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Your candidates for student body President and VP



From left to right, 2022 student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Mason Holland and Peter Spinelli, Ryan Westervelt and Charlotte Chen, Dibran Trepca and Christopher Bergen, Diederik Schiet and Matthew Bernstein. Voting opens at noon on Tuesday, March 1, and closes at noon on Thursday, March 3. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CANDIDATES

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The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government elections take place this week, with voting opening at noon on Tuesday, Mar. 1, and closing at noon on Thursday, March 3. This year there are four tickets running for student body president and vice president, including Mason Holland and Peter Spinelli, Ryan Westervelt and Charlotte Chen, Dibran Trepca and Christopher Bergen and Diederik Schiet and Matthew Bernstein.

The Daily Campus collected responses to six questions from each

of the tickets via email. The following abbreviations represent their respective tickets.

H&S: Mason Holland and Peter Spinelli. **W&C:** Ryan Westervelt and Charlotte Chen. **T&B:** Dibran Trepca and Christopher Bergen. **S&B:** Diederik Schiet and Matthew Bernstein.

Q: USG is known to have low election turnout and a lack of public presence on campus. How will you increase democracy within USG and work alongside student organizations to ensure USG's goals are aligned with those of the student body?

H&S: We plan to continue the work of our current administration in making funding policies more accessible to student groups while also establishing tangible programs that allow us to reinvest student activity fees back into the students that pay them.

W&C: Increasing democracy begins with giving all students the opportunity to voice their opinions, and helping them to feel safe and comfortable doing so. Readily accessible and reliable communication from USG to the student body is something that is currently lacking, along with com-

munication from the student population to USG members; more lanes of direct communication are necessary, and creating platforms for students to voice their opinions and suggestions is instrumental to adequately representing student wants and needs.

T&B: Students are disinterested in elections when the same wannabe student politicians filter through year over year. You'll definitely see more participation this spring with us on the ballot—we have actual connections on campus and treat people like people, not networking opportunities.

S&B: The problem with USG is that nobody knows about it because it's rarely advertised. We want to make USG publicly known and let the students know how it can benefit them. We want to accomplish it through handing out flyers, putting up signs and scheduling meetings to let students know what USG can do and how they can let their voice be heard if needed. That way the people will recognize that USG exists and that will surely result in a larger election turnout.

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USG Elections: The candidates for Comptroller and Chief Diversity Officer

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Today, USG is holding its annual spring elections. On the ballot are a variety of executive and legislative positions including President and Vice-President, Comptroller, Chief Diversity Officer and senators. The period to vote for all these positions will open at noon on Tuesday (Mar. 1) and close at noon on Thursday (Mar. 3). While a debate was held by USG last Thursday for presidential tickets to express their plans, no such opportunity is given to the important positions of comptroller and CDO. According to the USG website the comptroller is primarily responsible for the handling of USG's financial responsibilities.

"The Comptroller of the Undergraduate Student Government holds primary responsibility over the finances of USG; crafts the budget of USG; works in conjunction with the Funding Student Supervisor to curate the Tier II Funding Policies; meets with Tier II leaders to assist them with navigating USG policies; keeps track of USG's inventory; works with USG professional staff to take care of all bookkeeping needs; assists Tier II groups with Second Chance Funding and Variance Policy; reviews timesheets for USG employees; [and] works with appropriate Student Activities Staff regarding financial needs of the organization," per the USG website.

The Chief Diversity Officer is

similarly important. The CDO presides over the diversity and outreach committee and keeps statistics pertaining to diversity competency and election outreach.

"The Chief Diversity Officer of the Undergraduate Student Government: calls and presides over all meetings of the Diversity and Outreach Commission, with regularity as determined by the Chief Diversity Officer; has the power to call a special session of the Governing Board with 24-hour notice should a situation requiring immediate action arise at any time; keeps a record of statistics pertaining to diversity competency within the Undergraduate Student Government; must be party to all employment actions of the Undergraduate Student Government; works with the Chief Justice and the Communications Director during election periods with the specific intent to broaden USG's visibility to underrepresented groups on campus; gives a State of Diversity during Student Senate in the fall and spring semesters; [and] attends all meetings of the Student Senate," per the USG website.

There are multiple candidates running for each position this election cycle. The Daily Campus reached out to each candidate to ask the same question: What specifically do you plan to do in the position if elected? Featured are their answers in the order that they will appear on the ballot.

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FOR THE POSITION OF COMPTROLLER:



Benjamin Keilty

"As Comptroller, my biggest priority would be to simplify the club funding process. USG's primary job is to fund Tier-II Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), but the process to get funding involves early deadlines, complex rules and unfriendly hearings. This has led directly to USG's huge bank balance and budget surplus. Every undergraduate student pays \$45 per semester in fees to USG, and simplifying the RSO funding process would help make sure that money goes back to students where it belongs. Beyond that, I want to make sure that RSOs have access to the tools they need to succeed, from equipment to IT help to @uconn.edu email addresses. I plan on working with RSO E-boards to make sure that USG is doing its job and giving them the help they need. I've also been heavily involved in mental health advocacy during my time on campus, and I want to use USG's resources to help students in need pay for the expensive mental health care at UConn."

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Edward Zelikman

"Over the past couple weeks I've spoken to students from a variety of organizations and the feedback I'm getting is that students orgs are either not getting enough money, or the process is simply too complicated. With that in mind I would like to focus on two main objectives. The first is simplifying the funding process. I would like to ease some of the restrictions currently in place so that students have an easier time requesting and receiving money. My second goal is even more important, and that is to increase the amount of money allocated to clubs and other organizations. USG currently budgets \$1,000,000 (around one third) of their money to clubs, despite doing a very poor job of spending money themselves. I'd like to see this number raised, perhaps even doubled, depending on what the budget is at in the fall. This also goes hand in hand with raising the maximum amount of money that clubs can request."

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Russian forces shell Ukraine's No. 2 city and menace Kyiv

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian forces shelled Ukraine's second-largest city on Monday, rocking a residential neighborhood, and closed in on the capital, Kyiv, in a 40-mile convoy of hundreds of tanks and other vehicles, as talks aimed at stopping the fighting yielded only an agreement to keep talking.

The country's embattled president said the stepped-up shelling was aimed at forcing him into concessions.

"I believe Russia is trying to put pressure (on Ukraine) with this simple method," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said late Monday in a video address. He did not offer details of the hours long talks that took place earlier, but said that Kyiv was not prepared to make concessions

"when one side is hitting each other with rocket artillery."

Amid ever-growing international condemnation, Russia found itself increasingly isolated five days into its invasion, while also facing unexpectedly fierce resistance on the ground in Ukraine and economic havoc at home.

For the second day in a row, the Kremlin raised the specter of nuclear war, announcing that its nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missiles, submarines and long-range bombers had all been put on high alert, following President Vladimir Putin's orders over the weekend.

Stepping up his rhetoric, Putin denounced the U.S. and its allies as an "empire of lies."

Meanwhile, an embattled Ukraine moved to solidify its ties to the West by applying to join the European Union — a largely symbolic move for now, but one that is unlikely to sit well with Putin, who has long accused the U.S. of trying to pull Ukraine out of Moscow's orbit.

A top Putin aide and head of the Russian delegation, Vladimir Medinsky, said that the first talks held between the two sides since the invasion lasted nearly five hours and that the envoys "found certain points on which common positions could be foreseen." He said they agreed to continue the discussions in the coming days.

As the talks along the Belarusian border wrapped up, several blasts could be heard in Kyiv, and Russian troops advanced on the city of nearly 3 million. The vast convoy of armored vehicles, tanks, artillery and support vehicles was 17 miles (25 kilometers) from the center of the city and stretched for about 40 miles, according to satellite imagery from Maxar Technologies.

The Maxar photos also showed deployments of ground forces and ground attack helicopter units in southern Belarus.

People in Kyiv lined up for groceries after the end of a weekend curfew, standing beneath a building with a gaping hole blown in its side. Kyiv remained "a key goal" for the Russians, Zelenskyy said, noting that it was hit by three missile strikes on Monday and that hundreds of saboteurs were roaming the city.

"They want to break our nationhood, that's

why the capital is constantly under threat," Zelenskyy said.

Messages aimed at the advancing Russian soldiers popped up on billboards, bus stops and electronic traffic signs across the capital. Some used profanity to encourage Russians to leave. Others appealed to their humanity.

"Russian soldier — Stop! Remember your family. Go home with a clean conscience," one read.

Video from Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-biggest city, with a population of about 1.5 million, showed residential areas being shelled, with apartment buildings shaken by repeated, powerful blasts. Flashes of fire and gray plumes of smoke could be seen.

Footage released by the government from Kharkiv depicted what appeared to be a home with water gushing from a pierced ceiling. What looked like an undetonated projectile was on the floor.

Authorities in Kharkiv said at least seven people had been killed and dozens injured. They warned that casualties could be far higher.

"They wanted to have a blitzkrieg, but it failed, so they act this way," said 83-year-old Valentin Petrovich, who watched the shelling from his downtown apartment and gave just his first name and his patronymic, a middle name derived from his father's name, out of fear for his safety.

The Russian military has denied targeting residential areas despite abundant evidence of shelling of homes, schools and hospitals.

