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UConn declares racism a public health crisis at rally

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The Rally for a Peaceful Planet occurred Wednesday, with hundreds in attendance on the University of Connecticut's Student Union Lawn. The rally was planned and organized by multiple on-campus organizations including the Undergraduate Student Government, UConn Praxis, UConn Collaborative Organizing, Fridays for Future, PowerUp CT, Sunrise Movement Connecticut and the UConn Human Rights Symposium.

The aim of the rally was to push for three demands, including abolishing the 1033 program, removing refugee caps and declaring racism a public health crisis. Multiple speakers from students and administrators to activists spoke about the importance of these measures. Other speakers brought up additional issues that affect individuals in our community, such as making the one-credit anti-racism course mandatory, climate change and other inequities on campus.

Irene Soteriou, the USG speaker of the senate, spoke before the rally about the importance of collabora-



Student activists address a crowd of protesters. Wednesday's rally was organized by the Undergraduate Student Government, UConn Human Rights Symposium, PowerUp UConn, UConn Collaborative Organizing, Sunrise CT, UConn Praxis and UConn Friday's For Future. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

orative activism and its ability to achieve big goals.

"Effective collaborative activism such as this is imperative in an increasingly polarized society because it necessitates bringing together creative, diversely opinionated community leaders to engage in thoughtful exploration of the nexus of the most pressing issues we face today. In this way, we can combine our resources, ideas and

skill sets to achieve far greater impact," Soteriou said.

Soteriou said the rally could be a starting point for communities including UConn, as well as more broadly to introduce reform and create a more peaceful planet.

"We hope that this rally can be a starting point to inspire conversations among students at universities across the country, as well as policymakers and community leaders,

that ultimately serve to steer legislation in the direction of peace-oriented reform," Soteriou said.

Soteriou added that the rally has already seen an impact on campus and across the country, with administrators voicing a commitment to work with students and other rallies taking place at other universities.

"Students from universities across the country, from Wyoming to Iowa to Illinois, have been

inspired to rally with us on their respective campuses; university administration, from Interim-President Agwunobi to Provost Lejuez, have responded enthusiastically in solidarity, voicing a commitment to work with us to achieve the change we seek at the university level," Soteriou said.

During the rally, USG introduced a resolution about declaring racism a public health crisis at UConn, which passed at a special USG Senate Tuesday night. The document was co-authored by many of the organizers of the rally including Michael Christy, USG chief diversity officer and co-executive director of PowerUp UConn; Lily Forand, USG external affairs director; Neha Sistu, USG student development director and vice president of HRS; and Sena Wazer, co-director of Sunrise CT. Soteriou certified the resolution at the rally and Student Body President Mason Holland enacted it. Interim-President Agwunobi expressed support of the resolution, officially declaring racism a public health crisis at the university.

The speakers that followed the signing of the resolution commended the university on taking this step but warned this should be supplemented by actions that support what the resolution stands for.

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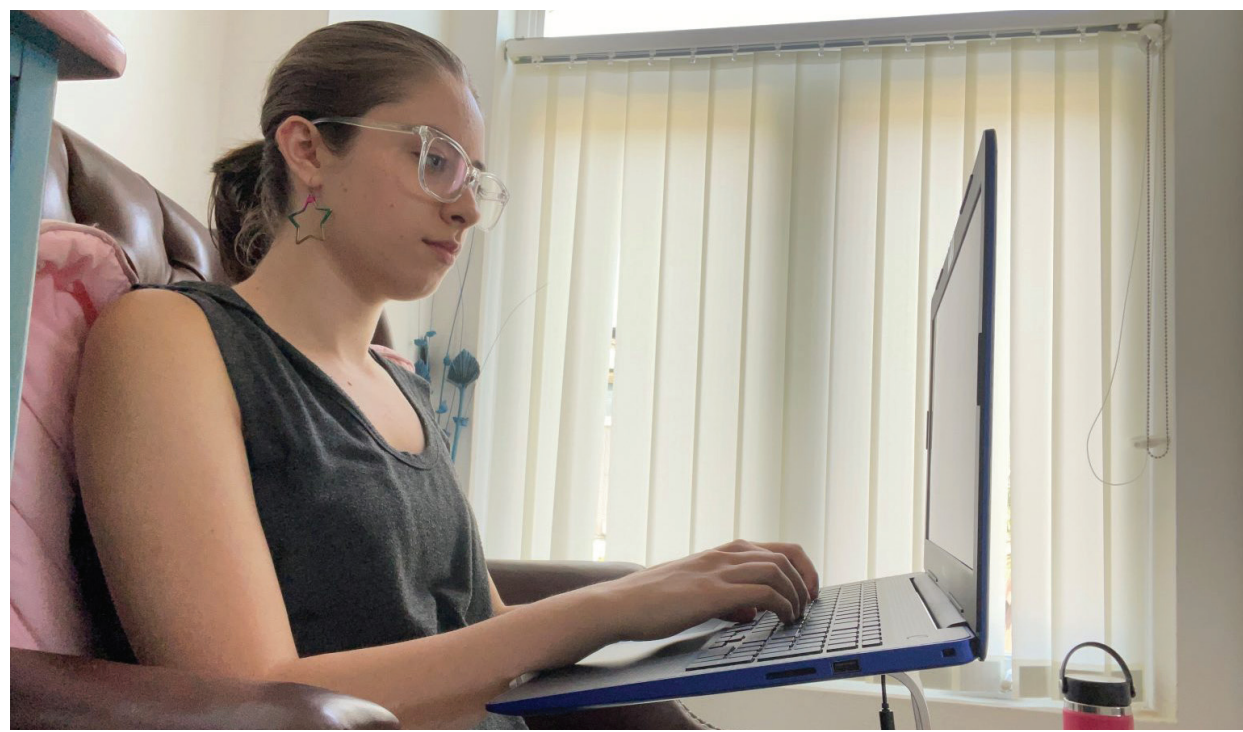


A protester displays a handmade sign at the Rally for a Peaceful Planet. Goals of the rally included abolishing the 1033 program, removing refugee caps and declaring racism a public health crisis. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Premade signs for the Rally for a Peaceful Planet event lean against a table on Wednesday afternoon on the Student Union Lawn. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Meet the UConn student working to establish trigger warnings in lectures



Monique Mazaika, who wrote a letter requesting lecture trigger warnings, works on her laptop. UCONN TODAY PHOTO

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A University of Connecticut student is attempting to get the university's professors to implement trigger warnings prior to lessons or videos that may be hard for some students to be a part of.

Monique Mazaika, a sixth-semester dietetics major, wrote a letter to the UConn Academic Board this September, requesting the advancement of trigger warnings in lectures. Mazaika said her goal with this idea is to enhance UConn's mental health services for students.

"UConn has publicly promoted mental health through statements from past presidents and by offer-

ing a variety of services," Mazaika wrote in her letter, "I have identified an additional opportunity to further support the mental health of all students and faculty that I know you will appreciate: it's a policy for trigger warnings."

Mazaika was persuaded to write the letter when she herself was affected in a lecture by the abruptness of sensitive topics being discussed.

"I knew I had to write this letter when I was sitting in a lecture and my professor brought up six sensitive topics, many of which were triggering to me, without warning in just one class period. I was shocked. So shocked, in fact, that I couldn't pay attention to the rest of the lecture," Mazaika said.

Mazaika made it clear that the intention behind trigger warnings is not to prevent certain topics from being discussed in classes.

"My intention is not to ban certain topics from being discussed, but to enhance the safety of the learning environment for each individual student by notifying him, her or them in advance of potentially triggering topics that may be discussed in a course," Mazaika wrote.

In order to gain support and attention from other students, Mazaika sent a message to UConn's Active Minds Club GroupMe, asking for help from anyone who was interested in supporting her idea.

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Ryan Stansberry, a first-semester business undecided major, helped Mazaika do research to include in her letter.

"I have struggled with mental health in the past and present. I also have an interest in writing, so I thought I would be able to provide quality information to the letter," Stansberry said. "From personal experience, bringing up past traumas can make class time miserable. It is remarkably easy to zone out and miss an entire lecture, and sometimes it feels as if you might completely lose control of your emotions."

Stansberry felt passionate that trigger warnings could positively affect enough students to make a difference in how students enjoy their classes.

"Trigger warnings can help vulnerable students with their healing and recovery processes by making them as smooth as humanly possible," Stansberry said.

While Mazaika and her fellow supporters have tried to remain hopeful in creating permanent change at UConn, some doubt has arisen as they wait for a response.

"I'm half-expecting the admin to send me an email saying they'll look into it and never hear about it ever again. At the same time, they have expressed interest in improving the student experience before. I'm hoping the endorsements from



Monique Mazaika, a sixth-semester dietetics major, smiles at a restaurant. Mazaika said that she hopes trigger warnings in classes will help students' mental health.

PHOTOGRAPH VIA MAZAIKA'S FACEBOOK

student organizations will get their attention and inspire change," Mazaika said.

Students have positively reacted to the trigger warning letter and the intentions behind it.

Abbey Engler, a fifth-semester student double majoring in business management and philosophy, is part of UConn's Diversability Club and noticed a positive response from its members regarding the letter.

"Diversability had a discussion about it at our meeting yesterday evening, and the letter received our unanimous support. Students shared stories about how this policy could have helped them in their classes," Engler said. "There were even a few students that cared so deeply about it that they wanted to help Monique and I to further push for the policy's implementation. This is something that is import-

ant to UConn students and takes very little time, money and effort on behalf of our faculty and administration."

With the letter, the students involved hope to create change for UConn students. The main goal of the letter is to get enough attention and support to create changes at the administrative level.

As Mazaika said, the goal of the letter is to help UConn students feel safer in classes and on the university's campus.

"If we create this policy, we send the message that UConn is an institution that supports free and safe discourse that is inclusive of students with mental illnesses and trauma," Engler said. "What better way is there to have discussions about triggering topics such as genocide, suicide, discrimination and abuse than to include those most affected by it? It just makes sense."

Research Beat: UConn professor looks into the future of additive manufacturing

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Dr. Rainer Hebert, a professor at the University of Connecticut Department of Material Science and Engineering, has been conducting research into the use of metals in additive manufacturing, including powder flow, material data and tendency to fracture. In an interview, Hebert says this research has the potential for usage in numerous industries, including aerospace and submarine construction.

Additive manufacturing, more commonly known as 3-D printing, uses a computer model to construct a physical object, often made of plastic or metal. Hebert's work focuses on testing which alloys, or metal mixtures, perform best in additive manufacturing compared to traditional methods.

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DR. RAINER HEBERT

"Part of the additive manufacturing research is trying to understand why some alloys will crack or fracture during the process," Hebert said. "How can we predict fractures in a solid alloy, especially when it is cooling down rapidly from being a liquid?"

Hebert has described the research as extremely application-oriented, as the data collected from these experiments is used by the National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology and the Air Force Research Lab. Both have taken an interest in the growing field of additive manufacturing to create planes and submarines more efficiently. However, many of the details remain classified due to the nature of these institutes.

While Hebert's research is focused on the experimental, he said he works with other professors in UConn's MSE department on modelling the results gathered, including Dr. Pamir Alpay and Dr. Serge Nakhmanson.

Hebert himself was not always interested in materials science, but moved towards it during his time as a graduate student.

