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Petition to ban frats gets more than 1,200 signatures

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“Not ALL frat boys are rapists, BUT all frat boys stay silent to protect their ‘brothers’ and their frat from any consequences.”

UCONN ADVOCACY SAID VIA THEIR PETITION

Following nearly a week of protests regarding sexual assault on campus, a petition to ban UConn fraternities has received more than 1,200 signatures.

The petition, accessible on Change.org, was started two months ago by the group UConn Advocacy. The group claims that colleges prioritize the money that frats make over student safety.

The group acknowledged on its petition that while not all frat members committed rape and sexual assault, a culture of protection exists for those who do.

UConn immunology professor,



Husky Village sits on top of a hill at the North side of the UConn Storrs campus, Feb. 8, 2022.

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Laura Haynes, signed the petition, saying that students should be able to feel safe on campus and that the benefits that fraternities provide for men are outweighed by the cost of women’s safety.

“Women on campus, their safety is not worth any advantage that these men get from being in a fraternity.”

LAURA HAYNES, UCONN PROFESSOR

“I’m very upset that UConn has such a high prevalence of female students being attacked,” Haynes said. Haynes summarized her opinion, writing in the petition that women need to feel safe on campus.

Currently, there have been student-organized protests at odds with UConn’s handling of sexual assault cases. UConn Interim President Radenka

Maric addressed the ongoing problem in an email on Monday.

“Determining what more we

can do will be an essential question for me and my administration,” Maric said in her email.

The petition says it aims to create a “domino effect across the nation.” However, discussions of abolishing fraternities have gained little ground in the past. A 2014 opinion piece by Jessica Valenti of The Guardian was even titled, “Frat brothers rape 300% more. One in 5 women is sexually assaulted on campus. Should we ban frats?” Valenti’s article cited multiple cases of sexual violence in fraternities before concluding that the current measures taken by universities to prevent sexual assault may not be enough.

“While anti-sexual violence programs are doing all the right things, they may not be doing enough,” Valenti wrote.

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JESSICA VALENTI,

A WRITER AT THE GUARDIAN

NAACP awards UConn professor with highest honor

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On Friday, Jan. 28, the University of Connecticut celebrated Dr. Cato T. Laurencin for winning the 106th annual Spingarn Medal, the highest honor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

A professor at UConn, Laurencin is also a world-renowned engineer, physician and scientist. He is the first engineer to receive the NAACP’s top honor, as well as the fourth physician and fifth scientist award.

The medal recognizes Laurencin for his accomplishments in tissue regeneration, biomaterial science, nanotechnology and regenerative engineering, a field that he founded himself, according to a press statement from the NAACP.

“[Laurencin’s] exceptional career has made him the foremost engineer-physician-scientist in the world,” read the press statement. “His breakthrough achievements have resulted in transformative advances in improving human life. His fundamental contributions to materials science and engineering include

introducing nanotechnology into the biomaterials field for regeneration.”

According to the NAACP, the medal honors “the man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during

the preceding year or years in any honorable field.”

The award was first established in 1914 by Joel Spingarn, the former chairman of the NAACP’s board of directors. Previous award recipients include George Washington Carver, W.E.B. Du-



Photo of Dr. Cato T. Laurencin the most recent winner of the 106th annual Spingarn Medal, the highest honor of the NAACP

VIA UCONN DIRECTORY

Bois, Jackie Robinson and Sidney Poitier.

“I am extremely excited and honored to receive an award that has been given for over 100 years and has celebrated some of America’s greatest leaders across science, the arts and civil rights,” Laurencin said in a phone call.

Laurencin was named one of the “100 Engineers of the Modern Era” by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for his work in creating the field of regenerative engineering. He is also the first surgeon elected to all four of the national academies: the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Inventors.

“I started a new field that is called regenerative engineering and it is the convergence or the bringing together of a number of exciting technologies, from nanotechnology, to stem cell science, to developmental biology, to physics and also to surgery,” Laurencin said of his work. “It has allowed us to create new science and new knowledge, but also new treatments for clinical benefit...to develop salt tissue and to help people.”

At UConn, Laurencin is a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, professor of materials science and engineering, professor of biomedical engineering and an Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Professor of Orthopedic Surgery. He is also the director of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Center for Biomedical, Biological, Physical and Engineering Sciences, as well as the chief executive officer of the Connecticut Convergence Institute for Translation in Regenerative Engineering.

“I’m just extremely proud to receive an award and honor that’s been given to George Washington Carver, that’s been given to Martin Luther King, that’s been given to Sidney Poitier—who just recently passed,” Laurencin said. “I hope to be able to continue the work that we’re doing, to benefit the world. It’s just extremely gratifying that the NAACP has recognized the work that we’re doing and has placed me in the company of these great individuals.”

More information about Laurencin’s work and creation of regenerative engineering can be found on UConn Health’s website.

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UConn researcher working to develop accurate, cheap at home COVID-19 test

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University of Connecticut Associate Professor Changchun Liu, of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, is working to make his at home COVID-19 test reliable and cheap to consumers.

Currently if someone takes a COVID-19 test, it is either a rapid test or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. A rapid test offers the benefit of results within minutes, but is not that reliable. As UConn Today highlighted, a recent NIH study shows that the popular BinaxNOW at-home rapid test can have an efficiency range of 71%, for those without symptoms to 87% for those with symptoms. Due to this inefficiency, people are recommended to take two tests within multiple days of each other.

A PCR test on the other hand is much more reliable, but can take days to get results back. A PCR test usually cannot be done at home, as it requires lab analysis to detect COVID-19.

Liu is working to fix that problem.

He hopes to make his COVID-19 test as cheap and quick as a rapid test, while also being as reliable as a PCR test. Liu's test is as accurate as a PCR test, and can be taken at home with results within 40 minutes. It only requires one test for reliable results.

"Our pH-EVD device, when one collects either saliva sample or swab sample, the sample is lysed and added to our pH-paper-based extractor," Liu explained via email. "Then, the piece of pH-paper binding nucleic acid is put in our home-made smart cup. The results are visually read by color change - yellow for positive and green for negative. Unlike most rapid tests (e.g., BinaxNOW) which detect antigen, our device detects nucleic acid of the virus with higher sensitivity and specificity."

While it is hard as a biomedical researcher to estimate an exact price, he estimates the material and reagent used cost approximately \$3 per test, meaning the retail price of the test would be fairly cheap.

Besides testing for COVID-19, Liu hopes to expand this quick testing



ability to other viruses such as strains of influenza, HIV and high-risk HPV.

Speaking to UConn Today, Liu noted the future implications of this new technology.

"This technology can adapt for home-based COVID-19 diagnosis or other disease diagnosis. If it's successfully commercialized, I think there's a really broad market."

Liu is currently seeking patents related to his research, and was awarded one last February. UConn is also currently looking for a company to distribute and sell Liu's technology.

"I think, in the near future, ideally, infectious disease diagnosis will be done at home and in small clinics,"

PROFESSOR CHANGCHUN LIU

Emhoff whisked from Black history event after bomb threat



Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, is whisked out of an event at a high school by a Secret Service agent following an apparent security concern, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 in Washington. On the far right is Nadine Smith, Dunbar High School principal.

PHOTO BY MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP FILE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, was whisked out of an event Tuesday at a Washington high school by Secret Service agents following a bomb threat.

Emhoff was at Dunbar High School to help commemorate Black History Month and was in the school's museum for a few minutes when a member of his security detail approached him saying, "We have to go." Emhoff was hustled out into his waiting motorcade and whisked away.

An overhead announcement then instructed students and teachers to "evacuate the building."

District of Columbia Public Schools spokesperson Enrique Gutierrez, who was at Dunbar for Emhoff's appearance, said there had been a bomb threat. It was not known whether the threat was related to Emhoff's visit or Black History Month.

"This afternoon, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) responded to a bomb threat at Dunbar High School," Gutierrez said afterward in a formal emailed statement. "All students and visitors were safely evacuated in accordance with DC Public Schools protocols and given the time of the incident, students were then dismissed for the school day."

Emhoff spokesperson Katie Pe-

ters said the school had alerted the Secret Service about what she said was a "security incident or a report of a potential security incident."

"U.S. Secret Service was made aware of a security threat at a school where the @SecondGentleman was meeting with students and faculty," Peters added in a later tweet. "Mr. Emhoff is safe and the school has been evacuated. We are grateful to Secret Service and D.C. Police for their work."

The threat came in a phone call to the front desk announcing there was a bomb inside and giving people 10 minutes to leave, Executive Assistant Police Chief Ashan Benedict said. The information was passed along to the Secret Service, prompting Emhoff to be moved out of the area, he said.

Police used bomb technicians and dogs to search the building and concluded there was no threat, Benedict said. Based on a preliminary investigation, it does not appear that the threat is related to a series of threats made to historically Black colleges in the U.S., Benedict said.

The Secret Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

After evacuating the building, students, teachers and other staff gathered outside on the high school football field. Students were sent home since it was close to their regular dismissal time and it would have taken several hours for security officials to clear the building, principal Nadine Smith said.

Peters said Emhoff's event likely would be rescheduled.