Fighting raged in other towns and cities across the country. The strategic port city of Mariupol, on the Sea of Azov, is "hanging on," said Zelenskyy adviser Oleksiy Arestovich. An oil depot was reported bombed in the eastern city of Sumy.

Despite its vast military strength, Russia still lacked control of Ukrainian airspace, a surprise that may help explain how Ukraine has so far prevented a rout.

In the seaside resort town of Berdyansk, dozens of protesters chanted angrily in the main square against Russian occupiers, yelling at them to go home and singing the Ukrainian national anthem. They described the soldiers as exhausted young conscripts.

"Frightened kids, frightened looks. They want to eat," Konstantin Maloletka, who runs a small shop, said by telephone. He said the soldiers went into a supermarket and grabbed canned meat, vodka and cigarettes.

"They ate right in the store," he said. "It looked like they haven't been fed in recent days."

Across Ukraine, terrified families huddled overnight in shelters, basements or corridors.

"I sit and pray for these negotiations to end successfully, so that they reach an agreement to end the slaughter," said Alexandra Mikhailova, weeping as she clutched her cat in a shelter in Mariupol. Around her, parents tried to console children and keep them warm.

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ALEXANDRA MIKHAILOVA



A woman reacts to siren sounds announcing new attacks, outside a supermarket in central Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, Feb. 28, 2022. President Vladimir Putin dramatically escalated East-West tensions by ordering Russian nuclear forces put on high alert following new crippling Western sanctions that forced his Central Bank to sharply raise its key rate Monday to save the ruble from collapse.

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Ukrainian police rush a traveler to the railway station terminal during an airstrike alarm in Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, Feb. 28, 2022. Explosions and gunfire that have disrupted life since the invasion began last week appeared to subside around Kyiv overnight, as Ukrainian and Russian delegations met Monday on Ukraine's border with Belarus.

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Newborn twin brothers sleep at a basement used as a bomb shelter at the Okhmadet children's hospital in central Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, Feb. 28, 2022. In makeshift shelters and underground railway platforms across Ukraine, families trying to protect the young and old and make conditions bearable amid the bullets, missiles and shells outside.

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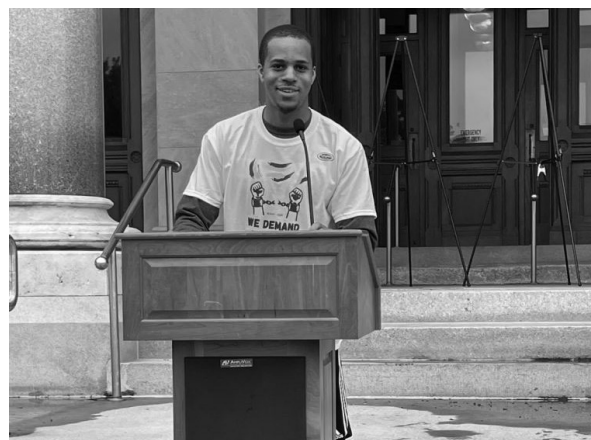
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Carter Newman

"If I am elected the position of Chief Diversity Officer, my goal is to restructure the USG Organization so it is a more accessible space for students to address their concerns and needs on this campus. This is due to the current climate many of the students are facing whether it be from the horrific issues of racism, sexual assault, accessibility to educational needs or more representation in faculty that mirrors the students. I

would like USG to become a key place on campus where students can be informed of their rights when they have been mistreated and an access point that can lead them to solutions in order to handle their individual needs. I think it is crucial to recognize that USG has become very isolated from the rest of the student body and fails at supporting the students across all areas at this University. While working on this, I hope to input initia-

tives and events that are reflective of the diverse student body on campus and can encompass people from different backgrounds working together. It is a big goal but one that is doable with the work ethic I and the students of this university possess. Many times, the administration fails to provide the needs of students so I am determined that my work apart of the Undergraduate Student Government can fill that void."



Brandon Drummond

"As most of us have already heard, the administration created 'task forces' to combat the sexual assault epidemic here at UCONN. The new interim president even introduced more task forces to fight and investigate sexual assault cases. The students and even some faculty members I have spoken to believe that the task forces are performative and for publicity. Students do not think that these task forces will result in any action

being taken. As Chief Diversity Officer, I would investigate what these taskforces do. I would ask the tough questions that nobody will ask. Specifically, what are these taskforces? What have these taskforces accomplished? And how have the taskforces benefited sexual assault survivors? I will also try to create a new kind of task force. This task force will include Student Government leaders, faculty, sexual assault survivors and mem-

bers of the UConn administration. And we will sit down and discuss the sexual assault statistics on campus, past and present and how we will fix the problem. UConn is #1 for most sexual assault cases reported on a college campus in the United States. Is UConn proud of that record? The students deserve to be heard during the decision-making process, and when I am Chief Diversity Officer, I will make sure that they are."



Ahenkan Akuffo-Parry

"If elected as USG's Chief Diversity Officer, I plan to continue USG's diversity-based events and even plan them more regularly than they are now. As an RA, I have seen the benefits that are accrued when students, who hail from different backgrounds and have different identities, go to these diversity-related events and in turn, use what they've learned at these events to foster progressive conversations and interactions with other people. Another thing that I plan to do is to encourage collaboration amongst the current clubs and organizations and boost involvement. For most students, the involvement fair is the only place for them to learn about potential clubs that they may be interested in. But what if we had a platform that promoted discovery outside of the involvement fair and fostered engagement within the clubs themselves? I have had many conversations with student leaders whose clubs are at risk of dying out because

of a lack of new memberships. Thus, I believe that a collaborative space, made possible by USG, would help solve this issue. Furthermore, one of the most important things to me, as a black woman, is representation. I have been in spaces where there has been little to no representation of black women, and though I persevered regardless, I found that I was more successful in spaces where I was able to relate to or share like experiences with someone else. Admittedly, UConn has a fairly diverse student body but we have to admit that there are incredible people, with incredible backgrounds and identities, that can barely break through the crowd because of how much smaller they seem in comparison to the vastness of the UConn community. This is something I endeavor to change. I plan to create a medium that periodically highlights the members of the many communities and cultures on campus. Chosen by the students

themselves, I believe that this would bring about the education and an understanding of our community's different backgrounds and even bridge the gap between one another. My last objective, but definitely not the least, concerns the harrowing issue of sexual assault on our campus. As an individual who is personally impacted by this, I plan to work tirelessly, not only with USG but with the greater UConn community, to establish effective, proactive solutions (that go beyond establishing task forces), in order to ensure that our campus is safer and that survivors never have to endure such an ineffective process that prioritizes the university's image over justice. Though I have many ideas on how to push forward this role, these are the main goals I hold dear and I hope that you all consider voting me to serve as your Chief Diversity Officer so that with your help, I can help contribute to a better, more inclusive campus for everyone!"

Lamont: About 85% of Connecticut schools dropping mask rule

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont and the head of state's association of school superintendents say about 85% to 90% of school districts across the state have elected to drop mandatory face mask wearing as of Monday, the day when local officials were allowed to decide whether to extend the state's mask mandate.

But the Democratic governor made it clear he thinks it's fine that some districts, including Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury, are keeping the mandate in place for now.

"There's some people who say New Haven should not be allowed to do that," said Lamont, following a news conference about his recent trade mission to Israel.

"What do you want to do? You want to be like Ron DeSantis," asked Lamont, referring to the Republican governor from Florida. "You want to fine New Haven if they want to leave the mask mandate in place a little bit longer? You want to cut off their state funding like they do in Florida?"

I think we got it about right."

The state's mask mandate has been in full force since the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Rochelle Brown, a kindergarten teacher at Poquonock Elementary School in Windsor and the state's 2021 Teacher of the Year, said she was surprised to see 15 out of 17 students in her classroom come to school still wearing masks on Monday, despite a mandate no longer being in effect in her district. Brown, who said she is also still wearing a mask in class, estimated about half the children in other kindergarten classes she saw were also wearing masks.

"I spoke to a couple of parents in the room that said, 'if you don't mind, I'm going to have my child wear their mask,'" Brown said. "I do have a mom that's expecting, that kind of wants to keep herself and her kids as safe as possible while she waits for her baby to arrive."

Brown said a lot of her students, who've never known what it's like to attend school without a mask, told



Students listen to a presentation in health class at Windsor Locks High School in Windsor Locks, Conn., March 18, 2021. Local districts are preparing for the statewide mask mandate to end on Feb. 28, 2022. According to state officials, about 85% to 90% of school districts across the state have elected to drop mandatory face mask wearing.

PHOTO BY JESSICA HILL/AP

her that their parents still wanted them to wear one on Monday and they took it in stride.

"This is normalcy for them," said Brown, who doesn't believe masks have really impeded her students' learning. "I didn't really hear a lot of conversation with the kids saying, 'Oh, there's that child, they're not wearing their mask.' They just did what they normally do every day."

Fran Rabinowitz, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, said she believes masks were off in many classrooms across the state on Monday.

"I just met with a group of superintendents today and it wasn't even a discussion item. I think people

were ready," she said, adding that she also heard comments about being respectful of students, teachers and staff who still want to mask up. "I'm happy that it appears like we're on a down ramp from the pandemic. And that is exhilarating. And it also feels like we're going to be able to start talking about all the things we love to talk about in education, like teaching and learning and making sure what our curriculum looks like and all of that."

