



CONFIRMED 2022 COVID-19 CASES AT UCONN STORRS
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95 Current Residential Cases
(positive/symptomatic)

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Free heart screenings for UConn students this weekend

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This weekend, the In A Heartbeat Foundation is offering free heart screenings for UConn students in Gampel Pavilion.

On Sunday, the In A Heartbeat Foundation is partnering with the Korey Stringer Institute to offer the electrocardiograms (ECGs) to anyone between the ages of 8 and 22. The ECGs will then be interpreted by cardiologists on site.

Mike Papale, the president of In A Heartbeat, explained the purpose of the non-profit and what he and his coworkers hope to accomplish through their mission.

"We provide free ECG to children, teens and young adults. We're a non-profit in Connecticut to prevent sudden death from cardiac arrest," Papale said in a Zoom interview.

At their event in Gampel, the goal is to provide ECG screenings for free, a service which is usually not covered or required until people are much past their college-aged years.

"ECGs are not covered by insurance. Statistically, one in three young people are living with heart disease and they don't know it," Papale said.

The In A Heartbeat organization was created by Papale in response to his own cardiac episode. At a young age, he went into a life or death cardiac arrest and was inspired to prevent that from happening to others.

"It's a quick way to get your heart checked. The goal is to catch heart disease before it's a life or death situation," Papale said.

Papale stated that the screening will only take about 30 minutes and is painless. While volunteer doctors will read the screenings, a free AED and CPR training course will be provided.

Dr. Cheyenne Beach is the Director of Pediatric Electrophysiology at Yale and is volunteering at the event in Gampel. She explained what her role will be on Sunday and the importance of attending the event.

"I volunteer my time, as do the other doctors that read the ECGs. This is an extraordinary opportunity to potentially identify some cardiac abnormalities that could be life threatening," Beach said in a Zoom interview.

"ECGs don't identify every cardiac abnormality, so the ECG screening isn't perfect, but it has the ability to identify patients at high risk for something that may be life threatening."

Beach explained how she was able to meet Papale during a cardiology conference and was inspired by his story to get involved with In A Heartbeat.

"He was a Keynote speaker and told a beautiful, kind and emotional story of his episode of cardiac arrest," Beach said. "He wants to do great things for people and give proactive care."

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this free opportunity and can sign up at <https://screening.inaheartbeat.org>, or use paper forms provided in Gampel.

"These events are well thought out, efficient, effective in identifying some patients at risk for threatening events," Beach said. "It's really an honor to be part of community events like this where people want to help each other and save lives. It's an adrenaline surge to be part of such goodness and kindness we need more of that in this world."



The front of UConn's Student Health and Wellness Building. Students will participate in free ECGs in attempts to promote healthy heart health. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Masks reinstated in classrooms and gatherings of 100+

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The University of Connecticut announced that masks will be required again for instructional settings, and in gatherings of 100 people or more for the remainder of the Spring 2022 semester.

Students and faculty were notified of this decision via an email that was sent out last Friday, April 15. The email explained that requiring masks was based on the rising COVID-19 positivity rates on campus as well as in the state of Connecticut. Currently, there are 95 positive cases on campus, accounting for 0.88% of the residential student population living on campus.

"The goal of this decision is to protect health on our campus-

es and to help ensure that the remaining weeks of the semester and UConn's commencement ceremonies can be conducted in-person. A widespread outbreak that overwhelms university health services and available isolation space could potentially disrupt both," an email from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl Lejuez and Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Eleanor JB Daugherty said.

The email said the decision to require masks in certain settings is the result of a potential new wave of COVID-19. According to The New York Times, COVID-19 strain BA.2, a subvariant of Omicron, is causing infections to rise throughout the United States and will be bringing on another increase in positive cases.

Olivia Salazar, a fourth semester psychology major, began attending UConn during the fall 2020 semester, when classes were administered only online and masks were required everywhere on campus.

"I really hope it's just for the rest of this semester," Salazar said in a phone interview. "I wouldn't want to be a senior having to graduate while wearing a mask. Hopefully with summer coming around, we're not going to be here when there's new waves and the warm weather with things mostly outdoors, it won't have to revert back to the way it was, but I guess we'll have to see the way things are in the fall."

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Students wear masks to protect themselves from COVID-19 as they go about their business on the Storrs campus. The new mask policy has had mixed reactions from students; relief and frustration. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Downtown Storrs celebrates National Poetry Month

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Throughout the month of April, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership is celebrating National Poetry Month with events and activities taking place in Downtown Storrs.

This is the second year the non-profit organization is celebrating National Poetry Month, according to a press release.

"It's an event we hope to grow each year," Kathleen Paterson, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's senior communications manager, said in an email.

Paterson says that while events in Downtown Storrs often showcase the arts, poetry in particular is not celebrated as much.

"We often feature the arts in

our events, but we hadn't explored poetry extensively before our first National Poetry Month celebration last year," Paterson said. "I think the past couple of years have prompted many of us to rediscover how vital the arts, including poetry, are to our lives as we've navigated the pandemic and various crises."

One event, "Poetry in Song," took place on Thursday, April 14. E.O. Smith High School students performed selections from their upcoming production of "Antlersong," an original musical written by Emma Jayne Smith, a senior at the high school.

"Poetry in Song" was wonderful," said Paterson.

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Downtown Storrs on a warm spring day. Most of the National Poetry Month activities will take place here in the center of Downtown Storrs. PHOTO COURTESY OF @DOWNTOWNSTORRS ON INSTAGRAM

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"It featured students from E.O. Smith High School's Drama Club, who previewed pieces from their upcoming production of "Antlersong"...as well as a performance by our own Denise Kegler, who recited poetry and presented poetic works set to music."

A number of events are set to take place over the last week of April, including a puppetry performance, an open mic, a poem stroll and an art exhibit.

A full list of upcoming events can be found below, as well as on the Downtown Storrs website.

According to Paterson, there are still opportunities to participate in the events and exhibits. Anyone interested in sharing their original work can reach the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's event coordinator Denise Kegler at mdp@mansfieldct.org or (860) 429-2740.

"The Persians": Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24, 4 p.m.: The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry will host "Bread and Puppet Theater: The Persians," a large-scale outdoor puppetry spectacle by the internationally acclaimed Bread and Puppet Theater. Directed by Peter Schumann, the performance is a new adaptation of Aeschylus' 472 B.C.E. tragedy "The Persians." The rain location is E. O. Smith High School. Tickets and more information can be found at bimp.uconn.edu. There is an opportunity for community members to be volunteer performers. No puppetry experience is required, but the ability