SEVERAL FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO NBC'S LOWER OLYMPIC RATINGS

(AP) NBC's Mike Tirico began Friday's Winter Olympics opening ceremony by saying, "just over six months ago in Tokyo, we said we were about to embark on an Olympics unlike any other. Now we're about to top that."

In the case of ratings, though, topping that has meant producing record lows.

Through the first four nights of competition, NBC is on track for the lowest-rated Winter Games in history. Friday night's coverage on NBC, USA Network and Peacock averaged 12.8 million viewers, significantly down from the 27.8 million average in Pyeongchang four years ago.

Thursday night's audience of 8 million marks the smallest primetime Olympics audience on record, surpassing the 9 million that tuned in for the

compared to Pyeongchang. Preliminary figures from Saturday show 13.6 million, and 13.7 million from Sunday.

The numbers are stark but not a surprise. Strained relations between the United States and China due to economic and human rights issues, another Olympics held during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a lack of buzz coming into the Games have been significant factors.

"There are a whole range of subliminal factors that are negatives when it comes to an event in China," said Neal Pilon, the former president of CBS Sports who now runs his own sports television consulting company. "It just adds to the obvious issues, and it leads to the American public being not as interested in the Games this year."

The 2018 Pyeongchang Games marked the first time since 2006 that no night averaged at least 30 million viewers. Last year's Tokyo Olympics averaged above 20 million only one of 17 nights, and produced the nine smallest Summer Games primetime audiences going back to 1992.

Tokyo also marked the first time the preceding Winter Games averaged a higher audience. Beijing also marks the first time since 1992 that two Olympics are taking place only six months apart.

"The sky is definitely not falling. Yes, we have run into a bunch of bad factors that have made it harder for us. But most importantly, we had a realistic view on the audiences we were going to deliver, and we are delivering what we promised to the marketing community," NBCUniversal Television Chairman Mark Lazarus said. "But our trend line is pretty good. Our ratings have gone up the last three days. We are feeling that America is finding the Olympics."



Fireworks, forming the Olympic rings, illuminate the sky during the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics, Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in Beijing.

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closing ceremony of the Tokyo Games.

NBC saw a steady increase in viewers Saturday and Sunday night, but the ratings are down more than half

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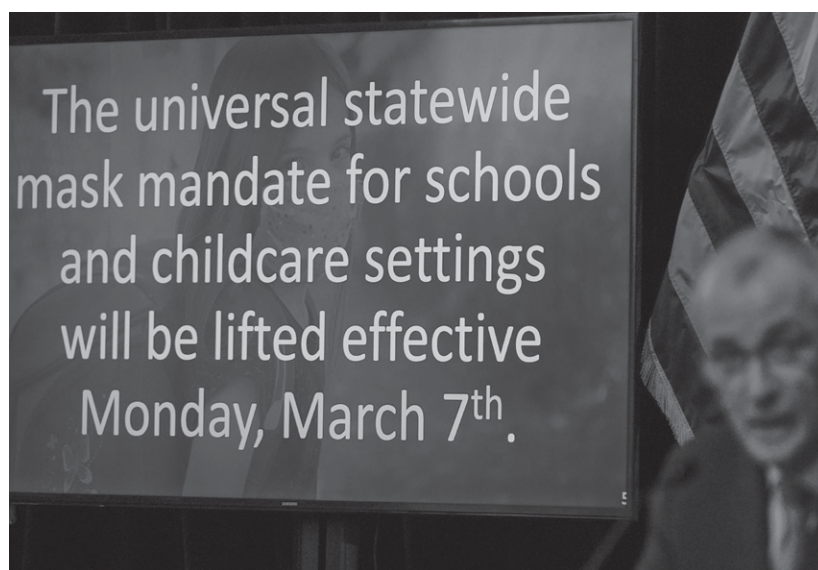
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Governors in 4 states plan to end school mask mandates



New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy talks to three and four year old students in a pre-K class at the Dr. Charles Smith Early Childhood Center, Sept. 16, 2021, in Palisades Park, N.J. Murphy will end a statewide mask mandate to protect against COVID-19 in schools and child care centers, his office said Monday, Feb. 7, 2022.

PHOTO BY MARY ALTAFFER/AP FILE



New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy speaks to reporters during a briefing in Trenton, N.J., Monday, Feb. 7, 2022. Murphy announced plans Monday to lift the statewide COVID-19 mask requirement in schools a month from now because of the rapid easing of the omicron surge, calling the move "a huge step back to normalcy for our kids."

PHOTO BY SETH WENIG/AP FILE

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The governors of four states announced plans Monday to lift statewide mask requirements in schools by the end of February or March, citing the rapid easing of COVID-19's omicron surge.

The decisions in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey and Oregon were announced as state and local governments grapple with which virus restrictions to jettison and which ones to keep in place. The changes also come amid a growing sense that the virus is never going to go away and Americans need to find a way to coexist with it.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy called the move "a huge step back to normalcy for our kids" and said individual school districts will be free to continue requiring masks after the state mandate ends March 7.

Meanwhile, California announced plans to end its indoor masking requirement for vaccinated people next week, but masks will still be the rule for schoolchildren in the nation's most populous state.

The four states are among a dozen with mask mandates in schools, according to the nonpartisan National Academy for State Health Policy. New Jersey's requirement has been in place since classes resumed in person in September 2020.

Murphy cited the "dramatic decline in our COVID numbers" in announcing the rollback. The omicron variant fueled a spike in infections over the holidays, but cases in the state are down 50% and hospitalizations dropped off by one-third since last week, he said.

"We are not — and I've said this many times — going to manage COVID to zero," the governor said. "We have to learn how to live with COVID as we move from a pandemic to an endemic phase of this

virus."

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont recommended ending the statewide mandate in schools and child care centers on Feb. 28. Delaware Gov. John Carney said his state's school mask mandate will run through March.

Oregon's mask requirements for schools will be lifted March 31. The statewide mask requirement for indoor public places will be lifted no later than the end of March, health officials announced.

Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state medical officer and epidemiologist, said education and health officials will meet in the coming weeks to revise guidance to "ensure schools can continue operating safely and keep students in class" once the mask rule is lifted.

The March 31 deadline was selected using predictions by health scientists that COVID-19-related hospitalizations will decrease to 400 or fewer by that time — a level that Oregon experienced before the omicron variant surge.

In California, unvaccinated people will still be required to be masked indoors after Feb. 15, and everyone will have to wear masks in higher-risk areas such as public transit and nursing homes and other congregate living facilities, state officials said. Local governments can continue their own indoor masking requirements.

State officials also announced that indoor "mega events" with more than 1,000 people will have to require vaccinations or negative tests, and those who are unvaccinated will be required to wear masks. For outdoor events with more than 10,000 people, there is no vaccination requirement, but masks or negative tests will be recommended.

The debate over masks in schools has been polarizing in much of the U.S., with parents protesting at

school board meetings and slates of candidates — pro- and anti-mask — seeking school board seats in an attempt to shape policies.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday that universal mask-wearing in schools "still remains our recommendation," but she did not fault states for dropping the requirement.

"It's always been up to school districts. That's always been our point of view and always been our policy from here," she said.

Eight Republican-led states, including Florida and Texas, have bans on school mask mandates, though some have been suspended amid legal fights with districts and parents who want to require masks, according to the National Academy for State Health Policy.

In Illinois, where a judge last week struck down Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's statewide school mask mandate, the Democratic attorney general said Monday he will appeal the ruling. The Chicago school system, where teachers recently refused to hold in-person classes until an agreement was reached on safety measures, including providing KN95 masks to students and staff, said the ruling doesn't apply and the nation's third-largest district will continue to require masks.

Murphy faced pressure from Republicans and some parents who have held rallies at the statehouse demanding an end to the mandate. But the governor has had support for the mask rule from the New Jersey Education Association, the state's biggest teachers union.

In a statement, the union noted that trends show COVID-19 heading in the right direction, and added: "It is appropriate for Gov. Murphy to allow local districts to continue to require masking in communities where that is prudent based on local conditions."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The University of California has agreed to pay \$243.6 million to settle allegations that hundreds of women were sexually abused by a former UCLA gynecologist, lawyers and the university announced Tuesday.

The settlement covers about 50 cases involving 203 women who said they were groped or otherwise abused by Dr. James Heaps over a 35-year career. Each will receive \$1.2 million, attorneys said.

The deal was reached with the assistance of a private mediator after substantial litigation, the parties said.

The lawsuits said that UCLA ignored decades of complaints and deliberately concealed abuse.

"The conduct alleged to have been committed by Heaps is reprehensible and contrary to the university's values," a UCLA statement said. "We express our gratitude to the brave individuals who came forward, and hope this settlement is one step toward providing healing and closure for the plaintiffs involved."

Two women who said Heaps abused them spoke at an afternoon news conference.

"I've been waiting 20 years for this day," said Julie Wallach, who said she was abused by Heaps in the late 1990s — but when she reported it to UCLA and the state medical board, "no one listened."

"There was no one else to go to. I mean, who do you fight?" she said. "The emotional toll it's taken over the years has been tremendous."

