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Amazon announces tuition-funding partnership with UConn

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On Thursday, March 3, Amazon announced partnerships with six colleges and universities across New England, including the University of Connecticut. A component of Amazon's Career Choice program, the partnerships will offer fully-funded college tuition to full-time employees and half-price tuition to hourly part-time employees, according to Caitlin McLaughlin, Amazon's public relations lead for New England. McLaughlin also said hourly employees can enroll in for-credit undergraduate classes at UConn. "We're excited to be able to provide the opportunity for debt-free higher education to thousands of our hourly employees," McLaughlin said. "This

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program gives our employees opportunities to advance their career and personal goals, whether their journey keeps them working here at Amazon or takes them elsewhere in the future." The college tuition benefits, which can also be applied to books and school fees, are available for use after 90 days of working at Amazon, according to a press announcement. "UConn is excited to be part of the Amazon Career Choice network," said Ruth Kustoff, UConn's director of Continuing and Professional education. "We are looking forward to providing higher education opportunities to Amazon employees through our Storrs and regional campuses." In addition to UConn, Amazon has also partnered with Capital Community College in Hartford. The other New England partners include Southern New Hampshire University and Manchester Community College in New Hampshire, as well as the Ben Franklin Institute of Technology and Bristol Community College in Massachusetts. With 140 national and local university partnerships, Amazon offers career advancement opportunities to 750,000 hourly employees in the United States, the press announcement said. According to McLaughlin, Connecticut is currently home to more than 16,000 full and part-time Amazon employees.

The Career Choice program launched in 2012 and has since provided education to more than 50,000 employees, according to the press announcement. "As of this announcement, Amazon's Career Choice program works with more than 180 education providers across the U.S., which along with colleges and universities includes partners providing industry certifications, English language proficiency, and high school completion programs," the announcement said. "Career Choice is one of nine free skills training and education programs that Amazon offers to its employees as part of its Upskilling 2025 pledge." Alicia Boler Davis, Amazon's senior vice president of global customer fulfillment, said the company is thrilled to add more educational partners to its Career Choice program. "We're committed to empowering our employees with easy access to the education and training they need to grow their careers, whether that's with us or elsewhere," added Davis. "Whether someone is looking to build their English proficiency skills, prepare for GED testing, or earn their Bachelor's degree, we're working to meet our employees wherever they are on their educational journey." A list of open job positions in Connecticut can be found on Amazon's website.

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Under Amazon's Career Choice program, full-time and part-time employees can receive tuition benefits with affiliated universities. Amazon hourly employees can enroll for undergraduate classes at UConn and receive these tuition benefits.

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Biden to ask Congress for \$2.6 billion to promote gender equity



President Joe Biden after speaking about expanding access to health care and benefits for veterans affected by military environmental exposures at the Resource Connection of Tarrant County in Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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(AP) — President Joe Biden said Tuesday that he will ask Congress for \$2.6 billion for foreign aid programs that promote gender equality world-

wide, more than double the size of last year's request. Biden announced his intentions on International Women's Day, which is set aside to cele-

brate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women around the world. Biden created the first-ever White House Gender Policy Council on International Women's Day last year to help promote gender equity throughout the administration. He said everyone deserves to live up to their "God-given" potential, regardless of gender, and that societies perform better when women and girls are allowed to prosper. "Ensuring that every woman and girl has that chance isn't just the right thing to do — it's also a strategic imperative that advances the prosperity, stability, and security of our nation and the world," Biden said in a written statement. The White House also was hosting a livestreamed International Women's Day event Tuesday to discuss the announcement, featuring Secretary of State Antony Blinken from Europe, acting budget director Shalanda Young, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Samantha Power and Jen Klein, director of the Gender Policy Council. They are to be joined by young female leaders from Ukraine, Brazil, Zambia, Burma, Jordan and the United States. Biden was not scheduled to participate. Jill Biden marked International Women's Day with a video tribute to women throughout the

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world "who courageously use their voice, no matter the cost." "To our sisters from Ukraine who are fighting to keep their country free and their families alive: We stand with you in solidarity," the first lady said. "To our sisters in Russia who are protesting and speaking out against the invasion at great personal risk: We see your courage," she added. "And to women warriors around the world, those fighting for justice and working for change: Thank you for building a better future for all of us," said the first lady, who is visiting Arizona. Biden's \$2.6 billion funding request will be included in his federal budget proposal for fiscal year 2023, which starts Oct. 1. Biden sought \$1.2 billion for gender equality programs in his 2022 budget proposal. The numbers haven't been finalized since Congress is still working on the budget. The White House has not said when Biden will send his 2023 spending proposal to Congress.

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News

US strikes harder at Putin, banning all Russian oil imports

(AP) — Striking harder at Russia's economy, President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered a ban on Russian oil imports in retaliation for Vladimir Putin's onslaught in Ukraine. The major trade action, responding to the pleas of Ukraine's embattled leader, thrust the U.S. out front as Western nations seek to halt Putin's invasion.

Americans will feel pain, too — at the gas pump — Biden acknowledged, declaring, "Defending freedom is going to cost."

The imports have been a glaring omission in the massive sanctions put in place on Russia over the invasion. Energy exports have kept a steady stream of cash flowing to Russia despite otherwise severe restrictions on its financial sector.

"We will not be part of subsidizing Putin's war," Biden said, calling the new action a "powerful blow" against Russia's ability to fund the ongoing offensive.

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Biden said the U.S. was acting in close consultation with European allies, who are more dependent on Russian energy supplies and who he acknowledged may not be able to join in immediately. The announcement marked the latest Biden attempt at cutting off Russia from much of the global economy and ensuring that the Ukraine invasion is a strategic loss for Putin, even if he manages to seize territory.

"Ukraine will never be a victory for Putin," Biden said. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a tweet praised Biden's action: "Thankful for US and @POTUS personal leadership in striking in the heart of Putin's war machine and banning oil, gas and coal from US market. Encourage other countries and leaders to follow."

The European Union this week will commit to phasing out its reliance on Russia for energy needs as soon as possible, but filling the void without crippling EU economies will likely take some time. The UK, which is no longer part of the EU, announced Tuesday that oil and oil products from Russia will be phased out by the end of the year.

Unlike the U.S., which is a major oil and gas producer, Europe relies on imports for 90% of its gas and 97% of its oil products. Russia supplies 40% of Europe's gas and a quarter of its oil. The U.S. does not import Russian natural gas.

The issue of oil sanctions has created a conflict for the president between political interests at home

and efforts to impose costs on Russia. Though Russian oil makes up only a small part of U.S. imports, Biden has said he was reluctant to ban it, cutting into supplies here and pushing gasoline prices higher.

Inflation is at a 40-year peak, fueled in large part by gas prices, and that could hurt Biden heading into the November midterm elections.

"Putin's war is already hurting American families at the gas pump," Biden said, adding, "I'm going to do everything I can to minimize Putin's price hike here at home."

Gas prices have been rising for weeks due to the conflict and in anticipation of potential sanctions on the Russian energy sector. The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the U.S. hit a record \$4.17 Tuesday, rising by 10 cents in one day, and up 55 cents since last week, according to auto club AAA.

Biden said it was understandable that prices were rising, but cautioned the U.S. energy industry against "excessive price increases" and exploiting consumers.

Even before the U.S. ban many Western energy companies, including ExxonMobil and BP, moved to cut ties with the Russia and limit imports. Shell, which purchased a shipment of Russian oil this weekend, apologized for the move on Tuesday amid international criticism and pledged to halt further purchases of Russian energy supplies. Preliminary data from the U.S. Energy Department shows imports of Russian crude dropped to zero in the last week in February.

In 2021, the U.S. imported roughly 245 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia — a one-year increase of 24%, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

"It's an important step to show Russia that energy is on the table," said Max Bergmann, a former State Department official who is now a senior fellow at the Democratic-leaning Center for American Progress.

Bergmann said it wasn't surprising that the U.S. was able to take this step before European nations, which are more dependent on Russian energy.

"All of this is being done in coordination, even if the steps are not symmetrical," he said. "We are talking to them constantly."

The White House said the ban on new purchases was effective immediately but the administration was allowing a 45-day "wind down" for continued delivery under existing contracts.

The news of Biden's decision Tuesday was first reported by Bloomberg.

The White House announcement comes amid bipartisan pressure on Capitol Hill to ban Russian energy and impose other economic costs.

Last week, House Speak-

er Nancy Pelosi gave a big boost when she declared, "Ban it."

On Monday, Democrats on the powerful Ways & Means Committee posted, then removed, an announcement on a bipartisan bill to ban Russian oil imports and slap further trade sanctions on the country, according to an aide, because of pushback from the White House against acting before Biden had made his decision.

"President Biden is finally doing what members of Congress have been pushing for all along," Sen John Barrasso, R-Wyo., and a member of party leadership, said Tuesday. "His decision to ban Russian oil is a much-needed step to kill Putin's cash cow."

But late Tuesday, the House pushed back a vote on the bill to ban Russian oil, amid disagreements among lawmakers over details. The House was expected to vote on the bill Wednesday, according to an aide granted anonymity to discuss the situation.

Said Jason Furman, a Harvard professor and former economic adviser to President Barack Obama: "The United States economy can fully handle any of the challenges associated with higher oil prices. But it will bring some challenges. We're going to have higher prices at the pump, and there's no way around that."

Pelosi said the House would go forward with a vote Tuesday on legislation to ban the Russian oil imports, impose trade costs on Russia and expand sanctions authority against Russians for attacks on civilians in Ukraine.

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Before the invasion, Russian oil and gas made up more than a third of government revenues. Global energy prices have surged after the invasion and have continued to rise despite coordinated releases of strategic reserves, making Russian exports even more lucrative.

As a consequence of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the U.S. and international partners have sanctioned Russia's largest banks, its central bank and finance ministry, and moved to block certain financial institutions from the SWIFT messaging system for international payments.

Q & A

Forecasters say gasoline prices likely to remain high

(AP) — Gasoline prices have smashed a 2008 record and are likely to head even higher, further fueling inflation and hitting consumers and businesses that are still coming to grips with the pandemic.

The national average topped \$4.17 a gallon on Tuesday, according to auto club AAA, and several states on each coast could soon join California in the \$5-and-up club.

Prices at the pump have been rising for more than a year, and analysts expect further increases after President Joe Biden announced that the United States will ban imports of Russian oil to punish Russia more severely for invading Ukraine.

As painful as this week's prices are, they are still not the highest that Americans have paid when you consider inflation. In today's dollars, that 2008 record of \$4.10 a gallon would be equal to about \$5.24.

A look at how we got here, and what it means for American households:

WHEN DID PRICES START RISING?

After averaging \$2.69 a gallon in 2019, U.S. gasoline prices collapsed as COVID-19 forced offices and businesses to close in early 2020. By late April 2020, a gallon sold for under \$1.90. Prices have mostly risen since then, as demand for energy rebounded, global production failed to keep pace, and inventories shrank.

WHY ARE PRICES SO HIGH?

It boils down to supply and demand. The world consumes nearly 100 million barrels of oil a day on average. Producers cut spending on exploration and production during the pandemic, and they have been slow to ramp back up. Some producers say they face labor and parts shortages.

The benchmark price for U.S. oil was around \$125 a barrel in afternoon trading Tuesday, while the international standard, Brent crude, was above \$130. Of course, consumers didn't mind when crude was below \$20 at the start of the pandemic.

"Oil companies don't set the market prices; people do, by filling up their tanks," says Patrick De Haan, petroleum analyst for GasBuddy, which tracks gasoline prices around the U.S.

HOW MUCH IS DUE TO RUSSIA'S WAR?

