



UConn deciding on the future of the Whitney House after cause of structural fire remains unknown

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The University of Connecticut is still deciding on the future of the Whitney House after the cause of the structural fire remains unknown as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Whitney House was heavily damaged in a structure fire last Friday. UConn was notified of the fire around 6 a.m., according to NBC CT. Although the fire was under control by 8 a.m., the building was extensively damaged.

The fire was completely extinguished around 10:45 a.m. Route 195, which was closed during the fire, reopened around 2 p.m.

The Whitney House was unoccupied and no injuries were reported.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the cause of the fire is still under investigation according to UConn spokesperson Stephanie Reitz.

"The fire's cause is still under investigation, and the building remains boarded and fenced off," Reitz said.

Reitz also said that the future of the building is still under discussion due to the

severity of the fire.

"The damage is extensive, and it's unsafe to enter because the fire damage left the structure very unstable. UConn is in discussions both internally and with outside agencies about the damage, but nothing has been decided so far on next steps," Reitz said.

The Whitney House was constructed around 1800, according to WTNH. While UConn was not established until 1881, it served as one of the first landmarks for the newly established university.

Because of the building's age, it was originally claimed by UConn to be the oldest on the Storrs campus. However, the fire has revealed that claim may be false, according to Reitz.

"It originally was reported as the oldest structure at UConn Storrs. However, it now appears it may have been built on materials moved there from an earlier structure elsewhere, and that one of the Whitney House foundation stones was engraved with the earlier date," Reitz said in an email reported by WNPR.



The Whitney House on the UConn Storrs campus burns in the early hours of Friday, Jan. 20. It was originally believed to be the oldest on the Storrs campus, but evidence uncovered by the fire may prove otherwise.

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No more nuggets? School lunch goes farm-to-table — for some

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — As the fine-dining chef at a suburban high school gave samples of his newest recipes, junior Anahi Nava Flores critiqued a baguette sandwich with Toscano salami, organic Monterey Jack, arugula and a scratch-made basil spread: "This pesto aioli is good!"

Classmate Kentaro Turner devoured a deli-style pastrami melt on sourdough and moved on to free-range chicken simmered in chipotle broth with Spanish-style rice. "Everything is delicious!"

These are not words typically uttered in school cafeterias.

The food served at the school system outside San Francisco, Mount Diablo Unified, reflects a trend away from mass-produced, reheated meals. Its lunch menus are filled with California-grown fruits and vegetables, grass-fed meats and recipes that defy the stereotype of inedible school food.

Among American schoolchildren, these students are in the lucky minority. Making fresh meals requires significant investment and, in many areas, an overhaul of how school kitchens have operated for decades. Inflation and supply chain disruptions have only made it harder on school nutrition directors, widening gaps in access to affordable, high-quality food.

What's more, federal money to boost lunch budgets has declined. The government last year ended a pandemic-era program offering free school meals to everyone. A few states, such as California, have been paying to keep meals free for all students, but most states went back to charging all but the neediest kids for meals.

Increases in money from California's state government have made it possible for Mount Diablo to buy fresher local ingredients and hire the chef, Josh Gjersand, a veteran of Michelin-starred restaurants. Local farms, bakers, creameries and fishermen now supply most ingredients to the district, which serves 30,000 students from wealthy and low-income communities east of San Francisco.

On a recent January morning, student taste testers were sampling Gjersand's latest creations. His daily specials have ranged from barbecue spare ribs to fresh red snapper on a whole-grain brioche bun.

"I love the idea of serving students better food," said Gjersand, who quit restaurants during the pandemic, when serving a wagyu-beef-and-caviar crowd lost its luster. "School cafeterias should feel like restaurants, and not fast food chains."

School systems elsewhere can only dream of such offerings.

"Financially, we are dying right now," said Patti Bilbrey, nutrition director for Arizona's Scottsdale Unified School District. It charges students \$2.85 per lunch, but that no longer comes close to covering the district's cost.

A staff shortage makes it impossible to cook more food from scratch, she said. The school relies on mass-produced food that is delivered, then reheated. The pizza: "It's done; you just bake it." The spicy chicken sandwich: "You heat it and put it on a bun." The corn dogs: "You just have to wrap it," she said.