Kara Cagle said she was assaulted by Heaps eight years ago at a time when she'd been undergoing grueling treatment for a rare form of breast cancer.

The University of California, Los Angeles, began investigating Heaps in 2017 and he retired the

UCLA settles gynecologist sex abuse suit for \$243.6 million

next year after the school declined to renew his contract. Heaps also was criminally charged last year with 21 counts of sexual offenses involving seven women. He has pleaded not guilty and denied wrongdoing.

John C. Manly, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, called Heaps a sophisticated predator who committed abuse under the guise of normal medical procedures such as pelvic and breast examinations. Many of the people who made accusations of abuse were cancer patients, he said.

"Perpetrators are not the drooling ghoul that the media portrays them to be overtly," he said. "They're nice people, they're gregarious, they're polite, they have good reputations and that's what these women faced."

Manly said University of California system regents made the decision to resolve the claims rather than "unnecessarily inflicting further damage upon these survivors" and it should be a model for other universities facing similar claims.

Manly said there are thousands of practicing doctors nationwide who have administrative and criminal convictions for molesting their patients and he urged federal lawmakers to take steps to protect the public.

The lawsuits were among hundreds filed that allege abuse by Heaps. UCLA settled a similar lawsuit last year for \$73 million.

In that case, more than 100 women said that between 1983 and 2018, Heaps groped women, simulated intercourse with an ultrasound probe or made inappropriate comments during examinations at the UCLA student health center, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center or his on-campus office.

Under that class-action settlement, some 6,600 former patients were to receive between \$2,500 and \$250,000, with the higher amounts involving the extent of bodily injury and emotional distress as decided by a panel of experts.

UCLA didn't acknowledge wrongdoing in reaching that settlement but did agree to change its procedures for preventing, identifying, investigating and dealing with sexual misconduct.

"I could never have imagined that someone would have taken such despicable advantage of me during that time. It was so traumatic that I left in tears."

Kara Cagle, UCLA alumna



Residents watch a broadcast of a curling competition for the 2022 Winter Olympics shown on a big screen at a special site set up for the public in Beijing, China, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

PHOTO BY NG HAN GUAN/AP FILE

Olympic fans undaunted by closed Winter Games

BEIJING (AP) — Behind barrier fences, in socially distanced stadium seating or outside in below-freezing temperatures, these are an unusual Olympics for fans and spectators at these second pandemic-era Games.

Beijing's Olympic village and all the competition venues are cut off from the surrounding city by fences and barriers, a so-called "closed loop" aimed at keeping athletes, coaches, journalists, Games staff and volunteers separated from Beijing locals. It's all part of the strict COVID protocols imposed by the country where the coronavirus first emerged but claims some of the lowest death and infection rates in the world.

Judging by a series of images

captured by Associated Press photographers over the first few days of the Games, the pandemic measures don't appear to have dimmed the enthusiasm of the most faithful fans.

Inside the loop, rows of spectators occupy every other seat to maintain social distance as they wait for the start of the men's singles short program at figure skating competition on Friday morning.

Outside, Beijingers watch a big screen as China's mixed relay team wins gold in short track speedskating on Saturday. And fans outside the iconic Bird's Nest stadium in minus-two degrees Celsius watching the fireworks explode during Friday's opening ceremony.

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Could our snow days be more useful?



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Last Friday, Feb. 4, the University of Connecticut closed all campuses except for UConn Health. A 4:46 a.m. UConn Alert, "All classes—online or in-person—[are] canceled."

Now, for a student in grade school, the proclamation of a snow day brings great joy, and for the most part, the same applies to college students, but there is one major difference. While grade school either has built in snow days or adds an additional day to the end of the year, colleges simply lose a day of instruction. Because the schedule is set in stone prior to the start of classes, a missed day means that professors either have to omit the plans for a day of class entirely, or speed up the entire flow of the course. Both of these obviously have their negative effects on both students and professors, so we ask this question: Is it possible to fairly institute a snow day protocol that both works for everyone and keeps the day from being completely lost?

The most important thing to factor in when coming up with a plan for snow days is that whatever solution is used must work for the majority of people. The argument that can be made for the current solution, canceling class across the board, is that it puts everyone on an even playing field. No one has class, so either no one misses anything or everyone misses everything depending on how you frame it. While this holistic tactic works very well at keeping things equal, there is a better way to accommodate inclement weather.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, UConn has had plenty of exposure to the world of online learning modalities. With these methods of remote teaching in the toolbox, it definitely seems within the scope of reason to assume that online classes could be used during the event of campus closure. However, how the classes are conducted is important. Many closures come with outages and other hindrances that may keep people from accessing the internet, so synchronous learning is definitely not the solution. Asynchronous work is the way to go, as it allows for work to be done on the students' terms, but there are still caveats to this.

For starters, if a student has zero access to the internet due to the effects of a storm or otherwise, it is possible that they would not be able to receive any work on the day of the closure. Because of this, no short-term deadlines should be placed on assignments, and they should be as supplemental as possible. This way, material can still be given out, but there'd be no penalty to those without the means to quickly return assignments.

Another factor revolves around classes that lose the majority of their value when not in-person. For example, hands-on learning environments like labs, clinical placements, some arts classes and many others rely on being physically present. While this cannot be fully remedied, if professors could share a plan for the class day with students, the day would not be fully lost.

Overall, this is a very sensitive issue. UConn students have a myriad of situations they might find themselves in in the case of a school closure. Some live on campus, some live at home and commute and some are purely remote. On top of students, the comfort and availability of professors must also be considered, as this is asking more of them than is normally expected during a snow day. Ultimately, this is simply an idea and an attempt to generate conversation on a topic that has multiple answers. Perhaps a good approach would be to try different ideas out each time an outage occurs, and if the community responds favorably to one tactic, that could be the adopted method. No matter what, we should all do our best to help the UConn experience be as beneficial as possible to as many people as possible.

A critical response to Interim President Maric's statement on sexual violence

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TW: Sexual assault, sexual violence, rape

Alexandra Docken's solo protest made headlines last week, providing students with a platform to speak out about sexual assault and violence at the University of Connecticut. Students quickly began to organize, amplify the voices of survivors of sexual violence, share their stories and demand that the UConn Administration be held accountable.

In response to this call to action, UConn students received an email on Feb. 6 from newly appointed President Radenka Maric. This email declared that "UConn abhors sexual violence in all its forms and does its best to provide victims with compassionate care, resources, and much-needed support in the face of their trauma."

This email contrasted reports from students that they felt alone and lost when trying to report acts of sexual violence to UConn's Office of Institutional Equity and the UConn Police Department. Students who have gone through the process of filing a report have described it as a traumatizing, dismissive and coercive experience, and many others still do not report because of the university's past of mishandling reports of sexual violence. Why did UConn feel this was an appropriate response to the criticism that students were being silenced? It read as nothing more than a reflexive defense rather than a critical analysis of how the administration can best serve the UConn community.

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Students have expressed their outrage at the insufficient communication. Some feel it was a reactionary email that solidified the accusations that UConn is not doing enough to "protect our pack." In an Instagram post, Docken described the communication as "an email trying to make us complacent with no signs of policy change in the future."

In a 2016 report by the Washington Post, the University of Connecticut tied with Brown University for the highest prevalence of sexual violence on campus with 43 reported rapes. In 2020, the number of reported rapes reached 80, nearly doubling from 6 years prior when the report was released. This figure is also not representative of the 70 reports of Intimate Partner Violence and 16 reports of stalking that also occurred in 2020.

If UConn was truly creating "a culture on our campuses that is rooted in respect, awareness, supporting one another, and an extreme intolerance towards any form of sexual violence," as Maric stated, students would not have to learn these statistics through social media posts. UConn has had years following the report to reflect and enact change. Rather than taking a proactive and intentional approach, UConn remains silent and complicit in violence against our community.

This is not a new issue at UConn, so why are we only hearing a stance from our administration when survivors of sexual violence have decided to become more visible and more vocal?

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The actions (or inactions) proposed by President Maric and Dean of Students Eleanor Daugherty are outlined in the communication are insufficient and defensive at best. At worst, it may contribute to silencing victims of sexual violence on our campuses.

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UConn students have been transparent in seeing issues with the administration's mishandling of sexual violence. And yet students are being asked to help the administration further identify and rectify the university's shortcomings. If the university had been listening to victims of sexual violence as they claim, this task force would be obsolete.

Another notable item listed in the president's email was the possibility of creating "online trainings," focused on making our campus safer. Does UConn need an online training that students can click through and forget about, or do we need to take tangible steps to make our community safer? This reads as a "quick fix" solution to prove that UConn is invested in community care, a performative measure that may have little to no effect on the threats to campus safety.

Third, the email listed the Office of Institutional Equity as a resource to students amid student outrage that over 96% of cases of sexual violence reported to the university in 2021 have not been investigated. It is dismissive to claim to be responsive to complaints about the OIE's mishandling of previous reports of sexual violence, and in the same breath, to direct students to those same modalities of reporting without expressing a desire for meaningful policy change.