"I had a master's degree in physics in Germany, and my thesis paper regarded a lot of materials-related concepts. A colleague of my professor in the US had a materials lab, and invited me to come visit. From there, I switched to materials science at the University of Madison," Hebert said.

Hebert also emphasized the importance of graduate and undergraduate student involvement in research.

"Graduate and undergraduate students are the lifeline of any research project. Without them so much could not be done... To me, the most important values I look for in a student researcher are curiosity and enthusiasm about the field," Hebert said.

Student activism at Rally for a Peaceful Planet

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"I'm here to remind our president, all administrators, faculty and staff that substantive declarations don't end with words," said Hannah Ravenell, executive board member of UCCO and the vice president of the Black Students Association. "There are material conditions that need to be addressed and changed at the University of Connecticut, particularly involving public health and racism."

Ravenell proceeded to explain that issues such as faculty diversity, increased support for the anti-racism course, food and housing insecurity and police response to mental health emergencies are a few of the many problems that require action on campus. Lack of response from the mental health services on campus is also an alarming issue, she said.

"One thing we've done really poorly is engage with you as students about what we are doing," said Provost Carl Lejuez regarding past efforts to promote racial equity.

Lejuez attributed this issue to a history of the administration having trouble being transparent with and engaging with the student body in the past.

Wazer addressed the importance of climate change in the demands. She said climate change creates more of a need to remove the refugee cap and to declare racism a public health crisis due to the undeniable connection between them.

"We have seen very clearly that Black, Indigenous and other communities of color are affected first and worst by climate catastrophes and environmental injustices more generally," Wazer said.

Wazer added that the increase in

climate refugees also increases the need for the United States to admit more people into the country.

"I believe that the US has a moral duty to admit refugees and do everything in our power to make them welcome here," she said, explaining that the countries experiencing the worst effects of the climate crisis are disproportionately affected in comparison to wealthier Western countries.

Prakash Kashwan is an associate professor of political science and co-director of the research program on economic and social rights, specializing in the intersection of the environment and politics. He spoke about why issues such as climate change have become more prevalent among students over the past few years.

"Considering the greatly increased frequency and intensity

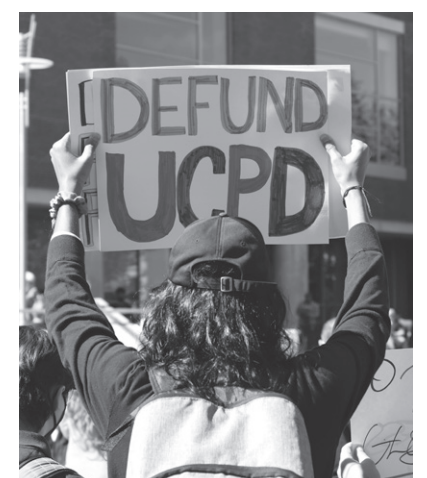
of climate-related hazards - fires, floods, droughts, heatwaves and storms - the world over, it seems the public at large is recognizing how serious the impacts already are and how much more serious it could get," Kashwan said.

UConn Praxis had tables available for attendees to find their state representatives in order to contact them about the demands from the rally. Templates for emails and other messages were available for students as well to voice their concerns.

Additionally, UConn Praxis handed out signs, created by members of the organizations involved in planning the rally, at these tables.

Finally, Soteriou emphasized the importance of grassroots student activism and how students can affect change not only at their university but also throughout the world.

"I think this rally really exem-



A protester holds a sign at Wednesday's rally.

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plifies the importance of student activism. Student-led grassroots movements have the potential to do so much good in the world... I want students to remember that change starts with us," Soteriou said.

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UN endorses world's 1st malaria vaccine as 'historic moment'

LONDON (AP) — The World Health Organization on Wednesday endorsed the world's first malaria vaccine and said it should be given to children across Africa in the hope that it will spur stalled efforts to curb the spread of the parasitic disease.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called it "a historic moment" after a meeting in which two of the U.N. health agency's expert advisory groups recommended the step.

"Today's recommendation offers a glimmer of hope for the continent, which shoulders the heaviest burden of the disease. And we expect many more African children to be protected from malaria and grow into healthy adults," said Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO's Africa director.

WHO said its decision was based largely on results from ongoing research in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi that tracked more than 800,000 children who have received the vaccine since 2019.

The vaccine, known as Mosquirix, was developed by GlaxoSmithKline in 1987. While it's the first to be authorized, it does face challenges: The vaccine is only about 30% effective, it requires up to four doses, and its protection fades after several months.

Still, scientists say the vaccine could have a major impact against malaria in Africa, home to most of the world's more than 200 million cases and 400,000 deaths per year.

"This is a huge step forward," said Julian Rayner, director of the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, who was not part of the WHO decision. "It's an imperfect vaccine, but it will still stop hundreds of thousands of children from dying."

Rayner said the vaccine's impact on the spread of the mosquito-borne disease was still unclear, but pointed to those developed for the coronavirus as an encouraging example.

"The last two years have given us a very nuanced understanding of how important vaccines are in saving lives and reducing hospitalizations, even if they don't directly reduce transmission," he said.

Dr. Alejandro Cravioto, head of the WHO vaccine group that made the recommendation, said designing a shot against malaria was particularly difficult because it is a parasitic disease spread by mosquitoes.

"We're confronted with extraordinarily complex organisms," he said. "We are not yet in reach of a highly efficacious vaccine, but what we have now is a vaccine that can be deployed and that is safe."

WHO said side effects were rare, but sometimes included a fever that could result in temporary convulsions.

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DIRECTOR OF THE CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH JULIAN RAYNER

Sian Clarke, co-director of the Malaria Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,



In this Oct. 30, 2009 file photo, a mother holds her baby receiving a new malaria vaccine as part of a trial at the Walter Reed Project Research Center in Kombewa in Western Kenya.

PHOTOGRAPH BY KAREL PRINSLOO/AP

said the vaccine would be a useful addition to other tools against the disease that might have exhausted their utility after decades of use, like bed nets and insecticides.

"In some countries where it gets really hot, children just sleep outside, so they can't be protected by a bed net," Clarke said. "So obviously if they've been vaccinated, they will still be protected."

In recent years, little significant progress has been made against malaria, Clarke said.

"If we're going to decrease the disease burden now, we need something else," she explained.

Azra Ghani, chair of infectious

diseases at Imperial College London, said she and colleagues estimate that giving the malaria vaccine to children in Africa might result in a 30% reduction overall, with up to 8 million fewer cases and as many as 40,000 fewer deaths per year.

"For people not living in malaria countries, a 30% reduction might not sound like much. But for the people living in those areas, malaria is one of their top concerns," Ghani said. "A 30% reduction will save a lot of lives and will save mothers (from) bringing in their children to health centers and swamping the health system."

The WHO guidance would hopefully be a "first step" to making

better malaria vaccines, she said. Efforts to produce a second-generation malaria vaccine might be given a boost by the messenger RNA technology used to make two of the most successful COVID-19 vaccines, those from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, she added.

"We've seen much higher antibody levels from the mRNA vaccines, and they can also be adapted very quickly," Ghani said, noting that BioNTech recently said it would begin researching a possible malaria shot. "It's impossible to say how that may affect a malaria vaccine, but we definitely need new options to fight it."

Judge orders Texas to suspend new abortion law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Texas to suspend the most restrictive abortion law in the U.S., which since September has banned most abortions in the nation's second-most populous state.

The order by U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman is the first legal blow to the Texas law known as Senate Bill 8, which until now had withstood a wave of early challenges. In the weeks since the restrictions took effect, Texas abortion providers say the impact has been "exactly what we feared."

In a 113-page opinion, Pitman took Texas to task over the law, saying Republicans lawmakers had "contrived an unprecedented and transparent statutory scheme" to deny patients their constitutional right to an abortion.

"From the moment S.B. 8 went into effect, women have been unlawfully prevented from exercising control over their lives in ways that are protected by the Constitution," Pitman wrote. "That other courts may find a way to avoid this conclusion is theirs to decide; this Court will not sanction one more day of this offensive deprivation of such an important right."

But even with the law on hold, abortion services in Texas may not instantly resume because doctors still fear that they could be sued without a more permanent legal decision.

Texas officials are likely to seek a swift reversal from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which previously allowed the restric-



In this Sept. 1, 2021 file photo, women protest against the six-week abortion ban at the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JAY JANNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP

tions to take effect.

The law, signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in May, prohibits abortions once cardiac activity is detected, which is usually around six weeks, before some women even know they are pregnant. To enforce the law, Texas deputized private citizens to file lawsuits against violators, and has entitled them to at least \$10,000 in damages if successful.

The lawsuit was brought by the

Biden administration, which has said the restrictions were enacted in defiance of the U.S. Constitution.

The Biden administration argued that Texas has waged an attack on a woman's constitutional right to abortion under the GOP-engineered restrictions, which took effect Sept. 1.

"A state may not ban abortions at six weeks. Texas knew this, but it wanted a six-week ban anyway, so the state resorted to an unprecedented scheme of vigilante justice that was designed to scare abortion providers and others who might help women exercise their constitutional rights," Justice Department attorney Brian Netter told the federal court Friday.

Abortion providers say their fears have become reality in the short time the law has been in ef-

fect. Planned Parenthood says the number of patients from Texas at its clinics in the state decreased by nearly 80% in the two weeks after the law took effect.

Some providers have said that Texas clinics are now in danger of closing while neighboring states struggle to keep up with a surge of patients who must drive hundreds of miles. Other women, they say, are being forced to carry pregnancies to term.

Other states, mostly in the South, have passed similar laws that ban abortion within the early weeks of pregnancy, all of which judges have blocked. But Texas' version has so far outmaneuvered the courts because it leaves enforcement to private citizens to file suits, not prosecutors, which critics say amounts to a bounty.

"This is not some kind of vigi-

lante scheme," said Will Thompson, defending the law for the Texas Attorney General's Office. "This is a scheme that uses the normal, lawful process of justice in Texas."

The Texas law is just one that has set up the biggest test of abortion rights in the U.S. in decades, and it is part of a broader push by Republicans nationwide to impose new restrictions on abortion.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court began a new term, which in December will include arguments in Mississippi's bid to overturn 1973's landmark Roe v. Wade decision guaranteeing a woman's right to an abortion.

Last month, the court did not rule on the constitutionality of the Texas law in allowing it to remain in place. But abortion providers took that 5-4 vote as an ominous sign about where the court might be heading on abortion after its conservative majority was fortified with three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Ahead of the new Supreme Court term, Planned Parenthood on Friday released a report saying that if Roe v. Wade were overturned, 26 states are primed to ban abortion. This year alone, nearly 600 abortion restrictions have been introduced in statehouses nationwide, with more than 90 becoming law, according to Planned Parenthood.

Texas officials argued in court filings that even if the law were put on hold temporarily, providers could still face the threat of litigation over violations that might occur in the time between a permanent ruling.

At least one Texas abortion provider has admitted to violating the law and been sued — but not by abortion opponents. Former attorneys in Illinois and Arkansas say they sued a San Antonio doctor in hopes of getting a judge who would invalidate the law.

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We're going to have our first of three midterms this week. Did I say midterm? I suppose that's a bit of a misnomer. Fear not, I've coordinated with other professors to make sure that all of your exams occur at the same time.

