) — Must-win games usually don't happen this early in the season. For Syracuse, Game 3 has that sort of feel to it.

Win, and the Orange (1-1) are back on track. A loss to in-state foe Albany (0-2) on Saturday in the Carrier Dome would be a blow to a team trying to restore a winning mentality after a 10-loss season. The Orange lost their home opener last week to Rutgers, 17-7, a victim of gaffes by special teams and a sputtering offense that doesn't yet have a touchdown pass.

"Obviously, we lost. You hate that feeling, but we can't go into this week still thinking about the game we just lost," defensive end Josh Black said. "We have to flush it. Let's get better, let's see what we need to improve on, and then let's take it to Albany. Little things, big things, finding ways to improve ourselves so this ultimately doesn't happen again."

The Great Danes play in the Football Championship Subdivision, Division I's second level, and face a tall task against their Football Bowl Subdivision foe in the first game between the teams. Syracuse has 17 straight wins in the Carrier Dome against FCS teams and coach Dino Babers has been at the helm for the past four. However, this season FCS teams already have eight wins over FBS programs, including Montana's 13-7 victory over then-No. 20 Washington and Jacksonville State's stunning triumph over Florida State on the game's last play.

"I don't think in a million years

I would have ever thought you would ever utter the words Jacksonville State beat Florida State," Albany coach Greg Gattuso said. "It's an inconceivable thought that that could happen, but it can. There's a lot more parity. FCS teams are pretty good. We have talent. If we can play well, we can get yah."

Albany, a football-only member of the Colonial Athletic Association, started the season with a 28-6 loss to then-No. 4 North Dakota State on the road before dropping its home opener, 16-14, to Rhode Island in a conference matchup.

## ORANGE ATTACK

Babers said quarterbacks Tommy DeVito and Garrett Shrader will both play again and he's hopeful one will emerge as the starter. Syracuse's fast-paced offense isn't purring as it has in the past. The Orange are averaging just 145.5 yards passing and are one of only three Power 5 teams without a touchdown pass.

## BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

The Great Danes are no strangers to the scenario they'll face Saturday. They played at Pitt in 2018 and started this season on an indoor stage like the Carrier Dome — in the Fargodome of North Dakota State.

"I think we handled the dome at North Dakota State really well. It was a nonfactor," Gattuso said. "Three years ago we walked into Pitt a little big-eyed being in

Heinz Field and it hurt us in the beginning of the game. I think our team has really learned from these experiences. We're not who we were five years ago.

"It's not a stage that's too big for us. We feel comfortable going in there and playing. I think they (the Orange) have all the pressure. They need to play well. We need to compete. There's a big difference."

## 1-2 PUNCH

Albany quarterback Jeff Undercuffler is 6-foot-5 and can sling it. He's 36 of 64 for 400 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions. Tailback Karl Mofor has 37 carries for 99 yards.

"If you've got the right personnel, it can be extremely interesting," said Babers, who coached at the FCS level nearly a decade ago. "That's why I take these games very seriously."

## TOUGH DEFENSE

Syracuse recorded 13 tackles for loss against Rutgers, one shy of the most under Babers. LB Mikel Jones leads the Atlantic Coast Conference in tackles with 22.

## HOMEFIELD PARTY

Syracuse and Albany are 145 miles apart, just a two-hour drive on the New York State Thruway. Great Danes fans have a nice option if they want to stay home. The game will be streamed live on the scoreboard at Albany's home field, Casey Stadium.



Syracuse defensive end Marlowe Wax gets in the face of Rutgers wide receiver Aron Cruickshank (2) after a tackle in the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. (DENNIS NETT/THE POST-STANDARD VIA AP)



Syracuse defensive back Garrett Williams (8) chases down Rutgers wide receiver Bo Melton (18) in the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. (DENNIS NETT/THE POST-STANDARD VIA AP)

# Cobb's 5 scoreless IP in return lead Angels over White Sox



Los Angeles Angels' Jose Rojas, right, celebrates with third base coach Brian Butterfield after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox in Chicago, Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021. (AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH)

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Cobb pitched five scoreless innings, Luis Rengifo and Jose Rojas hit home runs, and the Los Angeles Angels coasted to a 9-3 win over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

Cobb was activated from the 10-day injured list after suffering right wrist inflammation and allowed two hits in his first start since July 23.