Analysts say that nearly the entire rise of the last week — about 55 cents a gallon nationwide, on average — can be linked to anticipation that eventually western countries would ban Russian crude, further shrinking their already tight supplies.

"The U.S. doesn't need Russian oil per se, but the world and particularly Europe are dependent on it," says Tom Kloza, an analyst for the Oil Price Information Service.

According to government figures, the U.S. imported 245 million barrels of oil from Russia last year, or 8% of all U.S. oil imports. That is less than the United States imported from Canada or Mexico but more than it took from Saudi Arabia.

WHEN WILL PRICES EASE?

Normally fuel prices rise in spring and summer, as Americans drive and fly more. Demand could also get a boost as countries continue to shed their COVID-19 restrictions. Those trends suggest that pump prices are heading higher, with demand continuing to outstrip supply.



The Russia-Ukraine crisis is helping to raise oil and gasoline prices to high levels. Gasoline prices are setting a new record, and they're likely to go higher in the coming weeks. The national average topped \$4.17 a gallon on Tuesday, March 8 according to auto club AAA. Californians already pay over \$5 on average, and residents in a few other states could soon join them.

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McDonald's, Starbucks, Coke, Pepsi join exodus out of Russia

(AP) — McDonald's, Starbucks, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and General Electric — ubiquitous global brands and symbols of U.S. corporate might — all announced Tuesday they were temporarily suspending their business in Russia in response to the country's invasion of Ukraine.

"Our values mean we cannot ignore the needless human suffering unfolding in Ukraine," McDonald's President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said in an open letter to employees.

The Chicago-based burger giant said it will temporarily close 850 stores but continue paying its 62,000 employees in Russia "who have poured their heart and soul into our McDonald's brand."

Kempczinski said it's impossible to know when the company will be able to reopen its stores.

"The situation is extraordinarily challenging for a global brand like ours, and there are many considerations," Kempczinski wrote in the letter. McDonald's works with hundreds of Russian suppliers, for example, and serves millions of customers each day.

Last Friday, Starbucks had said that it was donating profits from its 130 Russian stores — owned and operated by Kuwait-based franchisee Alshaya Group — to humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. But on Tuesday, the company changed course and said it would temporarily close those stores. Alshaya Group will continue to pay Starbucks' 2,000 Russian employees, Starbucks President and CEO Kevin Johnson said in an open letter to employees.

"Through this dynamic situation, we will continue to make decisions that are true to our mission and values and communicate with transparency," Johnson wrote.

Coca-Cola Co. announced it was suspending its business in Russia, but it offered few details. Coke's partner, Switzerland-based Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co., owns 10 bot-

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RAMON LAGUARTA, CEO OF PEPSICO



McDonald's said Tuesday, March 8, 2022, it is temporarily closing all of its 850 restaurants in Russia in response to the country's invasion of Ukraine. The burger giant said it will continue paying its 62,000 employees in Russia.

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tling plants in Russia, which is its largest market. Coke has a 21% stake in Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co.

PepsiCo and General Electric both announced partial shut-downs of their Russian business.

Pepsi, based in Purchase, New York, said it will suspend sales of beverages in Russia. It will also suspend any capital investments and promotional activities.

But the company said it will continue to produce milk, baby formula and baby food, in part to continue supporting its 20,000 Russian employees and the 40,000 Russian agricultural workers who are part of its supply chain.

"Now more than ever we must stay true to the humanitarian aspect of our business," PepsiCo CEO Ramon Laguarta said in an email to employees.

General Electric also said in a Twitter post that it was partially suspending its operations in Russia. GE said two exceptions would be essential medical equipment and support for

existing power services in Russia.

McDonald's is among those to take the biggest financial hit. Unlike Starbucks and other fast food companies like KFC and Pizza Hut, whose Russian locations are owned by franchisees, McDonald's owns 84% of its Russian stores. McDonald's has also temporarily closed 108 restaurants it owns in Ukraine and continues to pay those employees.

In a recent regulatory filing, McDonald's said its restaurants in Russia and Ukraine contribute 9% of its annual revenue, or around \$2 billion last year.

Yum Brands, the parent company of KFC and Pizza Hut, said late Tuesday it planned to temporarily close 70 company-owned KFC restaurants in Russia. The company said it was also in talks with a franchisee to close all 50 Pizza Hut restaurants in Russia. It had announced Monday that it was donating all of the profits from its 1,050 restaurants in Russia to humanitarian efforts.

It has also suspended new restaurant development in the country.

Burger King said it is redirecting the profits from its 800 Russian stores to relief efforts and donating \$2 million in food vouchers to Ukrainian refugees.

McDonald's said Tuesday it has donated more than \$5 million to its employee assistance fund and to relief efforts. It has also parked a Ronald McDonald House Charities mobile medical care unit at the Polish border with Ukraine; another mobile care unit is en route to the border in Latvia, the company said. PepsiCo said it is donating food, refrigerators and \$4 million to relief organizations.

Some of the companies have a long history operating in Russia. PepsiCo entered the Russian market in the early 1960s, at the height of the Cold War, and helped to create common ground between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Later, McDonald's was one of the first U.S. fast food companies to open a store in Russia, a sign that the Cold War

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CHRIS KEMPCZINSKI, PRESIDENT & CEO OF MCDONALD'S

had thawed. On Jan. 31, 1990, thousands of Russians lined up before dawn to try hamburgers — many for the first time — at the first McDonald's in Moscow. By the end of the day, 30,000 meals had been rung up on 27 cash registers, an opening-day record for the company.

But since the Ukraine invasion last month, many corporations have ceased operations in Russia in protest. Among them is consumer goods conglomerate Unilever, which on Tuesday said it has suspended all imports and exports of its products into and out of Russia, and that it will not invest any further capital into the country. In a more limited move, Amazon said Tuesday the company's cloud computing network, Amazon Web Services, will stop allowing new sign-ups in Russia and Belarus.

Pressure had been mounting on companies that remained in the country. Hashtags to boycott companies like McDonald's, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo quickly emerged on social media.

Last week, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli — a trustee of the state's pension fund, which is a McDonald's investor — sent letters to McDonald's, PepsiCo and eight other companies urging them to consider pausing their operations in Russia.

"Companies doing business in Russia need to seriously consider whether it's worth the risk. As investors, we want assurances that our holdings are not in harms way," DiNapoli said Tuesday in a statement. "I commend the companies that are taking the right steps and suspending their operations in Russia."

In his letter, Kempczinski cited influential former McDonald's Chairman and CEO Fred Turner, whose mantra was, "Do the right thing."

"There are countless examples over the years of McDonald's Corp. living up to Fred's simple ideal. Today is one of those days," Kempczinski said.

WHO says COVID boosters needed, reversing previous call

(AP) — An expert group convened by the World Health Organization said Tuesday it "strongly supports urgent and broad access" to booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine amid the global spread of omicron, capping a reversal of the U.N. agency's repeated insistence last year that boosters weren't necessary for healthy people and contributed to vaccine inequity.

In a statement, WHO said its expert group concluded that immunization with authorized COVID-19 vaccines provide high levels of protection against severe disease and death amid the continuing spread of the hugely contagious omicron variant. WHO eased back on its earlier position in January by saying boosters were recommended once countries had ad-

equated supplies and after protecting their most vulnerable.

It said vaccination, including the use of boosters, was especially important for people at risk of severe disease.

Last year, WHO's director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for a moratorium on booster doses while dozens of countries embarked on administering the doses, saying rich countries should immediately donate those vaccines to poor countries instead. WHO scientists said at the time they would continue to evaluate incoming data.

The updated recommendations came from an 18-member advisory group that focuses on the impact of "variants of concern" — the most worrying variants, like omicron — and assesses the vac-

cines' effectiveness against them.

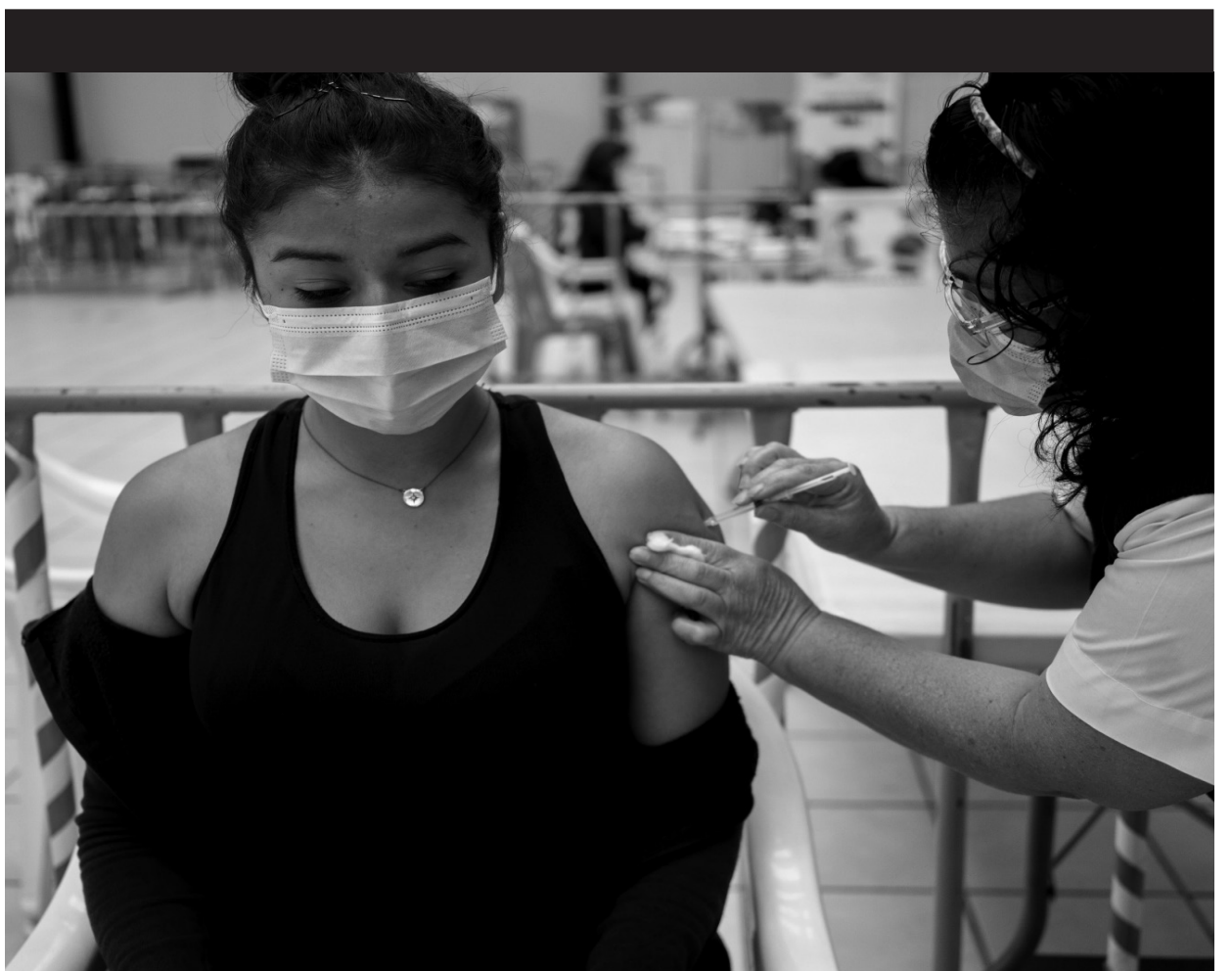
Numerous scientific studies have proven that booster doses of authorized vaccines help restore waning immunity and protect against serious COVID-19. Booster programs in rich countries including Britain, Canada and the U.S. have been credited with preventing the surge in omicron infections from spilling over into hospitals and cemeteries.

