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Muslim students seek justice after street harassment

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On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Zena Saleh, an eighth-semester speech and pathology major, posted on several social media sites about a racist incident against herself and fellow student Shazeda Khatun which occurred the previous night at the University of Connecticut Storrs campus. Saleh described a car of four men screaming at them and making obscene gestures.

“My roommate and I were walking back to our dorm a little while ago and these four guys started yelling racial slurs at us and flipping us off,” Saleh wrote on the UConn subreddit.

Saleh mentions the four men were in a white Mustang and had been shouting the slurs while driving before they stopped.

“Even if they were not doing it because we are Muslims, the fact they were doing this at all is shocking and disgusting,” Saleh said in an interview.

Within less than 24 hours, the post gathered over 220 likes and many replies offering support and suggesting methods of informing authorities.

In an interview over Zoom,



Four men yelled racial slurs at two Muslim students in front of the Recreation Center on Monday night. The students urged the university to further investigate the incident. STOCK PHOTO/DAILY CAMPUS

Khatun, a sixth-semester sociology major, said they explained the situation to the UConn Mus-

lim Student Association who then reached out to campus police. As of now, there have been

no updates on the investigation. “This happened to us in front of the Rec Center, and one of the

guys was halfway out of the car. There must be a security camera that saw what happened,” Khatun said.

Along with support from many students on the posts, MSA has provided their own statement regarding the incident.

“There are hundreds of Muslims, if not over a thousand, in the UConn community: undergrads, grad students, faculty, and staff,” said MSA. “Because of incidents like these, our community members, especially women who wear the hijab feel unsafe on campus where they live. We hope the university takes swift action to hold the individuals responsible to account, and that they are vocal in their condemnation of islamophobia.”

The incident came after another act against Shias, a minority Muslim sect, last week when a number of turbahs, clay pieces used by Shia Muslims in prayer, were destroyed in the Homer Babbidge library.

“I doubt there is any connection between these events,” said Saleh, “but I used to feel safe at UConn. We’ve never been targets of anything like this.”

Both Saleh and Khatun urged the university to investigate the incident further and not let their case be ignored.

Parents of teen charged in school shooting to stand trial

(AP) — A judge on Thursday ordered the parents of a 15-year-old boy charged with killing four students at his Michigan high school to stand trial on involuntary manslaughter charges.

Rochester Hills District Court Judge Julie Nicholson said following the preliminary examination for Jennifer and James Crumbley that she found enough evidence to send their case to circuit court.

They are charged with involuntary manslaughter and accused of making the gun used in the shooting available to the teen. The couple is also accused of failing to intervene when he showed signs of mental distress at home and at school.

Ethan Crumbley is charged as an adult with first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, terrorism and gun charges in the Nov. 30 shooting at Oxford High School, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Detroit. Six other students and a teacher were wounded.

The gun used in the shooting was given to Ethan Crumbley as an early Christmas present, prosecutors have said.

“The court finds that the deaths of the four victims could have been avoided if James and Jennifer Crumbley exercised ordinary care and diligence in the care of their son,” Nicholson said.

Nicholson said prosecutors showed Ethan Crumbley presented a danger to the community and “that danger was apparent to an ordinary mind.” Testimony showed that Ethan Crumbley was a “troubled young man” and his parents knew it, she said.

“But they purchased a gun which he believed was his,” Nicholson added.

The Crumbleys’ attorneys insisted the couple didn’t know their son might plan an attack and didn’t make the gun easy to find in their home, but Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald said Thursday that Ethan

Crumbley reached out to his parents for help.

And while no help was forthcoming, the coming trouble was foreseeable, she said.

“You’re allowed to be a terrible parent,” McDonald said. “if that’s all this was, we wouldn’t be here.”

On the morning of the shooting, Ethan’s parents were summoned to the school and confronted with his drawings, which included a handgun and the words: “The thoughts won’t stop. Help me.” Authorities said the parents refused to take him home after the 13-minute meeting.

Ethan’s counselor testified Thursday that he told the teen’s parents at

that meeting that he believed their son was a threat to himself and needed mental health support.

“I said as soon as possible, today if possible,” Shawn Hopkins said. But he testified, Jennifer Crumbley told him, “Today was not an option because they had to return to work.”

“I wrote Ethan a pass back to class,” Hopkins continued. “I told him, ‘I just want you to know I care about you.’ I don’t remember them saying goodbye (to Ethan).”

Prosecutors alluded to a disconnect between Ethan and his parents, including texts he made to a friend in which he talks about his “dark side.”

“In a text on April 5, 2021, Ethan

writes: ‘Now my mom thinks I take drugs. Like she thinks the reason why I’m so mad and sad all the time is because I take drugs, and she doesn’t worry about my mental health,’” assistant prosecutor Marc Keast said. “And then he writes: ‘They make me feel like I’m the problem.’”

Testimony also was given Thursday about what was written in a journal found in Ethan’s backpack following the shooting. Authorities have said the gun used in the shooting was hidden in the backpack that day.

One entry dated Nov. 29 stated, “first off, I got my gun... second, the shooting is tomorrow, I have access to the gun and ammo,” read Oakland

County sheriff’s Lt. Timothy Willis.

Another page featured the drawing of a bullet being fired into the back of what appears to be a person’s head. “Just above it, it says ‘the first victim has to be pretty girl with a future so she can suffer like me,’” Willis read.

Willis also said another entry read, “I have fully mentally lost it after years of fighting with my dark side. My parents won’t listen. I have zero help with my mental problems and its causing me to shoot up the (expletive) school.”

But Shannon Smith, Jennifer Crumbley’s lawyer, pointed out that the journal also contained the entry: “I’m sorry for this mom and dad. I’m not trying to hurt you by doing this. I have to do this,” and “I will have to find where my dad hid my 9 mm before I can shoot the school.”

“The element that the prosecution in this case can never prove is that Jennifer Crumbley or James Crumbley knew that their son was going to commit a school shooting,” Smith said in her closing statement.

The Crumbleys remain jailed on \$500,000 bond. The case against them is highly unusual because parents are rarely held criminally responsible for teens accused in mass school shootings.

Last month, Ethan Crumbley’s attorneys filed a notice of an insanity defense.

He is lodged alone in a cell in the Oakland County Jail’s clinic to keep him from seeing and hearing adult inmates. Defense attorneys want him moved to a juvenile facility, but prosecutors say he would pose a potential risk of harm to the safety of other juveniles.

An Oakland County Circuit Court judge said during a hearing for Ethan Crumbley on Tuesday that he expected to have a ruling by early next week on whether the teen will remain in the adult jail or be transferred to the county’s Children’s Village.



The main entrance view of Oxford High School in Oxford, Michigan, photographed Dec. 30, 2007. The school was the site of a tragic shooting where four students died on Nov. 30, 2021. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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SOME SCHOOL SYSTEMS PAUSE DIVERSITY PROGRAMS AMID PUSHBACK

(AP) — Conservative takeovers of local school boards have already altered lessons on race and social injustice in many classrooms. Now some districts are finding their broader efforts on diversity, equity and inclusion are also being challenged.

As her Colorado school district's equity director, Alexis Knox-Miller thought the work she and a volunteer team were doing was on solid ground, especially with an audit in hand that detailed where the district was falling short in making sure all students had the same opportunities.

But in December, Knox-Miller reluctantly disbanded the equity leadership team after more than a year of meetings. New conservative members had won a majority on the school board after voicing doubts about the work, and she worried the efforts might not lead anywhere.

The new board says it will take up the issue in the spring.

"Around the time that the equity audit was being released, I realized that the tide had changed around diversity, equity and inclusion efforts," Knox-Miller said. "People were conflating the definition of equity with critical race theory, and the absurd accusations that we were teaching critical race theory in classrooms to kindergartners began."

Since issues of diversity, equity and inclusion can thread their way through every part of a school system — including recruitment, services and equipment — the debate carries implications for hiring and spending.

In some districts, proposals aimed at making schools more

welcoming places for students from diverse backgrounds have been reversed as a result of turnover on school boards, while work elsewhere faces a chill from acrimonious debate around topics that have been mislabeled as critical race theory.

School administrators say critical race theory, a scholarly theory that centers on the idea that racism is systemic in the nation's institutions, is not taught in K-12 schools. But that has done little to sway opponents who assert that school systems are mispending money, perpetuating divisions and shaming white children by pursuing initiatives they view as critical race theory in disguise.

In a fraught political climate that already had escalated fights about pandemic mask and vaccine requirements, divisions are taking a toll, said Dan Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association.

"Even in districts that aren't threatened as much, they're thinking twice about what they say and what they do and how they go about doing it because it is having a chilling effect on the whole equity, diversity and inclusion movement," Domenech said.

Colorado Springs School District 11, a large and diverse system of 26,000 students where Knox-Miller works, was the first in its area to adopt a formal equity policy, unanimously approving it May 27, 2020, two days after the killing of George Floyd in Minnesota sparked national reflection on race and social justice issues in and out of schools.

The policy acknowledged gaps in achievement and opportunities among marginalized student groups and recognized "the impact of systemic inequities on teaching and learning."

Part of Knox-Miller's work involved commissioning an audit by the American Institutes for Research. It found that schools with high concentrations of special education students, English language learners, students living in poverty and students of color were scoring measurably below other schools.

Critics questioned the findings and the way they were presented, at a series of public meetings called "equity cafes" that some said limited full discussions. Conservative candidates set their sights on the school board, with three winning seats in the November election.

Knox-Miller saw no choice but to stand down.

Board President Parth Melpakam said by email that the new board had yet to discuss the issue but plans to at a work session in the spring.

"The D11 BOE remains committed to assuring educational equity by providing the support and resources every child needs to develop their full academic potential," he said.

In Pennridge, Pennsylvania, the school district's diversity, equity and inclusion initiative was put on hold last year after it became a flashpoint in debates that touched also on COVID-19 safety protocols, including mask mandates.

Democrat Adrienne King, who helped design the plan, ran for a seat on the school board and lost

in November. Five Republicans won after running against the initiative, which they had called divisive. The program's future remains unclear while a new committee considers it.