Some students give the food positive reviews. "I eat spicy chicken every day. That's my favorite," said Hunter Kimble, a sixth grader at Tonalea Middle School, where almost 80% of students still qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Eighth grader Araceli Canales is more critical. The school serves an orange chicken that she says makes her cringe. "The meat is like a different color," she said. At a recent lunchtime, Araceli picked at a chicken Caesar salad, noting the croutons were bland and hard. "The chicken tastes OK, but I want them to cook it longer and add more seasoning." When the bell rang, she tossed most of her salad in the garbage.

Not many schools can afford gourmet offerings like Mount Diablo's, which also benefits from California's year-round growing season. But school menus in several places have improved in the past decade, with fresher ingredients and more ethnic dishes, said School Nutrition Association spokesperson Diane Pratt-Heavner.

The pandemic, however, created new obstacles.

In a national survey of 1,230 school nutrition directors, nearly all said the rising costs of food and supplies were their top challenges this year. More than 90% said they were facing supply chain and staffing shortages.

The survey by the nutrition association also found soaring levels of student lunch debt at schools that have returned to charging for meals. The association is urging Congress to resume free breakfast and lunch nationwide.

"This is the worst and fastest accumulation of debt I've seen in my 12 years in school nutrition," said An-

gela Richey, nutrition director for the Roseville and St Anthony-New Brighton school districts in Minnesota, which serve about 9,400 students. They don't turn away a hungry child, but this year's school meal debt has surpassed \$90,000, growing at a rate of over \$1,000 a day.

Making food from scratch isn't just healthier, it's cheaper, many school nutrition directors say.

But that's only possible when schools have kitchens. A national shift away from school kitchens began in the 1980s, which ushered in an era of mass-produced, processed school food. Pre-made meals delivered by food service companies meant schools could do away with full-time cafeteria staff and kitchens.

"If you don't have a kitchen to chop things up, there's not much you can do with fresh vegetables," said Nina Ichikawa, executive director of the Berkeley Food Institute, part of a team evaluating a California farm-to-school incubator grant. She describes California's investments as undoing past damage.

In 2021, California committed to spending \$650 million annually to supplement federal meal reimbursements — money for food, staff, new equipment and other upgrades. Additionally, hundreds of millions of dollars are available for kitchen infrastructure and for schools that cook from scratch and buy from California farmers.

In California's rural Modoc Unified School District, near the Oregon border, lunch menus reflect what the state is trying to change: a rotation of hot dogs, chicken nuggets, pizza, burgers. There are vegetables, as required by federal guidelines,

but usually not fresh. "I try not to do canned veggies more than twice a week," said Jessica Boal, nutrition director for the district of 840 students.

The district's five schools lack functional kitchens, so her staff spends half the day unpacking deliveries of processed, pre-made food. But Boal is excited about change on the horizon. The district recently applied for state grants to put new kitchens in every school and bring in more produce.

At Mount Diablo High School, there are still hot dogs and hamburgers, but the meats are grass-fed.

"I haven't served a chicken nugget here in two years. And the kids don't miss it," said Dominic Machi, who has reimaged meals for the district since he became nutrition director five years ago.

Students at the school, 96% of whom belong to a racial or ethnic minority group, say the attention to quality food sends a message of respect.

The school is in a neighborhood of fast-food strip malls. But inside its walls, "this food makes me feel more important. It makes you feel good to not eat trash food," said Kahlani Cravanas, 16.

Anahi Nava Flores, 17, said the meals instill a sense of self-worth. "When you go to a high-end restaurant, you go home feeling good about life. That's what this food does."

This story has been corrected to reflect a student's pronoun usage.

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16 OBJECTS FROM GERMANY TELL STORY OF HOLOCAUST IN NEW WAYS

BERLIN (AP) — Lore Mayerfeld was 4 years old when she escaped from the Nazis in 1941. Together with her mother, the little Jewish girl ran away from her German hometown of Kassel with nothing but the clothes she wore and her beloved doll, Inge.