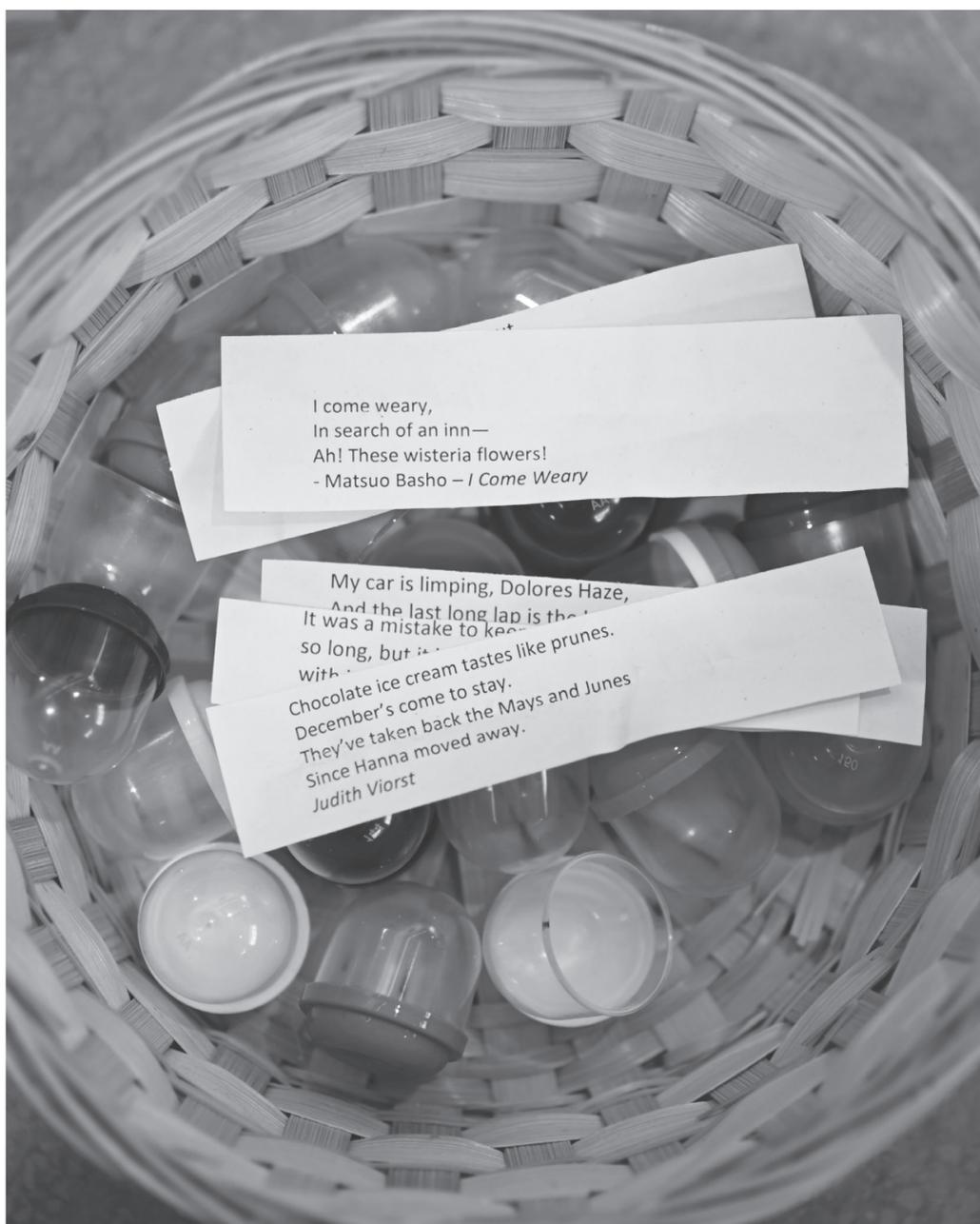
to get up and down from the ground is helpful. Learn more and sign up online.

Poetry for Today: Saturday, April 30, 12:30 p.m.: Poetic Release, a UConn student organization will host an open mic for local poets to share their work, including students from UConn and E. O. Smith High School and from Jonathan Trumbull Library's "Poetry Out Loud" club.

Poem Stroll: All month-long: Take a walk through Downtown Storrs while you enjoy "When Giving Is All That We Have" by Alberto Rios. The stroll features ten stops, each with a different selection from the poem. When you reach the tenth stop, you will have read the full poem. Begin your Poem Stroll at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. The walk should take about 15 minutes at a leisurely pace.

Poetry & Pages: All month long: While at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, visit the Mansfield Library Express to enjoy free poetry and peruse the Library's offerings. By the front desk of the Nash-Zimmer, you will find a gumball machine filled with poetry. Simply turn the handle and receive a piece of poetry!

Wonder of Winter: All month long: The Town of Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee has curated an exhibit featuring work by local artists, which is on display at the Mansfield Community Center through the end of April. The display includes a variety of works from local artists, including quilt-work, oil painting, acrylic painting, photography, paper sculpture, needlepoint and poetry!



Storrs is currently celebrating national poetry month, and there are free poems available to read in the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, April 19, 2022. There are other events planned for the remainder of the week, including an event called Poetry in Song that will occur on Thursday, April 21. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

NEW MASK POLICY CAUSES MIXED REACTIONS



UConn students prepare to mask up again after an increase in COVID-19 cases make UConn administration reinstate mask policies. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UGONN ON INSTAGRAM

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According to the email, the mandate has also been put in place to assure there will be a commencement ceremony at the end of the semester, saying that this would not be able to take place if the university becomes overwhelmed with COVID-19 cases.

Kaylee Fell, a fourth semester nursing major with a minor in human development and family sciences, believes if the university wanted to stop the spread of the virus, they would do more to ensure that masks are worn everywhere on campus, not just in classrooms and certain gatherings.

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in classrooms," Fell said in an in-person interview. "We're still allowed to not wear them anywhere else on campus so I think

that if they wanted to stop the spread of COVID they probably should've reinstated it for the whole campus and not just places we are less likely to be."

While UConn may be deciding to bring masks back to campus, mask mandates, they have been recently lifted in other areas of the United States. According to Delta Airlines, wearing a mask is now optional for both workers and travelers in airports and on flights.

"I'm honestly against the mandate because everywhere else it just got lifted, like in airports, on planes, in Ubers, and I understand that the rates are going up here but I really don't think it's that bad," Salazar said.

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California inmates study at 1st college based behind bars

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Behind a fortress wall and razor wire and a few feet away from California's death row, students at one of the country's most unique colleges discuss the 9/11 attacks and issues of morality, identity and nationalism.

Dressed in matching blue uniforms, the students only break from their discussion when a guard enters the classroom, calling out each man's last name and waiting for them to reply with the last two digits of their inmate number.

They are students at Mount Tamalpais College at San Quentin State Prison, the first accredited junior college in the country based behind bars. Inmates can take classes in literature, astronomy, American government, precalculus and others to earn an Associate of Arts degree.

Named for a mountain near the prison, the college was accredited in January after a 19-member commission from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges determined the extension program based at San Quentin for more than two decades was providing high-quality education.

"This is a profound step forward in prison education," said Ted Mitchell, president of the American Council on Education, the umbrella organization for all U.S. higher education institutions.

Mitchell said Mount Tamalpais College is "an extraordinary model" that will give it autonomy not seen in prison programs attached to outside schools.

The new designation will force the school to maintain the high standards set by the college association and hopefully catch the attention of donors to help the college expand, said

President Jody Lewen. While it can accommodate 300 students per semester, another 200 are on a waiting list.

The college is one of dozens of educational, job training and self-help programs available to the 3,100 inmates in the medium-security portion of San Quentin, making it a desired destination for inmates statewide who lobby to be transferred there.

"I wish I had learned this way coming up; instead I was in special ed my whole life," said 49-year-old Derry Brown, whose English 101 class "Cosmopolitan Fictions," was discussing "The Reluctant Fundamentalist," a novel by Mohsin Hamid.

Brown, who is serving a 20-year sentence for burglary and assault, earned his GED in prison and takes pride in now being a college student. He said he may pursue a career in music in his hometown of Los Angeles once he's released next year.

"There is joy in learning — that's why I want to continue," he said. "Even when I get out, I'm going back to college."

The college's \$5 million annual budget is fully funded by private donations, with a paid staff and volunteer faculty, many of them graduate students from top universities, including Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley.

The previous program started in

years ago when the university they partnered with closed.

"Very often in the field of higher ed, people will look at educational programs in prisons and they'll say, 'Well, that's a program or project. It's not a school.' Our hope is that by being an independent, accredited, liberal arts college that operates in a prison we make it more difficult for people to overlook those inside and we help them imagine our students differently," Lewen said.

Any general population San Quentin inmate with a high school diploma or GED certificate is eligible to attend. The prison's 539 death row inmates are excluded.

Guards check the IDs of students coming to classes held in trailers set up on one edge of the prison's exercise yard, where students stop to discuss their assignments — corrections officers watching from four towers above.

Overhearing those yard conversations made a big impression on Richard "Bonaru" Richardson after he was transferred to San Quentin in 2007 to finish serving a 47 years-to-life sentence for a home invasion robbery. Former Gov. Jerry Brown commuted

Richardson's sentence, and he was released last year after serving 23 years.

"In other institutions, we were used to talking about gang activity, violence, knives, drugs, the next riot," he said.

In San Quentin, the conversations were often about what classes they were taking, how to write a thesis or how to defend an argument.

"I was taken aback. It was kind of like, 'Hold on, isn't this supposed to be a prison?'" he added.

He decided to sign up after seeing a group of female volunteers walk across the prison yard.

"I got into the classroom for all the wrong reasons, but I realized that I was actually learning something and that there were people who believed in you more than you believe in yourself. When you see that, you start believing in yourself," he said.

In his 14 years at San Quentin, Richardson, 47, rose to become executive editor of the inmate-led San Quentin News, a monthly newspaper distributed to California's 35 prisons that has highlighted the prison programs and often publishes inspirational stories of men who pursued higher education while incarcerated.

He now works as an advancement associate helping the college's communications and fundraising departments.

