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## Ukrainian Student Association protests Russian invasion



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The Ukrainian Student Association at the University of Connecticut held a protest on Wednesday, March 2, to raise awareness for the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Over a dozen protestors, including members of the Slavic Cultural Association held signs and flags on Fairfield Way, calling for an end to the war.

“Hands off Ukraine!” one sign read. “Putin lies, but Ukraine never dies,” said another. “If Ukraine falls, who is next?” read a third.

The demands of the protestors included increased shipment of medical supplies and equipment

to Ukraine, the declaration of a no-fly zone over the country and aid for Ukrainian students at UConn impacted by the invasion. USA acknowledged that Ukrainian-American students on campus currently have not been contacted by UConn administration.

Victoria Kostour, an eighth-semester molecular and cell biology and physiological sciences major and president of USA, demanded action.

“What is happening right now in Ukraine is unimaginable,” Kostour said. “I have family members in Ukraine who are terrified of the war. I spend hours each day, sometimes with little sleep, trying to see whether my relatives are in danger.”

Other members of USA spoke on their experiences as Ukrainians, all of whom said they are deeply concerned for relatives

who are among the near 900,000 civilians fleeing as refugees, according to The Guardian.

The invasion began on Feb. 24 after Russian president Vladimir Putin recognized the independence of separatist states in eastern Ukraine, which receive Russian military and economic support, according to Business Insider.

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UKRAINIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT VICTORIA KOSTOUR

Since the invasion began, Ukrainian troops have stalled the Russian offensive, and initial

casualties in the first week total approximately 6,000 Russian and 2,000 Ukrainian soldiers, with as many Ukrainian civilians reported dead, according to an article from the Wall Street Journal.

“It is important to remember that the Russian people do not want this war either, and we hold nothing against them,” Sonia Zazulak, a sixth-semester molecular and cellular biology major and marine biology minor and secretary of USA said. “This is Putin’s war, and there are protests across Russia against his actions.”

“Ukraine has always faced invaders and occupiers, and we have always survived. We need your help more than ever,” Zazulak said.

USA members passed out fliers featuring QR codes to organizations collecting money for

Ukrainian refugees, news outlets trying to dispel online misinformation about the conflict and methods to contact representatives to encourage them to provide more support to Ukraine.

“Imagine a town like Waterbury or New Haven, where you grew up,” said Alexander Solod, an sixth-semester computer science major and vice president of SCA. “The houses in your neighborhood are on fire, your high school walls are covered in bullet holes. There are dead and wounded people in the streets. This is what Ukrainians are dealing with now.”

USA and SCA announced a fundraiser to be held in the Student Union on Monday, March 7 to sell pins to raise money for training and supplying paramedics in Ukraine. They also voiced their intent to host another protest on campus next week.



Protestors from the UConn community gather at the UConn seal on Fairfield Way on Wednesday March 2, to spread awareness and support for Ukraine’s struggle against Russia. The protest was organized by UConn’s Ukrainian Student Association, and protestors shared a message of unity and peace between Russia and Ukraine.

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## Mansfield Public Schools appoints new superintendent



**Peter Dart currently serves as the principal of Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School in Mansfield. He was recently selected to succeed current Mansfield Public Schools Superintendent Kelly Lyman, who will retire on July 1, 2022.** PHOTO COURTESY OF MANSFIELDCT.GOV

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The Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education voted to select Peter Dart as the next superintendent, according to a press release from Feb. 23. Dart has served as principal of Mansfield's Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary since 2018.

Effective July 1, Dart will succeed Kelly Lyman, who is retiring after serving as superintendent since 2015.

"This is an amazing community and school district, and I'm thrilled to be able to step into the superintendent's shoes," Dart said. "Kelly Lyman, our current

superintendent, has been a tremendous leader ... and I am just proud to be able to step into that, knowing that there is a lot of work that still needs to happen."

Dart spent 22 years as a teacher in elementary and middle schools. He also served as a science teacher and principal of the Environmental Sciences Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut.

Mansfield Public Schools is looking to consolidate its three elementary schools into one school by the fall. According to the press release, the new Mansfield Elementary School, will be the first net-zero energy public school in Connecticut.

As a former teacher and principal at an environmental sci-

ence-centered school, Dart is looking forward to the net-zero elementary school's opening.

"The idea of opening a net-zero building, and supporting the idea that a building is a living laboratory for our students and our community to learn more about sustainability and energy, I think is truly amazing," Dart said.

Kathleen Ward, the chair of the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education, praised Dart for his contributions as part of the administration.

"Peter has been a strong contributor to the administrative team here in Mansfield, offering deep experience in and contributing to growing our educators, one of our Core Beliefs," Ward

said. "Under his leadership, Goodwin earned School of Distinction status in 2020 for high growth and overall performance in ELA/Reading, and in 2021 U.S. News & World Report ranked Goodwin School 12th out of 621 Connecticut elementary schools. Our school community clearly responds to his leadership."

When asked about his goals and expectations for the next school year, Dart said he wants to prioritize being available to listen to all students and community members.

"I think what's most important is, while I work in the district now, I want to pause and make sure that I'm available and connect with our families, our stu-

dents and our staff to learn more about our work so that I can best move our district forward," Dart said. "And I really think that I need to listen and learn."

Dart also anticipates that a great portion of his role as superintendent will be spent on opening the new elementary school.

"All eyes are on the new elementary school," he said. "To be honest with you, probably the most important role will be to make sure that we are best prepared to open the new Mansfield Elementary School and celebrate not only the wonderful building, [and to] make sure that every child, and family and staff member feels connected and supported and ready."

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# Activism grows nationwide in response to school book bans

NEW YORK (AP) — Until a year ago, Stephana Ferrell's political activism was limited to the occasional letter to elected officials.

Then came her local school board meeting in Orange County, Florida and an objection raised to Maia Kobabe's graphic novel "Gender Queer: A Memoir." And the county's decision last fall to remove it from high school shelves.

"By winter break, we realized this was happening all over the state and needed to start a project to rally parents to protect access to information and ideas in school," says Ferrell, a mother of two. Along with fellow Orange County parent Jen Cousins, she founded the Florida Freedom to Read Project, which works with existing parent groups statewide on a range of educational issues, including efforts to "keep or get back books that have gone under challenge or have been banned."

Over the past year, book challenges and bans have reached levels not seen in decades, according to officials at the American Library Association, the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) and other advocates for free expression. Censorship efforts have ranged from local communities such as Orange County and a Tennessee school board's pulling Art Spiegelman's graphic novel "Maus," to statewide initiatives.

"There are some books with pornography and pedophilia that should absolutely be removed from K through 12 school libraries," says Yael Levin, a spokeswoman for No Left Turn in Education, a national group opposed to what it calls a "Leftist agenda" for public schools that has called on Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the availability of "Gender Queer" among other books. "Now we're not

talking about a public library or bookstores. We're talking about K through 12 school libraries, books that are just pornographic and with pedophilic content."

According to PEN America, which has been tracking legislation around the country, dozens of bills have been proposed that restrict classroom reading and discussion. Virtually all of the laws focus on sexuality, gender identity or race. In Missouri, a bill would ban teachers from using the "1619 Project," the New York Times magazine issue which centers around slavery in American history and was released last fall as a book.

The responses have come from organizations large and small, and sometimes from individuals such as Ferrell.

The American Civil Liberties Union, PEN America and the NCAC have been working with local activists, educators and families around the country, helping them "to prepare for meetings, to draft letters and to mobilize opposition," according to PEN America's executive director, Suzanne Nossel. The CEO of Penguin Random House, Markus Dohle, has said he will personally donate \$500,000 for a book defense fund to be run in partnership with PEN. Hachette Book Group has announced "emergency donations" to PEN, the NCAC and the Authors Guild.

Legal action has been one strategy. In Missouri, the ACLU filed suit in federal court in mid-February to prevent the Wentzville school district from removing such books as "Gender Queer," Nobel laureate Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye" and Keise Laymon's memoir "Heavy." The civil liberties union has also filed open records requests in Tennessee and Montana over book bans, and a warning letter

in Mississippi against what it described as the "unconstitutionality of public library book bans."

Vera Eidelman, staff attorney with the ACLU Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, cited the U.S. Supreme Court's 1982 ruling declaring that "local school boards may not remove books

stance, that the book is too profane or vulgar.

"The problem is just that often our definitions, for example, of vulgarity or age appropriateness, are for lack of a better word, mushy, and they can also hide or be used as pretext for viewpoint-based decisions by the government," she said.