The district's diversity, equity and inclusion guidebook, no longer visible on the district's website, proposed ways to recruit diverse job candidates and improve training for teachers, and encouraged lessons that invite students to reflect on their own culture and history.

The initiative could have helped prevent unnecessarily painful experiences, King said, like when a white second grader, without meaning to hurt anyone's feelings, called King's daughter, who is Black, a slave after learning about Frederick Douglass.

"In a second grade mind, it was just, 'Oh, I learned this new fact. You're Black, Frederick Douglass was Black. You must be a slave,'" she said.

Neither the board's president nor school administrators responded to requests for comment.

The Arlington, Virginia-based group Parents Defending Education is critical of diversity, equity and inclusion programming, citing on its website a goal of "fighting indoctrination in the classroom." It tracks examples of what it views as inappropriate activities, such as an educator training session in Missouri that included discussion of microaggressions and implicit bias.

"What they have become are Trojan horses for all of these divisive programs that push really illiberal ideas like segregated

groups based on race, privilege walks, privilege bingo," said Asra Nomani, the organization's vice president for strategy and investigations.

In Southlake, Texas, the newly elected conservative majority on the Carroll Independent School District's board killed a proposed cultural competency action plan in December and disbanded the suburban Dallas district's diversity council as part of a legal settlement.

The plan had been in the works since a 2018 video showed students in the mostly white district chanting a racial slur at a party after the school's homecoming celebration. A second video of students using the slur emerged in 2019.

"We don't have a racism problem in Southlake. If children behave improperly, then they should be disciplined," Tim O'Hare, founder of a political action committee formed to fund conservative candidates and defeat the plan, told The Texan.

Still, many other initiatives continue as planned.

An equity program that schools in Clayton County, Georgia, undertook more than a year ago was designed to keep politics and emotions out of it, Superintendent Morcease Beasley said. A task force has undertaken a "deep dive" into the district's programming that will use data to drive policy changes.

"Equity is not about emotions. Equity is about what the data tells us and ensuring that we allow the data to inform our decisions," he said. "That's what equity is about. Where are the needs? Who needs the resources? What do they need?"



Alexis Knox-Miller, equity director for the Colorado Springs, Colo., school system, poses on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 in the boardroom in the district's main office.

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AFTER \$73M WIN, SANDY HOOK FAMILIES ZERO IN ON GUN MARKETING

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — After agreeing to a \$73 million lawsuit settlement with gun-maker Remington, the families of nine Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims say they are shifting their focus to ending firearms advertising with macho, military themes that exploit young men's insecurities, all in the hopes of preventing more mass shootings.

The families say Remington used those kinds of ads to promote its AR-15-style rifles like the one used to kill 20 young children and six educators inside the Newtown, Connecticut, school on Dec. 14, 2012.

Remington's marketing strategies are expected to be unveiled when the families' lawyers publicly release thousands of internal company documents obtained during the lawsuit. Lawyers for Remington and its insurers agreed to the disclosure as part of the settlement announced Tuesday.

"This is a case about creating change," Nicole Hockley, whose 6-year-old son, Dylan, was killed in the shooting, said in an interview after the settlement was announced. "Right now, I'm only waiting really to have access to the documents and to figure out how to use that to help drive safety and better

practices for the sales and marketing."

Hockley, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, has been working with other victims' relatives to stem gun violence through the Sandy Hook Promise organization.

The records could provide one of the most detailed looks yet at the push by firearms manufacturers to popularize AR-15s and similar rifles, gun industry watchers say, especially after a 10-year federal ban on such weapons expired in 2004.

Hockley and outside observers have compared the case to those that led tobacco companies to disclose damaging internal documents and later agree to billions of dollars in settlements over sickened smokers.

It's not clear when the families' lawyers will release the documents. A lawyer for the families, Joshua Koskoff, said the records are being organized for public consumption, a process expected to take weeks.

The documents include emails between employees, internal company presentations and business projections, Koskoff said. He declined to discuss the contents of the records.

"The information that may come out ... there may be features of the way that the gun industry does business that are

not either widely known or not widely appreciated," said Timothy D. Lytton, a law professor at Georgia State University. "This is going to shine a spotlight on the industry's role in the issue of the problem of gun violence."

Lawyers for Remington and its insurers did not return messages seeking comment. Remington, founded in 1816 and based in Madison, North Carolina, went bankrupt a second time in 2020, and its assets were later sold at auction to several other companies. Two new companies were created, Remington Firearms and Remington Ammunition.

A message seeking comment was left for Remington Firearms, which announced in November that it will establish headquarters in LaGrange, Georgia. A spokesperson for Remington Ammunition owner Vista Outdoor, based in Anoka, Minnesota, said the settlement involved the former Remington Outdoor Co., not Vista Outdoor or Remington Ammunition.

At the news conference announcing the settlement, Koskoff showed Remington ads that he said appealed to troubled youths like Adam Lanza, the 20-year-old man who carried out the Sandy Hook shooting. Lanza used

a Remington-made Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle that was legally owned by his mother. He killed his mother in their Newtown home before going to the school.

The ads contained messages including "Consider Your Man Card Reissued" and "Clear the Room, Cover the Rooftop, Rescue the Hostage."

Koskoff said Remington targeted younger, at-risk males in advertising and product placement in violent video games. The lawsuit said the company's advertising played a role in the school shooting, but did not elaborate.

Lanza had severe and deteriorating mental health problems, which combined with his preoccupation with violence and access to his mother's weapons "proved a recipe for mass murder," a report by Connecticut's child advocate said.

From the 10th grade, Lanza's mother kept him at home, where he was surrounded by an arsenal of firearms and spent long hours playing violent video games, the report said. His medical and school records included references to diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder, anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, although psychiatrists say those conditions are not indicative of future violence.

Robert Spitzer, a political science professor at the State University of New York at Cortland and the author of five books on gun policy, said the case will lead gun manufacturers to consider their marketing carefully. Spitzer, a member of both the National Rifle Association and the Brady gun control advocacy group, said his chief goal is to study all sides of the gun debate.

Spitzer said the Remington case presents a clear warning "to other gun companies that manufacture assault-type weapons to avoid pumping up or emphasizing the military history, the sort of Rambo-like qualities of the weapon. They would be insane to continue to market these weapons by emphasizing those values because they would obviously open themselves up to similar lawsuits."

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a gun industry group that happens to be based in Newtown, said the Sandy Hook families never produced evidence that Remington's advertising had any effect on Lanza. The foundation estimates there have been more than 20 million AR-15-style rifles sold in the U.S. and asserts that few are used in crimes.

According to the latest FBI crimes statistics, of the 13,600 firearms used in homicides in 2020, about 450 were rifles; more than 8,000 handguns were used.

AR-15-style rifles, however, have been used in many notable mass shootings, including Sandy Hook, the 2017 Las Vegas massacre that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds, and the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that killed 14 students and three staff members.

Remington's marketing of its AR-15-style rifles before the Sandy Hook shooting contributed to surging sales of the weapon nationwide, Koskoff said. In the mid- to late 2000s, he said, only about 100,000 AR-15s were sold annually in the U.S. But by 2012, the number had skyrocketed to more than 2 million, he said.

He and the Sandy Hook families blamed a private equity firm, Cerberus Capital Management, which bought Remington in 2007, for being more concerned about profits than safety in seeking increased rifle sales. A message seeking comment was left for the firm.

Cerberus, as Remington's owner, was responsible for shifting a lot of the company's focus from traditional hunting rifles to AR-15-style rifles and for the resulting marketing campaigns, Koskoff said.

"They were using tactics of fear and toxic masculinity and appearing more powerful, and their documents talk about their target audience as military wannabes," Hockley said. "It's not saying that this [the settlement] is going to stop firearm manufacturers in any way. This is about being responsible in your marketing."



While families of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting look on, attorney Josh Koskoff speaks during a news conference in Trumbull, Conn., Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022. PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

Income-tax phaseout up for debate in long-poor Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi is accustomed to being first in worsts: It's one of the poorest, unhealthiest states in the nation, with public schools that are chronically underfunded. Some Republican leaders say a good way to boost the state's fortunes would be to phase out its income tax.

"There is no downside to putting money back into the pockets of Mississippians," said Republican House Speaker Philip Gunn, one of the main sponsors of a tax cut bill advancing in the Legislature.

Opponents say erasing the income tax is a terrible idea because it would mean even less money for schools, health care, roads and other services, especially hurting poor and working-class residents. The Mississippi income tax accounts for 34% of state revenue. Wealthy people would see the biggest financial boost from eliminating the income tax, because they're the ones paying the most now.

Democratic state Sen. Hob Bryan said people don't choose where to live because of tax policy but because of family ties and quality of life. He said people live in high-tax New York, for example, because the city offers opportunities.

"The notion that if the people in Manhattan only found out that Mississippi did not have an income tax, they'd all ... get on a bus to Mississippi and move down here — it's just laughable on its face," Bryan said.

Mississippi's population has dwindled in the past decade, even as other Sun Belt states are bustling with new residents. Tax-cut proposals are a direct effort to compete with states that don't tax earnings, including Texas, Florida and Tennessee — places to which many

young Mississippians are moving for fatter paychecks.

Married couple Les and Amanda Jordan live near the south Mississippi town of Summit. He's a retired public school administrator and she's a retired nurse practitioner. Both worked for the state. Amanda Jordan said tax rates could influence young people's decisions about where to live. The couple has a grandson in Texas, one of the states without an income tax.

Les Jordan said he's torn.

"On first hearing about it — oh, great, we'd have more money," he said. "On the other hand, we're such a poor state. How would it affect those who are less fortunate?"

A single person with no dependents in Mississippi currently pays no tax on the first \$12,300 of income, and because of tax cuts approved years ago the tax-free amount will increase to \$13,300 after this year. The state has a 4% tax on the next \$5,000 of income and a 5% tax on all income above that.

Nine states don't have an income tax and one more, New Hampshire, only taxes interest and dividends, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Opponents of repealing the Mississippi income tax point to Republican-led Kansas, which enacted big tax cuts in 2012 and 2013 but repealed many of them in 2017 after large and persistent budget shortfalls.

Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves is wholeheartedly behind the income-tax elimination.

"We can throw out the welcome mat for the dreamers and the visionaries," Reeves said. "We can have more money circulating in our economy. And it can lead to more wealth for all Mississippians."

Republicans control the Mississippi House and Senate by wide margins, but the income tax elimination is not guaranteed. A proposal died in 2021 because of Senate leaders' concerns that it would undermine funding for schools and other services.

"People expect us to educate our children. That's the future of Mississippi," said Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, who presides over the Senate, where he and other leaders are proposing a separate plan that would reduce the income tax but not eliminate it.

The House and Senate are both proposing a reduction in Mississippi's 7% sales tax on groceries. The House would increase the sales tax on most items other than groceries, from 7% to 8.5%, while the Senate would not change the rate.

Increasing the sales tax would have a disproportionately larger impact on people with modest incomes. The poorest residents would see no gain from eliminating the income tax because they are not paying it now.

According to the Mississippi Department of Revenue, people with incomes of at least \$100,000 a year make up 14% of those who pay state income tax, and their payments bring in 56% of the income tax revenue. The department says people with incomes below \$30,000 make up 49% of those who pay Mississippi income tax, and their payments bring in 5% of the income tax revenue.

Mississippi is burdened by a history of racism that still shows up in disparities between thriving and struggling school districts. Legislators consistently shortchange the state's school funding formula by hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

LaShauna Fortenberry, a former public school teacher, said eliminating the state income tax and increasing the sales tax are bad ideas.

Fortenberry, who is Black, said schools already have aging buildings and textbooks. She said a brother who is 18 years younger than her is using one of the very same textbooks she had. How does

she know? Her signature appears inside it.

Fortenberry now works for an agency that provides in-home care for older people in Columbia, Mississippi. She said when she taught from 2005 to 2013, she routinely used her own money to buy classroom supplies "trying to make sure that the kids had everything that they needed to be able to learn." She said teachers still do that.

"We need more money, if anything, in the schools," Fortenberry said.

Grover Norquist is president of Americans For Tax Reform, a Washington-based group that labels many taxes as "socialist." He said states that reduce tax rates are enjoying economic growth.

"Pretty soon, nobody is going to be more than a hop, skip and a jump away from a no-income-tax state," Norquist told Mississippi lawmakers at a hearing. "The question for Mississippi and for all the other states is: Are you going to be an early adapter or are you going to be there afterward, catching up?"



House Speaker Philip Gunn, R-Clinton speaks to reporters following adjournment on the first day of the legislative session at the Capitol in Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4, 2022. PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

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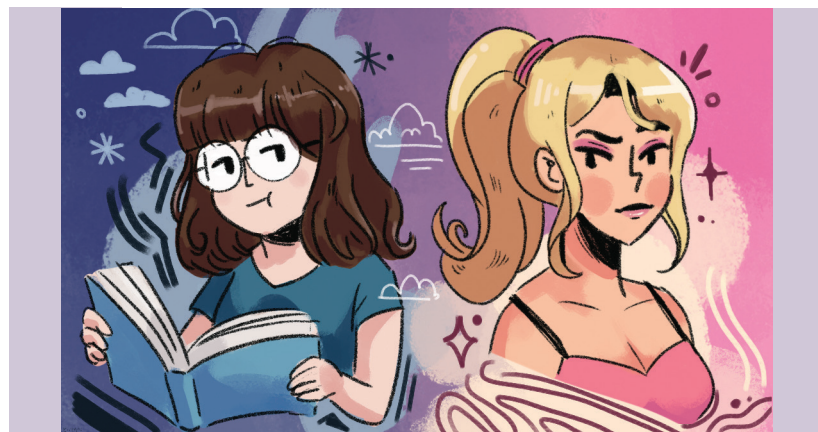
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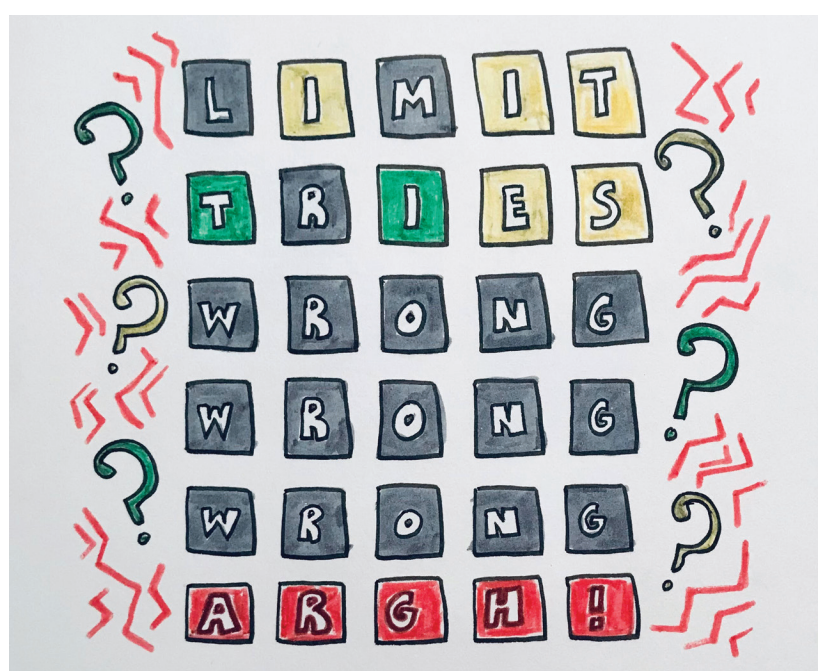
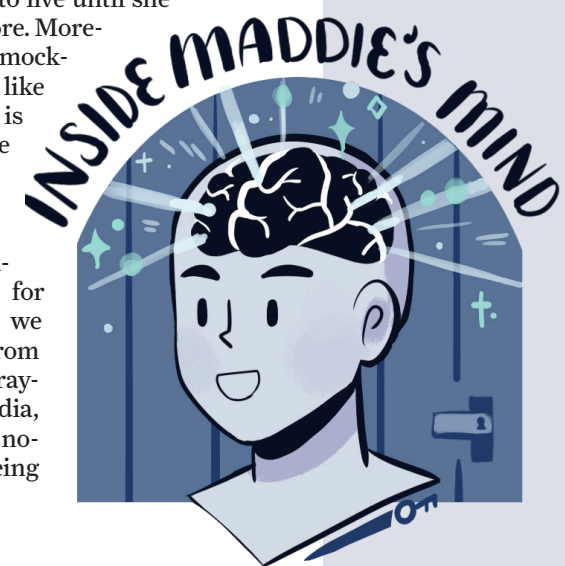
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The "manic pixie dream girl" is a media trope describing a girl who is "not like other girls." Nathan Rabin, a critic, coined the term in 2005 in his review of "Elizabeth-town" to describe Kirsten Dunst's character. Thus, a manic pixie dream girl in Rabin's definition is a female character that is different or otherwise quirky, whose essential function throughout the plot of the story is to teach the main male character some fundamental lesson, usually about how to love or live life to the fullest. Other examples include Natalie Portman's Sam in "Garden State" and Zoey Deschanel's Allison in "Yes Man". Oppositely, Zoey Deschanel's character Summer in "500 Days of Summer" is a manic pixie dream girl in the eyes of Joseph Gor-

don-Levitt's character Tom, but only from his point of view. The movie as a whole is a criticism of the trope. And thus as the BDCwire explains, while not every poorly-written female character is a manic pixie dream girl, every manic pixie dream girl is a poorly-written female character. These are negative, stereotypical depictions of women; overall, it is a bad representation of women in the media for many reasons. Most importantly, the manic pixie dream girl trope teaches us that men will always be the primary protagonist of every story, thus only ever leaving supporting roles for women to fill. As writer Laurie Penny explains in an article in the NewStatesman, "Men grow up expecting to be the hero of their own story. Women grow up expecting to be the supporting actress in somebody else's." This claim is not

unfounded, as the media is how we as humans in the modern age learn to make sense of the world. Thus, this is not just fiction. These archetypes have real world implications regarding the very real realities of relationships and human interaction. In fact, manic pixie dream girl can be considered a verb — in that one can be manic pixie dream girl-ed. You can see this in your own relationships and friendships. How many of your female friends have had relationships with men, romantic or platonic, in which they really only function to help that man "grow up." And once he does grow up (with her help, of course) the story is over; no one cares about her resolution. The entire phenomenon is wonderfully explained in Olivia Gatwood's aptly named spoken word poem, "Manic Pixie Dream Girl." In it, she states, "and when you are a whole person / for the first time, the movie is over / Manic Pixie Dream Girl doesn't go on, / there's no need for her anymore." And that is the tragic reality of how this trope translates to real life scenarios; women are objects of character development for their male counterparts and do not expect nor receive their own story. In essence, the manic pixie dream girl trope and its poor representation of women in the media is a product of misogyny, and effectively sums up the idea of being "not like other girls." There is this

overwhelming tendency or desire to be different or quirky in such a way that sets you apart from the pack. But what's wrong with other girls and being like them? This fear of unified femininity is misogynistic, and can even be a sign of internalized misogyny if coming from a female perspective. Dissociating oneself from traditional womanhood (whether it be by hating all things pink or otherwise not being a girly girl) perpetuates the idea that it is bad to be a woman. Moreover, this all comes from a very heteronormative perspective, but that is the unfortunate reality of the world we live in. Assuming straight is the default sexuality is all too common, and the manic pixie dream girl trope furthers this idea as well. The trope does not allow for changes to the traditional gender-script, as the woman must teach the man how to live until she is not needed anymore. Moreover, other than the mocking joke of "he's not like other boys," there is virtually no male equivalent; the manic pixie dream girl is yet another way to maintain patriarchal standards for our society. Thus, we must move away from stereotypical portrayals of women in media, and away from the notion of femininity being inherently bad.



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I know, I know, I play it too. Wordle has taken the world by storm. With each day seeing over 2 million users and new ownership under the New York Times, the Brooklyn-based word puzzle game has become an international sensation.

