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## First ice shelf collapses in Eastern Antarctica

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In the eastern part of Antarctica, an ice shelf roughly the size of New York City collapsed in mid-March, becoming the first to fall in its region and sending alarm to scientists, multiple news outlets have reported.

Ice shelves are parts of larger glaciers or are large areas of ice connected to land that stick out over the top of ocean water, creating a type of shelf structure above it. This particular shelf, called the Conger ice shelf, was a part of Bowman Island and Antarctica's continental ice sheet before its disintegration into the ocean, The Conversation said.

According to CNN, this part of Antarctica has recently experienced a bizarre warm front, with temperatures reaching over 70 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average for an extended period of time. The combination of this, a recent decline in the amount of sea ice in the region and the waves that have been hitting the ice shelf due to strong winds is said to be the reasoning behind its collapse.

"Sea ice serves as a buffer, damping the swells that roll in to the coast from the Southern Ocean. With little ice, and with the wind stirring the ocean even more, the floating shelf flexed more than it normally would," New York Times reporter Henry Fountain wrote.

According to CBS News, researchers had pegged this eastern part of Antarctica to be relatively stable, with little concern about losing ice structures. According to The New York Times, there has recently been some gain in ice mass in that region, The New York Times reported, that this particular event has raised alarm from scientists.

Talbot Andrews, an assistant professor in the Department of Political



Protesters stand holding a sign that reads "Rally for a Peaceful Planet" at the event of the same name on October 6, 2021 on the Student Union Lawn. All members of the UConn community were invited to attend the rally organized by The Undergraduate Student Government, UConn Human Rights Symposium, PowerUP UConn, UConn Collaborative Organizing, Sunrise CT, UConn Praxis, and UConn Friday's For Future.

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Science at UConn, primarily focuses her studies on how public policy and the environment affect the public's views on climate change.

"We've been really worried about the West Antarctic ice sheet, and we've been using that as this big indicator, so seeing this collapse of the East Antarctic ice sheet is super, super concerning and really highlights that while we know a lot about these physical systems, they're just so complex and we're not as good at predicting these big tipping points as we'd like to think that we

are," Andrews said.

Countries, specifically coastal communities, will begin to feel the consequence of these collapses in the form of sea level rise. As the ice is now submerged in the ocean water, it will begin to melt, adding more water to the ocean and thus aiding sea level rise.

"For example, here in Connecticut, if we get enough sea level rise, like when hurricane season comes and we see much worse flooding like we did this last year, that's a downstream consequence of things that are happening

with these glaciers. I don't think the glaciers are going to change people's opinions, but the way that they change the sea level, we'll start to see people paying attention to those changes down the road," Andrews said.

Ben Albee, a University of Connecticut sixth-semester political science and environmental studies double major, has been involved in activism work at UConn, particularly with work that revolves around the environment.

"My reaction was like, 'We've been knew,'" Albee said. "I mean, scientists

have been saying for years that the globe is warming up and polar ice caps are melting and that is only going to get worse, and it's happening. So, honestly, I didn't have much of a reaction specifically to the East Antarctica ice shelf melting. It was just kind of like, we've expected this."

Albee has been focusing his activism work specifically towards UConn and thinking of ways that changes can be made to the university to help fight the climate crisis.

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BEN ALBEE

"It's useful information to know what's going on in the world, but I think for activists we can be so burnt out from hearing everything that's happening that it's almost like, 'Okay, let's just keep doing the good work we're doing,'" Albee said. "I know a bunch of people who are calling on the board of trustees to make the energy plan that we have renewable energy. You can't control global things; you can't stop Antarctica from melting by yourself. The best thing you can do is work within your local community, foster that community and the activism that you do to make an example of your own university or town."

## 'Food for the Pack' truck comes to Fairfield Way



The Food for the Pack food truck, previously Food for Thought, reopened on March 21, 2022 after being closed for the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester. The truck offers new menu options and is located on Fairfield Way Monday through Friday from 11a.m. to 4p.m. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/ DAILY CAMPUS

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After undergoing various changes, the University of Connecticut's campus food truck is open once again for business.

Previously known as the Food for Thought truck, the truck has been rebranded and is now named the "Food for the Pack" truck. It is located at the center of campus outside of the north entrance of Homer Babbidge library.

The Food for the Pack truck opened

on March 21 and is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the UConn dining services website.

The food truck was purchased by the university in 2016. Since then, the truck's exterior has begun to fade and has experienced weathering. That is when UConn dining decided to rebrand the truck and its concept, according to UConn Associate Director for Culinary Development and Residential Dining Robert Landophi.

Discussions to rebrand the truck began at the end of last summer. And although the truck took longer to re-

vamp than originally planned, it is now completely done and will remain open for the remainder of the school year.

"We wanted to have it done before the new school year, but it took us a little longer to finalize all the details, and we just opened after Christmas Break," Landophi said in an email.

Along with redoing the exterior of the truck, Dining Services took student suggestions in changing the menu.

"We did a survey to find out what students were looking for on the

truck, and burgers and fries was the number one request. We then took it a step further and asked 150 students what they liked on their hamburgers, and that's how the menu came about," Landophi said.

Along with typical hamburger meals and options; the food truck offers vegan and vegetarian alternatives, as well as desserts.

"We have a Lite Life Plant Based burger offering with vegan cheese. The fries are amazing, and we have some desserts on the truck as well called edges which are brownies and

bar cookie edges," Landophi said. "So far, all we have received is positive feedback."

One of the main goals of rebranding the food truck was to make its appearance match the UConn blue and campus vibe, Landophi said. Some changes to the exterior included the UConn Husky on the side and various tones of blue and white.

Students can use Husky Bucks through their meal plans to pay for food from the truck. Apple pay and card payments are also accepted.

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Anyone who says women's basketball is boring didn't watch UConn and NC state

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## News

## 8-hour gap in Trump's Jan. 6 White House phone records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol has identified an almost 8-hour gap in official White House records of then-President Donald Trump's phone calls as the violence unfolded and his supporters stormed the building, according to two people familiar with the probe.

The gap extends from a little after 11 a.m. to about 7 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2021, and involves White House phone calls, according to one of the people. Both spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation.

The committee is investigating the gap in the official White House log, which includes the switchboard and a daily record of the president's activities. But it does not mean the panel is in the dark about what Trump was doing during that time.

The House panel has made broad requests for separate cell phone records and has talked to more than 800 witnesses, including many of the aides who spent the day with Trump. The committee also has thousands of texts from the cell phone of Mark Meadows, who was then Trump's chief of staff.

The committee's effort to piece together Trump's day as his supporters broke into the Capitol underscores the challenge that his habitual avoid-

ance of records laws poses — not only to historians of his tumultuous four years but to the House panel, which intends to capture the full story of the former president's attempt to overturn the election results in hearings and reports later this year.

The committee has trained a particular focus on what the president was doing in the White House as hundreds of his supporters beat police, broke into the Capitol and interrupted the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election victory. The missing records raise questions of whether Trump purposefully circumvented official channels to avoid records.

Trump was known to use other people's cell phones to make calls, as well as his own. He often bypassed the White House switchboard, placing calls directly, according to a former aide who requested anonymity to discuss the private calls. It is not unusual for presidential calls to be channeled through other people.

It is unclear whether the committee has obtained records of cell phone calls made that day. The panel issued a broad records preservation order in August to almost three dozen telecommunications and social media companies, demanding that the companies save communications for several hundred people in case Congress decided to issue subpoenas for them.

Individuals included in that request included Trump, members of his family and several of his Republican allies in Congress.

The committee also is continuing to receive records from the National Archives and other sources, which could produce additional information and help produce a full picture of the president's communications.

While hundreds of people have cooperated with the probe, in some cases the panel has been hampered by Trump's assertions of executive privilege over material and interviews. Courts have overruled his efforts to block some documents, but many witnesses who are still close to the former president — and several who were in the White House that day — have declined to answer the committee's questions.

Biden, who has authority as the sitting president over his predecessor's White House privilege claims, said Tuesday he would reject Trump's claims concerning the testimony of his daughter, Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner.

Kushner, who was one of Trump's top White House aides, is scheduled for an interview with the panel on Thursday. The committee has requested an interview with Ivanka Trump as well, but has not said whether she will comply.

During the roughly eight hours on



President Donald Trump speaks during a rally protesting the electoral college certification of Joe Biden as President in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol has identified a roughly eight-hour gap in official records of then-President Donald Trump's phone calls as the violence unfolded and his supporters stormed the building, according to a person familiar with the probe. PHOTO BY EVAN LUCCI/ AP FILE

Jan. 6, Trump addressed a huge crowd of supporters at the nearby Ellipse, repeated falsehoods about his election defeat and told them to walk to the Capitol, make their voices heard and "fight like hell." He then returned to the White House and watched as the mob broke into the Capitol. More than 700 people have been arrested in the violence.