"Like me, some of them might be the only person in their family to ever have a college degree and that inspires your children to continue their education. For some of them, it's the greatest achievement of their lives," Richardson said.

Doug Arwine, a high school humanities teacher, began volunteering this year and teaches English 101, which focuses on developing critical thinking skills.



Instructor Douglas Arnwine hands back papers with comments to his incarcerated students during a Mount Tamalpais College English class called Cosmopolitan Fictions at San Quentin State Prison on April 12, 2022, in San Quentin, Calif. The community college, the first in California with a campus inside a prison, is the latest addition to San Quentin's numerous rehabilitation programs that have made it a desired destination for inmates throughout the state. PHOTO BY ERIC RISBERG/AP

1996 and was later known as the Prison University Project and it also offered associate's degrees but Lewen, who started as a volunteer instructor in 1999, said she began the process to have an autonomous college three

JD VANCE PAID \$70K BY COLLEGES HE BASHES AS SENATE CANDIDATE

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Before Republican JD Vance began targeting universities as the enemy of the conservative movement, the Donald Trump-endorsed U.S. Senate candidate in Ohio leveraged a network of higher education institutions across the country to promote his book — and he made money doing it.

In the two years after the 2016 release of "Hillbilly Elegy," his bestselling memoir of growing up in Appalachia, Vance visited at least 18 universities to give graduation speeches, lectures or political talks. For those visits, Vance was paid more than \$70,000, according to records provided to The Associated Press by the colleges.

At the time, Vance, a graduate of Ohio State University and Yale Law School, spoke glowingly of education.

During an appearance on CBS' "Sunday Morning" in 2017, he complimented universities on providing "high-quality talent" and "intellectual property necessary for folks to get their businesses off the ground." In his book, he recalled watching an episode of "The West Wing" about "education in America, which the majority of people rightfully believe is the key to opportunity."

But his rhetoric has hardened before the state's May 3 primary as he courts conservative voters in a crowded GOP field.

Although higher education was instrumental in his own success, Vance now accuses universities of pursuing "deceit and lies." The shift underscores the extent to which Republicans are in-

creasingly embracing anti-elite populism as they try to appeal to blue-collar voters who view institutions and intellectualism with skepticism.

As he seeks the Senate seat, it's another example of Vance's transformation, from once entertaining the idea of supporting Hillary Clinton to now portraying himself as a loyal Trump ally. That evolution has worried some Ohio Republicans, who urged Trump not to endorse Vance out of fear that the candidate would not connect with the party's core supporters. His past anti-Trump statements have even prompted one conservative group, Ohio Value Voters, to urge a boycott of Trump's planned rally for Vance and others in Ohio on Saturday.

In November, shortly after entering the race, Vance laid out his line of attack during a 30-minute speech, "The Universities are the Enemy," at the National Conservatism Conference.

"I think if any of us want to do the things that we want to do for our country and for the people who live in it, we have to honestly and aggressively attack the universities in this country," he said. He ended his remarks with a quote by former President Richard Nixon: "The professors are the enemy."

As he promoted his book, though, Vance was collecting checks from universities.

Many of them were in the Midwest and in conservative states, but some were Ivy League schools in liberal states, including Yale and Columbia. Vance's contract required "first-class private ground transportation" and "first-class hotel accommodations and meals."

Taylor Van Kirk, his campaign spokesperson, said the visits gave Vance "the opportunity to see firsthand how college campuses often punish free speech and diversity of thought in favor of a culture that is hostile towards American ideals."

"Thinking it's hypocritical to speak on college campuses just because college professors are biased leftists is absurd," she said. "Engaging young people in these important discussions is exactly what we should be doing. They'll determine the direction of this country and they deserve better."

Vance's largest payment was for a 2017 visit to Millikin University, a small private college in Decatur, Illinois. Vance's contract required a \$20,000 fee and \$1,000 in airfare, records show. He was booked for an hourlong event that included a speech and brief discussion as part

of a week of events exploring race and poverty.

Records show that Vance flew in from Columbus a few hours before the event, was treated to dinner with students and faculty, gave his remarks and then flew back to Ohio. A Millikin spokesperson said the college paid \$10,000, while other local groups covered the remainder.

Three days later, Vance was hosted by the University of Arkansas. His contract included a \$13,000 fee and \$850 in travel costs. During that visit, he gave a lecture, took questions and stayed for dinner and a reception, records show.

Two other schools — Bowling Green State University and West Virginia University — paid Vance a speaker fee of \$15,500 each, the records showed.

Not all of his campus visits included speaker fees. For a 2017 political discussion at Purdue University, he received \$800 for travel but no other fee. Ohio

State, Vance's undergraduate alma mater, hosted him in 2016 but says it has no record of a contract or payment. The school also brought him on as a scholar in residence in 2017. That position was unpaid.

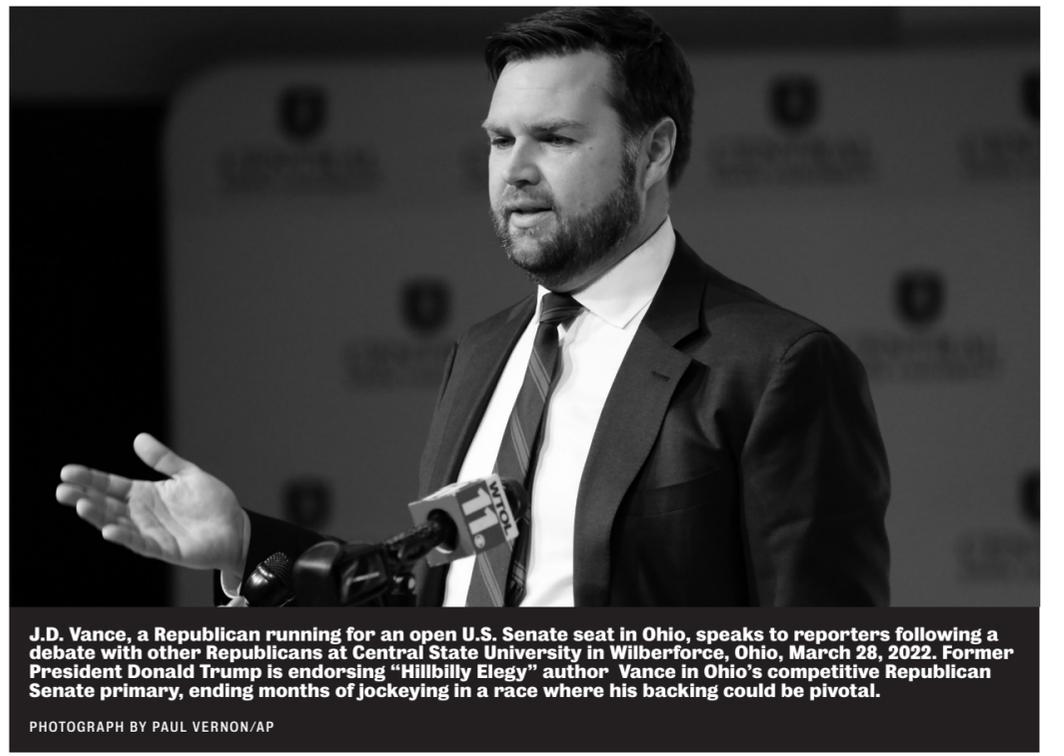
In endorsing him, Trump praised Vance's educational background, noting he is a Marine veteran of the Iraq War, "a graduate of The Ohio State University, and earned a Law Degree from Yale — a great student."

Two colleges refused to provide details about any payment to Vance.

Monmouth College in Illinois, which hosted him in 2016, said it does not release financial details about campus speakers. Ohio's Marietta College hosted him a year later, but spokesperson Tom Perry declined to provide details to the AP, saying, "We are not going to share any of the contractual information."

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J.D. Vance, a Republican running for an open U.S. Senate seat in Ohio, speaks to reporters following a debate with other Republicans at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, March 28, 2022. Former President Donald Trump is endorsing "Hillbilly Elegy" author Vance in Ohio's competitive Republican Senate primary, ending months of jockeying in a race where his backing could be pivotal.

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Emotional support is a need, not a burden



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American culture is very individualistic. The elusive American dream – which the jury's still out on if this is attainable nowadays or

merely an illusion – relies on the idea that you do it all yourself without the help of others. However, this is not realistic, especially when it comes to our basic needs as human beings.