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WEEK 5



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The consequences of rape culture

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Rape culture is the normalization of behaviors and environments that enable sexual assault and rape. We all know the relevance of rape culture in Greek life, specifically fraternities. Greek life's role in rape culture is certainly a prominent one. According to The Guardian, fraternity members are three times more likely than non-members to rape someone, but the harmful effects of rape culture appear in college environments beyond just Greek life.

My female friends and I have heard the rule so many times as it's been drilled into our brains: don't walk alone at night. Even when I'm walking around in a group, I do a quick scan to make sure I know where the closest blue light is. In the evenings, I look out my window and often see a guy going for a run. I wish I could go

for a sunset run to Horsebarn Hill, but running back in the dark would be dangerous.

A lot of my male friends don't understand what I mean when I say "rape culture." They haven't been told countless times to not go out alone or to make sure they don't leave their drink unattended for even a minute. It must be nice to not worry about these things. Even going to the dining hall can be a dangerous journey. The walk from my building to the closest dining hall is only a few minutes, but I must pass through an isolated hill in the woods. Something as subtle as a sound from the bushes makes me nervous and causes me to run down the hill.

Trying to avoid walking alone in the dark is easier said than done. I have a chemistry lab, for example, that ends at 8 p.m. As the sun sets earlier and earlier, I become more and more nervous for my walk back — a feeling my male friends have rarely experienced.

However, this is not to say that men have not been affected by rape culture.

Rape culture impacts men negatively too. This past week I had a

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male friend explain an uncomfortable sexual experience to me. He then followed with, "I guess it doesn't matter, though, because I'm a guy so it's different." The truth is, it's not different. Girls can take advantage of guys just as much as guys can. No, men don't experience the same fear as women when walking back to their dorms at night. However, men experience a different obstacle just as much as women do: being told their feelings of being violated are invalid. Victims of sexual assault and rape often don't come forward about their experiences out of fear of being told they weren't actually raped or that their abuser would "never do that." Men are told to not complain or speak up after being violated because of the effects of toxic masculinity. Additionally, male victims of rape and sexual assault are rarely given a platform to speak about their experiences. This culture causes men to stay silent after engaging in

sexual activity against their will.

The impact of rape culture is even more prevalent on college campuses. There is a direct correlation between college campuses and rape frequency. According to RAINN, male college students are five times more likely to be raped or assaulted than men of the same age who don't attend college. This statistic demonstrates how the setting of a college campus enables this harmful behavior.

There is a need, specifically on college campuses, to feel validated by other peers, thus causing victims to stay silent about unwanted sexual experiences. We must work to destroy the social atmospheres that promote and enable rape culture and the silence behind it. Rape culture on college campuses impacts all genders, and the social environment on many campuses, including the University of Connecticut, creates an atmosphere in which the voices of victims are silenced.

Why concert dress shouldn't be gendered

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Why do musicians wear all black? In order to not distract from the music. So, then, to take this a step further, why should concert dress be gendered? If the purpose of concert dress is to not distract the audience from the music being performed, why should gender even be distinguished?

Gendered dress codes have plagued my existence, and I've always had strong opinions about them. Likely due to the fact that I don't fall neatly into either category as a nonbinary person and because they provide a framework for cisgender people to categorize me. Alongside the standard sexist public school dress codes, gendered dress codes have also been present in music ensembles I've participated in. Surprisingly, though, I don't remember the concert dress for my high school orchestra to be particularly gendered; it was just that we all should wear black and dress professional.

The issue here is that when confronted with gendered concert dress in the past, it has caused me immense stress. Having the freedom of ambiguity taken from me is extremely distressing because being sorted into a category where neither suit me completely (male or female) causes me gender dysphoria.

Now, why am I writing this? Well, I'm nonbinary and I'm a musician. I play the double bass, to be specific. Unfortunately,

I've found that the concert dress for symphony orchestra is gendered.

Let's take it back to high school again. I performed in the Eastern Region Music Festival on the double bass twice. After the last rehearsal before the concert, I was sent into a panic over the concert dress: I was expected to wear a skirt while playing double bass? I was never much of a skirt person, and I always have hated gendered dress codes to an almost irrational extent (which I now know is dysphoria). I didn't have a skirt either, so I performed in a black mock neck top and slacks. I had to check with my orchestra teacher and the people running the program, and they all said it was fine, but why should I have had to ask them in the first place?

This brings us to my current dilemma: What does a nonbinary person wear to perform in an

How do I look smart, professional and nonbinary all at once? Why should it even matter what my gender is when I'm playing an instrument in an ensemble? Why isn't the syllabus inclusive of me?

orchestra concert? What's my concert dress? The syllabus for the UConn symphony orchestra only lists tuxedos for men and blouses and long skirts or slacks for women, so where do I fit? I'm not a woman, so I can't wear a blouse or skirt, but I'm not a man either so a tuxedo wouldn't feel right either. How do I look smart, professional and nonbinary all at once? Why should it even matter what my gender is when I'm playing an instrument in an ensemble? Why isn't the syllabus inclusive of me?

I write this not as an affront to the music department or the various people who make the UConn Symphony Orchestra possible, but as a genuine question of why am I not included? Why are we, the collective nonbinary student body at UConn, not included?

I think that the time has long passed to include nonbinary students in the arts. We're crucial to the arts, just as people who identify along the gender binary are crucial, and of all subjects, shouldn't the arts be the most understanding and flexible in terms of gender, next to the humanities? The arts are about expression, so why don't nonbinary students have a place to express ourselves through our instruments without immense distress, while still looking professional and not distracting from the music? Why should we have to put ourselves in one box or another just to perform music we love?

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Art is emotion

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Movies, to put it simply, are not for everyone. For those who do love film like myself, there are certain genres that are not for everyone because film, just like a novel, play, painting or sculpture, is a type of art. Art as a concept is fascinating because two members of the same species can view the same piece and react in antonymous manners. In no medium of art is this truer than in film.

In recent years, two of the most prestigious directors working in the industry today heavily criticized what is arguably the most popular movie franchise running: the Marvel superhero films. The first of these all-timers was Martin Scorsese, renowned director of some of the greatest gangster flicks to ever grace the silver screen. In his comments from 2019, Scorsese claimed that the billion-dollar franchise was "just not cinema" and that "the closest I can think of them ... is theme parks." The second director to make similar comments was Denis Villeneuve, the best sci-fi movie maker of contemporary times (don't get me started on how excited I am for Dune). Villeneuve made his comments close to two years after Scorsese made his, calling the MCU movies mere "cut and paste" copies of the others within the franchise. The question therefore remains: Are they right?

Even if both directors are being slightly unfair, they both have a point. Scorsese's comments likening the MCU to a massive theme park are actually rather accurate. Some people like Captain America, others Iron Man and some would say Thor is their favorite. This is akin to people having a favorite ride in a giant

theme park. Some people like the thrill of a roller coaster while others prefer the tranquil views from atop a ferris wheel. Theme parks and the MCU have at least

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a little something for everyone, except of course for the people who despise superheroes and amusement parks as a whole.

Villeneuve's claims of MCU movies being "cut and paste" from others are even more pinpoint than Scorsese's. What I mean is, every Marvel movie (except Infinity War) has a rather generic three-act structure that always culminates in a big CGI battle between the heroes and villains. This proves Villeneuve to be right, but it does not discredit the MCU franchise as being a lesser form of cinema than any other.

To bring this rant full-circle, I will reiterate that film is a type of art. Art of any kind is entirely subjective to the person experiencing it. Subjectivity as a concept implies, particularly in the realm of art, that emotions are involved in the experience in some way. If a film makes the audience feel the emotions that it wants them to, is that movie not worthy of being put in the same conversation as Oscar-winning dramas?

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WHY NETFLIX'S BRUTALLY VIOLENT "SQUID GAME" IS BREAKING THE INTERNET RIGHT NOW

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"Squid Game" has quickly risen to Netflix's No. 1 spot since its Sept. 17 release and is on track to be the streaming service's most-watched show of all time. But what's all the hype around Hwang Dong-hyuk's dystopian creation?

The Korean drama is centered around characters who are in major financial debt and whose lives have hit rock bottom. All 456 players receive and accept a strange invitation that offers a large cash prize for winning a series of children's games as a final resort, but they are unaware that being eliminated from one of the six games results in a gruesome death.

Because of the simplicity to each game, audiences have the ability to dissect the bigger picture, like who are the mysterious masked hosts in red suits organizing the game? And how did the Front Man of this twisted operation bring his idea to life without getting caught? The series also locks viewers in with insane plot twists in its final episodes, sparking theories posted across the internet in hopes for a season two.

But the intriguing theories being discussed on social media platforms are not the only reason why this dark game show concept is exploding on the internet. In an interview with Variety Magazine on the show's inspiration, Hwang explained why he believes this odd concept even he was unsure about at first was able to become the No. 1 watched show in over 90 countries since its release:

"I wanted to write a story that was an allegory or fable about modern capitalist society, something that depicts an extreme competition, somewhat like the extreme competition of life," Hwang told Variety. "But I wanted it to use the kind of characters we've all met in real life."

The richness and relatability of the characters that Hwang created makes it incredibly heartbreaking to watch the games unfold, but they are ultimately the reason why its viewers are still hung up on the show days later. Both the characters' struggles and personal developments through this brutal competition mimic those of real people who become caught up within our own modern capitalist society.

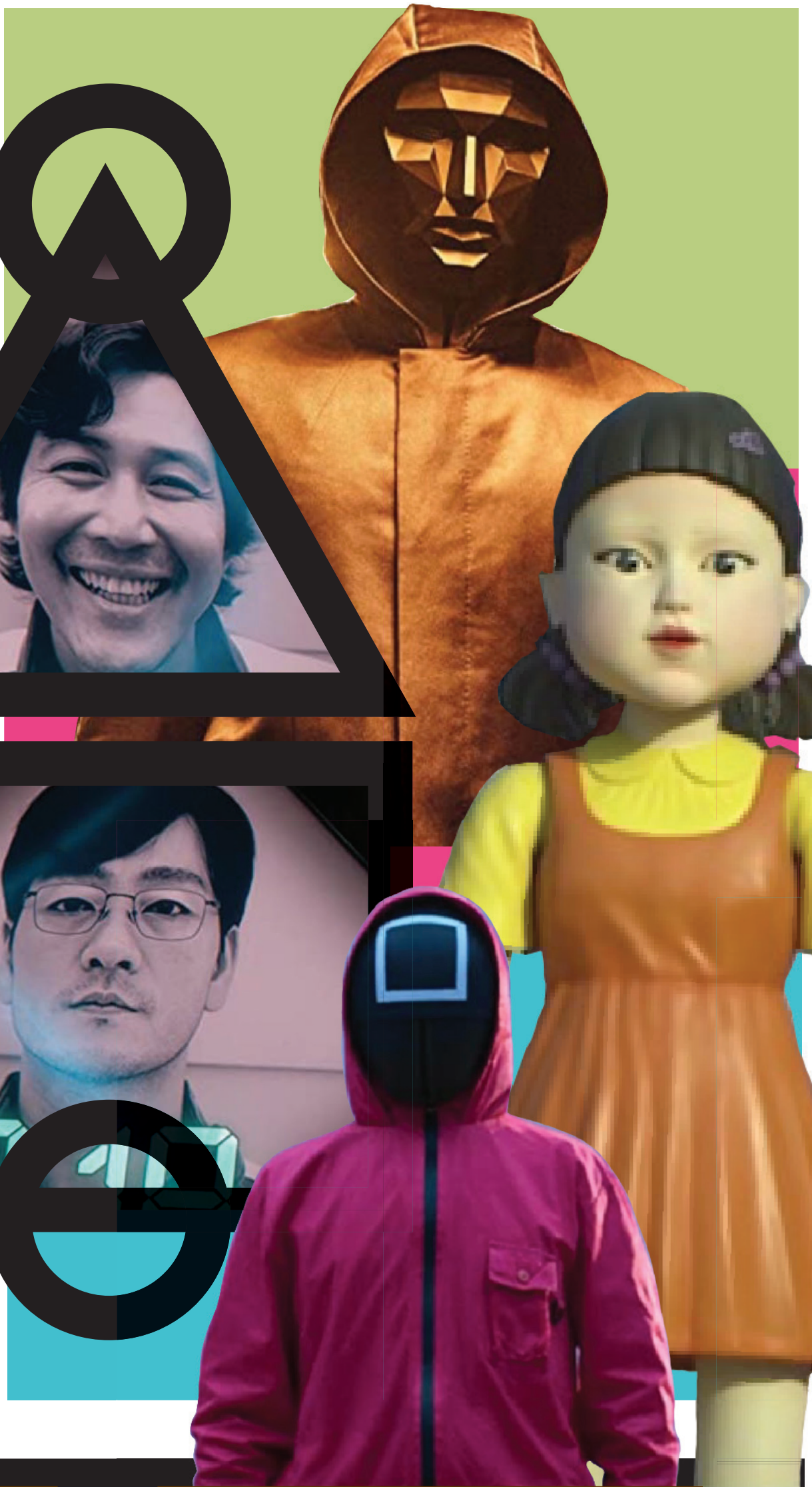
Washington Post Reporter Bethonie Butler also wrote an analysis on the series on Oct. 4, 2021 titled, "Netflix's intensely popular 'Squid Game' is worth the hype —