Several of Trump's calls that day are

already publicly known. He spoke to Vice President Mike Pence between 11 a.m. and 11:30, according to a person familiar with that conversation, as he had been lobbying Pence publicly and privately to object while presiding over the certification. He also spoke with several GOP members of the House and Senate as his allies in Congress were preparing to challenge the official vote count.

## NFL owners approve OT rule change for playoffs



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions from reporters at a press conference following the close of the NFL owner's meeting, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at The Breakers resort in Palm Beach, Fla. PHOTO BY REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP FILE

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The NFL is changing its sometimes controversial overtime rules to guarantee each side gets the ball in the playoffs.

Concerned that the coin toss to begin the extra period has too much impact on postseason game results, the owners voted Tuesday to permanently approve a proposal pre-

sented by the Colts and Eagles.

Of course, in the postseason, when there are no ties, overtimes continue until someone has more points.

Commissioner Roger Goodell concluded the meetings by urging caution regarding the Deshaun Watson situation and the NFL's investigation. The quarterback, who did not play for Houston last season after 22 women accused him of sexual misconduct, will not be indicted on criminal charges. Now with the Cleveland Browns after a trade, Watson still faces civil lawsuits.

"We're going to let the facts lead us, find every fact we can," Goodell said. "At least there is a resolution from the criminal side of it. Our investigation hopefully will have access to more information."

As for a potential suspension for Watson, Goodell noted that a discipline officer jointly appointed by

one team who has been involved in draft preparation should not be available for hire by another club until the draft is over.

Once the draft has concluded — this year that is April 30 — the employing team must grant permission for such interviews.

the league and players' union would make that determination. Goodell said if the league discovers a violation in Dolphins owner Stephen Ross' conduct regarding the integrity of the game, the information would be released publicly. Former Dolphins coach Brian Flores has sued the NFL and three teams (Miami, Denver and the New York Giants), claiming racist hiring practices. Flores also has accused Ross of offering him a bonus to lose games in 2019, something the owner vigorously has denied.

Earlier Tuesday, Carolina coach Matt Rhule voiced his support of a potential change — something that many owners agreed with, if only for the postseason.

"You get a shot, I get a shot," Rhule said, "and may the best team win."

Troy Vincent, who oversees NFL football operations, echoed Rhule's sentiment, saying that football fans

one team who has been involved in draft preparation should not be available for hire by another club until the draft is over.

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"I think what the stats show is there is a clear issue we can say since the change (in rules) in 2020"

FALCONS PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN, RICH MCKAY

## 'The Flash' actor Ezra Miller arrested at Hawaii karaoke bar

HONOLULU (AP) — An actor known for playing "The Flash" in "Justice League" films was arrested after an incident at a Hawaii karaoke bar, where police say Ezra Miller yelled obscenities, grabbed a mic from a singing woman and lunged at a man playing darts.

Miller took issue late Sunday with people singing the Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper ballad "Shallow" at

a bar mostly frequented by locals in Hilo, a small town on the Big Island, Hawaii Police Assistant Chief Kenneth Quiocho said.

The song aggravated Miller, Quiocho said.

Miller, described by police as a 29-year-old visitor from Stamford, Vermont, has been the source of police calls in Hilo 10 times since March 7, Quiocho said, adding it's not clear

how long Miller has been on the island.

They were "manini" incidents — a Hawaii Pidgin term that can mean minor or small — such as filming people at a gas station, refusing to leave the sidewalk area of a restaurant and arguing with people, Quiocho said.

Miller was arrested at Margarita Village shortly after midnight Monday and charged with disorderly

conduct and harassment. Miller was released after paying \$500 bail.

Miller's agent and lawyers didn't immediately return messages seeking comment Tuesday.

Miller, who has been credited as the first openly LGBT person to play a lead role in a major superhero film, has played hyper-verbal outcasts in movies big ("Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them") and small ("We Need to Talk About Kevin" and "The Perks of Being a Wallflower").

Miller also has a key role in the upcoming "Harry Potter" universe film "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore."



This photo provided by the Hawaii Police Department shows actor Ezra Miller who was arrested and charged for disorderly conduct and harassment Sunday after an incident at a bar in Hilo. Miller is known for playing "The Flash" in "Justice League" films. PHOTO COURTESY OF HAWAII POLICE DEPT./ AP FILE

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# Biden signs bill making lynching a federal hate crime



President Joe Biden speaks after signing the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act in the Rose Garden of the White House, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, in Washington. Vice President Kamala Harris, left, and Michelle Duster, great-granddaughter of civil rights pioneer Ida B. Wells look on.

PHOTO BY PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP FILE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidents typically say a few words before they turn legislation into law. But Joe Biden flipped the script Tuesday when it came time to put his signature on the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act.

He signed the bill at a desk in the White House Rose Garden. Then he spoke.

“All right. It’s law,” said the president, who was surrounded by Vice President Kamala Harris, members of Congress and top Justice Department officials. He was also joined by a descendant of Ida B. Wells, a Black journalist who reported on lynchings, and Rev. Wheeler Parker, a cousin of Till.

Biden said it’s “a little unusual to do the bill signing, not say anything and then speak. But that’s how we set it up.”

He thanked the audience of civ-

il rights leaders, Congressional Black Caucus members and other guests who kept pushing for the law for “never giving up, never ever giving up.”

Congress first considered anti-lynching legislation more than 120 years ago. Until March of this year, it had failed to pass such legislation nearly 200 times, beginning with a bill introduced in 1900 by North Carolina Rep. George Henry White, the only Black member of Congress at the time.

Harris was a prime sponsor of the bill when she was in the Senate.

The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is named for the Black teenager whose killing in Mississippi in the summer of 1955 became a galvanizing moment in the Civil Rights era. His grieving mother insisted on an open casket to show

everyone how her son had been brutalized.

**“Racial hate isn’t an old problem — it’s a persistent problem. Hate never goes away. It only hides.”**

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

In his remarks, Biden acknowledged delay in getting a law on the books, and spoke about how lynchings were used to terrorize and intimidate Blacks in the United States. More than 4,400 Blacks died by lynching between 1877 and 1950, mostly in the South, he said.

## WOMEN’S FINAL FOUR TEAMS SURVIVED WILD TOURNEY AMID PARITY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — There was a time, not that many years ago, when predicting the women’s NCAA Tournament champion seemed relatively easy.

UConn or Tennessee or Baylor or maybe Stanford, depending on the year.

But this year is not a year like that.

South Carolina (33-2) goes to the Final Four in Minneapolis as the favorite. But defending champion Stanford (32-3), Louisville (29-4) and UConn (29-5) have all been there before — many times, actually — though each had to fight this season to get back to the top as parity in women’s basketball continues to surge.

“It doesn’t mean that a team can’t be dominant, doesn’t mean that you can’t have several teams that are dominant,” South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. “It just means that there are stories that come along throughout our season that beg to be heard about.”

No. 2 seeds Baylor and Iowa

were eliminated before the Sweet 16. Florida Gulf Coast, a 12-seed, upset fifth-seeded Virginia Tech in the opening round. Creighton, a 10-seed, made it to a regional final.

**“It was just an amazing basketball game and it was a great showcase for our sport”**

GENO AURIEMMA,

UCONN WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH

Since Breanna Stewart led UConn to its fourth straight national title as a senior in 2016 there have been four different women’s champions and there was even discussion this season whether the Huskies’ dynasty has taken a step back while others have caught up. The last two title games have each been

decided by a single point.

“Our game is growing,” said Louisville coach Jeff Walz, whose team is in its fourth Final Four. “So it’s just not one school where everybody goes, one program where everybody goes. Now players are branching out. Other universities like ourselves are investing in women’s basketball. I think as that continues throughout the country, you’re going to see more and more programs evolve and continue to get better. That’s really what it’s all about.”

The early rounds again featured their share of blowouts. There have been 12 games decided by 30 or more points in this tournament, compared to just four on the men’s side.

But, there were plenty of upsets and close games, including Monday’s classic that saw No. 2 seed UConn outlast top-seed North Carolina State in double overtime. It was the first time a game that late in the tournament has had multiple periods of extra time.



UConn guard Paige Bueckers (5) reacts in double overtime against NC State during the East Regional final college basketball game of the NCAA women’s tournament, Monday, March 28, 2022, in Bridgeport, Conn.

PHOTO BY FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP FILE

# Social media explodes during Oscars; TV viewership doesn’t

NEW YORK (AP) — Will Smith’s violent slap of Chris Rock at the Academy Awards appeared to have a negligible impact on the show’s television audience. But the world of social media is a much different story.