Humans are inherently social creatures, with a need for companionship. We're built to seek social ties; loneliness leads to higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol. Studies have found holding a loved one's hand reduces the brain's response to a perceived threat. Also, it's been found that individuals will perceive a hill to be steeper when standing at the bottom of it alone compared to standing with a friend. Our innate need to belong is a well-studied psychological phenomenon.

Additionally, we have emotional needs – essentially states or conditions that must be filled or occur in order for one to feel happiness or peace. These include security, volition, attention, emotional connection, connection to one's community, privacy, a sense of self, a sense of achievement and a sense meaning for one's life.

And really, these needs go hand in hand with our need to belong – especially because community and emotional connections are explicitly designated as emotional needs. Thus, it is perfectly acceptable, and actually important for us to rely on others for our emotional needs.

If you Google, "rely on others for emotional needs" most of the results

relate to emotional dependency and the dangers of it. But equating all of the emotional needs that others can help us fulfill as full-blown emotional dependency is what's truly dangerous.

Emotional dependency really describes someone who cannot take full responsibility for their own feelings. Someone who is emotionally dependent – often in a close intimate relationship – cannot embrace, accept, or nurture feelings of sorrow, grief or anxiety on their own, and it is often associated with low self-esteem. So yes, emotional dependency is a negative thing and not a psychological state you want to find yourself in.

Simply using your close relationships as emotional support, i.e., relying on others for emotional needs, is not the equivalent of emotional dependency.

However, simply using your close relationships as emotional support, i.e., relying on others for emotional needs, is not the equivalent of emotional dependency. Articles with titles like, "How to Become Emotionally Self-Reliant" that insinuate connections with others are waste-

ful liabilities are misleading.

The fear of becoming emotionally "needy" ignores the fact that we do need others. Sure, you don't want to put all of your happiness in one romantic partnership, but it's okay to ask for help. Good friends will want to be there for you during a tough time, and you should take them up on that. Sometimes just talking something out with another person can bring a new sense of clarity to the situation. It's okay to ask for advice from your support network in a confusing circumstance.

In general, it is ridiculous to assume that one could manage all of the emotional tasks that come with being a human being in 2022 completely on their own. Think of it like the buddy system – when you need an emotional hand to hold, your buddy will be there, with the hopes that you'll provide the same support when the roles are reversed. Ask for help; it makes this life thing easier.

In other words – and for my fellow fans of the popular astrology app Costar – ask yourself, are you isolating yourself unnecessarily from others? Today, there's that little voice in your head telling you need to be alone to feel your feelings. You don't. It's okay to take a step back and clear your head if that's what you need. Just don't do that thing where you shut out loved ones that could help you process your emotions. Allow yourself to accept support. And Costar – if you're hiring, I'm applying; clearly I'm an avid fan.



Elon Musk is helping social media

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This month's Elon Musk antic: Trying to buy Twitter for \$43 billion.

The Tesla and SpaceX CEO multi-billionaire is seeking to take ownership of this highly influential social media platform. In a public letter, Musk defended the values of free speech anti-censorship, stating, "I now realize [Twitter] will neither thrive nor serve this societal imperative in its current form. Twitter needs to be transformed as a private company."

Musk's approach to this is to purchase 100% of Twitter at \$54.20 per share, labeling it as a 38% premium the day before he had made the announcement.

However, Twitter's board of directors is not tempted by Musk's spoils. In an attempt to negotiate with Musk, Twitter offered to let him join its board of directors. Though Musk initially accepted, it was almost immediately reversed, as he is focused on the pursuit of his own complete private takeover.

Twitter has since enacted a shareholder rights plan, often dubbed a "poison pill." Musk currently owns 9.2% of the company, and if he expands his ownership to 15%, the company will begin to sell new shares to diminish Musk's ownership. This type of plan is designed to deter this type of investment takeover, and invokes ethical questions as a publicly traded company.

This makes it apparent that there are motivations outside of Twitter shareholders. To dilute your own stock to prevent a certain party from engaging in market activities is no less than an indicator of a major fault of our current system. The Twitter board owns collectively an insignificant amount of shares. Though Twitter's CEO states it must "act in the best interests of the company and all our shareholders," it is strange to think Twitter could refuse to capitalize on Musk's offer.

Twitter is not only a social media platform, but one of the primary channels of online communication. There is undoubt-

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edly large sums of social power endowed to people that own it.

It is often argued, by Musk especially, that Twitter serves as a "de facto town square" where social media platforms have the same function as a public space. And this seems for the most part true. Though Twitter is a private company, it makes up the few platforms within the social media oligopoly. Being prevented from interacting on a popular platform is effectively reducing one's ability to interact on the internet by a large fraction.

One may argue that free speech only applies to the gov-

ernment, not a private company. However, legal jurisdiction indicates otherwise. Under *Packingham v. North Carolina*, the Supreme Court unanimously reached the decision that social media websites must uphold the First Amendment as social media qualifies as a medium for lawful speech. Justice Anthony Kennedy states "a fundamental principle of the First Amendment is that all persons have access to places where they can speak and listen, and then, after reflection, speak and listen once more" and everyone is entitled to "exploring the vast realms of human thought and knowledge" unbarred from private entities, who can otherwise willingly decide who is able to participate on the platform, as long as the law is followed.

It is well known that social media and tech giants do not follow this legal precedent. Though Musk controlling one of the largest online platforms is dubious, he at least upturns the need for social media reform. Ought someone be able to simply pur-

chase Twitter, regardless of how benevolent their motivations are? Are free market activities being engaged in, or is Twitter a hotbed for coups and political turmoil? We must push to introduce the enforcement of legal rights into this new space.

Social media is an unprecedented channel of communication. Musk, though unknowingly, exposes the problems of both social media and his wealth. Our generation is the first to deal with technology and its consequences and it is clear market forces are too weak to dictate the correct behavior in both legal principles and the best interests of shareholders. The U.S. government must position itself more firmly in the online social space.

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A goat hops on the back of a student participating in "Goat Yoga" on Wednesday, April 20 in Storrs. The event was part of the University of Connecticut's Earth Day Spring Fling.

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UConn's Earth Day Spring Fling: Goat yoga

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The University of Connecticut's Earth Day Spring Fling, hosted by the Office of Sustainability, has been an annual tradition since 2008. Every year, vendors of sustainable and artisan goods, organic and local foods; environmental organizations; and student groups come together to serve, entertain and educate UConn students. This event occurs simultaneously with UConn's annual Arbor Day celebration, featuring the "class tree" planting ceremony.

This year, there were a lot of fun events and attractions such as the Zero Waste BBQ, Environmental Art Show and Goat Yoga, the latter of which I registered for before the 75 spots filled up.

Upon arriving at the event, all participants checked in and formed a single file line. We were admitted into the fenced area with the goats in shifts of five to prevent the goats from escaping. When the yoga instructor told us to get into tabletop position, she warned us that the goats may jump on our backs, so if

we didn't feel comfortable with that, we should remain seated.

"I was so excited to do yoga with the goats," Jordan Madison, an eighth-semester human development and family sciences major, said, "I had a hard time keeping a smile off my face as the goats jumped on our backs."

Annelise Dadras, the owner of Bradley Mountain Farm, discussed the benefits and origin of goat yoga.

"Humans get to interact with the goats and the goats get to socialize with humans. They feel that humans are their play gym and they love to jump up on them," Dadras said. "It's a nice way to get them together!"

Dadras said they started offering goat yoga to the public in 2017. Additionally, they offer events such as Goat Cuddle Therapy, Goats N' Pajamas and Goat Stroll. You can even make your own soap using goat milk, personalize it and take it home.

Participating in goat yoga was a very unique experience, which I'm lucky enough to have taken part in. Having students gather together enjoying the sunny day while goats pranced around us was comfort-

ing and uplifting, especially as I embark upon my last few weeks of classes as a UConn student.

"With classes coming to a wrap and final exams approaching, goat yoga was the stress reliever I didn't know I needed," said Brandon Lyons, an eighth-semester communications major.

Goat yoga was originally created by Lainey Morse in 2016, so it is a relatively new concept which has quickly blossomed into a popular trend. Morse found that being around these small animals, especially when doing a relaxing activity like yoga, proved to be very comforting. The concept also proved to be profitable, as Morse made \$160,000 in her first year of business.