and much deeper than its chilling violence." Her points set aside the striking action and violence of the show by opening up a more chilling debate on the show's popularity:

"Thankfully, the ultraviolent thriller — in which people participate in children's games with a deadly twist — is purely fictional," said Butler. "But like reality TV, it's a window into how human beings treat each other and what we'll do to succeed or, in this case, what we'll do to survive. And people can't stop talking about it."

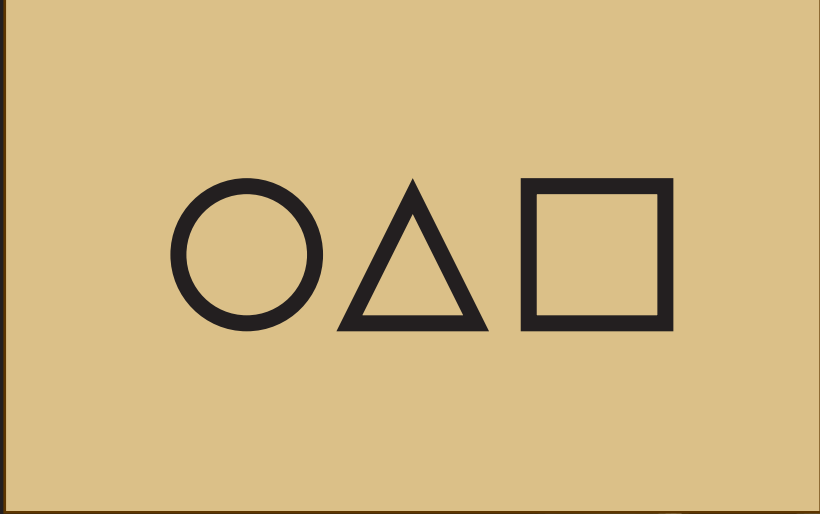
Seeing the effect of human behavior when placed under intense pressure is the catalyst to this show's exponential success. Yes, the concept of a game-show leading to death is entirely fictional as Butler points out, but is the competition aspect of it truly out of our society's reach? Friendships and morals are put to the test in this "every man for himself" situation, and has viewers wondering the lengths they would travel to for monetary success and victory.

"Squid Game" mirrors our money-hungry society driven by competition and displays how much (literally, how much) it will truly take for humans to turn their lives around and become genuine individuals. The tragic part is that the majority of the players in this game do not get the chance to go out and make that change, displaying how short and unimpassioned one's mark on the world can be. This show is certainly not an easy watch, but its cryptic message allows for audiences to analyze their adjustment into adulthood before it's too late to make their mark.



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THE KOREAN DRAMA IS CENTERED AROUND CHARACTERS WHO ARE IN MAJOR FINANCIAL DEBT AND WHOSE LIVES HAVE HIT ROCK BOTTOM. ALL 456 PLAYERS RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A STRANGE INVITATION THAT OFFERS A LARGE CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING A SERIES OF CHILDREN'S GAMES AS A FINAL RESORT, BUT THEY ARE UNAWARE THAT BEING ELIMINATED FROM ONE OF THE SIX GAMES RESULTS IN A GRUESOME DEATH.



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“BAKING IMPOSSIBLE”

puts a fun, new twist on the baking world by incorporating engineering

In “Baking Impossible,” bakers and engineers are teamed up into nine ‘bakineer’ teams to create extraordinary and scientifically brilliant recipes that will hopefully withstand the pressures of engineering-related tests.

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We’ve all seen “Cupcake Wars” and “The Great British Bake Off,” but a new baking show has hit town and it does not disappoint. Netflix’s newest hit, “Baking Impossible,” puts a fun twist on the classic cooking show with the incorporation of difficult engineering tasks.

In “Baking Impossible,” bakers and engineers are teamed

up into nine ‘bakineer’ teams to create extraordinary and scientifically brilliant recipes that will hopefully withstand the pressures of engineering-related tests. You would think those are enough components to juggle, but it doesn’t stop there. Not only does the cake need to be visually pleasing, it also needs to be tasty. Judges will critique the cake based on its appearance, flavor profile and, lastly, its success in the engineering realm.

The first episode, “Whatever Floats Your Boat,” challenges each bakineer pair to construct a cake that is not only delicious, but can also float down a miniature river. My favorite part of the episode was seeing all the different skills that each individual brought to the table. The engineers were able to help their baker partner with the intricacies of technology and physics, while the bakers were able to bring forth their culinary skills to create a delicious masterpiece. It brings together a mix of nerdy and creative, and displays to the audience what amazing gems can come out of this collaboration! Whoever brings their best work and wins the entire competition goes home with a whopping \$100,000.

The audience is able to see a nurturing and friendly environment between all the contestants. During the second episode, “Off

to the Robot Races,” many of the teams failed to keep their robot on the course until the end of the race. Despite their shortcomings, the rest of the cast was able to laugh with them and make light of the situation, rather than creating an ultra-competitive environment. It was refreshing to see a more light-hearted competition show, rather than something so serious and critical.

The amazing thing about baking shows is that they’re drama free (for the most part) and also inspire you to get into the kitchen. Obviously these concoctions are a bit more difficult to recreate, but they still made me want to go grab my box of brownie mix and make some scrumptious treats.

The show is hosted by TV personality Justin Willman and hosts an incredibly impressive panel of judges. Astrophysicist Dr. Ha-keem Oluseyi, “The Great British Baking Show” finalist and aerospace engineer Andrew Smyth, James Beard and award-winning chef Joanne Chang will be the ones deciding who gets to stay and who must return to baking in their kitchen at home.

If you’re like me and love Netflix-produced shows, “Baking Impossible” is for you! It’s the perfect show to watch when you want to think of nothing else besides yummy food and getting lost in the amazing world of desserts.

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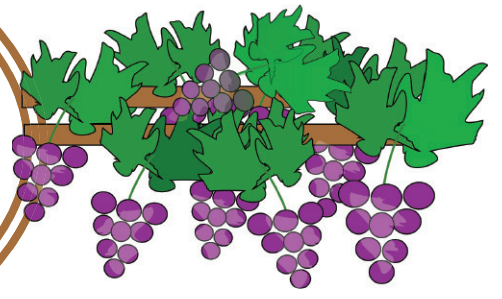
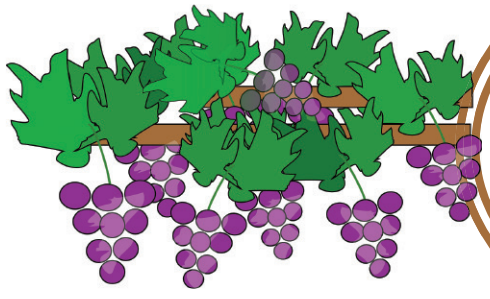


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Thirsty Thursday

DIVINE WINE RIGHT IN YOUR BACKYARD



The Cassidy Hill Vineyard, located at 454 Cassidy Hill Road in Coventry, Connecticut is a hidden gem not too far from the UConn Storrs campus. The vineyard offers beautiful views of rolling fields that stretch for miles, not to mention wine tasting that consists of five different samples, for only \$8.

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When thinking about the great wine capitals of the world, what comes to mind? Tuscany in Italy? Bordeaux and Champagne in France? How about Valencia in Spain? Oh, and we cannot forget about Napa Valley in California.

I'm sure the average person would not put the boondocks of Tolland County, Connecticut on that list, but believe it or not, the lush hills of a picturesque vineyard are not as far as you would think. Call me crazy, but Coventry, Connecticut is actually home to a hidden gem of the wine-drinking world: the Cassidy Hill Vineyard.

The Cassidy Hill Vineyard, located at 454 Cassidy Hill Road in Coventry, takes "off-the-beaten-path" to a new level. Nestled in the country roads of the UConn periphery, amidst historic homes and farms, the winery owns a vast field of grapevines with a central log cabin tasting room where their wines are available for purchase. The grounds are absolutely beautiful, especially if you stop by on a sunny day. Blue skies, puffy clouds and rolling fields stretch for miles and the picnic tables alongside the grapevines make for the perfect weekend lunch date.

Typically, the winery offers wine tastings, providing five samples for the price of \$8. Tastings, however, have been suspended since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, but those eight bucks can instead get you a full glass of any of their selections. If you are worried about committing too soon to a particular grape, Cassidy Hill does offer wine flights as an alternative, offering two-ounce glasses of four choices. And, if you venture by on a warm day and are looking for something refreshing, wine slushies are also offered with different weekly flavors.

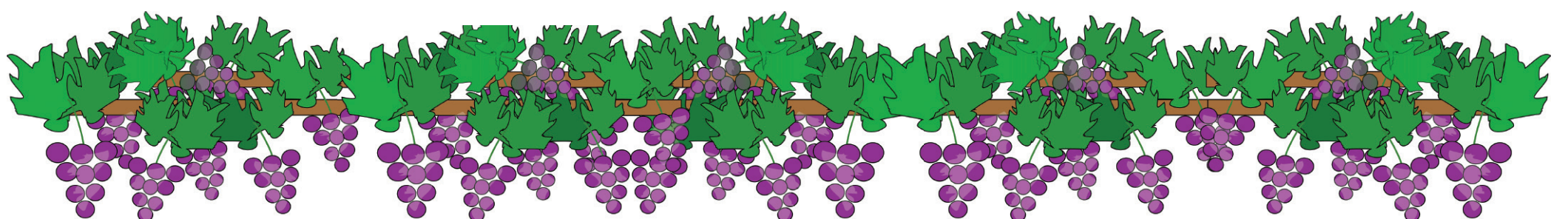
I first ventured across Cassidy Hill when my friends and I were looking for a 21-and-over activity to celebrate our roommate's 21st birthday before the night's ceremonial trip to Ted's, Huskies and so on. Since we can usually squeeze out a few warm days in September and October, an outdoor outing seemed like the perfect choice.