ABC said there were some 22.7 million social media interactions during Sunday’s ceremony — the most ever for an Oscars telecast and more than double the 9.5 million recorded from last year’s show.

What do you suppose everyone was tweeting or posting about?

The network says Oscar videos notched 16 million views on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube, also a record for the show. ABC does not have any details about what video clips were most popular, a spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

The telecast as a whole drew 16.6 million viewers, up 58% from the



Ariana DeBose accepts the award for best performance by an actress in a supporting role for “West Side Story” at the Oscars on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

PHOTO BY CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP FILE

2021 show that was dramatically scaled back due to the pandemic, the Nielsen company said. Yet this year’s show was down 30% from the more typical 2020 broadcast,

which had been the second-smallest audience.

Nielsen measures viewership in 15-minute increments, and the 17.3 million viewers during the quar-

ter-hour when Smith’s attack took place was virtually identical to the quarter-hour that followed.

Then the audience dipped to 16.8 million before rising to 17.4 million

during the period Smith won his best actor award, Nielsen said.

Led by its NCAA men’s basketball tourney coverage, CBS won the week with an average of 6.2 million in prime time. Despite boasting the Oscars, ABC was second with 5 million. NBC had 2.28 million, Fox had 2.27 million, Univision had 1.5 million, Ion Television had 1.1 million and Telemundo had 960,000.

TBS, also boosted by the NAAs, led the cable networks with an average of 2.81 million in prime time. Fox News Channel had 2.47 million, MSNBC had 1.12 million, HGTV had 1.11 million and CNN had 876,000.

ABC’s “World News Tonight” led the evening news ratings race with an average of 8.3 million viewers last week. NBC’s “Nightly News” averaged 6.8 million and the “CBS Evening News” had 4.9 million.

## BILLS DEAL RENEWS DEBATE OVER PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR ARENAS



Buffalo Bills fans leave Bills Stadium as a mascot waves a flag after an NFL divisional round football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Jan. 16, 2021, in Orchard Park, N.Y. and county taxpayers will be asked to commit \$850 million in public funds toward construction of the Buffalo Bills’ new stadium, which has a state-projected price tag of \$1.35 billion, a person familiar with the plan told The Associated Press on Monday, March 28, 2022. PHOTO BY ADRIAN KRAUS/AP FILE

funds to help the team build a new \$1.4 billion stadium. In return, the Bills would agree to play in Buffalo’s suburbs for at least 30 years.

The deal, which still needs approval from the state legislature, immediately renewed a debate about government’s role in supporting privately-owned businesses.

**“I like the Bills as much as anyone but this is outrageous”**

REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR

MIKE MARTUCCI

Just three years ago, a deal that would have given Amazon nearly \$3 billion in tax and other incentives to build a headquarters for 25,000 workers in New York City fell apart amid a backlash from activists and progressive politicians who called it a giant corporate giveaway.

Some similar criticism rolled in over the Bills deal.

State Assemblymember Ron T. Kim, a Queens Democrat, used a curse word on Twitter to refer to the proposal. Sochie Nnaemeka, the director of the influential Working Families Party, called the deal “a

continuation of trickle-down economic development schemes that have enriched wealthy investors on the backs of Black, brown, and working class communities.”

U.S. Rep. Thomas Suozzi, a Long Island Democrat running against Hochul, said he supported the idea of a new Bills stadium, but that it could be built without having New Yorkers “fork over their tax dollars to help a billionaire donor get even richer.”

A few barbs came from the right, too.

“I like the Bills as much as anyone but this is outrageous,” said Republican state Sen. Mike Martucci, who represents a district in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley. “Republicans are often criticized for being buddies with billionaires. What would you call this?”

The deal negotiated by the Hochul administration would require the Bills’ owners, billionaires Terry and Kim Pegula, whose fortune is linked to natural gas fracking, to put up around 39% of the construction cost.

New York state taxpayers would pay \$600 million, with Erie County, where the team is located, spending another \$250 million.

Hochul, a western New York native and Bills fan, insisted the deal made good economic sense.

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York looks poised to become the next place to give a huge subsidy to a professional sports arena, despite questions about whether the civic pride of having a team justifies giving so much public money to a private business.

Gov. Kathy Hochul proposed a deal Monday that would give the Buffalo Bills \$850 million in public



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# The Asian diaspora needs to reckon with our anti-Blackness

**by Nell Srinath**  
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One of the most striking moments of racial solidarity during the Black Power movement of the late-1960s is immortalized in a grainy photo of a young Japanese man donning the iconic leather jacket and black beret of the Oakland-born Black Panther Party. One hand is raised to the air in a clenched fist, a symbol recognized around the world to represent the power of people's movements and the possibility of liberation; in the other hand rests a poster board sign that reads, "YELLOW PERIL SUPPORTS BLACK POWER."

Unfortunately, this striking moment turned out to be merely that — a moment. When Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, the co-founders of the Black Panther Party, asked Richard Aoki to speak about the infamous U.S. policy of Japanese-American internment, they had no idea that this "Japanese radical cat," as Seale called him, had been an informant of the FBI since 1950.

With Black radical organizations and other militant left-wing social movements that operate above ground being stomped out through state surveillance and violence, the ways in which the Asian diaspora can exercise anti-Black racism and enforce white supremacy look far different than they did in the 1960's and '70s today taking a more systemic fashion in culture, politics and economics. If we are serious about Black and Indigenous liberation and putting an end to white supremacy, it is incumbent to point a critical eye at anti-Blackness and white supremacy in our communities.

Moving into a large university with a truly global student body, the most interesting moment of "culture shock" I experienced was the concept of an "Asian babyboy" (ABB) or "baby-girl" (ABG). In fact, I didn't even hear the term until nearly halfway into my second semester on campus and becoming more involved

in Asian spaces.

ABB and ABG are tongue-in-cheek memes among college-age Asians — particularly East Asian — people which refers to some of the trends they see develop. These include thick eyeliner, getting tattoos, adopting high fashion, and frequenting the boba tea spot.

This may seem like a fun and harmless trend, however the most outstanding yet unrecognized aspect of the ABG/ABB archetype is the appropriation of Black culture by adopting a "Blaccent" and wearing make-up look and clothes that Black people are often derided for. It's not cultural "exchange" when communities adopt elements of another culture and claim it as unique to them. Asian celebrities like Awkwafina or Aziz Ansari's use of African American Vernacular English, also known as AAVE or Ebonics, are models for the double standard that exists between Black and non-Black communities.

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Cultural appropriation is one of the more mundane, but nonetheless significant examples of anti-Blackness in the Asian diaspora, itself being rooted in material systems like the structure of the economy, government and other societal arrangements. Other forms include the aspiration of greater Asian representation in oppressive institutions such as the police, military or the political and economic ruling class.

Not unlike the story of Richard Aoki, the young FBI informant, is that of Tou Thao, a Vietnamese-American Minneapolis police officer who stood by as white officer Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd in 2020. Both were participants in violent arms of the state while simultaneously being from relatively marginalized backgrounds. An Axios article from 2021 bemoans the fact that Asian Americans are underrepresented in law enforcement, comprising about 2%, thinking

this to be a form of systemic oppression against our community; rather, bolstering Asian participation in law enforcement would simply mean the diversification of state violence against Black people; mentally ill people and people with disabilities; and poor and homeless people — the latter three obviously including Asians.

Being an Asian accomplice in the struggle for Black liberation under white supremacy requires us to criticize friends and family members who join the police and military, the consequences of which implicate increased violence against marginalized people within and outside of U.S. borders. It requires understanding that an Asian CEO or billionaire is not a win for the community when that position necessitates the theft of wealth from the working class.

It requires understanding that media which highlights Asian accomplishments such as Nextshark and Asianfeed are inherently counterproductive when they only showcase wealthy celebrities and media figures, and often exclude people of South, Southeast, Central, and West Asian descent. It is incumbent on us to highlight how capitalism and imperialism impoverish and prey on Asian workers and migrants as well as our Black and Brown siblings.

Reckoning with anti-Black racism in our community is a hands-on effort that requires confronting our community members and having honest dialogues on a level playing field. Yes, it will involve criticisms and unfortunate truths — your dad will refuse to believe that "the joke" he loves to tell is racist and your military cousin will be reluctant to acknowledge their role in the deadly military-industrial complex. Regardless of these difficulties, the process of resolving these contradictions through moments of struggle and catharsis are required for meaningful social change, and together, we can conduct them head on.

