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UConn Ph.D. student scuba dives to research microscopic algae



A view of the Marine Sciences Building at the Avery Point campus. Ph.D. student Sean Ryan is researching how climate change is impacting microalgae. PHOTO BY PETER MORENUS/UCONN TODAY

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A University of Connecticut Marine Sciences Ph.D. student is utilizing Avery Point's diving program to research microalgae's adaptability to climate change.

Microalgae are phytoplankton, found in freshwater and marine ecosystems, that live in water and sediment. They are unicellular, invisible to the naked eye and the base of many aquatic food webs as they tend to float in the upper levels of the ocean where they feed off of sunlight. The two main types are Dinoflagellates, which have a whip-like tail and complex shell, and Diatoms, which rely on ocean cur-

rents to move in the water and have a rigid, interlocking shell.

Sean Ryan, a fourth-year Ph.D. student, completed his bachelor's degree in Biology at SUNY Binghamton and has a background in the ecology of freshwater systems. Since his arrival at UConn, he has been studying marine systems. Ryan is researching how climate change is impacting these habitat-forming microalgae and how the composition and functions of communities will be affected.

"I think it's really important to understand how species that provide the habitat for everything around them will be affected by ocean warming," Ryan said.

The main facet of his research is

deploying data loggers to record how environmental factors, like temperature, vary between time and space to understand how kelp populations in the Long Island Sound perform. He surveyed sites near Avery Point, gathering species density and biomass data for the sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*) and the horsetail kelp (*Laminaria digitata*). In the future, Ryan will conduct growth experiments in the field and lab.

Kelp is essential to Ryan's research because within the group of seaweeds, it provides food and habitats for other species. As climate change warms Earth's oceans, the cold-water adapted kelp's numbers are falling, affecting the health of

Connecticut's waters, according to Ryan's research.

Ryan received his Scientific Diver certification with Jeff Godfrey, the Diving Safety Officer for Avery Point's diving program.

He's always loved the water and grew up trying to be as near it as possible. He became hooked on research as an undergraduate and has found it even more rewarding to focus it on the ocean.

"Diving under the water is a therapeutic experience for me. I get to block out the rest of the world, including my to-do list, and just explore. My favorite memory overall was a dive with other UConn students in Stonington, CT," Ryan said. "The sun set while we were diving and as we swam back on the surface there were bioluminescent dinoflagellates lighting up a bright blue color as our fins kicked."

The diving program at Avery Point allows students and researchers to understand the complex and mysterious world of the ocean by putting their eyes and brains directly underwater. Peter Auster, a research professor emeritus in the marine sciences department, has been at UConn for over 40 years and believes the diving program to be an outstanding opportunity.

"It's very rewarding to see that students, after working in my lab or my class, have learned something new and changed gears and see them-

selves doing this work or working towards future conservation goals," Auster said.

Having an underwater perspective can be essential for informing the public and policy makers.

"What drives me the most is documenting what is happening so I can share this knowledge with people who live around it and will likely care about it. I truly believe science that is not communicated well will always be bad science," Ryan said.

Scientific diving is a professional branch of diving, regulated by the government. There is a diving control board, with the majority of members active scientific divers. There is a safety manual created by the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. Those elements set a standard allowing for easier reciprocity between institutions because they all follow the same rules and guides.

Auster's work on the policy and management side starts at the beach and works its way out to the deep ocean. His recent work has included a project developing habitats and defining the sea-floor communities in Long Island Sound, using camera and scuba work.

"We have lots of issues to try and deal with. Working in the underwater landscape adds a unique perspective to what humans do to the ocean and what we might do to conserve and sustainably use our natural heritage," Auster said.

Jorgensen Center returning to in-person performances for 2021-2022 season

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The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is restarting in-person performances for its 2021-2022 season but is modifying its operations to reduce the spread of COVID-19, according to a press release.

Jorgensen Center has offered only virtual events since the start of the pandemic but will hold its first in-person event, a performance by comedian Jimmy O. Yang, on Oct. 9th, according to the press release.

The Jorgensen Center's COVID-19 policy, found on their website, recommends that everyone entering the building be either fully vaccinated or take a COVID-19 test before coming.

"All people entering Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated prior to arrival at Jorgensen [sic]. If unvaccinated, Jorgensen strongly encourages all visitors, staff, students and artists to receive a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival to Jorgensen," the policy reads.

There will be other measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, such as masking for all while inside the building, social distancing, available hand sanitizer and



The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is open for performances this semester. The full 2021-2022 season has been announced as theatre is slowly returning from the COVID-19 shutdown.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/DAILY CAMPUS

improved airflow, according to Rodney Rock, executive director of the Jorgensen Center.

The policy says frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected daily in order to prevent the spread of diseases, including COVID-19, and that the air handlers in the building have been set to completely exchange the air in the main

hall every 24 minutes.

The Jorgensen Center will be operating at slightly less than 50 percent capacity this season, according to Rock. It normally has a capacity of 2,300 but will only be seating 1,000.

Rock also said they will be using only the main hall seating this season and not the cabaret or chamber seating that they have used in the past.

"We will not be using any of those alternate settings at all this year," Rock said.

Also, there will not be the same bar service that was offered in the past, according to Rock.

"We may be offering a limited bar service prior to some events, but it won't be quite the same as some of our events in the past," Rock said.

Tickets to the performance by Jimmy O. Yang on Oct. 9th, which were only available to UConn students and their family, have sold out, but Rock said that fewer tickets than usual are being sold for other events at the Jorgensen Center.

Rock said tickets are selling every day, but "they are not selling quite as quickly as I would like to see them sell."

Rock said anyone hesitating about attending an event at Jorgensen because of concerns about COVID-19 should know they are taking all of the precautions they can to reduce the spread of the virus.

"We are doing everything that we can to keep patrons as safe as possible," he said.

Additionally, Rock said that there will be a flexible refund policy during the fall in order to encourage people to buy tickets, even with the uncertainty of the pandemic.

"We have patrons that are buying tickets every day. We are impressing on them that we have a pretty liberal refund policy through the fall at least," Rock said. "We hope that reassures them as long as the cancellation is made before the show actually takes place we are more than happy to process a refund."

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News

Judge suspends Britney Spears' father from conservatorship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a major victory for Britney Spears, a judge on Wednesday suspended the singer's father from the conservatorship that has controlled her life and money for 13 years, saying the arrangement "reflects a toxic environment."

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Brenda Penny agreed with a petition from Spears and her attorney that James Spears needs to give up his role as conservator. The decision comes months after the pop star pleaded for her father's removal in dramatic court hearings.

"The current situation is untenable," Penny said after hearing arguments from both sides. "It reflects a toxic environment which requires the suspension of James Spears."

James Spears sought the conservatorship in 2008 and had been its primary controller and biggest champion. He reversed course in recent weeks, asking the judge to end the conservatorship.

Britney Spears and her attorney, Mathew Rosengart, agreed that the conservatorship should end and said in court documents that James Spears' removal was a necessary first step in "ending the Kafkaesque nightmare imposed upon her."

Spears' attorney has been aggressively pushing for her father's ouster since moments after the judge allowed her to hire Rosengart in July.

Hours before the hearing, a major street outside the courthouse was closed to vehicles, allowing

about 100 Spears supporters to march and host a rally where they shouted "Hey, hey, ho, ho, the conservatorship has got to go!" and other pro-Britney chants. As the crowd grew, fans sang Spears hits "Toxic" and "Baby One More Time," and speakers described abusive conservatorships that had affected their families.

"We're making making history right now," said Martino Odeh, 27, who traveled from Phoenix to be at the courthouse. "And the fact that we could change a pop star's life, who has been robbed of her rights for 13 years, is crazy. It's monumental."

"We're hoping for a big change today," Odeh said.

Rosengart said in another filing this week that James Spears "crossed unfathomable lines" by engaging in illegal surveillance of her, including communications with her lawyer, as reported in "Controlling Britney Spears," a documentary from The New York Times and the FX network, one of two dueling documentaries released on the eve of the hearing.

Britney Spears was also engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Sam Asghari, earlier this month, which means putting together a prenuptial agreement that her father should not be involved in, her court filings said.

James Spears in 2019 stepped aside as the so-called conservator of his daughter's person, with control



Britney Spears supporter Brian Molina of Los Angeles celebrates outside the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, in Los Angeles. Britney Spears said in a court filing Wednesday that she agrees with her father that the conservatorship that has controlled her life and money since 2008 should be terminated. The filing in Los Angeles Superior Court from the singer's attorney Mathew Rosen says she "fully consents" to "expeditiously" ending the conservatorship.

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

over her life decisions, maintaining only his role as conservator of her estate, with control over her finances. He and his attorneys have said that renders many of his daughter's complaints about his control over her life meaningless.

Jodi Montgomery, a court-appointed professional, now acts as conservator of Britney Spears' per-

son, and Rosengart said in court documents that Montgomery also consents to ending the conservatorship so long as it can be done safely and smoothly.

James Spears has denied acting in anything but his daughter's best interest. He has said in court papers that he does not know of "a single medical professional nor the report

of a single probate investigator" that concluded that his presence as conservator was harming his daughter or that he should be replaced.

The conservatorship was established in 2008 when Britney Spears' began to have public mental struggles as hordes of paparazzi aggressively followed her everywhere and she lost custody of her children.

Rollout of sports betting in Connecticut to begin Thursday

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The long-awaited rollout of sports wagering in Connecticut will begin on Thursday when Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun officially launch their retail operations.

The long-awaited bets can be placed now that the state Department of Consumer Protection has approved the state licenses Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun need to launch sports betting on the tribal reservations.

"Today we celebrate a new era for our Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, sports fans, Foxwoods guests and Connecticut residents," said Rodney Butler, chair of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, in a written statement. "With NFL season in full force, it's game on, and we look forward to a successful launch."

Meanwhile, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation says it's aiming to begin retail and online sports betting during the first week of October. All three entities — the two tribal ca-

sinos and the state's lottery — have been working to get their necessary approvals in time for the NFL regular season, which opened Sept. 9.

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and its partner DraftKings Inc. announced Wednesday that players will be able to place bets beginning Thursday at the temporary DraftKings Sportsbook at Foxwoods and betting kiosks throughout the casino. Statewide, off-reservation online sports betting and iGaming are expected to be launched in early October, pending regulatory approvals.

The Mohegan Sun FanDuel Sportsbook is scheduled to open Thursday morning at Mohegan Sun, enabling players to place bets at four live betting windows or through 50 self-service betting terminals. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned.

It will mark the first step in Connecticut's unveiling of retail and online sports betting and other in-

ternet gambling in the state over the coming weeks. It's been roughly four months since the General Assembly approved an agreement reached between the two federally recognized tribes and Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont, allowing the state's gambling agreements with the tribes to be amended and enabling both to offer sports betting, online gambling and online fantasy sports in return for providing the state a share of the revenues.

Lamont is expected to appear at both casinos on Thursday.

Connecticut's new law also allows the state's quasi-public lottery to offer online sports wagering and retail sports betting at 15 locations, including ones specifically located in Hartford and Bridgeport. At least 10 of those locations will be existing retail locations owned by Sportech, the state's off-track betting operator. The lottery's retail and online sports betting offerings will operate under the PlaySugarHouse brand.

On Tuesday, DCP approved the "master gaming licenses" and other licenses needed for on-reservation sports betting for the two tribal casinos after a decision from the U.S. Department of Interior approving the gambling arrangement between the state and the tribes was published in the Federal Register.

The agency also approved "master

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gaming licenses" for the lottery and its partner Rush Street Interactive. But Kaitlyn Krasselt, a spokesperson for DCP, said the agency is still "waiting on some documents" before a soft launch can be scheduled.