For those that don't know, Wordle is a game in which users must solve a five-letter word puzzle. If the solution were "HUSKY," and a player guessed "JUMPS," the U would appear green, indicating that it is both included in the solution and in the correct position. The S would appear yellow, indicating that it is a part of the final word but not in the correct position, and the J,

Make Wordle fun again

M and P would appear gray, indicating that they are not a part of the final word. Players have six guesses per day, and the word resets at midnight EST. The game was created by Josh Wardle, who designed the game for his girlfriend, a fellow coder, as a quick morning brain teaser. In January, Wardle sold Wordle to the New York Times for a number "in the low seven figures." Since its inception, Wordle has seen massive success, going from fewer than 100 daily users in November to millions today. To many, Wordle is nothing more than a fun puzzle to start the day off with; to others, it's a foundation for competition and a source of catharsis. Those who solve it in two or three attempts are filled with a sense of pride, and those who fail to solve the puzzle are viewed as intellectually inferior by those who did. Wordle has transcended into a construct of judgment, one which has transformed from an innocent puzzle to a metric for cognitive ability and social standing.

A recent video on YouTube by 3Blue1Brown explained a computer program he created which sought to "solve" Wordle, presenting the most efficient first guess (for those wondering, it was "SALET"). Although an interesting glimpse into the world of information theory, the notion of "SALET" has severe implications on the very essence of the game itself, and it is through this that an underlying conflict begins to expose itself: winning versus learning. A phenomenon I would classify as similar to cheating in chess, the idea that one must optimize their Wordle guesses, and the very pressure that exists to do so, defeats the intended purpose of the game: to be fun, stress-free and nothing more. Rather than encouraging problem solving, Wordlians prefer an efficiency-based approach, one which minimizes their number of guesses in order to avoid public scrutiny. "Six guesses is embarrassing," spoken in one's best Regina George impression, has been

a phrase everyone has heard either verbally or from their own internal narrative, and this simply shouldn't be. Wordle has become toxic; users compete against each other in the name of winning rather than learning, rivaling rather than entertaining in what was once a game turned viral sensation. So how do we combat this? It has become increasingly clear that users' intentions are directed at efficiency rather than problem solving, as is the case with most popularized games these days. However, there is still hope. For every chess grandmaster there is the casual player, much like how for every scholar there is the occasional reader in the same field. If efficiency is what you value when playing Wordle, wonderful, but this does not provide a rationale for the judgment of others who simply enjoy the game casually. To put it simply: make Wordle fun again, for the more laid back players, and for the fellow try-hards out there (I'm talking to you, Owen, you bloke).



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TRACK STAR SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON VISITS UCONN: MENTAL HEALTH & BEING A BLACK FEMALE ATHLETE

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On Feb. 23, Texas-raised track star Sha'Carri Richardson visited UConn as part of the "Justice Now!" series hosted by the Undergraduate Student Government for Black History Month. Richardson, interviewed by USG president Mason Holland, spoke on her experiences as a Black female athlete in 21st century America.

"Track is my job, and it's my love, my passion..." said Richardson.

Richardson had a love for track from an early age. As a child, she looked at her mother's medals and became inspired to pursue track-and-field herself. She started training at six years old and proved to be a natural-born sprinter. After first attempting the 200-meter dash, she knew track was the sport for her.

In 2019, she broke two junior world records as a freshman at Louisiana State University and only continued to make waves in the track world from there. At the 2019 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, she won first place in both of her events, the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. At the Miramar Invitational in Florida, she ran the 100-meter dash in an outstanding 10.72 seconds and officially became the sixth-fastest woman in the world. In 2020, she qualified for the recent Tokyo Summer Olympics.

As she spoke, Richardson emphasized her love and support for Black women and all women everywhere.

"Black women are the backbone of this country," said Richardson. "We are doing so much and given so little credit."

It was clear that Richardson takes tremendous pride in being a Black female athlete, which makes her a great role model. She wants to see Black women succeeding and thriving, and hopes to empower all Black women to achieve their dreams as she had done.

When asked about Black History Month and how to make a difference, she said, "Educate yourself, listen, let people know the truth whether it makes them uncomfortable. We have to have those uncomfortable conversations."

Richardson shines in the spotlight at any track competition not only because of her speed, but also for her style. With bright, colorful hair and long nails painted to perfection, all eyes are always on her. (She notes that she doesn't wear a full face of makeup like some claim, only lashes.) Richardson loves to stand out, but because experimenting with different running uniforms is so limited, she has to play around with what she can — which is her hair and nails.

"If I don't win this race, Imma still be the cutest one there," said Richardson, jokingly.

Richardson made the point that track is a truly enjoyable sport to watch, and there is so much more to it than the Olympics. She mentioned that she is looking forward to the world championships, an event that is taking place in the U.S. for the first time in history. Her utter passion for the sport is yet another thing that makes her so inspiring to fans, and what draws in more people to watch track for entertainment. When asked if she would rather have a gold medal or to break a world record, the answer was plain and simple — she would much rather break a world record. A lot of people out there can say they have won a gold medal, but very few can say that they've broken a world record.

Richardson's mother heartbreakingly passed away just one week before her qualifying race for the 2020 Olympics. On June 28, 2021, she was put on a month-long suspension by the United States Anti-Doping agency due to a positive THC urine test she had submitted. Richardson stated that marijuana was used to deal with the painful loss of her mother along with the stress of the impending Olympics. There have been many debates over the use of marijuana in sports, and whether athletes should be penalized for using it. When asked about the issue, Richardson said she is determined to express the truth no matter what.

"The only thing I want to put out is the truth," she said.

Beyond the controversy, Richardson continues to thrive as an athlete and as a person. She admits that she likes to keep things private, and she notes that it is difficult to be launched into the spotlight where every move is monitored by the public eye.

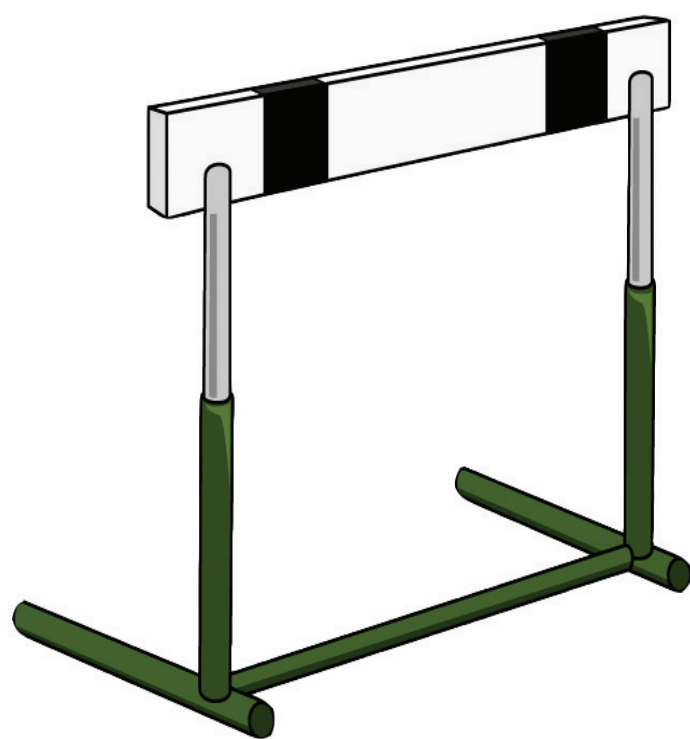
While Richardson loves proving herself on the track, she also finds her off-the-track rituals very important. She talked about her focus on mental health and spirituality, and how she dedicates time and energy completely to herself. She encouraged listeners to do the same. This self-work is an essential part of an athlete's career. Beyond the excruciating physical labor, the mental labor of practicing and competing is often overlooked. As a young athlete of color, it is important that Richardson is aware of the importance of mental health to ensure her success in the future.

What made this session so special was watching Richardson carry herself with such grace and hearing how she deals with the issues that have come up during her career, and how she perseveres as the strong woman she is. Getting to see her personality shine through her well-formed responses made Richardson appear as a person, not just an athlete, and therefore all the more impressive.

"Real recognize real," she said.

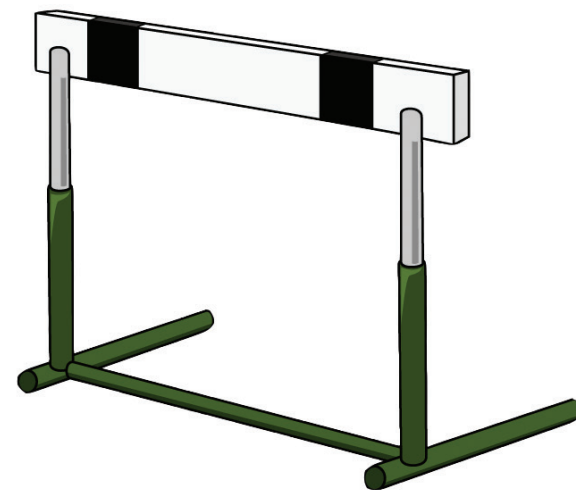
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2022 UConn x Be Fearless Summit kicks off with Miss Connecticut USA Amanda Torchia

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The University of Connecticut's Werth Institute, in conjunction with the Be Fearless Summit, hosted Miss Connecticut USA Amanda Torchia this past Thursday to kick off the 2022 UConn x BFS Summit. The Be Fearless Summit, founded by Alexa Curtis, is a program focused on college-aged students who

are seeking to get out of their comfort zone and land their dream job. Connecticut native and host of the podcast "That's Rly How It Is" Erin Mairson was able to ask Torchia about her experiences, how she has persevered through struggles and what advice she has for younger girls.

While Torchia is from Connecticut, her mother and father are both immigrants, the former from Afghanistan and the lat-

ter from Italy. Growing up she described this aspect of her life as one that brought her insecurity and frustration. She wanted to fit in the mold, despite being raised with a different culture and norm than most of her peers.