Two anti-banning initiatives were launched in Pennsylvania. In Kutztown, eighth grader Joslyn Dffenbaugh formed a banned book club last fall that began with a reading of George Orwell's "Animal Farm." The Pennridge Improvement Project has started a drive to purchase books that have been removed from schools, including Leslea Newman's "Heather Has Two Mommies" and Kim Johnson's "This is My America," and place them in small free libraries around the district.

The wave of bans has led to new organizations and to a change of focus for existing groups. Katie Paris, an Ohio resident and the founder of Red, Wine & Blue, a national network of politically engaged "PTA mamas and digital divas" founded in 2019, said that last year she began receiving calls from members begging for help as debates over "critical race theory" erupted.

Red, Wine & Blue started online sessions it calls Trouble Maker Training, which includes such guidance as "Present a calm face to counter the yelling and shouting" and "Own individual freedom: You can decide what is right for your child, but you don't get to dictate what's right for other families." Red, Wine & Blue also launched a website that tracks book bans, raised about \$65,000 to organize against bans and is organizing an event in March featuring authors of banned books and parents from communities where books are being challenged.

"We think education works best when it's parents and teachers working together," says Paris, the mother of 7- and 3-year old boys. "And if you don't want your child to have access to a book, then opt them out. That's fine. You just don't want to just take that opportunity away from my kids."

Trying to get a book restored is often like other kinds of community activism — letter writing, speeches, attending meetings.

Meenal McNary is a member of the Round Rock Black Parents Association, based about 20 miles from Austin, Texas. The association was founded in 2015 after a Black teenager was slammed to the ground by a police officer, but more recently became active in diversifying the curriculum and fighting efforts to remove books. Last year, a parent's objection led to Round Rock school district officials considering whether "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You," by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, should be taken off middle school reading lists.

"We worked with a middle school teacher who started a petition, and that gained a lot of traction, with more than a 1,000 signatures," McNary says. The district followed a three-step review process — culminating with a school board vote — during which McNary and others helped organize people into writing letters, turning up for board meetings and telling others about the petition.

"We had children speaking up in favor of this book, even though it was traumatic for some of them to read," McNary says. "We had everyone from middle school students to grandmothers and grandfathers stating their reasons why this should remain on the shelves. The board ended up voting in our favor and the book is still there."

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from school library shelves simply because they dislike the ideas contained in those books." The tricky area, Eidelman acknowledged, is that schools officials are allowed to ban books for reasons other than not approving of the viewpoints the books express. Officials might determine, for in-

# New York to lift statewide school mask mandate by March 2

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's statewide masking requirement in schools will be lifted by March 2, Gov. Kathy Hochul said Sunday, citing a dramatic drop in COVID-19 infections and new federal guidelines.

Hours later, New York City Mayor Eric Adams said he's considering lifting vaccine mandates on restaurants, bars and theaters by early next week if infections and hospitalizations continue their downward trend.

A mask mandate on the city's approximately 1 million schoolchildren could also be lifted, Adams said in a statement. The decision won't come until Friday, following a full week of classes after students in the country's largest school system return from a weeklong vacation, he said.

The pair of announcements signaled an important turning point for the city and state, once an epicenter of the global pandemic.

"The day has come," Hochul said at a press conference in Albany.

New guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says most Americans can now safely take a break from wearing masks, including students in schools.

"That is why I feel very confident that this is the time to lift the mask requirements," Hochul said.

As of Saturday, state officials said the 7-day average for new cases was fewer than 1,671 for the first time since late July. Other metrics have also fallen rapidly, including hospitalizations and deaths.

The CDC guidelines for other indoor spaces aren't binding, meaning cities and institutions even in areas of low risk may set their own rules. Hochul said counties and cities could keep their own mandates in place, and parents could still choose to send their kids to school in masks.

The new rules also apply to children 2 years and older in childcare facilities.

Hochul said Adams was consulted before her announcement, including a conversation earlier Sunday.

Despite criticism over the state's pandemic measures, Hochul said she remained resolute in sticking with experts and health data as her guide and "not let criticism and politics intervene in this decision-making."

Earlier this month, Hochul let a broad mask mandate for most indoor settings expire, but said the schools requirement would remain in place. She had promised to revisit the schools question by the first week of March.

The broad mask mandate was implemented during a COVID-19 surge fueled by the omicron variant in December.

Masks are still required in some places, including public transit, homeless shelters, jails and prisons, adult care facilities and healthcare settings.

Andrew Rigie, executive director of the NYC Hospitality Alliance, said lifting the vaccine requirements would be a positive step for restaurants, bars and theaters.

"We need to continue to be smart and safe, and also modify mandates as COVID risks are reduced. So this will be welcome news to

many restaurants and bars, although I wouldn't be surprised if some businesses want to voluntarily keep it in place." Andrew Rigie, executive director, NYC Hospitality Alliance, said in a text message to The Associate Press.

The mayor has been hoping to begin lifting restrictions, but said his

decisions, like those of the governor, would be influenced by key metrics.

"New York City's numbers continue to go down day after day," Adams said. "So as long as COVID indicators show a low level of risk and we see no surprises this week, on Monday, March 7 we will also lift

Key2NYC requirements," he said.

The Key2NYC program was put in place last August to put pressure on New Yorkers to get vaccinated — or risk losing their access to many of the city's attractions like museums and theaters, as well as being shut out of restaurants and bars.



Students wearing masks leave the New Explorations into Science, Technology and Math (NEST+m) school in the Lower East Side neighborhood of Manhattan, Dec. 21, 2021, in New York. FILE PHOTO/AP

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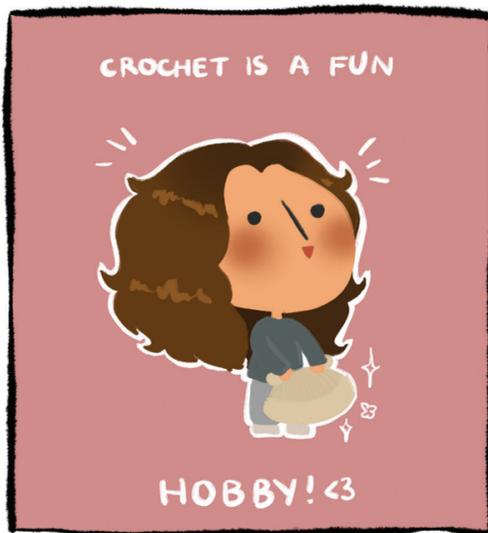
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### ► Editorial

# Pay attention to what's happening in student government

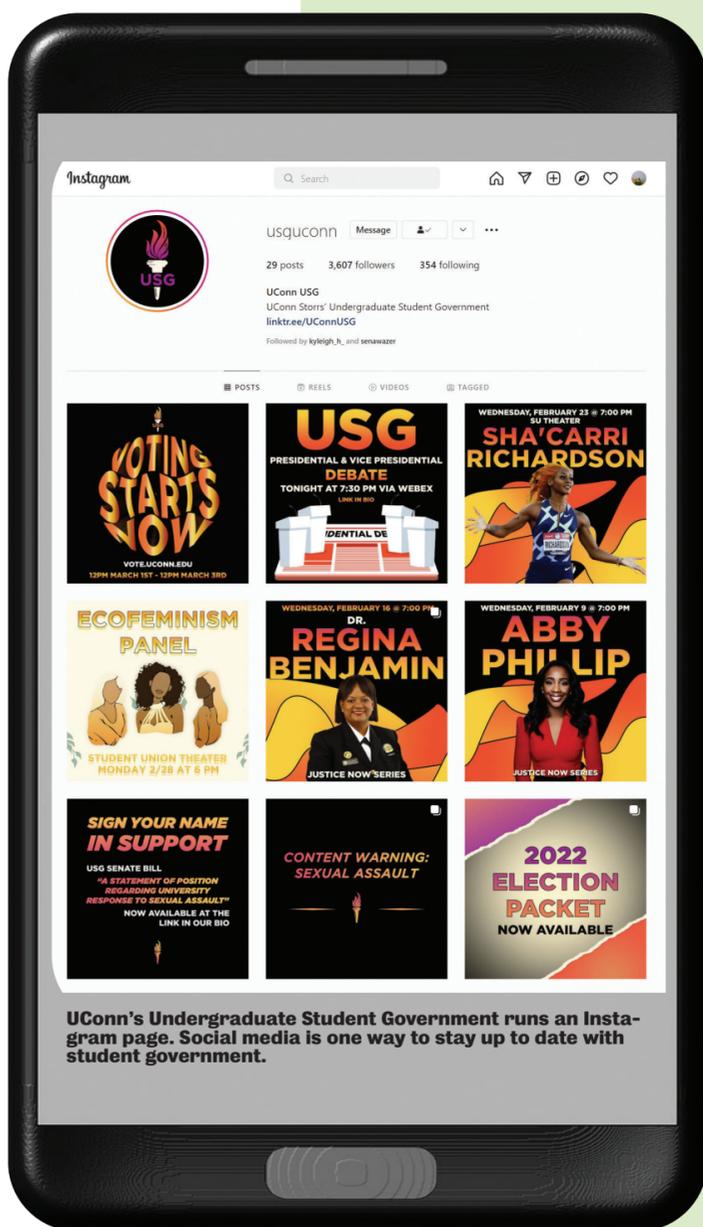
The Undergraduate Student Government at the University of Connecticut is something that every UConn student should pay attention to. Similar to how the national government attempts to serve citizens of the United States, USG has the potential to make decisions that affect the lives of UConn students.