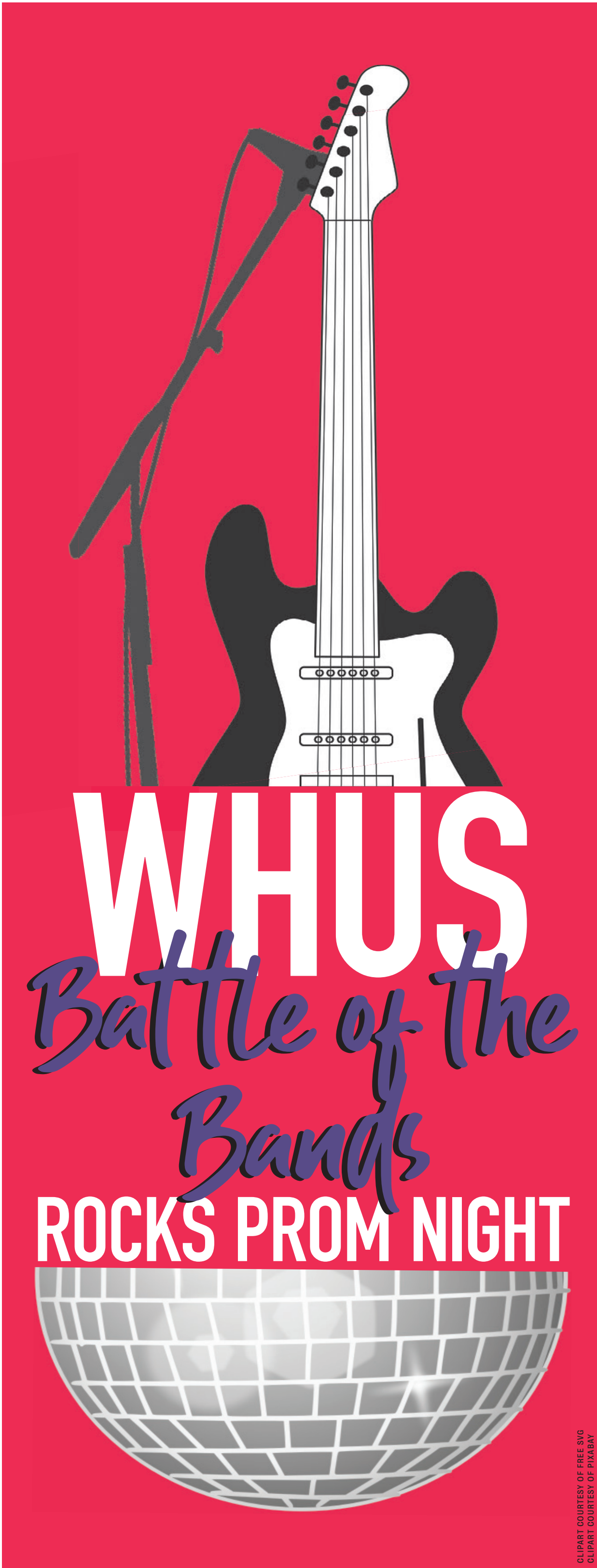
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**Life**

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On March 26, the University of Connecticut's student-run radio station, WHUS Radio, hosted its third annual Battle of the Bands. With the Student Union Ballroom as their arena, four bands competed through three rounds judged by music department faculty and the audience. After a close vote, Storrs-based Indie rock band Julie's House came out on top.

The theme of this year's concert was prom. Concert attendees were encouraged to dress in their best prom-themed outfits for a night of high school nostalgia.

The first round began with pop, goth-rock group Charter Ghost versus indie reggae band Sol Gyres. Charter Ghosts' opening set marked their second live performance as a band. Their punchy, upbeat sound energized the crowd before Sol Gyres took the stage. The second band opened with an original song titled "Unruler." Sol Gyres group's chill, Caribbean-inspired indie sound won the vote of the judges, and they advanced to the third round.

Round two pitted Julie's House against 5 Heads. Julie's House lead vocalist Noah Frank, an eighth-semester political science and economics major, and his band performed their original song "Expectations." Their cover of George Ezra's hit single "Budapest" was another crowd-pleaser.

Although Julie's House proved a tough act to follow, 5 Heads came out strong with a unique set. They were the only group to perform a selection of instrumental songs, beginning with an original math rock number and following with a cover of "Midwest Swing," a popular, gypsy-jazz song by early 20th-century guitarist Django Reinhardt. Julie's House nabbed the round two win and moved on to the finals.

The third and final round commenced after a brief break. Julie's House took the stage first with a performance that elicited thunderous applause and cheers

from the audience. Sol Gyres followed with another indie-reggae original to close the concert.

The first two rounds of Battle of the Bands were judged by UConn Music Department faculty members Jesús Ramos-Kittrell, Stefanie Acevedo and Peter Kaminsky. The audience was able to vote for the night's overall winner between bands that advanced to round three via an online poll. The audience ultimately crowned Julie's House the winner of WHUS Radio's third Battle of the Bands.

This was the first in-person Battle of the Bands Concert since the event's origination in February 2020. Last year's concert was conducted virtually with pre-recorded sets and a bracket system to determine the winner.

WHUS Radio staff began scouting for bands to compete back in November. All the bands that performed are connected to the UConn community.

"When reaching out to music groups, we promote on our socials and have them send in an application, which is just a video of them performing," said WHUS events coordinator Celia Klotzer. "All of the bands required that at least one of their members was a UConn student. So some of these bands are from the surrounding community, but all of them are tied back with UConn."

To stay up to date on future WHUS Radio events, follow them all their social accounts and tune into 91.7 FM for UConn's sound alternative.

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Peter Busa sings during the Julie's House set on Saturday night, at Battle of the Bands. The event, hosted by WHUS Radio, allowed a variety of talented musicians to show off their talent in front of an audience of students and judges. Julie's House, consisting of Noah Frank, Andrew DeBenedictis, Peter Busa and Matt Kennedy, were announced as the winner by the end of the night.

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# 'BRIDGERTON' SEASON 2 IS A SLOW, YET MARVELOUS BURN

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**M**any viewers swore they would boycott "Bridgerton" after the departure of Regé-Jean Page. But the second season, loosely following the books by Julia Quinn, shifts to focus on the eldest sibling: Viscount Anthony Bridgerton, played by Jonathan Bailey. While Phoebe Dynevor has her fair share of reappearances as Daphne, the storyline doesn't exactly require Page's presence.

Produced by Shonda Rhimes, the hit Netflix show quickly made headlines upon its release last year. Some griped about the historical inaccuracies of the period piece, while others obsessed over the shockingly steamy love story.

Regardless, the fanbase very quickly grew, and musicians Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear created the "Unofficial Bridgerton Musical" after going viral on TikTok. Creating catchy show tunes inspired by the events of Season 1, the duo managed to secure a Grammy nomination for Best Musical Theater Album. One can only hope for a second album because Season 2 is just as worthy of musical status.

Daphne and Simon's relationship progressed quickly, stemming from the use of the fake dating trope. In contrast, Season 2 offers the slow burn of enemies to lovers. It's not nearly as steamy, but that makes room for the exploration of more serious topics.

The season follows Viscount Anthony Bridgerton's search for a suitable match — one he soon finds with the arrival of the Sharma family, whom Lady Danbury sponsors this season.

Departing from the books, in which the Sharmas are actually the Sheffields, the show aimed to increase representation with its inclusion of a South Asian family. Yet very little is mentioned about cultural influences, with the new characters largely conforming to British society. One large cultural reference, however, was the inclusion of a "Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham" cover, sprinkling in a taste of Bollywood.

Anthony sets his sights upon Edwina Sharma, played by Charithra Chandran, but her older sister Kate, played by Simone Ashley, gets in his way immediately, balking at the viscount's idea of a loveless marriage. Wanting the best for her sister, Kate is determined to steer Anthony away. This leads

to simmering tension between the two, under the guise of hate. Of course, this will blossom into a love story, though it takes its sweet time to do so.

All this extra time is skillfully devoted to furthering character development and depth. We see Penelope struggle to keep her identity a secret as Eloise's investigation finally makes some headway. We see her begin to explore the idea of tackling more serious topics like feminism in her pamphlet.

With the reason for his father's death finally revealed, viewers get a better picture of the immense pressure on Anthony to fulfill the role of viscount. The rest of the Bridgertons have their share of worries too; Benedict hopes to get into an esteemed art school, Colin is unsure what to make of Penelope's attitude and Eloise very reluctantly takes on her role as a debutante. The Featherington girls find themselves challenged by their cousin Jack, who takes over as head of the household, holding their fates in his hand.

All of this makes for a very entertaining, and much more meaningful season. So for fans of Page, don't worry, "Bridgerton" Season 2 is still worth the watch.