"It wasn't until even a few years ago, very recently, where I started to feel comfortable in my own skin and I started to really open up and embrace the parts of me that I didn't embrace when I was younger," she said. "Becoming Miss Connecticut USA, that's when I really started to embrace that part of me and that was actually the year that I won, when I fully decided to be proud of who I was."

It was during these transformative years that Torchia truly embraced the concept of being fearless.

"I think being fearless is exactly what it is, fear less," said Torchia. "You don't have to necessarily have all the answers in the world and have everything figured out and go forth with every single opportunity, but you have to have this ability to fear less, to have this ability to be proud of who you are, to know what you bring to the table and if an opportunity comes your way and you feel in your heart that's what you're meant to do, then go for it."

Torchia grew up in an environment where pageantry was not widely talked about or recognized. Her version of success through the pageantry world was far different than what the individuals living in her town deemed as success. Torchia described herself as essentially being the one to introduce pageantry to her friend circle, and possibly her overall community. She used people's doubts and judgements as fuel for her purpose and passion.

"At the end of the day if I am happy and I am doing what I love, and if the people around me know my true purpose and know who I am at my heart, then that's all that matters," she said.

While Torchia lives with confidence now, it wasn't always that way during her younger years. There were moments where she would eat lunch in the classroom to avoid hearing her peer's comments about ethnic food and what they deemed to be an appropriate lunch. If Torchia could go back and tell her younger self one thing, it would be to stick with it, and push those who are trying to define you to the side.

Moments of judgment are experienced within the modeling world as well. Mairson touched upon if Torchia ever feels that judges and individuals within the pageantry

industry view contestants as just a pretty face, and how girls can showcase how much more they bring to the table than simply looks.

"You have to believe that you yourself are worthy and that you have so much more to offer than the outside appearance," she said. "You have to feel that you have more to offer, and when you feel that way you will lead by example."

Currently Torchia works closely with young children in education, specifically preschoolers and kindergartners. She began Educate to Create, a program that works with students to break barriers and use the power of education to achieve their goals. To aid poverty-stricken communities, Torchia provides and fundraises for learning materials and supplies.

The main UConn x Be Fearless Summit event will be hosted on Saturday, February 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Werth Tower Idea Lab. Speakers will include Chrissy Tracey, Illana Raia, Batouly Camara and more. If you would like to attend, please make sure to register online via Eventbrite.



Amanda Torchia, Miss Connecticut USA. STILL FROM VIDEO CONFERENCE PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

The Motherland: Korea in the COVID-19 age

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South Korea has a distinct smell. Scents are difficult to explain as they are — let alone foreign ones — so I won't bother with describing its exact notes. But if familiarity was an aroma, it was probably what greeted me outside of Incheon Airport two weeks ago.

Aside from its signature fragrance, there's not much else about Korea that's the same as it was when I was last here. Of course, a lot can change in eight years, and considering the vast impact COVID-19 has brought globally within the last two, I'd say it's a relief I can smell anything at all.

Thanks to COVID-19, my abroad experience has been sprinkled with a handful of obstacles. Having to pay \$250 for a PCR test at Atlanta Airport after having my carry-on gate checked — which contained several important documents such as the negative PCR results I received for free at my hometown clinic — was, at the very least, infuriating, and made me consider whether or not it was a bad omen.

As it turns out, PCR tests have become somewhat ritual. Not only does Korea require all inbound travelers to quarantine for seven days (either at a government facility or a relative's home), but they're also required to get tested within 24 hours of their arrival as well as a day before their quarantine period ends. In my case, I had to get tested three times: once after I arrived, once to confirm my freedom and once more after the second results tragically came back incon-

clusive.

PCR tests were really the only times I was able to go out. Otherwise, I was staying at my aunt and uncle's apartment in Yongin, engaging in a newly developed quarantine routine.

Waking up took place anywhere from 5 to 6 a.m. — a side effect of adjusting to the 14 hour time difference — followed by breakfast around 7:30 P.M., a short intermission for drinking tea and consuming the immense amount of snacks my uncle bought out of excitement for my stay, lunch around noon and dinner around 6 p.m. In between those times, I was usually in my room, talking to family and friends back home and at UConn.

Homesickness hasn't been an issue so far. If anything, growing up surrounded by Korean culture makes Korea a second home. But I still have a lot to learn — the language, for instance — which I'm looking forward to getting the hang of once I get to campus.

It's been three days since quarantine ended and as of now, I have three days left in Yongin before moving into Yonsei's dorms. Staying with my aunt and uncle has exposed me to a lot that I didn't know about the Korean lifestyle — like the fact that they separate their trash based on material (plastic, vinyl, paper, etc.), an aspect which I find far more advanced compared to America's usual way of handling waste.

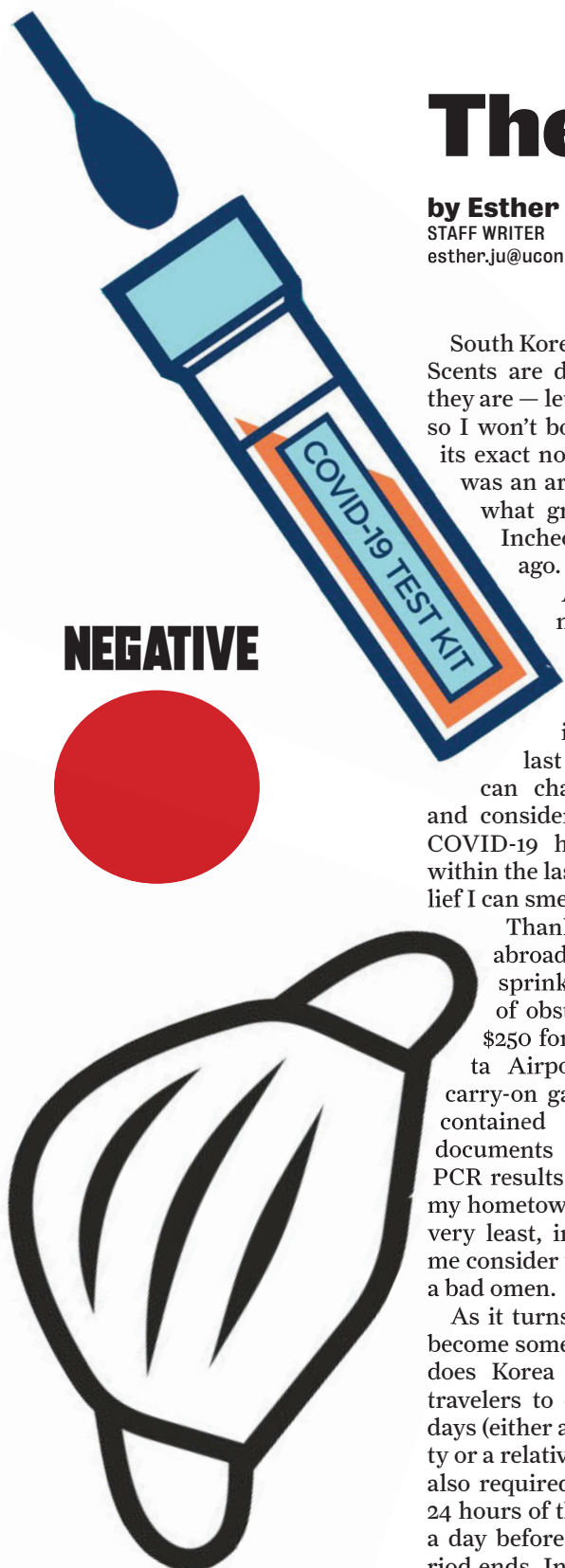
They were also kind enough to accompany me to nearby restaurants and introduce me to a number of Korean dishes that I hadn't tried before. Going out to eat chueo-tang (loach soup) was a nice way to combat the cold weather and get a first-hand taste of traditional Korean cuisine. The Korea Herald explains its ingredients better than me, but I can say that as most soups go, it definitely has a very healthy taste.

Authentic jajangmyeon (black

bean noodles) was one of the foods at the top of my abroad bucket list, which I got to check off once my uncle took us to a local Chinese restaurant. Although jajangmyeon originated from China, over the years it became a staple within Korean culture and is basically considered a Korean dish. I also say "authentic" because out of all the times I've had jajangmyeon in the U.S., none compare to the one I had this past week. I easily see myself having it a lot more while I'm here.

Despite my excitement to finally see Yonsei in person, I have a feeling I'll miss my aunt and uncle, both of whom I've gotten to know and gotten comfortable with being. COVID-19 procedures have prevented me from doing a lot of things on my own, which leaves the next two weeks to be eerily unpredictable with a chance of loneliness depending on

how fast I'll be able to mingle with other students. By then, I'll probably be writing from either my dorm room or in the middle of cafe hopping. I guess we'll find out soon.



Let's Get Lit-erary: Bookish pet peeves

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While I'm usually raving about books, there's always a time to rant. So many things about books can get on readers' nerves, whether they are tangible or issues with writing.

Here are some grievances many readers share:

Stickers on covers

This pet peeve goes two ways. It's frustrating when actual stickers, namely price tags, leave a sticky residue on your book. But lately, publishers have been slapping on fake stickers to advertise adaptations or celebrity book club endorsements. Not only is this trickery, but they're also placed in spots blocking gorgeous cover designs. I've been searching for a copy of "Shadow and Bone" without the Netflix advert to no avail, with the original cover being out-of-print.

I'm not like other girls

Admittedly, this notion is what drives the plot of many novels. And that's okay. In fact, it's why a lot of people relate to protagonists; while special in their own way, they feel like outcasts. But what readers take issue with is the overemphasis of this point. Sure it's annoying, but it can also discredit or overlook other characters — the protagonist is assuredly not better than everyone else.

Author's name larger than the title

This is popular with authors like Stephen King and Elin Hilderbrand, who have a cult following of readers. Whether or not this is up to them, there's something about this that screams superiority-complex. Yes, writing a book is a massive accomplishment. But, a book should be more about the story than anything else, and emphasizing the title, as opposed to the author, promotes that message.



Synopsis full of spoilers

This one is tough because a good synopsis is what lures you into reading a book. Yet it can be incredibly frustrating when you're halfway through a novel and the latest revelation is something you knew well before diving in. Even if the book is entertaining, trudging through the first chunk can feel like a waste of time when you know what's about to go down.