Many school districts also were dropping mask-wearing requirements on buses and vans, after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced it is no longer requiring masks to be worn on vehicles operated by public or pri-

vate school systems as of Feb. 25. South Windsor and Glastonbury public schools were among those that made masks optional on school buses and vans Monday.

Earlier this month, the General Assembly voted to temporarily extend some of Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont's remaining pandemic-related executive orders that were set to expire Feb. 15, including a statewide mask mandate for schools and child care centers. However, citing declining infection and hospitalization numbers, Lamont said he only wanted to keep the mask mandate in place until Feb. 28, giving local school boards time to decide whether masking is necessary in their schools.

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Rising violence against AAPI women

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The following story discusses instances of violence against the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community has been on the rise, evident through attacks in Atlanta, the Bay Area of California and New York, among other incidents. I've even written about this topic twice in the past, touching upon how violence against the AAPI community has been rising and how such hatred has been perpetuated.

In December 2021, the New York Police Department reported that in New York City, incidences of violence against the AAPI community had risen about 361% from the previous year. The organization Stop AAPI Hate has also estimated that one in five Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have experienced a hate incident in 2021 — which statistically equals about 4.8 million Asian

Americans and 320,000 Pacific Islanders. Both in New York as well as nationally, a disproportionate number of hate crimes against the AAPI community has targeted women and girls.

Despite all of these attacks, and the fact that violence against the AAPI community is still a prominent issue, coverage has been waning. It is important to recognize that these attacks are still happening and they may be attributed to systemic problems, further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, it is also vital to look at these attacks from an intersectional perspective in order to recognize that AAPI women are disproportionately targeted. These attacks cannot be ignored or normalized.

In January, Michelle Go was fatally shoved in front of a New York City subway car. Although this attack was not investigated as a hate crime, many in the AAPI community have pointed out that the systemic gender biases and attitudes, especially regarding AAPI women, have emphasized that this should not be treated as a random incident.

Sung Yeon Choimorrow, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, emphasized this point in an interview with Don Gonyea from NPR stating that such biases and stereotypes often lead people to believe that Asian American women are "easy targets."

"There are biases built in people grow up with and stereotypes that are enforced in media that lead people to, whether consciously or subconsciously, assume that Asian American women are easy targets — right? — whether it's the way we're portrayed in media as submissive, as easy to get, as people that will do whatever you want or not fight back, we're docile," said Choimorrow.

To Choimorrow's point, regardless of whether or not people want to classify this as a hate crime, it cannot be ignored that yet another Asian American woman was targeted and it is extremely probable that systems of bias and stereotypes contributed to this attack.

In response to the attack against Go, as well as other attacks in New York City sub-

way stations, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will be installing subway platform doors in three subway stations in order to test them out. Although this is a long overdue safety measure that should have been implemented long ago in order to prevent attacks as well as accidents, this will do nothing to specifically combat and call attention to violence against the AAPI community.

On Feb. 13, Christina Yuna Lee was found dead in her apartment in Manhattan's Chinatown district after being stabbed over 40 times. Similar to the attack against Go, many surmised that this was not a hate crime. Due to pervasive gender and racial biases and the rising violence against the AAPI community in the past couple years, this once again has spread fear in the AAPI community in New York as well as around the nation.

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USG candidates on student issues

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Q: In light of recent protests against mishandling of sexual assault cases and in support of survivors on campus, what can be done to hold the administration accountable for the safety of their students?

H&S: Through our current administration's Student Working Group for Combatting Sexual Violence, we will continue to meet with student groups and organizations that work on addressing issues of sexual assault so as to better inform the President's Task Force on revisions to Title IX Policy. Our relations with UCPD will prove beneficial in implementing a Survivor Advocate position within the Public Safety Framework.

W&C: The administration's mishandling of the sexual assault cases on campus is something that deeply disappoints us. I believe that the task force that has been put together is a great way to combat mishandling of future cases, but it needs to be held accountable and maintained. Additionally, if we are elected into office, we will work with administration to better inform survivors of what options are available to them for mental health through the university, something that multiple people who have gone through the system have complained about.

T&B: Unfortunately Sexual Assault has occurred on campus far too often, and has affected far too many of our friends and loved ones. Every few months USG calls on the administration to make changes, but our leaders have not

identified what changes need to be implemented. Performative activists in the organization feel accomplished by saying the university must do more, but stop there. Our ticket has experience following through until problems are solved, and understanding advocacy doesn't stop with posting a few Instagram stories.

S&B: We want to let the administration know that the current situation is absolutely unacceptable. We propose solutions where the administration acknowledges the sexual violence cases that are occurring on campus and works together with the police to resolve the issues. Another solution we propose is targeting the frat houses that have too many sexual assault charges against them and put its members on academic probation. These are just a bunch of the many propositions to end sexual violence on this campus.

Q: USG has, in the past, been criticized for its performative activism. How will you ensure that the work done by USG is not performative and instead institutes real, positive advocacy for students?

H&S: We understand that real change takes time and that's why although we may start with a statement of position, it is just that...a start...a first step in the right direction towards more tangible change. We have seen great improvement this past year in terms of establishing and expanding programs like Husky Market that can more tangibly advocate for students at this university.

W&C: USG's performative activism often comes from positive statements being made without

any actual action being taken. The best way to counteract this would be to increase funding to the cultural centers around campus and host events with or through them that allow students to interact with one another and spark actual change. While it seems like a simple change, hosting events instead of just releasing statements promotes interaction with the student body and in turn real change.

T&B: *This ticket did not respond to this question by time of publication.*

S&B: We want to look for solutions that are real and require effort to perform. We're also looking for solutions that will work and have perhaps worked in the past on other college campuses. We advocate open communication with any student who reaches out to us and we will listen to them and answer them. We won't ignore anybody or give false promises that might not be feasible.

Q: There are many impactful positions for student leaders on campus both within USG and outside of it. Why have you chosen to run for president/vice president over other positions?

H&S: Our work within USG is not finished and we understand that real, tangible change takes time. We are hoping to build upon our momentum from this past year in the year to come as your next president and vice president.

W&C: The reason we decided to run for president and vice president over other positions is simple: we're not experts in any field, but we're passionate about all of them. Unlike other positions, the president/vice president roles allow for deep involvement with all aspects of USG while allowing for

those who are directly affected to decide what works for them. There are students more qualified than us for many of the advocacy committees and individual USG tasks, but by running for president and vice president, we put ourselves in a position to get involved with everything and make sure everything that needs to get done gets done.

T&B: We decided to run after seeing the utter disconnect between USG wannabe politicians and normal students on campus. We need leadership that knows how to work with friends and peers, not speak down to them.

S&B: We have chosen to run for president and vice president, because we believe that in this position we can be the most impactful and we especially believe that the current president is not able to accomplish the wishes of the students that we can fulfill. We want UConn to work for every student and let every student know that they are being heard. With the current positions we're running for, we believe we can accomplish that.

Q: In the past year, UConn has unfortunately continued to struggle with hate speech, bias incidents and unsafe environments for women, students of color, and other marginalized groups. How can USG fight hate and ensure all parts of our community are safe and respected?

H&S: As an organization, USG strives to mirror the student body the best we can. Within the current administration, we have accomplished this by intentionally hiring individuals that can better speak to the experiences and amplify the voices of a diverse student body.

Even more tangibly, an Anti-Black Racism course will soon become required of all first-year Huskies.

W&C: USG needs to start with actively listening to the voices and engaging in meaningful conversation with all of our community members to institute policies and change that most directly represent the wants and needs of the student body, not just those that are a part of USG. Fighting hate and creating an environment of safety and respect begins with education and open conversation between students; creating opportunities for this discourse to occur and providing easily accessible educational resources and materials can help to improve this environment, though more is also necessary. There must be systems in place to document and take action on hate speech and bias incidents when they happen so that it is made clear that this behavior is not tolerated and all those that engage in hateful or discriminatory actions will be held accountable.

T&B: *This ticket did not respond to this question by time of publication.*

S&B: Incidents of hate are a very hard thing to resolve and will unfortunately always be present, but we believe that with clear action we can minimize them from occurring. We want to collect data on where and when these incidents occur and see what we can offer in terms of tangible solutions, like installing cameras. We will look at the frequency of certain locations and times and pay extra close attention to the occurrence of actions of hate, in order to mitigate it.

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Life

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CENTER OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

hosts alums to discuss life after UConn

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On Feb. 28, the Center of Career Development at the University of Connecticut hosted a virtual event with recent graduates to discuss the realities of life after college. The event was moderated by Beth Settje, the CCD associate director.

The five panelists offered meaningful advice to eighth-semester students who are two months away from graduation. They urged seniors to enjoy their remaining time at UConn and gave a preview of the next chapter.

“It is bizarre how much freedom you actually have. The moral of the story is that you have to do what makes you happy. You have to know what you want to do,” said Maxwell Miller, a 2021 graduate in finance and data analytics. “It is up to you to chase what you want to do and what you want to accomplish.”

The main topic during the event was the post-grad summer and how that varied for each panelist. For 2020 graduate Amanda Agui, she chose to live at home during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. She was grateful for the extension in the grace period on student loan payments following graduation. Agui was transparent about the benefit of living at home, despite the expectation to live on your own as a college graduate.