The Angels (72-74) won their second consecutive game. The White Sox (83-63) lost for the fifth time in eight games. The AL Central-leading White Sox have dropped six consecutive series against the Angels dating to 2016, and they're 4-15 in their last 19 games against them.

Cobb (8-3) allowed only two base-runners to advance as far as second base, and he induced inning-ending double plays in the second and fourth innings.

"I was hoping for good, but I wasn't expecting that," Angels manager Joe Maddon said.

Entering Thursday's game, Cobb was 0-3 with a 10.70 ERA in four career starts against the White Sox.

"I didn't think I was going to work that deep into the game," said Cobb, who said he struggled with his location and command during two batting practice sessions prior to being activated. "I thought it would be a challenge but was able to pound the zone for the most part."

Chicago starter Reynaldo Lopez (3-3) allowed a season-high seven runs in his seventh start of the season. Lopez had allowed two home runs in his previous 30 innings prior to surrendering homers to Rengifo and Rojas.

Rengifo's homer snapped Lopez's streak of 12 scoreless innings at home.

The White Sox committed three errors, including two during a five-run fourth capped by Rojas' two-run homer. Shortstop Tim Anderson bobbled a grounder but was assessed an error even after second baseman Cesar Hernandez was late in covering second base for a potential force play.

That led to a three-run double by Jack Mayfield, who advanced to third after the throw from left fielder Eloy Jimenez skipped past home plate.

Anderson committed a throwing error in the seventh, marking his first multi-error game since Aug. 25, 2019, against Texas.

Chicago's three errors were one shy of its season high against Toronto on June 9.

"We were funky," White Sox manager Tony La Russa said.

Chicago reliever Mike Wright was ejected for hitting Angels slugger Shohei Ohtani in the calf with a pitch with two out and nobody on in the ninth. La Russa also was

ejected by crew chief Bill Welke for arguing.

La Russa believes Welke thought it was retaliation after White Sox batters Yoan Moncada, Luis Robert and Jose Abreu were hit by pitches in Tuesday's game.

"It wasn't intentional," La Russa said. "(Welke) read it wrong. It wasn't consistent with No. 1, the way they treated the three hit by pitches. Secondly, where was our retaliation?"

"It looks bad to our pitcher and our team. It's disappointing."

Maddon didn't agree with La Russa's viewpoint.

"It was retaliatory," Maddon said. "We knew that."

It marked the third ejection of the season for La Russa and the 91st of his career.

Rookie infielder Romy Gonzalez moved from third to pitcher and struck out Max Stassi to end the ninth. Abreu made his first major league appearance at third in place of Gonzalez.

"Is there any doubt that he would do whatever?" La Russa said. "If they're all like him, all our jobs would be easier."

Abreu drove in two runs, increasing his season total to 109.

White Sox catcher Yasmani Grandal, who has a personal-best streak of reaching base safely in 30 consecutive games, received a rest.

# Arizona trying to end 14-game losing streak as it faces NAU

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona entered the season with a new coach and hopes of ending a school-record losing streak.

The Wildcats came up just short in an opening loss to BYU and took a step backward in a home loss to San Diego State last weekend, stretching the losing streak to 14 games.

The next shot to end the streak appears to be the best one: Saturday against Northern Arizona.

Beating a winless FCS program would normally not be a big deal for a Power Five school, but the Wildcats will take any win they can get.

"I can't wait to get our first victory and get that cloud lifted, and then from that point on go ahead and just play ball," Arizona coach Jedd Fisch said. "I know that that's what we're going to do."

Fisch renewed hope in the desert after being hired last year, but the results on the field have yet to change.

Arizona (0-2) got off to a sluggish start against BYU before a late rally came up just short in a 24-16 loss, then struggled in nearly every phase of a 38-14 home loss to San Diego State.

Disappointed, the Wildcats had a week to sort things out before hosting the Lumberjacks.

"There were a lot of things that went wrong on Saturday night," Fisch said. "I was very disappointed that we couldn't get things going. I hold myself very much accountable for all the defeats and make sure that the players get the accolades for the victories, as they should."

The numbers are in Arizona's favor to end the losing streak against NAU (0-2).

The Wildcats have not lost to an FCS opponent since 2002, a span of 15 games, and have won 14 straight against the Lumberjacks, scoring an average of 68 points the past three.

## NAU'S START

Northern Arizona has gotten off to a rough start to its third season under coach Chris Ball.