Like taxes, every undergraduate student pays a fee to USG in their fee bill every semester. (It is also worth noting that The Daily Campus operates under a similar structure, although our fee amount is significantly less.) Students should be well-informed about what that money is being used for and how they can benefit from it. Without student money there would be no USG.

USG is responsible for representing the interests of the student body to university administration, talking to state officials about UConn, providing students with beneficial services — such as free Plan B, additional water bottle filling stations, Husky Market and Tampon time — and distributing funding to student organizations. While some students at UConn may not be interested in the politics of how those things occur, every student should still pay attention to the overall presence of USG.

It is the job of USG to represent student interests. By paying attention to what legislation is being passed and what other initiatives are being pursued by USG, UConn students can gauge whether their interests are actually being represented. If they're not, students should know how to speak up and advocate for them.

Even if students can't attend the publicly available meetings for USG, it is easy enough to follow the organization on social media, or even read The Daily Campus' coverage of significant happenings. While it is ultimately USG's responsibility to communicate with the student body about their proceedings and significant actions, it is also important that student's care enough to pay attention at all.



UConn's Undergraduate Student Government runs an Instagram page. Social media is one way to stay up to date with student government.



# Life

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## Know Your Study Style



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Arguably the most important key to having a successful midterm season is knowing your particular study style.

There is no clear-cut way to study for exams. There are countless methods, including memorizing flashcards, poring over notes for hours, quizzing yourself and reviewing presentations.

However this isn't necessarily about the methods themselves, but rather what timeline makes you the most prepared on your test day. Some people prefer cramming their studying into a one day period, forcing themselves to memorize the material. Others prefer a more gradual approach, memorizing the material over a longer period of time, such as a few days or even a week.

"I think a very important strategy is [to] study early and often, making it a routine to accumulate knowledge as you go," said Ethan Wicko, a fourth-semester mechanical engineering major. "I think it's fundamental to building and understanding rather than memorizing."

Others agree with this approach, though sometimes it is difficult to actually put into action.

"I would recommend studying for midterms by not waiting until the night before like my friends and I did," said Youssef Amer, a fourth-semester computer science major. "I have a midterm in about three hours and I am freaking out, but it's okay, because I got this, but you shouldn't do this and I shouldn't do this next time either."

Other students actually consciously choose that one-night approach, rather than falling into it due to procrastination.

"I have a unique approach to studying for midterms, I actually wait until the last minute," said Daniyal Athar, a fourth-semester molecular and cellular biology major. "I try to internalize all the information and regurgitate that on the midterm. That helps me make sure to go over all the slides, all the presentations, memorize everything I can see with my eyes and then just do the midterm."

Ultimately, the important thing is to find the right method for yourself. This can be done through trial and error, or studying for different exams in different ways and seeing which ones you perform better on. Studying can be demanding, so it is important to understand yourself to do it well.

## Find the Right Studying Location

Another important factor in the studying process is finding a place where you can focus.

In this ever-digitized and connected world, it is difficult to focus for hours on end while studying what can be fairly dense material. Thus, it is ever important to find an environment that fits your needs and comforts to study in.

Again, this is something of personal preference, as some people enjoy studying in their own rooms while others prefer the library or even dining halls.

"I prefer studying in my room, mostly because I have everything that I need there," said Daniel Paliulis, a fourth-semester computer science major. "If I go to the library or I go to ITE and I need a textbook, I'd have to come back, and I also have a two monitor setup which is really convenient for [computer science] stuff."

Ultimately, the right location depends on the resources you need to study and where you feel most comfortable.



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## Get Enough Sleep

Though it is arguably the norm to stay up late to cram information before your exam day, this is not the most beneficial of strategies.

Getting a good night's sleep simply helps you think more clearly, have more stamina throughout the day and be more mentally healthy. It may be tempting to memorize another line of notes or a few equations before going to bed, but even a few extra minutes can go a long way.

The Daily Campus wishes you the best of luck on your midterm exams. If you know your study style, find the right location and get enough sleep, there is no limit to how well you can do on your tests these next few weeks.



# THE DEATH OF

# KILLING EVE

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## JUST IN TIME

to distract us from studying for midterms, “Killing Eve” has returned for its fourth and final season. Two new episodes of the dark-comedy/thriller aired on BBC America on Feb. 27, introducing new identities laced with old motives for the main characters Eve (Sandra Oh) and Villanelle (Jodie Comer).

Season four sees our star-crossed lovers in drastically different places than they were at the bloody close of season three. Eve has come far from the bored but brilliant MI6 agent we first met at the start of the series. Hardened yet somehow liberated by her experiences with Villanelle, the first episode of season four introduces Eve as a motorcycle riding, gun-wielding operative working for a private security firm. Although she is apparently done with Villanelle, she isn't done with her take down of the international crime ring that produced Villanelle and other super assassins like her: the Twelve.

Meanwhile, Villanelle seeks a rebirth by tapping into her inner light. Her last conversation with Eve on the London Bridge signaled that season four would serve as somewhat of a redemption arc for the couture-wearing killer. While she has parted ways with the Twelve, the sense that she's on the brink of a backslide is eminent. Still obsessed with Eve, Villanelle seeks salvation in the church in hopes that she'll be cleansed of past sins and more importantly, that Eve will notice.

As usual, the performances by Sandra Oh and Jodie Comer are superb, and the same can be said of the supporting actors, old and new. Fiona Shaw (“Harry Potter,” “True Blood”) returns as Carolyn Martens, Eve's former boss at MI6 who has yet another interesting mixed into the world of Villanelle.

cast as Yusuf, Eve's coworker at the gym and evidently in the interests, I don't see things

Despite the fantastic cast fans hooked for the last four short seasons isn't a TV time to come. The sense through the veins of the writer/show-runner season one. There were a lot — the Baz Luhrmann-like fish was an especially nice touch season one visual aesthetic. But able to adequately compare to the creative opener was one of the duller yet.

“It is as if a lot of the writing has lost its one fan on Reddit. “The dialogue is funny, no it seems to me, as season one's or even some of Laura Neal, (“Sex Education”) is serving final season and the ever, we're only means

proposition for Eve that will undoubtedly get her more Robert Gilbert (“The Tragedy of Macbeth”) joins the the firm who has been putting Eve to work in bedroom. Based on the fates of Eve's past love ending well for him.

and the engaging storyline which has kept years, the ending of “Killing Eve” after four death that viewers will mourn for too much of urgency and verve which once pulsed show has diminished since the departure Phoebe Waller-Bridge (“Fleabag”) after of great things about this season opener tank scene between Eve and Villanelle that brought back some of that classic showrunners since haven't really been nius that Bridge crafted, and this season

force, it sharpness its nuance,” said doubt, but not as riddled with meaning, season two's.”

as showrunner and head writer for the pres- sure is definitely on. How- two episodes in, which there's plenty of time for things to pick up. New episodes of “Killing Eve” premiere every Sunday on BBC America and AMC+.

Jodie Comer  
as  
Villanelle

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# SHOWTIME'S "SUPER PUMPED: THE BATTLE FOR UBER" SHOWS THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THE RIDE-SHARING APP

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I'm sure we all have ridden in an Uber, or frantically searched for one at 1 a.m. after a night out, but do any of us really know how Uber came to be? Showtime's newest limited series "Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber" delves into the story of how Uber became a billion dollar business, starting from the very beginning.