WHO said it is continuing to monitor the global spread of omicron, including a "stealth" version known as BA.2, which has been documented to have re-infected some people after an initial case of omicron. There's mixed research on whether it causes more severe disease, but vaccines appear just as effective against it.

WHO noted that the current

authorized COVID-19 vaccines are all based on the strain that was first detected in Wuhan, China more than three years ago.

"Since then, there has been continuous and substantial virus evolution and it is likely that this evolution will continue, resulting in the emergence of new variants," the agency said. It added that coronavirus vaccines would likely need to be updated.



A healthcare worker administers an AstraZeneca booster shot for COVID-19 at a vaccination center in Guatemala City, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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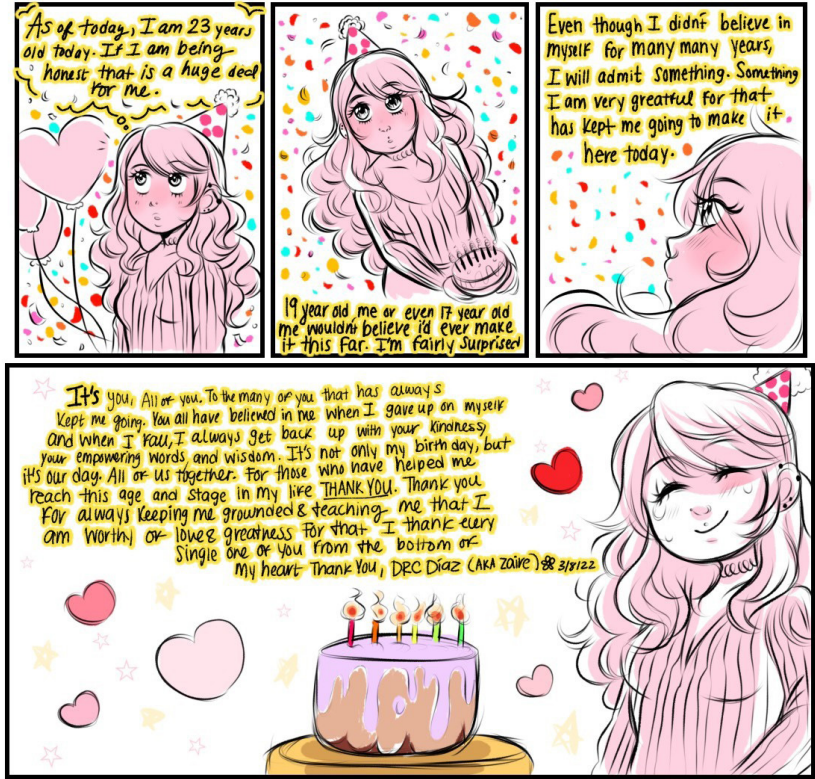
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THE HISTORICAL PRECEDENT OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

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As of the morning of Feb. 24, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has ceased to be an imminent threat and is now an ongoing reality. This frightening situation has been coming into fruition for several months now, as we've witnessed the conducting of large-scale military drills, the influx of Russian troops in Belarus and the evacuation of diplomats in Ukrainian embassies. The effective declaration of war on Ukraine by Vladimir Putin and the Russian Federation have brought forth hundreds of thousands of Russian troops within the borders of their neighboring country, alongside a legion of tanks, artillery and field hospitals. Furthermore, Russia has recognized the independence of the breakaway states inside of Ukraine, Luhansk and Donetsk, and has already ordered Russian troops inside both.

But what exactly are the reasons for war, and how do they reflect the timing of this invasion? The answers are certainly not black and white. But if we turn back the pages of time and take a peek at the world's energy needs, we may have been able to obtain some foresight behind the ulterior motives of this conflict — and its inevitability. The re-establishment of former Russian territory, limiting the increasing influence of NATO and capitalizing on natural gas deposits from the Crimean Peninsula are all major suggestions behind Russia's ultimate decision of aggression over diplomacy.

Russia's status as a significant global power has maintained consistency throughout history, despite the varying manifestations of its governmental body. This included the Tsardom of Russia in the 16th century, the Russian Empire in the 18th century, the Soviet Union in the 20th century and now the Russian Federation in the late 20th century, which arose from the ashes of the communist state. Through a geopolitical lens, the peak of Russia's pow-

er was realized during the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union when their territory stretched from Eastern Siberia all the way to Western Europe. Before the fall of the Soviet Union, countries including Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine and Moldova were all part of the same Russian body. With the Warsaw Pact further keeping more European countries within Russia's scope, the central government of Moscow held an enormous buffer against any potential military incursion from the primary Cold War rivals from the west, in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). But the end of the Cold War brought with it a massive restructuring of Russian territory, and it lost out on 15 newly independent republics that were previously part of Russia for centuries prior. From the Netherlands in the west to the Ural mountains in the east, all of the land in between is dominated completely by a geographic feature called the North European plain. Almost entirely flat, the plain is shaped like a funnel, with a very narrow width in northern Germany, but with a mouth that opens up increasingly wider as it approaches the Ural mountains. From a tactical standpoint, Moscow becomes increasingly difficult to defend the more that the eastward expansion of independent nations continues, and this fear of exposure has been realized significantly in recent times.

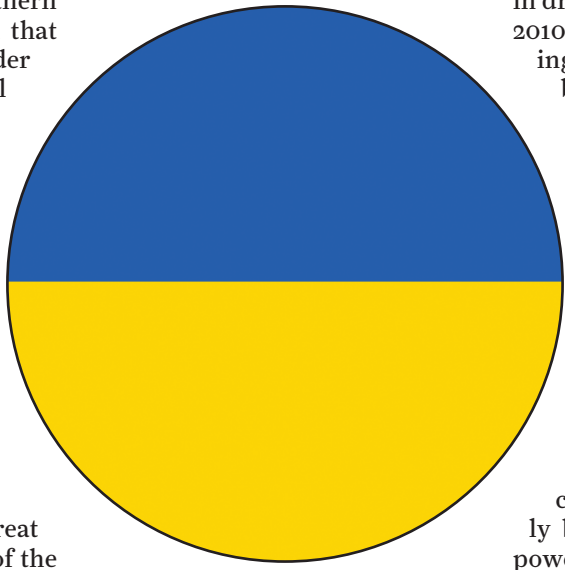
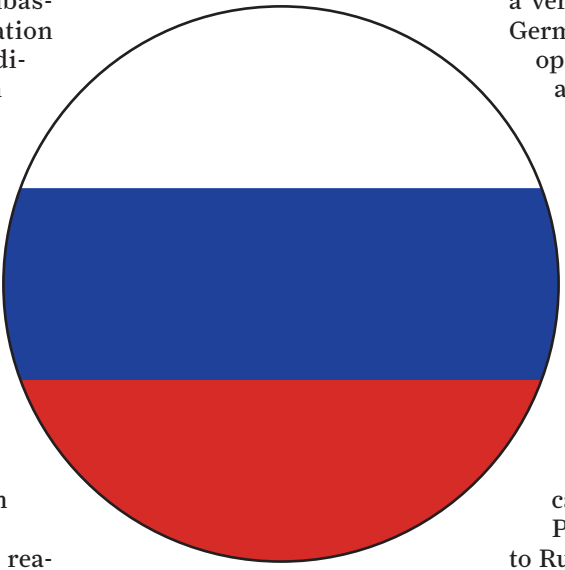
Perhaps the largest threat to Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, and arguably the primary reason for the invasion of Ukraine, is the expanding influence of NATO. Despite American promises to cease this Western military alliance — which was initially created to counteract the influence from the Soviet Union — NATO's power and geographic frontiers have done nothing but spread further and further eastward toward Russian territory for the last three decades. Within the last year, talks of Ukraine potentially joining this military alliance may just have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

Strikingly similar to the Cuban Missile Crisis, where Americans were faced with the deadly threat of a nuclear-armed Cuba less than 100 miles away from the mainland U.S., Russia is now staring down the barrel of Ukraine posing the same exact threat after decades of remaining a neutral country.

Peeling back the layers of the Russian economy, we can start to see that the assured control of Crimea and Ukraine, or at the very least the retention

stream could prove catastrophic. It turns out that Ukraine could very well prove to be this destructive roadblock. It wasn't until early in 2012, back when Ukraine still had control over Crimea and an exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea, that 2 trillion cubic meters of natural gas deposits were discovered, largely concentrated around the Crimean peninsula. On top of this, shale gas deposits in both western and eastern Ukraine were ready to be harvested due to an advancement in drilling technology in the early 2010s. The threat of Ukraine being Europe's second petrostate, behind Russia, poses a serious threat to Moscow and its heavy dependency in the export sector.

If we dig a little deeper into the historical context that led to the events of late February, we might come to realize just how unavoidable this conflict really was. From the get-go, Vladimir Putin's demands, which remain consistent today, have widely been dismissed by Western powers. This has caused political turmoil to escalate until the point where war was deemed a justified response by the Russian Federation, given the multitude of problems that have been brewing over the last 30 years leading up to this point. Diminishing geopolitical control, the spreading of NATO influence and the inherent energy needs of Russia have mixed together in tandem to create the perfect storm. Now more than ever, we need to take in a cosmopolitan perspective in resolving these issues before we face the largest European conflict since the Second World War.



Stopping Clocks

IMPLEMENTING ANCIENT TIME PRACTICES IN THE MODERN DAY

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To quote Rent, "how does one measure a year?" Weeks, days, seconds, events, love, decimal weeks of Robespierre? All of these are equally valid options. Time can really only be measured in change; the personal flow account of time. However, we are all familiar with at least two other types of time: clock-time — or as Walter Benjamin calls it, "homogeneous linear time" — and messianic time. Messianic time disrupts and breaks the monotony, the structures and rules of homogeneous time. Vladimir Jabotinsky, a right wing Zionist, held that placing money and time as more important than money, rather than the inverse,

was the predominant illness of capitalism. An example of how this disease manifests itself is in the absence of messianic time in capitalist societies of the 20th century.

To ameliorate this, he recommended three Jewish innovations — tied to either respecting the human in capitalism or breaking homogenous linear time. His examples were the "Shabbat, Sabbatical years and the Jubilee." The Shabbat is not enforceable as we are not a Jewish theocracy. Mandating a six-day work week is and has been implemented, however and is a secular analogue to this reform. The Jubilee and sabbatical years can also be implemented secularly.

Historically, the sabbatical year was a year in ancient Pal-

estine where every seven years, debts would be removed and the land would lie fallow, hence the

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name; it was a Shabbat of years. Every seven of those a jubilee would occur, which reappear-

tioned land as reckoned by the previous jubilee and totally disregarded debts, considering the idea that God owned the land and all humans are merely renters. This is a highly appealing concept, however, there are two large problems with this theory.

Firstly, how do we ensure wealth is not initially maldistributed? Secondly, the homogeneous linear time will win out. Messianic time periodically introduced to people could serve to prevent burnout. It would serve this purpose by creating a break from the old homogeneous linear time, enabling refreshment. Another problem, tied to the preceding problem, is that a predictable messianic timeline can become a homogeneous timeline. Historically, predictable intrusions of this sort of

time have led to a sort of "debt futures" market where lenders would refuse to loan before a sabbatical year. Hillel the elder solved the quandary of loans or messianic time by abolishing messianic time. Can we prevent this co-option of the jubilee? One option, more secular and less able to render anti-burnout benefits of messianic time, would be to make the jubilee aperiodic. This can be found in both Jabotinsky and pre-Jewish Jubilees. In the pre-Jewish version, jubilees were arbitrary and unpredictable. In Jabotinsky, he linked it to the Gini index and not time, thus preventing an excess of inequality, in theory. In this solution, the benefits of periodic rest are sacrificed for avoiding a debt of the future market.