“If you have the opportunity to live at home, I strongly recommend you do that. I did, and I did not move out until a year and a half into my program. That was my pro-tip in how I quickly and readily paid off my student debt,” commented Agui, who now lives in Chicago.

Abbas Harris, who graduated

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with a mechanical engineering degree and a minor in manufacturing, shared a similar experience. Following graduation, Harris chose to take time off before starting a job.

“Give yourself a break,” said Harris. “You worked hard, developed so much and enjoyed your summers. Each day, put aside one to two hours to apply or plan. But definitely take a well-needed break after grad and do things that are out of your comfort zone. I feel like people don’t utilize that.” Harris discussed the lifestyle differences after college,

remotely during her job search. Kuryan expressed her fear of having a gap in her resume and why she continued to work.

“If you can avoid a gap, it’s typically a good idea,” said Settje.

Settje also discussed the taboo topic of job-hunting: salary negotiations. Panelists spoke about their own experiences with salary negotiation and offered advice to the audience.

Harris, who now works at MTU Aero Engines in Rocky Hill, CT shared his bad luck in negotiating his salary. He had provided his boss a list of traits to show he was worthy of a higher salary. He was denied the raise, but was not discouraged because of the preexisting benefits and that his company would pay for his graduate school. The panelists encouraged students to research options such as employers paying for further education.

Erin McConnell, a 2021 graduate in applied mathematics and statistics, shared a different experience. McConnell currently attends an accelerated master’s program at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Upon her offer to work as a data analyst for Dish Network, she called her future boss about a pay raise.

McConnell initially asked for a \$5,000 to \$10,000 increase in her salary. She was excited when she received more than she asked. Successfully negotiating a salary in today’s workforce climate is challenging, but she encouraged students to try it.

For similar content, the CCD is hosting a virtual webinar “Husky To Hire: The Job Search” on March 2 at 7 p.m. Additional details on upcoming events can be found on their website at career.uconn.edu.

including more freedom and spending time alone. Harris encouraged students to avoid putting pressure on themselves to get a job right away and to prioritize their mental health.

Settje’s advice to students in her Senior Year Experience course is to be patient during the job search. She encourages them to do extensive research on each company and to not take the first offer.

Victoria Kuryan, a 2021 graduate in English and communications, commented on patience during the summer following graduation. She was unable to travel due to the pandemic so she continued to work part-time

Feb. 28



Mar. 6

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Ah, government. There is nothing quite like it. From shutdowns to gridlocks to filibusters, whether we like it or not, the U.S. government wields tremendous power over the fate of the nation and its implications in our lives. This week, we'll look at three moments in American history where a simple stroke of the pen by a Washington politician caused ripple effects throughout society. So, let's dive in!

On March 2, 1807, 215 years ago, Congress abolished the trans-Atlantic African slave trade.

Though the end of slavery in America would not come until the conclusion of the Civil War, the African slave trade ended more than a half century prior. Beginning in 1619, when the first ship carrying captured Africans docked in Jamestown, Virginia, the slave trade was crucial to the colonial economy, with all thirteen of the original colonies taking part in the practice in some form.

Since large-scale farming was not popular in the North, slavery became less prominent and was eventually abolished by most Northern states after the Revolution. The invention of the cotton gin prevented a similar trend in the South as King Cotton became the staple crop of the Antebellum South.

The slave trade was losing popularity on the world stage as other nations looked down upon the young U.S. for priding its economy on the buying and selling of human beings. Though the trans-Atlantic slave trade was abolished and should be seen as a step in the right direction, the end of the slave trade caused an expansion of laws regarding the fate of children born to enslaved people, with Southern slave owners encouraging their slaves to procreate to fill the fields.

On March 3, 1863, 159 years ago, Congress passed the Civil War Conscription Act, the first wartime draft of Americans ever in history.

Halfway through the Civil War, the bloodiest conflict in American history, both the Union and the Confederacy needed more soldiers on the frontlines if their causes were to carry on. All those anxious to fight and carry their banners behind enemy lines were either dead or injured, pressing the federal government to demand service from those who did not originally enlist.

The draft demanded all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 20 and 45 report for duty by the

end of the month, as well as all immigrants who had intentions of becoming citizens. The one way to avoid the draft was quite literally to buy oneself out of it. A \$300 check to the U.S.

federal government was the price of freedom from the draft.

While this was no skin off the nose of the wealthy, including the conscription-age politicians who voted in favor of the bill in Congress, it was quite the hefty sum for the everyday working man — equal to almost \$7,000 in today's money. Working-class farmers, factory workers and immigrants who needed to provide for families were uprooted and angry, hardly the soldiers Lincoln had hoped for.

Anti-draft sentiments would reach their boiling point in New York City, as Irish immigrants took to the streets, marching from the Irish enclave of the Five Points, taking over the city and burning important civic buildings to the ground in defiance. The tragedy of the New York City Draft Riots, however, were attacks aimed at the free Black neighborhoods of the city, whom the Irish blamed for the war to begin. While the Lower East Side had once been a place of relative cultural and racial coexistence, the city was torn apart on the basis of race, killing more than 100 innocent New Yorkers.

On March 1, 1872, 150 years ago, President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law the creation of Yellowstone National Park, the first national park in American history.

Quite possibly the greatest decision the U.S. government has ever made, the creation of the national park system galvanized the public park movement at home and abroad.

Throughout the entirety of the 19th century, "manifest destiny" was the policy of the federal government. The rugged wilderness of the Wild West was something to be tamed and economized rather than preserved. Even in small municipalities, the idea of setting aside land to be enjoyed in its natural state was nearly unheard of. Why should New York City leave acres of land aside for Central Park when houses could be built and money could be made?

In truth, several Washington politicians who signed off on this decision only agreed to do so because they thought the Yellowstone lands did not have any prospects for gold-mining or oil-drilling. Though intentions were far from pure, this piece of legislation marked the first of 63 sites to be preserved under the national park system.



Box Office Breakdown: 'UNCHARTED' COLLECTS MORE GOLD

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After bursting onto the silver screen last weekend with what many called an overperformance, "Uncharted" continued to blaze its box-office trail. The film grossed another \$23.3 million this weekend, pushing its domestic total to a solid \$83.4 million. This 47.2% drop from its opening is quite solid for a film of its stature, though it definitely was assisted by the lack of any new major releases. "Uncharted" will unfortunately have to face a juggernaut at the box office next weekend as "The Batman" comes to theaters. Though this will not completely dismantle its run, Gotham's "Dark Knight" will certainly hurt its potential. That being said, with over \$80 million in its first two weekends domestically and over \$170 million worldwide, the \$120 million budgeted film is doing quite well. With these numbers, not only is "Uncharted" breaking the norm of the video game genre, but it is also cementing the superstar status of its star Tom Holland.

Coming in second place is last weekend's other surprise, Channing Tatum's "Dog." This film collected another \$10.1 million at the domestic box office this past weekend, posting an incredible 32% drop. The success of "Uncharted" was relatively surprising, but I do not think "Dog" grossing \$30 million in its first two weekend's was on the mind of any box office prognosticators. It is certainly a great sign for the box office's health that a film of its stature is overperforming.

In third place with yet another week in the top three, is the third highest grossing film domestically, "Spider-Man: No Way Home." This box office colossus posted a weekend gross of \$5.8 million, pushing its domestic total to an unworldly \$779.8 million. With another sub 25% drop, this film simply does not seem to be stopping. With the caped crusader coming to town next week, you would expect "Spider-Man"

to take a hit. But I do not know, perhaps more people rolling through theaters will diminish its drop. All I know at this point is this film will end up grossing above \$800 million domestically, perhaps even more. Just to put this in perspective, "No Way Home" was released in December and we are about to enter the first weekend of March. The length of the film's run is simply incredible.

In fourth and fifth place are repeats from last week, with "Death on the Nile" and "Jackass Forever" grossing \$4.5 million and \$3.2 million respectively. Both films dropped 31.4% and 39% respectively, which are respectable drops, but both probably wanted more in this fairly stagnant box office weekend. "Jackass Forever" will likely be dropping out of the top five next weekend.