Episode 1, "Grow or Die," takes the viewer into the stressed out life of Uber founder Travis Kalanick (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), as he first begins his journey bringing the ride-sharing service to people's daily lives. We witness Kalanick's ongoing enthusiasm and belief in Uber, especially when he screams, "The city has been taken!" across the office after winning the mayor over. While there are times of victory, Kalanick is humbled when his company begins to suffer financially. Not being able to keep up with money, he scores a deal with venture capitalist Bill Gurley (Kyle Chandler), an individual who hopefully has the money, and expertise, to take Uber global.

"Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber" gave many of the same vibes as "The Social Network." While most of us are customers of Uber and Facebook, it is always a harsh reality to watch how many of these companies often rise to power through unethical practices. At one point during the first episode, Kalanick says, "Once we get them in our car, we can charge whatever we want the next time." This quote goes to show that while many individuals will claim they care about their customers and value their opinion, in reality it all comes down to profit and money. To persuade Gurley to be on board, Kalanick tells him, "If someone rides twice, we have them for life."

While it does portray the greedy aspects of humankind, I still enjoyed watching "Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber." I believe much of my enjoyment stemmed from seeing the discovery of something that I actually use. I'm sure I will be much less interested in Hulu's "The Dropout" because I was never aware of Theranos or Elizabeth Holmes. On the con-

trary, Uber is an invention that is used by millions, and is especially popular in colleges where there is a strong drinking culture.

I'm a sucker for most non-fiction shows or movies that showcase the invention of something that is now widely popular. For example, I also enjoyed watching "The Founder," a 2016 film about the rise of McDonald's. Now that Uber has already been created, I often find myself thinking "That is such a simple concept!" We all know what taxis are, so why not create one that can pick you up at an exact location, at an exact time? It seems like such a miniscule creation that has had such a large impact on today's society.

While I was only able to get through a couple episodes of "Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber," I'm excited to continue watching and see the rise, and ultimately fall, of Travis Kalanick. If you are someone who enjoys non-fiction drama series, then I highly suggest this one for you. It can be found on Showtime.



## Rating:



## The Barista Diaries: Building your resume by working as a barista

In need of a resume addition that doesn't take up too much of your time as a busy college student? Working as a barista strengthens your customer service and problem solving skills, and provides access to discounted coffee. Coffee shops are always in need of baristas, whether it be a chain company such as Starbucks or a local business. Here are a few reasons why potential employers love to see barista experience included on a resume:



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### Organizational skills

When you work in a chaotic environment where customers are filtering in and out all day, you have no choice but to keep your workspace organized. Cleaning up after spills or garbage is one of the top priorities a barista must consider to ensure cleanliness and customer satisfaction. Crafting multiple drinks at a time means that all of your milks, syrups and cups must be properly lined up to send customers out the door.

### Independence

During those peak coffee run times in the morning and afternoon, each employee has their own task to complete. This means that if you call for backup with helping customers or steaming lattes, you may not always get the immediate help you need. Learning to juggle multiple tasks at once is a reality in the world of adulting, so learning this skill early on is a plus for potential employers.



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### Friendliness and customer service

Let's face it: coffee shops are a top target for "Karens" to complain about their order or belittle service workers. No matter where you work, there are always going to be customers who have complaints. If you want to be professional and thrive in your dream job, you have to understand that complaints are a part of every job. Practicing patience and kindness are two of the main values at coffee shops so that every customer leaves with a smile on their face. If you have barista experience on your resume, employers will immediately recognize that you have what it takes to be kind to the most demanding customers.

### Teamwork and communication skills

Although I mentioned that you will spend a lot of time as a barista learning to independently complete your tasks, you will also have to adapt teamwork skills by working in such a small space. Having a good camaraderie with your fellow coworkers promotes a lighthearted vibe for customers to experience. You must communicate with your coworkers in order to keep the flow of customers at a good pace and to avoid any accidents of bumping into one another. The ability to collaborate with a group of people in a stressful setting shows employers that your teamwork skills are up to par.



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### Willingness to learn

Starting my barista position at Starbucks almost two years ago seemed impossible because I knew absolutely nothing about coffee at the time. However, I took that leap of faith and got right to learning. As a barista, you develop a skill set that goes beyond just making coffee. You also learn how to operate and clean espresso machines, making cold brew from scratch and managing a cash register. Making coffee is not the end goal for anyone, but all of the skills you inherit in the position will set you up to attain your dream job in the future. We all have to start somewhere, and being a barista is a great way to climb the career ladder.

# Opinion StudyBreak

## HuskyTalk | What are you doing for spring break?

**Traveling to Hagerstown, Maryland to construct houses with Honors Across State Borders.**

**Arslan Zaki**  
Physiology and Neurobiology  
2nd Semester



**Going to DC to work in politics, interning with a political advisor.**

**Ana Chinchilla**  
Political Science  
3rd Semester



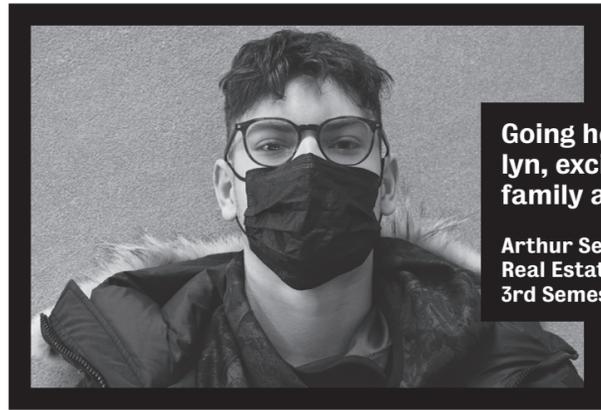
**Going to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, visiting family and friends.**

**Courtney Balerna**  
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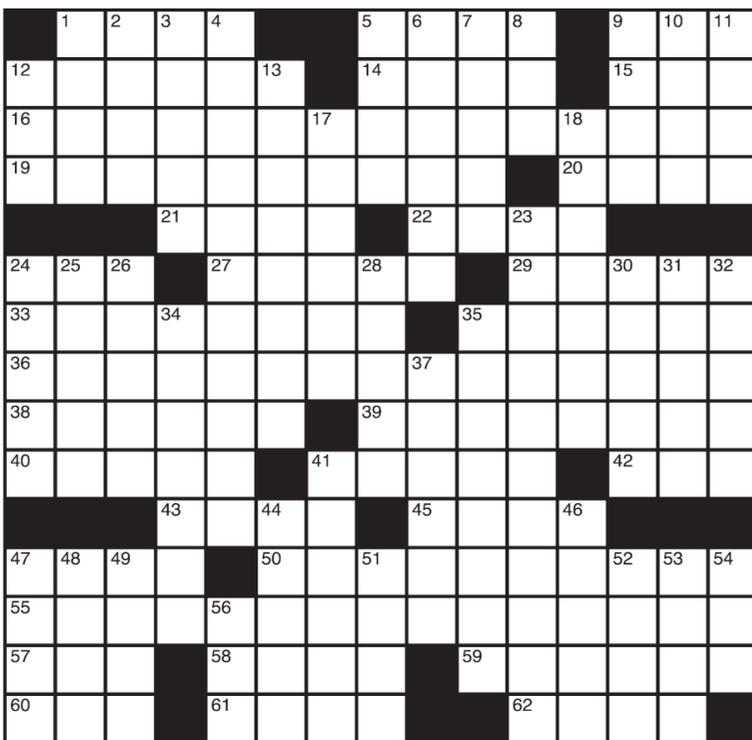
**Going home to Brooklyn, excited to see family and friends.**

**Arthur Serebrinskiy**  
Real Estate  
3rd Semester



## Crossword

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- 1 Possible cause of price cuts
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  - 9 Bucks' gp.
  - 12 Overdo, perhaps
  - 14 Greeting or parting word
  - 15 Larter of "Heroes"
  - 16 One might be involved in a gag
  - 19 Finish in a winery
  - 20 Gossamer
  - 21 Talk with one's hands
  - 22 Conductor Klemperer
  - 24 Again and again, in verse
  - 27 Composer of "furniture music"
  - 29 Decision-making board with no members
  - 33 Haydn oratorio, with "The"
  - 35 Bull elk, at times
  - 36 Sauce named for a city
  - 38 Fancies
  - 39 Transaction involving the repurchase of securities recently unloaded
  - 40 "... a \_\_\_ sorrows and acquainted with grief": "Messiah"
  - 41 Pound parts
  - 42 Bobs and weaves
  - 43 Lean meat source
  - 45 Shows interest ... or a lack of it
  - 47 \_\_\_ Minor
  - 50 Certain cookie vendor's reward
  - 55 Symphonist's work
  - 57 Semana seventh
  - 58 Pre-owned
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  - 60 Stock thriller character
  - 61 Queens, e.g.
  - 62 Within: Pref.