So how do we measure years?



Life

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SUBOG'S 'LAST UCOMIC STANDING' SHOWCASES UCONN'S FUNNIEST STUDENTS

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On March 7, SUBOG's comedy committee held "Last UComic Standing," a stand-up comedy contest at the Student Union Theatre. The program debuted in 2019 but was put on halt due to COVID-19. This year's show was the second time the event was held.

Six contestants took part, presenting original sets on stage. Some were entirely new to performing, while others were part of the student stand-up club.

Last time, the top three comedians won small prizes, but the comedy committee chose to raise the stakes this year.

"COVID hit and you never really heard from the comedy committee again," said Caroline Czuprynski, a sixth-semester English major and SUBOG's comedy chair. "So instead of prizes, why not give students a memorable opportunity?"

With that in mind, the committee decided to crown the winner with the opportunity to open for the guest comedian at an upcoming show.

Czuprynski emceed the program, introducing each participant and throwing in a handful of her own jokes here and there. Regardless of experience, there

was no shortage of laughter as each performer took the stage.

First-time performer Linnea Bailor boasted about self-confidence and the comical paths her oblivion led her to.

Benjamin Vyce talked about his fruitless attempts to find love on Tinder, people-watching at the airport and a mortifying JCPenney photoshoot celebrating his driver's license.

Multiple performers used their set as an opportunity to make light of UConn, sending the crowd howling.

"Whenever I say I don't like kids, someone always says something stupid, like 'UConn cares about their students,'" performer Randall Radcliff joked.

Fourth-semester UConn student Nathan Sinclair talked about his attempt to woo a girl on-campus without spending a dime.

"It was Valentine's Day, so I was like great, I got to show her something nice," he said. "Instead of taking her to the North dining hall, I took her to Northwest."

"I let her sit in the front seat," Sinclair continued, "...of the bus."

Second-semester student Victoria Clingan introduced her set with an open invitation to visit her on-campus therapy cat for

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NATHAN SINCLAIR

snuggles, before turning to make fun of her home state.

"What happens in Oklahoma? If you have to ask, the answer is nothing," Clingan passionately exclaimed.

After, she launched into a humorous narration of her last Thanksgiving, featuring a very bizarre family accountant. While some of the best jokes of the night were delivered with subtlety, Clingan showed the audience that self-awareness is funny too, pausing to chuckle with the crowd at a joke she'd made on the fly.

Contestant Darrel McDowell offered up some controversial opinions, including the desire to get rid of zoos and impose an age limit on the presidency.

"They want Hillary [Clinton] to run for a third time, a third

time!" McDowell said in disbelief. "She wants to play bingo — let her retire!"

Sinclair's set covered a diverse set of topics — everything from toxic masculinity to ineffective activism.

"If you're having problems with investment bankers, you're going to march on Wall Street. If you want to stick it up to big government and you want some legislation, you're going to march on Washington," Sinclair began. Whenever the students at UConn are discontent, it's "Everyone, we're going to the Student Union," he laughed.

A panel of four judges from the committee deliberated for a while, before ultimately giving Sinclair first place, McDowell second and Clingan third. Stay tuned to SUBOG's Instagram for wdetails on the show Sinclair will be opening for and other comedy events.

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UConn students perform at "Last UComic Standing," a stand-up comedy competition sponsored by SUBOG that took place on March 7, 2022. Fourth-semester student Nathan Sinclair won first place, after leaving the crowd laughing in their seats. PHOTO BY JULIAN PRIETO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Life

Transforming your creativity into publication

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The Long River Review is a creative literary magazine created by undergraduate students at UConn. It gives students opportunities to publish, earn credit and express themselves. Yesterday, Camryn Johnson, vice president of the Literary Minds presented on what it's like to be a part of the magazine's publication process.

"Here at the Long River Review we want to publish new voices: Voices from the mouth of the river and beyond, voices drowned out by other voices, voices that might not have otherwise been heard," Johnson, who quoted the magazine's mission statement said. "We publish work that is bold, unique, inventive and most importantly, in your voice."

The Long River Review is published annually around September, according to Johnson. The magazine is not only open to submissions by UConn students but also to the public. Johnson explained that the literature and artworks in the magazine usually have an annual theme. The 2021 Long River Review's theme was on "movement."

According to Johnson, the creation of the Long River Review magazine process begins during the fall semester. Students who are interested have to apply with a personal statement and interview. After initial screening and acceptance, students must enroll in ENGL 3713 for the following spring semester.

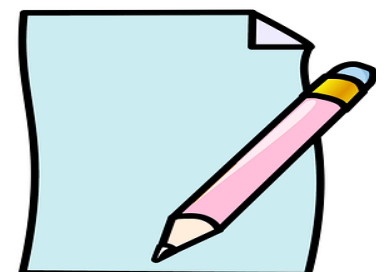
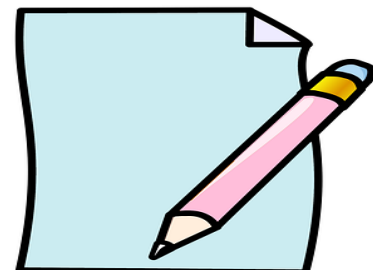
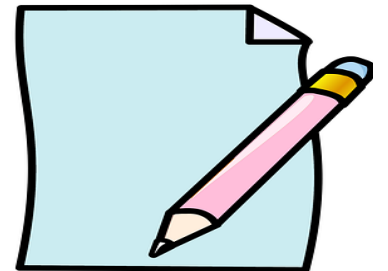
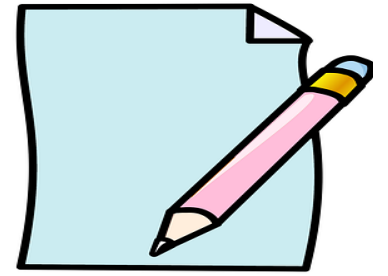
The magazine begins its assembling process in the spring semester. Members of the Long River Review have to meet once a week and work on specific assignments, also helping to curate what content to include. The Long River Review is divided into fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and translation panels. Johnson explained that although the course can be time-consuming, the key is passion and time management. Members are also paid for their work throughout the spring semester. Students in the class also participate in different opportunities to engage with guest speakers and writing events.

A common misconception is that only English, communications or journalism majors join the publishing industry. She states that other disciplines are equally valued, whether you come from puppetry or the STEM field. If they are passionate about writing, those from other fields can provide very niche insights to the publishing field, according to Johnson.

"Those voices that go underrepresented, those voices that might be crowded out by others — we need you in this field because no one else is here or because it's something so new that no one knows about it," Johnson said. "The pursuit to bring

it to life is a beautiful thing. So 100% apply, don't feel daunted, express the interest: that I may not come from a conventional background, but I have a desire to learn about — this that I'm valued in that way."

When Johnson first arrived at UConn, she was immediately drawn to creative writing and was later introduced to the Long River Review. Since her passion is creative writing, the application process came naturally for Johnson. She explained she aspires to be an editor once she graduates, and that reading the raw emotions from UConn student submissions inspires her to continue to write.



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A screenshot from the Long River Review virtual meeting that took place on March 8, 2022. During the meeting, vice president of the Literary Minds, Camryn Johnson explained the importance of publishing new voices. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

One thirsts for love, the other thirsts for flesh in Hulu's new film 'Fresh'

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After its initial release at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year, Mimi Cave's directorial debut "Fresh" hit Hulu on March 4. The film is an interesting mix of genres, and while it can be considered horror, it also reads as satire; if not for its cannibalistic twist, it may have played out like a rom-com.

The film opens with Noa, played by "Normal People" star Daisy Edgar-Jones, on the hunt for something more than what swiping right on dating apps can offer. Sick of small talk, unsolicited pictures and icky first dates, Noa desperately wishes for something more. The film suggests all online dating does is treat pools of women like meat markets.

But all that changes when Noa finally gets her meet-cute through an impromptu conversation at the grocery store. Steve, played by Marvel's Sebastian Stan, wins her over with some awkward lines about cotton candy grapes, and their relationship blossoms from there.

"Fresh" offers a critique on a world very reminiscent of Emerald Fennell's "Promising Young Woman" — it gets your hopes up, before violently yanking them away. A common theme is the notion of the "nice guy," why is it that we consider men who do the bare minimum to be so compelling?

And thus, Noa's weekend getaway with Steve goes horribly awry. Turns out, there's an actual market for fresh female flesh, and Steve has lured Noa into his den to be a part of it.

Cave, known for her music video direction, has done an amazing job trans-

lating her skills into a feature-length film. "Fresh" has truly incredible cinematography, starting with its visuals of food. It begins innocently enough, with zoomed-in shots of Noa crunching on some cheese puffs or grapes. But, of course, these close-ups quickly become sickening as the food source changes.

Unlike some previous images of cannibalism in media, like Roald Dahl's "Lamb to the Slaughter," characters in "Fresh" are not unaware participants but relish in the taste of human flesh.

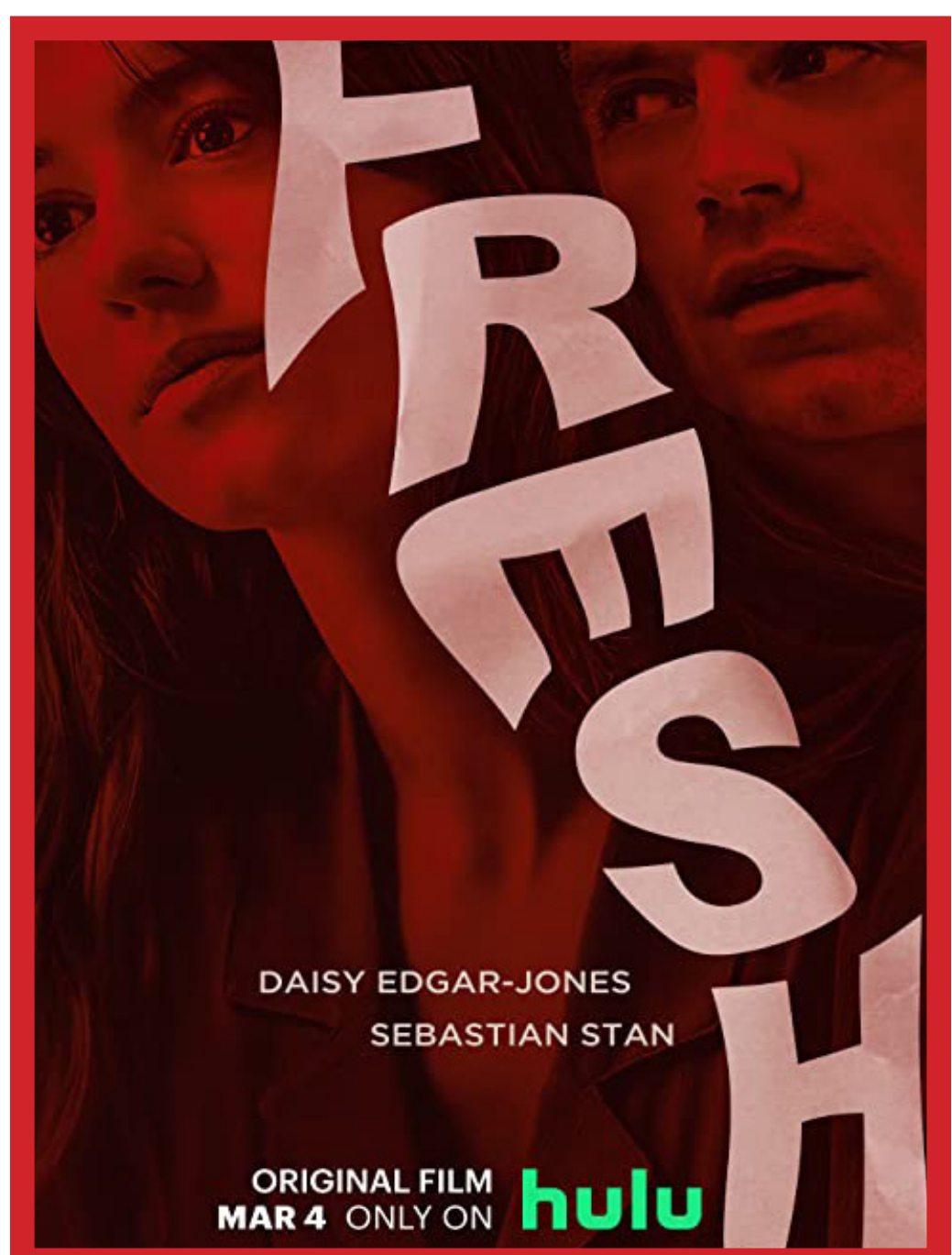
Though "Fresh" doesn't have jump-scares or the traditional gore found in horror films, it is not for the faint of heart. Even though what is on camera is not actual human meat, the thought that it very well could be makes the film all the more nauseating.