If you can, bring a sizeable group of friends and have everyone try a different type of wine so you can

sample their selections. As a group of eight, each of us ordered a different bottle of wine and poured out a half glass for everyone to try. I will remind you that it was our friend's 21st, so eight half glasses may be a little hefty for an average Saturday afternoon. But, the best kind of drunk is wine drunk. You will need your fair share of palate cleansers as well to properly taste each individual blend. The standard bread, crackers, cheese and a sip of water in between should suffice, unless you would rather be the uncultured swine we were and dine on wine and Sgt. Pepperoni's cheese pizza. Not the classiest move, but hey, would you really deny a girl her favorite food on her own birthday? I didn't think so.

Now for the wines. Cassidy Hill offers a vast variety of blends to satisfy all wine drinkers no matter where you fall on the color spectrum. If you are a red fan, like myself, consider the Coventry Red or the Coventry Spice. Both of which are sweeter than your average red wine, with the Coventry Spice barring the nickname, "Christmas in a glass." In the New England tradition, these wines are blended with apples, oranges and an array of berries and spices. For a dryer red with a fuller body, I suggest the Merlot, a favorite among the group. In the white wines department, their signature grape, the Coventry White is dryer than one might expect for a white, with the Granny Smith apple mixture coming through very delicately. For a sweeter white, consider the Summer Breeze, which is infused with fresh strawberries. If you want the birthday girl's take, however, the Pink Catawba is a perfect medium between the red and white varieties. As their award-winning blend, the Pink Catawba is a sweet rosé infused with grapefruit that comes from the Catawba grape, which is native to the Americas and the New England region.

All in all, for those 21 and over looking for an alcoholic experience around UConn that doesn't involve shotgunning a beer before a Saturday night bar crawl, consider the Cassidy Hill Vineyard. It may seem a little high-brow for the likes of college students like us, but you may find that a sip of chardonnay will do you wonders during midterm season. Cheers!



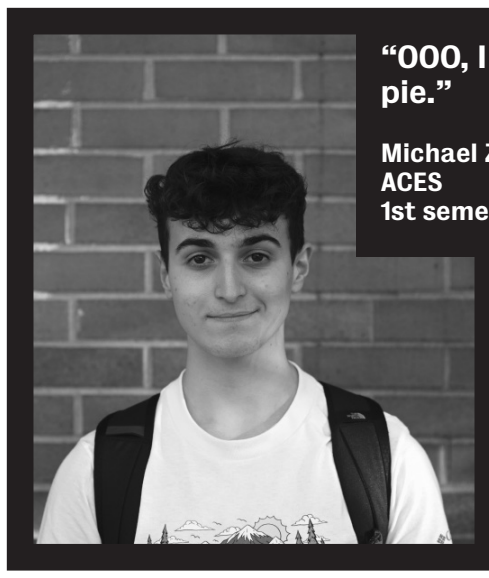
Opinion StudyBreak

Huskytalk | What is your favorite dessert from the dining halls?



“I have to say cookie dough ice cream.”

Kyle Slot
ACES
3rd semester



“OOO, I love the apple pie.”

Michael Zocco
ACES
1st semester



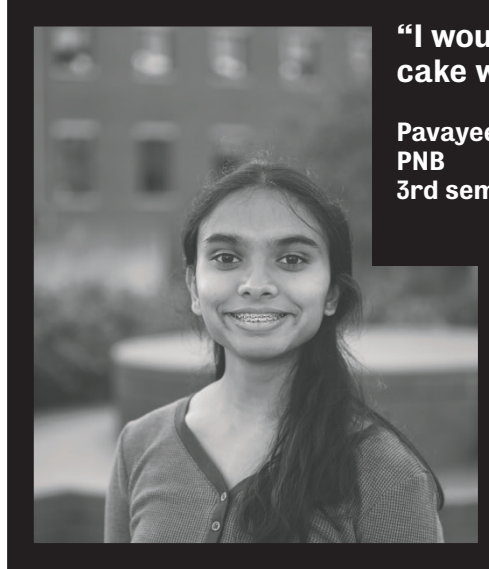
“I like the New York style cheese cake from McMahon.”

Alison Huang
Real Estate
3rd semester



“I’m torn between chocolate M&M cookies and the chocolate lovers ice cream.”

Madeline Kizer
Marketing
3rd semester



“I would say the carrot cake whoopie pie.”

Pavayee Socrates
PNB
3rd semester

Gendered concert dress is unnecessary

CONCERT, cont. from p. 4

Navigating the world as a nonbinary person is already challenging enough, especially pre-medical intervention, because the majority of the world operates under the assumption of the gender binary and a concept of “woman until proven otherwise.” It’s especially frustrating when it’s so apparent in something I care about, such as performing classical music. So, why can’t I just be accommodated, as a nonbinary musician, at UConn? Why can’t gender vari-

ant or gender nonconforming people be accommodated?

Here’s my proposition: a list of acceptable garments or assemblages (like tuxedos) but without gendered labels. Rather than tuxedos for men and blouses with a long skirt or slacks for women, why not just tuxedos or modest tops with a long skirt or slacks in general for everyone? Both are professional assemblages, but without the gendered labels, the dress code doesn’t carry the baggage and exclusion of reinforcing a gender binary that actively harms gender variant students at UConn.

MCU films are art, just like any other films

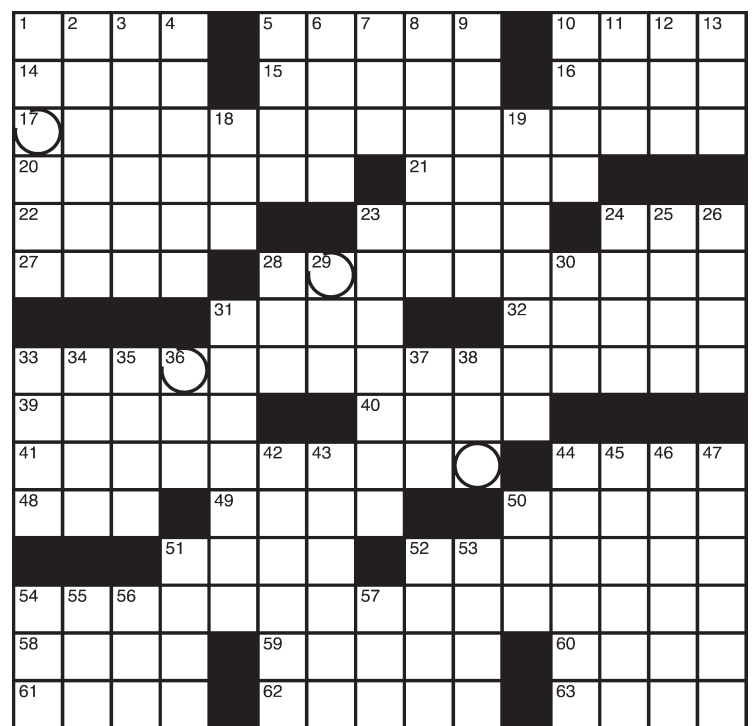
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Maybe not objectively, but the study of filmography and film as a medium of art are two completely different ideas that lead to two entirely different conversations. The point that I’m trying to make here is that some of the movies in the MCU have achieved this lofty goal of making their audience emotional.

Of course, good art still exists outside of the realm of emotion. I, myself, when it comes to art, simply find emotion more important than a piece eliciting, say, social commentary. I feel bad for people like Martin Scorsese and Denis Villeneuve who do not gain anything from these comic books come to life. Art is emotion, and if you didn’t feel anything when Tony Stark died, you’re downright crazy.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Something going to the dogs
 - Chirpy sci-fi critter
 - Joe by another name
 - Welsh actor Roger
 - Domain
 - Kalahari-like
 - Aids for retrieving things
 - Hunted ones in a 2016 craze
 - Rare forecast
 - Teeing off
 - Provider of colt comfort
 - “On the Road” narrator — Paradise
 - Zippered shelter
 - Hendrix’s “Star-Spangled Banner” at Woodstock, for one
 - One might be slipped
 - Some urban pollution
 - Made bad news easier to take
 - Word with box or light
 - Bush hoppers
 - Bond of the ‘70s and ‘80s
 - Part of CSNY
 - Its returns were never sales: Abbr.
 - Strong lobby for seniors
 - Game with scratching
 - 2019 Broadway biomusical
 - Big squeeze
 - Cold shoulder ... and a hint to four circled letters, individually and as a unit
 - Rapper-turned-actor
 - Something one may be dying to hide?
 - Pro foe
 - Smart-alecky
 - Affected
 - Zap



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- DOWN**
- Axilla, commonly
 - Lost love in “The Raven”
 - Spy, in a way
 - “Pay It Forward” actor Haley Joel
 - River in Tuscany
 - Bit of equestrian gear
 - Tic
 - So last year
 - 1998 Masters winner Mark
 - Monopoly corner
 - Parabolic path
 - Contend
 - They pop up too often
 - IM gasp
 - Sábado preceder
 - Emphatic end to a killer performance
 - Lowe’s bagful
 - “And another thing ...”
 - MGM co-founder
 - Gimlet option
 - One of a Swiss Army knife’s many

Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

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- Blubber
- Disembark, maybe
- Aide to millions
- It could be fishy
- Cookie fruit
- the mark
- NBA’s Raptors
- Groundbreaking invention
- Watchword
- Address provider
- Not odd
- She turned Arachne into a spider
- Action film fodder
- Slyme
- GPS finding
- It’s under un beret
- Risks
- “Nothing to it!”
- Attack, to Rover
- RN workplace
- Tennis call
- Rubbish

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Spin's Fantasy Football Factory: Booms & busts for week 5

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Week four of the NFL season has wrapped up - but fantasy football never stops. Whether you won or lost your week four fantasy matchup, it's always a good idea to look forward to next week's games. As a fan of the NFL (and a guy that really likes to win fantasy football games), I'm here to help you to determine which players you should be optimistic about starting in week five... and which players you should taper your expectations for. Without further ado, here are my boom or bust predictions for week five of the NFL season:

Boom WR - Stefon Diggs, Buffalo Bills vs. KC

Since their week one loss to the Steelers, the Bills have steamrolled through every team they have played since. That won't be the case when the Chiefs host the Bills for Sunday Night Football in Kansas City. This game has a shootout written all over it, and we wouldn't be surprised to see quarterbacks Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes take turns exchanging blows to each other. Diggs enters Sunday with at least eight targets in every game that he's played this year, recording solid numbers, but he has yet to put up a truly extraordinary stat line. With that kind of volume, and the real possibility

that the ball will be in the air often, Allen will be targeting his number one wideout thoroughly in this one. Diggs will have no trouble burning a shaky Kansas City secondary. Double digit catches and at least one score seems like the minimum to expect from him in this contest.