Coming off a pandemic-delayed spring season, the Lumberjacks opened the season with a 42-16 loss to Sam Houston State and lost 34-7

at South Dakota last week.

Northern Arizona is allowing 470 yards of offense per game, including 221.5 rushing, and quarterback Jeff Widener has thrown four interceptions to offset 476 yards passing.

It certainly won't get any easier Saturday night against a team that's bigger and faster at nearly every position.

"When we put a game plan together, it's got to be simple and we've got to be able to handle the swings of the game," Ball said. "We just are still not handling the swings and physicality of the game right now."

## QB CHANGE

Fisch is making a change at quarterback for Saturday's game, going with Will Plummer after Gunner Cruz started the first two games.

Cruz was solid against BYU, but threw for just 70 yards and a touchdown before being replaced by Plummer against San Diego State. Plummer threw for 109 yards and a touchdown after entering in the third quarter after attempting three passes in limited action against BYU.

South Florida transfer Jordan McCloud also could see some playing time Saturday.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Arizona punter Kyle Ostendorp has a Pac-12 high seven punts of at least 50 yards and is averaging 45.8 yards on 16 punts. ... Northern Arizona's Carson Taylor has 14 career sacks, fifth on the school's all-time list. ... Arizona WR Stanley Berryhill III has 17 receptions for 169 yards through two games. ... Lumberjacks WR Stacy Chukwumezie is 14th in the FCS with an average of 103.5 yards receiving per game.



## Sports

Photo of the Day | Sweet victory



Sophomore Jayden Reid (3) leaps into the arms of Freshman Okem Chime (9) after Chime found a way to get the ball into the net to lead the Huskies to a thrilling overtime win against Monmouth on Sept. 11 at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Volleyball: Dog Pound Challenge preview

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Coming off a winning weekend at Dartmouth, the University of Connecticut women's volleyball team will return to Gampel Pavilion this weekend to host the Dog Pound Challenge. UConn will welcome Bryant, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Yale to Storrs for the final non-conference play tournament of the season, as UConn begins Big East play next week.

The Huskies' weekend will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday when they face off against Bryant, who is currently 5-6 on the season and lost its last three matches. Despite their losing record, the Bulldogs are leading the Northeast Conference in kills per set and assists with 13.1 and 11.9 per set, respectively. If UConn wants to shut down Bryant's offense, it will have to find a way to shut down Riley James, who leads the team in kills per set (2.5), as well as Alyssa Wright, who is second in the Northeast Conference in hitting percentage (.305). Historically, the Huskies have found success in Gampel when facing Bryant, winning their last two matchups three sets to one.

The Dog Pound Challenge will continue for the home team on



The UConn women's volleyball team takes on the UCF Knights in its final match of the 2019 season at Gampel Pavilion on Nov 16, 2019. Coming off of their recent win at Dartmouth, they will host the Dog Pound Challenge, starting Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Saturday at 12:30 p.m. when they take on the New Jersey Institute of Technology. NJIT enters the weekend 1-8 on the season, having lost eight straight matches

and having been swept in seven of their nine matches this season. UConn has never played against NJIT before, but if it wants to secure a victory over the High-

landers, it must find a way to shut down Juliana Impaglia, who leads the team in attacking percentage (.375) and assists per set (6.29).

The Huskies will end their weekend with a showdown against Yale, who swept the Stony Brook Invitational last weekend and are currently 5-1 on the season. Gigi Barr claimed MVP honors at the invitation, and her teammates Bonnie Bostic and Mila Yarich joined her on the all-tournament team. UConn hasn't played Yale since 2016, when they won three sets to none. Yale is currently second in the Ivy League conference behind Dartmouth, who the Huskies lost to last weekend. This match will be the biggest test of the tournament for UConn.

As we cheer and support the Huskies this weekend, there are two things we should keep in mind and support. Firstly, as is tradition, Sigma Alpha is partnering with the volleyball team to raise money for the Wings of Freedom Animal Rescue. You can donate to the organization at the UConn Dog Pound Challenge GoFundMe to support its efforts to rescue animals in need. Finally, senior Caylee Parker is six kills away from achieving her 1,000th career kill, which would make her the 14th player in UConn women's volleyball history to reach that milestone.

## Royals' Perez ties Bench's HR mark with 45th in loss to A's

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Salvador Perez tied Johnny Bench's record for homers in a season by a catcher with his 45th, but Chad Pinder's two-run single spurred a third-inning rally and the Oakland Athletics held off the Kansas City Royals 7-2 Thursday.