And now, for the film we've been hyping up throughout the article, "The Batman" will be coming to theaters next weekend. This is by far the biggest release of 2022 thus far, giving the film the chance to set the bar for the yearly domestic box office ahead of the summer blockbuster season. I would place my estimate right around \$150 million for its opening weekend, though I can easily see this film earning \$175+ million. The film does not have the hype of "No Way Home" leading to its opening gross of an incredible \$260 million in December, but it is a much anticipated reboot of a beloved character with well-received trailers and significant

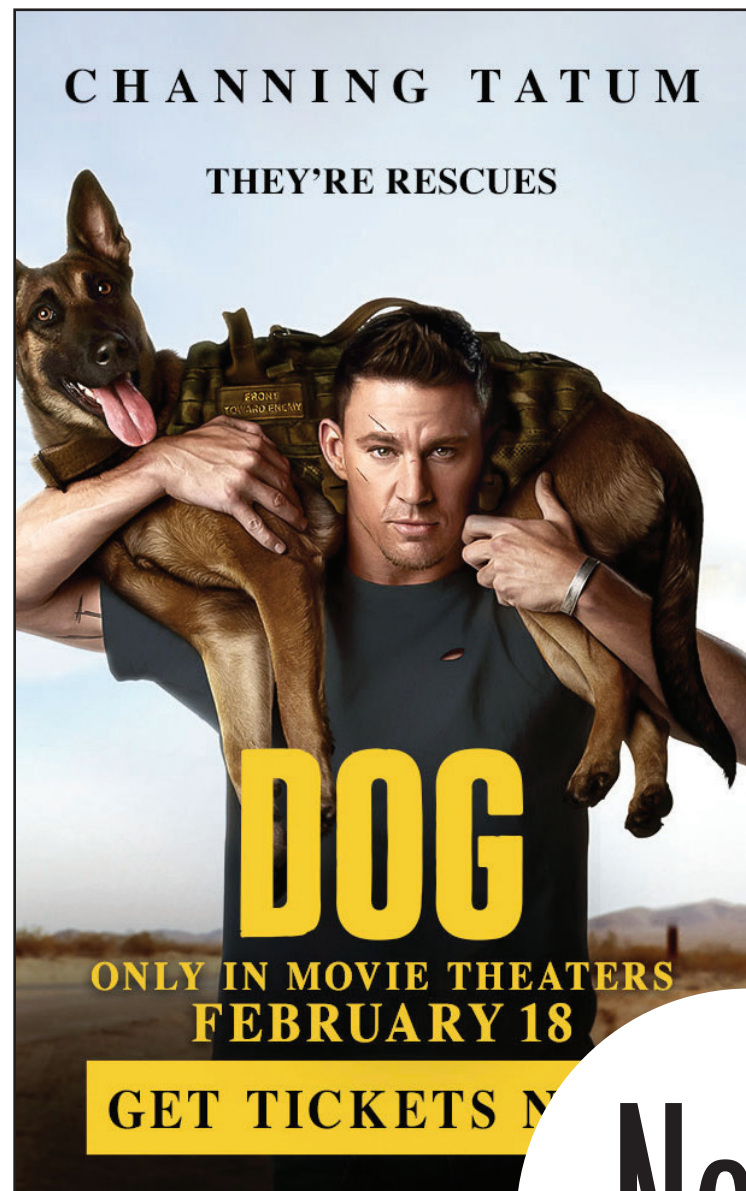
audience reception, where word-

of a new Batman franchise for Warner Bros., so they are certainly expecting to open with a bang. We will find out next week.

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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Snowy lot



Parking spaces in A Lot remain snowy on Monday, Feb. 28, after Friday's storms, making parking a challenge for students. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

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- 1 Musical collectible
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 - 28 Roll in the grass
 - 29 Steamed state
 - 30 Perfume compound
 - 31 Tees, say
 - 33 Video game letters
 - 34 Food staple storage areas?
 - 38 Blame
 - 41 Wranglers rival
 - 42 Big name in health care
 - 46 Ambient music pioneer Brian
 - 47 It might be sticky
 - 48 Bordeaux wine
 - 49 Classic light provider
 - 51 Unexpected lopsided victory?
 - 53 "Star Wars" name
 - 54 Fishing boat
 - 55 Wireless standard initials
 - 56 Cartoon canine whose speech patterns inspired four puzzle answers
 - 58 Youngest French Open champ
 - 60 Superhero with a hammer
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 - 62 "At the Movies" co-host
 - 63 Dict. entries

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By Gary Larson 9/10/21

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 37 Lightly burn
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- 39 Lawlessness
- 40 What may float your boat
- 43 Transport on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood"
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- 45 Certifies
- 47 Oozy horror film menace, with "the"
- 48 Shout
- 50 Metaphorical opportunities
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Violence against AAPI community

VIOLENCE, cont. from p. 4

Violence against the AAPI community has been rising over the past couple years, and we cannot continue to disregard or normalize it. And it is also important to understand that although attacks against the AAPI community have been rising much more due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such violence and racism has been occurring for much longer. This racism and discrimination has

been rooted in legislation such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Page Act of 1875, which specifically targeted Chinese women. These issues are systemic and must be treated as such.

From recognizing the historical contexts regarding discrimination and violence to addressing some of the systemic reasons for why these attacks are occurring to supporting the AAPI community, there is clearly much work that must be done in order to prevent more attacks against the AAPI community.

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Gilgeous-Alexander, Thunder outlast Pacers 129-125 in OT

(AP) — Oklahoma City guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander kept going to the basket Friday night.

The Indiana Pacers couldn't slow him down.

So the Thunder kept putting the ball in the play-making guard's hands and he responded with 36 points and the tiebreaking three-point play with 20.4 seconds left in overtime to give the Oklahoma City Thunder a 129-125 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"Shai played a pretty dominant pace all night and they had a really hard time keeping him away from the basket all night," coach Mark Daignault said. "I thought he made the right plays."

Tre Mann finished with 22 points, grabbed the key rebound and made the nifty outlet pass to Gilgeous-Alexander on the decisive fast break. Oklahoma City snapped a two-game losing streak and a five-game skid in the series with its first win in Indiana since March 2019. The Thunder lost at home to NBA-leading Phoenix the night before.

"I saw him and I got it out to him and then he just does what he does," Mann said. "He made the basket and he made the free throw."

Buddy Hield led the Pacers with 29 points. Rookie Isaiah Jackson had 17 points, six rebounds and five blocks as Indiana lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Indiana had a chance to tie the score with 10 seconds left, but Tyrese Haliburton's 3-pointer was an airball. The Thunder grabbed the rebound, Darius Bazley made the first of two free throws, Gilgeous-Alexander chased down the rebound off the second and dribbled out the clock.

It looked as if the Pacers were in control when they scored 10 straight to take a 113-105 lead.



Oklahoma City Thunder's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (2) goes to the basket against Indiana Pacers' Isaiah Jackson during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, in Indianapolis. PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

But Oklahoma City answered with its own 10-0 run to retake the lead, then extended it to 121-117 with 54.4 seconds left. But when the Thunder couldn't seal it at the free-throw line, Indiana took advantage with a 3-pointer from Hield and Lance Stephenson's 3 to tie it with 1.6 seconds left. After a timeout, Gilgeous-Alexander missed a 3 from the corner, forcing an overtime where the shooting woes continued. It took nearly 2 1/2 minutes for either team to make a basket.

Oklahoma City tied it at 125 on Ba-

zley's short jumper with 1:46 to go and took the lead on Gilgeous-Alexander's 3-point play.

"When you're coaching a young team, there's a lot of like momentum runs and they can be volatile," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "When they're volatile for you, that's OK. But when they're volatile against you, you have to try to calm things down."

TIP-INS

Thunder: Darius Bazley had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Theo Maledon also scored 14 points. ... Isaiah Roby had 10 points, 11 re-

bounds and four assists despite being in foul trouble most of the night. ... Aleksey Pokusevski had 13 points.

Pacers: Hield also had seven rebounds and five assists. ... Haliburton finished with 14 points and 11 assists while Malcolm Brogdon scored 15 points in his first game since Jan. 19. ... Oshae Brissett had 10 points and 15 rebounds. ... Jalen Smith added 16 points and Stephenson had 14 but missed two 3s late in regulation.

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

In a game between teams bat-

ting for lottery picks, the intriguing matchup between two of the league's most promising young guards — Haliburton and Josh Giddey — could have at least drawn some fanfare. Instead, a hip injury forced Giddey to sit out the second night of a back to back.

QUOTABLE

"He changes the game because of what he does and how consistently he does it," Carlisle said when asked about Hield. "It kind of turns into a four-on-four game when he's out there and moving — much like it was with Reggie Miller."

Fencing: Highlights from NEIFC Championships

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UConn fencing went into the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Conference Championships with high hopes, looking to challenge some of the NCAA rosters in attendance, and the Huskies certainly put up a fight all day. Here are some of the best moments from UConn's performance at Brandeis on Saturday by squad.

MEN'S EPEE

The men's epee team finished the day with a 5-6 record against all squads, with a 5-2 record when excluding NCAA rosters. The standout performance of the squad came from Adin Jennings, who started out undefeated in the first four rounds, including upsets of Brown's Charles Alaimo (5-4) and Vassar's Eli Weise (2-1), en route to seven wins on the day. Right behind him was Sam Zelin, who amassed six victories, including a win over Brandeis' Elliot Morgenstern (5-3).

WOMEN'S EPEE

Despite being short a starting slot, UConn's Grace McFadden and Lela Romeo both had multiple good bouts on Saturday. McFadden won three bouts and Romeo won two, which was enough for a squad victory of WPI. They defeated Madison Eisenhower and Jane Cohen, respectively. Another highlight came when Romeo beat MIT's Cassandra He.

MEN'S FOIL

The C slot for the Huskies was the most successful on the men's foil squad, as starter Josh Liefeld won three of his bouts, including a 5-4 victory over Griffith Werwa of Brandeis. Liefeld was substituted later in the day for Garrick Leclue, who won his first career NEIFC bout, taking down Sonic Fleming of BU 5-4. Phil Nicopoulos, the B-slot fencer for UConn, won two bouts that day.

WOMEN'S FOIL

The Huskies' women's foil squad was the only UConn squad with four separate fencers claiming victory on Saturday. A-slot fencer Kathryn Atkinson won three times, including two 5-0 victories over Smith's Kira Seshaiha and URI's Rose Teixeira. Sneha Kumar, fencing in the B-slot, picked up six wins, four of which were also in 5-0 fashion, against Michela Marchini of Mount Holyoke, Angela Chao of BU, Emeline Donovan of Northeastern and Tiyan Eweka of UMass. Julia Luscomb and Sally Dai shared duties for the C slot, with Luscomb picking up two wins and Dai winning one.