During an interview on Tuesday, Sportech and Rush Street Interactive executives said the first

three Sportech venues in Stamford, Windsor Locks and New Haven — which all have restaurants and numerous television screens for patrons to watch sports — are expected to roll out sports betting kiosks in the first week of October. They'll have proprietary software that offer players a slew of betting options. There will also be staffed teller windows at each site.

The other seven Sportech locations are expected to begin offering sports betting through the remainder of October. Richard Schwarz, president of Rush Street Interactive, said mobile betting is expected to be launched in early October as well.

Despite the competition from Foxwoods and Mohegan, Schwarz said he believes the lottery's offerings will "stand apart" considering the variety, cross-marketing opportunities with the lottery's 2,900 CT Lottery locations, and the proximity of residents to Sportech venues across the state.

"I think the proximity to population centers and the convenience that we offer is something that's going to stand out," Schwarz said. "We also have a lot of innovation on the product side."

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At least 100 dead in gang clash at Ecuador jail; 5 beheaded

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — A battle between gangs in a prison in Ecuador's coastal city of Guayaquil killed at least 100 inmates and injured 52 more in what authorities are calling the worst penitentiary massacre in the country's history. At least five dead were reported beheaded, officials said Wednesday.

President Guillermo Lasso decreed a state of emergency in Ecuador's prison system, and authorities attributed the bloodshed at the Guayas prison to gangs linked to international drug cartels fighting for control of the lockup.

The prisons bureau said in a tweet that "as of the moment more than 100 dead and 52 injured have been confirmed" in Tuesday's fighting that involved guns, knives and bombs.

"It is a tragedy ... that fighting among bands, criminal groups seeking internal control reaches these levels," prisons bureau director Bolívar Garzón told radio FMundo.

Ecuador's department of communication said the president was going to hold a news conference to announce the details of the state of emergency.

"In the history of the country, there has not been an incident similar or even close to this one," said Ledy Zúñiga, the former president



Relatives of inmates wait for news outside the Litoral penitentiary after a riot in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021. A police and military operation managed to regain control of the regional prison after five hours, according to a statement from Ecuador's prison service. PHOTO BY ANGEL DEJESUS/AP

of Ecuador's National Rehabilitation Council.

Zúñiga, who was also the country's minister of justice, said she regretted that steps had not been taken to prevent another massacre following deadly prison riots last February.

Images circulating on social media showed dozens of bodies in the Guayas prison's Pavilions 9 and 10. The macabre images from inside the prison were matched by the wails of relatives of prisoners waiting outside along with armored ve-

hicles, soldiers and ambulances.

Earlier in the day, the confirmed death toll had stood at 30, but regional police commander Fausto Buenaño had said that bodies found in the prison's pipelines were still being identified.

Officials said it took five hours to regain control of the prison Tuesday. The violence involved gunfire, knives and explosions and erupted from a dispute between the "Los Lobos" and "Los Choneros" prison gangs, officials said.

Col. Mario Pazmiño, the former director of Ecuador's military intelligence, said the bloody fighting shows that "transnational organized crime has permeated the structure" of Ecuador's prisons, adding that Mexico's Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation cartels operate through local gangs.

"They want to sow fear," he told The Associated Press on Wednesday after officials had confirmed 5 decapitations.

In July, the president decreed another state of emergency in Ecuador's prison system following several violent episodes that resulted in more than 100 inmates being killed. Those deaths occurred in various prisons and not in a single facility like Tuesday's massacre.

Previously, the bloodiest day occurred in February, when 79 prisoners died in simultaneous riots in three prisons in the country. In July, 22 more prisoners lost their lives in the Litoral penitentiary, while in September a penitentiary center was attacked by drones leaving no fatalities.

Biden can't budge fellow Dems, overhaul at stake



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., a centrist Democrat vital to the fate of President Joe Biden's \$3.5 trillion domestic agenda, is surrounded by reporters outside the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday.

PHOTOGRAPH BY J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — His government overhaul plans at stake, President Joe Biden appeared unable Wednesday night to strike swift agreement with two wavering Democratic senators trying to trim back his potentially historic \$3.5 trillion measure that will collapse without their support.

With Republicans solidly opposed and no Democratic votes to spare, Biden canceled a trip to Chicago that was to focus on COVID-19 vaccinations so he could dig in for a full day of intense negotiations ahead of crucial votes. Aides made their way to Capitol Hill for

talks, and late in the day supportive House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer met with Biden at the White House.

The risks were clear, but so was the potential reward as Biden and his party reach for a giant legislative accomplishment — promising a vast rewrite of the nation's balance sheet with an ever-slim majority in Congress. His idea is to essentially raise taxes on corporations and the wealthy and use that money to expand government health care, education and other programs — an impact that would be felt in countless American lives.

"We take it one step at a time," Pelosi, told reporters.

Attention is focused on Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, centrist Democrats. They share a concern that the overall size of Biden's plan is too big, but have infuriated colleagues by not making any counter-proposals public.

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REP. PRAMILA JAYAPAL D-WASH.

In a possibly ominous sign, Manchin sent out a fiery statement late Wednesday, decrying the broad spending as "fiscal insanity" and warning it would not get his vote without adjustments. "I cannot — and will not — support trillions in spending or an all-or-nothing approach," he said.

Together, the two senators hold the keys to unlocking the stalemate over Biden's sweeping vision, the heart of his campaign pledges. While neither has said no to a deal, they have yet to signal yes — but they part ways on specifics, according to a person familiar with the private talks and granted anonymity to discuss them.

Manchin appears to have fewer questions about the revenue side of the equation — the higher taxes on corporations and the wealthy — than the spending plans and particular policies, especially those related to climate change that are important to his coal-centric state. He wants any expansion of aid programs to

Americans to be based on income needs, not simply for everyone.

Though Sinema is less publicly open in her views, she focuses her questions on the menu of tax options, including the increased corporate rate that some in the business community argue could make the U.S. less competitive overseas and the individual rate that others warn could snare small business owners.

With Democrats' campaign promises on the line, the chairwoman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington state said of Manchin: "He needs to either give us an offer or this whole thing is not going to happen."

Trouble ahead, Pelosi suggested she might postpone Thursday's vote on a related \$1 trillion public works measure that Manchin, Sinema and other centrists want but that progressives are threatening to defeat unless there's movement on Biden's broader package.

Thursday's vote has been seen as a pressure point on the senators and other centrist lawmakers to strike an agreement with Biden. But with Manchin and Sinema dug, in that seemed unlikely.

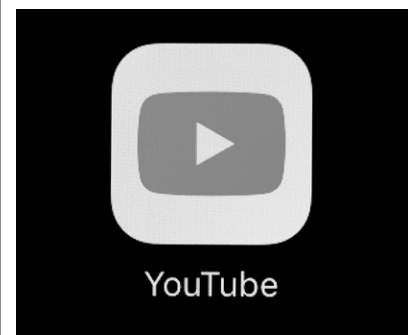
At the same time, Congress is starting to resolve a more immediate crisis that arose after Republicans refused to approve legislation to keep the government funded past Thursday's fiscal yearend and raise the nation's debt limit to avoid a dangerous default on borrowing.

Democrats are separating the government funding and debt ceiling vote into two bills, stripping out the more-heated debate over the debt limit for another day, closer to a separate October deadline.

The Senate is poised to vote Thursday to provide government funding to avoid a federal shutdown, keeping operations going temporarily to Dec. 3. The House is expected to quickly follow.

With Biden and his party stretching to achieve what would be a signature policy achievement, there is a strong sense that progress is being made on the big bill said an administration official who requested anonymity to discuss the private talks.

The president is highly engaged, meeting separately with Manchin and Sinema at the White House this week and talking by phone with lawmakers shaping the package. Democrats are poised to trim the huge Biden measure's tax proposals and spending goals to reach an overall size Manchin and Sinema are demanding.



AP FILE PHOTO

YouTube bans false vaccine claims

YouTube announced a sweeping crackdown of vaccine misinformation Wednesday that booted popular anti-vaccine influencers from its site and deleted false claims that have been made about a range of immunizations.

The video-sharing platform said it will no longer allow users to baselessly speculate that approved vaccines, like the ones given to prevent the flu or measles, are dangerous or cause diseases.

YouTube's latest attempt to stem a tide of vaccine misinformation comes as countries around the globe struggle to convince a somewhat vaccine hesitant public to accept the free immunizations that scientists say will end the COVID-19 pandemic that began 20 months ago. The tech platform, which is owned by Google, already tried to ban COVID-19 vaccine misinformation last year, at the height of the pandemic.

"We've steadily seen false claims about the coronavirus vaccines spill over into misinformation about vaccines in general, and we're now at a point where it's more important than ever to expand the work we started with COVID-19 to other vaccines," YouTube said in a blog post.

"We're now at a point where it's more important than ever to expand the work we started with COVID-19 to other vaccines."

YOUTUBE

Up until Wednesday, anti-vaccine influencers, who have thousands of subscribers, had used YouTube to stoke fears around vaccines that health experts point out have been safely administered for decades. The YouTube channel of an organization run by environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was one of several popular anti-vaccine accounts that was gone by Wednesday morning.

In an emailed statement to The Associated Press, Kennedy criticized the ban: "There is no instance in history when censorship and secrecy have advanced either democracy or public health."

YouTube declined to provide details on how many accounts were removed.

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Carson's Commentary

California's teen abortion law undermines healthcare consumers

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Today happens to be my 21st birthday. Please be thankful that I have spent some of it writing this column instead of dragging myself to Ted's ... or worse.

Speaking of birthdays, a recent recall-surviving California governor has signed a bill with major implications for those who've yet to reach their 18th birthday. The bill, formally known as Assembly Bill (AB) 1184, prohibits insurance providers from disclosing the details of any "sensitive health care services" received by minors — such as abortions and gender-affirming hormonal therapy — from insurance policy holders such as parents or spouses.

AB 1184 was sponsored by District 17 Assemblyman David Chiu, a Democrat representing eastern San Francisco. The California State Senate and Assembly passed the bill on Sept. 8 and 9, respectively, while Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed it into law on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

To be clear, this column will not take a stance on general abortion policy. The fact remains that the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision outlines the fundamental right of any woman in the United

States to terminate her pregnancy. Whether I am (or you are) personally pro-choice or pro-life is irrelevant to the clear caveats within this legislation.

Still, the reactions from both sides of the political aisle are important to consider. Progressives and groups such as Planned Parenthood have cheered the passage of AB 1184 as a necessary step in expanding a protected right to teenagers. Religious conservatives and other abortion opponents have characterized it as "the left's latest attack on families." Ultimately, both approaches miss the reality: AB 1184 is an infringement upon the rights of healthcare consumers across California.

I have several objections to this new law. Perhaps most obviously, it centers around underaged girls. These "girls" are legally distinct from the adult "woman" referenced in precedent in Roe v. Wade. Referring to someone as a "woman" implies independence, while calling them a "girl" implies dependency. By definition, a dependent must be covered by the health insurance plan of a parent or legal guardian.

This legal interpretation also applies to boys and non-binary children, but AB 1184 does not use gender-specific language.

Instead, it uses the term "protected individual" to describe a child incapable of managing their own healthcare plan.

This idea is hardly revolutionary; in fact, it has been reflected in our national healthcare policy for at least a decade. Passed in 2010 by a Democratic Congress under President Barack Obama, the Affordable Care Act requires healthcare providers to make coverage available until dependents reach age 26.