The University communication is in poor taste. It reads as dismissive and defensive — not at all indicative of Trauma-Informed care. If UConn is able to take pride in their campus safety ratings, they must stop silencing their students and answer the overdue cries to "do better."

Community resources:

UConn Violence Against Women Protection Program (VAWPP)

Survivor support groups (UConn Women's Center)

UConn Sexperts

UConn Revolution Against Rape



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I found the cutest ‘Galentine’s’ party recipes, so you don’t have to

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Whether you’re single or taken, “Galentine’s Day” is a holiday you should celebrate no matter what. Usually celebrated a few days before Valentine’s Day, “Galentine’s Day” is the time to celebrate the love you have for your gal pals by wearing pajamas, watching iconic romance films and of course, baking themed sweet treats. Here are some recipes that will impress your girls without breaking the bank.

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE COOKIES

Although the word “cheesecake” in any recipe immediately screams “time-consuming and difficult,” these pink cookies could not be easier and more affordable to make. This recipe comes from the blog *Chenée Today* and only calls for a few simple ingredients: a box of strawberry cake mix, cream cheese, vegetable oil, baking powder, one egg and a bag of white chocolate chips. All you do is mix the ingredients together and fold in the white chocolate chips before baking at 350 degrees for 12 to 13 minutes. The hot pink color of these cookies is fitting for a Galentine’s appetizer or dessert. View the full recipe and ingredient measurements [here](#).

CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRY COCKTAIL

Serve this cocktail alongside some chocolate-covered strawberries for a boozy twist at your Galentine’s brunch or dinner. This recipe only calls for strawberry vodka, chocolate liqueur and some half and half. If you own a drink shaker, simply shake to combine and strain into a cocktail glass. Top with a chocolate-covered strawberry for a photo-op and start celebrating! View full alcohol measurements [here](#).

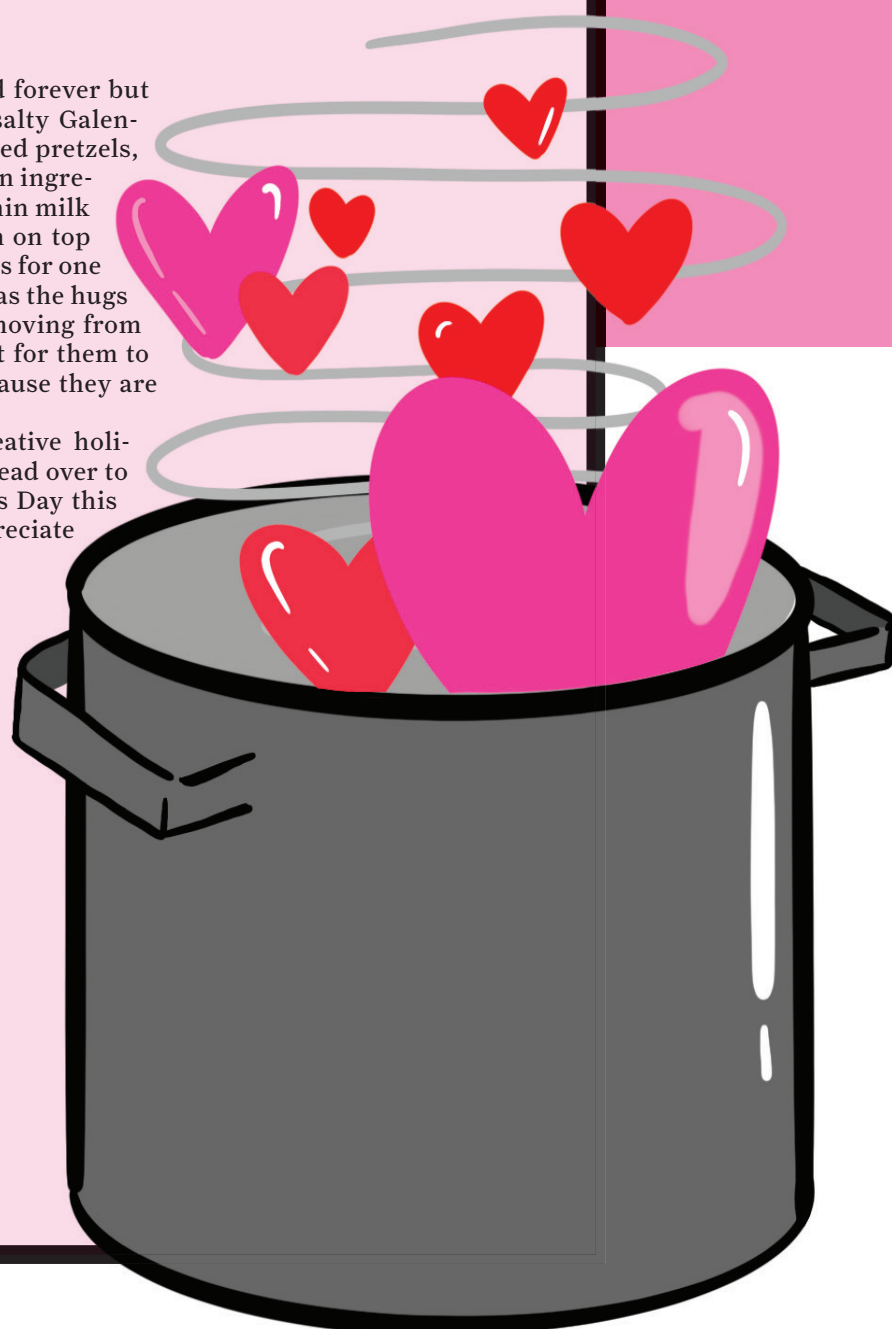
For those in search of a mocktail option that is just as adorable as the cocktail above, there are plenty of delicious drinks to make for a dry Galentine’s Day. A simple strawberry lemonade can be elevated to an impressive mocktail by purchasing edible glitter and garnishing with a fresh strawberry. Pour a glass of strawberry lemonade over ice and sprinkle edible glitter over the top of the drink. The glitter will sink through the cup and give it a sparkly finish. You can also substitute this recipe for raspberry lemonade and garnish your mocktail with fresh raspberries instead. Any pink or red fruit will work!

HEART HUG PRETZELS

This is a popular Christmas recipe that has been around forever but one simple change can make this fitting for a sweet and salty Galentine’s snack. All you need to make this treat is square-shaped pretzels, Hershey’s hug candies and pink M&Ms. For reference, when ingredient-shopping, Hershey’s hugs are white chocolate with thin milk chocolate stripes. Unwrap the hug candies and place them on top of the pretzels before proceeding to bake them at 350 degrees for one to three minutes. Make sure to not exceed this baking time as the hugs will become too melted to press the M&Ms into! After removing from the oven, gently press a pink M&M into each hug and wait for them to harden. A friendly word of advice: make a lot of these because they are addicting and will go quick!

Social media is your best friend when it comes to creative holiday-themed recipes, so if none of these ones interest you, head over to Pinterest or TikTok for inspiration. Enjoy your Galentine’s Day this year and make sure to tell your friends how much you appreciate them!

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In conjunction with Grace's article today about recipes for Galentine's Day, I'll be sharing some recipes for my ideal Valentine's Day meal. Both articles are perfect preparation for The Daily Campus Life Section's special annual Valentine's Day issue coming out on — you guessed it — Feb. 14. As an avid "Parks and Rec" and Leslie Knope fan, as well as a strong supporter of empowering female-identifying individuals, Galentine's Day has a special place in my heart. Whether you are single or in a relationship, happy about your relationship status or less than content, Galentine's Day is a great time to put those feelings aside and focus on your female friendships and the wonderful women in your life. However, Valentine's Day can be just as lovely; I'm a firm believer that Valentine's Day is not solely about romantic love. If you're in a relationship with someone and they are your Valentine, congratulations! (Honestly not meant to sound sarcastic.) But even if you aren't, lavish a bit more love on those who deserve it. Of course, those people deserve love all year-round, but take the holiday to do something a bit special. What screams love more than food? Whether you want to celebrate Valentine's Day with family, friends or yourself, enjoy yourselves with a special meal. I don't know if I'll actually get around to making it, but my dream homemade Valentine's Day meal would consist of the following components:

MAIN DISH: SALMON PASTA WITH CREAMY GARLIC SAUCE (ADAPTED FROM SALT AND LAVENDER)

I love creamy pastas as well as seafood, so this dish is a match made in heaven.

Total Time: 30 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Prep Time: 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

Eight ounces of uncooked pasta

My pasta of choice: pappardelle

Half pound of fresh salmon

One-fourth teaspoon of onion powder

One tablespoon of olive oil

One tablespoon of butter

One tablespoon of flour

Three cloves of garlic, minced

One-half cup of dry white wine or chicken broth

Use a wine that you would actually like the taste of!

Three-fourths cup of heavy or whipping cream

Juice from half of a medium lemon (about one tablespoon)

One-half cup of freshly-grated parmesan cheese

One tablespoon of fresh parsley, chopped

DIRECTIONS

1. Cook your pasta al dente in a pot of boiling, salted water.

2. Meanwhile, season the salmon with onion powder and salt and pepper to taste.

3. Add the olive oil and butter to a skillet over medium-high heat. Once the mixture is hot, cook the salmon for a couple of minutes on each side. Transfer the salmon to a plate and set aside.