Bust WR - Brandin Cooks, Houston Texans vs. NE

Fantasy managers that took a flyer on drafting Cooks have been more than happy with the production that he has been able to garner up to this point in the season. In PPR formats, Cooks' play has made him the WR9 in all of fantasy football. It'll be hard to turn away from a top-10 receiver, but fantasy managers have to consider sitting Cooks when he takes on a Patriots defense that ranks fourth best in total fantasy points allowed to wide receivers this season. This isn't as much of a knock on Cooks as it is a knock on Texans QB Davis Mills, who will again be under center as Tyrod Taylor remains on the injured reserve list. Bill Belichick loves to beat up on rookie QBs (look at Zach Wilson's stats against the Pats in week two), and he'll do the same to Mills in this matchup. Without good QB play, you'll have to taper your expectations for Cooks in this one.

Boom RB - Nick Chubb/Kareem Hunt, Cleveland Browns vs. LAC

Is it cheating to have two players here? Probably. Nonetheless, if you roster Chubb or Hunt in one of your fantasy leagues, roll them out with confidence on Sunday against the Chargers. A few weeks ago, Dallas RBs Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard tore through the Chargers' defense and combined to record 237 total yards and two rushing touchdowns in a game where Dak Prescott attempted only 27 passes. This game figures to be much of the same game plan for the Browns, as QB Baker Mayfield's season high in pass attempts is a lowly 33. In other words: there will be a lot of traffic on the ground for Chubb and Hunt to do work. Chubb will operate as the early down back, while Hunt is the feature back, who has been hogging the targets left behind by WR Jarvis Landry after he got injured earlier this year. We've seen either of them go off time and time again, but when they both put up big yardage and a couple of scores, you heard it here first.

Bust RB - Myles Gaskin, Miami Dolphins vs. TB

Coming into this season, I was a real believer in Myles Gaskin and thought that he would eventually claim an every-down role in this Miami offense. He's still the most skilled RB on his team, but it seems that even the Dolphins forgot that he's a part of their RB room; he ran only twice for a measly three yards against the Colts last week,

and his 29 total rush attempts place him at 45th among all RBs in the NFL. Add his lacking volume to the fact that the Dolphins will be taking on the Buccaneers and their league leading run defense, and you have a recipe for disaster. The Bucs have not allowed a single RB to top 67 rush yards in a single game, and just came off of holding Patriots' lead back Damien Harris to a statistical line of four attempts for negative four yards last week. Glue Gaskin to your bench for the foreseeable future.

Boom TE - Dalton Schultz, Dallas Cowboys vs. NYG

There are a couple of reasons why you shouldn't be surprised if Dalton Schultz finishes this week among the weekly leaders in TE points: for one, the Cowboys have a very potent offense with many mouths to feed. While that probably doesn't sound like a selling point to expect major numbers from Schultz, what it really means is that while opposing defenses are preoccupied with containing the likes of Ezekiel Elliott, CeeDee Lamb and Amari Cooper, more looks will open up for Schultz and fellow TE Blake Jarwin. In addition, QB Dak Prescott has already been looking to get the ball to Schultz more often, as evident by his 15 targets over the last two games (in which he is averaging 21.9 PPR points per game), and he has multiple targets inside of the red zone over those games. That

trend will continue and he'll put up similar stats against a mediocre Giants defense this week.

Bust TE - Mark Andrews, Baltimore Ravens vs. IND

While he's not the same tight end that could drop over 25 fantasy points on any given day a couple of years ago as Lamar Jackson's favorite weapon, Andrews' average of six targets per game this year make him a serviceable starting TE in fantasy football. Unfortunately, as his volume has dropped, he has become a much more touchdown-dependent fantasy asset, which isn't exactly ideal for a team that prioritizes rushing more than passing. His team will take on the Colts in week five, a team that has disappointed going into their date with Baltimore mainly because of a secondary that has performed below expectations. Despite their lackluster secondary, the Colts still wield one of the best linebacker corps in the NFL, and they'll be the ones that will likely shadow Andrews in this game. After allowing Mike Gesicki to post 57 yards and a score in week four, the Colts will clean up how they defend against the TE position for this game, and that scares me. There aren't many respectable TE replacements to utilize in fantasy football, so you can start Andrews, just don't be surprised if his final output only yields you a couple of points.

McKennie to start vs shorthanded Jamaica in WCup qualifier



Juventus' Weston McKennie goes for the ball during the Serie A soccer match between Juventus and Torino, at the Turin Olympic stadium, Italy, Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. PHOTO BY LAPRESSE/AP

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Christian Pulisic and Gio Reyna are missing from the U.S. lineup because of injuries but Weston McKennie will start following his disciplinary flap last month. Jamaica is without top forward Michail Antonio for reasons that remain unclear.

The Americans host Jamaica on Thursday night after getting five points in their first three matches of CONCACAF's brutal, 14-game, sev-

en-month final round of World Cup qualifying. The Reggae Boyz have one point as they seek to return to soccer's showcase for the first time since 1998.

"After three games I don't think it's panic mode for anyone in the table," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said Wednesday. "This is about just hanging in there and every round chipping away at it until you get to that number where you're qualified."

Reyna hasn't played since a hamstring injury in the Sept. 2 opener at El Salvador, and Pulisic hasn't recovered from a sprained ankle sustained six days later at Honduras.

Jamaica learned Tuesday that Antonio, the Premier League's August player of the month for West Ham, failed to travel. Reggae Boyz coach Theodore Whitmore wouldn't confirm or refute a report Antonio was angry he couldn't bring along a physiotherapist.

"I can't comment whether it's commitment," Whitmore said. "It's a sticky situation. There's not much I can say. ... I don't want to point any fingers. I don't know who is at fault, all I can say is the player was selected."

Jamaica will have only 20 players dress — including three goalkeepers — from the 23 selected, three shy of the total allowed to suit up. Whitmore said it was too late to ask clubs for releases.

"Personally, I wanted to take more than 23 players," he said.

Berhalter has 26 in camp. Midfielder Yunus Musah was uncertain after an inconclusive COVID test and trained on his own Wednesday. The U.S. team was awaiting a PCR test.

"It was a precaution we needed to take," Berhalter said.

McKennie played 90 minutes in the 0-0 draw at El Salvador but was held out of the 1-1 tie against Canada after violating team COVID protocols, then was sent home before the 4-1 victory

at Honduras. McKennie has not discussed the situation with media.

"We're dealing with young players here, and I think there's moments where there's going to be mistakes made, and I think it's just about being accountable for your mistakes and then learning and moving from there," Berhalter said. "Weston is going to start the game tomorrow. He's been focused coming into this week, and we're not holding anything against him. Is he going to have to rebuild trust by a time period of showing that he's the leader that we expect him to be? Of course. But there's nothing held against him."

This set of games also includes three matches in seven days, with a Sunday game at Panama and a meeting with Costa Rica next Wednesday at Columbus, Ohio.

Panama requires visitors not fully vaccinated to quarantine for 72 hours, and Britain mandates those who have been to Panama to quarantine upon entry to the UK, which impacts goalkeeper Zack Steffen and left back Antonee Robinson.

"Right now, we have everyone except one player that's fully vaccinated. Another player has one of his two shots, and we're going to have to be working through that," Berhalter. "The English situation is changing daily and we're figuring that out, as well. We don't think it makes sense to travel Zack or Antonee if they have to quarantine for 10 days at the back

end."

Berhalter used 22 players in the first three matches, including 21 starters. Only goalkeeper Matt Turner, defender Miles Robinson and midfielder Tyler Adams played every minute.

He added Kellyn Acosta, Paul Arriola, Musah, Tim Weah, Gysasi Zardes after they recovered from injuries, and Gianluca Busio, Matthew Hoppe, Chris Richards, Shaq Moore and Luca de la Torre a month later into their European seasons.

Berhalter dropped Jordan Pefok, James Sands and Josh Sargent along with No. 3 goalkeeper Ethan Horvath, while defender Johns Brooks (injury) and Tim Ream (family reasons) withdrew.

In the first World Cup qualifier in Texas, Berhalter is looking for speed — as he calls it, "verticality."

"There's moments in the El Salvador game, we get the ball, there's a ton of space behind the back line, and we want to pass it to an open player so he can dribble instead of playing behind the line," he said. "Look at the Canada game, where it's a compact block, why not try to get behind that with the urgency more often."

Jamaica lost 2-1 at Mexico and 3-0 at home against Panama, then drew 1-1 at Costa Rica.

"We understand the intensity and the grit that it's going to take to get a result that we want," Miles Robinson said.

Defending AL champ Rays poised to open ALDS against Red Sox

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays have won more games than any other team in the American League over the past two seasons, going about their business with a quiet confidence that has the full attention of the Boston Red Sox.

The AL East rivals meet in a best-of-five Division Series that begins Thursday night at Tropicana Field, with the defending league champion Rays looking to take the first step toward a return to the World Series, where they lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers last fall.

With one of baseball's lowest payrolls and a roster devoid of big names, Tampa Bay wins with a youthful, selfless blend of defense, pitching and timely hitting that's served the team well in reaching the playoffs three consecutive years.

After dropping four straight to the Red Sox early in the season, Tampa Bay won 11 of the final 15 meetings on the way to claiming its second straight AL East crown by eight games over big-budget Boston and the even heavier spending New York Yankees.

The Red Sox beat the Yankees 6-2 at home in the AL wild-card game Tuesday night, advancing to face the Rays. "We have some experience," center fielder Kevin Kiermaier said Wednesday

before turning his thoughts toward a talented collection of rookies who helped Tampa Bay weather a rash of injuries to win a franchise-record 100 games.

Rookie shortstop Wander Franco has played up to his billing as the top prospect in baseball since hitting a homer in his major league debut against the Red Sox in June. Young pitchers Shane Bieber and Shane Bieber, who's only been in the majors a few weeks, are slated to start the first two games of the ALDS.

"I still feel like the majority of our roster are guys on league minimum. But, man, we breed them differently over here, I promise you that," Kiermaier said. "I mean, you got guys like Wander Franco and our starters, depending on who we run out ... we got guys who can play."

The Rays showed that a year ago when rookie Randy Arozarena had a record-setting breakout postseason after Tampa Bay rolled to the best record in the AL during the pandemic-shortened, 60-game regular season.

"I've said it throughout this whole year, we do not have a set lineup. Some guys play more than others. But, you know, man, 1 through 26 — doesn't matter who we put in there, we've had guys that have produced throughout



Boston Red Sox first baseman Bobby Dalbec holds a bat during the baseball team's practice Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, in St. Petersburg, Fla., for an AL Division Series matchup against the Tampa Bay Rays that starts Thursday. PHOTO BY CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

this whole year," Kiermaier said. "We never relied on one person. There's a new hero any given day. I think that is just what makes us so fun and dangerous."

The Red Sox — in the playoffs for

the first time since 2018, when they won the World Series — know that all too well.

"I know they won the season series, but if you look at the games, it's a 1-0 game with a wild pitch in the ninth in-

ning. There was a sun ball at Fenway when we were up 7-1," Boston manager Alex Cora said.

"I know they're really good. They have a great team. Coming into the season, a lot of people thought they were the best team in the big leagues. But we feel we have a good team, and we're here," he added. "We'll show up. We'll play and see where it takes us."

ONE STEP AT A TIME

While the ultimate goal is winning the World Series, second baseman Brandon Lowe stressed it's important Tampa Bay not get away from the selfless approach the Rays have embraced the entire season.

"Don't change the game, do not put any added pressure. Understand that we're the best team in the American League, we're here for a reason," Lowe said.