Outside of food, the setting, warm lighting and strange close-ups of Noa and Steve's hypnotic dancing all give the movie a very eerie feel.

While visually appealing, the story could have gone deeper into Steve's past and the origins of his cannibalistic tendencies. While the side characters leave something to be desired, there is no denying the comic relief they provide. One friend abandons his rescue mission after pulling into the driveway of Steve's secluded workshop, fully aware of the horror movie tropes signaling his life was at risk.

Ultimately, "Fresh" is a great option if you're looking for something that likely won't bring out blood-curdling screams, but will still send chills down your spine.

RATING: 4.5 OUT OF 5 STARS



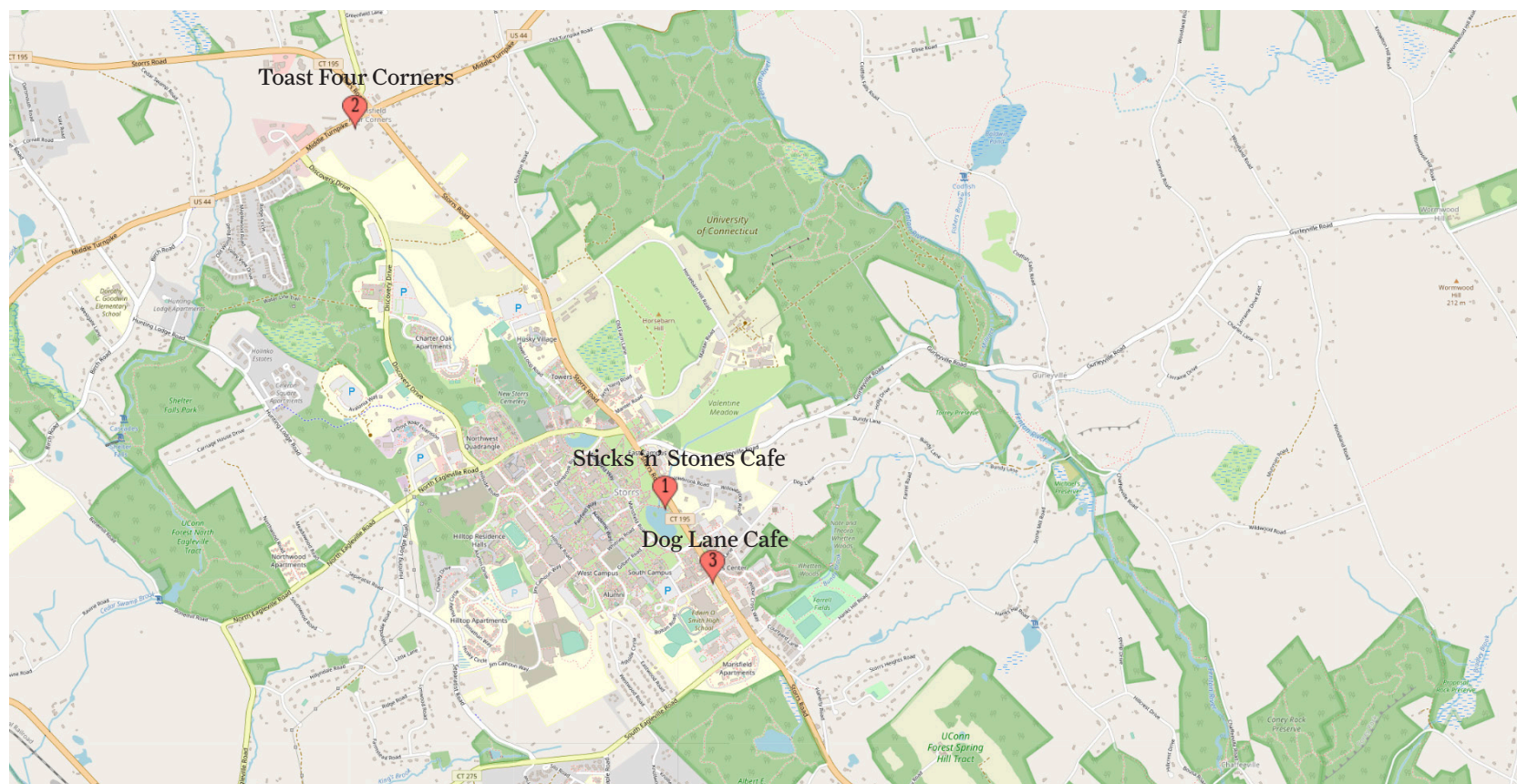
The poster for Hulu's recently debuted film "Fresh." The film follows the life of Noa, a woman navigating the aspects of the online dating scene, who is portrayed by Daisy-Edgar Jones. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

Hollieats: Best of brunch and breakfast, Part 2



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Last week, I discussed a few of my favorite breakfast places around campus, including Gramma's Comfort Foods, Monet's Table and That Breakfast Place. Today, I'll be chatting about more spots you should check out for brunch and breakfast.



Sticks 'n' Stones Cafe, Toast Four Corners and Dog Lane Cafe featured together on a map of Storrs. All three cafes offer a variety of classic breakfast options. MAP COURTESY OF MAPCUSTOMIZER.COM

Classic-Close-to-Campus: Toast Four Corners (Storrs)

Toast Four Corners sits on the corner of the main intersection before you hit campus, hence its name. The charming breakfast and lunch restaurant is a Storrs staple, featuring Huskies merchandise on its walls and tables. With its painted booths and wood interior, the restaurant is casual, cozy and an appropriate setting if you want to dress up a bit for brunch with friends or feel like rolling in with sweatpants. However, because of its versatility and popularity, Toast is usually packed on the weekends, so expect an average wait time of at least 30 to 45 minutes. But who knows, maybe you'll luck out!

Toast's well-rounded and reasonably-priced menu works for most occasions which you'd need a solid brunch selection: nursing a hangover with the friends you went out with the night before, your parents are visiting and offered to pick up the check or even a cute brunch date. The restaurant offers the classic breakfast combos of eggs cooked to your preference with home fries, toast and your choice of meat for as low as \$5 and reaching \$14 if you want to pair your eggs with an eight-ounce New York strip steak. Toast also offers breakfast sandwiches (\$3.75 to \$6), variations of eggs benedicts (\$10 to \$12), omelets (\$8.25 to \$12), pancakes (\$5.25 for two, \$7.25 for three), Belgian waffles (\$4.95 for one), French toast (\$5.95 for two, \$7.95 for two), biscuits and gravy (\$8.95 with two eggs), grits, chicken and waffles (\$7.95) and a respectable lunch menu of mostly sandwiches.

Some of the savory food I've tried, like the eggs, homemade hash and home fries are on the blander side, but it's nothing some salt, pepper and hot sauce can't fix. Further, the restaurant's titular homemade buttered toast certainly lives up to its name — cinnamon swirled is my choice, along with the homemade jam they serve it with.

Best Bagels: Bagel Zone (Storrs)

Let's not forget the beloved Bagel Zone, which is a bit down the road for on-campus students, but worth the trip. It's a no-frills, but very affordable, bagel shop with an expansive selection of bagels and other breakfast food. It's currently in danger of closing, so the owners are hosting a GoFundMe and posting on their Instagram for support. Stop by this Storrs staple for a good ol' toasted jalapeño everything cheddar bagel with butter and consider contributing to their cause.

Hidden Gem: Stix 'n' Stones Cafe (Storrs)

Dog Lane is everybody's cafe choice, which makes sense considering its proximity and charm. However, if you're willing to make the trek, further down the road is Stix 'n' Stones Cafe, which I previously reviewed as Spring Hill Cafe. The spot was bought by the landscape store it is attached to, but it still retains its expansive menu and high quality food. The prices are comparable or even a bit less than Dog Lane's — which are, to be honest, pretty pricey for pretty average food. (Every time I try Dog Lane, I tell myself I like it, or maybe I ordered the wrong thing, but now I'm realizing maybe I just don't like their food too much).

The service at Stix 'n' Stones takes a bit of time, especially if they're busy, so don't go there if you're in a rush (or just order ahead). If you don't mind the wait, it's actually really nice to peruse the attached store, which features pretty plants, but also some local products like homemade flavored olive oils and vinegars and homemade soaps and fragrances.

Stix 'n' Stones offers French toast (\$9.25 for two slices), pancakes (\$10.25 for two), wraps (\$6.50), an egg and cheese sandwich (\$4.50) with your choice of meat (add \$1.50), omelets (\$9.50 to \$10.25) and slices of quiche (\$4.50) for breakfast. Yes, a bit pricey, but I will say their cinnamon maple French toast is pretty yummy and a good size portion; I prefer their lunch options, anyways.

The cafe's grilled sandwiches are akin to paninis and range from \$10.50 to \$13.50, served with a pickle and chips and include options like buffalo chicken, pastrami and pulled pork. I've tried the caprese with fresh mozzarella, tomato, pesto mayo and balsamic on sourdough (\$10.50) and the Bravo Avocado (\$11.50) with cheddar, bacon, tomato and avocado with honey mustard on sourdough and both are delicious, although I'm missing the Green Goddess grilled cheese with fresh mozzarella, boursin, avocado, spinach and basil on sourdough. Stix 'n' Stones also offers sandwiches and wraps served on your choice of sourdough, rye, wheat, a hard roll, croissant or gluten-free bread, or a white, wheat or spinach wrap from \$9.75 to \$12. There are classics like a BLT with mayo (\$9.75), or the Henny Penny (\$11.50), which sounds suspiciously close to my classic Grab-N-Go order (R.I.P.) with chicken, bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato and ranch in a wrap. I always tell myself I'll try the Gobbler (\$11.50) with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and mayo for some Thanksgiving festivity at any time in the year, so maybe I'll order it next time. You can also order salads with similar ingredients as the sandwich options.

And don't forget to check out the drink specials, from flavored iced and hot coffee to tea, and the beautiful display case of pastries and desserts. I can't help but be enticed by the bakery products — which my friends are similarly enamored with — pies, cookies, muffins, doughnuts, bread and croissants when I'm ordering.