4. Reduce the heat to medium. Add the flour to the skillet and cook for about 30 seconds, continuously stirring.

5. Whisk in the garlic and wine, letting them bubble for about 20 seconds. Whisk in the cream and lemon juice. Once the sauce is smooth, whisk in the parmesan.

6. Add the salmon back to the skillet, and break it up into bite-size pieces. Gently mix them into the sauce. Cook for an additional three to five minutes or until the sauce is thickened and the salmon is cooked through.

7. Drain the pasta and add it to the skillet with about one tablespoon of pasta water and the parsley. Gently toss the sauce and pasta.

8. Serve immediately with extra parmesan cheese and freshly chopped herbs.

DESSERT: FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE (ADAPTED FROM DELISH)

Decadent chocolate desserts have a special place in my heart, and they can run the gamut from simple to complicated. Fortunately, this cake seems simple enough while delivering powerful flavor.

Total Time: One hour, 30 minutes | Prep Time: 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE

Cooking spray

Six ounces of bittersweet chocolate, roughly chopped

One-half cup (one stick) butter, cut into large chunks

One teaspoon of instant espresso powder

One-fourth cup of hot water

One cup of granulated sugar

Four large eggs

Three-fourths cup of unsweetened cocoa powder (Dutch process)

INGREDIENTS FOR THE GANACHE

One-half cup heavy cream (if you have some leftover from the first recipe!)

One cup semisweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease an eight-inch springform pan with cooking spray.

2. Make cake: Place a small saucepan filled halfway with water over medium heat and bring to a simmer. Place bittersweet chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl and set over the simmering pot, ensuring the water does not touch the bottom of the bowl. Stir until chocolate and butter are completely melted. Turn off heat, and remove bowl from saucepan.

3. Dissolve espresso powder in hot water. Add sugar and espresso to melted chocolate and whisk until completely combined, then add eggs and whisk to combine. Stir in cocoa powder.

4. Pour batter into prepared springform pan and bake until just set in the middle and a thin crust forms — about 35 minutes.

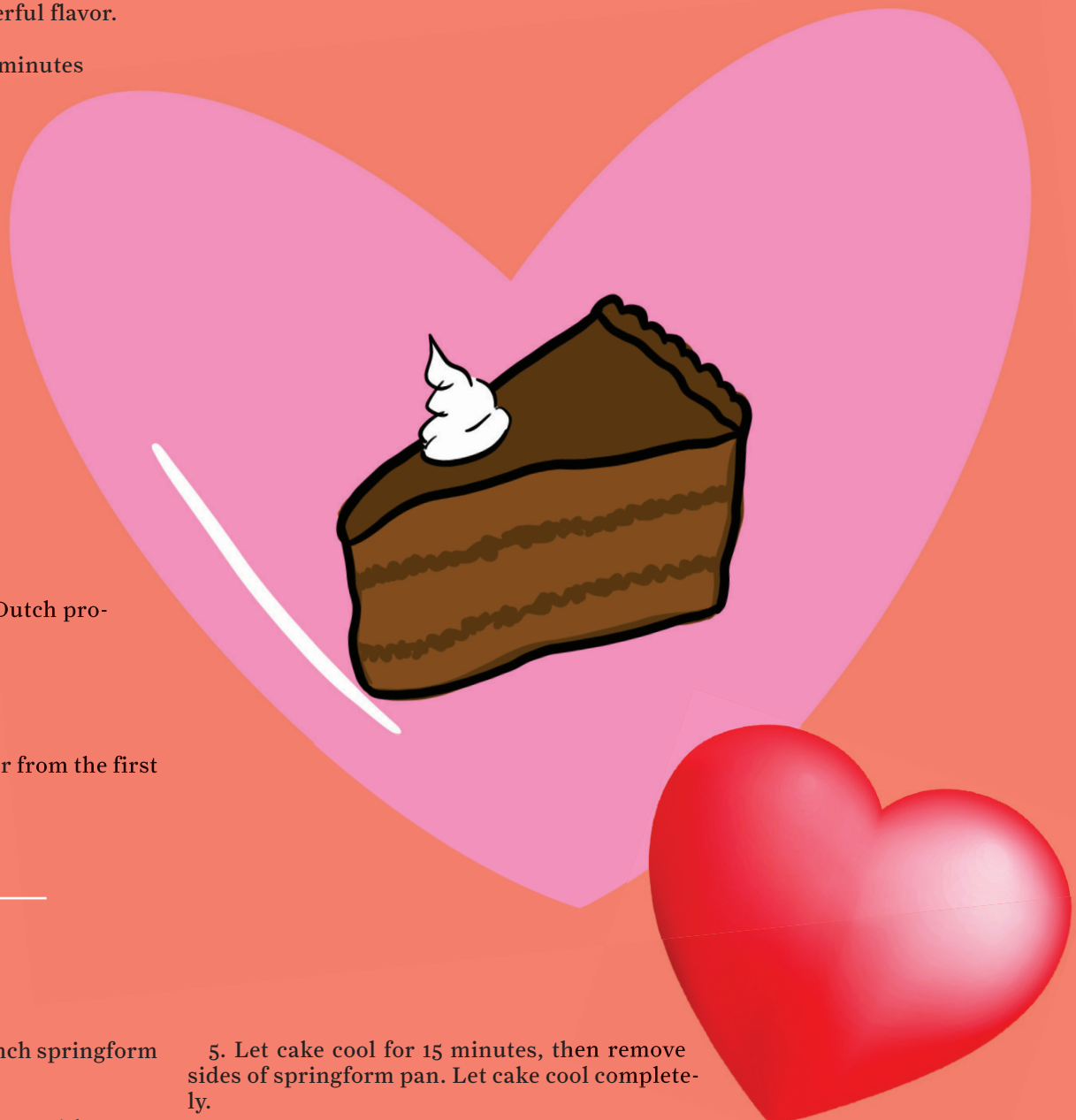
5. Let cake cool for 15 minutes, then remove sides of springform pan. Let cake cool completely.

6. Meanwhile, make ganache: Place heavy cream in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Place chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl, then pour hot cream over chocolate chips. Let sit one minute, then whisk to combine.

7. Pour ganache over cake and smooth with a spatula or knife. Cool in refrigerator until set, if desired — about 10 minutes.

8. Top with raspberries to serve.

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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Here's Johnny!



UConn students stop to pet and interact with Jonathan the Husky outside of the UConn Recreation Center during one of Jonathan's mid-day walks on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman," e.g.
- 6 Bumbling
- 11 Frisk, as a suspect, with "down"
- 14 Sharpen the image in the viewfinder
- 15 Give a recap
- 16 Grow older
- 17 How books are usually read
- 19 Tide competitor
- 20 Gaming novice, in slang
- 21 Snuggles
- 23 Quite
- 26 Female rodent, to Fernando
- 28 Out of the wind
- 29 Fútbol cheer
- 30 How chapters in books are read
- 33 Frisbee company
- 35 New Hampshire college town that sounds peachy
- 36 Akin
- 39 Sign-lettering aid
- 43 ___ Says: imitation game
- 45 Arcade pioneer
- 46 How pages in chapters in books are read
- 51 Western omelet meat
- 52 Mayberry boy
- 53 "___ she blows!"
- 54 The "A" in A.D.
- 55 Numbs
- 58 Old fast fliers: Abbr.
- 60 ___ Arbor, Michigan
- 61 How words on pages in chapters in books are usually read
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- 67 Actress Demi
- 68 "Farewell, mon ami"
- 69 UFO pilots
- 70 No right ___: road sign
- 71 Intended

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By Kurt Krauss

DOWN

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- 2 Iberian land: Abbr.
- 3 Environmentalist's prefix
- 4 Like undercooked eggs
- 5 Regarding
- 6 Weather map line
- 7 Worn-down pencil
- 8 Comes out of, as a scent from blossoms
- 9 Brownish purple
- 10 Toll rds. often named for states
- 11 Spanish rice dish
- 12 Goes along (with)
- 13 Service with cups and saucers
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- 22 "America's Got ___"
- 23 Swears
- 24 K-12, for short
- 25 Paper purchase
- 27 "Naughty, naughty!"
- 30 Manuscript sheet

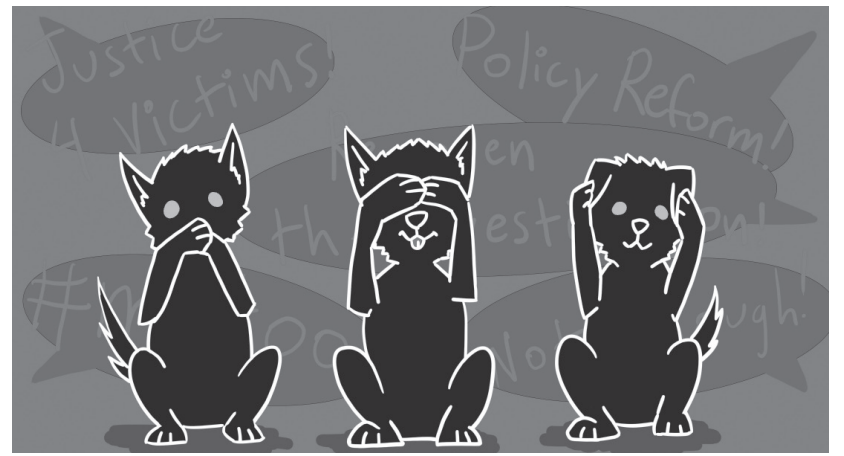
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Comic of the day



COMIC BY STEVEN COLEMAN, ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

DYK?