Too many alternating POVs

My rule is no more than two first-person point of views. Any more than that and things get confusing real quick. POV changes always seem to occur when you've just begun to get into a character's story. Plus, it can be pretty easy to fly by pages without even realizing the POV has switched. Sometimes you even have to restart chapters to get in the right mindset. If a fictional setting is full of complex and important characters, use third-person! First-person is supposed to offer a more intimate perspective, but it simply will not deliver if there are too many players involved.

Real people on covers

Let's be real: Everyone judges books by their covers. And if I see a model on one, I'm immediately dissuaded from picking it up. It's embarrassing to carry around and bothersome when the person doesn't fit the character you've envisioned. Worse yet is when the model doesn't even match the author's description of the character. Luckily this trend has dissipated over time, but movie tie-in covers persist.

Deckled/Sprayed edges

A lot of people will seek out deckled or sprayed edges, but I'm not the biggest fan. While I understand the aesthetic appeal of deckled edges, they can be impractical when paging through a text. Publishers will often release sprayed or decorative edges for exclusive anniversary editions. While some can be stunning, most end up looking tacky. I find that sprayed edges look the classiest when done in gold or silver.

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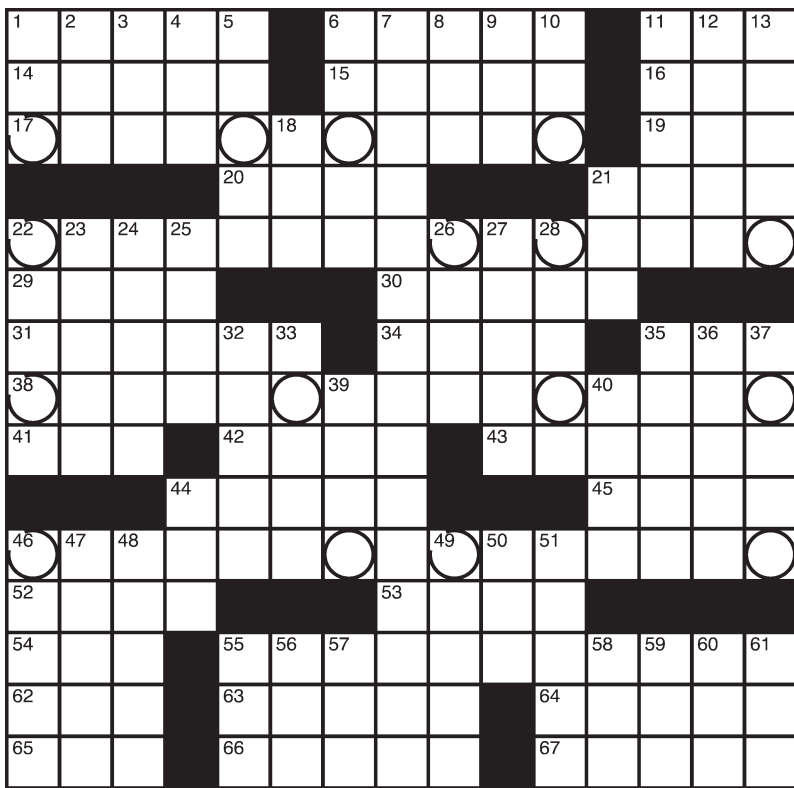
Photo of the Day | Polar promise



Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity table on Fairfield Way outside the UConn Student Union to raise money for HuskyTHON on Thursday, February 24, 2022. The fraternity pledged to have one member participate in a "polar plunge" for every \$20 raised. PHOTO BY RYAN MURACE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

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- 1 Surpasses 21, in blackjack
 - 6 Top-level performance
 - 11 NBA legend, familiarly
 - 14 Company that's proud of its quacks?
 - 15 Chopper topper
 - 16 Like the top half of Monaco's flag
 - 17 Craven endeavor
 - 19 In the style of
 - 20 Solar panel spot
 - 21 Blockhead
 - 22 Like energy-efficient buildings, e.g.
 - 29 Together, in music
 - 30 Acid found in olive oil
 - 31 34-Across has one of them
 - 34 Historic ship
 - 35 QB's try
 - 38 Territorial complex dissolved during the Napoleonic Wars
 - 41 Senator Klobuchar
 - 42 Orator's art: Abbr.
 - 43 WWI president
 - 44 Dough
 - 45 Resistance units
 - 46 Acclaimed 2016 Broadway soundtrack, with "The"
 - 52 "By Jove!"
 - 53 Ticket datum
 - 54 ___-country
 - 55 Final leg ... and a hint to each set of circles
 - 56 Precipice
 - 57 Like an egg
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 - 59 Passing words?
 - 60 Tranquilizing brand



By Joe Deaney

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Sudoku

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Huskies head into Big East Championships as favorites to hoist team titles



The UConn men's and women's track and field teams host the Northeast Challenge meet at the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex on April 13, 2019. The women's team won the title with a score of 198.35 points and the men's team won 164 points. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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UConn track and field is looking to reestablish its presence as an old power in the Big East when they head to Chicago for the conference championship this weekend. Marking their first appearance at the championships since their high profile return to the Big East, the Huskies sit comfortably at the top of both the men's and women's USTFCCCA conference rankings, well ahead of three-time defending champions and arch rivals Villanova. Totalling 802.37 points from scored meets this indoor season, the men's team holds the lead ahead of Butler and Georgetown, with Marquette and defending Big East champions Villanova trail-

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ing in fourth and fifth respectively. In the women's rankings, the Huskies are ahead with 675.68 points, with Villanova St. John's, with Marquette and Georgetown completing the top five.

UConn boasts more promise in the field events going into conference weekend, as five Huskies are ranked first in their respective events.

With their last conference championship coming in 2016 as part of the American Athletic Conference, the women's team will be led by several key athletes on their quest to bring the championship back to Storrs. On the track, Mia Nahom's 4:35.27 places her as the top seed in the mile, with stiff competition expected from Georgetown's Sami Corman and Shannon Flockhart of Providence, who trail closely with season best times of 4:36.52, and 4:36.64. Compatriot Chloe Thomas holds the fourth seed with a 4:40.74 best this season. The 60 meter hurdles will feature freshman Jailya Ash, whose 8.54 best this indoor season ranks her third in the conference. Junior

Randi Burr goes into the weekend ranked third in the women's 5000 meters, with a 16:20.08 best this year.

UConn boasts more promise in the field events going into conference weekend, as five Huskies are ranked first in their respective events. Taylor Woods leads the field as the top seed in the long jump with 6.26 as her best mark this season. The pentathlon will feature junior Emily Lavarnway, who is the conference leader this season, tallying 3,971 points earlier this month. Freshman Zayin Roe heads into the triple jump as the top seed with a 12.17 meters mark, and will have classmates Felicia Quainoo and Jasmine Barrow who are ranked third and fourth respectively, to pull off a possible sweep. Sophomore Patricia Mroczkowski starts in the high jump as the top seed following her 1.80 meters clearance this season, and will try to hold off Villanova's Sanaa Barnes and Lindsey Mirkes of Marquette who complete the top three seeds in the event. Junior Emma Chee leads the rankings in the pole vault, with a season's best clearance of 4.11 meters. Chee is followed by Ashley Preston (3.90 meters) of Villanova, and Brielle Buechler (3.80 meters) of Marquette. Named Big East Athlete

of the Week twice this season, junior Mikyla Rodgers enters the weight throw as the number two seed behind Villanova's Sade Meeks. Meeks' 20.88 meter best this season, is a distance from that of Rodgers (19.81), and will likely push the Husky to a personal best in order to top her in the event.

The men's track events has three Huskies holding the top spots in their event rankings. Sophomore Joseph O'Brien shares the top seed with Joshua Paige of Georgetown in the 60 meters, with both clocking 6.80 seconds this season. O'Brien and Paige also hold the top two spots in the 200 meters, with Paige leading at 21.07 seconds to O'Brien's 21.65 seconds. The 60-meter hurdles sees freshman Terrel Williams leading the seeds with a 7.81 PB performance this season. Junior Xavier Smith is fourth in the rankings, behind the DePaul duo of Ashton Colaire and Darius Brown. Junior Wellington Ventura leads the 200 meter field with his 46.63 clocking earlier this season. The Butler duo of Tom Pitkin and Jacob Uhl trail Ventura in the rankings, with 47.26 and 47.32 seconds respectively.

In the field, the Huskies are led by the multi-event trio of Jordan

Torney, Benjamin Grosse and Nicholas Pronovost, in the heptathlon. The trio leads the national events squad rankings, but are second, third and fourth respectively, in the Big East rankings, which are led by Marquette's Joseph Keys. Freshman Richard Kwaateng leads the conference in the long jump with a best of 7.36 meters, with teammate Marc Morrison (7.18 meters) in second. The high jump sees junior Daniel Claxton ranking first with a best clearance of 2.13 meters. The UConn duo of Travis Snyder and Tyler Hrbek are at the top of the conference rankings in the pole vault, with 5.20 meters and 5.30 meter clearances respectively. Following their last conference title in 2014, the men's team is poised to end a seven-year drought.

The championships get underway today at the Track and Field Center at Gately Park, in Chicago, Illinois at 11:30 a.m. with the women's weight throw and the men's pole vault.

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The Huskies ride into a packed weekend

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After a great victory against Stony Brook, the UConn women's tennis team continues their season with a double-meet weekend, taking on Long Island University on Friday at 4 p.m. in Bethpage, New York, and Seton Hall University on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Magic Lincer Tennis Club in Manchester, Connecticut.

Last Friday, the Huskies dominated for the majority of the matches. Despite losing the 1-singles match, they cruised through most of the rest of the matchups. 3- and 4-singles as well all as the doubles matches went mostly UConn's way, but 2-singles was hard fought, with German sophomore Leonie Hoppe pulling out the victory after three sets that went the distance, going to extra games and tiebreakers. Though not having that sweep of the Stony Brook Seawolves is unfortunate, it proves that this team has depth to carry them through the season.