A breakfast dish consisting of eggs, potatoes and toast from Toast Four Corners located in Storrs, Conn. Toast Four Corners offers other similar classic dishes, as well as breakfast sandwiches and waffles and French toast. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

Breakfast		
Egg & Cheese Sandwich \$4.50 <i>choice of bread: hard roll, croissant, GF roll plain choice of cheese; cheddar, swiss, american</i>	Cinnamon Maple French Toast \$9.25 <i>2 Slices Powdered Sugar Brioche Bread with Maple Syrup</i>	The Alarm Clock \$6.50 <i>2 Eggs your way & Toast</i>
add meat: bacon, sausage or ham \$1.50		add hashbrowns(2) \$2.00
add: spinach, tomato, Guacamole \$1.00	Stix Stax Pancakes(2) \$10.25 add blueberries, bananas or chocolate chips \$1.00	add meat: bacon, sausage or ham \$2.50
Southwestern Wrap \$6.50 <i>Egg, Cheddar, Sausage, Peppers, Onion and Salsa</i>	Western Omelette \$10.25 <i>3 Eggs, Ham, Cheddar, Peppers & Onions with Toast</i>	Quiche \$4.50 <i>Spinach and feta, or tomato and basil</i>
Good Morning Wrap \$6.50 <i>Egg, American, Spinach, Tomato & Roasted Red Peppers</i>	add hashbrowns(2) \$2.00	add hashbrowns(2) \$2.00
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	Mediterranean Omelette \$9.50 <i>3 Eggs, Feta, Spinach & Tomatoes with Toast</i>	
	add hashbrowns(2) \$2.00	
	add meat: bacon, sausage or ham \$2.50	

The breakfast menu from Sticks 'n' Stones Cafe. The menu features a variety of comfort dishes, such as two different types of quiches and various breakfast wraps. PHOTO COURTESY OF STIXNSTONESCT.COM

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Swan lake in winter



Swan Lake on a Tuesday afternoon. Students see this view walking out of the Chemistry Building after a long day of class. PHOTO BY ANDREW KOTAIT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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Canada is south of Detroit (just look at a map).

BATS ARE THE ONLY MAMMAL THAT CAN FLY.

The Wall Street Journal has used Comic Sans for headlines.

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Why fans should care about UConn men's basketball's season ticket price increase

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"Please know we appreciate that UConn fans like you have helped carry the load for many years and have provided countless opportunities for the 600+ young men and women who proudly wear the Husky uniform," writes David Benedict, the athletic director of the University of Connecticut.

There's nothing like fans showing loyalty to your team and that's no different at UConn, the home of the Huskies. It's a main contributor towards team energy and overall enjoyment of the game experience. It's essential, especially when you have scenes like men's basketball coach Dan Hurley going the extra mile to hype up his fans, even if it means an ejection.

When you step outside the beloved grounds of Gampel Pavilion or the boisterous environment of the XL Center on a typical day of UConn basketball, what do you hear? It's probably the sound of many fans creating an enjoyable experience and memories that those same fans will cherish for years to come, whether they're young or old, with classic chants of U-C-O-N-N.

It's unfortunate that those same loyal fans that inject that lovable energy into games may be forced to give up their seats in those arenas for a seat in front of the TV screen.

When UConn season ticket holders checked their phones to a mes-

sage from Benedict on Monday afternoon, many were expecting a minimal price increase to their current ticket prices. What they weren't expecting was a total price increase of more than 200% for many tickets, and lower level season ticket prices reaching \$5,000, in some cases.

It's even more confusing with the timing of the announcement. Fans were ready to travel all the way to New York to see the Huskies compete for a Big East Tournament championship. They were ready to create plenty of memories at what many UConn fans consider the team's third arena, Madison Square Garden. When the hype for the program was arguably at its highest since 2014, when the team won its last National Championship, it feels as if the attention of the program keeps drifting away from the fans.

Those ame fans, who set aside income for years to watch their beloved Huskies with pride, are now faced with a tough decision. Do they cough up the big bucks to continue to support their Huskies in person or skip out on games?

It's a tough task and it's something that needs to be given attention.

As someone who's covered the team throughout the season and has watched fans flock to games, whether it's more than an hour away or just a 10-minute walk, I have to feel for the fans. Whether

the game is at the XL Center, Gampel Pavilion or even a road game, the support of the fans has not faded. It's inspiring to watch the passion and the drive of UConn fans. Personally, when I first stepped foot into Gampel Pavilion this season in the team's home opener against Central Connecticut State University, I could already feel how different the environment was from anything I had ever experienced in my 20 years of life on this earth.

I've been to NBA playoff games, NFL games, and even my taste of some NHL action. But, when you talk about UConn basketball, it's something that is so unique to anything you've ever experienced that you can easily understand why thousands of fans dedicate their lives to it. You understand why fans fork over money, time, and energy to put into a fanbase that never seems to go away. Even when the game is over, fans run to social media, where they stay up till as long as 3 a.m. to argue about UConn basketball.

When you want to take away those in-game experiences, especially from young children that have yet to experience their first game or season, it becomes even worse. It becomes infuriating to know that those same children won't be able to experience and create the memories that made their parents lifelong fans. Hearing parents talk about the topic with sadness rather than anger is justifiably



Fans cheer at a UConn basketball game. Writer Evan Rodriguez argues that fans should be concerned about the ticket price increase for men's basketball games.

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aggravating. There are no other words to describe it.

But, it's more than just season tickets as well — there's also the effect that the price hike will have on single game tickets. Fans, or even families, will now have to compete with many of the now previous season ticket holders for single game tickets that will spike with an increase in season ticket prices as well as the increased quality of the program.

Now, it's understandable that the UConn athletic program needs money. The program just paid former coach Kevin Ollie more than \$11 million earlier this year. UConn's athletic department overall was in a \$43.5 million deficit for the 2020 fiscal year, according to The Hartford Courant. Even with the overwhelming support of fans through sold-out games and donations when the team wasn't selling tickets, the athletic department is still in an overwhelmingly poor financial position compared to other NCAA Division 1 programs.

While the athletic department has not addressed the relation of Ollie's settlement payment to fans' season ticket price increase, there is certainly a high likelihood of a relation, especially considering how high that price increase is.

But when the program has to go this route to price out its fans for that extra money, you kill a considerable amount of love and support for the program. Most importantly, you nullify the support of the fans that make you that money in the first place.

Jackie Robinson once said, "Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life." It feels like the entire UConn community has embraced this statement through the thick and thin of the program with their unfading support. If there's one thing I know that would continue to fuel the success of the program, it would be to listen to the fans.

The Coleumn: Several Big East teams should make the NCAA Women's Tournament

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That's what University of Connecticut women's basketball head coach Geno Auriemma said when asked about the Big East this season. UConn may have won the conference tournament, but this has been a talking point by several other conference foes when asked about their case for making the women's March Madness.

According to ESPN's NCAA women's bracketology as of Tuesday), UConn is a No. 2 seed in the Bridgeport regional while Creighton is a No. 9 seed in the Spokane regional. Villanova is one of the first four out while DePaul and Marquette are both next four out. I would include all these teams if I were a part of the selection committee, but why exactly should they all make it in?



Villanova Wildcats (23-8, 15-4 Big East)

Villanova's biggest reason is momentum. Since Big East Player of the Year Maddy Siegrist came back from injury, the Wildcats have gone 20-3. Those losses were a road loss to DePaul, a road loss to Seton Hall and a loss to UConn in the Big East Championship game Monday.

That's right, they beat UConn in a Big East basketball game, the only team to do so in conference play in the last nine seasons. Anyone who beats the Huskies in conference play should automatically qualify for the tournament.

The biggest things going against them are their losses to Princeton and Maryland as well as their 30-point loss with everyone's playing in question. However, leaving Siegrist off the bracket when Auriemma described her as a top 10 player in the country is an absolute disgrace. Include Most Improved Player Lior Garzon, Brianna Herhily and All-Freshman Team selection Lucy Olsen, and this team could handily defeat some of the other competition in the field of 68.

Creighton Blue Jays (20-9, 15-5 Big East)



The Blue Jays have the best shot to make the tournament. Their only weak spot was a road loss to Drake, but they have been consistent otherwise, splitting Marquette, DePaul and Villanova. This team's biggest strength comes from their shooting, as they are 36.7% from beyond the arc and 46.6% from the field, second only to Marquette and UConn, respectively.

All-Big East First Team selection Emma Ronsiek (14.9 PPG), All-Big East Second Team selection Lauren Jensen and Morgan Maly have been their offensive contributors, and they will lead the Blue Jays to the second weekend.

"Creighton and Nova deserve to be in the NCAA Tournament. Period," DePaul head coach Doug Bruno commented when asked about the conference.

DePaul Blue Demons (22-10, 14-6 Big East)



"People with 16 and 17 and 18 wins get in and you're sitting here on 22, you'd like to think that that should have been enough." When comparing his team's tournament

resume, Bruno referenced wins and a tough schedule. The Blue Demons lost six games in conference play, but have a quality win over the SEC champion Kentucky Wildcats. Like Siegrist with Villanova, Freshman of the Year Aneesah Morrow should be in the tournament. This team is more than Morrow (21.7 PPG and 13.8 RPG), as All-Big East First Team selection Sonya Morris, All-Big East Honorable Mention Deja Church and All-Big East Second Team selection Lexi Held have been just as productive and could cause offensive problems for weeks on end.

If I had to choose between the high-octane offenses of Villanova and DePaul to make the tournament, I would pick both because they both deserve it.

Marquette Golden Eagles (21-10, 13-7 Big East)



Head coach Megan Duffy and the Golden Eagles have the resume to lead this team back to their second consecutive March Madness. They run on an intimidating defense, where three players collect over five rebounds a game and the team averages 40.6. On the offensive side, Marquette is steadily improving, being the only team to score more than 50 points against UConn since they lost to Villanova, and dropped 105 points against DePaul.

This is also a last ride for All-Big East First Team selection Lauren Van Kleunen (13.6 PPG, 6.3 RPG) and Karissa McLaughlin; it would be disrespectful to leave them out of the tournament after all of their hard work.

"We've always been a well-balanced team. I hope the committee will give us the opportunity to make some noise," Duffy remarked.

Seton Hall Pirates (19-12, 12-8 Big East)

"We have a damn good team and the lack of respect we get is disgusting."

Head coach Anthony Bozzella's expletive filled rant following the Villanova loss in the semifinals proved one thing, this team has a



strong case. Seton Hall's weakness is that they have double figure losses, but most of them against opponents more talented, if not, just as talented as them. However, they won 11 out of their last 12 games prior to the semifinals, including a comeback win against Creighton in the quarterfinals, beating DePaul on the road and Villanova at home.

All-Big East First Team selections Lauren Park-Lane (17.6 PPG), Sydney Cooks (15.5 PPG) and All-Big East Second Team selection Andra Espionza-Hunter have been their star players and are paving the way for this up-and-coming team. Despite losing Espionza-Hunter after this season, if they make the tournament, it would strengthen the program for the next decade.

As much as I want each of these teams participating in the tournament, my biggest concern is that only two or three from this list, including Creighton, are going to make it. Some will get screwed over by bid stealers in other conference tournaments while others won't be given serious consideration by the selection committee.

When asked about the league, Big East Coach of the Year Denise Dillon said, "I think the Big East is a great league, it's tough night in and night out and that will be recognized."

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BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR

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Photo of the Day | Speeding along the ice



UConn suffers a 3-5 loss against UVM at the XL Center on Friday evening, March 4, 2022. UConn went on to win the next game against UVM 4-0 the following day.
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Around the Big East WBB: UConn claims Big East crown

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From Friday to Monday, members of the Big East Conference competed in the annual Big East Women's Basketball Tournament at Mohegan Sun Arena to determine a champion for this year's basketball season.