Despite the ACA's obvious benefits for children and young adults, it comes with one obvious drawback. Imagine, for example, Jonathan: a married 25-year-old man who has chain-smoked since middle school. Jonathan has lived with his wife and supported himself since age 18. Despite his wife's objections, Jonathan's smoking lands him in the hospital requiring a rare lung surgery. Now, the couple must default on their home loans to pay his medical bills, until magically, Jonathan's parents' insurance plan (which he is still on), decides to cover the cost. And, since Jonathan is an adult, he does not have to disclose any medical records to his parents — who are understandably furious and confused as to why their premiums have increased.

This very principle is my greatest objection to AB 1184. Just as Jonathan's parents bear the burden of his misfortune, the parents of children who receive abortions without their knowledge or consent may wonder why their healthcare premiums became more expensive.

Additionally, many insurance plans do not cover pediatric abortions because they are so uncommon. This makes the situation even worse for children who try to navigate our complicated medical system without guidance to undergo a completely preventable procedure.

I use the term "preventable" not because I am unsympathetic to unwanted child pregnancy, but because California law formally maintains that these conceptions should not exist. The state's age of consent is 18, so anyone who engages in sex with a minor (including another minor) is committing statutory rape.

In other words, the California Assembly seems to be sending the following message to children by passing AB 1184: "It is illegal for you to have sex in our state. But if you decide to do it anyway and conceive a child, you can now use another law we passed to expand your rights

However, with the lack of adult oversight enabled by AB 1184, I find myself worried about the fundamental rights of every healthcare consumer in California.

beyond your parents' healthcare plan."

Practically speaking, AB 1184 is unlikely to be very consequential. Thanks to improved sex education and contraceptive accessibility, teen abortion rates in the U.S. have been dropping for quite some time. Gone are the days of risky, under-the-table abortions like the one obtained by 15-year-old "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" protagonist Stacy Hamilton.

However, with the lack of adult oversight enabled by AB 1184, I find myself worried about the fundamental rights of every healthcare consumer in California. In the spirit of "Fast Times," I worry that it could create many more Stacy Hamiltons.

An 'interview' with Frank Lanterman

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Note: Frank Lanterman has been dead since 1981. Thus, his role is a reconstruction of him from sources and as a mouthpiece of reform to the bill which bears his name. This reconstruction must be understood as such.

Jacob Ningen: Mr. Lanterman, what was the purpose of the Bill you authored with Mr. Petris and Mr. Short?

Mr. Lanterman (R-Pasadena): The purpose of our bill was to reform mental health. We believed that the current state of the institutions is barbaric and a trampling of the public liberties of those considered mentally ill. Furthermore, we rejected the practice of institutionalizing people without proper cause like being LGBTQIA+, voting for Dave Kaplovitz or just being the eccentric relative whose family was waiting for them to die. For that purpose, we sponsored the Lanterman Petris Short Act, which would prioritize outpatient care and restrict the means of committing people to psychiatric wards.

Jacob Ningen: So, Brittney Spears would not fall under a 5150 hold?

Lanterman (R-Pasadena): No. We restrict ourselves to involuntary holds where the patient is a clear and present danger to themselves or others or is not capable of supporting themselves.

Jacob Ningen: Even though Ms. Spears' case does not fall under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, would you agree that if she is telling the truth, her father is abusing the conservatorship power?

Lanterman (R-Pasadena): Absolutely. Since she was performing during this period, she is clearly capable of providing for herself and she is not a clear and present danger to others. Thus, under 5150, an involuntary hold is impermissible. Furthermore, the purpose of our legislation was integration not isolation. Control of reproductive health does not fall under the purview as it neither affects a grave inability to function, nor clear or present dangers to Ms. Spears or others. Thus, if Ms. Spears were under 5150, Mr. Spears actions would be grounds to request another conservator. Furthermore, under 5150 and even under other conservatorships, a 72 hour, 14 day or yearly court proceeding is needed to determine if the treatment is still effective or necessary. Ms. Spears has been fighting her father for the last year. Thus, in light of how Mr. Spears has been abusing the conservatorship relationship, Ms. Spears should be put under another conservator or released from the condition of conservatorship altogether.

Jacob Ningen: Mr. Lanterman, what

would you do differently if you could rewrite your law?

Lanterman (R-Pasadena): Firstly, I and likely Petris and Short would prioritize ensuring that the outpatient care is properly funded. We intended for mental health care to be shifted from hospitals to outpatient care. Obviously, this failed. In hindsight, we should have verified that the film, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, was an accurate depiction of mental hospitals. We did not intend to leave mentally ill individuals on the street or have them be criminalized. Another method not addressed in our bill was to ensure that the soothing system was used in mental hospitals instead of other methods. That is, insist on the delusion being true. If a person believes they are a chicken, give them nothing but birdseed. Following Poe, we must make the necessary adjustments, especially with cases like Adam Lanza or Charles Whitman. We must not, however, return to the old patterns of defaulting to institutionalization. We can tie this to police reform by shifting the role of helping the mentally ill from police officers to mental health professionals.

Jacob Ningen: Thank you, Mr. Lanterman

Senator Lanterman (R-Pasadena): Thank you.

You're probably wrong about the Soviet Union

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The Soviet Union is a state that is very often vilified in the Western world. This is easy to understand. Since its emergence in 1923 after a bloody civil war, it was a primary antagonist to Western capitalism and imperialism.

But this was not just a state opposed to Western capitalism, it was also anti-democratic and abusive to its people. Very often it is paired with Nazi Germany as one of the primary examples of an abusive and repressive state in modern times. Therefore, the subsequent Cold War and military contest with the USSR was also framed as a battle of freedom against communist dictatorship.

Before continuing, it must be said that despite the rhetoric, this cannot be taken as a true motivation for the West in opposing the USSR. The United States and the rest of NATO backed immensely repressive regimes during the Cold War including Nicaragua, Iran, South Vietnam and Indo-

nesia. Therefore, the democracy argument fails to account for the West's actual stances and actions against the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, the framing of the Soviet Union as a dictatorship fails to investigate the true mechanisms of the Soviet government and shows a refusal to resist traditional narratives. This goes for other ideas assumed about the Soviet Union including the idea that people were often hungry or starving, the society was economically backward and that the Soviets cared for nothing but world domination. These are the main misconceptions I hope to clear up.

How did the Soviet government function? If left to popular understanding it functioned by top down decree and no decision could be questioned or amended. This is a falsehood. The Soviet government had, much like the United States, a representative form of government.

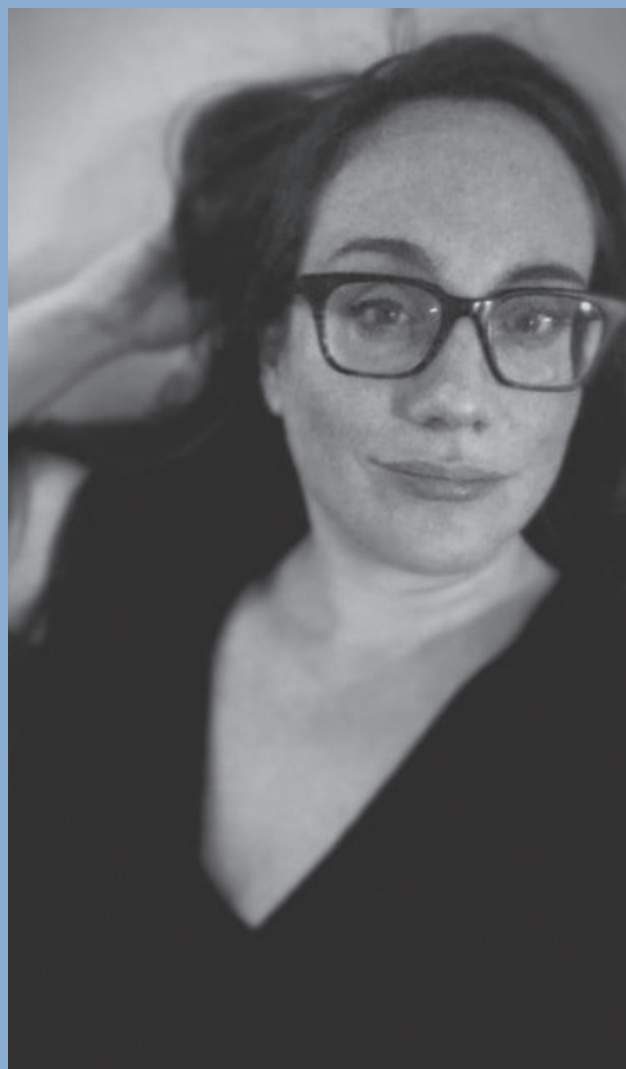
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Life

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UConn Creative Writing Program hosts inspiring alumni poetry reading



MEGHAN MAGUIRE DAHN



MATTHEW CAREY SALYER

Wife and husband duo, Meghan Maguire Dahn and Matthew Carey Salyer, are both UConn alumni and poets. The two also teach English and are successful writers; Dahn recently won the Burnside Review's 2021 "Book Press Award" for her work, "Domain."

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The Creative Writing Program at the University of Connecticut welcomed back two alumni poets for a reading of their recent work followed by a Q&A on how to be successful in the realm of writing poetry on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Megan Maguire Dahn along with husband, Matthew Carey Salyer, read several pieces that included different types of rhyming and writing techniques, with Salyer including some powerful pieces from his recently published book, "Ravage and Snare," and Dahn reading pieces from her book of poetry, "Domain."

Dahn recently won the Burnside Review's 2021 "Book Press Award" for "Domain," which includes rich imagery of the environment, specifically highlighting the wilderness of the town of Mansfield, Connecticut where she grew up.

Although Dahn and Salyer are professionally successful in their writing and English teaching careers, they were very candid when discussing the financial challenges that come with writing poetry.

"Although you may not make a lot of money from solely writing poetry, I think that can be very freeing," Dahn told students at the reading. "There is a lack of pressure that allows your creativity to flow and write what you want to write about."

Dahn and Salyer started as classmates in the Creative Writing Program at UConn, and have both gone on incredible journeys as adults since their time spent in Storrs.

UConn creative writing Professor Penelope Pelizzon who also attended the event on Wednesday evening said it has been delightful to watch the two poets' writing styles grow over the past few years, as she, and many others in the program, have been following Dahn and Salyer's work since they were students.

Pelizzon explained the importance for current students who are interested in a future of writing poetry to start by meeting other student writers to get inspiration for writing pieces and to get new reading recommendations to broaden their poetic horizons.

"For any student interested in creative writing, immersing yourself into a place where you are reading a lot, writing a lot and pushing to learn those skills is the first step to becoming better," Pelizzon said.

When writing poetry, it is important to create a "sense of place," or an immersive setting in a piece to intrigue readers in the story being told. Salyer and Dahn delved into the challenges of fulfilling this technique through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's difficult to not be able to write about traveling to a new

and exciting place," Dahn said. "However, the sense of place I normally create in my writing comes from the life inside my home and stories from my childhood and how I grew up."

Pelizzon said that she admires the specific imagery Dahn forms within her work, and the carefully chosen syntax that Salyer inputs into his writing.

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PROFESSOR PENELOPE PELIZZON,
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Sean Forbes, the director of UConn's Creative Writing Program said he hopes the English Department can host these poets and others again throughout the school year to give students inspiration for their own work and poetic drive.

Students who are interested in the Creative Writing Program at UConn can visit their website for more information on courses and events the program will be holding.



Life

‘Afghanistan and the course of the US empire’ analyzes military doctrines, Vietnam War and racism

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The recent situation in Afghanistan following President Biden's decision to evacuate U.S. troops has been an ongoing story for the past month, instigating a multitude of questions regarding the now damaged reputation of the U.S., changes in foreign policy, implications for the people of Afghanistan and the rise of Taliban government. To answer these questions, the University of Connecticut American Studies program organized a virtual Zoom discussion titled “Afghanistan And The Course Of U.S. Empire,” on Wednesday evening, co-sponsored by Middle East Studies and Asian and Asian American Studies.