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- 6 Sneak, in a way
- 7 Insert indicator
- 8 Plot device?
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- 10 Like-minded group
- 11 Like a screened-in porch, say
- 12 Car-wash-sponsoring org., maybe
- 13 Black numbers?
- 17 Prominent figure in the Reign of Terror
- 18 Loses, with "off"
- 23 Connected (with)
- 24 Certain razor namesake
- 25 2002 title role for Salma
- 26 Carpenter's joint component
- 28 Open-mouthed
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## Comic



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## Collen's Champs: Baylor women 0-2 to 12th B12 title in row

AP — Baylor coach Nicki Collen joked about the idea of mimicking a late-night comedian and read aloud with the Bears some of the mean tweets that came after losing their first two Big 12 games in January.

After 11 consecutive Big 12 titles, with two of their three national championships coming in that span, the Bears started 0-2 in conference play with their new coach and her WNBA pedigree. The losses were 10 days apart because of a COVID-19 pause in the program, and Baylor was only seconds from losing its third in a row.

"They weren't directed at the players as much. I think there were some things that were more generally speaking, but they were directed at me," Collen said. "But I think that it brought us closer together. It was like, this is our circle, these are our people, this is who we're doing it for."

All-America senior forward NaLyssa Smith and the fifth-ranked Bears (24-5, 14-3 Big 12) have lost only once since, and made it to March guaranteed at least a share of their 12th consecutive conference title.

Their 13th regular-season Big 12 title is the first for Baylor without Kim Mulkey, who after 21 seasons in Waco went home to Louisiana. Sixth-ranked LSU has won 25 games, already 16 more than last season.

"Everybody thought we were vulnerable. Everybody thought I was the first chink in the armor.

You know, Kim's gone, what can this person do? And so because of that, we had to fight," Collen said. "Honestly, this means a lot to me. But it will mean a lot more on Sunday because we've got one more game. We don't want to share. Call me greedy, but this isn't enough."

Baylor can claim the outright conference title with a home win Sunday over Texas Tech. The Bears could also have it clinched on Saturday if No. 8 Iowa State, which lost 87-62 at home to the Bears on Monday night, loses at West Virginia.

This was certainly the most difficult of the four Big 12 titles Baylor has won during Smith's career.

The Bears had lost only two conference games combined the previous four seasons. They hadn't had back-to-back losses of any kind since February 2015, four seasons before the arrival of Smith, the potential No. 1 overall pick in the next WNBA draft.

"It means everything to us. I feel like we've been through so much adversity, like time after time, whether it's injuries, COVID, new coach, new staff," Smith said. "I just feel like we never complained. We always just took that adversity and put it on our shoulders and just kept working. ... This team has so much strength mentally and physically, and I feel like that's what got us this championship."

Smith is second in the Big 12 at 21.8 points per game and is the league's top rebounder at 11.7. She



Baylor head coach Nicki Collen reacts to a play in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Kansas, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, in Waco, Texas. PHOTO BY ROD AYDELOTTE/AP

followed a career-high 33 points Saturday against Kansas with a career-best 20 rebounds (and 28 points) at Iowa State.

Baylor hadn't been 0-2 in Big 12 play since losing its first 11 conference games and going 7-20 overall in 1999-2000, the last season before Mulkey took over. That was also when Texas Tech was the last team to be a Big 12 champ after starting 0-2.

In their third league game of the season, the Bears were down 79-75

at Kansas before Ja'Mee Asberry hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left and made two free throws four seconds later. Smith grabbed the rebound when KU missed a potential game-winning shot with 2 seconds left.

"Once we got that win over Kansas, that's when I knew," Smith said. "We never gave up that game. ... It was a lot of key plays where you just saw like, oh yeah, this team is not going to give up."

Baylor's only loss since was

78-77 at home when Oklahoma hit a game-winning shot in the final half-second on Feb. 2. The Bears have won their last nine games by an average margin of nearly 19 points.

"I'm sure no one believed me when I said it back in October, but I told you we'd be a better team in March," Collen said. "I told everyone we would be a better team. ... It was about our team believing that it was going to take time to do what we're doing right now."

## Retirement looms, but Krzyzewski's influence built to last



In this 2010 photo, Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski kisses the net after cutting it down following Duke's 61-59 win over Butler in the men's NCAA Final Four college basketball championship game Monday, April 5, 2010, in Indianapolis. Krzyzewski's unparalleled coaching career is down to a few basketball games, with no more than a month left before the retiring Duke Hall of Famer walks off the sideline for the last time. PHOTO BY MARK J. TERRILL/AP

AP — Mike Krzyzewski's unparalleled coaching career is down to a few basketball games, with no more than a month left before the retiring Duke Hall of Famer walks off the sideline for the last time.

His influence on the sport will remain long past that final farewell. The fingerprints of the man known simply as "Coach K" are all over the highest levels of the game as he winds down his nearly five-decade head-coaching career.

Nearly two dozen of his former players currently are on NBA rosters. Another dozen or so are coaching or working for NBA teams. There are others who lead their own Division I college programs. And some of the NBA's biggest stars of the past two decades have won Olympic gold medals under his direction.

"He's got a small army of people that are working in basketball that believe in his values and things that he felt were important," said Arizona State coach Bobby Hurley, the point guard on Krzyzewski's first two NCAA championship teams in 1991 and 1992. "That's regardless of whether you coached with him or if you were a player, because they'll have such incredible experiences and memories of things that he did that you still use in your own situations."

"His legacy is going to continue to grow through others that he's

had an impact on in their lives, and I'm definitely one of those people."

The 75-year-old Krzyzewski coaches his final home game at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday, fittingly against rival North Carolina. At most, he has 10 games left in a career that began with five seasons at Army followed by 42 at Duke, assuming the Blue Devils reach both next week's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament final in New York and the NCAA championship game in New Orleans on April 4.

Regardless of when or how the end comes, Krzyzewski's place is unquestioned among the greatest coaches in the history of American sports.

He has a 1,196 career victories, more than any coach in men's or women's college history. His five NCAA titles rank second to late UCLA great John Wooden on the men's side, while his resume includes a record-tying 12 Final Fours and a record 127 weeks with teams ranked at No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll.

"He's the best that's ever done that in the modern basketball world," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "John Wooden won 10 championships, you can never say anything but that. But it's a different world today. There have been a lot of great coaches — there's

nobody close to what Mike has done.

"He has given everything to the game and helped make the game what it is today without any question."

The numbers back up Boeheim's conviction.

Krzyzewski had 21 players as of February on NBA rosters — including current or former All-Stars Jayson Tatum, Kyrie Irving, Zion Williamson and Brandon

Ingram — and an ACC-record 27 players last season.

Go back further, and NBA teams have drafted 68 of Krzyzewski's Blue Devils, with 42 as first-round picks and three — Elton Brand in 1999, Irving in 2011 and Williamson in 2019 — going No. 1 overall.

Duke notes that Krzyzewski has coached 113 NBA players between the school and USA Basketball, where Krzyzewski partnered with former managing director Jerry Colangelo to restructure the men's national team program. The result: he managed egos and meshed star talent like LeBron James and the late Kobe Bryant to thrice produce Olympic gold.

Some former Krzyzewski players are now in NBA leadership positions, such as Quin Snyder as head coach of the Utah Jazz, Brand as the general manager of the Philadelphia 76ers, Trajan Langdon as GM of the New Orleans Pelicans, and Grant Hill as co-owner of the Atlanta Hawks.

The same is true in college, with Krzyzewski's tree spawning 10 former players or staffers as head coaches — a number that will grow next season when Jon Scheyer moves over one seat on Duke's bench as Krzyzewski's designated successor.

For all, Krzyzewski's lessons linger.

Former Duke guard Grayson Allen, now with the NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks, noted how Krzyzewski studied film after

games well into the night, then beat players to meetings early the following morning.

"I always tell people that I've never been around someone more dedicated to the game of basketball," Allen said, adding: "He's fully committed to every little detail."

Longtime Notre Dame coach Mike Brey studied Krzyzewski's competitiveness during eight years as his assistant.

"He still wakes up wanting to fight somebody and beat somebody," Brey said.

As for Hurley, he has a greater appreciation for Krzyzewski's decade-after-decade run of sustained success after nine seasons as a head coach at Buffalo and Arizona State. He recalled a vivid memory: the end of the classic 1992 NCAA regional final against Kentucky, right before Duke won on Hill's fullcourt pass to Christian Laettner for a buzzer-beating turnaround.