MEN'S SABRE

NEIFC Fall Invitational champion Alan Fotiyev was the men's sabre A-slot fencer for UConn, picking up seven wins, including a 5-1 victory over Sacred Heart's Vijay Ganta. His seven wins tied him with Jennings for most wins by a UConn fencer on Saturday, immediately followed by Zelin and Kumar, who had six apiece. Aside from Fotiyev, Ruiwen Lin and Aidan Schoffstall each won a bout, defeating URI's Kobe Gallman (5-4) and Tufts' Henry Nissen (5-3), respectively.

WOMEN'S SABRE

Like the Epee squad, the Huskies' women's sabre squad failed to field a third fencer, so all duties fell to A-slot fencer Alex Boutin and B-slot Sarah Pasqualetti. Each performed well, with Boutin winning five bouts, including two 5-0 victories over UMass' Claudia Agustin and WPI's Ligia Machado e Portugal, with Pasqualetti winning three.

Overall, UConn performed well at NEIFCs. The goal of the season is now to prepare for Club Nationals in early April, and the roadmap for success there is certainly set. While the Huskies certainly struggled more against the NCAA schools, these will not be present in April, so the focus can be turned to only the club rosters, which UConn held its own against all day.

Early madness: Top 6 teams lose on same day for 1st time

(AP) - The madness arrived early this year.

An unpredictable college basketball season took an unprecedented turn Saturday, when the top six and seven of the top 10 teams lost.

Gonzaga, Arizona, Auburn, Purdue, Kansas and Kentucky all went down, marking the first time in AP poll era (1948-49) that the top six teams lost on the same day. No. 9 Texas Tech also lost, setting another record for most top-10 teams losing in one day.

Only No. 7 Duke and No. 10 Baylor won, the Bears over the fifth-ranked Jayhawks. No. 8 Villanova avoided the carnage by default — the Wildcats don't play again until Tuesday.

And while the upper echelon was being taken down, the other 10 teams in the AP Top 25 that played Saturday won.

"In all my years, I have never ever seen a day in hoops like today," tweeted ESPN analyst Dick Vitale, who is off the airwaves while undergoing cancer treatment.

The pandemonium shouldn't have been much of a surprise the way this college basketball season has gone so far.

Gonzaga has had three stints at No. 1 totaling six weeks, including the past two. Baylor spent five weeks at No. 1, Auburn had a three-week run and Duke made a brief top-ranked appearance.

And that's just the top line. The AP Top 25 has been a jumble all season, with teams trading places like short track NASCAR racing. Poll voters will have to make some tough choices to make on Monday. Same for the NCAA Tournament selection committee in two weeks.

"We didn't get help per se in our league because we didn't take care of business, but on the national scale, we got huge help today because of the teams that we're fighting with for the higher seed, we all lost," Kansas coach Bill Self said after an 80-70 loss to Baylor. "So I mean, we won't drop much, if any, I wouldn't think."

The top-tier carnage began with



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, second from right, watches the game as forward AJ Griffin (21) and the bench celebrate a basket against Syracuse during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. Duke won 97-72. PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

Michigan State's 68-65 win over No. 4 Purdue in East Lansing, Michigan. The Spartans had lost five of six to plummet out of the AP Top 25, but they outlasted the Boilermakers to give coach Tom Izzo his 662nd win, matching Indiana's Bob Knight for most at a Big Ten school.

Arkansas coach Eric Musselman has the Muss Bus headed into the right direction at the right time and the 18th-ranked Razorbacks picked up one of their biggest wins of the season, knocking off No. 6 Kentucky 75-73. Arkansas, which reached the Elite Eight last season, has won 13 of 14 and likely will jump in Monday's poll.

No. 17 Tennessee was next, proving Thompson-Boling Arena is a house of horrors for visiting teams, going on a 17-2 run to beat No. 3 Auburn 67-62. The Vols are 15-0 at home this season. Down in Texas, TCU rallied from an 11-point deficit to take down

No. 9 Texas Tech 69-66 to boost its NCAA Tournament hopes.

After Baylor's win over Kansas, Colorado pushed around No. 2 Arizona's bid for a 79-63 win. It was the Wildcats' most lopsided loss of the season — of three — and matched the highest-ranked opponent the Buffaloes have ever beaten. No. 23 Saint Mary's provided the capper to the carnage, putting a stick in the spokes of top-ranked Gonzaga's bid for a perfect West Coast Conference season. The Gaels went on the type of run the Zags normally make, scoring 16 straight points on the way to a 67-57 victory that sent the fans in Moraga, California, streaming onto the floor.

"It's kind of life in late February and early March, especially on the road," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said.

The madness has already started. March could be maniacal.

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Aaliyah Edwards (left), Piath Gabriel (middle), and Olivia Nelson-Ododa (right) go in for a hug to celebrate their win against the Providence Friars during their last regular game for the season at Gampel Pavilion on Sunday Feb. 27. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Spin Cycle: Has “Cardiac Kemba” ran his last race?

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It's a sight that every fan of Connecticut basketball can envision clearly: The clock is winding down, about to hit four seconds left in regulation. The ball-handler drives right, pulling back to the left as the clock strikes three. He moves left, surely taking the ball to the hoop before suddenly stepping back in the ultimate move of misdirection. The defender, in a heap, is sent to the floor just before the clock can reach two. All alone, the ball handler puts up the final shot; if he misses, the game goes to overtime, but if he makes it, his team moves on to the semifinals of the 2011 Big East Tournament. One second to go. In front of a packed Madison Square Garden, the buzzer sounds, and...

“Cardiac Kemba does it again! UConn wins at the buzzer!”

With one shot, junior Kemba Walker went from the small kid from the Bronx to a national icon. The game-winner over third-ranked Pittsburgh would send the Huskies to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament, a tournament that would end with the Huskies claiming victory over fourteenth-ranked Louisville in the championship round. Walker, naturally, was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Less than a month later, Connecticut would find itself playing Butler to determine a champion of the 2011 NCAA Tournament. After being down at halftime, UConn would outscore Butler by 15 points in the second half, led by Walker's game-leading point total, to secure the win and the program's first NCAA championship since 2004. With the final victory, UConn capped off what was an improbable 11-game winning streak that began back in their first game of the Big East Tournament, one of the most impressive runs in college hoops. Walker had already solidified himself as an icon in Storrs, and it appeared that nothing could get in the way of the basketball superstar.

Alas, it seems that Walker has finally been run from the spotlight after news broke last Thursday that the New York Knicks would be shutting down Kemba for the remainder of the season. It's quite the turnaround for the NBA star, who played many successful seasons as the primary scorer for the Charlotte Hornets and became a key piece for the Boston Celtics after he was drafted ninth overall in the 2011 NBA Draft. In fact, Walker's time between Charlotte and Boston garnered him four consecutive all-star appearances between 2017-2020. The turnaround begs the question: After so many years as one of the premier playmakers

in the NBA, what could've derailed Walker's career so much that he's now out of a rotation spot?

If we're trying to identify the exact moment that Walker began his downfall from star to subpar, then May 2016 seems like the correct place to start. That month, Kemba underwent surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. The next year, in May 2017, he would again undergo a minor arthroscopic procedure on the same knee. At the time, the surgeries seemed like no big deal, as Walker had managed to score a then career-high 23.2 points per game while playing 79 out of Charlotte's 82 games that regular season. In fact, Walker rebounded from the surgery to play 80 games the following season and didn't miss a game in the 2018-2019 season.

Things would begin to escalate during the 2019-2020 NBA season, Walker's first as a member of the Celtics, when he missed game time in February after experiencing soreness in that same left knee. According to ESPN's Tim Bontemps, Walker had originally “chalked up the issue to the normal wear-and-tear that comes with an 82-game regular season, as well as his participation with Team USA [that previous] summer.” At the time, MRIs on Walker's knee came back clean and it was not believed that he had developed tendinitis.

Even so, at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 regular season, Walker missed 16 total games, 10 more than he'd missed in his previous four seasons combined.

Before the start of the 2020-2021 season, it was announced that Kemba would miss the first few weeks of the season as he received a stem cell injection and began a new strengthening regime for his left knee. The therapy, called “regenokine,” is an anti-inflammatory treatment for joint pain and inflammation. While NBA players that have undergone the same therapy in the past, including all-timers Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady, have claimed that regenokine has “breathed life” back into their careers, Walker, who played in only 43 games during the regular season, was forced to miss games four and five of Boston's first round playoff matchup against the Brooklyn Nets because of a bone bruise in his “sigh” left knee.

With Walker missing extended time over his two seasons with the Celtics and growing concerns over his lingering knee issues, Walker was traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder and was waived before the regular season, when he ultimately chose to sign with his hometown New York Knicks. His return to New York had all of the signs of a fairytale ending: Walker, coming off of an injury, would return to all-



New York Knicks guard Kemba Walker (8) drives around Brooklyn Nets guard Seth Curry (30) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, in New York. PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

star form in front of his hometown fans for a team that had exceeded expectations and was hoping to become a serious playoff contender over the next several seasons. At the forefront of that playoff push, of course, would be Cardiac Kemba, the college basketball hero that proved that he's more than capable of performing on a big stage. When all was said and done, that is exactly how things would turn out, right? Wrong.