"There's not a guy in the locker room that's like, 'You know what? If I hit 12 homers I'll be fine with not winning.' Every single guy is putting the team first," Lowe added. "This is the really fun part of the year because personal performance doesn't matter. I'll gladly take an 0 for 4 for a win. Up and down our lineup every guy feels that way."

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Women's softball won against against ECSU 9-1 on Saturday Oct. 2, 2021. UConn's record is now 7-0 after winning against UMass 6-1 on Sunday Oct. 3. They plan to take on URI next Sunday, Oct. 10th to close out their fall season. PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/ THE DAILY CAMPUS

Roundtable

Which MLB team will win the World Series?

After a thrilling AL Wild Card game on Tuesday night and a too-late-for-issue NL Wild Card game on Wednesday, the MLB Postseason is well underway, with plenty of great teams having the opportunity to win it all. Between the 107-win San Francisco Giants, the defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers and the winningest Tampa Bay Rays squad in franchise history, there are some dominant teams looking to make a run. However, this is October and anything can happen, as division winners like the Chicago White Sox and the Milwaukee Brewers hope to do some damage. But who will reign supreme? Our team shares their takes:

I'm going to be ambitious with my pick and choose the Los Angeles Dodgers. Despite finishing second to the powerhouse San Francisco Giants and playing in the NL Wild Card, don't let their second-place finish fool you. This team still won 106 games and can compete with any team in the entire league. I just have to pick them to grab another ring. Where could you start with this team? The infield is absolutely stacked with shortstop Trea Turner, fan-favorite Corey Seager and the reliable Justin Turner. That doesn't even begin to touch an outfield that contains former MVP Mookie Betts and AJ Pollock. The pitching roster is absolutely beautiful despite injuries and controversy as it flaunts a 20-win Julio Urias, a great Max Scherzer and even Red Sox legend Joe Kelly. It's going to be hard to beat this team and I don't envision them losing.

- **Evan Rodriguez,**
Campus Correspondent

I love the Boston Red Sox, I really do, so don't get it twisted, but I'm not ignorant of the Tampa Bay Rays' success this season. They had a really impressive World Series run last year, coming up just short to the Los Angeles Dodgers in game six after they finished the regular season 40-20 which was the best record in the American League. This season, the Rays set a franchise record for wins when they reached 100. At the league level, they lead with strikeouts. They solidified their spot in the AL Division Series long before the Red Sox and Yankees duled over who would be their opponent. Is it the Tom Brady effect? Well, as a Tom Brady fan, that works for me. The Rays have been putting in the time and effort without spending what the Yankees have on their roster, and just take a look at who gets to play baseball on Thursday. Always wishing the best to my Sox, but the Rays are shining and Boston is going to need to apply sunblock to prevent getting burned.

- **Taylor Coonan,**
Campus Correspondent

Alright look, I'm probably (definitely) riding high off of the Wild Card win over the Yankees. But why not? The last time the Sox were in the playoffs, they went on one of the most dominant postseason runs in recent history, winning all but three games on their way to their fourth ring this century. They're definitely hot, coming off of a crucial sweep of the Nationals and a dominant win at home to send New York off to the golf course in Cancun. Nathan Eovaldi looks great. The bullpen looks great. This offense, missing down the season's stretch at times, is actually showing up. For Pete's sake, they just sent 324 million dollar man Gerrit Cole home for the year after just two innings pitched. With team leaders and proven winners like Chris Sale and Xander Bogaerts leading this energized squad into the ALDS, who knows what can happen. October is here, and no team has thrived as much in October since 2004 as the Boston Red Sox.

- **Jonathan Synott, Associate Sports Editor**



I think it's finally Milwaukee's time. In their best season since 2018, the Brew Crew got to 95 wins, mostly on the backs of their incredible pitching staff. Brandon Woodruff, Corbin Burnes and Freddy Peralta are likely the best 1-2-3 starting-pitcher combo in baseball, followed by a Brent Suter, Devin Williams and Josh Hader bullpen. My big concern is the offense: Christian Yelich has underperformed all season and that underperformance has been infectious, with the Brewers only scoring about 4.56 runs per game. If the postseason atmosphere doesn't get more out of this Brewers' offense, the pitching core would have to put this team on its back to get to the promised land. But hey, if there's one team that could prove that pitching wins championships, it's this Milwaukee Brewers one.

- **Ajeeth Vellore,**
Campus Correspondent

The Braves are coming off two major heartbreaks with in the last year, blowing a 3-1 lead to the Dodgers and losing Ronald Acuna Jr. on a torn ACL. The Braves need to win this for both of those painful memories. Adam Duvall came back to Atlanta and quietly put up a 38-homer season while leading all of baseball in runs batted in with 113. Jorge Soler and Joe Pederson both have playoff experience that helps increase the power of the outfield. Mike Soroka may be hurt, but Charlie Morton was a sensational pickup in free agency to go alongside Max Fried and Ian Anderson in the rotation. On a good day, Will Smith can shut the door and relievers like Richard Rodriguez, AJ Minter and Luke Jackson can help get him there. Importantly, there's also the loaded infield where each starting member hit 25 or more home runs. If the offense is clicking and the pitching throws it back to the 90s, then there's no way the Braves blow this amazing opportunity. Please Atlanta, reverse the fate of the state of Georgia.

- **Cole Stefan, Campus Correspondent**

The Giants have been "that team" all year. They started off as a squad that many people wrote off as being an early-season outlier, but no one's laughing now with their 107 wins. Starting pitcher Kevin Gausman has been their ace all year, and although he weathered a bit of a slump, he looks to be back in form just in time for the playoffs. Pitcher Logan Webb has also been a pleasant surprise this year, along with Anthony DeSclafani with each posting sub-3.2 ERAs. On the other side of the ball, the acquisition of Kris Bryant was huge, as well as very nice seasons for Buster Posey and Brandon Crawford. The Giants do not have one player that is necessarily "that guy," but their large collection of talent makes them incredibly dangerous regardless and capable of earning their veteran-laden roster rings.

- **Stratton Stave, Campus Correspondent**

People seem to forget that the Chicago White Sox were one of baseball's best teams throughout the regular season. After what felt like years and years (and years) of irrelevance, the boys on the south side of the city finally made the jump back into the postseason in 2020 and ran away with the AL Central this year. Their offense is... kind of stacked. If any of Jose Abreu, Tim Anderson, Eloy Jimenez, Luis Robert or Yoan Moncada can get hot at the right time, opposing pitchers will have a hard time mowing down this Chicago lineup. The offense is complimented by a respectable pitching staff - each of Carlos Rodon, Lance Lynn, Lucas Giolito and Dylan Cease turned in a solid season in 2021. However, it's the two-headed monster of Craig Kimbrel and Liam Hendriks at the back of the bullpen that should really scare opposing teams. Having a guy that you know can shut the door when the game is on the line is an elite advantage and the Sox have two of those guys. On any given day, Chicago can beat you with their offense or with their pitching. You better believe that in the bright lights of October, they will be firing on all cylinders. Baseball is better when the White Sox are good, and man, they are pretty good.

- **Nick Spinali, Campus Correspondent**

Stratton's college football ATS picks

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Hello to newcomers and those who have been reading this column since its conception a few weeks ago. Last week was the first week where I found myself below the coveted .500 mark, only going two for five. One of my two correct calls came in the University of Connecticut game, where the Huskies covered the spread for the third straight game in a heartbreaking loss to Vanderbilt. I totally misjudged Georgia, who covered and more in their demolition of Arkansas, which I mispicked. My only other correct pick came with Alabama in a game that ended up seeing the Crimson Tide cover by a decent margin in a 21-point beating of Ole Miss. My record now stands at 8-7, which is still over .500, but could use some improvement this week with a few matchups that should be very exciting.

No. 6 Oklahoma (-3.5) at No. 21 Texas (Saturday at noon on ABC):

One thing that college football has taught us this season is that there are no guarantees past No. 1 Alabama or No. 2 Georgia. In the Red River Rivalry that will host ESPN's College

Gameday this Saturday, two surprisingly underwhelming teams will play. In the beginning of the season, most looked at Oklahoma QB Spencer Rattler and said "this guy will win the Heisman Trophy." Not anymore. Rattler has been underwhelming up to this point, barely leading the Sooners to an undefeated record against ranked competition. Texas had an unimpressive performance against Arkansas earlier this year and has done reasonably well against their other competition. Rattler is capable of better than the results have demonstrated up to this point and he will have a breakout game.

The pick: Oklahoma

No. 13 Arkansas at No. 17 Ole Miss (-5.5) (Saturday at noon on ESPN):

This will be a fun matchup between the two teams that got slaughtered by the nation's top two teams in their respective games last week. Prior to that game, Arkansas looked impressive with multiple ranked wins over Texas schools but failed to score against Georgia's impressive defense. Ole Miss has just

been less proven overall, but at least scored against Alabama, which is an achievement within itself. The Rebels' QB Matt Corral has lit up the stat sheet so far this year, with 1,210 passing yards and 10 touchdowns, while the team hasn't had much of a run game to speak of. Despite this, I like the Razorbacks here just because they have a more proven ability to win ranked games, or cover at the very least.

The pick: Arkansas

No. 2 Georgia (-15.5) at No. 18 Auburn (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS):

This one doesn't need to be too long. Simply put, the spread here is too small for a Georgia team that looks head and shoulders better than everyone else they've played to this point. The defense is incredible and regardless of how good Auburn may be, they haven't beat a ranked team. The Bulldogs have two such wins and have allowed a combined three points in those games. The offense hasn't been incredible, but it'll be plenty to cover with the arm of QB JT Daniels.

The pick: Georgia

No. 4 Penn State at No. 3 Iowa (-1.5) (Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on FOX):

This contest is without a doubt the most exciting of the week. Two top five teams don't play each other all too often, so let's make the most of it. Iowa is led by RB Tyler Goodson, who has been sensational this season with 430 yards and five touchdowns. The Hawkeyes have played a fraudulent Indiana team, but, otherwise, their only ranked win is a solid one over Iowa State. The team has generally looked impressive, but so has Penn State. QB Sean Clifford has been great so far this year for the Nittany Lions, passing for 1,336 yards and 11 touchdowns just five games in. The team has two ranked wins and one against Indiana too, making for an impressive resume. The spread here is as good as even and the roaring Hawkeye crowd will bring Iowa victory.

The Pick: Iowa

UConn (-3.5) at UMass (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on

FloSports):

This is the main event. Think Yankees-Red Sox, Celtics-Lakers, Alabama-Auburn, UConn-UCF (ConFLiCT time!) or any major rivalry in sports. This is better. This is historic. In yesterday's ESPN Bottom 10 rankings, Ryan McGee dubbed the game the "Pillow Fight of the Week of the Millennium," a statement that I 100% endorse. In our Point/Counterpoint, yesterday, fellow Campus Correspondent Evan Rodriguez and I labeled the game the "Toilet Bowl." It does not get bigger than this, with two winless teams facing off for what will likely be either team's lone win of the year. UConn is on their third QB of the year in Stephen Krajewski, who actually had a nice game against Vanderbilt, although the defense broke down late. The Huskies have also covered in three straight games. As unimpressive as UConn has been, UMass has been worse. Expect this one to get ugly.