There are over 200 different owl species.

A GROUP OF OWLS IS CALLED A PARLIAMENT, WISDOM, BAZAAR OR STUDY.

Owls can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees.

THE COLOR OF AN OWL'S FEATHERS HELPS IT BLEND INTO ITS ENVIRONMENT.

Most owls do not migrate, but they can be nomadic.

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Evan's Mindset

THE NFL'S RACISM PROBLEM AND A NEED FOR CHANGE

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"Morals cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. The law cannot make an employer love me, but it can keep him from refusing to hire me because of the color of my skin."

This Martin Luther King Jr. quote stands at the center of former Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores' lawsuit against the NFL and three NFL teams — the Denver Broncos, New York Giants and Miami Dolphins — for discrimination. It's an additional blemish on the sport of football that the NFL refuses to take appropriate action on.

It's a dark and harsh reality, but it's the clear-cut truth. It's the same truth that NFL owners and executives must face to maintain the integrity and justification of their sport. It's a dilemma that is due for much-needed change.

The NFL is the most racist sports league in America. The same league made up of 70% of Black players can't seem to find a proper way to treat them with the respect they deserve. It may even trump the MLB's own racism issues, where players in Boston must face a barrage of racial slurs thrown toward them while playing the game they love.

The NFL's problems stem from more than just coaching. The situation with Flores is just one of numerous examples that show the dirty facts of a league that continues to profit off Black men. These are the same league executives who turn a blind eye as they sit in luxury boxes and watch Black NFL players earn money while sustaining life-threatening injuries. Yet NFL executives don't care to do anything about it; they're just looking at the cash in their pockets.

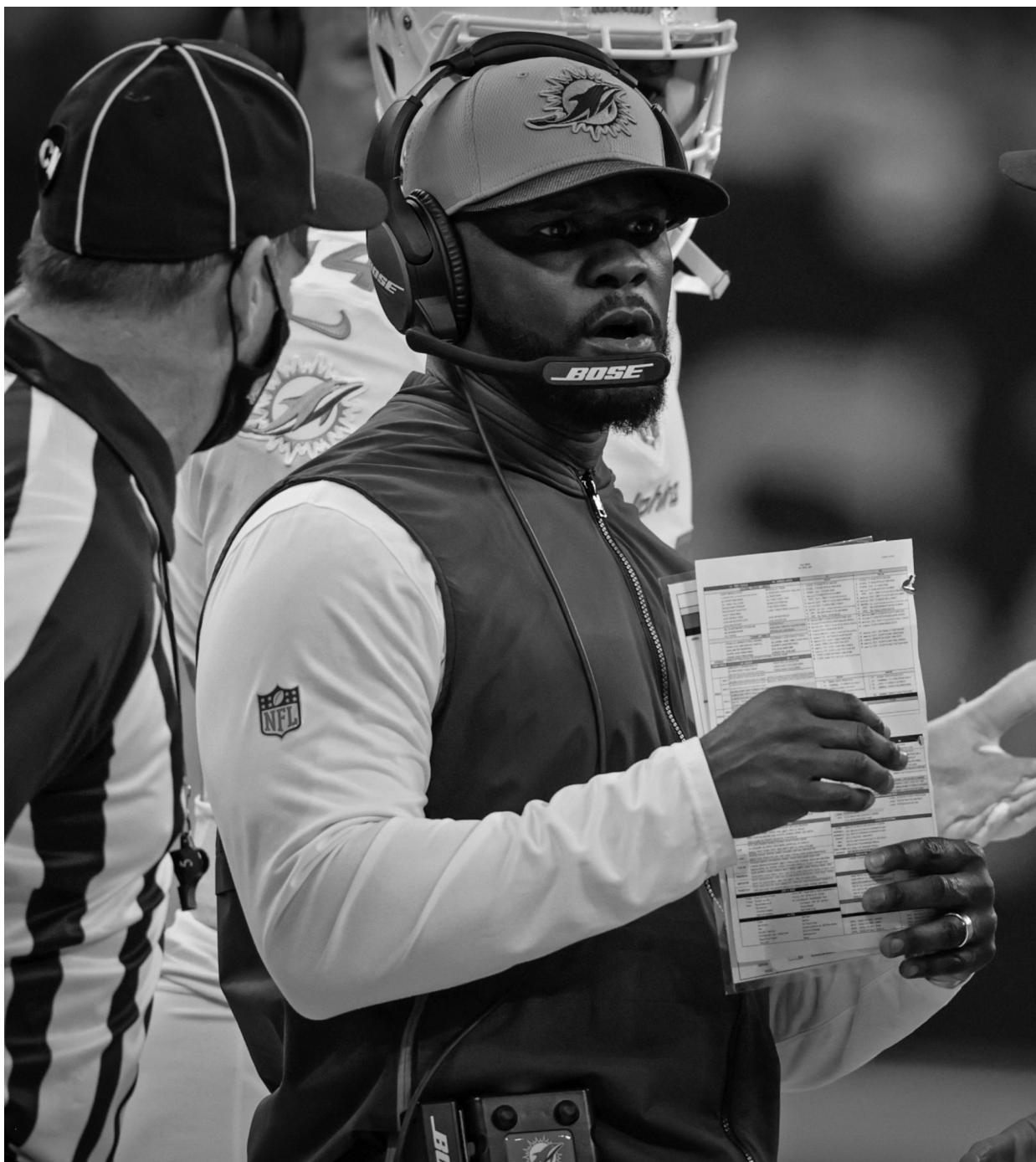
This is the same league that used "race-norming" for years as a way to avoid paying numerous Black players their rightful share of a \$1 billion concussion settlement. That's simply because of their difference in skin color.

It's the same league that allowed the Washington Commanders to operate under a racial slur for many years, until enough backlash by Native American groups forced the team to change its name.

It doesn't stop there either. Let's turn the attention back to the NFL's coaching situation. In 2002, the NFL implemented the Rooney Rule, a way to combat the lack of minority coaching in the NFL by requiring teams to interview at least one minority coach. That sounds like a step in the right direction, right? In 2022, it's a loud no. Instead of advancing with the world and pushing the power of Black leadership, the league has decided to stick with just two African-American head coaches: Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin and Houston Texans new-hire Lovie Smith.

With Troy Vincent, the executive vice president of football operations for the NFL, admitting to the league's "double standard" for hiring Black leadership in its sport, it begs the question of how they can improve. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is reportedly frustrated with the NFL's hiring process of coaches during the 2022 offseason, but that's effectively worthless without action. How can a sport so rampant with racist opinions and actions evolve to become at least morally acceptable in today's era?