Games began with the first round of matchups on Friday. There, No. 9 Georgetown beat No. 8 Providence 68-55, No. 7 St. John's defeated No. 10 Xavier 76-69 and No. 6 Seton Hall took down No. 11 Butler 59-39.

Teams that won their first round matchups advanced to play the higher seeds in the quarterfinal round on Saturday. There, No. 5 Marquette won over No. 4 DePaul 105-85, No. 2 Villanova beat St. John's 76-52, Seton Hall edged No. 3 Creighton 66-65 and top-seeded UConn defeated Georgetown 84-38.

Heading into Sunday, only four teams remained. In the first matchup of the day, UConn defeated Marquette 71-51, led offensively by Evina Westbrook, who scored 14 points off of the bench. Christyn Williams and Dorka Juhasz also chipped in with 13 points apiece. Later, Villanova won over Seton Hall, 64-55, as the team's star, Maddy Siegrist, erupted for 24 points and 14 rebounds in the winning effort.

On Monday, No. 1 UConn and No. 2 Villanova met in the championship game to determine a tournament win-

ner. In their previous matchup on Feb. 9, the Wildcats upset the Huskies 72-69 to hand Connecticut what would be their only conference loss of the season while also snapping its 169-game conference winning streak. However, it was UConn that took early control in this matchup and didn't squander its lead, dominating Villanova and ending the night with a 70-40 victory. The Huskies received double-digit scoring efforts from Westbrook, Aaliyah Edwards and Olivia Nelson-Ododa, while Villanova's Siegrist led all scorers with 16 points. With the win, UConn was named the Big East champion for the 20th time in program history.

At the conclusion of the championship game, the Big East announced the player selections for the tournament's most outstanding player award and the all-tournament team.

Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player:

Christyn Williams, UConn

Connecticut's Williams was named the tournament's most outstanding player after averaging 12.3 points across the three games, including nine in the championship finale. A senior from Little Rock, Arkansas, Williams has been considered one of UConn's premier leaders and has garnered praise for both her hard work and passion



Christyn Williams holds the Big East Tournament Most Outstanding player trophy after UConn vs Georgetown Big East Tournament finals.

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for her team. When asked how she felt about being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Williams told SYN's Maria Marino, "I'm super honored. I feel like a lot of us on the team could have gotten it."

All-Tournament Team:

Aaliyah Edwards, UConn

Over three tournament games, Edwards averaged 11.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, including a season-high 11 rebounds in the semifinals versus Marquette. In the championship game, Edwards scored 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the field, to go with six rebounds, two assists and two steals in what was a solid all-around performance for the sophomore.

Evina Westbrook, UConn

Despite coming off of the bench in all three of her team's tournament games, Westbrook was among Connecticut's top contributors with scoring totals of 14 and 13 points in both the semifinal and championship rounds, respectively. A senior from Salem, Oregon, Westbrook shot over 54% from the field in the tournament, which included a 45% mark from behind the three-point arc.

Maddy Siegrist, Villanova

After establishing herself as one of the elite players in college basketball, Siegrist once again put on a scoring clinic in this year's Big East tournament, averaging 21.3 points per game over three total games played. This year's Big East Player of the Year had efforts of 24 points in a quarterfinal round win over St. John's and 24 points in a semifinal round win over Seton Hall. Siegrist also chipped in a team-

high 16 points in a losing effort against a stout Connecticut defense in the championship game.

Lauren Park-Lane, Seton Hall

Park-Lane proved why she deserved her unanimous selection to this year's Big East First Team by averaging 19.6 points per game over Seton Hall's three tournament games. After a first round victory over Butler, Park-Lane was a vital piece in the Pirates' hard-fought quarterfinal round victory over Creighton, in which she dished out the game-winning assist to put Seton Hall ahead by one with time winding down. She also scored 24 points on 7-for-14 shooting in a losing semifinal effort against Villanova.

Karissa McLaughlin, Marquette

A graduate student from Fort Wayne, Indiana, McLaughlin scored 18 points in a winning effort versus DePaul in the quarterfinal rounds, and 15 points in a losing effort in the semifinals versus UConn, respectively. Her tournament average of 16.5 points per game tied her for the team lead with Jordan King. McLaughlin was a key contributor in the game versus DePaul in which Marquette scored 105 points as a team, by far the most by any team in this year's tournament.

Sounding Off: Baseball fans can learn a lot about rule changes from professional League of Legends

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Over the past few years — and I am very much included in this — baseball fans have complained about how frequently aspects of the game are being changed. Purists don't want to see their sacred sport change in any way, but edits like the three-batters-per-reliever rule, the universal Designated Hitter rule and the change of the physical makeup of the baseball have all seriously irked many spectators and MLB personnel.

In addition to being a baseball

While the League sports scene has existed for more than a decade, some form of professional baseball has existed for more than a century.

fan, I also follow professional League of Legends (LoL). Due to its nature, it receives automatic updates every few weeks, which can drastically change how the game is played. Teams are expected to simply adapt each time, as it is part of the competitiveness of the sport.

One thing that baseball has that LoL does not is a lengthy history. While the League sports scene has existed for more than a decade, some form of professional baseball has existed for more than a century. Because of this, many purists want to preserve the same rules and regulations for the sake of comparison. While this makes sense in theory, a few looks at the history of baseball can debunk this.

Even if one chooses to use a timeframe beginning at 1920, which baseball experts refer to as the beginning of the "live-ball" era, many changes have occurred over that span that have made it very illogical to compare a 1920s baseball player to a 2020s baseball player. Whether you choose the fact that Black ath-

letes were not allowed in MLB until 1947, the slew of technological advances (such as Tommy John surgery, a procedure that has reinvented how pitchers can play the game) that have changed many facets of play or any other reason, the bottom line is that there isn't a very sound argument for why baseball shouldn't be changed.

The current era of baseball minds have adopted a very analytical approach to looking at the game, and this should be necessary for a game that changes.

Back to League, the general strategies employed in competition are referred to as the META, (most effective tactic available) and this shifts dramatically depending on the changes included by the developers. Coaching staffs work hard to find what

works best for the current moment, and baseball has something comparable. The current era of baseball minds have adopted a very analytical approach to looking at the game, and this should be necessary for a game that changes. Tactics like the shift and telling hitters to play more for what have been referred to as the "three true outcomes" (home run, strikeout or walk) rather than putting the ball in play are two consequences of analytical baseball.

Whether one refers to esports or to the modern interpretation of traditional sports, we have entered an era where recurring changes to competition are healthy for the growth of a sport. As much as they may annoy the old guard because the game might not look like it did 50 years ago, there should be a responsibility for those in control of the game to keep the game fresh and balanced, just as there should be a responsibility for coaches and players to find the best way to adapt to changes thrown at them. It adds another element to

the competition, but it should be a welcome element.

However, there is one caveat: the aforementioned changing of the baseball's makeup was not done with transparency, and that is not a healthy way to change the game. In League, every time an update is made, the developers release detailed notes on what the changes do. While MLB most likely would not opt for this exact format, it's imperative that in order to create a system where healthy changes can be made, some in-depth explanation should be given.

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WLAX Preview: UConn returns home against Manhattan College



UConn women's lacrosse battled to a 12-11 victory over No. 22 UMass as UConn senior Sydney Watson scored halfway through the overtime period. With the win, the Huskies pick up their first victory against a ranked opponent and improve to 4-1 on the season.

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The University of Connecticut is looking at a potential fourth

consecutive win. The women's lacrosse team will return home at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday to take on Manhattan College. UConn will be playing at the

Shenkman Training Center for the second time this season due to weather. The game was moved indoors due to Wednesday's impending snowstorm and will

have no spectators. The game time was moved up from its original start time of 2 p.m.

The Huskies are coming off an extremely successful two-game road campaign, which included a double-digit demolition of New Hampshire and an arguably more impressive and victorious comeback against UMass. While there were plenty of takeaways from the road trip, the biggest takeaway may be the depth of the Huskies lineup.

That depth will be in play against a 4-1 Jaspers lineup that has looked extremely impressive since its opening game road loss to Columbia. Fans can certainly expect a competitive and potentially close finish.

Manhattan's clear leader through this four-game win streak has been senior Grace Lipponer, who's shown out for the Jaspers with 17 goals and 12 assists. Those numbers are certainly impressive and have been a big reason for the success of the program this season.

While Lipponer has done much of the scoring, Meghan Roding has also been a valuable weapon for the Jaspers, contributing 11 goals and five assists. Jaspers goalkeeper Ashley Gambardella has grabbed 32 saves for

the Jaspers through five games.

However, Manhattan couldn't have run into UConn at a poorer time. The Huskies are on fire through their past three contests, with much of that success due to rising star Susan Lafountain. The sophomore has seven goals on the season and has been an utter force on the scoring end. With such limited playing time last year, Lafountain's rise to prominence on the team has been just what the Huskies are looking for.

Don't forget about Grace Coon either. After being held scoreless against New Hampshire, Coon returned to her usual form against UMass, grabbing three goals and three assists. Those three points add to a season total of 11 for the senior. Manhattan will need to contain Coon on offense if it wants a chance in this matchup.

UConn's team defense has been extremely impressive, as it has held opponents to just three goals in the second half in their past two contests, including outscoring their opponents 9-3 overall in those contests. The team will look to continue its defensive strength on Wednesday.

The game can be streamed on FloSports.

Point Counterpoint: Are two weeks off before the Super Bowl necessary?

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Synopsis: Each year, the NFL playoffs culminate in the Super Bowl, which takes place two weeks after champions of the AFC and NFC are crowned. Prior to the Super Bowl, each round of the playoffs is played only one week after the previous round. For this week's Point/Counterpoint, Daily Campus Sports writers Katherine Sheridan and Sam Zelin debate whether that two-week waiting period should continue to exist, or if the Super Bowl should be played only a week after the conference championships conclude.

Katherine Sheridan: "It is one more game, but it is one more very important game." These were the words of Los Angeles wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. offered up to reporters during media day. Although the Super Bowl is the biggest football game of the year, it really is just one more game right? So why should it be treated any differently? The two-week grace period that occurs in between the conference championship weekend and the Super Bowl should be done away with. Compared to other leagues, the NFL's season is contrived of a very succinct schedule with weekly games being played every Sunday, so adding a second week off from play before the biggest game of the season is not as ideal as some argue. Similarly to the augment on when the All-Star Break should occur, it comes down to the momentum a team may have and the things they need to do in order to maintain it for the following week. When preparing for any game and especially the championship, routines are crucial as it can dictate the way a certain player performs if they are to stray away from their normal rituals. Although travel and recovery are of immense importance in their own right, players just want to play. Ahead of Super Bowl 50, former Denver Bronco Von Miller told reporters, "I am just going out there and I am just playing." In any case, waiting to go through with something is more challenging than actually being in it so for these NFL players staying patient is the real opponent. To minimize

this, the NFL should seriously consider what works best for their athletes during moments that carry larger weight.