Mayerfeld found a safe haven in the United States and later immigrated to Israel. Her doll, a present from her grandparents who were killed in the Holocaust, was always at her side until 2018 when she donated it to Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

More than 80 years later, the doll has returned to Germany. It will be at parliament in Berlin as part of an exhibition slated to open Tuesday evening just days before the country marks the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp on Jan. 27, 1945.

The exhibition, Sixteen Objects, also marks the 70th anniversary of the Yad Vashem memorial, bringing back to Germany an array of items Jews took with them when they fled the Nazis. There's a black piano, a diary, a red-and-white-patterned towel, a stethoscope, a glitzy evening purse and a menorah among the exhibit's objects.

They were chosen from more than 50,000 items at Yad Vashem that are connected to the Holocaust. The exhibit's items represent Germany's 16 states with one coming from each region. They all tell a unique story but share themes of love, attachment, pain and loss.

"These are all absolutely familiar German objects, and they would have stayed that way had the Holocaust not happened," said Ruth

Ur, the curator of the exhibition and Yad Vashem's representative in Germany.

"The idea of this exhibition is to return these objects back to Germany for a short while, to bring a new energy to the objects themselves, and also to the gaps they have left behind."

In one of the showcases, there's a nondescript piece of cloth. It's part of a flag that once belonged to Anneliese Borinski, who was part of a Jewish youth group in Ahrens-dorf outside Berlin. She helped her group prepare for emigration and life in what would later become the state of Israel.

After the Nazis issued deportation orders, the 12 members decided to cut up their "Maccabi Hatzair" youth group flag into 12 pieces, and promised each other that after the war they would meet again in Israel to reassemble the flag.

Only three survived the Holocaust, and Borinski was the lone member who managed to take her piece of the flag to Israel. In 2007, her son donated it to Yad Vashem.

Another item is a brown leather suitcase. On one side, "Selma Sara Vellemann from Bremen" is written in bold white letters.

This suitcase was found in Berlin several years after the war. Yad

Vashem researchers were unable to determine how the suitcase got to the German capital, but they discovered that a woman with the same name from the northern city of Bremen had lived in the retirement home in Berlin. In 1942, at the age of 66, she was deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto, and two months later sent to her death in the Treblinka extermination camp.

Beside each of the exhibition objects, Ur and her team put up life-size photos of buildings and street corners where the items' owners lived before the Nazis came to power. The images show modern-day scenes instead of historic ones,

a stark contrast to the devastation the Third Reich caused decades ago.

Six million European Jews were killed by the Nazis and their henchmen during the Holocaust. Some survivors are still alive today, but their numbers are dwindling due to sickness and old age.

Mayerfeld, the little girl who fled with her doll Inge in 1941, is one of them. She returned to Germany this week to attend the opening of the exhibition.

Looking at her blond, blue-eyed doll, the now 85-year-old woman pointed out that the doll was wearing the pajamas she wore as a barely 2-year-old toddler on Nov. 9, 1938. On that date, she was hiding with her mother during Kristallnacht, or the "Night of Broken Glass," when Nazis — several ordinary Germans among them — terrorized Jews, vandalized their businesses and burned more than 1,400 synagogues.

"It's not a doll that you play so easily with because she's breakable. So my own children, I didn't allow them to play with her," Mayerfeld said. "She sat up on a shelf in my home and they would look at her and I explained, she's going to break, you know, just look and enjoy her."

Mayerfeld said it was important for her to come back to Germany and let the public know about her doll, her life and also what happened during the Holocaust.

"The world hasn't learned anything from this past war," she said. "There's so many people who say it never even happened. They can't tell me that. I was there. I lived it."



Holocaust survivor Lore Mayerfeld poses next to her doll 'Inge' as part of an exhibition with items from Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in the German parliament Bundestag in Berlin, Germany, Monday, Jan. 23, 2023.