**RATING: 4.5/5 STARS**



FROM SHONDALAND  
**BRIDGERTON**

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The hit Netflix show "Bridgerton," produced by Shonda Rhimes, recently released its second season. The show, based loosely on the books written by Julia Quinn, follows Anthony Bridgerton's (Jonathan Bailey) search for a partner. Pictured to the right is Viscount Anthony Bridgerton caressing Kate Sharma (Simone Ashley), who courts the viscount in an attempt to keep Anthony away from her younger sister, Edwina (Charithra Chandran).

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# TASTE OF TEXAS



Lunch combo from MESS with cookie butter waffle topped with strawberries and bananas and mac and cheese.

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The classic food haunts in Storrs are comforting, but I can't help but feel a tiny bit jealous when I visit other college campuses, especially ones as large as Texas A&M. This past weekend, I attended a student government conference at "Aggieland" in College Station. Sometimes, bigger is better, and such is the case with the number of dining selections at Texas A&M, especially when they're quality too. There's a cool plaza similar to Storrs Center — except, as expected, bigger — near the campus called Century Square, which is where our large group ate most of the time. Here are some of the restaurants we ate at in Texas.

## TORCHY'S TACOS

Multiple people we met in Texas recommended Torchy's, a proclaimed Texas classic with "damn good tacos" — they said it, but I would definitely agree. They have a chill vibe with neon signs, polished outdoor seating in a cool patio area and a fun menu selection of tacos and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. The tacos (\$3 to \$5), which are pretty good sizes and served on your choice of a flour or corn tortilla, have fun names and unique combinations like the "trailer park" with fried chicken, green chiles, lettuce, pico de gallo and cheddar jack cheese with poblano sauce; the "crossroads," with smoked beef brisket, grilled onions, jalapeños, cilantro, avocado and jack cheese with tomatillo sauce; and the "democrat," with barbacoa, avocado, cotija cheese, cilantro, onions and a lime wedge with tomatillo sauce.

I ordered the baja shrimp with fried shrimp, cooked cabbage slaw, pickled onions and jalapeños, cotija cheese, cilantro and a lime wedge with chipotle sauce on a corn tortilla and Mr. Orange with blackened salmon, grilled corn and black bean relish cotija cheese, cilantro and a lime wedge with avocado sauce. In short, both were insanely delicious — even though both had long ingredient lists, each individual ingredient served its purpose in the taco and made for delectable choices. The sucker punch drink I ordered with Bacardi coconut rum and fruit juices made for a tasty companion — flavorful, not too sweet and the acidic taste of alcohol was almost nonexistent.

## MESS

Another fast casual spot, this time in Century Square, MESS serves up comforting and fun brunch food like chicken and waffles, French toast and mac and cheese. I ordered the lunch combo with mac and cheese and a cookie butter waffle. The mac and cheese had one of my favorite kinds of pasta shapes, cavatappi,

and the cheese sauce was perfectly seasoned and creamy. The waffle was buttery and not too sweet, the cookie butter serving as the perfect alternative for syrup. I would definitely frequent this restaurant if there was a location near us. The people who ordered the chicken and waffles and French toast raved about their orders as well.

## PIADA ITALIAN STREET FOOD

I always like pasta, even when sometimes it's not the most authentic — kind of like how I love Taco Bell, but let's be real, it's not the most authentic. Piada offers quick, Italian-inspired options including piadas (\$7.99 to \$9.29) — an Italian-style street wrap — tossed pastas (\$7.49 for a small, \$8.99 for a regular) and salads (\$6.99 for a small, \$9.19 for a regular). The menu offers premade combinations like the chef's favorite piada with spicy diavolo sauce, romaine lettuce, mozzarella cheese, sweet peppers and spicy ranch; a farmers market salad with mixed greens, red cabbage, feta, avocado, strawberries, sweet corn and tomato, glazed pecans and lemon basil dressing; or carbonara with parmesan alfredo, bruschetta, pancetta, spinach and grated parmesan.

This fast casual spot is smack-dab in the middle of Century Square, and I was able to order quickly and easily. I ordered a custom pasta creation with penne, salmon, basil pesto sauce and grated parmesan. Seeing as how the staff assembles your meal in front of you with pre-made pasta and sauce, it's not the most well-crafted dish, but I wasn't expecting an intensely quality dish anyways. Despite being pre-cooked, the pasta had a good texture and the sauce was creamy, although I wish it was bit more salty. They cook the salmon fresh, which is a nice touch that's worth the extra wait. I would be interested in trying their alfredo sauce, although I don't know when I would get the chance.



The author's dinner from Torchy's Tacos, a popular Texan fast-casual restaurant with fun tacos and a solid selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Pictured: green chile queso topped with guacamole, cotija cheese, cilantro and Diablo sauce; sucker punch drink with Bacardi coconut rum and fruit juice; fried avocado taco with refried pinto beans, pico de gallo, lettuce and cheddar jack cheese with poblano sauce on a corn tortilla; Mr. Orange taco with blackened salmon, grilled corn, black bean relish, cotija cheese, cilantro and a lime wedge with avocado sauce on a corn tortilla.

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# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Off to Minneapolis

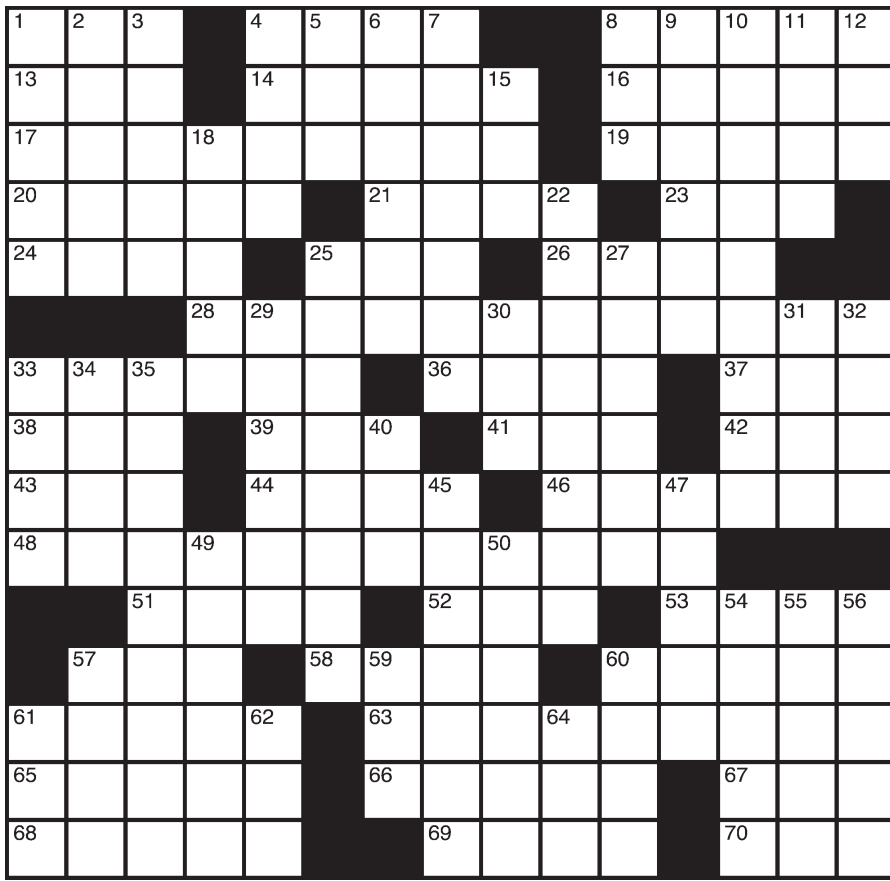


The UConn community gathers outside Gampel Pavilion to send off the women's basketball team to the Final Four game of March Madness in Minneapolis on Friday, April 1. The team was greeted by fans, students, cheerleaders and the UConn Pep Band on their walk from Gampel to their bus. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Yoga aid that helps prevent slipping
- 4 Weather report stats
- 8 Recipe amts.
- 13 In the past
- 14 Sale rack abbr.
- 16 Linda Ronstadt's "Blue \_\_\_"
- 17 "Misery" co-star
- 19 Like most tennis shots
- 20 In full view
- 21 "My turn to bat"
- 23 Cruise with a big price tag
- 24 Equine control
- 25 Merged comm. giant
- 26 On
- 28 Versatile award-winning Indian film star known by his initials "SRK"
- 33 Starting gun
- 36 Move slightly ... like a mouse?
- 37 Hullabaloo
- 38 Cut (off)
- 39 Water source
- 41 Pachuca pronoun
- 42 URL ender
- 43 Cycle starter
- 44 Red letters in a dark theater
- 46 Fly over Africa
- 48 Oscar-nominated actress for "Paper Moon" and "Blazing Saddles"
- 51 Ultimatum word
- 52 Big noise
- 53 "Cornflake Girl" singer Tori
- 57 Obama \_\_\_
- 58 Spoken
- 60 Food recall cause
- 61 Cop to
- 63 Swindler ... or, phonetically, what each of three puzzle answers is?
- 65 Rachmaninoff's instrument
- 66 Celebrity chef Eddie
- 67 Yellow or Red follower
- 68 Group's belief