"I've seen him be so poised at some of the darkest moments where people would lose hope," Hurley said. "Like our Kentucky game and just how he handled that huddle. You just look back now that you're a coach and you say, 'Wow, could I have been that poised? Could I have convinced this group that we were going to win this game?'"

It was one of many memorable wins for Krzyzewski, though his impact on the game extends beyond victories.



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 ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

## Sports

Photo of the Day | Huskies &gt; Terriers



The UConn women's hockey team captures a 3-1 win against Boston University following a Saturday afternoon matchup on Feb. 26, 2022 at the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. This victory solidifies the Huskies' spot in the semifinal game of the Hockey East playoffs.

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## UConn in the Pros: Drummond finds new home, MLB players facing consequences

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### Andre Drummond, Brooklyn Nets

Ever since his acquisition by Brooklyn from the Philadelphia 76ers, Drummond has been a beam of optimism for a slumping Nets squad. With superstar Kevin Durant out due to injury and point guard Kyrie Irving only playing in away games while New York City's vaccine mandate remains in effect, the New York Post has noted the addition of Drummond as "invaluable" to the Nets in his early days with the team. Over a span of five starts since the trade, Drummond had recorded the best plus-minus stat on Brooklyn's roster, higher than fellow Brooklyn acquisition Seth Curry. He's seen increases in his average minutes, points, rebounds and assists per game while also shooting a higher field goal percentage than he had during his

brief stint with the 76ers. In a matchup with the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday, Drummond recorded 17 points and 12 rebounds in 29 minutes of action and was a key piece in what was a hard-fought 126-123 victory over one of the Eastern Conference's best teams. Drummond's next action will take place on Thursday when the Nets play host to the Miami Heat at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. EST.

### Jeremy Lamb, Sacramento Kings

In four games with Sacramento since being acquired from the Indiana Pacers, Lamb has averaged the third-most minutes per game in his entire career and has increased his points, rebounds, assists and blocks averages from his first half of the season in Indiana. In fact, his current averages in all of the major statistical categories except for steals is higher than his career averages, indicating that despite being thought of as a seasoned veteran at this point in his ca-

reer, Lamb has continued to find ways to contribute to his team. In a dominant 131-110 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder, Lamb made his presence felt all over the stat sheet with five points, four rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block. Despite the dominant win over the Thunder, the Kings remain well below -.500 on the season and have been stuck in mediocrity for the last several seasons. As an unrestricted free agent this summer, it is likely that Lamb will look for opportunities to suit up for a different team. Until then, Lamb will continue to take the court for Sacramento, who's next matchup will come Thursday when they take on the San Antonio Spurs down in Texas. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. EST.

### Rudy Gay, Utah Jazz

Now in his 16th NBA season, the 35-year-old Gay finds himself as a solid contributor on a playoff-caliber team yet again. Now playing for the Utah

Jazz, Gay is far from the player he once was. He averaged at least 17.2 points per game every season from 2007 to 2016, though he is still averaging a serviceable 10 points and five rebounds per game in a backup role. In Utah's matchup on Sunday against the top team in the NBA this season, the Phoenix Suns, Gay saw 13 minutes of action, during which he recorded three points, one rebound and two assists. It was his first game action after missing six games due to a combination of illness and soreness in his right knee. It's possible that he may see more minutes as he's worked back into the rotation, but as it stands, Gay is the third or fourth man off of the bench for a strong Utah unit. The Jazz currently sit at 38-22 before a Wednesday night tilt against the Houston Rockets, good enough for the fourth seed in the Western Conference. After that, their next game will take place on Friday in New Orleans for an 8 p.m. EST tip-off against the Pelicans.

### In other news...

After failing to reach an agreement with the Major League Baseball Players Association on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced on Tuesday that the 2022 MLB season will not start as scheduled. All teams and players, including UConn's George Springer, Nick Ahmed and Matt Barnes, will miss at least the first two series of the season.

Last Thursday, the New York Knicks announced that they will be shutting down point guard Kemba Walker for the remainder of the season. The two sides will look for trade partners as the offseason approaches. Despite being called back up from the G-League on Monday, Charlotte Hornets' rookie James Bouknight has missed both of Charlotte's games since then with an apparent neck injury. His last NBA action came on Feb. 17 in a loss to Miami.



Brooklyn Nets center Andre Drummond (0) looks for help as Toronto Raptors forwards Pascal Siakam (43) and Chris Boucher (25) defend during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Mon., Feb. 28, 2022, in New York. PHOTO BY NOAH K. MURRAY/AP



Sacramento Kings guard Jeremy Lamb (26) attempts to block a shot in an NBA basketball game on Mon., Feb. 28, 2022, in Oklahoma City. PHOTO BY SUE OGROCKI/AP



Rudy Gay goes for a layup on March 25, 2006 while playing as a student-athlete at UConn. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

# The Column

## As a New York sports fan, which Boston team do I like the most?

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I grew up a New York sports fan. Whether it was the New York Yankees, New York Giants or New York Rangers, I passionately rooted for teams from New York City. Because of that, I understood that Boston had the most hated teams in the tri-state area. There are other cities like Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey and Pittsburgh that New York teams dislike, but Boston gives them all a run for their money.

As time passed, I realized that not all Boston sports teams are bad (not talent-wise obviously) and that some teams should be given a little more love by the media and other sports fans. This has led me to an essential question: as a New York fan, which Boston sports team do I like the most?

Writer's Note: This is solely my opinion, and I did not poll New York sports fans for this list. Fans are not a reason for the rankings being what they are.

### 5. New England Patriots

Every other NFL fan can relate to this: we are tired of seeing the Patriots, formerly led by Tom Brady, win every year. There were times where we thought they would come up short in the playoffs only for a miracle comeback and an insane amount of luck to occur (i.e. Super Bowl LI). It was nice to see this team win it all for the first time in the 2001 season, but it should give other teams a chance to touch the

Lombardi Trophy. If you consider the numerous scandals the team has had from spygate to deflategate, you would be furious too.

If there's any upside to their current ranking, the Patriots know what they are doing. Bill Belichick has been that guy over the last 20+ years and making the playoffs in their second season without Brady shows that their downfall will never arrive. Not bad for a team that was, at one point this season, the best in the AFC.

### 4. Boston Bruins

They may have won only one Stanley Cup in my lifetime, but I don't like them. This has less to do with Brad Marchand's sick kicks or David Pastrňák turning into Boston's Alex Ovechkin, but more with the entire team. Seeing the Bruins lift the Cup in 2011 over the Vancouver Canucks was disgruntling and disappointing, and the whole world rooted against them in the 2019 Stanley Cup Finals. This team is consistently good, whether it's transitioning from Tim Thomas to Tuukka Rask or besting teams like the Carolina Hurricanes and Toronto Maple Leafs multiple times in the last decade.

The best moments that come with the Bruins is when they lose in the playoffs. It's less about the heartbreak than it is the memories the fans have from it. The Blues got to hoist the Cup for the first time in 2019 in Boston, and Islanders' fans passionately chanted "New York Saints" in a series-clinching win at Nassau Coliseum last season.

### 3. Boston Celtics

I'm tired of seeing this team win, even though it has only won one championship in my lifetime. The Celtics won 16 beforehand and didn't give teams a fighting chance in the 50s or 60s. This is a consistent theme across all the leagues, as it also explains my disdain for the Packers, Steelers and Montreal Canadiens to name a few. The Celtics make New York fans jealous because they can only watch as the Celtics be the beasts of the east while the Knicks are the NBA's punchline, and the Nets are disappointing.

The other reason why this team is ranked this high is because it had UConn legend Ray Allen, who won his first ring alongside Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce in 2008. Some of Allen's best memories (excluding his game-tying shot in Game 6 of the 2013 NBA Finals) come in a Celtics' jersey and if Garnett and Pierce's numbers are in the rafters, then his should be too.

### 2. New England Revolution

I was annoyed when they earned a record-breaking 73 points in the regular season at first, but over time, I realized they were enjoyable to watch, led by reigning MVP Charles Gil and future Arsenal goalie Matt Turner. In a wild 2021 MLS season, you would have thought that the Revolution, one year removed from an Eastern Conference Finals appearance as the No. 8 seed, would cruise to the MLS Cup. On the contrary, the team

came up short at home against NY-CFC, who went on to win the MLS Cup in PK. After a strong showing in Portland this past weekend, the chance of the Revolution making its first MLS Cup appearance since 2014 is within its grasp.