Perez hit a two-run homer in the first inning, matching Bench's total from 1970 for the most by a player who played at least 75% of his team's games at catcher. Perez is tied with Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero Jr. for the major league lead in homers and also leads the bigs with 112 RBIs.

"We're witnessing a special season," manager Mike Matheny said. "We're witnessing a special player. To be able to be put in the conversation with one most would say is the best ever is pretty rare."

His talent is not lost on the opposition.

"Salvador, it seems like he's hitting a home run a day against everybody," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "You can't miss

against him right now."

Oakland started the day 3 1/2 games behind Toronto, Boston and the New York Yankees for the two AL wild cards.

Pinder delivered a two-out hit during a four-run third inning in which Oakland had seven runners reach base — with just two hits. The A's also scored three runs in the ninth on just one hit.

"We'll draw some walks," Melvin said. "Obviously there were some wild pitches that moved some runners up. We got big hits when we needed to. When you put a crooked number up, it has an emotional effect on the other side."

The Royals had the tying runs on base with less than two outs in the sixth and eighth innings but couldn't score.

Paul Blackburn (1-2) battled through five-plus innings for Oakland, yielding two runs on six hits.

Daniel Lynch (4-5) took the loss. He left the game in the third in-

ning with left calf tightness with the bases loaded and a full count on Matt Olson. He gave up three runs (one earned) on two hits in two-plus innings. He also walked one and hit two batters.

Matheny said it turned out to be a cramp that wouldn't let up.

Perez is three homers away from matching Jorge Soler's team record from 2019. Soler extended the Royals' record by 10. Perez also tied Mike Sweeney for second on the club's all-time list with 197. George Brett holds the club record with 317.

Only one of Oakland's runs in the third was earned. The A's had seven batters reach base, with only two on hits. Josh Harrison's single drove in Elvis Andrus with the first run. Jed Lowrie reached on an error, scoring another run, and Pinder's two-run single capped the inning.

A's RHP Mike Fiers, who has missed most of the season with a sprained right elbow, had a rehab start Tuesday.



Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Daniel Lynch is followed to the dugout by Mike Matheny (22) as he comes out of the game during the third inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

# Huskies looking to make a comeback against Army



A UConn football helmet sits on a table while the Huskies play Purdue on Saturday, Sept. 11. It will take a lot of hard work for the Huskies to try and redeem themselves in a game against Army on Saturday, Sept. 18. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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It would take something truly spectacular, truly beyond what UConn has done this season, for this game to even be close. And yet Army is at least not infallible, though no one would argue the level of UConn and Georgia State is similar right now. Army has had four fumbles, one of which was lost, and its three quarterbacks have done nothing close to what its rushing game has.

Army averages just under 300 yards per game rushing, but under 90 passing. If defending against the run wasn't one of UConn's biggest weaknesses, that's a weakness that the team could exploit.

Unfortunately, defending against

the run is not one of UConn's strong points. Its opponents average nearly 200 yards per game rushing and nearly 300 passing. Army, on the back of running backs Tyrell Robinson and Jako Buchanan, is poised to tear the UConn defense apart, and yet the pair still isn't the biggest issue for UConn's defense.

No, that is Christian Anderson, QB, who has an average of 87 rushing yards per game. He, like Holy Cross' quarterback Matt Sluka, seems to prefer a rushing approach, which is bad news for a UConn defense that recently

gave Sluka 112 yards.

UConn and Army will face off on Saturday at noon in West Point, New York, and the game will be broadcast by CBS.

*"It would take something truly spectacular, truly beyond what UConn has done this season, for this game to even be close."*

# UConn women's soccer looks to build on momentum at home vs. Buffalo

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This Saturday against the University at Buffalo (5-1), the University of Connecticut Huskies (4-2) hope to recreate some of the magic they produced last Sunday. The team played Syracuse at home where they had gears firing on all cylinders and dominated the entire game.

Although the Huskies have some momentum, the Bulls are on a sensational four-game win streak after being blown out in their first game at West Virginia. But according to the Massey Computer Rankings, none of these wins in the streak have been particularly impressive, coming against teams ranked between No. 144 and No. 324. The Bulls stand at No. 133 in the rankings, while the Huskies are listed at No. 101.