Bradley Mountain Farms, located in Southington, Connecticut, partnered with the Office of Sustainability to make this event possible. It is located on a 200-year-old dairy farm built by Ichabod Bradley in 1813. Bradley Mountain Farms has the honor of being on the registry of National Historical Places, which is an official list of the nation's notable properties deserving of preservation and protection.

Fighting to make healthcare a human right

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Isabelle Doraz is an eighth-semester student continuing studies and pursuing a master's in special education. Doraz joined Partners in Health Engage during her freshman year because she was interested to learn about global health advocacy. She is the current president of UConn's Partners in Health Engage chapter. Partners in Health Engage is a grassroots organization focused on health advocacy and education around the world.

"Our work is so incredibly important because as students, most of us are fortunate enough to have access to healthcare, but this is unfortunately not the case for so many around the world," Doraz said. "This year, our campaign is supporting the Maternal Center of Excellence in Sierra Leone, the country with the highest maternal mortality rate in the world."

Currently, Partners in Health Engage is organizing a virtual marathon and walk to raise money for the Maternal Center of Excellence from April 24 to 30. The Maternal Center of Excellence is a center designed to help reduce maternal mortality rates in Sierra

Leone, according to its site. For every 100,000 childbirths in Sierra Leone, 1,360 mothers die, according to Doraz. While in the U.S. that number is 23.8 deaths per every 100,000 births. Partners in Health Engage hopes to reduce maternal mortality in Sierra Leone through fundraising and education.

"This virtual 5K is designed not only to raise funds for the Maternal Center in Sierra Leone," Doraz said. "It is also to show our solidarity for the healthcare workers around the world who deliver care to the poorest and most marginalized people on the globe. We walk to support and raise awareness about the life-saving work of Partners in Health."

Doraz added that Partners in Health Engage differs from other health organizations on campus because they advocate for health rights both in the U.S. and internationally through members of Congress. Additionally, the club seeks to engage students to join the right to the health movement and fundraise for healthcare.

"For me, the most impactful moment was during our training institute in 2019," Doraz said. "During this, members of Partners in Health Engage from around the country came together in Washington, D.C. to partici-

pate in "Hill Day," where we met with over 100 members of Congress on Capitol Hill to advocate for the Global Fund. The UConn chapter met with both Senators' offices from Connecticut and two of our representatives. It was so amazing to see how many dedicated Engagers we have across the country and see that together, we can really make a difference in this world."

Though it's small now, Doraz hopes to expand membership in the club. Students who believe that healthcare is a human right and those who want to make a difference in the healthcare system should consider joining Partners in Health Engage, Doraz said. Club meetings run every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Those interested are recommended to email uconnpih@gmail.com.

"I was a part of a lot of different clubs in high school, but before PIH Engage, I never felt like I really was making a true difference in the world," Doraz said. "Now, when certain legislation passes, our network reaches our fundraising goals of over \$100,000, or Partners in Health breaks ground on the Maternal Center of Excellence (which they did last April), I know that I am a part of lasting change."



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The University of Connecticut chapter of Partners in Health Engage is a grassroots organization focused on health advocacy and education around the world. The organization is organizing a virtual marathon and walk to raise money for the Maternal Center of Excellence from April 24 to 30.

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Actress Natasha Lyonne plays Nadia Vulvokov, a software developer in New York City who ends up in the body of her mother and grandmother, in the Netflix original "Russian Doll." On April 20, Netflix released the second season of series. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

PEELING BACK THE LAYERS OF TRAUMA: NETFLIX'S 'RUSSIAN DOLL'

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Spoiler Alerts Ahead

On April 20, Netflix released the second season of "Russian Doll," which follows Nadia Vulvokov (Natasha Lyonne), a software developer in New York City. At her 30th birthday party, Nadia is met with disturbing news: She keeps dying and reliving the same day over and over. The first season follows Nadia as she tries to find answers to this phenomenon. Along the way she meets Alan (Charlie Barnett), a man experiencing the same type of time loop. The first season floored viewers with its dark plotline and trippy visual effects, and the second installment is no different.

Picking up where the final episode left off, all is well as Alan and Nadia have seemingly closed the time loop and contin-

ued with their normal lives. But just days before her 40th birthday, Nadia is met with another discovery. She boards a New York subway and is transported to her family's past. She realizes that she is living in the body of her dead mother, Nora. Nadia eventually discovers that the longer she stays on the train, the further back into the past she is taken. She cycles between being in the body of her mother and grandmother as well as herself.

Alan has also stumbled upon this shift in the timeline, reconnecting with his heritage and meeting family members that he never got to know. For Alan, this new discovery is a gift. For Nadia, however, it is a painful reminder. Trying to fix the timeline of her broken family, Nadia sets out to change the past actions of her abusive mother. As with any time travel media, however, drastic consequences occur when Nadia tries to change the past.

Natasha Lyonne shines bright in this series. She is well known for her roles as Nicky in "Orange Is The New Black," as well as the cult classic movie "But I'm A Cheerleader." Her thick New York accent lends a dry and cynical dialogue to the show, which was fun to watch and added a dark sense of humor. Personally, I loved the first season of the show and was very excited to watch the second installment. Upon watching, I found the second season of "Russian Doll" to be even more emotionally complex than the first.

The entirety of "Russian Doll" is a comment on childhood trauma and abuse. The first season heavily focused on the neglect Nadia endured at the hands of her mother. The second season explores this topic further by diving into the trauma Nora went through from her mother and so on. Nadia resents her mother for treating her so horribly and tries

to heal by re-parenting herself through time travel.

She does all this with her longtime family friend Ruthie, who ironically is a therapist specializing in eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy (a type of therapy used to treat significant trauma). By the end of the second season, Nadia understands her family and their neurosis through the concept of generational trauma.

Overall, "Russian Doll" is a treat for any comedy or sci-fi fan. In each episode, viewers are met with mind-boggling visual effects and strange reality shifts. Paired with the humor of Lyonne, it makes for a wonderful show. Additionally, the series is emotionally rich and even painful at times. It allows the viewer to take a deeper look into the trauma we all hide beneath the surface.

Rating: 5/5



From left to right, Lizzy (Rebecca Henderson), Maxine (Greta Lee) and Alan Zaveri (Charlie Barnett) in a still from Netflix's "Russian Doll." Writer Abigail Bonilla gave the second season a 5/5 because of its use of humor and mind-boggling visual effects. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

How to tackle a reading slump



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Have you ever had an obsession with reading that turned into dread at the thought of picking up another book? Reading slumps happen to the best of us. Sometimes they're set off by an atrocious read, other times life just gets in the way. When you're busy or stressed, reading can feel like a chore instead of a haven.

So how exactly do you tackle a reading slump? Here are some suggestions that may help rekindle your love for reading:



Switch up your environment	Go back to basics
<p>If you associate a location with stress, then maybe it's not the best spot to unwind with a book. Find a spot conducive to relaxation. Perhaps bring a book to a park or the beach. Stuck at home? Enjoy a book while you take a steaming hot bath. Light a candle and make yourself some tea; if you make reading an experience, you're more likely to get excited about it again. If you have the means, build a reading nook or buy yourself a hammock. Find a comfortable spot, and reading will come that much easier.</p>	<p>Try reading something you know will be entertaining. After a particularly heavy series, I usually shoot for a potato-chip-read — something fun and lighthearted. Most often, this is a cheesy romance or something short and sweet. It may not necessarily be quality literature, but that'll keep you from feeling the need to overanalyze. Alternatively, pick up an old favorite! Rereading is sure to evoke fond memories and will potentially motivate you to search for a new favorite.</p>



Try a new genre or form	Be wary of screen time
<p>If you normally go for fiction, maybe try a memoir. If you're a die-hard mystery lover, try some horror. There's no need to read a genre you detest but if there's anything you haven't yet explored, give it a shot!</p> <p>Another option is to switch up the form of content you're consuming. Someone used to reading dense texts, for example, should explore graphic novels or even webtoons. Maybe listen to an audiobook on your commute; that way you can mix up form and simultaneously save time.</p>	<p>Reading slumps can often stem from the misconception that there's not enough time. If you have a heavy workload, maybe there truly isn't enough time. But if you've turned to watching YouTube or scrolling through social media, you might want to rethink. Something to try is swapping your screen time for reading time. You don't have to keep up with this or eliminate screen time entirely, but it can give you some perspective on what should and shouldn't be prioritized.</p>



Let yourself take a break

Reading can be exhausting. Especially when you're bombarded with required reading for classes. As an English major, it's helpful to cut myself some slack when it comes to my independent reading endeavors. If your body is telling you it is sick of consuming content, listen to it. The key is to avoid overwhelming yourself. Of course, if it has been a while and you feel the need to dive back in, that's okay. Just know that there's no rush; all the books you've been meaning to read will still be there when you emerge from your slump.



Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | He was a sk8er boi



Noah Kennedy, a junior, skates outside of the Student Recreation Center on April 20, 2022. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

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- 1 Frito pie ingredient
 - 6 Percussion-based theater troupe
 - 11 Back in the day
 - 14 TV signal part
 - 15 SAT prep help, often
 - 16 Like beach volleyball players
 - 17 Casino array
 - 18 See 6-Down
 - 19 Trellis growth
 - 20 "Freeze!"
 - 21 Former spouse who never lets things get awkward?
 - 23 Serpentine fish
 - 25 Streisand film based on a Singer story
 - 26 Outcome when a salon student makes waves?
 - 32 Holy
 - 33 Cleared for takeoff?
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 - 38 Many Egyptians
 - 40 Domino dot
 - 41 Day of the Dead drink
 - 42 Arizona locale for spring training fans
 - 43 Suits
 - 45 Silent communication sys.
 - 46 Luring an academic to the dark side?
 - 49 "The City & the City" novelist
 - 51 WSJ news topic
 - 52 Taylor Swift hit song about defying the haters, and an apt title for this puzzle
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 - 60 "Nailed it!"
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 - 63 Snare
 - 64 Four-time Australian Open winner
 - 65 Piano part
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By Karen Lurie 4/22/22

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 - 9 Sauntered
 - 10 Want more
 - 11 Listing
 - 12 Chairperson's hammer
 - 13 Black stone
 - 21 Series set at McKinley High
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 - 24 Winds down
 - 26 Rich soil
 - 27 Word on some European postage stamps
 - 28 "That's a shame"
 - 29 Mature
 - 30 Octavia Butler's genre

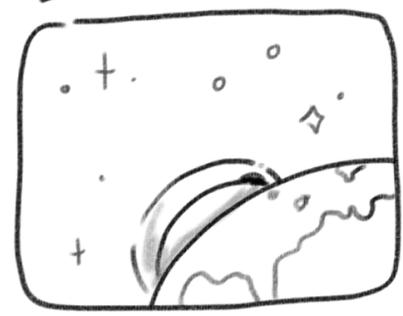
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EARTH DAY



HAPPY EARTH DAY! ^^

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Sudoku (for Celia)

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Gonzaga stars Holmgren, Nembhard declare for NBA draft

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga stars Chet Holmgren and Andrew Nembhard announced Thursday that they will enter the NBA draft.

Holmgren is expected to be a top five pick, while Nembhard is projected as a likely second-rounder.

Holmgren arrived at Gonzaga as one of the most lauded recruits in program history, a 7-footer with the passing and ball-handling skills of a guard. Holmgren was the West Coast Conference

newcomer of the year, defensive player of the year and a first-team all-conference selection. He averaged 14.1 points, 9.9 rebounds and 3.6 blocks per game, and was a third-team AP All-American.

"Since the day I arrived in Spokane and stepped onto the Gonzaga campus, you all have been the best family anyone could ask for," Holmgren wrote on social media announcing his decision. "This year I've grown so much as a player and a person from the experiences we've shared as I

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represented the Bulldogs on and off the court. I've developed relationships that will last forever and I've had the time of my life."

Nembhard spent two seasons at Gonzaga after transferring from Florida. He was a first-team all-conference selection and was the most outstanding player of the WCC tournament. Nembhard averaged 11.9 points and 5.8 assists per game.

Gonzaga was 59-5 in the games Nembhard played over two seasons.

"Coming to Gonzaga was truly one of the best decisions I have ever made, and I am so grateful for this place," Nembhard said. "I am thankful and blessed to be a part of teams with so much success and accomplishments, but nothing compares to all the relationships I have made over these last two years that will last me a lifetime."

Gonzaga's had four players declare for the NBA draft this spring: Holmgren, Nembhard, Julian Strawther and Drew Timme.

Oklahoma QB Gabriel adjusts after transferring from UCF

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Dillon Gabriel won't let a higher profile or fancy new surroundings change his low-key approach.

He has had plenty of success as a college quarterback -- he passed for more than 8,000 yards and 70 touchdowns at Central Florida while leading some of the nation's most productive offenses.

After transferring to Oklahoma, he will now be the starting quarterback for a program that has produced Heisman Trophy winners Jason White, Sam Bradford, Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray at the position in the past 20 years.

Gabriel is aware of what Oklahoma quarterbacks have meant to the sport, and he'll get a reminder on Saturday when Mayfield's Heisman statue is revealed at Heisman Park across from Memorial Stadium.

"I don't take this position lightly," the 6-foot left-hander said. "I know it's a privilege to be in this position."

Gabriel values each step on this journey, and he said an im-

portant one will be Saturday's spring game. He'll play some on both the Red and White teams.

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**OKLAHOMA QUARTERBACK
DILLON GABRIEL**

"I think a lot of things have been going a million miles per hour since I got here, right?" Gabriel said. "Just trying to be focused. Trying to keep the main thing the main thing. But kind of being on the back end of spring ball, I'm super grateful to be here. I love this place."

The pressure will be on. Gabriel will be expected to keep the Sooner offense rolling now that coach Lincoln Riley and quarterback Caleb Williams have left for USC and quarterback Spencer Rattler has transferred to South

Carolina. He is ignoring what outsiders say and focusing on what he has relied on to get this far -- hard work.

"I think as of right now, I really haven't done anything on the field," Gabriel said. "So, you know, walking around, I'm just the same old dude."

Gabriel's mentality has made a positive impression on new coach Brent Venables.

"He has those special qualities," Venables said. "He's very humble. He's not loud and braggadocious and making any kind of proclamations. He doesn't need to. He does it (gains respect) with his work, his competitiveness, his toughness. He obviously has street credibility with the players because of what he has done at a high level."

Gabriel played for then-UCF offensive coordinator Jeff Leiby in 2019, and the Knights' offense ranked second nationally in yards per game (540.5) and fifth in points per game (43.4). Gabriel's transition at Oklahoma has been smoother now that Leiby is the Sooners' offensive coordinator after a successful run at Ole Miss.

"I think it goes way back from a trust standpoint," Gabriel said. "I really trust him, love playing in his offense -- the way he's able to strategically use people and put them in good positions to go play and win a lot of ballgames while scoring a lot of points."

Because Leiby's offense hasn't changed much, Gabriel has been able to steer his teammates.

"It's been great having him back there at quarterback because he can help us and teach us."

**OKLAHOMA OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
ANTON HARRISON**

"I would say Dillon knows the playbook better than everybody," offensive lineman Anton Harrison said. "This is his offense. He helps us a lot. We need him and talk to him a lot with the playbook and the tempo.

Sometimes, he can call it out for us because he knows it so well. It's been great having him back there at quarterback because he can help us and teach us."

Still, there have been subtle changes that Gabriel has had to pick up this spring.

"I think everyone continues to evolve -- verbage, terminology -- whatever you want to call it," Gabriel said. "There will forever be new plays within everyone's offense year to year. There have been challenges to myself, but we'll continue to get back into it. It's definitely helped having prior knowledge, for sure."

Gabriel has prioritized building a rapport with his receivers. A priority has been connecting with Marvin Mims, a speedster who caught five touchdown passes last season and averaged 22 yards per catch.

"He's one of the best I've been around," Gabriel said. "Speed. All-around receiver. Very physical, and usually from speed guys, you don't really see that. So that's something very new. Just all around, man, he goes up and gets it. He's extremely talented."



Central Florida quarterback Dillon Gabriel (11) looks for a receiver during the first half of the team's NCAA college football game against Bethune-Cookman on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, in Orlando, Fla. Dillon Gabriel won't let a higher profile or fancy new surroundings change his low-key approach. PHOTO VIA JOHN RAOUX/AP

Kentucky guard Sharpe to enter NBA draft, keep eligibility

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky guard Shaedon Sharpe will enter the NBA draft and be evaluated while maintaining his collegiate eligibility after not playing last season with the Wildcats.