The first of their upcoming matchups is the LIU Sharks, who are coming off a rough 0-7 sweep at the hands of the University of Delaware last Sunday. Though their overall team performance was poor, their singles showing was especially bad, with no singles match going to three sets. Prior to that loss, however, the Sharks had a three-game winning streak, winning four of six matches. That goes to show the nature of the tennis season, and that some days a group could come out flat out of nowhere despite their record. LIU will likely be looking to put their most recent struggle behind them when they welcome UConn to New York.

Their second opponent for this weekend will be Seton Hall, who will start Sunday with a 5-2 record, having won five of their last six. Their most recent two wins have been impressive: a 7-0 sweep of Binghamton University, where their three doubles teams only lost three total games, and a 6-1 win over Monmouth University, where they won all of their singles matches. They have great team chemistry as

well as some talented singles players that can make play difficult for the Huskies. However, their match against UConn will be their third of the weekend after road trips to Providence College and the University of Massachusetts, so it'll be interesting to see if fatigue plays a factor come Sunday.

Overall, this weekend is shaping up to be a gauntlet of tough opponents. This is the kind of weekend where we'll see the true colors of the Huskies, and perhaps good showings in these two meets will inspire confidence for the rest of the season.

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The UConn women's tennis team competes against Stony Brook at the Magic Lincer Tennis Club in Manchester, Conn. on Feb. 18, 2022. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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UConn students with letters painted on their chests spelling the name of UConn men's basketball player RJ COLE sway together after the UConn men's basketball team captured won Xavier during an afternoon game on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Huskies take on BU in first round of playoffs

WOMEN'S HOCKEY



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After 34 games, 27 of which being conference matchups, we've finally arrived at the Hockey East playoffs. UConn's 16-7-4 record during the regular season got the team the No. 3 seed for the playoff bracket, pitting it against No. 6 BU for the quarterfinals.

The Huskies and Terriers have a long history, with BU having the upper hand for most of it. While UConn has had more success as of late, one constant for the head-to-head is relatively low scoring. The Huskies have an all-time average of 1.86 goals, while the Terriers average 2.65. This season most likely contributed to bringing both of those numbers down, since the three times the team met, the final scores were 2-1, 1-0 and 1-1. Due to these close games with few goals, while UConn did not lose against BU this season, it certainly won't be an easy round for the Huskies.

On UConn's offense, many different players could prove to be the difference maker on Saturday. In this season's Hockey East play, the Huskies had six players score eight goals or more: Natalie Snodgrass and Summer-Rae Dobson had 11 each, Viki Hark-

ness had 10, Danielle Fox had nine and Jada Habisch and Morgan Wabick had eight apiece. Wabick also led the team in assists, tied with her sister Taylor at 18 each. In addition to topping the stat lists for the season, each player mentioned contributed to scoring against BU this season.

In the goal, Samantha Carpentier-Yelle started all three games against the Terriers this season, amassing 71 total saves and one shutout.

For the Terriers' offense, this season's squad was led by Courtney Correia, Julia Nearis and Mackenna Parker. Correia was BU's only 10-goal scorer this season, finishing with 11 in the Hockey East, while Nearis was the sole Terrier to record double-digit assists with 13. Parker finished third behind Correia and Nearis in total points, combining eight goals and six assists.

Similarly to UConn's goaltender situation, BU has had two players primarily in the net this season. Unlike the Huskies, both played in the two teams' season series. Between Callie Shanahan and Kate Stuart, the Terriers recorded a total of 92 goals across three games.

After the Saturday game, the winner will go on to play in the semifinals on Wednesday, March

2, with the finals being played next Saturday, March 5.

So far in the tournament, Hockey East No. 7 Providence defeated No. 10 Holy Cross to qualify for the quarterfinal, where they will face No. 2 Vermont, while No. 9 Merrimack defeated No. 8 UNH to earn a matchup with No. 1 Northeastern. Both games will be played on Saturday, along with the UConn vs. BU game, while the last quarterfinal will be played on Friday, between No. 5 Maine and No. 4 BC.

All the action between the Huskies and the Terriers begins at 3 p.m. at the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs.

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The Huskies take down Boston University on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 at the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, fighting for their 2-1 win which improved their regular season record to 9-1 overall. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Huskies travel to Charleston for a 5-game weekend

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As it snows up in Storrs, UConn softball will be playing down south in Charleston, SC, with a five-game weekend set to start Friday. The weekend will feature two two-game sets against Western Carolina and Appalachian State, as well as a single game against College of Charleston. Coming off a 1-3 weekend, including getting no-hit by Charlotte, the Huskies will look to bounce back as they go from North Carolina to South Carolina.

Infielder Briana Marcelino has led the UConn offense so far, having played in every game and having a .423 average so far. She has also been tearing up the base paths, as the owner of nine of UConn's 11 steals, with a perfect 100% steal rate so far. The rest of the offense has been producing as well, with the team average currently at .269. Pitching for UConn is what needs improvement, as the Huskies' four pitchers are currently averaging a 5.35 ERA.

Western Carolina will be the Huskies' first opponent of the week, as the first pitch of Game 1 is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Game 2 of the series will also be played at 12:30 p.m., which will be UConn's second game on Saturday, and fourth of

the weekend. The Catamounts are currently 8-4 on the season, mostly due to a stellar defensive side. On offense, the team batting average is sitting at .201, with much of the offensive production coming from a player who has not played in all of Western Carolina's games so far. Pitcher Savannah Rice leads the team in batting average and home runs, with .286 and 4 respectively.



While the offense

defense has started off a little slow, the defense of Western Carolina has been great. Only five total errors so far this year, coupled with sub-two ERAs from pitchers Rice and Jayme Eilers could make it tough for UConn to put runs on the board.

College of Charleston comes into the weekend having just snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Holy Cross 9-1 via the mercy rule. UConn will play their one game against the Cougars as the second game of

Friday, at 5:30 p.m. CoC's main offensive threat is catcher Jenna Helberg, who has played in all of the Cougars' games so far and is batting .464 with 2 home runs. On average, the team is batting .234, but once again, pitching makes up for lack of offense. Across four pitchers who have all played considerable innings so far, the Cougars own a 2.12 ERA.

Lastly, UConn will face off against Appalachian State in their first game of Saturday as well as their only game on Sunday, at 10 and 11 a.m. respectively. Despite having only played seven games so far, the Mountaineers are 5-2. Offensively so far, this will be the best performing team UConn will face this weekend, with a total average of .300 and an OPS of .819. On the pitching side, App State has put five different players on the mound so far, posting an average 2.35 ERA. It's hard to compare the Mountaineers to the other because of the small sample size, but they're definitely off to a strong start.

The Huskies have their work cut out for them this weekend, but there's a clear path to success. If the pitching staff can get some good innings against a few weaker offensive lineups, and the offense can get some of the other teams' hurlers to work, this could be a very successful weekend for UConn.

Baseball to take on North Florida Ospreys



The UConn Huskies baseball team takes on the University of Rhode Island Rams at a 1 p.m. game on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs. The Huskies beat the Rams 5-2. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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North Florida (1-4) has suffered a rough start to the season, dropping games to UCF and No. 10 Florida after taking just one-of-three from Presbyterian in their opening series. All of their contests have been decided by three runs or less, so expect a close matchup in all three games of this series. This team is hungry for a win and are hoping the Huskies will let their guard down. The Ospreys were picked to finish sixth out of 12 teams in the ASUN Conference, so they are more than capable of winning a game or two in this series.

The Ospreys are led by infielder Isaiah Byars, who is batting .333 with a .458 slugging percentage in five games. He also adds a triple and three RBIs to his early season resume, and looks to add to his col-

lection this weekend against the Connecticut pitching staff.

While North Florida's starters haven't impressed thus far, a couple of their long relievers have been absolutely dominant. Both Peter Holden and Dominick Madonna have yet to let up a run in their combined 11 innings pitched over two appearances, giving up only two hits and three walks between the duo. Their eight total strikeouts isn't too intimidating, so if the Huskies can make some solid contact, they should be able to do some damage against the early studs.

The first game of the series is set for Friday night at 6:05 p.m., while the Saturday and Sunday games will be at 2:05 and 1:05 p.m., respectively. All three contests will be held at Harmon Stadium in Jacksonville, Florida. The series will be broadcast live on SWOOPLife Live.

UConn, Northeastern decide top Huskies

MEN'S HOCKEY



UConn suffers a 2-1 loss to UMass in the XL Center, Feb. 18, 2022. All goals were scored in the last minutes of the final period, and despite a strong effort, UConn was unable to bring the game into overtime. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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It's Huskies versus Huskies this weekend as UConn and Northeastern will play a home-and-home series, with both teams fighting to climb in Hockey East and national rankings.

"We're still battling for a league title here and playing Northeastern is going to be a very formidable opponent," head coach Mike Cavanaugh said on Thursday ahead of the weekend.

UConn is currently No. 3 in Hockey East and tied for No. 19 nationally. Northeastern sits at No. 5 in Hockey East but is No. 15 in the nation.

"At this point in the season in February, late February, every game matters," captain Jachym Kondelik emphasized.

UConn is coming hot off of a win over UMass last Saturday after dropping the first game of the series to the Minutemen. UConn isn't looking for a split against the Huskies, their goal is to be the top dogs on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

"We took too many unnecessary penalties last week, and that's an area we have to clean up because

you're really flirting with disaster if you're going to give [up] power plays [to teams] like Northeastern, UMass," Cavanaugh said. "They're one of the best teams in our league off the rush. They're fantastic at making plays."

Northeastern is coming off of a split weekend in Hockey East play as well. They dropped the first game, 1-4, to the Boston College Eagles before beating them on the Eagles' home ice 4-1 the next day.

UConn was in an eerily similar position last week after UMass came to the XL Center and won 2-1 on Friday, but the Huskies beat the Minutemen 4-2 when they traveled to Amherst, Mass. on Saturday.

"When your team's called the Ice Bus, you better be good on the road I guess, right?" Cavanaugh joked.

UConn is 6-5-0 at home this season, with a 10-6-0 record when playing away.