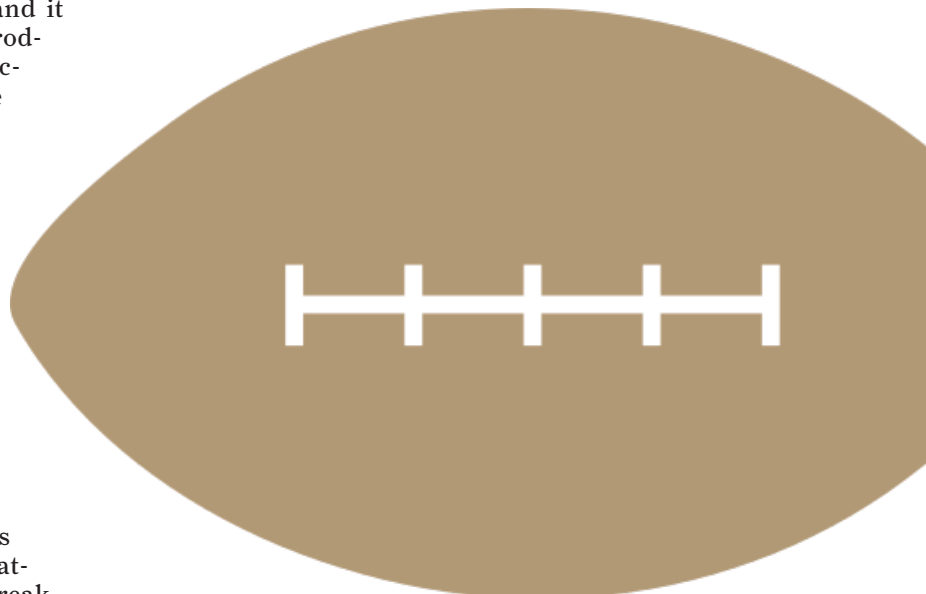
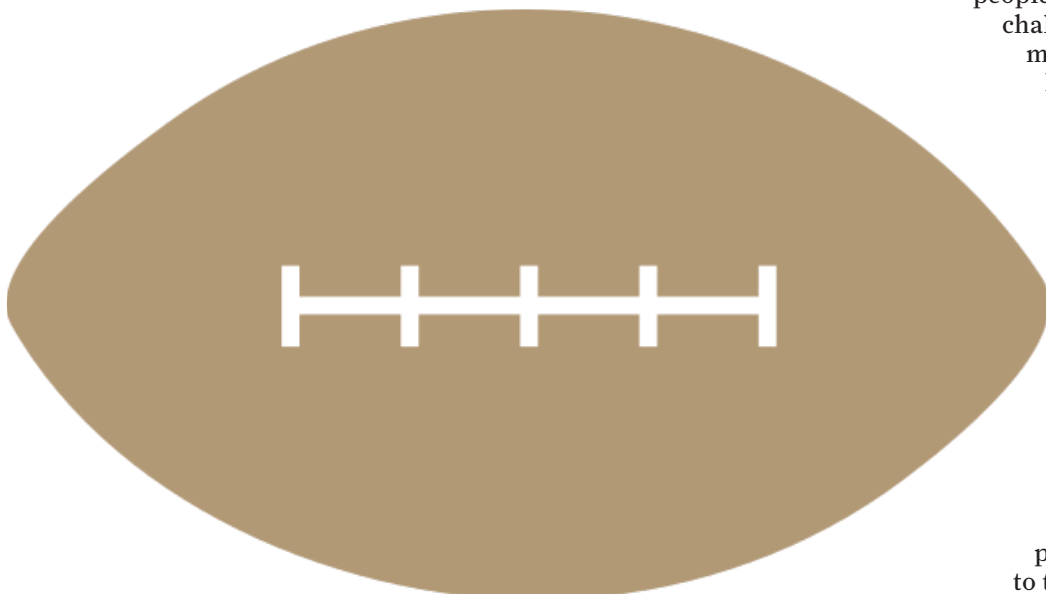
Sam Zelin: Most importantly, the Super Bowl serves two main purposes: It must decide the best team in the NFL for the season leading up to it as fairly as possible, and it is the league's premier entertainment product. In order to satisfy both of these objectives, one important factor to mitigate is player injury. On top of the obvious truth that no one wants people to get injured, injuries to players hurt both the competitiveness as well as the marketability of the game. For example, Beckham Jr. was injured during the Super Bowl last month. Had his team not won the game, whether or not his absence influenced the game's outcome might have been a prominent discussion. Beckham is a hugely recognizable star, and had already caught a touchdown pass during the game, so losing him could have serious consequences both for the game itself and for the ratings. Circling back to how a two-week break correlates to this, there are two main reasons. For starters, an extra week allows players that were previously injured more time to get healthy before the big game. This means more starters will play, lessening the chance that someone would play without fully recovering. On the other hand, a whole extra week of rest can prevent injuries from occurring in-game. According to a 2018 article by UConn's Dr. Deena Casiero, M.D., "rest is critical to avoiding injury." While capitalizing on the momentum of the rest of the playoffs is tantalizing, it should be more of a priority to focus on the health of the players, as fans having to wait one week for more NFL action simply isn't that serious of a consequence.

Katherine Sheridan: While the league must keep their athletes at the top of their priorities, the people who make the game atmosphere what it is are the fans. Granted, fans should not have such persuading powers over the league to change the schedule of the games, however, the NFL must consider their audience. As patience begins to weaken and attention spans grow shorter, keeping people tuned in becomes a new challenge. There are only so many things the NFL public relations team can do to keep the hype constant before becoming repetitive. The Super Bowl for many, is the first football game they may be watching of the season so it would be advantageous of the NFL to plan for the big show as early as possible so they don't lose out on potential viewership. Provided by CBS17.com Super Bowl planning usually starts up to two years in advance. Despite COVID-19 being a thorn in everyone's side, it allowed the staff to learn what would work for

the following year. Fast forward to the NFC Championship Game that took place in the same arena

that Super Bowl LVI would be in, this caused the event planners to work faster than usual but was treated as a great dry run. Knowing that this isn't always the case in terms of location, it is difficult to plan on how things will run. If the NFL ever did consider a change in the two-week bye period, it could be used as an example to make the coordination as smooth as possible but also shorten the time between play.

Sam Zelin: Fan engagement is obviously very important, but with a brand as strong as the Super Bowl, retention is not a problem. Yes, we do live in an era where attention spans are incredibly short, but because of how institutional the Super Bowl is to our society, it almost seems to create an exception. According to CNBC, over 112 million people watched this year's big game, while only 6.69 million tuned into the Pro Bowl one week prior, according to Statista. If fans truly were starving for football content, they would have watched the Pro Bowl — instead, they waited the extra week for the Super Bowl. Taking the break not only naturally builds anticipation, but it allows for more content to be created to hype up the main event. The point about the fact that this might be the first game fans watch all season also brings up an interesting issue with fan engagement: If the necessity to consume football as soon as possible was so strong, wouldn't more diehard fans watch preseason games? Just as the Super Bowl might be the first game a casual fan watches, many more dedicated fans' first game is the first official game of the season. According to sportsmediawatch.com, preseason games generally pull in a few million viewers, while regular season openers can average double-digit millions, per sportspromedia.com. In short, the vast majority of fans are willing to wait for football, and the other factors simply point more in favor of the two-week break.





Sports

Huskies win baseball home opener

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Although Storrs is no sunny Florida, UConn was able to shine even in the cold weather on Tuesday afternoon at Elliot Ballpark, beating the University of Hartford Hawks 8-3.

“We were not UConn tough today,” head coach Jim Penders said after the game. “It was an ugly baseball game, but fortunately we were able to come out on top.”

UConn found its strengths offensively, scoring early in the game to head into the third inning with a six-run lead over Hartford, keeping the Hawks from reaching

home base.

With several singles from Zach Bushling, T.C. Simmons, Erik Stock and Ben Huber, it was David Smith who was able to combine them to make the hits count for runs. Tuesday marks Stock’s 21-game hitting streak after his visit to the plate.

“I was just trying to get on base today honestly,” Smith said. “I’ve had a decent little hitting streak going, about one or two hits each game, but today I kind of wanted to focus on getting on more and making something happen, letting those guys behind me drive me in and score some runs.”

Later in the third inning, it was Smith who was able to return the

favor and hit a single past Hartford’s shortstop, resulting in another run, scored by Simmons. Smith led the Huskies in hits with three at Elliot Ballpark.

UConn started the game hot with continuous scoring but started to cool down as it got colder and the wind started blowing stronger. Nonetheless, the Hook C kept its cool and the Hawks at bay, only allowing three runs out of Hartford’s eight hits.

“I’m sure you saw, we have the third best ERA in the country,” Smith said, believing that Tuesday’s game will have a positive contribution to UConn’s earned run average.

Coach Penders agreed, noting

that, “Today, we were auditioning a lot of guys” and believes that Brady Afthim and Braden Quinn were two that certainly nailed their time on the mound. “Those two guys that finished out were probably the best of anybody,” he said.

Hector Alejandro was UConn’s starting pitcher before the Huskies cycled in five more to keep the success going for eight and a half innings.

“I can’t really complain too much about our pitching,” coach Penders said. “I can complain about our defense and our lack of concentration and our baserunning; too many outs on the base paths today.”

The scoreboard didn’t show it, but UConn gave up six outs in the first inning. Equating them to a potential six runs, this put the Huskies in a tough position. Simultaneously, UConn scored a season-high of five stolen bases.

“The ball’s slippery when it’s cold. It slips out of gloves and you saw that a lot in the first couple of innings especially,” Penders said.

Nonetheless, Smith shared that the team tried to “just continue to stay relaxed and play the game we know how to play.”

UConn’s win over Hartford brings the Hook C to 9-1 on the season ahead of the upcoming series at Pepperdine University.



UConn beats the University of Hartford 8 runs to 3 at UConn. This was UConn’s opening day and they started off strong, with a 9-1 record.

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Men’s Golf Recap: Huskies finish fifth in Ross Collegiate Classic

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The UConn men’s golf team participated in the two-day Ross Collegiate Classic on Monday and Tuesday at Mid Pines Golf Club in Southern Pines, North Carolina, finishing fifth out of 17 teams.

The Huskies were behind tournament winner Seton Hall, second-place Elon, third-place Richmond and fourth-place Loyola Maryland.

As a team, the Huskies finished 22-over par with a two-day total of 886. The team shot a 296 and a 297 on day one, playing two rounds on the opening day, and followed with a 293 on day two. The team’s best score came in round three, when the Huskies’ score of 293 resulted in the team finishing just five-over par.

Sophomore Caleb Manuel paced Connecticut with a team-best score of 217, as he finished one-over par to place 10th out of 108 tournament participants. His three-round score came to 66-77-74, as he dominated in round one with a six-under par but finished five-over and two-over in rounds two and three, respectively. His play marked the fourth time that Manuel has led UConn

in tournament play this season, the most on the team.

Sophomore Tommy Dallahan finished second on the team behind Nelson with a score of 220, a three-day total of 74-71-75. Overall, Dallahan tied for 17th place in tournament play with his four-over par. It was Dallahan’s fourth top 20 finish of the season.

Senior Jared Nelson finished third on the team with a score of 225, equaling an aggregate score of 74-81-70, good for nine-over par. Though not one of his stronger performances of the season, Nelson still finished tied for 31st out of the 121 participants after his two-under par in round three catapulted him from the 57th spot.

Rounding out the team play were freshman Trevor Lopez and sophomore Jimmy Paradise, who finished with scores of 229 and 233, good enough to finish 56th and 72nd, respectively. Playing as an individual, freshman Eric Boulger finished with a score of 238, placing 89th.

The Huskies’ next tournament will take place from March 14 to 15 when they will compete in the Beach at the Surf Bash, at the Golf and Beach Club in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



On Monday and Tuesday, the UConn men’s golf team participated in the Ross Collegiate Classic at Mid Pines Golf Club in North Carolina.

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Good morning to UConn and UConn fans only. Hope yall have a good day.

Aaron Torres
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The UConn womens team just chanted “We want UConn” after winning the Big East Tournament title - and I can’t lie, that’s the most savage s**t I’ve ever seen!

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