The session was moderated by American studies Director Chris Vials, who introduced the three panelists featured: Gilbert Achcar, professor of development studies and international relations at the University of London; Quan Tran, senior lecturer and senior program coordinator in the ethnicity, race and migration program at Yale University; and Robert Vitalis, a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Achcar was the first to speak about his thoughts on the situation. He started by referring to former President George W. Bush's launch of the War on Terror as a “total failure,” mentioning that the U.S.'s biggest defeat was not actually Afghanistan, but Iraq. Despite this, Achcar went on to explain how the war on terror actually managed to revive traditional military perspectives that were thought to be abandoned following the Vietnam War.

“The key issue here is that the whole cycle of the war against terror was a sharp break with the U.S.-revised military doctrine of the post-Vietnam period,” Achcar said. “Especially during the Reagan years, you had a reconsideration of a number of things which were based on the idea that the U.S. should not get bogged down in protracted war or occupation. Instead, it should use its massive force, its massive power to crush any enemy or would-be enemy and strike from a distance — distant strikes using the new technologies of smart weapons.”

Achcar continued by applying this idea to the actions of past and current U.S. leaders.

“The issue is that we have seen progressively a return to the old doctrine, manifested in the atti-

tudes of both Barack Obama and Donald Trump, between which there is much more continuity than discontinuity in this regard — in regard of the military doctrine, of the U.S. projection of power abroad,” Achcar said. “Both had very clear reluctance regarding any deployment of troops underground in any kind of massive way and both had a special taste for distant strikes, including drones. We know that Obama intensified the use of drones far beyond what Bush had done and Trump continued. Trump and Biden were keen on showing their readiness to use missile strikes in Syria during the first months of their presidencies. So we are seeing a return to that kind of perspective that was elaborated after Vietnam, which is basically an intensive use of remote warfare.”

Tran, on the other hand, mostly paralleled the incidents in Afghanistan to incidents of the Vietnam War. She talked about the specific narrative of loss that has become prevalent when discussing Afghanistan in the media, which according to her, is an inaccurate way of phrasing it.

“This is a pattern that you could see in terms of the Vietnam War, where it was a war that also lasted

in the two-decade range and then at some point, the interest [was] not there any longer,” Tran said. “So this loss is a loss that [was] very much calculated [by] the U.S. I also wanted to emphasize that in withdrawing in the manner that it has, the U.S. didn't lose Afghanistan. I think the verb would be ‘abandoned.’ Abandonment is a sentiment that I think is important to also consider.”

Tran's thoughts on viewing the civilian evacuation of Afghanistan were accompanied by further comparisons to the Vietnam War.

“Thinking as a Vietnamese American and a child of refugees, the scene[s] of evacuation in Afghanistan that we all saw in August were really eerily familiar and heartbreaking to someone like me because there are so many parallels in those particular images,” Tran said. “I think the media also kind of framed it in that way for us because I think the memory of Vietnam is still very raw and in a way, I think it percolates the imagination in how we are to relate this particular moment to moments of the past.”

Vitalis, who was the last to speak, focused on the differing reactions of the U.S. toward the end of his own segment. He called out

much of the reasoning used by public commentators as — according to John Hobson's great grandson's definition — racism.

“The core of racism is the idea of defective agency; of in this case, Afghans,” Vitalis said. “For the so-called liberal internationalists inside and outside the Biden administration, the failure of the state building project and the ignominious defeat by the Taliban is to be laid where? At the feet of Afghans themselves. We're not the problem — or so it is imagined ... ‘The leadership was corrupt’ and so forth. ‘We tried, but what can you do?’ Now, you can hear the sophisticated version of this on Ben Rhodes' podcast, ‘Pod Saves the World,’ or the less sophisticated version that at its extreme goes, ‘Those Afghans are just unwilling to fight for their country.’ And I cannot tell you how many people have told me that in the past few weeks. That's an argument of course that ignores the 80,000 or so lives lost in the past few years in the fighting. This is just one more instance of what I call the liberal internationalist's fable, which assumes transparency, honesty, good faith and superior capacity on the part of the U.S. and that always ends in disenchantment.”

#ThisIsAmerica panel discusses the importance and value of teaching Critical Race Theory in schools

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University of Connecticut alumni, staff and students gathered Wednesday evening for the #ThisIsAmerica: Critical Race Theory in Schools panel. The panel, featuring five professionals, one of which was a moderator, discussed critical race theory and its importance, especially in today's school system.

Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez, superintendent of Hartford Public Schools and UConn alum, hosted and moderated the panel discussion, which consisted of Professor Nadiyah Humber, associate professor at UConn Law, Dr. Alexandra Freidus, assistant profes-

sor of educational leadership, Dr. Paul Freeman, superintendent of Guilford Public Schools and Dr. Saran Stewart, professor of higher education and student affairs and director of global education.

The panel focused on the specific concept of critical race theory.

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DR. PAUL FREEMAN ON WHY CRT SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

Dr. Stewart describes CRT as a “body of legal scholarship and a movement of critical civil rights activists and researcher's research.”

She states that it has two overarching ideals. The first is to understand how the regime of White supremacy and its systems use policies and regulations to support the racial subordination of people of color. The second aim is to learn how

to change and “dismantle oppression all together,” she said.

One of the many topics within CRT is the inclusion of it in K-12 curriculums. Currently, there is little to no evidence that CRT is being taught in schools, which Dr. Freeman confirms in his own Guilford school district. In fact, he says the discussion was opened due to concerns about it not being taught in schools, and before that there was no conversation regarding CRT.

Dr. Freeman provides insight on why he believes CRT should be taught in schools and how it can aid in a more welcoming and inclusive environment.

“It's the acknowledgement that there is more than one story,” he said. “Our students come to our classrooms with different backgrounds, with diverse experiences from diverse families.”

He states that by presenting simply one story and one narrative, no matter the subject, will leave one group of students feeling recognized and the other marginalized.

While these panelists do believe in teaching CRT, not everyone does. Some individuals hold the opinion that teaching the racist history of the United States of America can be damaging and traumatic. Dr. Freidus sheds light on why it's such an important subject to discuss, rather than run away from.

“If you don't recognize that children and their families and their communities are dealing with the racialized realities in our society, there is no way to provide them with an equitable education, there is no way to include them,” she said. “You are saying that you want them to not be able to talk about or process or critically assess their actual lived experiences.”

The teaching of these subjects is not meant to bring shame to white students or victimize black and brown students, but rather to have an understanding of the history of the United States.

“White children, like all American citizens, have an obligation to understand our country, and

if we want to become that more perfect union we have to understand where we came from,” said Dr. Freeman.

In Guilford, students participate in a project called the “Witness Stones,” where students examine the lives and contributions of actual enslaved individuals in Guilford, Conn. Rather than only studying about slavery in the South, students are learning about it at a hyper-local level. At the end of the experience, the students implement a Witness Stone to commemorate the individual's life.

While it can be intimidating initially for teachers who themselves do not feel knowledgeable enough to teach about CRT, they will be (hopefully) given endless support.

“I want educators to know that there are national efforts as well that are happening,” said Professor Humber. “Of course, our educators are supported.”

#THISISAMERICA

Thirsty Thursday

Get boo-zy with these festive fall cocktails

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It's that time of the year. Just like that, summer is behind us, and the crisp fall air has crept in. In the blink of an eye, the leaves will take on the colors of autumn. Fall fashion and pumpkin picking are both quickly flooding my Instagram feed. Although I will miss the warm air of summer, there is something so cozy about fall that warms my soul - even as the weather starts to get a little chilly. Let's raise a toast to fall with this week's Thirsty Thursday.

APPLE CIDER MIMOSAS

Last weekend, my roommates and I kicked off fall with a spin-off of the classic mimosa. All you need is fresh apple cider, champagne, caramel sauce and cinnamon sugar. The apple cider provides a refreshing taste and the caramel gives the perfect balance of sweetness with every sip. You'll want to line your glass with the caramel before pouring in the liquid components.

To start off, fill caramel sauce in a bowl and dip your glass into it so the caramel lines the outside rim of the glass. Then, take another bowl and fill it with cinnamon sugar. Take the caramel-dipped glass and dip it into the cinnamon sugar so the sugar sticks to the caramel. Once you have your decked-out glass, you can now add the fun part - the booze. Grab the champagne and fill the glass about halfway - or a little more, if you are feeling frisky. Top the rest of the glass off with the fresh apple cider, give it a stir and you are good to go!

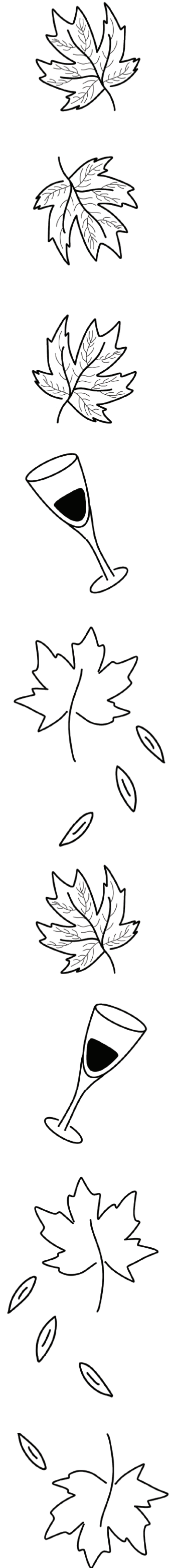
PUMPKIN SPICE WHITE RUSSIAN COCKTAIL

My roommate has an interesting obsession with White Russians, so I am using her as my inspiration for this fall cocktail. The Cookie Rookie has a recipe for two glasses of a pumpkin spice White Russian cocktail, and it seems delicious. This may not be what I would choose to pregame a night out with friends, but it is definitely the perfect cozy drink if you and your friends want to spend the night in. This drink also has a decorative rim, so you are going to want to start off with that before adding in any of the liquids.

For the rim, you will need three ingredients: pumpkin pie spice, sugar and crushed graham crackers. Take one teaspoon of the pumpkin pie spice, one teaspoon of sugar and three teaspoons of the crushed graham cracker and mix them together in a bowl. Take your two glasses, dip them in water, then dip them into the graham cracker mixture. Use your hand to press the mixture against the glass to make it stick better.

The liquid aspect of this drink can be made in a cocktail shaker, but if you don't have that, just give it a good stir! The drink part of this cocktail involves four ingredients: vodka, pumpkin spice creamer, Kahlua and whipped cream to top it off. Pour three ounces (two shots) of vodka, three ounces of pumpkin spice creamer and one and a half ounces (one shot) of Kahlua into the shaker, add ice and shake it up. Pour this mixture into the two graham cracker-coated glasses. Add some whipped cream and sprinkle some pumpkin pie spice to the top if you want to get extra fancy, and enjoy!

Both of these drinks are the perfect way to kick off the fall and are absolutely delicious.



Opinion StudyBreak

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Between the Buckley and Shippee Residence Halls, the rock is painted in honor of National Suicide Prevention Week. PHOTO BY CAMPBELL KARANIAN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

You may have been misled about the USSR

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Soviets were worker councils, sort of like unions but with administrative control over localities. These existed before the revolution in 1917. The process involved Soviets at local levels electing representatives to the district level who would then elect representatives at the national level. All of these representatives were subject to recall at any time and anyone could run for a position. These positions were not for life and there was a system of checks and balances in place for the different organs of government.