By Seth Bisen-Hersh

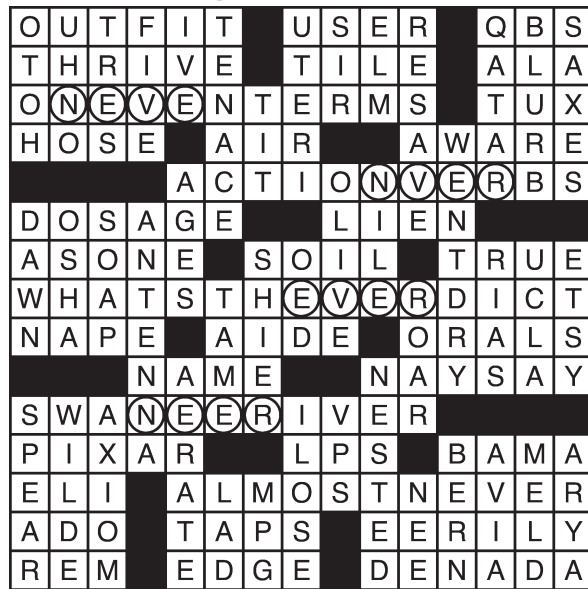
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- 69 Places to relax
- 70 Explosive letters

### DOWN

- 1 Collegian's choice
- 2 Tequila source
- 3 "My Cousin Vinny" Oscar winner Marisa
- 4 Suffix with craigs
- 5 "LOTR" menace
- 6 Eerie apparition
- 7 Two-\_\_: fastballs named for the grip used to throw them
- 8 Undetermined: Abbr.
- 9 "Bluebeard's Castle" composer Béla
- 10 Toady
- 11 Dickinson work
- 12 South of France?
- 15 Animal that sounds fresh
- 18 Dadaist Max
- 22 India neighbor
- 25 Star systems
- 27 Wallop
- 29 Monopoly miniatures
- 30 Sport-\_\_: off-road vehicle

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 31 Fruit drinks
- 32 A or E, but not I, O or U
- 33 Horner's surprise
- 34 New Rochelle college
- 35 Doctor Octopus foe
- 40 Bowler's target
- 45 Boring
- 47 Sign into law
- 49 Friend of Jerry and George
- 50 Abduct
- 54 Damp
- 55 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
- 56 Occupy, as a table
- 57 Actress Falco
- 59 German gripe
- 60 Bits of work
- 61 Fitting
- 62 Two-year-old, say
- 64 NHL's Ducks, on scoreboards



COMIC BY VAN NGUYEN, STAFF ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Sudoku

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9	1										
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			4			2					

## DYK?

**Ariana Grande's character Cat Valentine on "Victorious" canonically does not believe in climate change.**

**A GO-FAST BOAT IS A SMALL, FAST BOAT DESIGNED TO REACH HIGH SPEEDS.**

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# Softball

## HUSKIES LOOK TO COMPLETE UNDEFEATED FIRST HOMESTAND AGAINST SURGING BU

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UConn softball is off to a hot start, but Boston University is right there with it. While the Huskies are currently on five-game win streak, the Terriers have won eight in a row. The two teams will face off on UConn's home turf, the Burrill Family Field in Storrs, this Wednesday afternoon.

The Huskies' five-game homestand began with a victory over Army last Wednesday, then kept rolling with a weekend sweep of DePaul. The Terriers started off their regular season at home, winning their first four games and then taking it on the road to face Lafayette and UConn. After a sweep of the Leopards, BU looks to go home to Boston undefeated since March 12.

Historically, BU has had the slight edge over UConn in the head-to-head, especially recently. While the win total since 1996 is 11-8 in favor of the Terriers, the Huskies have not beaten BU since 2013, as they ride a four-game losing streak.

When looking at the Terrier lineup, two names immediately stand out: Emily Gant and Kayla Roncin. Both currently have over a .450 batting average, with Gant at .457 and Roncin at .451. Roncin currently leads the team in hits with 46, while Gant is coming off two back-to-back four-RBI games in the Lafayette series. Overall, the team is batting a formidable .297 on the season; this is helped by other stars like Nicole Amodino, who leads the team with six home runs, and Lauren Keleher, who had six RBIs in one game last Friday.

For pitching, the Terrier staff has an ERA of just 2.85, while op-

posing pitchers have a 4.31 ERA against the team. Most of this work has been done by Allison Boaz and Lizzy Avery, who have combined for all of the team's wins, and 190 total innings between the two.

One the UConn side, offense comes from many different sources. From the weekend, two standouts were Jana Sanden, whose three-hit game on Saturday that included a home run and a dou-

ble, and Briana Marcelino, who had two home runs of her own throughout the series. While the Huskies' team batting average isn't quite as high as BU's, sitting at .287, the long ball is one stat that UConn shines in. Sanden, Marcelino, Olivia Sappington and Rosie Garcia are all tied for the team lead with five home runs, and the team has hit a total of 28 home runs — twice as many as BU.

In the circle, UConn does not have the innings or quite as low an ERA as BU's tandem does, but the key to victory for the Huskies is their depth. With only four complete games all season, UConn's ability to pitch in relief has been on display throughout the Huskies' games so far, with the team ERA at a solid 3.59.

After UConn faces BU on Wednesday, it's off to Indianapolis for three games over the weekend

against Butler. While the Huskies are 5-0 all-time against the Bulldogs, Butler is 6-2 in the Big East this season, so they should not be expected to give UConn any easy wins. This week will certainly be a challenging one, but it should be a test the Huskies can handle.

UConn vs. BU first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, in-person at Burrill Family Field and streaming on FloSports.



The UConn Huskies sweep their three-game series against the Butler Bulldogs behind a 1-0 win on a rainy Sunday afternoon in Storrs. The game was called after 5.2 innings due to the storm. The Huskies will play Butler this weekend in a three-game series in Indianapolis, Ind.

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## Women's Tennis: UConn looks to rebound after tough weekend

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After rattling off five consecutive match victories in a row, the UConn women's tennis team struggled this past weekend, falling two days in a row to Army and St. John's, both at home. This was a difficult stretch for the Huskies, who lost by a combined score of 13-1.

UConn will attempt to snap its two-game skid on Wednesday afternoon, as it takes on the Bryant Bulldogs in a non-conference matchup in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Bryant has had a good month of March thus far, winning four of its six matches, including a victory over Big East opponent Providence, 5-2, on March 20.

A bright spot for UConn in a tough weekend was the performance of

Leonie Hoppe in Singles No. 2. The sophomore from Munich, Germany, battled against St. John's Lalita Devarakonda, notching the lone point of the weekend for the Huskies in a 6-3, 0-6, 6-4 victory. The win pushed Hoppe to a team-best 15-9 overall record on the season, and she has now won seven of her last 10 matches.

Bryant is led by Ada Boru, who has played all of her matches in Singles No. 1. The senior from Turkey is

3-8 overall on the season and 5-4 in Doubles matches when partnered with Leanne Kendall; all of these matches came at the No. 1 level. Kendall has had the most recent success for the Bulldogs, winning her last two matches. Manuela Estrada, has won her last two matches and pushed her individual record to .500 on the year.

The Huskies will look to break their second multiple-match losing

streak of the season. They are eager to build momentum two weeks before a string of conference matches that will send them on the road for three Big East battles in a row.

UConn and Bryant will play in Smithfield, Rhode Island, at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. Bryant is 5-3 at home and 5-4 in non-conference matchups, while UConn is 2-1 on the road and 6-4 in non-conference matchups.



The UConn Women's Tennis Team competed against Stony Brook at the Magic Lincer Tennis Club in Manchester, CT on Feb. 18, 2022. The Huskies will play a match against Bryant at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30.

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## Sports

Photo of the Day | This Paige kid is kinda good



During the second round of March Madness, the UConn Huskies face the University of Central Florida Knights at Gampel Pavilion on March 21, 2022. While the game was neck and neck up until the end, the Huskies defeated the Knights 52-47 with first year guard Azzi Fudd leading the team in points with 16.

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## Point/Counterpoint: Should MLB Spring Training be shorter?