Only a few weeks into the season, Walker had lost his rotation spot to fellow guard Alec Burks while the Knicks have played sub-.500 basketball for much of this season. Though Walker hadn't been playing at his typical all-star standards to begin the year, he also wasn't performing at a below-average lev-

el. It seems that his reduced role was more due to the fact that he wasn't as great a fit in New York as many were expecting, and as a team that has seriously underperformed compared to preseason expectations and without any real chances of sneaking back into the playoff picture, New York may be looking to give more opportunity to its young core. In addition to becoming a less-prominent player on the court, Kemba has continued to deal with pain in his left knee that has once again caused him to miss game time.

When the decision was made that Kemba would be shut down for the remainder of the Knicks' season, it was also announced that Walker would take the time to address his body and manage his ailing knee

in preparation for the 2022-2023 season. It was also announced that both New York and Walker would seek trade opportunities this offseason. Though it remains to be seen what the future holds for Kemba, it is hard for me to remain optimistic that he will return to elite form despite a new opportunity somewhere else. It seems that no matter what treatment he undergoes or how much time he's given to rest, Kemba's knee injury remains a problem that will continue to haunt him for as long as he's still on the court. It's quite unfortunate, as Walker, who seemed like a man that could never be touched, may have run himself out of professional basketball.

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Big East Baller Update No. 16: Sickos Committee Takeover

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The author of the Big East Baller Update is unavailable due to "a business trip" he took to Jupiter, Florida. He has asked the sickos committee to cover this week's edition.

Road losses, court storming and unique oddities best define this past week in college basketball. To say that all occurred in one game (Villanova vs. UConn) would be a lie because these events happened all week long. Let's not wait around any longer, here were the most chaotic games of the week.

Writer's Note: Seven Top 10 teams lost on the same day? Yes ... ha ha ha ... yes.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: JAVON FREEMAN-LIBERTY - DEPAUL

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK: TREY ALEXANDER - CREIGHTON

Creighton vs. St. John's (Feb. 23): Sickos Advisory

Both teams are going beyond expectations. Creighton is above their goals behind a strong freshman class. St. John's is below their goals, partially due to the transfer portal. In a game of this magnitude, who would keep their storyline going? After Creighton bounced out to a nine-point lead in the first half only to lose it, the Johnnies got a nine-point lead of their own before Creighton pecked away. The Blue Jays had yet to recapture the lead, but that all changed with 12:55 left as Posh Alexander and Ryan Nembarhd collided before a foul was called.

That collision ended Nembarhd's season via a wrist injury. Down a major point producer, the Blue Jays had to respond and did so by recapturing the lead on an Alexander three-pointer. After several minutes of intense jostling, Creighton sealed their lead for good as Ryan

Hawkins converted a layup and Ryan Kalkbrenner made two free throws. The Johnnies could have won or tied this game, but several shots by Mathis and Wheeler came up short as the Blue Jays held on for the 81-78 win.

This game was close in all aspects of it from three-point shooting to rebounds. Hawkins had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Blue Jays while Kalkbrenner had 19 and Alexander had 16. Mathis led the Johnnies with 15 points while Omar Stanley had 14 off the bench. The sickos committee wishes Nembarhd a speedy recovery and hopes to see him back on the court next season.

DePaul vs. Georgetown (Feb. 24): Sickos Watch

If you said in December that DePaul would not be the worst team in the conference, the committee would have a straight face. Fast forward to February, and Georgetown had yet to win a conference game while DePaul had won three. Could the Hoyas get that elusive conference win, their first since the Big East Tournament?

DePaul used a 12-0 run to take control in the first half, despite missed shots and defensive plays by both teams. To DePaul's surprise however, Georgetown wanted a win in conference play, and they went tooth-and-nail with the Blue Demons to make magic happen. At one point, Georgetown had a five-point lead and a conference win was only 10 minutes away, however, Tony Stubblefield had other plans as his team took the lead back on multiple occasions.

Aminu Mohammed gave Georgetown the lead with 1:14 to play at the free throw line, but before the Hoyas could start showing their excitement, Javon-Freeman Liberty made a thunderous layup with 1:01 to play. Georgetown missed every other opportunity they had, all from beyond the arc, as DePaul survived 68-65. This was the closest game the



UConn beats Villanova 71 to 69 at the XL center on February 22, 2022. Adama Sanogo (21) was the lead scorer of the game with a total of 20 points. PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Hoyas have had all season in Big East play, and they nearly got rewarded for their hard work and dedication. Mohammed had 18 points and nine rebounds while Carey had 15. Freeman-Liberty had a blast, scoring 25 points while Nick Ongenda had 11. Georgetown sits at 0-17 in the Big East with two games remaining.

Xavier vs. No. 11 Providence (Feb. 23): Sickos Warning

Providence was in control of their own destiny. The Friars had to win two games against formidable opponents in Xavier and Creighton to clinch their first-ever regular season crown. Before that could happen, chaos reigned supreme.

The second half had chaos. With 2:47 left in regulation, Dwon Odom deleted Nate Watson's ankles en route to a layup. Seconds later, the referees called a stoppage of play

because the court was flooding both from the roof and from the ice underneath. If that coincidental pause wasn't chaotic enough, Al Durham made a jumper with 23 seconds left and Adam Kunkel's shot came up just short as the two teams had to go to overtime.

Xavier scored five points before Providence tied the game on a Justin Minaya layup. Both teams came up short in the final seconds and a second overtime period was required. There were 10 free throw attempts in the final 21 seconds of the second frame, but Paul Scruggs made a buzzer-beating game-tying three-pointer to force yet another overtime.

Jared Bynum provided the dagger from long range in the third OT as Xavier came up short and the Friars survived 99-92. The sheer chaos from this game had the same

amount of wild energy as the Chargers-Raiders game and the Illinois-Penn St. 9 OT war.

Every Musketeer starter scored in double figures, but it was Kunkel picking up 20 points off the bench to lead the team. The same could be said for Providence as Bynum had 27 with five threes off the bench. Three days later, the Friars bashed Creighton en route to the regular season title while Xavier booted their struggling team off the court. The sickos committee will now go into hibernation and reawaken in late August. The typical author of the Big East Baller Update has left us a note asking us to tell the reader that next week is the Big East Tournament preview.

Women's Lacrosse: No. 25 Huskies trounce overmatched UMass Lowell and New Hampshire

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This weekend, the University of Connecticut Huskies played a pair of New England foes, beating each by more than nine goals to improve their season record to 3-1.

No Morrone? No problem. On Thursday, UConn took on the UMass Lowell River Hawks for their home opener. Theoretically, Lacrosse is supposed to be a spring sport, but an impending Nor'easter forced the Huskies to move the contest up a day and into the football practice facility, the Mark R. Shenkman Center. Without fans to cheer the Huskies on, they still pulled through big time, grabbing the 23-14 win.

Despite the final score, it took a moment for the Huskies to get their feet under them. The Riverhawks jumped out to a surprising 4-1 lead in the opening nine minutes, largely thanks to a goal and an assist from Emily Stratton to go along with a pair of Molly Shaw goals. The one Husky goal came from Sydney Watson, who took it all by herself to the net. UConn really got going in the later portion of the first quarter. Lia LaPrise got the party started with a nice dime to Stephanie Palmucci, who netted her second of the season. Watson got another one on her own and then LaPrise got Coon involved, assisting her shot. LaPrise decided it was her turn after her two dimes, putting in one of her own to cap off the 4-0 run in the span of 84 seconds. Megan Brockbank got one back for UMass Lowell to tie things up going into the second quarter of the play.

Sophia Scialdone got the Riverhawks going in the second, with her first of the season just before Palmucci and LaPrise came right back with a pair of their own. Izzy Liquori evened the score, but Madelyn George and Kyra Place got the eighth and ninth goals of the game. With time dwindling prior to the half, Liquori got another to make it 9-8 at the break.

The third quarter is really where the Huskies got things going to put the game out of reach. Kate Schaffer got in on the fun with a solo goal and Place got her second of the game less than 15 seconds after. Watson then got her second hattrick of the season and Coon tagged on another to extend the lead to 13-8. Grace Hanson and Liquori scored a pair for Lowell to close the gap to three, but Watson's typical shiftness allowed her to score her fourth, fifth and sixth goals of the game all within the last three minutes of the third, bringing the advantage to 17-11.

Coon and Morgan Carter got two quick ones to start the final quarter, but Shaw and Jenn McCarry scored a pair for the Riverhawks. Lauren Barry, Abby Charron and Susan LaFountain each scored their first of the season in the closing minutes of the blowout, ultimately giving the Huskies a 23-14 win.

In their second game against New Hampshire, the Huskies just took complete advantage of the Wildcats from the get-go. Despite UNH's Abby Cranney opening things up with a goal in the first two minutes, the Huskies responded big. Over the next two and a half minutes, they scored four unanswered goals, including two from Watson. Kelsey MacCallum answered with a nice shot, but Place and LaFountain got two back. Over the final four minutes of the first quarter, the Huskies went on a 4-2 run to extend the lead to 10-4 going into the second.