Lastly, one did not need to be a Communist Party member to run. Yes. That is correct. For example, in the 1937 elections, nearly 1/4 of those elected were not members of the Communist Party. While the system had flaws and there were cases where democratic mechanisms were not developed to the utmost, to say that there was none at all is equally false.

To end off, I need only show an official CIA document from after the death of Stalin where they admit that to see the Soviet Union as a totalitarian dictatorship is not true. They say that while Stalin's powers were wide, they were not total and that he was merely a, "captain of a team."

The question of hunger and poverty in the Soviet Union is another commonly held belief. It is said that food was not guaranteed and that the people lived in poor conditions compared to the West and that basic goods that were taken for granted in the West were luxuries in the Soviet Union. While this idea contains some truth, namely that the USSR was lacking in some of the comforts of life compared to the West, it is still not the whole story.

In 1917, Russia was a 90% peasant country where wooden plows were common in agriculture, most of the country had no electricity and famine had been endemic for centuries. Forty years later, the Soviet Union was a modern and industrial society using modern equipment for agriculture, had a fully electrified society, had not had a famine for 25 years and was sending satellites into space. The true comparison that should be made is two countries who started in a similar position to the USSR.

Imagine comparing United States to India and then using

the United States' advancements in certain areas to make broad claims. Was the comparison even fair? When comparisons are made between the USSR and nations that started with a similar level of development, the ability of Soviet socialism to provide a better quality of life is made clear.

This trend is not just true of the USSR. In a 1986 economic study S. Cereseto and H. Waitzkin concluded that when starting from a similar level of development, socialist countries tended to provide a better quality of life than their capitalist counterparts. Education, housing, healthcare, public transportation, etc. were all free. Once again, I will cite a different CIA document, this one from 1983 where they say that Soviet nutrition may actually have been better than the average US citizen.

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With all of this being said, if one had to choose between living in the Soviet Union or a randomly selected capitalist country and your goal was to have the best quality of life, you would likely choose the Soviet Union.

Lastly, the world domination idea. It is alleged that the Soviet leadership and government only cared about extending its reach over the entire globe and sought to turn the world into its slaves. This is utterly ridiculous. The Soviet Union sought to spread communism. That much is true. Yet, its final aim was not to dominate the communist movement. In 1920, Lenin argued that the position of Russian leadership of the movement was because of circumstance and not design. The other revolutions in Finland, Germany and Hungary were crushed. Russia was the only state where the revolution had succeeded. This obviously granted them a level of authority as someone in power obviously has more power than

someone who is not.

A communist party not in power was not going to lead the movement when there was a communist party in power. Furthermore, Lenin states that if revolution was to happen in a more advanced country (Germany, France, UK, US, etc.), Russia would no longer be the leader of the communist movement. This truth escapes the notion that the Russian communists wanted worldwide domination over all as their ultimate prize.

Furthermore, one cannot ignore the Soviets' support of progressive struggles all over the world, even if they were not communist in nature. For example, the communist Ho Chi Minh who would eventually lead the Vietnamese independence struggle, was a COMINTERN (Communist International) agent since the 1930's. He got training in Moscow (along with revolutionaries from other nations) to organize resistance in their home countries. Keep in mind, this was decades before the subject of Vietnamese independence was in sight? How did supporting the independence of the colonies of the world at all immediately benefit the USSR? If global domination of all was their goal, would they not have tried to overthrow the most powerful governments in the world first?

Secondly, not all of the movements they supported were communist ones. They supported the FLN in Algeria, the Palestinian independence struggle and numerous independence movements in Africa. Without the massive military, technical and financial support they gave, it is unclear whether these movements would have been able to succeed. All over the world from Angola to Algeria and from Vietnam to Chile, movements that supported the improvement of the lives of their own people regardless of ideology were supported.

One last thought I want to leave you with is this: How many times has the traditional narrative of history not been what you were taught? From Columbus to the Founding Fathers to Civil Rights and beyond, how often has the narrative we were taught in school been proven to be untrue or severely slanted in America's favor? Then, ask yourself another question. If a country is not honest about its own history, why would it be honest about a country that opposed it?

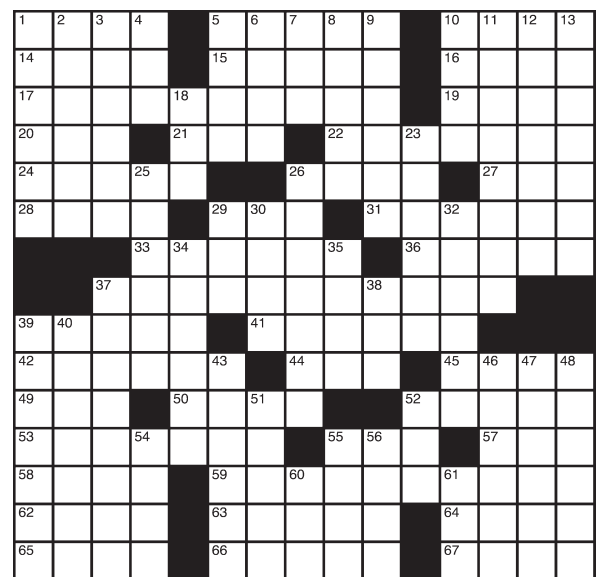
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- 15 Speed skater Ohio
- 16 Like webs
- 17 "Fancy" (2014) singer
- 19 Sent up
- 20 Bro, to sis
- 21 Seminarian's subj.
- 22 "November Rain" lead singer
- 24 Back-pocket booze holder
- 26 One being hunted
- 27 Org. concerned with secrets
- 28 Barcelona-born muralist
- 29 Fiver
- 31 Show in a theater
- 33 "How chic!"
- 36 Tears
- 37 "Whole Lotta Love" lead singer
- 39 Silvery food fish
- 41 Most mature
- 42 Handkerchief alternative
- 44 Its capital is Sydney; Abbr.
- 45 End of a classic palindrome
- 49 Very old; Abbr.
- 50 Metallic residue
- 52 Award-winning '80s-'90s soap opera actress Deborah
- 53 "Walk on the Wild Side" singer
- 55 Venomous snake
- 57 Trendy boot brand
- 58 Pulitzer-winning author James
- 59 "Johnny B. Goode" singer
- 62 Hanks Oscar role
- 63 Oscar winner Marisa
- 64 Jessica of "Hitchcock"
- 65 Dates
- 66 Surgery souvenirs
- 67 George Eliot's "Adam "

DOWN

- 1 Dover attraction
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- 3 "The Seventh Seal" director Bergman
- 4 Word before and after "oh"
- 5 Totally destroy
- 6 Autumn gemstone
- 7 Web pioneer
- 8 Golf-friendly forecast
- 9 Counterfeits
- 10 Former Russian ruler
- 11 Other side
- 12 Didn't know, but got it right
- 13 Quechua speakers
- 18 Genesis transport
- 23 Stretchy fibers
- 25 Your legs may not touch the ground when you're on them
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- 34 Over 90 degrees, in a way
- 35 Pixel purchases



By Yoni Glatt and Dani Raymon

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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NLRB memo: College football players are employees

(AP) College athletes who earn millions for their schools are employees, the National Labor Relations Board's top lawyer said in guidance released Wednesday that would allow players at private universities to unionize and negotiate over their working conditions.

NLRB General Counsel Jennifer Abruzzo also threatened action against schools, conferences and the NCAA if they continue to use the term "student-athlete," saying that it was created to disguise the employment relationship with college athletes and discourage them from pursuing their rights.

"The freedom to engage in far-reaching and lucrative business enterprises makes players at academic institutions much more similar to professional athletes who are employed by a team to play a sport," Abruzzo wrote.

In a statement, the NCAA disputed the characterization of its athletes as employees and said that its member schools and conferences "continue to make great strides in modernizing rules to benefit college athletes."

"College athletes are students who compete against other students, not employees who compete against other employees," said the nation's largest college sports governing body, with oversight of some 450,000 athletes. "Like other students on a college or university campus who receive scholarships, those who participate in college sports are students. Both academics and athletics are part of a total educational experience that is unique to the United States and vital to the holistic development of all who participate."

Abruzzo's memo does not immediately alter the dynamic between the schools and their athletes, who can receive scholarships and limited cost of attendance funding in exchange for playing sports. Instead, it is legal advice for the NLRB should a case arise.

That could be triggered by an effort by a team to unionize, a claim of an unfair labor practice or even by a school continuing to refer to a player

as a "student-athlete," Abruzzo said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It just perpetuates this notion that players at academic institutions are not workers that have statutory protection," she said. "It is chilling workers' rights to engage with one another to improve their terms and conditions of employment."

Gabe Feldman, the director of the

employee: someone who performs services for an institution and is subject to its control.

The NLRB has authority only over private schools; public university athletes would have to look to state legislatures or Congress for workplace protections. But the NCAA and the conferences could be viewed as co-employers, Abruzzo told the AP.

"If they're engaged in commerce

limit education-related benefits while hinting at the end of the NCAA's business model. A few weeks later the organization, under pressure from multiple states, cleared the way for athletes to earn money based on their celebrity.

Since March, the NCAA has also faced criticism over the disparity between the resources, branding and support afforded its men's and wom-

en themselves once they did.

"Players at academic institutions have gained more power as they better understand their value in generating billions of dollars in revenue for their colleges and universities, athletic conferences, and the NCAA," she wrote.

"And this increased activism and demand for fair treatment has been met with greater support from some coaches, fans, and school administrators. Players at academic institutions who engage in concerted activities to improve their working conditions have the right to be protected from retaliation."

The nine-page NLRB memo revisited a case involving Northwestern football players who were thwarted from forming a union when the board in 2015 said that taking their side "would not promote stability in labor relations."

Much has changed since then, including the collective social justice awakening and the Supreme Court's Alston decision that Abruzzo said "clearly stated that this was a for-profit enterprise and wasn't amateurism."

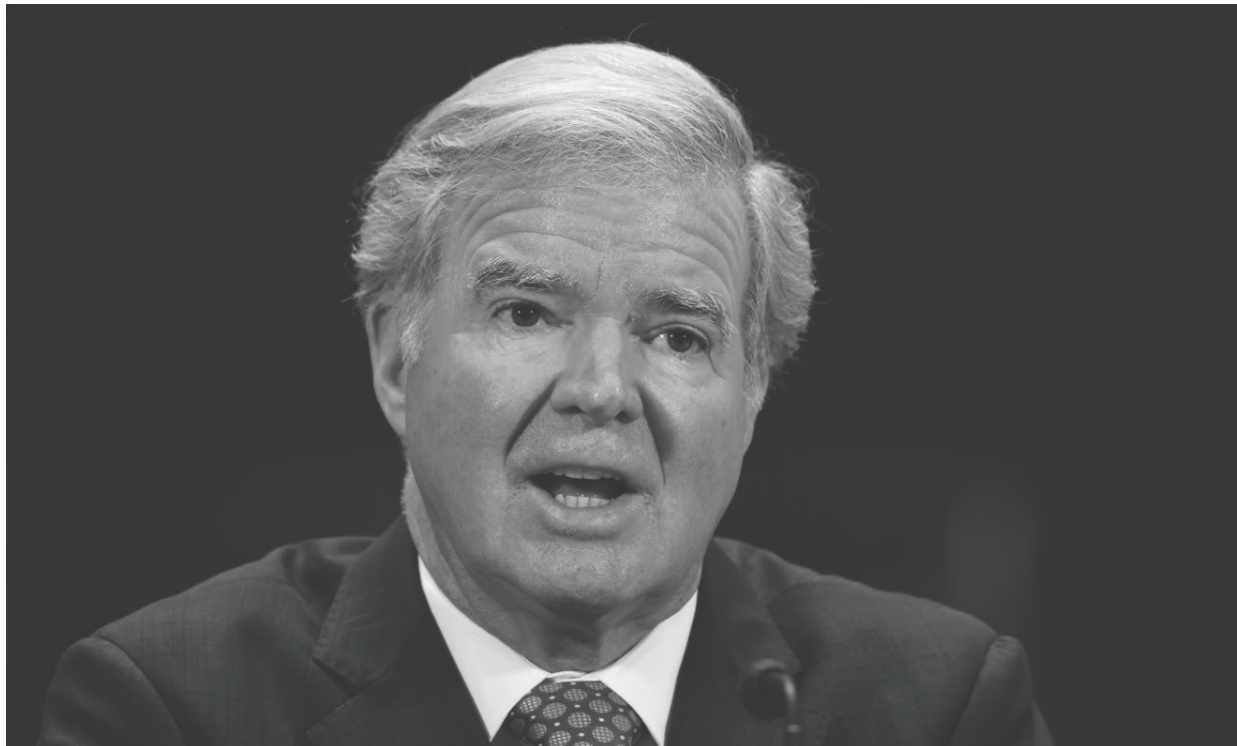
If cases similar to the Northwestern one comes before the NLRB, she said, it could be decided differently.