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After a long season is underway, along with its annual Spring Training games. Players can now prepare and get ready for another exciting MLB season with a chance to capture a ring. However, before players begin their long season, Spring Training must finish. That begs the question as to whether or not MLB Spring Training, in its current form, is too long. Can Spring Training be shorter with less games interrupting the start of the season? Should MLB keep its current structure of Spring Training? Staff Writers Evan Rodriguez and Sam Zelin aim to answer this question in this week's edition of point/counterpoint.

**Evan:**

Now, I don't know about Sam, but I'm always excited for any type of MLB action. Spring Training has always been great for teams in its current state and I believe the league shouldn't change anything about it. Especially after the tumultuous lockout, players need these games and plenty of them to get ready for the season. If you shorten the season and push players into Opening Day with just a few games under their belt, players are going to be rusty. Pitchers are a huge argument as to why Spring Training should retain its current form. Just take a look at Yankees ace Gerrit Cole, who got his first action of the season on Sunday. Cole was looking to still develop his pitches and he had no pressure to be ready for the season at that point in time. It was okay to give up plenty of runs in just two innings of action during Sunday's win. If you shorten the number of Spring Training games on the schedule, the league would not only tamper with an ace like Cole's routine, but also other pitchers throughout the league who depend on the regular schedule to get warmed up before the season. The league would also be tampering with potential breakout players, who are looking to grab a spot on an MLB team's roster. In a shorter Spring Training, could an MLB player breakout, catch the eye of an MLB manager and end up on an Opening Day roster? It's possible, but it becomes even more difficult when there's such little action to evaluate that potential player on.

**Evan:**

However, if the MLB were to shorten its Spring Training, you are then forced to give a huge advantage to hitters. Hitters have been used to this format of games for a long time and to change something that has been working seems foolish. It also brings less of a meaning to the early months of the season, where pitchers will perform poorly and hitters will have an easier time hitting. For answering this question on starting talent, many have already proven their worth in the regular season. At the end of the day, what you do in the MLB matters way more than anything you can accomplish in the MLB. A player would have to have an incredibly impressive Spring Training performance to even crack a chance at an Opening Day roster. For the issue of weather, players already have this advantage by playing in areas like Miami, Los Angeles and Texas as their home arenas. If they want to have the advantage of playing in a warmer climate, they can simply move to a different team in free agency and play a majority of those games in a warmer climate. This is all without mentioning how the shortening of Spring Training games would have an effect on an MLB team's farm system. Teams use Spring Training not only to evaluate older players, but current top 50 prospects who have a chance to play against MLB ready competition. If you shorten these games, you lose these games of evaluation for prospects.

**Sam:**

When it comes to why Spring Training in its current state needs to be altered, the point about pitchers is a great one. While it is true that having the long Spring Training period is advantageous to pitchers, allowing them to ramp up for the regular season, this is also equally disadvantageous to hitters. For starters, because of the nature of Spring Training being that it is an environment where up-and-coming talents can prove themselves, batters that normally have an everyday starting spot in the lineup see less at-bats and less consistency. Another factor is the climate. Whether one looks at the Florida or the Arizona Spring Training site, both involve the whole team training in a warm climate. Hitters then get used to how the ball acts when hit in a warm climate, then have to re-adjust during the regular season every time their team plays in a park not privileged with a warm spring. For example, if a player gets used to hitting home runs in Florida that barely clear the fence, most of those would-be homers might be long fly-outs in a cold-climate stadium for the first few months of the year, as it is a fact that baseballs generally fly farther in warmth. While this debate is not regarding moving the location of Spring Training, but simply altering its length, a solution here is a bit more complex. One thing is for certain: Batters have a hard enough time re-adjusting to colder climates once the regular season starts, so pitchers shouldn't be allowed to have their ramp-up time when the games don't count. Both pitchers and hitters can suffer through the awkward April together, and if the pitchers are knocked down a peg due to losing a few weeks of warm-up time, perhaps this will bring more parity to the earlier months of the season.

**Sam:**

For the pitcher/hitter argument, I think the bottom line is that no matter what adjustments are made, there will never be a perfectly balanced solution. On the subject of evaluating prospects, Spring Training could actually be seen as a hindrance to this. These games get a fraction of the attention that MLB games get, so maybe if we shortened the pre-season, teams would be forced to try out some of their prospects in the big leagues instead of being hesitant due to wanting to control service time. While this might not automatically happen if Spring Training was shortened, one thing that would definitely occur is simple supply and demand. Take football for example: Each NFL team plays only four preseason games. Instead of weeks of meaningless games, having a small sample size of matchups concentrates attention to those contests. Obviously, this philosophy could be spread to the whole of baseball, not just its preseason, but that's an argument for another day. In the end, each baseball player has different priorities. Hitters, pitchers, veterans and newcomers all either benefit or are hurt by Spring Training the way it is currently, but shortening Spring Training would not make any of this worse. All the current issues that it has, such as an unbalanced preseason and lack of visibility for prospects, could be solved other ways. Spring Training itself is a problem, though. It's a very roundabout way to kick off each season, and it needs to be streamlined.

# Men's Basketball: Cole, Martin leave for professional leagues

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In the end, it was kind of inevitable. After mulling over their four- and five-year amateur basketball careers, respectively, UConn men's basketball guards Tyrese Martin and RJ Cole decided it was time to join the professional ranks. Both players announced their decisions on social media, with Martin posting last week, and Cole posting on Monday.

The two transfer students enjoyed two prosperous years at UConn, becoming full-time starters and providing an impact to a program that is still growing under head coach Dan Hurley. Both were allowed to come back for one more year under the NCAA's rule allowing another season of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but both decided to go professional after the Huskies' season-ending defeat to New Mexico State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament two weeks ago.

Martin came to Storrs from the University of Rhode Island, where he actually was recruited by Hurley but opted to stay when his head coach left for UConn. He was a mainstay there, working his way into the starting rotation his freshman year and becoming a key contributor from that point on. Martin didn't have to sit out a year as a transfer, and immediately made an impact for the Huskies as well. He's been UConn's third-leading scorer in back-to-back seasons, behind NBA lottery pick James Bouknight, Cole and all-conference talent Adama

Sanogo. This year, he achieved a career milestone of 1000 total collegiate points.

This past season, Martin was impressive as always, putting up 13.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game. His rebounding mark was second-best on the team behind Sanogo, and his im-

"To my brothers ... This team holds a special place in my heart. I'm going to miss going to war with you guys. All the memories we made will last a lifetime as well as our bond! I love you all!!!" Martin said in his farewell Instagram post.

This past year, fellow beat writer Dave Borges was able to sit down

with some NBA scouts and get a feel for where a few Huskies might end up. Martin was projected to be a G-League/2-way player for the NBA. Although it's still a tough road ahead for Martin to make an NBA roster, there will absolutely be opportunities for him to play professionally, whether it is here or overseas.

Cole, also a transfer, came to Storrs by way of Howard University. Connected to Hurley from being a star at powerhouse St. Anthony's in Jersey City, formerly coached by Bob Hurley, Cole worked his way up the ranks. In

his first year at Howard, he earned MEAC Rookie of the Year, and he won MEAC Player of the Year the following season. The guard had to sit out a year due to transfer rules, but made an immediate impact with Connecticut when he was able to hit the court.

A two-year starter, Cole led the team this season with 15.8 points and 4.1 assists per game. The ability to knock down tough

shots when needed cannot go overlooked, and for the Huskies, Cole was that guy time and time again. The fact that he outscored Sanogo, a finalist for best center in the country, is impressive. His high point totals helped him achieve his 2,000th career point this season.

At the end of the year, Cole was rewarded with an All-Big East First Team nod.

"... it has been an unforgettable three years. There's a reason this is the Basketball Capital of the World. The way the fans Bleed Blue here is on a different level, special in fact and I loved every second of it," said Cole in his Instagram post.

Going back to the NBA scout analysis, Cole was labeled a "really rock-solid guy, but doesn't quite have enough pop for the NBA." While that may be the case, there will absolutely be a place for the graduate student either in the G-League or overseas.

Both Cole and Martin will be competing for their share of \$150,000 this weekend in the 2022 Dos Equis 3X3U National Championship, which consists of 64 players across college basketball. This event should be great draft exposure for both of them, as it is a registered FIBA tournament. Through the first three years of the tournament, 200 participants have signed professional contracts.

Cole and Martin will play together on the Beast Coast Ballers, composed of players from the Big East and the Atlantic 10 Conferences. The pool stage will take place on April 1 and 2, while the knockout round will be on April 3. All games will be broadcast on ESPN Networks and Twitter.

While both guys will surely be missed in Storrs, they will undoubtedly have a great impact wherever they go in the basketball world.