"It's a tribute to our experience," the coach said. "We have a lot of guys who have played in those buildings before, so it's not foreign to them. They're comfortable with the road atmosphere, the opposing fans and everything that comes with that. On top of it, you have to just be consis-

tent in your play."

The UConn Huskies will look to their captain, Kondelik, for his consistent leadership and talent to propel the team for these next two games as they prepare for the post-season.

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MIKE CAVANAUGH

"He drives the Ice Bus an awful lot," Cavanaugh said on Kondelik.

Cavanaugh attributed the senior forward for a lot of stability within the program, which contributes to its growth and the overall success of the team throughout his four seasons in Storrs.

"He's the epitome of what we want as a player," Cavanaugh said. "We don't want players who are like this stock market, up and down ... We want guys that are very consistent in their play, and that's what he's been."

Kondelik says that the team isn't

treating this next pair of games any differently, but there's a strong, positive energy on the ice that has everyone ready to play.

"It's fun to be around the rink right now, it's great, and we're just going to go into the series like we always do," Kondelik said.

The captain has a lot of faith in the Ice Bus not only for this weekend, but every single game that the Huskies will play throughout the send of the season and into the playoffs.

"It's really special that we get to play for first place," Kondelik expressed. "What I pictured is winning a trophy here ... and I really believe we have the team to do it this year."

Overall, both Cavanaugh and Kondelik give credit to the depth of the program for the team being in the position that they currently are. They attributed team chemistry, technique and physicality to their success.

"To be a good hockey team you've got to be good in goal, you've got to be good up front; those are the most complete teams. Anybody that's relying on a goaltender or just relying on their forwards to score or relying on their defense to shut down another team ... you just become too

one-dimensional," Cavanaugh said. "I think one of the things that we have as a club is that we're pretty strong in all three of those areas."

UConn will look to be all of this and more, as Kondelik believes that they can give "more than 100%" in the coming games.

The team is also hoping for 100% out of UConn Nation at the XL Center especially on Saturday. Kondelik referenced how the success of both the men's and women's basketball teams as well as the women's hockey team, in addition to his own team, is fueling the Ice Bus even more.

"With UConn having four teams right now that are ranked, I think that's huge for the school, huge for the students," the captain said. "You can feel the energy around campus, around the team, I think it's just great."

Bring that energy to the Matthews Arena in Boston at 7 p.m. on Friday when the Northeastern Huskies host the UConn Huskies, and again on Saturday afternoon as the Ice Bus returns to the XL Center to host Northeastern at 3:05 p.m. Friday's game will be broadcasted on NESN-plus and Saturday's matchup can be streamed via SportsLive.



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This weekend in UConn sports:

Paige returns as No. 7 Huskies close out season against St. John's and Providence



The UConn women's basketball team wins the 2022 Big East Regular Season Conference Championship by defeating Marquette 69 - 38 at the XL Center on Wednesday, Feb. 23. The title was their second consecutive in the Big East and ninth consecutive overall. PHOTO BY RYAN MURAGE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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We're just one week away. It seems unfathomable, but just seven days from today, the Big East Women's Basketball Tournament will tip off at Mohegan Sun Arena. Before we can even begin to discuss the Big East Tournament, the University of Connecticut has some unfinished business to take care of, in the form of St. John's and Providence, a pair of teams that they beat on the road earlier this year. One could argue that these games don't matter though, as the Huskies already clinched the Big East regular season title Wednesday night versus Marquette. Either way, these games will be useful to help the team get more minutes together to gel.

The first game of the weekend slate will occur at home against the St. John's Red Storm, who the Huskies beat 75-57 in late January. That game saw freshman Caroline Ducharme score a career-high 28 points to lead the way and Olivia Nelson-Ododa chip in with 18 rebounds and 10 assists, with the Huskies having just six players see minutes.

The Johnnies shouldn't pose too

much of a challenge for the Huskies, ranking as the 128th best team in NET and sitting in seventh place in the conference (7-10). The player to watch for on St. John's will be Leilani Correa, who scored 19 in the teams' last clash. The junior is averaging a team-high 17.8 points per game, adding 5.2 rebounds and 1.6 steals. In their past eight wins, Correa is averaging over 18 points. Her season point total is good for top 75 in the nation, establishing herself as a premiere scorer. If the Red Storm want to pull out the upset, they'll need Correa to show out and really torch the Huskies' stingy defense.

Providence will face UConn for senior day on Sunday and should be easier than St. John's. NET has them as No. 156 in the country and they rank just below St. John's in the Big East (6-12). Junior guard Janai Crooms should be the driving force behind the Friars' attack, as she leads the team in points (13.8), rebounds (7.7) and assists (3.7). Her best scoring output of the season actually came last time out against UConn, as she seemingly couldn't miss with 27 points on 8-11 shooting. She'll have to do the same and more to beat a Husky group that will be riled up for senior night,

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playing one of their last games at Gampel Pavilion.

Participating in the senior night festivities will be Nelson-Ododa, Christyn Williams, Evina Westbrook and Dorka Juhasz. There is the possibility that Juhasz will exercise her final year of eligibility, but she has not made a decision yet.

Another ongoing storyline is whether reigning player of the year Paige Buckers will make her long-awaited debut this weekend. She went through warmups in full uniform on Wednesday, but ultimately sat out. Perhaps this is a sign she'll play in the near future, but who knows? We'll just have to wait and see.

The Huskies have been red-hot as of late, winning their last five games by a combined 154 points, with three of those contests coming against top five Big East opponents. There's no reason that UConn shouldn't improve to 18-1 in-conference this season, with plenty of momentum to go into the postseason with.

The Friday game against St. John's will be at 7 p.m. and can be viewed locally on SNY. Sunday's matinee against Providence will be broadcast nationally on CBSN at 2 p.m.

UConn carries momentum to weekend matchup with Georgetown

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The countdown to the Big East tournament is on with three games left to play.

Before the tournament, the UConn men's basketball team will carry the momentum from their electric win over No. 8 Villanova University to the nation's capital, where they play Georgetown University on Sunday.

This is the second matchup between the two historic Big East rivals. The Huskies took the first matchup by a wide margin in Storrs, where they crushed the Hoyas 96-73.

This season, it's been more of the same result for Patrick Ewing's Georgetown Hoyas. The team has struggled to stay competitive in a difficult Big East conference. The Hoyas still search for their first win in conference play, as of Thursday. A win over a strong Huskies lineup would be a major glimpse of hope for the struggling Hoyas.

The team has clung to their guard duo of senior Donald Carey and freshman Aminu Mohammad. Carey, who averages 14 points per game on a solid 61 TS%, has been the leading scorer for the Hoyas this season and provides a solid path of offense. He's definitely someone that opponents must respect on offense.

Then there's Mohammad. The

Big East freshman averages 13.8 points per game and is the favorite by many for the coveted Big East Rookie of the Year award. Mohammad has been one of the few bright spots for Georgetown and he's sure to be a continuous weapon on offense for years to come.

Other than the team's offense, the

To put into perspective of how poor Georgetown's frontcourt has been this season, UConn's big man duo of graduate student Isaiah Whaley and Sanogo were able to combine for a dangerous 34 points in the team's previous matchup against the Hoyas.

Hoyas aren't in great shape. The team has ranked in the bottom half of all of college basketball in defensive efficiency at 106.3. Georgetown runs a fast tempo of basketball,

looking to prioritize quick buckets over waiting for the right shot. The team ranks at 27 in all of college basketball for adjusted efficiency.

Despite all of the problems for the Hoyas, their biggest hole lies in the frontcourt. The team has struggled to maintain an effective frontcourt throughout the season. When you're playing a UConn lineup with one of the most dangerous big men in the conference in Adama Sanogo, that's a recipe for disaster. To put into perspective of how poor Georgetown's frontcourt has been this season, UConn's big man duo of graduate student Isaiah Whaley and Sanogo were able to combine for a dangerous 34 points in the team's previous matchup against the Hoyas.

UConn is certainly looking for plenty of points out of Sanogo in Sunday's matchup, especially after the sophomore's 20-point performance against Villanova. Sanogo will look to help his team grab their fifth straight win in the Big East competition.

It's sure to be another great matchup for UConn, who needs to play with confidence as they head toward the end of their season and the exciting Big East tournament. The game will tip off at noon on CBS.

UConn takes on North Florida in first true series of year

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After a quick weekend road trip to Tampa for the UConn baseball team, the Huskies are headed back down south to Jacksonville for their first true series of the year, slated to take on the North Florida Ospreys.

UConn (2-1) had a successful start to the year, taking home two-of-three in their opening weekend, beating USF and Louisville while falling to Charlotte. They hope to ride the momentum from their last contest, a 9-2 victory over the Cardinals, into this series.

In the very first week of Big East weekly awards, the Huskies were able to sweep the podium, taking home the conference's Player and Pitcher of the Week. Player of the Week Zach Bushling was stellar all weekend, going 7-for-14 over three games with two RBIs and a home run, with the RBIs coming in the Louisville game. He earned hits in all three contests and looks to continue that streak against the Ospreys.

Not to be overshadowed, Pitcher of the Week Enzo Stefanoni was lights-out this past weekend as well. The starter went 6.2 innings,

allowing no runs and striking out eight batters against the Cardinals, earning the win.

While we are a while away from conference play, the Big East Coaches Poll recently came out, and the Huskies landed on top by a unanimous decision, receiving all seven votes. Connecticut won the Big East regular season and tournament titles last year in their first year back in the conference, and looks to do so yet again this season.

The Big East preseason team was also announced, with two Huskies making the list: pitcher Austin Peterson and outfielder Erik Stock, with Stock being a unanimous decision. Stock and Peterson were first-team and second-team all-conference selections last season, so this comes to no surprise.

What may be surprising is the Huskies' history against North Florida. While they don't meet often, UConn is on a two-game losing streak, dropping the last two of a three-game series against the Ospreys back in 2018. They currently hold the lead of the all-time series, however, by a score of 4-2.

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I'm praying UConn Football can turn things around and be good again. Seeing Jim Mora and his staff at the Villanova game was just awesome!!

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