Buffalo is led by graduate forward Marcy Barberic, who was the first player in the program's history to be named to the NCAA All-American second team after a sensational senior season. She led the nation in shots per game last year with 2.88 and is doing even better this year with 3.17. Barberic also leads the Bulls in both goals and assists, scoring an average of once per contest. Although Buffalo might not be the



The Huskies shut out Syracuse with a final score of 3-0 on Sunday, Sept. 12. Hoping to keep their momentum going, they get ready to face Buffalo on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Storrs. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

strongest team the Huskies have faced all season, Barberic is certainly the best player. Her scoring and passing abilities are as good as anyone in the nation, making her a key player to watch out for throughout the match.

Another player to keep an eye out for will be senior goalkeeper Emily Kelly, who has been

rock-solid all season. After giving up four goals to top-50 West Virginia, the senior has seen just four balls find the back of the net, lowering her average to just 1.38 per game. In that stretch, Kelly had a 71.4 save percentage, with clean sheets in her last three games. It will be intriguing to see if both Kelly and Barberic can

keep up on their stellar play in this tougher matchup.

For the Huskies, goalkeeping has also been a recurring question mark, with freshman MaryKate Ward and sophomore Kaitlyn Mahoney splitting the duties thus far. Mahoney has started all six games and has played just over 70 percent of the

minutes, but the past two games have been evenly divided. It's unknown whether this will continue throughout the season or if Coach Margaret Rodriguez will decide between the two.

Another interesting storyline this season has been the impact and health of junior Jessica Mazo, who came off a four-game absence and played in last game's win. With the six-day rest, Mazo should be primed to take on a bigger role than the 59 minutes she played in the last contest, but the question is how much? Mazo was positively impactful last match but wasn't quite her Big East All-American self, making fans hopeful that the Syracuse game was merely a rust-buster to get her ready for Buffalo and conference play.

The last thing to watch for will be Coach Rodriguez's use of senior forward Isabelle Lynch, who has started the past two games, despite proving to be more effective when used off the bench. Does Rodriguez use Lynch as a sparkplug, or does she feel confident in the senior's abilities to perform as a starter?

This contest should be a fun one and will likely be more entertaining than the football game, which is at the same time. The game will stream online at 1:00 p.m. on FloSports.

# Field Hockey: Huskies look to turn things around with first conference game

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When you think of the University of Connecticut field hockey team, what's the first word you think of? Dominant? Champions? Good?

These are a few that came to my mind when choosing to take this beat based on the nature of this historic program, winning five national championships and a Big East record of 16 conference championships.

Flash forward to three weeks into the season, and the record looks less than ideal, as the team currently sits at 2-4. Not great. Yet as bad as the win-loss total is at the moment, you can describe the Huskies with two of the three words I previously stated. While not dominant thus far into the season, they are still reigning Big East champions and the frontrunners to repeat. Furthermore, despite their record, they are still good.

Every single game on UConn's schedule thus far has been against a ranked team, except for one. This weekend, they face two more. For a team still recovering from the loss of 2020 top scorer Sophie Hamilton to the professional leagues, expecting them to thrive amongst the top teams in the country is a tough ask. Their struggles as of late have been due to the lack of

a top scoring option, with last game against No. 16 Syracuse being the second time this year the Huskies had scored two or more goals in a contest.

The good news is UConn is trending in the right direction. Key returnee Jessica Dembrowski has come alive as of late, scoring twice and assisting once in the Huskies' loss on Sunday, earning her a spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll. Freshman Sophia Ugo has shined, scoring a goal in three consecutive games before tallying an assist against Syracuse. Dembrowski, Ugo and the rest of the team will have to keep the offense rolling as UConn heads into their first Big East game of the season against conference runner up No. 19 Old Dominion.

The Monarchs have built upon last year's successes, going 4-1 in their first five games. They last played the Huskies in the Big East Championship this past spring when they got shutout, 2-0. Expect them to have a chip on their shoulders in this contest.

Old Dominion's Nicole Fredricks has been playing well as of late, earning Big East Defensive Player of the Week Honors. In the team's last two games, she assisted in a clean sheet against Virginia Commonwealth University, as well as scoring a crucial goal in the last minute against Longwood to win the match. Look for her to make an impact



The Huskies suffer a 2-1 loss Friday night against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in a double overtime battle at the Sherman Family Sports Complex. Down 1-0 the majority of the game, the Huskies were eventually able to grab a goal in the fourth quarter to tie it up and force overtime play. The Scarlet Knights capitalized on a penalty stroke in the second overtime to win, making it Rutgers' third ever victory over UConn out of the 33 life-time matchups between the two programs. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

on Friday.