The pick: UConn

Stratton's Record: 8-7 (.533); 2-3 last week

The Coleumn: The Chicago Blackhawks are a playoff team

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The NHL season starts in less than a week, and it should be a very exciting one to watch. Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl will look to dominate the score sheets. The Tampa Bay Lightning will defend the Stanley Cup again and the Colorado Avalanche will try to find a way to make it past the second round.

But, the biggest storyline belongs to the Chicago Blackhawks. With their talented forwards and newly acquired veterans, this team will make the playoffs. How did we get here? A year ago, Chicago told their fans they were rebuilding. The fact that the rebuild was this short was impressive, but it probably had to do with the talent they already had.

Future Hall of Famer Patrick Kane had another brilliant season in 2020 with 66 points on 51 assists while playing in all 56 games. Kane has been the cornerstone of the Blackhawks since his debut and will be one of the best of all-time when his career ends.

He has amazing help on the wings from Alex DeBrincat, who has a 40-goal season to his name and put up 56 points in 52 games last year. DeBrincat, a second-round pick in 2016, is going to pay dividends with another productive season at the left-wing position.

If those two were not enough, having left-winger Dominik Kubalik (38 points) gives the Blackhawks one of the best winger corps in the entire league. Brandon Hagel (24 points) and Philip Kurashev (16 points) are two underrated names to include because both guys have an incredible upside and are due for a breakout season soon.

The forward core will only get stronger as they have some critical pieces coming back from injury. Captain Jonathan Toews missed the entirety of last season due to chronic immune response syndrome, and his recent return to the ice is going to provide a big spark to this young and fiery lineup.

There's also 2019 third overall pick Kirby Dach. He may have had limited action last season because he got hurt in the World Juniors, but a healthy season from him is going to be critical to the team's success. With his talents, he can form one of the best young lines in the league with the talents of Kubalik and DeBrincat.

On defense, the cup-winning core of Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook is officially gone now that Keith has been traded to the Edmonton Oilers. Chicago is retooling the defense though as Connor Murphy (15 points) and Calvin de Haan (10 points) are going to anchor down a strong first line.

Nothing against Toews and Kane, but with the pieces I just mentioned the Blackhawks look like a team that would make the playoffs based on pure luck. With the new additions however, the Blackhawks have some new players that can lead them back to their dominating days of the early to mid 2010s.

The biggest and most head-scratching acquisition was Marc-Andre Fleury. Fleury is coming off his best season ever, having just won his first career Vezina trophy as the league's best goalie. There are two confusing aspects to his acquisition. Firstly, he was acquired for literally one player, forward Mikael Hakkarainen, not a first-round pick or a big chunk of Chicago's core to replace a franchise player in Vegas.

Secondly, Fleury nearly re-

tired from playing after a series of events that included finding out on Twitter rather than Vegas' front office, that he was being shipped. The rumors swirled for a while before Fleury decided to chase 500

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career wins amongst many other milestones.

What about Kevin Lankinen? The stud rookie may be relegated to a backup role under Fleury's winning ways, but this has the feel of the 2015-17 Pittsburgh Penguins, where Lankinen becomes another

version of Matt Murray and creates one of the best tandems in the entire league.

While Fleury is going to be playing out of his mind behind the crease like he always does, the weight will not entirely be on his shoulders. In addition to de Haan and Murphy on defense, the Blackhawks acquired Seth Jones from the struggling Columbus Blue Jackets. Jones may have regressed in his overall performance last year, but those numbers did not faze Chicago from not only picking him up, but signing him to an eight-year, \$76 million contract (\$9.5 AAV) in the process.

That might be the worst thing Chicago did this offseason, but if he returns to his peak form, then there's a good chance that the Blackhawks have one of the best defensive units in the league.

Those were the two biggest pickups by Chicago this offseason, but as you saw with the Montreal Canadiens during their cup final run last year, some minor acquisitions go a long way.

Jujhar Kahira was signed as a free agent and brings a lot of physical power. He has the potential to

wring out damaging hits like Tom Wilson and can cause turnovers in the middle of the ice.

Tyler Johnson brings his winning ways over from the Lightning and can show this young team, in addition to Kane, Toews and Fleury, how to get it done when making a deep playoff run. The Blackhawks will utilize him as a fourth-line center while setting him up to succeed again.

Finally, there's Jake McCabe, who escaped the Buffalo Sabres and will look to use his new opportunity to his full advantage. In limited action last year, McCabe didn't produce as much as he wanted to. With Chicago, he will have another opportunity to show his talents while controlling the flow of the game.

Chicago's in a very good division. In addition to the defending President's Trophy Winning Avalanche, there's the Dallas Stars, St. Louis Blues and Winnipeg Jets all primed to make a big push for the playoffs. Whether it is as a wild card team or as a top-3 team in the Central Division, the Blackhawks have the pieces necessary to not only make the playoffs but potentially go on a deep playoff run.



Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury (29) dives to make a save-of-the-year candidate against the Toronto Maple Leafs. He is coming off his best season ever, having just won his first career Vezina trophy as the league's best goalie. PHOTO BY JOHN LOCHER/AP



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Women's Soccer: Looking to get back in win column in dual set of games this weekend

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This Thursday and Sunday, the University of Connecticut women's soccer team (6-6, 1-2) will hope to rebound in what has not been a promising start to conference play. The Huskies opened the conference season with a brutal loss to St. John's and then followed it up with a promising win at Seton Hall, who was projected to finish towards the bottom of the conference. First place Butler really gave it to UConn last Sunday, in a game where the Huskies failed to gain any sort of traction.

This Thursday, UConn will be tested in a big way in their contest at home versus Marquette University, who currently ranks third in the conference, as compared to UConn's seventh. According to the Massey Computer Rankings, the Golden Eagles rank 96th in the country, to UConn's 137th and projected the game to be a 1-1 tie, giving the Huskies just a 36% chance to win.

Redshirt junior forward Rachel Johnson led the Golden Eagles in goals up to this point, scoring three, as a part of a well-rounded attack that has seen four players score multiple goals. To go with her goals, Johnson has added two assists, contributing to her team high eight points.

Another Marquette player to keep an eye on will be redshirt freshman midfielder Elsi Twombly, who has played a key role as a facilitator. The distributor has dished out four assists to go along with two goals up to

this point, making for an impressive first-year campaign.

Marquette as a team has scored 15 goals and allowed as many, largely thanks to their game against Coach's poll No. 20 BYU, which was a 7-0 bloodbath defeat.

The Golden Eagles have not lost any other games by more than one, so it is unlikely that the Huskies will win big. The key will be to stay in the game early and keep possession, which will enable the Huskies to make a push late to win the game.

Moving onto our Sunday contest at DePaul, the Blue Demons sit eighth

in the conference, one position behind UConn and enter the contest having just defeated Villanova in a 3-2 thriller on Sunday, Oct. 3. DePaul will be lead into battle by leading goal scorer forward Morgan Turner, who has found the back of the net seven times in the 11 games she has started and contributed to 14 of the Blue Demons' 31 points this season. Right behind Turner is midfielder Beth Smyth, who has one goal and two assists to her name in the 11 games she has started. Defenders Sydney Parker and Grace Phillpotts have both started all 11 matches and will

look to stifle the Husky attack. So far, both have done a solid job organizing the Blue Demon defense, as DePaul has only lost by more than one goal on one occasion, which came against No. 15 in the nation Georgetown.

DePaul's solid attack and staunch defense do not mean that UConn should be immediately ruled out, however. The Huskies will be hungry for a goal, as they have only scored once in their last four games. Furthermore, the Huskies have demonstrated that they have a multitude of players that can find the back of the net. Forwards Jaydah Bedoya and

Duda Santin both have two goals and two assists to their names, while fellow forward Jada Konte has two goals and one assist on the season. Moreover, midfielders Lucy Cappadona, Cara Jordan, Abbey Jones, Sophie McCarthy and forward Isabelle Lynch all have one goal to their name, which further asserts the notion that UConn can get their goals from various different sources. This will most definitely prove beneficial against a Blue Demon side that simply does not concede that many goals.

One thing that DePaul will be able to exploit is the Huskies' backline. UConn has conceded two or more goals in all but one of their defeats this season; the defense seems to collapse at the first sign of pressure, which will of course be to the benefit of the Blue Demons. Chloe Landers, Evelyn Arsenault and Jackie Harnett have started on defense in the Huskies' previous two matches and will need to stay firm to prevent another humiliating loss such as the one they suffered at the hands of Butler on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Margaret Rodriguez's squad will need to be efficient in DePaul's final third, as the DePaul defense has demonstrated that they do not give their opponents many goal-scoring opportunities. The Huskies' midfield will be crucial in the team's chance creation and will need to bring the ball up to the forwards if they wish to have any shot of testing the Blue Demon backline. Most importantly, Landers, Arsenault and Harnett must not crumble at the first sign of adversity and remain steadfast to prevent the Turner lead attack from having their way in UConn's final third.



The Huskies suffer a 0-3 defeat at the hands of St. John's University at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Sept 23, 2021. The Huskies let up a goal early in the first half and another two at the beginning of the second. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITOR/ THE DAILY CAMPUS

League of Legends Cloud9 rises to the occasion

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As the play-ins stage of the League of Legends World Championship continued on Wednesday, the picture of how the groups would come together began to form more clearly.

In group A, LNG Esports of China and Hanwha Life Esports of Korea, both No. 4 seeds, have confirmed they won't be eliminated as they sit at 3-0 for LNG and 3-1 for Hanwha. Hanwha's chances of getting first are not lost yet; if LNG loses tomorrow, the two teams will play a tiebreaker because direct head-to-head doesn't give a team anything more than side selection at this stage.

Hanwha's hopes will be on the back of Infinity Esports, who are sitting at 0-3 following a loss today to Peace who is sitting at 1-2. They play Red Canids in a game that could be for safety; if Infinity wins, the loser of that game will play them to avoid elimination. If Infinity loses, those two teams will play each other again in the first best of five of Worlds.

Group B is a little more decided. Cloud9 sits atop the group with a 3-0 record after wins over Beyond Gaming and Galatasaray Esports. Galatasaray, who started the day 2-0 after a big day one, have dropped back to a 2-2 record after also dropping a game early in the day to Detonation FocusMe.

Despite their struggles today, Galatasaray has survived this part of the play-ins stage. They'll be fighting for a spot in Groups later this week, but they can still end up in a tiebreak-

er. DFM plays again tomorrow against Beyond Gaming who are at 1-2. If DFM wins, they go to 3-1 and what happens with them depends on if C9 wins or not. UOL, if they win in that case against C9, could force two tiebreakers. If Beyond wins, they'll go to 2-2 from 1-2 and then Galatasaray will be in a tiebreaker with both them and DFM.

Despite the fact just four games are supposed to be left, the amount of possible, and even at this point, expected

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Tomorrow does not decide who wins the trophy. No one goes home with money based on their play tomorrow, no one lifts the trophy or gets a skin made after them or gets a title. But two teams lose their chance tomorrow. For two of these teams their year, their season, ends tomorrow in defeat.



This is the team roster for Hanwha Life Esports of Korea, a League of Legends gaming team. Their chances of getting first place are not lost yet. Hanwha's hopes will be on the back of Infinity Esports who are sitting at 0-3. PHOTO COURTESY BY INVENGLOBAL

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vs. **Women's Soccer, Thursday, 7 p.m. Storrs, CT**

vs. **Field Hockey; Friday, 3 p.m. Hamden, CT**

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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