Emily Curtis and Liv Dunn cut the Husky lead to four in the opening six minutes of the period, but UConn responded with a 3-0 run of their own. With less than a minute left in the half, Watson got her third hat trick in four games to put the Huskies up 14-7.

After the Wildcats opened the latter half with a pair of goals in the first four minutes, UConn blew things wide open. From the final 11:10 of the third quarter to 2:49 left in the game, the Huskies went on a 9-0 run. This run included two



On Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, the UConn Huskies beat the University of New Hampshire 19-3 in a blow out game. Sydney Watson (11) scored five goals and had eight draw controls. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

goals for LaPrise, effectively ending the game in a 23-10 win.

WATSON'S WONDERS - Watson continues to prove why she was named a preseason All American, notching 11 goals and four assists on the weekend. So far, Watson has definitively been the best player for the Huskies, with over 20 percent more points than the next most on the team. She hasn't been terribly

efficient on the year with a shot percentage of .393, but with her volume, she has been terrific. The Huskies will go as far as Watson takes them.

A GAME OF RUNS - The Huskies were unrelenting this weekend, going on a 4-0 run or better five different times, including their 9-0 run against Wildcats. This ability

for UConn to just blow the game completely open over the course of mere seconds will make them deadly. It's important to note that in each of those runs, Watson scored at least one, further establishing her core role on the team.

The Huskies will next travel to Amherst, MA to face UMass Amherst this Saturday.



Sports

Behind the Ballot: Iowa and Clark make their return as Florida plummets

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Hello, all, and welcome back to my weekly column called Behind the Ballot, where I will share my Top 25 women's basketball rankings that I submit to be included in the Student Media Poll. The SMP is a weekly basketball poll, voted on by student journalists from around the country from a variety of different college newspapers, and I am fortunate to serve as a women's basketball voter. I look at previous rankings and games from the past week to determine my weekly ballot. With that being said, let's jump into this week's rankings!

RISERS

No. 6 Louisville—I get that a team ranked as high as Louisville should generally beat lower-ranked teams, but Louisville's utter beatdown by then No. 14 Notre Dame was different. The Cardinals started off the game on a whopping 41-3 run, leaving the Irish completely out of the game before it was even halftime. That pure domination was really impressive and will help Louisville's resume going into March. Even though they didn't actually make a jump in the poll because all the teams above them won their games, Louisville established themselves as a clear contender and nearly a shoo-in for the Elite Eight.

No. 24 Iowa—After a pretty disappointing start to the year, Iowa is really starting to piece things together and find their rhythm behind POTY condenser Caitlin Clark. The Hawkeyes have won their past four games, with three coming against teams then ranked in the top 10. In

those four games, Clark averaged 29.2 points, 10.0 assists and 6.8 rebounds, pulling through when her team needs her the most. With the regular season over, Clark and Iowa have a chance to create a new run for the ages, but for now, I'm sure they're just enjoying their return to relevancy and the poll.

FALLERS

No. 14 Indiana-Indiana has just continued to skid these past few weeks. They lost back to back games to Iowa and one to No. 7 Maryland, resulting in losses in four of their last five games. Grace Berger has continued to play well for the Hoosiers, but their supporting cast needs to support her more as they face their most crucial stretch of the season. Indiana was ranked in the top five earlier this year, having potential to be an upper tier team. The Big Ten tournament gives them the chance to right the ship, with potential marquee games with high upside. They should still be able to grab a four seed, but are cutting things much closer than they need to.

No. 23 Florida—Following an 11 game stretch where the Gators went 10-1 with five wins against ranked teams, they have hit a skid, perhaps regressing to the mean. Florida lost all three games this week, two against unranked opponents, falling eight slots from their season-high ranking of No. 15. The good news is that they were not blown out in any of the games and kept it especially close at top five LSU. Every team in a conference as tough as the SEC is going to go through rough patches, so look for the Gators to still make a nice run in March Madness.

UConn

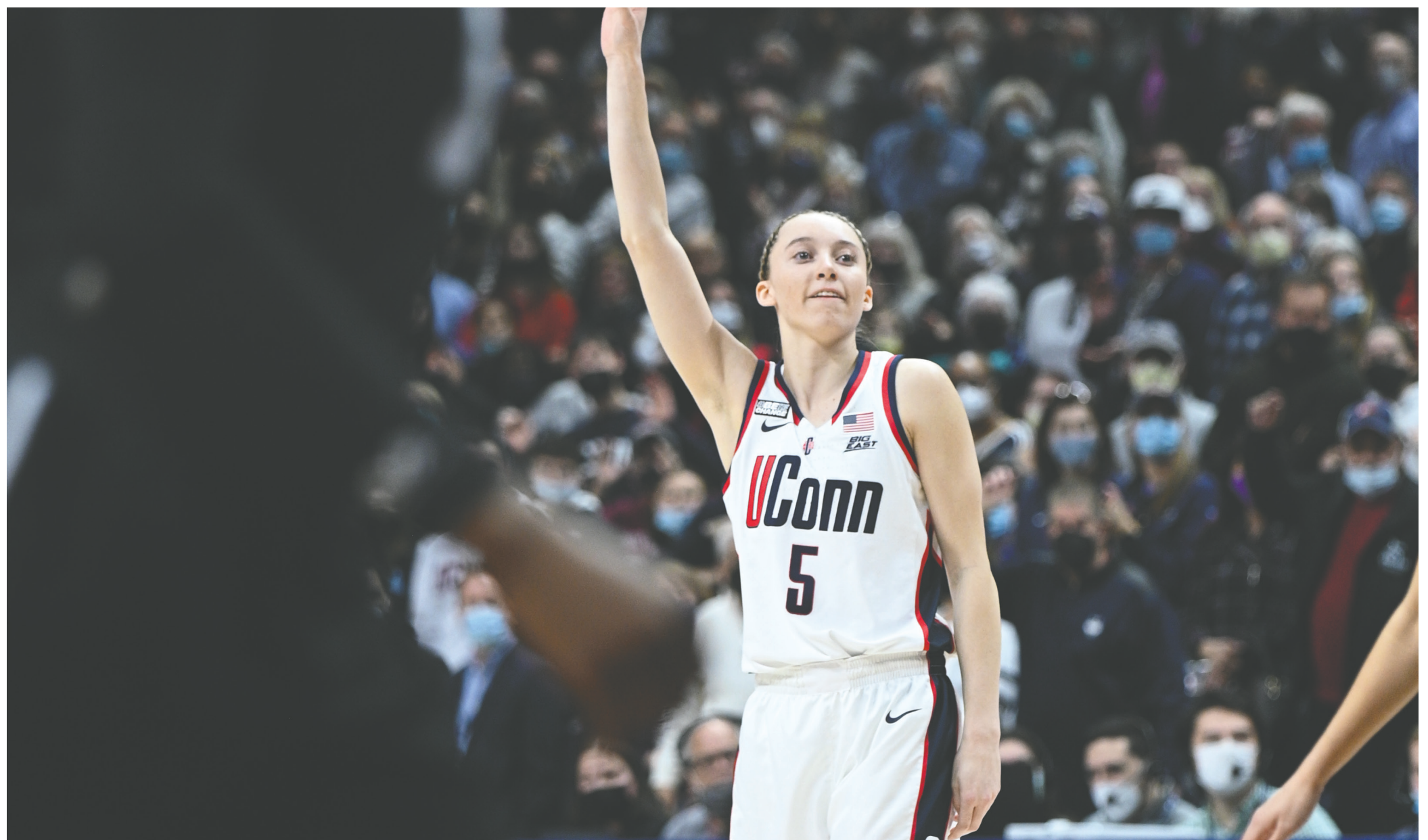
No. 8 UConn—UConn had three games this week against unranked teams and won just as many. The easy headline here is the return of reigning POTY Paige Bueckers, but a bigger storyline may be how much better the rest of the team has gotten. The emergence of Caroline Ducharme and Azzi Fudd will play a huge role for the Huskies down the stretch, as two players who are now capable of taking the ball themselves and getting shots to go when times get tough. Coach Geno Auriemma noted that "there will be no droughts," most likely referring to the tendency to all come crashing down for UConn when Bueckers was having trouble getting her shot to fall. With this much offense and unselfishness, nobody will want to see UConn in March.

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BEHIND THE BALLOT

This Week's Rankings

1. South Carolina
2. Stanford
3. NC State
4. Baylor
5. LSU
6. Louisville
7. Maryland
8. UConn
9. Michigan
10. Texas
11. Iowa State
12. Oklahoma
13. Arizona
14. Indiana
15. Tennessee
16. North Carolina
17. Virginia Tech
18. Notre Dame
19. Georgia
20. Ohio State
21. BYU
22. Princeton
23. Florida
24. Iowa
25. Georgia Tech



Paige Bueckers (5) signals to her teammates on the court during her first game back from her knee injury at Gampel Pavilion on Sunday, Feb. 27. The Huskies beat the Providence Friars 88-31 in their last regular game of the season. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UConn SCOREBOARD

Women's basketball
Sunday

88 vs. **31**

UPCOMING GAMES

vs.
Men's Basketball, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.
Omaha, NE

vs.
Men's Ice Hockey, Friday, 7:05 p.m.
Hartford, CT

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14 wins
4 school records broken
2 @BIGEAST trophies
2 series sweeps

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