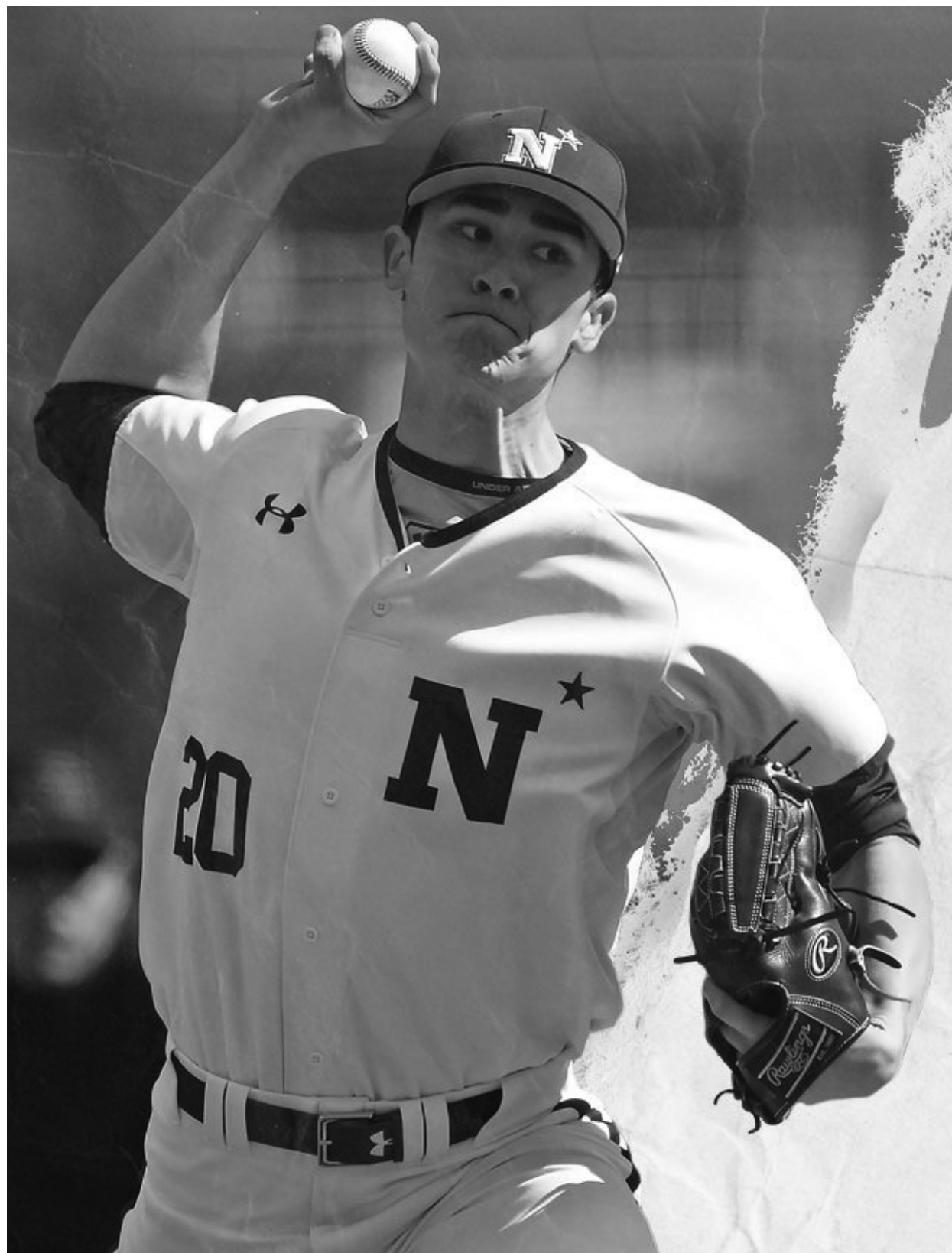
Whether it's reform amongst top league executives or more drastic, there is an absolute need for change in the NFL. A league that has carried so many racist actions against coaches and players can't operate under its current structure. It's time to change for the better, and 2022 is a great year to begin that change.



Fired Miami Dolphins Coach Brian Flores sued the NFL and three of its teams Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 saying racist hiring practices by the league have left it racially segregated and managed like a plantation.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BUTCH DILL/AP

A look at forgotten Red Sox prospect Noah Song



Pitcher Noah Song pictured here while with Navy's baseball team. In a tweet, the Navy Athletics department congratulates Song on being chosen 137th in the MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox.

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I'm not gonna lie, I miss baseball. A little over a week from now, pitchers and catchers should be reporting to spring training camps. With the MLB Lockout ongoing and no real end in sight, who knows when we're going to see our favorite players and clubs hit the diamond again.

On this week's Section 10 Podcast, the guys had a segment about the Red Sox farm system, and Noah Song's name came up with some rumors that he might return to baseball this year. Who is Song, and why is this significant? Song, fulfilling his commitment to the U.S. Navy, hasn't played a competitive game of baseball since 2019.

Song was initially a first round talent out of the United States Naval Academy, but fell in the 2019 MLB Amateur Draft after it was confirmed he would miss time in the minors due to his post-graduate service commitment. Boston was able to snag Song in the fourth round, despite him being one of four finalists for the Golden Spikes Award the year prior, which is given to the best player in college baseball.

At the Naval Academy, Song was dominant, setting school records for career wins, strikeouts and innings pitched. In his senior year, the starter had a record of 11-1 with a 1.44 ERA and a sub-1 WHIP. He was averaging a whopping 15.4 strikeouts per nine-inning game.

Before leaving to fulfil his service, Song was able to pitch in the New York Penn League with the rookie-ball Lowell Spinners. He was even more successful there than in college, with a 1.06 ERA and a 0.882 WHIP in seven appearances. Song also pitched for the United States in an Olympic qualifying tournament, posting more strong numbers (zero runs allowed in five appearances) out of the bullpen.

Since June 2020, the right-handed pitcher has been serving the nation, where his two-year stint may be ending soon. Even with that coming to a close, Song will have to petition to serve the remainder of his total, five-year stint as a reservist so he can play. Back in 2019, he didn't seem too worried about what

life had in store for him, saying "I have two plan As." Song seems to be taking them one plan at a time, as even his Twitter doesn't mention his status as a prospect, just "U.S. Naval Officer."

If he does return, it could be massive for the Red Sox farm system. The 24-year-old is listed at just 19th in SoxProspects' rankings, but this is likely due to his time away from the game. Song boasts a strong fastball with great command, which topped out at 99 mph at the Olympic qualifiers. Also in his pitching arsenal is a slider, curveball and newly (as of 2019) modified changeup. The changeup was a pitch that Song rarely threw in college, but has transformed into a project that has already paid off. SoxProspects has listed it as a "potential above-average offering" since the adjustment was made.

"The expectation was high, but seeing him... I'll never forget seeing him throw his first bullpen in Batavia," said Spinners pitching coach Nick Green. "It wasn't just the velo. It was the command, everything. From Day 1 he got my attention and from that point on it's been great to watch him."

Sure, Song has a long way to go. But it wouldn't be the first time that athletes have committed to the military before going pro. Most notably, David Robinson of the NBA and Roger Staubach of the NFL fulfilled their contracts with the Navy before having Hall of Fame careers. This isn't to say that Song will be a Hall of Famer, but having a professional sports career such as his isn't as rare as it may seem.

Something worth mentioning as well is the talent that was on his Olympic qualifying team. He gained valuable experience playing alongside guys like current Red Sox Bobby Dalbec and Tanner Houck and the Pittsburgh Pirates' Jacob Cronenworth. Among those players and that pool of young talent, he was still heralded by some as the most talented pitcher on the roster.

While it may be a while before Song reaches the major leagues (he is currently projected to make his debut in 2025), the fact that he could potentially return this year is huge for a farm system in need of arms. While it's taking more time than most, the fourth-round flier that Boston used back in 2019 could pay off dividends very shortly.

Sports

Photo of the Day | Airborne



The Huskies fall to No. 17 Xavier University 0-1 in Morrone Stadium on Oct. 24, 2021. UConn had a number of close chances to score including one in the last seconds of the game. Despite a tough fight, the team was not able to come away with a win on their senior night. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women's Basketball: Surging No. 8 Huskies take on Villanova at XL

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Coming off their signature win against current No. 13 Tennessee, the No. 8 University of Connecticut Huskies are slated to take on Maddy Siegrist and the Villanova Wildcats. The Wildcats currently sit at fourth in the Big East with a 9-3 conference record, just behind UConn, DePaul and Marquette. Villanova has generally had a successful season so far at 15-6, but this is ultimately not enough to crack ESPN's bracketology field.

The Wildcats have won eight straight games, all in conference, with one of those wins coming against Creighton. Villanova started out the season losing its first two games against formidable opponents, the first being Princeton, which sits atop

the Ivy League and is firmly in the NCAA tournament race. The second was No. 15 Maryland, which is in a tight race towards the top of the Big Ten. Both games were decided by about 20 points, establishing Villanova's status as a squad in the 40-60 range—better than most teams, but not quite good enough to compete with teams in the top 30 like Princeton or Maryland.

Villanova's star is clearly Siegrist, who has been playing at a Big East Player of the Year level, despite missing six games in late November and early December. In the 15 games she has played, the junior forward has averaged 25.7 points and 9.5 boards on 50.2% shooting. Siegrist's scoring average is good for second in the country, and she's only gotten better as of late. In her past five games, Siegrist is scoring 30 points and grabbing 9.7 rebounds per game.

Siegrist is an easy option for the All-Big East team, and could play herself into some more prestigious all-league honors.

The clear second option for the Wildcats is Lior Garzon, who has also had a solid season. On the year, Garzon scored 14.2 points and 4.2 rebounds, but she really shined during Siegrist's six-game absence. She scored 20 or more points in three of those games, helping Villanova tread water and stay afloat for that period. Over the past three games, Garzon has averaged just over 20 points per game, really emerging as a three point threat. In that span, she's gone 11-for-24 from deep, a substantial improvement from her 31.2% season mark.

For the Huskies, they'll look to just keep doing more of the same. They've won their past six games, and are fresh off a massive victory

against the No. 13 Tennessee Volunteers, in which Azzi Fudd scored 25 points on 7-for-9 shooting from deep. Fudd could be primed for another big game, with her new confidence to shoot the ball whenever she's open. This confidence didn't exist for her previous few games, as she's been either injured or still acclimating to the college game. Coach Geno Auriemma has continually encouraged the talented freshman to be more aggressive, so it will be interesting to see if Fudd can continue her sharp, high-volume shooting tonight.

Aaliyah Edwards will be a second Husky to watch for, as she had one of her better performances of the season against the Volunteers. Edwards scored 14 points, grabbed four boards and swatted two shots, earning the approval of Auriemma.

"Aaliyah worked real, real hard at the little parts of the game," Auriem-

ma said postgame. "It doesn't really matter the number of points you score, but she was active and had a positive impact."

Edwards has been spotty all season, only scoring in double figures season six times, after averaging 10.7 points last year. If she can find some consistency, the reinvented center could be the championship piece for UConn.