UConn guard RJ Cole on Senior Day, March 5, 2022. Cole declared for the 2022 NBA Draft on Monday night.  
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UConn guard Tyrese Martin in the Huskies' 75-68 victory over DePaul on March 5, 2022. Martin announced he'd be going professional on March 22.  
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# WOMEN'S LACROSSE: HUSKIES LOOK FOR 8TH STRAIGHT WIN AGAINST COLUMBIA



UConn crushes UNH with a final score of 19-3 on Feb. 28, 2021. Senior midfielder Sydney Watson (11) led the team with 5 goals. UConn will look for its eighth-straight win against Columbia on Wednesday, March 30.

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The UConn women's lacrosse team is looking for eight wins in a row on Wednesday. If victorious, it would be the longest winning streak in program history.

The team will continue to look for domination on the offensive end, especially from players like Kate Shaffer.

Shaffer, who is coming off a 5-goal contest against Hofstra, has suddenly risen to second in goals

for No. 20 UConn, and was recently recognized for her success with IWLCA Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. She has played a huge part in the team's current winning streak, and fans can expect more of the same in Wednesday's game.

Columbia, on the other hand, is having a rough season. The team stands at 2-6 and is on a current six-game losing streak after the team started the season 2-0. A win at home against a ranked UConn lineup would be the highlight of

an otherwise dark season for the Lions.

The team has three players with more than 20 draw controls each, including leading point scorer Dani Falcone. As one of the best freshmen in the entire Ivy League, Falcone is the biggest piece of the future of the program and has certainly shown why this season, dominating multiple statistical categories for the Lions.

To counter, the Huskies will look for plenty of draw controls

out of Sydney Watson. After being ejected from Saturday's game due to her second yellow card, Watson will look to be a force on the draw and grab additional possessions for the Huskies. UConn lost 17-13 on draw controls last game in its home win against Hofstra.

Other than Falcone, the Lions rely on Rachel Graff, Kate Cunningham and Katie Lutz for scoring. Graff, Cunningham, Falcone and Lutz stand as the only double-digit scorers for the Lions. The team

has struggled scoring this season and will need a huge offensive game for an upset.

With UConn goalkeeper Landyn White slated to play Wednesday, it doesn't get any easier for Columbia. White, who has 90 saves this season, has played a key part defensively for UConn, especially in the second half where the Huskies have gone on offensive runs and played elite defense.

The game will begin at 3 p.m., Wednesday, at Morrone Stadium.



# Sports

## Baseball: Eagles fly over Huskies for 5-3 win

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Instead of the scheduled 3:05 p.m. start on Tuesday, the Hook C threw the first pitch an hour earlier. While there was no official reasoning, it may have been due to the 3:15 p.m. send-off for the women's basketball team, as UConn heads to its 14th-straight Final Four appearance. Although it was a close game, the time change didn't help the Hook C as the Huskies fell short, allowing the Boston College Eagles to sweep in for the 5-3 win.

UConn struck first with a ground ball off Ben Huber's bat. Erik Stock, already on base, made his way to home plate to give the Huskies the initial lead. UConn held onto it for a slow second inning before BC picked it up to make it a ballgame.

In the third inning, the Eagles answered with a strong double to bring a batter in for a 1-1 tie. They took the lead at the top of the fourth inning with several players on the bases, each advancing one in order to contribute to a run.

Huber, still swinging, hit a home run at the bottom of the fourth to bring the game back to a tie. Sitting at 2-2 about halfway through the game, it was anyone's victory on the line.

**UConn's record is now 17-6 ahead of the next series against Kent State University**

BC made it loud and clear that it wanted the win on Tuesday afternoon, tallying a home run in the next inning to take back the lead, 3-2. The Eagles soared by in the sixth and then at the top of the seventh, hitting a homer with a base runner already on the diamond, increasing the lead by two.

"It was frustrating," UConn head coach Jim Penders said of BC taking back the lead. "We looked cold."

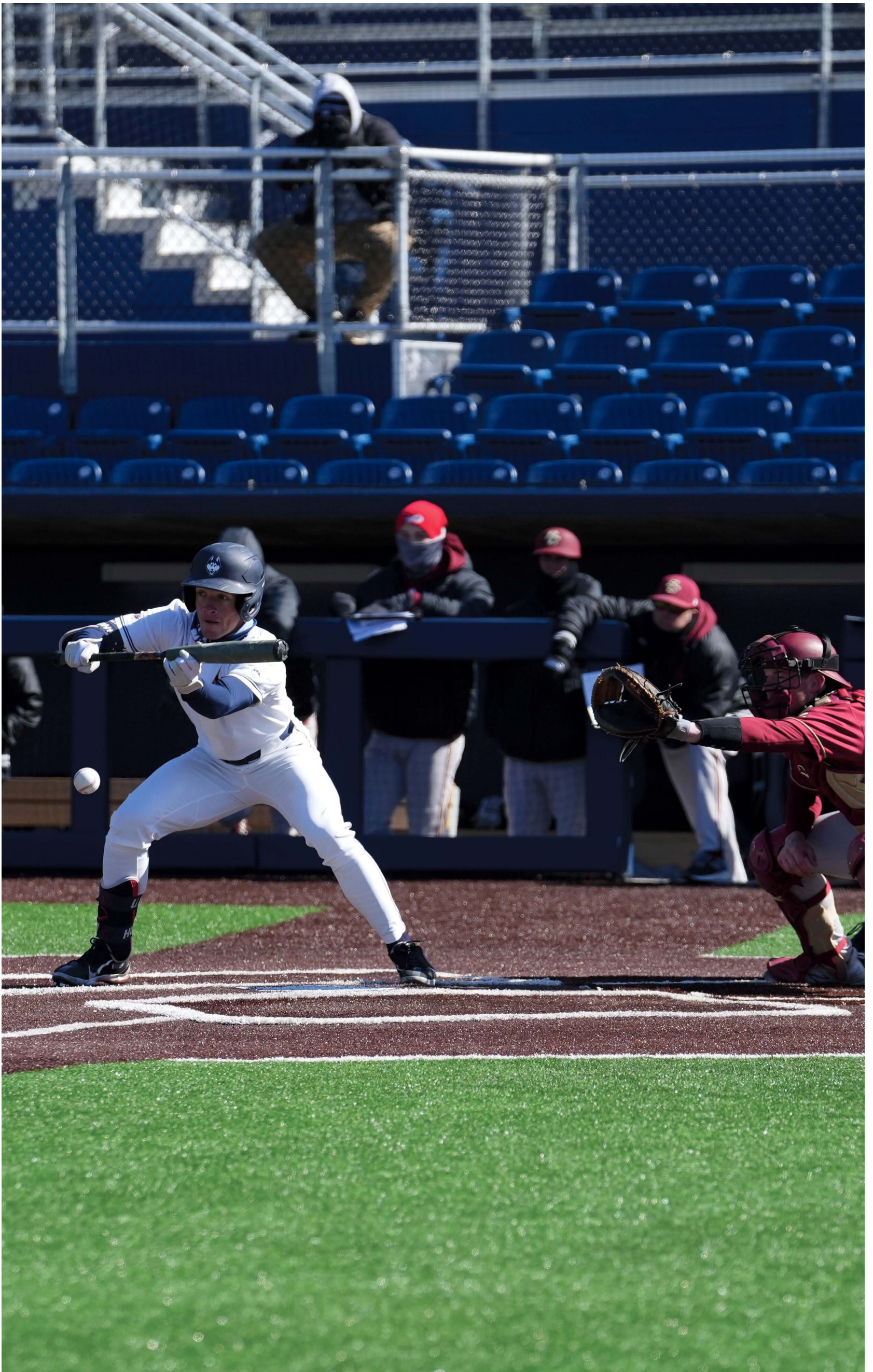
Stock, who continues to showcase his talent at the plate, tried again as he did on Saturday to lead the Huskies in a comeback, but fell short once more. He was able to bring Zach Bushling in on a single, but UConn needed a few more guys out on the bases to keep the team in the game.

Penders attributed a lack of offensive moves to Tuesday's loss, claiming that hitting was a weakness for the Huskies.

"It looked like concentration was lacking to a certain extent," Penders said. "Our toughness in the box needs to be there, and it wasn't there enough today."

The coach also noted that UConn's starting pitcher against BC, Cole Chudoba, threw well but didn't get enough help from fellow Huskies. Penders thought, "we could've made it a little bit easier on [Chudoba]," by limiting his pitch count further.

UConn's record is now 17-6 ahead of the next series against Kent State University. All three games of the series will be played in Ohio, starting on Friday night and closing out the weekend on Sunday.



UConn loses to Boston College at Elliot Ballpark 5-3. UConn will now get ready to face Kent State University in Kent, Ohio on Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

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**UConn SCOREBOARD**

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