UConn will continue its weekend homestand on Sunday afternoon, as they take on No. 13 Harvard at 1:00 p.m. The Crimson have had a successful start to the year, starting out 4-0, including two wins over Top 25 teams. What's truly impressive is that this

team has only allowed one goal over that stretch. That is not a great sign for the Huskies, who already have shooting woes.

UConn will have to look out for Harvard's Avery Donahue and Hannah Pearce, who lead the Crimson in points with six apiece. Donahue was recently

named the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week for her assist against No. 19 Delaware, as well as her game winning goal in overtime at No. 21 Monmouth. If they hope to get back to a .500 record this weekend, the Huskies need to contain both Donahue and Pearce, while also putting the ball in the net.



# Sports

## Men's Soccer: Huskies look to put Butler in the Big East doghouse

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The University of Connecticut men's soccer team travels up to Indianapolis this weekend to take on its second consecutive dog opponent and third of the season, the Butler Bulldogs.

The Huskies (3-1-0) are coming off a dominant performance against the Yale Bulldogs that saw them score four times, twice in each half. This spectacular effort was a great way to end their home stretch that included an overtime win and a shutout the Friday before classes began.

The man behind this spectacular performance on Tuesday was none other than sophomore Jayden Reid. In the best game of his career, Reid had three assists, one goal and one howling shot that nearly gave him a brace. Reid will carry that ice in his veins to Indianapolis in the hope of setting up dimes for some amazing goals.

In the process of putting Yale in the doghouse, three other distinguished players picked up their first goals of the year as well. Senior Dominic Laws, freshman Scott Testori and sophomore Giancarlo Vaccaro all scored spectacularly with some amazing celebrations to boot.

Those three have all been used in a forward formation that features the talents of freshman Okem Chime, whose three goals lead the team, and sophomore Moussa Wade, who was the only person not named Reid with an assist on Tuesday. Combine them, and you have a unit that will relentlessly pelt the opposition with shots heading in the goalkeeper's direction. Out of the 13 shots they took on Tuesday, the five that went in on goal were shot by three forwards and two midfielders.

Transitioning over to midfielders, Reid, who will likely start on Saturday, is in great company with the balanced playmaking of junior

captain Ahdan Tait, freshman Mateo Leveque and senior Djimon Johnson. Together, the midfield plays an essential role in making sure the opposition cannot make great plays and that their offense has multiple chances to score throughout the game.

On the defensive side, freshmen Bjorn Nikolajewski and Guillaume Victor, in addition to sophomore Thomas Decottignies, played a physical game last time out and will look to take that into their contest against Butler, where their aggression is going to be let loose. It was their physicality that made the game look like a literal dogfight.

Then there's goalkeeper Jahmali Waite. He's the engine to this entire scheme and picked up a grand total of no saves on Tuesday because Yale had only one shot on goal. Regardless, Waite has been spectacular, as he picked up yet another clean sheet to go with his 11 saves on the year while allow-

ing just one goal from their loss to Rhode Island. Look for him to continue playing out of his mind as the Huskies head into Big East play.

The Huskies' first Big East opponent is a team that was not in the conference back in 2013 — the Butler Bulldogs. The Bulldogs (1-3-1) are coming off a brutal 1-0 loss to Wisconsin where they had five shots on goal, but Carter Abbott took one look at each one and said "no thank you."

Butler has scored two goals so far, by junior forward Wilmer Cabrera Jr. and redshirt sophomore midfielder Tommy Visser. Both picked up their goals in a contest against the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers with Visser responsible for the game-winner in the second half.

Those guys have had some help in the scoring department, as their goals were set up by senior midfielder Jack Haywood, senior defenseman Louie Bulger and redshirt junior midfielder Jack Streberger. Each has one assist on the year, with Haywood getting the most chances with eight shots on goal.

Butler likes to play a 2-5-3 style of soccer. Let's look at each part of that.

At the forward position, in addition to Cabrera Jr., there is freshman Henri Kumwenda, who has taken seven shots so far and is still looking for his first goal of the year. This is a relatively younger forward squad and they can make a lot of noise when given the opportunity to do so from their midfielders.