A factor that has yet to be determined, however, is whether Caroline Ducharme will play. The freshman phenom has led the Huskies in scoring a team-high six times this season, but was a last-minute scratch for the Tennessee game after taking a few hits in the previous couple of games. Her status is unknown, but she will certainly give UConn a lift if active.

The game will air on SNY at 7 p.m. and will be played at the XL Center in downtown Hartford.



The UConn women's basketball team defeats Tennessee 75-56 in a major victory at the XL Center Sunday afternoon. The Huskies took an early lead and held onto the win, taking their season record to 15-4.

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Weekly Roundtable

WHICH NFL PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE WIN A SUPER BOWL?

Taylor Coonan, Associate Sports Editor

Joe Burrow

Joey Franchise is probably the most fitting nickname for Mr. Joseph Burrow, with how he literally shaped the Bengals to what the team is today in such a short tenure. To even be going to the Super Bowl is already a huge step considering the odds were against Cincinnati all season long, but somehow the Bengals are still underdogs for this weekend. Did everyone forget the run that LSU had in 2019? Not only did the Tigers win the National Championship, but their fearless leader Joey B. also won the Heisman Trophy. After being drafted first overall in the 2020 NFL draft by the Bengals, Joe "Brrr" only played a few games before tearing both his ACL and MCL during his rookie season, with 2021-22 being his first full season back on the gridiron. The result? Comeback player of the year. The talent and class that Burrow upholds throughout it all makes him the most deserving of a ring, and he's only one win away from making him the first player in football history to win a National Championship, Heisman Trophy, and Super Bowl title — all in the span of three years. Pretty icy if you ask me, so give Joe Cool some more drip! Joe Shiesty makes too much money to have fake diamonds, so I'm hoping he can add some more real ones to his collection.



Evan Rodriguez, Staff Writer

Matt Gay

This is the biggest sleeper pick for someone who needs to win a ring, and there's not a doubt in my mind about it. This is the same kicker with one of the best names in football, and the same player who sent Tom Brady packing to the retirement home. In just his third year in the league, a ring for Gay would certainly be an impressive accomplishment, especially after he saw the field in just seven games last season. He's come back this year to nail 94% of his kicks and become a reliable piece on a championship roster. If the Rams do get into trouble and need someone to grab them the win, I'm looking at Gay to send Joe Burrow and the Bengals home, just like he did to Brady.



Xander Serrano, Campus Correspondent

Matthew Stafford

Although the Rams have been a Super Bowl contender for the past few years, no one expected this team to be led to the game of the year by veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford. The former Detroit Lions quarterback has never made it this far before, having only three playoff appearances and zero victories in his 12 seasons there. Having thrown for almost 5,000 yards this season, Stafford is putting up the numbers of an elite quarterback who has proven to the league that he is one of the best. I have watched Stafford for a long time now; he is a competitor who gives it his all every Sunday and has always been a team player. If there is anybody out of these two teams that deserve a Super Bowl ring the most, it is Matthew Stafford. With the Rams having the home-field advantage, the brilliant football mind of Coach Sean McVay and depth on the offensive and defensive side, we should see Stafford holding up the Lombardi Trophy at the end of the night.



Ajeeth Vellore, Campus Correspondent

Aaron Donald

I want this one for Aaron Donald real bad. The best defensive player (some could even argue the best player overall) in the league deserves to finally get his chip. After years of lingering on mediocre St. Louis and Los Angeles Rams teams, he has a really good chance of finally winning the big game. With two other defensive stalwarts on his side, cornerback Jalen Ramsey and linebacker Von Miller, Donald sets the tone for a Rams defense that is as tough as it is dominant. As far as I can see, he has almost all the Hall of Fame credentials: eight-time Pro Bowl, seven-time All-Pro and four-time Defensive Player of the Year, not to mention a Defensive Rookie of the Year nod, showing how truly dominant he's been throughout his whole career. The last thing he's missing? A Super Bowl ring. One of those puts him in the conversation with Reggie White and Bruce Smith for greatest D-lineman of all time.



Cole Stefan, Staff Writer

Andrew Whitworth

Hasn't this guy been through enough? He spent 11 years with the Bengals and didn't win a playoff game in six tries. After the 2016 season, he went over to Los Angeles and made a Super Bowl appearance within two seasons, only to come up short against the New England Patriots. Whitworth is 40 years old and has proven why he consistently is one of the best offensive linemen in the league. His four Pro Bowl appearances and two All-Pro selections are a testament to his durability and duty to protect the quarterback at all costs. There are several great options here, as only Von Miller is the biggest notable player with a Super Bowl ring (and a Super Bowl MVP to boot), but at the same time, if this ends up being the final game of Whitworth's borderline Hall of Fame career (it probably won't be), then there's no better way to go out than with a Lombardi. Just ask Peyton Manning or John Elway.



Stratton Stave, Staff Writer

Cooper Kupp

Cooper Kupp hasn't had quite the sorrowful NFL career that Mathew Stafford has had (being a great player on a horrible franchise), but he doesn't have a ring yet nonetheless. After graduating from FCS Eastern Washington, Kupp made a splash early with the Rams, but didn't quite emerge until last year, when he put up solid numbers as the No. 2 receiving option. From there, with the help of a quarterback change and Robert Woods' injury, Kupp took hold of the Rams' offense, leading the NFL in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns — the receiving triple crown. A season like this deserves to be rewarded with a ring, so let's see it happen.



Katherine Sheridan, Campus Correspondent

Odell Beckham Jr.

Three letters and a whole lot of personality, O.B.J. The man from "Him University" needs this ring more than anything. As a New Yorker, it was a treat watching Odell Beckham Jr. perform week in and week out, but heartbreaking to see the way it unfolded. In order to be at peace again, I need him to win his first ring and get the critics off of his back. While his time in Cleveland was promising, it did not go the way many thought it would, even with Jarvis Landry complimenting him. At times I felt his stint with the Browns was more difficult to watch than with Big Blue. This further proved that it is not just the wand, but the wizard too. That being said, this situation couldn't have been better written, as he became a free agent and was sent to a team that had all the right offensive weapons to match his talents with defense to back it up. Beckham has gone through too much in such little time in his eight years of NFL football for it not to end with a championship ring. Although it has taken some time for him to find the right fit, he has landed where stars are born. The only thing left to do is win the Oscar!





Sports

Men's Basketball: UConn plays to their identity in huge win over Marquette 80-72

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"We're not a team that teams look forward to playing against," said UConn coach Dan Hurley.

It was a brilliant night of basketball for the University of Connecticut highlighted by plenty of three-point shots by freshman Jordan Hawkins and tough finishes by flexing senior Tyrese Martin.

Most importantly, UConn returned to its identity in a huge Big East win over the ranked No. 18 Marquette University. They did it with passion and just a bit of swagger to their game.

It started in a rebound game for sophomore Adama Sanogo. The big man had 24 points in what looked like effortless basketball for the Big-East first-team candidate along with 15 rebounds. Sanogo continued to score in what was described as "demoralizing" by Golden Eagles coach Shaka Smart.

"I thought his baskets were more damaging mentally and emotionally than they were on the scoreboard," said Smart.

Sanogo's impeccable accomplishments were accompanied by the swagger and play of Martin.

The Huskies senior came ready to play after the team's losing effort in their past two contests against Creighton and Villanova. The guard did just that with 18 points and 15 rebounds on an efficient 7-12 shooting from the field. When you're UConn and need a win badly, Martin will always be a top option to turn to for a bucket.

Off the bench, the Huskies got a huge boost from Hawkins, who received a huge boost in minutes after his play against the Villanova Wildcats. The Huskies guard made sure to make those minutes count with 8 points including 2 clutch three-point shots that had coach Dan Hurley ready to chest bump the freshman.

"That shooting is eventually going to be elite," said Hurley.

While UConn wasn't able to replicate their amazing first half success in the second half of Tuesday's win, the Huskies made sure to draw fouls and get to the line for easy scoring opportunities with 22 free throw opportunities in the second half.

Additionally, in a huge progression in the XL Center vs. Gampel Pavillion debate, over 12,000 fans packed the XL Center to cheer for their beloved Huskies. With a 6:30 start time on Tuesday evening, fans made sure to

make the trip to Hartford when coach Hurley called for a big time Big East crowd. The entire stadium shook as the Golden Eagles crumbled to the pressure of the Husky spirit.

"Crowd was awesome," said Hurley. "When you have a crowd like that and energy like that in the building, it's hard to lose at home."

The Huskies won't have another home game until Feb. 16 against Seton Hall University, when they return to Gampel Pavillion in what will be a true test of student spirit. For the team, their fo-

cus remains on No.25 Xavier, who will host UConn on Friday at the Cintas Center. An additional win against a ranked opponent would be major in UConn's efforts to rebound after their previous two losses.



Tyrese Martin, pictured in a Feb. 1 55-59 loss to Creighton. Yesterday against Marquette, Martin had 18 points, 15 rebounds and 3 assists as the Huskies defeated the Golden Eagles 80-72.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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