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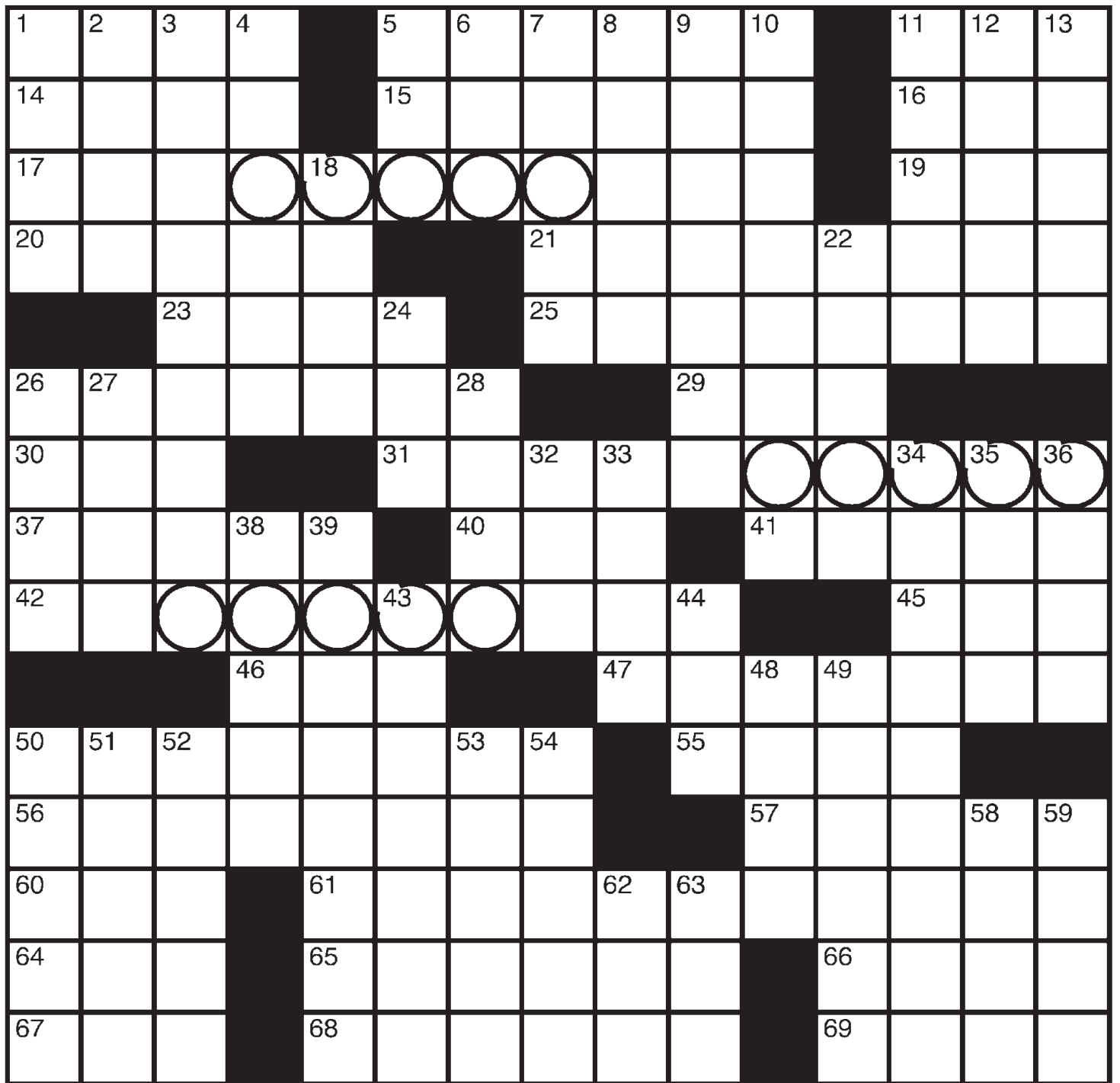
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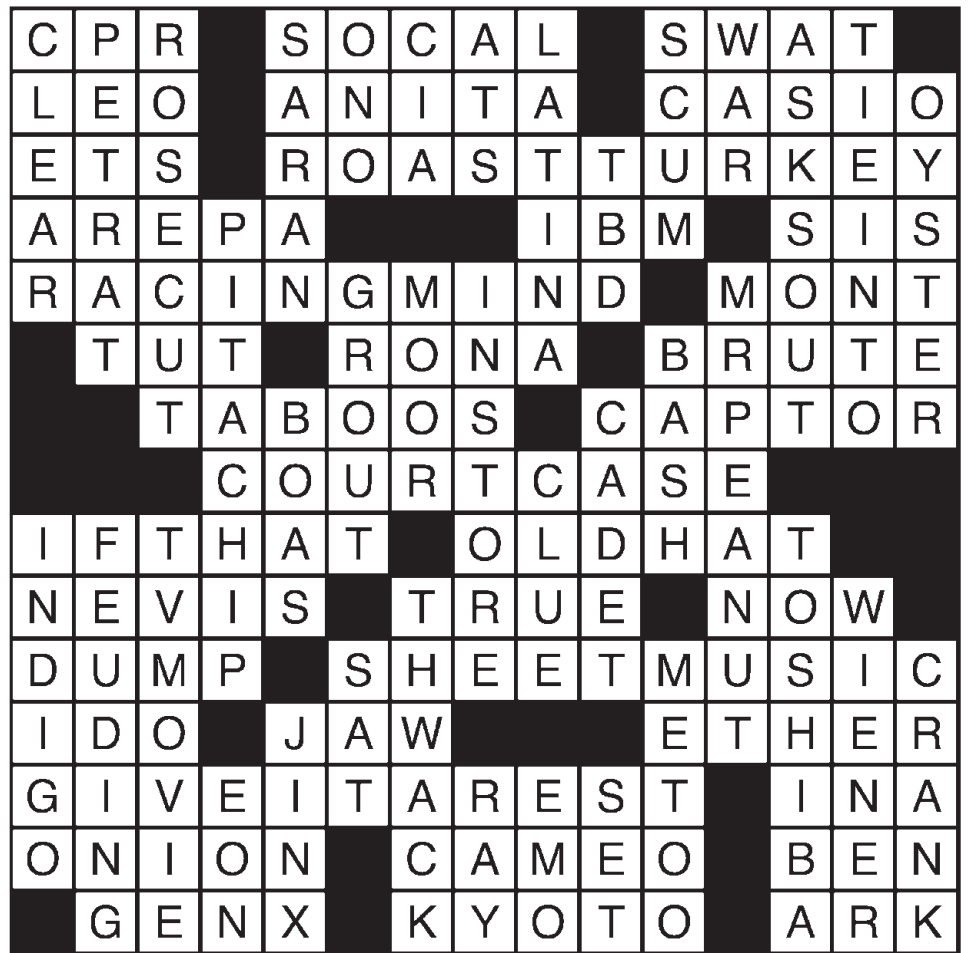
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'EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE' AND A SLEW OF NEW FACES DOMINATE THE 2023 OSCAR NOMINATIONS