The midfield is stacked like a bowl of dog treats. We've already mentioned Haywood, Streberger and Visser, but the midfield also has freshman Philip Halvorsen, freshman Quint Breitzkreuz and graduate student Joel Harvey. Harvey can play both the midfield and the defensive positions, and he defines the team. Include senior Rico Hollencamp, and the Bulldogs use



their many midfielders to play a defensive contest with their opposition. They let the opposition have their chances, but then strike with their two hounds, Cabrera Jr. and Kumwenda, once the other team is tired out.

In turn, the defensive backs are a critical aspect of this entire setup. Harvey is joined out back by junior Perrin Barnes and redshirt senior Rhys Myers. Barnes and Myers have played every minute of every game thus far, and it looks like that will not let up on Saturday. This unit knows how to impose its will on its opposition and can get in the minds of the attacking group.

They say defense wins championships, but goalkeeping is critical as well. Senior Gabriel Gjergji has started every game this season and has one clean sheet from Butler's tie against Oakland. Along the way however, Gjergji has made 12 saves while conceding five goals and wants desperately to get back on track as the season progresses.

Butler averages 11 shots a game while getting 14 of its 55 shots overall on goal. Like Yale before them, the Huskies will have to play an incredibly physical dogfight. Butler has had 46 fouls, 10 yellow cards, and a red card this season, and those numbers will only go up as it gets into Big East play. If the Huskies can control the physical game (they have 53 fouls with seven yellow cards) as well as the shooting aspect (UConn has taken 16 shots a game), then they should be in line to go 1-0 in Big East play.

The first ever meeting between these two teams will kick off at 7:00 p.m. EDT (6:00 p.m. CDT) with access available through FloSports and live stats provided by StatBroadcast.



The men's soccer team defeats Yale 4-0 Tuesday night in Morrone Stadium. The Huskies scored twice in the first half and twice in the second half while shutting out the Bulldogs. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## UConn football set for matchup with Army

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On Saturday, the University of Connecticut football team will take on Army in its fourth game of the season.

After last week's humiliating loss to Purdue, 0-49, the team is looking to rebound and improve upon its 0-3 record. The UConn roster has yet to score on a Football Bowl Subdivision team, giving up a combined 94 points against Fresno State and Purdue.

Now, the roster rolls up to play Army in its second away game of the season. With uncertainty looming around the team's quarterback position and outright frustration over the struggling status of both the offense and the defense, most fans aren't hoping for a win. They're just hoping for a less embarrassing loss.

Interim head coach Lou Spanos has been tight-lipped on

the quarterback situation thus far; against Purdue, Steven Krajewski started after being second-string behind Jack Zergiotis for the first two games of the season. "UConn's quarterback carousel may be getting another turn come Saturday's game at Army," said the Hartford Courant's Shawn McFarland in an article on Wednesday. This week, Spanos remarked the team was "going to see throughout the week of practice who could give us the best opportunity to win."

It's a coach's answer, but it means more than just what Spanos says. The Huskies have changed starting quarterbacks twice in four games, and it's clear Spanos' confidence in Krajewski may be wavering after he was held scoreless and gave up a late-game interception last weekend. But Zergiotis has looked even less compelling in his performances, scoreless against Fresno and then struggling with in-

terceptions against Holy Cross.

The other two quarterbacks on the roster right now are Micah Leon, a redshirt junior, and Tyler Phommachanh, a freshman. It seems unlikely, though certainly not impossible, that one of them will get to start, as UConn works with new week-by-week offensive analyst Noel Mazzone, formerly of Arizona, and adjusts to Spanos' position as interim head coach.

This will be just the third game of the season for the Army lineup. It handily beat Georgia State two weeks ago and clinched a nailbiter over Western Kentucky by just a field goal last week. Army comes into this matchup averaging over 40 points per game while giving up an average of 22. UConn comes in with an average of just over nine points scored and has given up an average of 44 a game.

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The UConn Huskies run into another tough game against Purdue on Saturday, Sept. 11. They gear up to face Army in their next battle on Saturday Sept. 18, 2021 at 12 p.m. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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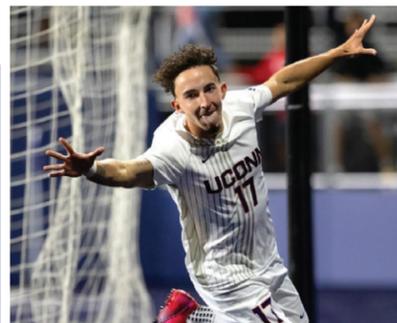
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