Several NBA mock drafts have projected the 6-foot-6 Sharpe as a possible top-10 selection this summer despite his absence of playing time with the Wildcats (26-8), who

were upset 85-79 in overtime of the NCAA Tournament first round by tiny No. 15 seed Saint Peter's.

Several NBA mock drafts have projected Sharpe as a possible top-10 selection.

Sharpe practiced with Kentucky and dressed for games after enrolling in January after originally being considered the consensus No. 1 overall prospect of the 2022 class. The NBA draft combine in May 16-22 with a June 1 deadline for the London, Ontario, native to return to school.

Sharpe stated in a release Thursday that while unsure of what lies ahead, he must test the

waters and receive feedback. He added, "I pray you all will understand this is not a decision I've taken lightly."

Coach John Calipari noted that Sharpe has already registered for summer and fall classes at Kentucky but said he supports Sharpe's decision to explore every option about his future.

Sharpe's decision comes a day after junior forward Os-

car Tshiebwe, the consensus national player of the year, announced that he would return for his senior season. Wildcat forwards Keion Brooks Jr. and Jacob Toppin will also go through the evaluation process and maintain eligibility, leaving open the possibility of returning to Kentucky.

Guard TyTy Washington Jr. entered the draft and will forego his remaining eligibility.

Sports

Photo of the Day | 20-20 vision



A UConn softball player puts on a pair of fun sunglasses while her teammates follow suit, wearing funny hats and props as they cheer on their teammates at bat during a game where the Huskies defeated Providence 3-1 following a night time series matchup at Burrill Field on Friday, April 15, 2022. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women's Lacrosse: No. 15 Huskies to close out Morrone for season against Butler

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This Saturday, the No. 15 UConn women's lacrosse team is set to play its second game of the week and its final home contest of the year against the Butler Bulldogs. The Huskies are fresh off a convincing win at Yale in a matchup that featured seven goals from senior Grace Coon. Coon has recorded at least a point in every game this season, but her seven goals is a season high on points and a career high on scoring. Sydney Watson also impressed on Wednesday, notch-

ing four goals and three assists.

So far this season, the Huskies have been incredibly successful. They sit at 12-2, with both losses coming to current top 11 teams in the country. Their current standing in the polls is the highest in program history and puts them in good position to make the NCAA tournament.

Butler, on the other hand, hasn't been nearly as successful. The team sits at 6-7 in games against Division I opponents and has struggled to find consistency. According to Massey, the Bulldogs are the 90th best team in the country, while UConn is 22nd. Their best win is a one-point road win against Ken-

nesaw State in a back-and-forth contest.

At the focal point of the Butler offense is junior Campbell Connors, who leads the team in goals with 35 on the year. She has also added eight assists, but doesn't focus as much on that part of the game. She's recorded the stat line of five goals and two assists twice, one in a close loss to Duquesne and the other in a blowout win over Detroit. The team's success isn't necessarily dependent on Connors' production, but if she doesn't have it going, it could be tough to keep up with the fast paced Connecticut squad.

The key facilitator for the Bulldogs is none other than junior

Greer Bireley, who has more than double the assists of the next best distributor on the team. Bireley has 30 dimes on the year, with her best game coming against Saint Ambrose, where she notched four assists. She has double digit games with multiple assists, so her presence will be something for the Huskies to watch out for.

For UConn, the biggest storyline will be whether Coon can replicate her dominant performance from Wednesday. It's unlikely that she'll get the same seven goals, but anything in the vicinity would do wonders for the Huskies' chance of winning. Of the 14 games Coon has played this season, she has record-

ed a hat trick in seven of them, but never in consecutive games.

Another player to watch for will naturally be Watson, who was recently tabbed as a Tewaaraton Award finalist, an award that recognizes the NCAA's best lacrosse player. Watson has combined for 27 points in her last five games and will look to add to the total on Saturday. The Huskies shouldn't have too much of a hard time winning, as they have demonstrated the ability to consistently beat teams they are better than.

The contest will be streamable on FloSports on Saturday at 11 a.m. EST and will be played at Morrone Stadium.



The UConn women's lacrosse team narrowly defeats Marquette, capturing a 18-15 win on April 2, 2022 in Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn. The Huskies have two games left in the regular season: A home game against Butler followed by the season finale in Washington, D.C. against Georgetown. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Softball: UConn faces Seton Hall in final road series

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With eight games left in the regular season, six of which being Big East matchups, the Huskies have officially reached the final stretch.

This weekend, UConn travels to South Orange, New Jersey to face Seton Hall. The Pirates currently sit at 6-9 in Big East play with a 17-17 record overall, good for sixth in the conference. The Huskies have only Seton Hall and Big East No. 2 Villanova remaining in conference play, so the team is looking for a series win over the Pirates in order to

put some distance between it and the Wildcats before the final week-end of the regular season.

From the UConn offense, three players to watch coming out of the midweek game against Merrimack are Briana Marcelino, Reese Guevarra and Rosie Garcia, as each had a two-hit performance on Wednesday. Marcelino leads the team in batting average, home runs, doubles, RBI and stolen bases. Along with Guevarra and Lexi Hastings (26 steals each), she leads the charge in UConn's stolen base onslaught with a perfect 29-29 record on the season. No Husky had ever stolen 26 bases prior to this

season, let alone 29. Guevarra and Garcia are currently tied for third on the team for RBI with 28 each, behind Marcelino and Jana Sanden.

In the circle, the Huskies rested their primary starter Elise Sokolsky against Merrimack, but Marybeth Olson and Meghan O'Neil were more than up to the task, as the duo pitched a combined one-hitter. Olson, who got the start, pitched four perfect innings and struck out nine.

The Pirates' lineup has an almost identical team batting average to UConn's, with both teams in the .290s, so this series is shaping

up to feature solid hitting on both sides. Two players to watch for are Ashly Colonna and Taylor Hill, who combined for seven hits in Seton Hall's last game, a 13-10 victory over Georgetown on April 16. Colonna, while only playing in 22 of Seton Hall's 34 games this season, is batting .405. Hill on the other hand has played in every game for the Pirates, and leads the team in RBI, doubles and OPS. On top of recording three hits in Saturday's game, she also had a six-RBI game.

Pitching-wise, Seton Hall has a primary starter in Shelby Smith, who has a 2.92 ERA on the season. Smith is coming off a complete

game against Georgetown, but did give up nine earned runs, her highest total runs allowed this season.

After finishing up in South Orange, the Huskies only have two games between the Seton Hall series and the season finale series against Villanova two weeks later: A road game against Boston College on April 27, and a home matchup against St. Joseph's on April 30.

For the UConn-Seton Hall series, first pitch in the first game is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, followed by a 1 p.m. start on Saturday and a noon start on Sunday. All three games will be broadcast on FloSports.



The Huskies defeat Providence 3-1 following a night time series matchup at Burrill Field in Storrs, CT on Friday, April 15, 2022. Connecticut will take on Seton Hall at 3 p.m. on Friday in South Orange, N.J.

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Baseball: No. 15 Huskies chase away Minutemen and blank Eagles, look to scratch Wildcats

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Tuesday and Wednesday were just another pair of mid-week games for UConn as the team beat the UMass Minutemen and the BC Eagles. These wins bring the Huskies to an 11-game win streak, which is tied with the 2016 season for the longest win streak in Hook C history.

UMass came to Storrs ready to dominate—and the Minutemen did. By halfway through the first inning, they were up 5-0 over the Huskies. Braden Quinn was the first Husky to the mound for his seventh visit of the season and has a 5.11 ERA after this week.

Singles from T.C. Simmons and Bryan Padilla followed by a double off of Erik Stock's bat quickly brought in two runs for UConn to gain some momentum. Ben Huber kept it going with a homerun that sent Stock and Casey Dana as well as himself around the bases, immediately making it a tie game at 5-5 to close out the first inning.

After a few pitches, Quinn was subbed out for Hector Alejandro, another freshman. He set the tone for the second inning, with both teams held to small hits each time they were due to hit. UMass, anxious to reclaim the lead, fired back at Alejandro for several pitches before Cole Chudoba relieved Alejandro. The Minutemen were hitting strong, sitting at a 9-5 lead.

However, Chudoba couldn't put it a limit on it and by the end of the third the score was 11-5.

If UConn's quick comeback for a 5-5 was impressive, the rest of the game was a stunning display of overcoming adversity. UMass was stunned, and it was a dominant Hook C win.