"I don't think the board can or should punt," she told the AP. "I think we have more information that they are statutory employees."

The memo issued by Abruzzo, who was appointed by President Joe Biden, rescinded a 2017 memo by her predecessor. That memo had, in turn, overturned a memo issued by President Barack Obama's appointee, when Abruzzo was a deputy general counsel.

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey noted that the repeated reversals and conflicting court rulings make it difficult for institutions to plan.

"Considering the resulting uncertainty and to address the many other challenges facing college athletics, we hope that Congress will step in and provide clear and uniform legal standards consistent with recent court decisions," he said.



In this Feb. 11, 2020, NCAA President Mark Emmert testifies during a Senate Commerce subcommittee hearing on intercollegiate athlete compensation on Capitol Hill in Washington. College football players and some other athletes in revenue-generating sports are employees of their schools, the National Labor Relations Board's top lawyer said in a memo Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, that would allow the players to unionize and otherwise negotiate over their working conditions. PHOTO BY SUSAN WALSH/AP

Tulane Sports Law Program, said the memo is "yet another threat" to the NCAA and its business model, which relies on unpaid athletes to reap billions in revenue that is distributed to its 1,200 member schools.

"All signs point to an increasingly at-risk and fragile system of college athletics," he said.

Although football in the five largest conferences is college sports' biggest money-maker, the memo would extend protections to all athletes who meet the legal definition of an em-

ployee in the private sector, they are subject to that statute," she said. "We believe that not only the college but also the conference itself directly and immediately controls the terms and conditions of employment."

The NLRB's new stance — which reinstates an old opinion that had been rescinded during President Donald Trump's administration — is the latest test for the NCAA and the infrastructure of U.S. college sports.

This spring, a unanimous Supreme Court said the NCAA cannot

en's basketball tournaments. The organization is planning to overhaul its constitution, parts of which have been in place for a century.

Abruzzo also wrote that players across the country had engaged in collective action following the killing of George Floyd — action that "directly concerns terms and conditions of employment, and is protected concerted activity." Players likewise banded together during the recent pandemic — both by arguing for games to go forward, and for rules to

Olympic swimmer who stormed Capitol pleads guilty to felony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five-time Olympic swimming medalist Klete Keller pleaded guilty Wednesday to a felony charge for storming the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot and faces 21 to 27 months in prison.

Keller acknowledged in court records that he tried to obstruct Congress' certification of President Joe Biden's Electoral College victory, brushed away officers who tried to remove him from the Capitol Rotunda and yelled profane comments about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer as he stood near officers wearing riot gear.

He also acknowledged throwing away the distinctive U.S. Olympic team jacket he wore during the riot and destroying his phone and memory card containing photos and videos he took inside the Capitol.

Keller, 39, who grew up in Arizona and now lives in Colorado Springs, competed in the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics. He won two golds and a silver as a member of the 800-meter freestyle relay, as well as a pair of individual bronzes in the 400 free.

He pleaded guilty to obstruction of an official proceeding and agreed to cooperate with authorities as part of his plea deal.



This Aug. 12, 2008 shows United States' relay swimmer Klete Keller at the Beijing 2008 Olympics. The five-time Olympic medalist pleaded guilty on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, to a felony charge for storming the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot. Keller faces 21 to 27 months in prison for his guilty plea to obstruction of an official proceeding. PHOTO BY THOMAS KIENZLE/AP

QB battle: Virginia is rolling, as Miami still has questions

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — There's no question who Virginia will start at quarterback. That's not the case with Miami.

The Hurricanes (2-2) open their Atlantic Coast Conference schedule on Thursday night against Virginia (2-2), and will be facing the national leader in passing yards per game so far this season. Virginia's Brennan Armstrong is averaging 426 yards per game, and though it's early, only seven quarterbacks in FBS history have ever finished a season averaging more.

Miami's starter remains a murky proposition. D'Eriq King's shoulder injury is improving, but the Hurricanes still are expected to start either Tyler Van Dyke or Jake Garcia on Thursday night -- after using that combination in last weekend's 69-0 win over lower-division Central Connecticut State.

"Based on the performance on Saturday I don't think either Tyler and Jake deserves not to play if called upon," Miami coach Manny Diaz said. "I think both guys did enough to show that they can move the football team and get us in the end zone."

Armstrong is doing that and more at Virginia.

He has thrown for nearly as many yards this season (1,706) in four games as he did in nine games last season, when he passed for 2,117. He's thrown for at least 300 yards in every game this season, at least 200 yards in each of his last nine going back to last season. The last team that held him under 200 yards was Miami, last October.

"Brennan is our leader. He's the catalyst," Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "There's eight games remaining, and I love who he is, what he is and I want and need his leadership. Our team thrives off of that."

WELCOME BACK — AGAIN

Virginia is playing at Miami for



Virginia quarterback Brennan Armstrong (5) throws the ball during an NCAA college football game against Wake Forest Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, in Charlottesville, Va. PHOTO BY ERIN EDGERTON/AP

a third consecutive season, a quirk that happened because of the way last season's schedule — which originally called for the Hurricanes to visit the Cavaliers — had to be reworked in response to the pandemic.

Things return to normal next year when Miami goes to Virginia.

This marks the first time Virginia is visiting the same opponent in three consecutive seasons since going to Clemson in 1972, 1973 and 1974. It's not the longest such run in Virginia history; the Cavaliers played at Georgetown in eight consecutive seasons from 1906 through 1913.

This is the fourth trip by the Cavaliers to Hard Rock Stadium in the last 23 ½ months; they also played Florida in the Orange Bowl to end the 2019 season, with the Gators prevailing. It all means Virginia has lost more games on the Hurricanes' field since the start of 2019 (going 0-3) than it has at home in that span (going 14-2).

RARE CHANCE

Because of that quirky schedule, Amari Carter and Jonathan Ford

have a chance to enter the record books as the first Miami players to play in four home wins against one opponent.

Both played in the 2017, 2019 and 2020 games against the Cavaliers. Other Miami players have been on the roster that whole time, but Carter and Ford are the only two players credited with appearing in the last three home wins over Virginia.

THE TREND

The last three Miami-Virginia games have been exceptionally low-scoring.

Neither team has hit the 20-point mark in any of those games — Miami won 19-14 last year and 17-9 in 2019, while Virginia prevailed 16-13 in 2018.

Add them up, and the average score of those contests: Miami 16, Virginia 13.

But these two defenses don't look like their recent predecessors. Average score of Hurricane and Cavalier games so far this season: Miami 31-26 and Virginia 35-28.

For the record, Miami-Virginia games all time have an average score of Hurricanes 26, Cavaliers

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UConn Women's Volleyball wins three sets to zero against Seton Hall on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. UConn is now 10-4 after they also won three sets to zero on Saturday against St. Johns.
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The Column: Breaking down the five biggest Big East men's showdowns of the 2021-22 season

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After months of speculation, the Big East conference schedule was finally released on Thursday, Sept. 23. With it, we have an idea of who each Big East team plays and when. Let's look at the five biggest Big East matchups of the season and see why they are going to be spicy ones to watch.

Author's note: Three conference matchups, two non-conference matchups. UConn will be included.

5. St. John's vs. Creighton (Jan. 19)

These two teams have a lot in common.

Creighton lost their entire starting five to the transfer portal and/or the big leagues. They were like a phoenix this offseason; from the ashes of last year's starting lineup comes the 2021 recruiting class, the best in school history. Led by Ryan Nembhard and Arthur Kaluma, the Blue Jays are looking like a very good team in this conference.

On the other side, St. John's lost nearly everyone to the transfer portal, but Julian Champagnie (19.8 PPG) is back to lead the team. The Red Storm have one of the nicest backcourts in the Big East as they also have Freshman of the Year Posh Alexander (10.9 PPG). In the

front court, transfers Aaron Wheeler and Joel Soriano are going to do wonders for a team that brings a competitive edge to the conference.

This game will determine which team is more likely to contend now with a possible Top three team. When it is all said and done, the rest of the Big East should be worried.

4. Villanova vs. UCLA (Nov. 12)

UCLA's run to the Final Four last March made the stakes between these two Top 5 teams even higher.

How could anyone sleep on UCLA now when Johnny Juzang (16.0 PPG) and Tyger Campbell (10.4 PPG) are dominating the best backcourt in the Pac-12? Add Jamie Jaquez Jr. (12.3 PPG, 6.1 RPG) to the mix and you have one of the best big-three groups in all of college basketball.

They will get an early test against Villanova. Jeremiah Robinson-Earl (15.7 PPG and 8.5 RPG) may be gone, but Collin Gillespie (14.0 PPG) and Jermaine Samuels (12.0 PPG) are back hoping to lead the Wildcats to another national title. Add Justin Moore (12.9 PPG) and you may witness a battle of who has the better trio in college hoops.

We didn't expect this game to be early, but the context building up to it has Game of the Week vibes and if all goes well, it may appear again when we get to the Big East Baller

Update.

3. Xavier vs. UConn (Dec. 28)

This will be a contest of two teams that use their frontcourts to win championships.

For Xavier, Zach Freemantle (16.1 PPG, 8.9 RPG) will be a Big East All-First Team selection. He got some big help in Iowa transfer Jack Nunge (7.1 PPG, 5.3 RPG), who is going to take a huge step forward in his production this season. Look for the two skyscrapers (combined 13' 9") to reject anything that comes within two feet of the basket.

UConn brings back the best scoring defense in the conference. Defensive Player of the Year Isaiah Whaley will bring his intimidating defensive play onto the court every single game. He has some great company of his own in Big East All-Rookie member Adama Sanogo (4.8 RPG). If Sanogo stays out of foul trouble, no one in the Big East is dropping 70+ on UConn. They have reinforcements to boot as well as Akok Akok returns from injury and Samson Johnson will be in the defensive scheme as a freshman.

There will not be much in terms of the scoring category, so don't look for anyone to have a 20+ point game. This game will solely be focused on defending your ground. Whoever does it better will come out victorious.

2. Villanova vs. Baylor (Dec. 12)

A rematch of the Sweet 16 from last season, what more could you ask for?

This is where the defending national champions will prove themselves. Jared Butler (16.7 PPG), MaCio Teague (15.9 PPG), Davion Mitchell (14 PPG) and Mark Vital (5.6 PPG, 6.7 RPG) are all gone. That leaves only Flo Thamba as the only starter from last year's title team. He will be accompanied in the frontcourt by Matthew Mayer (8.1 PPG), who returns after considering the NBA. On the wings, you have Adam Flagler and LJ Cryer returning with Arizona transfer James Akinjo hoping to make a big splash to a decent back court.