### 1. Boston Red Sox

I grew up a Yankees' fan. You would think that a team that has won the second most rings in the last 20 years (the Pats are No. 1) would be ranked as the least-liked team, but I've realized that the Red Sox are simply nasty and likeable. The 2004 team had legends in every aspect of the game, from David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez's bats to Curt Schilling's pitching prowess.

The Red Sox winning a Fall Classic was inevitable, whether Yankees fans want to accept that or not. Four titles in 15 years were not inevitable because of a cultural change that rocketed star players to fame like Dustin Pedroia and Mookie Betts. The Red Sox's culture this past season wowed me. They had a home run cart and some wicked city edition jerseys that remind me of the Boston Marathon.

I can never show hatred toward the Yankees, but I will show some support toward the Red Sox, just not when they're playing the Yankees because I will always pick the Yankees to win.

Shoutout to Jared Carrabis as well, because the nicknames he gives those players are outstanding.



Fenway Park is photographed in Boston on Feb. 5, 2013. Fenway is "America's Most Beloved Ballpark." PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

# Stratton's Stand: Creating a formula to decide where UConn Men's Basketball games should be played

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Gampel or XL? It's a debate that has continued for decades on end, but hasn't come even close to being solved. Exactly a month ago, I wrote a column discussing how UConn men's basketball was doing things wrong with the distribution of games between its on-campus arena, Gampel Pavilion, and the XL Center in downtown Hartford. Gampel Pavilion holds just 10,167 people, while the XL Center holds 16,294. The benefit of Gampel is that it gives easier game access to students on campus. The benefit of XL is that it gives greater access to the rest of the state.

The article argued that because college basketball should be for the students, weekday games should be played at Gampel, so they wouldn't have to sacrifice class to watch the games in downtown Hartford. I'm slightly pivoting from that initial idea, but I think I've created a formula that makes sense from an atmospheric perspective, with the goal of filling the stands as much as possible. I want to make sure this doesn't get taken the wrong way. I'm not taking the finances or the impending lease expiration of XL into consideration. Mike Anthony already did a nice job of this last week.

I'm simply creating a solution that would make the best crowd experience possible. With that, let's get into the principles of it.

### FULL XL > FULL GAMPEL

The first assumption that we're going to make is that for all intents and purposes, a sold-out XL Center is better than a sold-out Gampel Pavilion. Last Tuesday against Villanova, UConn nearly filled up XL (15.5K/16.2K) and it was electric. The crowd was wild and one could argue that they willed UConn to victory, as the Huskies came back from down four, without the ball, with 36 seconds left in the contest. The point is that if a game has the potential to sell 15,000+ tickets, then it makes more sense to put it at the XL Center because otherwise you're losing out on 5,000 extra fans who may want to go to the game.

The imaginary line that I'm going to draw will be at 12,000. If a game is going to sell more than 12,000 tickets, then it is more logical to put it in Hartford. If not, then it makes more sense to give the students greater access to the game. It's also important to keep in mind that if a game is not a sellout at Gampel, then it is unlikely that it would be in Hartford, since Gampel is so much easier to sell out with around 6,000 less seats to fill.

### WINTER BREAK GAMES IN HARTFORD

This should be the easiest one to agree on. During the month-long period between roughly December 15th and January 15th, games should be played in Hartford to give the state greater access to the game. With little to no students on campus, there is no reason to prioritize them. Putting these games at Gampel during winter break makes the commute more inconvenient for the state without getting the benefit of a better student turnout.

A great example of a game in Storrs over winter break not working was January 12th against St. John's, a fellow charter Big East member. Even though St. John's isn't what it once was, the rivalry should have made it a big game. Instead they put it in Gampel with very few students on campus and only got just over 6,600 people to show up for the overtime victory. Therefore, putting it in Hartford would have been the right move.

### RIVALRY GO TO XL REGARDLESS

No matter what is happening in the college basketball landscape, a game against Villanova will always come close to selling out. Although they came a year late in 1980, to fans, the Wildcats are as good as charter members from an excitement standpoint. They proved this last week, when on a random Tuesday night in February, the XL Center was full against the Wildcats because they're Villanova and they're ranked. If the game was at Gampel, there would have been a far greater number of people who wanted tickets than the number of tickets available. Because Villanova was a big time game that sold 5,000 more tickets than would be possible at Gampel, XL was the right move.

A clear second rival would be Providence, who the Huskies played in Hartford on December 17th on the weekend in between classes and winter break, when the Friars were unranked. They had a nearly identical turnout for that game as with the Villanova one, simply

because of the rivalry. The argument could be made to add Seton Hall to that list (which I could go either way with), a team that sold-out Gampel on a Wednesday night two weeks ago. A tertiary, second-tier rival like Seton Hall might be good to keep at Gampel though, since it's always nice to give the students a close, important game right in their backyard.

### KENPOM AND METRICS AS A TOOL

Moving past the rivals, who you could pen in as marquee XL games, you could also use a metric like KenPom to make decisions on where to place games. KenPom is a predictive rating system that ranks teams based on offensive and defensive efficiency in the preseason and then daily once the season starts. Aside from a few blips, it is typically able to predict which teams are going to be better and worse before any games start.

### THE FORMULA

If the goal is to have an even split of eight games at Gampel and eight at XL, then the formula would look like this: Two home games should be played against Villanova and Providence always at XL no matter

what, with around three more games played at XL over winter break. The top non-conference buy game (as determined by preseason KenPom) should be played at XL to help the players get more used to the arena in a low pressure environment. There is no need to play any other buy games at XL because they don't perform well in Hartford (average attendance of 9.1K/16.2K). The top two non-rival weekend conference games (according to preseason KenPom) will be played in Hartford. UConn doesn't decide when their conference games will be played, so it is important to make sure these games are over the weekend because it will be easier for students to access. Every other game should be played at Gampel.

This formula creates roughly an eight-eight split and also hits on all of the needs. The games that will sell out at the XL Center will be played there along with the winter break games. By putting the top two weekend conference games in XL, you bring students to Hartford without having to worry about classes. And by putting everything else at Gampel, you're giving them an opportunity to attend most of the weekday games (barring a maximum of two that Villanova and Providence would present) without having to travel to Hartford. It seems like the perfect solution for everyone, so let's see it happen.



Gampel Pavilion is home to both the men's and women's basketball teams on campus. The arena holds 10,167 fans. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS



The XL Center, located in Hartford, Conn., often hosts UConn men's and women's basketball. Writer Stratton Stave believes large, rival games that are likely to sell out should be held at the XL Center. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS



# Sports

## Women's Hockey: Warrener shines, offense converts chances to lift UConn to final

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It has been quite the season for the UConn women's hockey team, winning 23 games and putting itself in position to win the Hockey East tournament for the first time in program history. But, the Vermont Catamounts would have something to say about that, hosting the Huskies in Burlington on Wednesday night in a matchup between the No. 3 and No. 2 teams in the conference. UConn won the season series 2-1, including a split of a weekend series on Jan. 7 and 8 in Burlington. With a win, the Huskies would clinch their spot in the Hockey East final — the first time since 2020, where they fell to now four-time defending champion Northeastern.

Vermont wasted no time looking to grab the quick advantage against freshman goalkeeper Megan Warrener, putting on immediate offensive pressure that saw the host Catamounts hitting the post several times. The early Vermont aggressiveness was highlighted by shots from Kristina Shanahan, Ellice Murphy and Antonia Matzka, which were all snuffed out by Warrener. UConn was not stagnant while on offense, with Morgan Wabick and Danielle Fox having shots on goal in the opening minute, but both shots were saved by Vermont goalkeeper Jessie McPherson.

This aggressiveness and pressure by Vermont boiled over, as Shanahan was called for a cross-checking call halfway through the period. Throughout the season, the Catamounts had only allowed ten goals on the power play, and successfully weathered sev-

eral UConn shots from Summer-Rae Dobson, Natalie Snodgrass and Claire Peterson. The strong Vermont defense, combined with strong goalkeeper work from McPherson, kept the score level in this intense, high-stakes conference semi-final.

Even after the power-play was neutralized, the Huskies refused to dial back the pressure with multiple players, including Jada Habsich, Amy Landry and Coryn Tamala, all getting involved in the quest to get on the board first. This aggressiveness appeared to work against UConn's best interest, as a Snodgrass miss allowed for a Vermont 2-on-1, but Warrener responded with two incredible saves, turning away Theresa Schafzahl and Shanahan to keep the game scoreless in the final minutes of the first period. The duels between Shanahan and Warrener would not stop there, with the UConn goalkeeper again coming out on top with another outstanding save to keep Vermont from snagging the first goal.