Zach Bushling was determined to come home, no matter what it took. From being hit by a pitch to stealing second and then finally advancing to third on a wild pitch, Bushling was brought in by Christian Fedko's single.

Despite a change in Minutemen pitching, David Smith took one for the team as well which moved Fedko and Matt Donlan who were already on base. This was another pitch that promoted a chain reaction, and Simmons was clutch for activating the scoring run. His single brought in three runs for Hook C.

Simmons then came home on a Stock single. Dana's single sent Stock to third before Dana stole second base. A recurring trend for the Huskies has been just being in the right place, which would be the batter's box, at the right time to do the right thing, hit hard.

Bushling was in perfect position to give UConn its first lead of the game: Dana and Stock were still on base and he was ready to swing. Bushling hit a double to add two to the score and put UConn up 12-11.

For his second homerun of the game, Huber hit another and

brought in Bushling along with him and added on two runs to the recently claimed lead. The third inning was a season-high record of nine runs in the inning.

Chudoba kept the top of the fourth inning in UConn's favor, running through the first half to maintain the lead and get the Huskies back to their regularly scheduled scoring run.

A few singles and a walk from Fedko, Smith and Simmons respectively set up Padilla for a very productive triple in which everyone but the batter made it back home. Padilla would have to wait for Stock's fly ball to run in to home base. Singles from Bushling, Huber and Donlan collectively contributed to another pair of runs and UConn ended the fourth inning 20-11.

The score remained steady through the top of the sixth before the Hook C whipped up six more tallies to its score. A Dana double followed by a third base steal allowed him to score when Bushling hit a single. Bushling scored on a single from Fedko that sent him running home. Smith's triple brought in Fedko and Donlan before Smith came in on an error and the unearned run earned the Huskies their 25th mark on the game while keeping the Minutemen at 11.

The bottom of the seventh was the last bit of action for the game, kicked off by Zach Stephenson's bold triple. Chris Brown pinch hit for Bushling, and wasn't about to

let Huber have all of the homerun fun. Brown's homer added two as he and Stephenson came in.

A series of walks handed UConn its next win as Simmons just made it to the diamond and in the process, advanced the runners in front of him. Huber was the one to make it home and solidify the 28-11 win over UMass, credited to Chudoba for pitching the majority of the game. The next inning and a half were just filling time before notching the season-high 28 runs.

In a less suspenseful way but still as equally dramatic was UConn's fifth win of the season where the team didn't allow the opponent to score any runs. The Huskies ran into Chestnut Hill for a road game, scaring the Eagles on sight with Ian Cooke starting on the mound.

Singles from Donlan and Fedko set up Donlan to run in at the top of the second for the first scoring play of the game. Scoring wouldn't resume for another inning when the Huskies were back up at bat in the third early off of a Padilla double, eventually scoring off of an uncontrollable pitch. This had Dana and Stock moving around the bases before making it to fourth when Donlan singled. UConn would hold onto the 4-0 lead through the seventh inning, keeping the Eagles from flying.

A few singles in the top of the seventh added up to another run, with Bushling headlining the score off of a double that brought in Padilla. Scoring had yet to begin for

BC, and it wasn't about to start in the eighth inning. However, UConn still had some work to do.

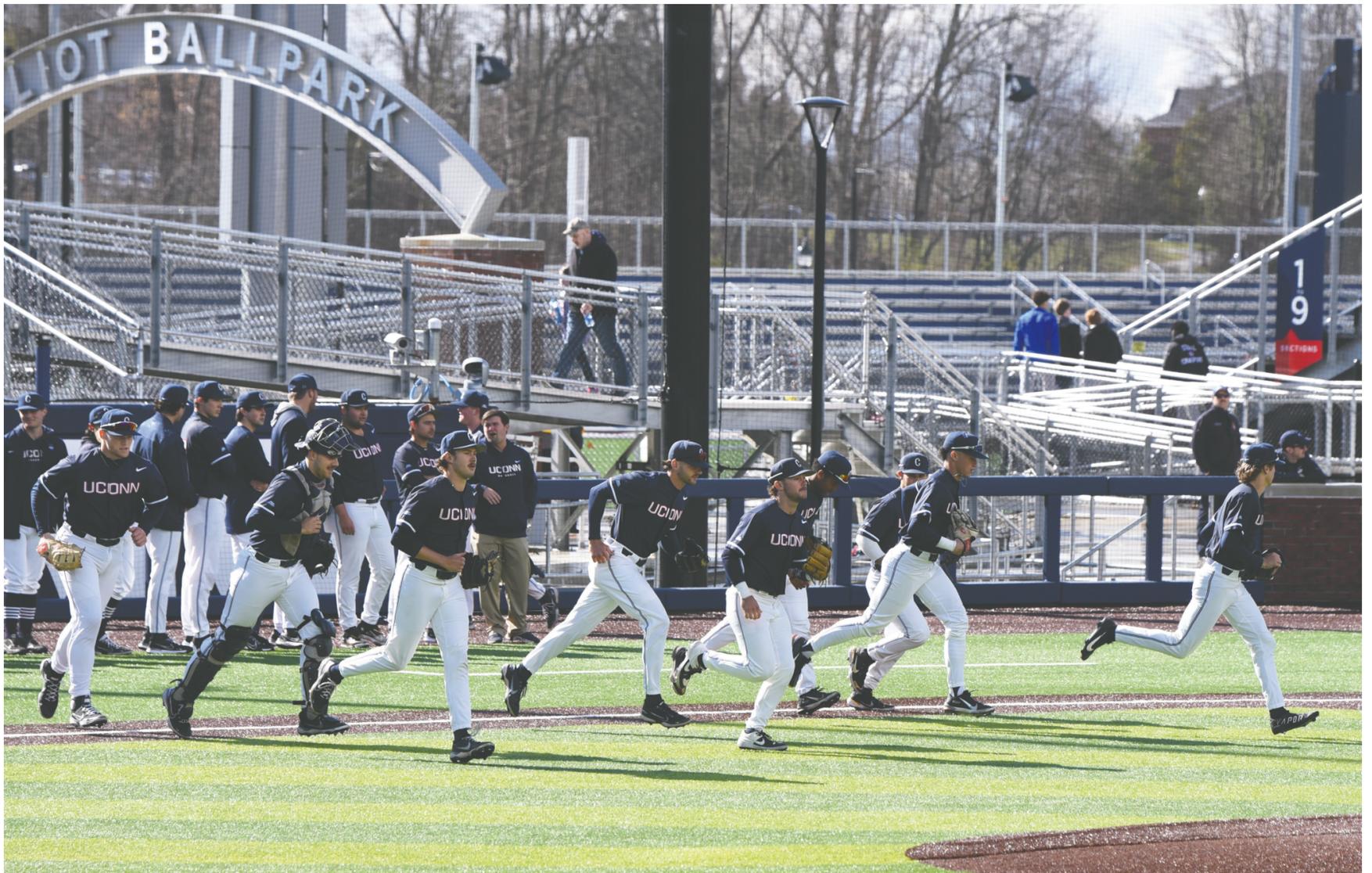
The Eagles made it easy for the Huskies, handing them several walks. After a dropped fly ball, both Smith and Stephenson both scored. Padilla, who made it on base as a result of the error, came in on a single from Stock and called game at eight runs.

Well, Ian Cooke had a big influence on it as well. Cooke pitched for eight innings, making it a career-high. He had seven strikeouts while doing so and only allowed one hit, but it wasn't able to generate any runs for the Eagles.

Wednesday's win is UConn's 18th road win of the season, and brings the Hook C record to 30-7. Both victories this week should prove to be excellent preparation for the Huskies to jump back into Big East play against the Villanova Wildcats.

The teams will face off this weekend in a three-game series at Elliot Ballpark. Historically, this puts UConn at an incredible advantage as Villanova is 5-20 in Connecticut. However, the team is also coming off of a huge 6-5 win over the University of Delaware. Currently, the Wildcats are 14-18-1 on their season and fifth in the Big East while UConn is first.

The first pitch is slated for 6:05 p.m. on Friday, 2:05 p.m. on Saturday and then at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. All games will be available for streaming on FloSports.



The Huskies roll past St. John's, capturing a dominant 13-0 series win on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs, Conn. Connecticut will take on Villanova at 6:05 p.m. on Friday. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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