As for 'Nova, the pieces have already been mentioned, but consider this, Gillespie was hurt when these two teams squared off in March and the Wildcats still kept it close until the end. With Baylor's big core gone and Gillespie fully healthy, the end result could change immensely.

Here are the stakes, if Baylor wins, they are a top 10 team for the rest of the year likely. If Villanova wins, their chances of a projected Final Four run increase tremendously.

1. Villanova vs. UConn (Feb. 5 and Feb. 22)

"It's coming." The biggest rivalry in the Big East this season. Cats vs. Dogs. Both sides bring a strong attack and an even stronger defense.

Offensively, UConn has RJ Cole (12.2 PPG), Jalen Gaffney (6.1 PPG) and Tyler Polley (7.5 PPG, 38.1 percent from three-point range) going up against Villanova's Gillespie, Moore and Caleb Daniels (9.6 PPG). UConn will be looking for their next star player now that James Bouknight has gone pro, and it may fall to wingers like Cole or studs like Polley or Gaffney. The return of Gillespie helps the Wildcats find ways to weave production out of multiple star players from him to Chris Arcidiacono.

Defensively, UConn is led by Whaley and Sanogo while Villanova brings Samuels and either Eric Dixon or Brandon Slater. Villanova is looking for an answer of their own as Robinson-Earl went pro. If both of their top two defenders get into foul trouble early, look for someone on the bench to step and contain the deep threats.

This should be a fun rivalry with neither game leaving an empty seat. The right balance is going to be critical and whoever can take the series will most likely be considered the best team in the Big East.

Mark these dates down in your calendar because these are the five biggest games you do not want to miss. Buckle up; it's going to be a wild ride.

Stratton's College Football ATS Picks

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Greetings, College Football fans! This crazy season is off to quite the hot start (as noted and predicted by my fellow columnist Cole Stefan), with an insane 25 AP Top 25 teams losing already. Last week, I once again went 3-2, which is roughly my goal. I picked the underdog to cover the spread in three out of my five picks, and two of those underdogs won outright (NC State over Clemson and Arkansas over Texas A&M). My other win came in the thrilling UConn loss against Wyoming. I was correct with my pick, but wrong with my reasoning. I thought if UConn kept it close too early, then got blown out, there would be no time to cover the spread in garbage time, but instead they

led for most of the game and nearly tied things at the end, shattering the 29.5 point spread. As we move into this week's action, we have a great slate of games, which should be plenty of fun to pick, but more importantly, watch.

No. 8 Arkansas at No. 2 Georgia (-18.5) (Saturday at noon on ESPN):



This one is perhaps the most intriguing of the week, with Arkansas having an impressive resume, dominating ranked Texas and Texas A&M, while Georgia's only ranked game came against a fraudulent Clemson team that just lost to NC State. Tight end Brock Bowers has been sensational for the

Bulldogs so far, catching four touchdowns in as many contests. Arkansas running back Treylon Smith has a nice ability to punch the ball into the endzone as well, already going for six three times. Given the Razorbacks' performances against the duo of Texas schools, the spread is just too large here. They may not win, but it will certainly be closer than 18.5.

The pick: Arkansas

No. 7 Cincinnati (-2.5) at No. 9 Notre Dame (Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on NBC):

Last week, I questioned how real the Fighting Irish's hype was ahead of their game against Wis-

consin, where they pulled away in the fourth quarter to win by 28. Wide receiver Kevin Austin Jr. played sensationally in that game, catching two touchdowns



despite quarterback Jack Coan's early departure. Coan is supposed to be back this week, which is a positive sign for Notre Dame. Cincinnati, on the other hand, has not played any real competition yet, winning all their games by double digits. Cincinnati QB Desmond Ridder has looked great this year, but take it with a grain of salt. The scene at Notre Dame Stadium will be electric, leading the Irish to not only cover the spread, but also to victory.

The pick: Notre Dame

No. 12 Ole Miss at No. 1 Alabama (-14.5) (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS):

At the end of the day, Alabama can't be anybody but Alabama. Quarterback Bryce Young has absolutely lit up the stat sheet, throwing for 1,124 yards and 15 touchdowns in just four games, two of which came against Top 15 opponents (Miami and Florida). Although dominant, Ole Miss has not played any ranked teams so far, beating Louisville, Austin Peay and Tulane. The Rebels have outscored their opponents 158-62 to this point, but will have trouble continuing.



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UConn Women's Soccer Preview: Huskies look to snap losing streak against Seton Hall

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The UConn women's soccer team looks to snap their two game losing streak and return to winning ways against Seton Hall on Thursday, Sept. 30. at 6 p.m. at the Owen T. Carroll Field.

The Huskies (4-4-0, 0-1-0 Big East) fell to the St John's Red Storm in their first conference match of the season by a score line of 0-3. On the other hand, the Pirates (6-4-0, 1-1-0 Big East) get set for their third conference matchup of the season; they split their first two conference matches of the new campaign, as they beat Villanova 2-1 on Thursday, Sept. 23, but then fell to Butler 1-3 on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Despite being shutout in their previous two matches, UConn does have a multitude of players that can find the back of the net and make life hard for Seton Hall. Forwards Jada Konte and Duda Santin have two goals and one assist to their names, while fellow forward Jaydah Bedoya has one goal and two assists to her name. Finally, midfielder Cara Jordan has one goal and one assist to her name.

Seton Hall has a wide variety

of goal scorers and playmakers as well. Forward Naomi Welch has four goals and three assists, while midfielder Julia Aronov has scored three goals and bagged one assist this season. Midfielders Natalie Tavana and Lauren Hooper have also been vital to Seton Hall's success; Tavana has two goals and three assists to her name, while Hooper has scored twice and bagged one assist this season.

One of the main points of emphasis for Rodriguez after the St. John's match was UConn's play in the final third. "I thought we did well getting the ball up to some of our attacking personalities. We needed to attack the flanks a little better, and get more services into the box. We're relying on a perfect pass," Rodriguez told reporter Katherine Sheridan of UCTV Sports.

Furthermore, Rodriguez was able to find something positive despite the poor performance, and that was the defensive work by sophomore Chloe Landers. "She's new back there, she's a little inexperienced but I thought she had a hell of a game. I give a lot of credit to her; I think she did her job, and I think she just sealed herself a position back there," she told Sheridan.

In their match against the Red Storm, UConn lined up with Kaitlyn Mahoney in goal, and a back-

line that consisted of defenders Chloe Landers, Laci Lewis, Evelyn Arsenault and Jackie Harnett. Lucy Cappadona, Jessica Mazo, Emma Zaccagnini and Cara Jordan lined up in midfield, while Jaydah Bedoya and Duda Santin made up the forward partnership. There is no guarantee, however, that the Huskies will line up with this same starting 11 in the match to come as every starting lineup this season has seen variation.

On the other hand, Seton Hall's starting lineup has remained consistent for most of the season, which means they will most likely line up in the same way they did in their last match against Butler. Grace Gordon would be in goal, while the backline would consist of Lauren DiPietro, Dani Brinckman, Chiara Pucci and Emily Arellano. Laura Hooper, Cara Milne-Redhead, Emma Ramsay and Natalie Tavana would make up the midfield, while Naomi Welch and Sophie Liston would be the forward partnership.

UConn currently sits amongst the bottom three in the Big East table in ninth, while Seton Hall sits in sixth. The Huskies will need to show up against a fiery Pirate squad if they wish to begin their climb toward the top of the mountain.

Keeping up with the ATS Picks

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at their torrid pace. Alabama is proven and just too good to deny in this primetime matchup at home.

The pick: Alabama

No. 21 Baylor at No. 19 Oklahoma State (-3.5) (Saturday at 7:00 p.m. on ESPN2):

Baylor and Oklahoma State are strikingly similar teams this season. Both are undefeated, and they each played their first ranked game last week and won a close matchup. Oklahoma State has excelled at winning close games this season, with their

largest margin of victory sitting at 11 points as seen in their win last week over No. 25 Kansas State. Baylor escaped Iowa State last week in a two-point victory but blew out Kansas and Texas Southern in the preceding weeks. On paper, the matchup looks incredibly even given the tight spread, but the play of Baylor quarterback Gerry Bohanon has been great, with 823 yards and seven touchdowns. Look for the Bears to cover in a very loud Boone Pickens Stadium.

The pick: Baylor

UConn at Vanderbilt

(-14.5) (Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN2):



This game is interesting to say the least. Instagram account CFB Kings referred to the matchup as the "Toilet Bowl", with the Huskies sitting at 128th in ESPN's FPI, compared to Vanderbilt's 121st. After getting dominated for the first four games of the season, UConn turned things around last Saturday, starting freshman Tyler Phommachanh and leading the Huskies to just a two-point loss to Wyoming. The Commodores are not coming off quite the same success, losing 62-0 to No. 2 Georgia last week in a game where they were trailing 35-0 in the first quarter. Vanderbilt also lost to FCS school ETSU early in the season, demonstrating their lack of quality. There isn't really reason to believe the Huskies don't cover here. One team is trending in the right direction, the other is not. Plus, UConn has covered in two straight games under Phommachanh.

The pick: UConn

Stratton's record so far: 6-4 (.600)

PSG-Man City recap: Lionel Messi scores his first goal as a Parisian to lead PSG to victory over

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The city of light became a void of darkness for reigning English and Carabao Cup champions Manchester City, who were shutout by Paris Saint-Germain 2-0 at the Parc Des Princes on Tuesday, Sept. 28 in match day two of the UEFA Champions League group stages.

Pep Guardiola's men entered the Parc with wind in their sails. The team had just defeated reigning European champions Chelsea FC in the Premier League, and were on a five game winning streak in all competitions. In like manner, PSG had won all eight of their opening eight league matches, and were finally beginning to "click" under second year manager Mauricio Pochettino.

The Citizens lined up with Eder-

son in goal, and had a backline that consisted of Kyle Walker, Ruben Dias, Aymeric Laporte and Joao Cancelo. In midfield, Rodrigo Cascante lined up behind Bernardo Silva and Kevin De Bruyne, while the forward partnership consisted of Riyad Mahrez, Raheem Sterling and Jack Grealish.

Paris Manager Mauricio Pochettino's struggle to field the ideal starting 11 was a problem that had plagued the Argentine manager since the start of the new campaign. Multiple formations were experimented with, and various players were shifted around, but there still seemed to be something missing. On Tuesday, he went with what — on paper — was the best possible squad he could field.

Gianluigi Donnarumma made his Champions League debut in goal, while the backline consisted

of Nuno Mendes, Presnel Kimpembe, Marquinhos and Achraf Hakimi. Idrissa Gana Gueye lined up behind a rusty Marco Verratti and a red hot Ander Herrera while the forward partnership consisted of Neymar Jr., Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi.

City immediately started off on the front foot in a move that did not come as a surprise to the majority of football fans due in large part to the fact that The Sky Blues are a possession-based team that will look to score from the offset. Paris would attempt to hit them on the counterattack from time to time, but City's ability to quickly recover the ball after a loss in possession made this task very difficult.

Finally, in the eighth minute of the match, the Parisians were able to catch Pep's men out of position. Messi was in City's final

third when he found Mbappe, who played a give-and-go with fullback Achraf Hakimi. Right as the ball was about to reach the end line, Mbappe cut it back towards the 18 yard box. Neymar would miss-hit the ball, but Gueye was right there to control the ball and smash it into the top right corner to give PSG the early lead.