Created by a Dobson penalty, Vermont went on the power play, but Warrener made saves on two Catamount shots on goal, as the Huskies successfully neutralized the extra attacker. This momentum proved to be huge for UConn, as immediately following the end of the power play, the Huskies struck first, as Peterson scored her fourth goal of the season, and only fifth of her career, rebounding a shot from Danielle Fox and beating McPherson after a scramble in front of the net. Despite strong performances from both goalkeepers, with McPherson and Warrener notching 14 and 11 saves in the period respectively, it was the Huskies who took a

1-0 lead into the second period in Burlington.

The freshman from Ontario continued to be tested in goal for UConn, turning away early second-period chances from the Catamounts and saving shots on goal from Evelyne Blais-Savoie, Maude Poulin-Labelle and Murphy, with Vermont desperately trying to even the score. Dobson and the Huskies had an excellent chance to pad their lead, but McPherson asserted her strength in goal, making a pad save to prevent her Catamounts from having to battle back from a multi-goal deficit. UConn continued to inch closer to its second goal, but Amy Landry hit the post, failing to convert the chance before the halfway point of the second. While McPherson continued to make saves as the last line of defense, the blocked shots kept UConn at bay for the time being, with Alex Anne-Boyer and Ainsley Svetek having their opportunities blocked by the Vermont defense.

Vermont's defensive pressure appeared to be too aggressive as Hailey Burns was whistled for a roughing penalty that created a power-play chance for UConn. This advantage ended differently for the Huskies, as the Wabick connection helped convert their second goal of the game, with Morgan scoring her 12th goal of the season, sending home Taylor's 21st assist less than a minute into the power play. Despite the deficit, McPherson stepped up for Vermont, saving shots from Wabick and Habsich to keep the Huskies lead at 2. The Catamounts refused to quit the aggression, hitting the post again and forcing Warrener to make two more saves in the final minute of the second period. A Chloe



The UConn women's hockey team finished with a 2-2 tie against the University of Vermont at the Freitas Ice Forum on Nov. 15, 2019. The Huskies picked up a point with the tie, and pushed their unbeaten streak to three games. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Gonsalves tripping penalty with less than 30 seconds in the period opened the door for a tough shot on net from Vermont's Maude Poulin-Labelle, but the Megan Warrener show continued to roll on, sending this semi-final to the third period with UConn still possessing a 2-0 lead.

The Huskies successfully killed the power play after it carried over into the third, as Warrener kept the Catamounts off the scoreboard, saving shots from Poulin-Labelle and Alyssa Holmes. Poulin-Labelle registered another shot moments later, but the UConn defense led by Warrener turned it away. The Huskies continued to disrupt the passing lanes and kept Vermont off the scoreboard, with Anne-Boyer blocking two Catamount shots in a row. Sini Karjalainen and Schafzahl had their chances for Vermont's first strike, but Warrener continued to shine and keep the clean

sheet intact as time dwindled in the last minutes of the game.

While Vermont desperately tried to cut the lead in half, it was UConn who put the icing on the cake, as Jada Habsich scored with just under four minutes remaining in her thirteenth goal of the season, beating McPherson off a Viki Harkness assist. Vermont broke through with seconds remaining in the game, spoiling the shutout by Warrener courtesy of Ellice Murphy. However, this was a mere footnote, as UConn emerged victorious, defeating Vermont 3-1. The UConn goalie saved 30 of 31 Catamount shots—her second consecutive performance only allowing one goal.

The Huskies will return to the Hockey East Final, where they will face either Maine or Northeastern, the latter of whom has won the last four conference titles and recently defeated the Huskies in the regular season finale.

## Roundtable: What sport should UConn add?

Being a Division I university, UConn has a variety of men's and women's sports, but not every sport is offered here at the varsity level. For example, UConn currently has a women's volleyball team, but no varsity men's team; however the men's club volleyball team is very competitive. If UConn were to add a varsity sport, what should it be? The DC sports section has their advice for the athletic department:

### Men's Cross Country

Coming from a guy that ran three years of high school cross country, I think it would be very cool if UConn reinstated their men's cross country program. Imagine how elite the track and field program would be with the addition of this team; not only would we dominate the track and field events, we would also dominate the distance events from the one mile to the 5K. Having a balanced attack of Olympic athletes in all assets of the sport would help us recruit more highly-talented players than we already have and boost our overall athletics department. If we had to reinstate the program immediately, we could start with the members of the club cross country team and incorporate some of the distance runners from the track program as well, thus giving us a balanced roster full of experienced runners. If the team needs a place to host meets, I know that Wickham Park is a great place as the CIAC hosts the state championships and state open there.

- Cole Stefan, Staff Writer

### Men's Lacrosse

Hear me out. We already have a very successful women's lacrosse program, why not add a men's program? I love the chemistry that the men's and women's basketball teams have together on First Night and feel like there needs to be more men's and women's programs playing the same sport. Lacrosse is a relatively newer sport but it is still growing, creeping up on baseball as a spring sport of choice. From a pure monetary standpoint, this would be an ideal move from the university, as a Business Insider article from 2017 showed that men's lacrosse brings in the seventh most revenue amongst all Division I sports on average. Plus, there are only 74 Division I schools that currently have a lacrosse team, giving UConn a jumpstart on most other universities to create a solid and reputable program like we have for the women's team. With lacrosse increasing in popularity, it's time to hop on the bandwagon now with the addition of a men's team.

- Jon Synott, Sports Editor



# UConn

### Gymnastics

We really could have had Sunisa Lee, American Olympic gymnast, on campus. Instead, she committed to Auburn University as a gymnast, but how amazing would that be, to have more Olympians here in Storrs? Gymnastics is such a tough, competitive sport and it requires years of training that could be very well appreciated at UConn. New England is almost exclusive in not having Division I universities with gymnastics programs. Brown University is the only one that sponsors the sport, as most schools with teams are in the south or Midwest. Gymnastics is very well respected in America due to the success of athletes like Lee, Simone Biles, Aly Raisman (who is from Massachusetts) and Laurie Hernandez. Along with Brody Malone, Yul Moldauer and Sam Mikulak, America alone is home to a talented population of gymnasts and there are so many more incredible athletes across the world that could come to UConn to compete and learn if UConn had a team. So many UConn athletes grew up with the dream of becoming a Husky and representing Connecticut as a student-athlete, and UConn could increase that scope to include gymnasts. With how prominent of a sport gymnastics is all over the globe, we could be seeing quite a few more Olympians on Fairfield Way.

- Taylor Coonan, Associate Sports Editor

### Fencing

Call me biased, I'm the president of the UConn fencing club, but I think there is a serious case for an NCAA fencing roster at this school. For starters, UConn fencers were able to win bouts against Brandeis, Sacred Heart, MIT and Vassar at last Saturday's NEIFC Championship, with all of those schools being from the NCAA. For sure, UConn wouldn't be a top varsity roster right out of the gate, but considering that the team currently only has one official practice a week, some more school support could change that. On another note, UConn entering NCAA fencing could mean a possibility of building a conference in the Big East. Currently, St. John's is the only Big East school with a fencing program, but perhaps the Huskies could get the ball rolling. Overall, UConn fencing already competes with NCAA schools due to the nature of how college fencing works, so why not make it more of an even playing field for us?

- Sam Zelin, Staff Writer

### Headis

I'm going to double down on my obscure sport pick from a few weeks ago and go with headis as a sport that UConn should consider adding. Headis is a newly created sport that is like table tennis, but played with a softer, small pumpkin-sized ball you hit with your head. Although UConn doesn't even have table tennis, headis is a perfectly viable option to serve as an addition. With the sport still in its infancy, UConn adding it would help it explode. The one major difficulty would be that there are no other varsity schools to compete with, but why not make an agreement with the other 10 Big East schools to create the first ever Headis Conference? On top of that, women's basketball teams make alterations to their mascots and names for the sport, with Baylor being called the "Lady Bears" instead of just the "Bears." For UConn, instead of the "Huskies," we would be the "Headskies."

- Stratton Stave, Staff Writer

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### UPCOMING GAMES



Men's Hockey: Friday, 7:05 p.m.  
XL Center



Men's and Women's Track and Field: Indoor Championships, Friday, TBA



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Greatness is when you achieve the REASON for which you were created and maximize its INFLUENCE in the lives of others.

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You'll all be shocked to hear that a lot of men got upset when I suggested having a woman on the Red Sox broadcasting team!

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