However, City would not fold that easily. In the 26th minute, Grealish found De Bruyne right outside Paris' 18 yard box. The Belgian proceeded to play a one touch cross into the box which was headed against the crossbar by Sterling. Silva was right there to put the rebound into the back of an empty net (as Donnarumma was on the ground after attempting to save the header), but the Portuguese international inexplicably hit the crossbar again. Parisian center back Marquinhos was then able to clear the ball and take the pressure off of the defense.

Possession would continue to be dominated by City throughout both halves, as they finished the match with 54 percent possession in comparison to Paris' percent. Nevertheless, no matter how hard they tried, they could not find their way past a stubborn PSG defense. Moreover, when they did get past the defense, Donnarumma would be right there to keep any potential shots out of the net. In total, the Italian international made seven saves and had six punches.

Paris continued to attempt and catch the Citizens on the counter attack many times throughout the second half, but once again failed to be efficient in the final third. Then, in the 74th minute, "Les Parisiens" were able to catch City out of position for the second time in the match. Messi would receive a ball from Verratti in his own half; the Argentine would then dribble toward the City penalty box while Hakimi made a run to draw a defender away from the area. "La Pulga" would then play a give-and-go with Mbappe at the top of the box before smashing it into the top right corner to score PSG's second of the night, and his first ever goal for the club in all competitions.

"I'm very happy to have scored. I haven't played much recently. I'm gradually adapting to my new team, to my teammates. What is important is to have won and continue to grow," Messi told French

media outlet Canal+.

Messi's goal completely took the wind out of City's sails and killed any hope of a comeback. The referee would blow his final whistle 20 minutes later, and PSG would record their first ever win against City in the Champions League.

"I celebrated Leo's goal. I usually keep my emotions inside. I've spent years watching him score goals for the opposition, but this time I got to celebrate on the right side," Pochettino told French media outlet RMC Sport.

Furthermore, the Argentine manager discussed his overall thoughts on the match with RMC Sport. "I'm happy because the team was able to control the phases of the game when they were under pressure. We were able to suffer when Manchester City dominated us, and the team did the job well together," he said.

The match's opening goal scorer, Gueye, expanded on the overall strategy going into the squad's monumental clash. "We knew it was not going to be an easy game and we were able to defend well, play on the counterattack, and sometimes keep the ball and have opportunities to score," he said.

Donnarumma was able to secure a clean sheet in his first ever Champions League match; he analyzed his debut with Sky Italia. "I was dreaming of such a start in the Champions League. To play with such champions at PSG is really incredible, they help you a lot, they make you grow," he said.

Finally, Guardiola gave a brief but accurate synopsis of the match to PA Media sports journalist Andy Hampson. "The quality they [PSG] have is fantastic. Everyone knows it. We did a good game, but we should have scored goals and we didn't," he said.

PSG has now leapfrogged itself into first place in Group A with four points, while Belgian side Club Brugge sits in second and has four points as well. City now sits in third with three points, while German side RB Leipzig sits in fourth with zero points.

Paris now prepares to take on Stade Rennais in Ligue 1 on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7 a.m., while City returns to Premier League action against Liverpool FC on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 11:30 a.m. in what will be a can't miss match.



Idrissa Gueye of Paris Saint-Germain celebrate his goal with Lionel Messi and Nuno Mendes during the UEFA Champions League group A match between Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City at Parc des Princes. PSG has now leapfrogged itself into first place in Group A with four points, while Belgian side Club Brugge sits in second and has four points as well. PHOTO BY BENOIT TESSIER/REUTERS



Sports

Ashton's Thoughts: Worlds group draw promotes chaos this year

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So...I'm sorry Rogue?
Last Tuesday, I wrote a column discussing how the groups at this World Championship could prove to be a little more on the volatile side. The promotion of the PCS' first seed, PSG Talon, allowed for a little more flexibility and the chance for some odd groups especially given North America no longer has a team picked first.
And well...Odd is what we've gotten, and it comes more than a little at the expense of Rogue, the third seed from Europe. They've gotten what is absolutely their worst-case scenario; a group with defending world champions Damwon and 2019 world champions FunPlus Phoenix.
There's no possibility of having a group that is more of a group of death. To make it even worse, Cloud9 would have this group as one of their two options if they make it through the play-ins, cementing that this could legitimately be the worst group of death in World Championship history.

However, it gets even worse for Cloud9 as Group C, the only other group without a North American team is already the only group without a Korean team. That means all that has to happen to lock Cloud9 into the group of death is HLE making it through to the main event. They would have to go into Group C, which would leave A as the only remaining option for Cloud9.
Group two, headed by EDward Gaming of the LPL, is a little more strange. The group added 100 Thieves, which is not a team ex-

pected to be that successful, from the second seeds and then T1 from the LCK. This group has two teams who are exceptionally good, but it also has the weak 100 Thieves and, if the favorites win the play-ins, would also get Beyond Gaming.
That group is really only a group of death for two of the teams. EDG and T1 will likely do just fine, but them losing to either of the other teams in their group would certainly come as a surprise, so there should be no question of them advancing.
And, yet, in all of these scenar-

ios, all of these ideas of what will happen are based entirely on the "favorites" and them doing what they're expected to do: win. In 2018, Cloud9 squeaked out of the group of death past Vitality and a failing Gen.G who won only one game, against C9. Last year, MAD Lions failed to make it out of the play-ins and Unicorns of Love from the CIS's LCL league.
This year, MAD has escaped having to go near the play-ins, but none of the major region teams are Safe. HLE struggled massively this sea-

son and just making it to Worlds is more than they could've asked for. Likewise, LNG qualified on a serious playoff run and has yet to show longevity in their play, nor have they had to adapt to changing patches.
Cloud9 was poor over the summer, barely managing to stretch over the finish line to qualify and not showing the same kind of cohesion and strength that got them through the spring split as the best team in North America. Considering they couldn't even make it to top four then, they need to focus on play-ins before on whether or not they're going to be doomed into Group A.
Every year, the minor region teams get better and better and as we saw last year, they can make a real impact. A strong impact. This year, they could build on that success; these are not the strongest major region teams. And these are not the weakest minor ones, not with UOL back, not with a Beyond Gaming roster that took PSG to five games.
These groups already prove that this World Championship will be an intense one. Perhaps the only thing that could make it crazier would be if some or all of the major region teams don't make it again.



This is the player roster for the Cloud 9 League of Legends team. The only thing that has to happen to lock Cloud9 into the group of death is HLE making it through to the main event. PHOTO COURTESY BY CLOUD9

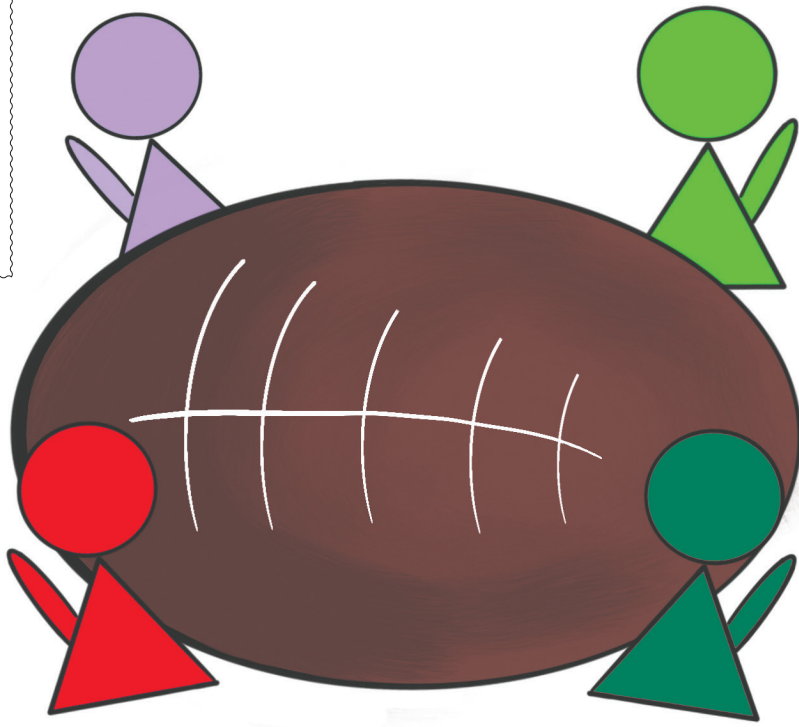
Roundtable

What is the best food at Rentschler Field?

Whether covering the team or not, most of the DC Sports Staff has made it out to Rentschler Field for a UConn Football game. While obviously football is the main reason to show up to the stadium, the great food is an awesome bonus. From Bear's BBQ to Chick-fil-A to the concession stands selling glizzys, there's something for everyone, and our team of writers listed their favorites:

The best food at The Rent is the free food, with the exception of the newest beer, Husky Hops. I know this will be far from free, but I cannot wait to try this new ale. I'm already confident that it's worth the likely \$10 price tag. As someone who is, quite clearly, not particularly picky when it comes to food or drinks, I'm happy with whatever is served and anything I don't have to pay for, but I'm even happier with a beer. Husky Hops, the latest and greatest product of a collaboration between UConn Athletics and Kinsmen Brewing Co., goes on sale at The Rent on Sat. Oct. 16 during the football game against Yale. This will be UConn's homecoming and I'm sure I will be coming home with a pack of cans. It's a hazy IPA, so it's something I actually look forward to paying for. They don't call me IPA Tay for nothing, and I can't wait to officially make this beverage my new favorite. There are few things in life that Taylor Coonan loves more than beer, sports and UConn in general so I know the 16th will be a big day for me.

- Taylor Coonan, Campus Correspondent



I've been to one game at Rentschler in my life and I did get lunch there in the form of a cooled Buffalo chicken wrap with some chips and a bottle of water. During one of several travels around the stadium, the name that stood out to me the most in between my inventory of photos taken was Chicken Fry Fry. The name sounds nice and most likely serves some of the best chicken you can think of. Imagine this for a second, you're in a UConn dining hall and the line to get dinner is long. That is because chicken tenders (or any zesty chicken) are on the menu. With a full house at Rentschler, especially a packed student section, the lines by sections 123 and 140 are going to be massive. With a name like that, you know that their chicken is the best in the entire stadium. The next time I go, I may have to try some out myself.

- Cole Stefan, Campus Correspondent

There's nothing like a chicken sandwich with friends while watching some football. While it's an unordinary food choice for a football game and wouldn't work in the NFL, college football's Saturday games work perfectly to keep fans happy and provide a quality product. With a wide array of sauces and sides, it's an easy choice by many husky fans for a quick bite to eat and even better service. While Rentschler Field's version of Chick-Fil-A aims for a simplified menu that eliminates the chain's iconic waffle fries, deluxe sandwiches and more, it still carries the chain's iconic regular and spicy sandwiches, waffle chips, cookies and more. There is simply no way to go wrong with this chain and it's a great choice for any fan on gameday regardless of the outcome of games.

- Evan Rodriguez, Campus Correspondent

Any UConn fan who has been to Rentschler Field knows that Bears' BBQ is the spot to hit. With a broad selection of traditional BBQ such as pulled pork, brisket or chicken sandwiches and some interesting new takes like the Bear Attack (Mac and cheese with brisket or pulled pork on it), there's something for every BBQ lover. Although not great for your health, watching some UConn football while eating a Bear Attack on a nice fall Saturday just hits different. The broad selection of dishes and sauces makes the items on the menu difficult to get tired of, especially when you're having it just six times a year. Unlike some other concession stands, Bears actually plates their dishes as ordered, adding an extra element of freshness to the meal and putting it above its competitors.

- Stratton Stave, Campus Correspondent

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