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Every year, film fans can look forward to a seemingly endless string of awards shows. However, for many, one takes precedence over the rest: The Oscars, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, are likely the most well-known film awards. Cast and crew members alike are honored across 23 different categories. Let's take a look at some of the nominees for this year.

The Best Picture award is widely considered to be the most prestigious honor of the night, often saved until the end of the ceremony. This year, the nominees for Best Picture are "Everything Everywhere All at Once," "Top Gun: Maverick," "Elvis," "Tár," "The Banshees of Inisherin," "The Fabelmans," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Triangle of Sadness" and "Women Talking."

Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert's multiverse-hopping "Everything Everywhere All at Once" continues its streak of award show domination with 11 nominations across 10 categories, including Best Director, Best

Actress and Best Supporting Actor and Actress. "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "The Banshees of Inisherin" were not far behind, both scoring 9 nominations.

A mix of old and new faces cover the Best Actress category. For her performance as Lydia Tár in Todd Field's "Tár," Cate Blanchett returns for her fifth Best Actress nomination. In addition, this is Michelle Williams' third nomination, acquired for her performance as Mitzi Fabelman in "The Fabelmans." Meanwhile, Michelle Yeoh, Ana de Armas and Andrea Riseborough snagged their first nominations for the award.

Shockingly, every nominee for Best Actor is a first-timer. This year's nominations include Brendan Fraser for "The Whale," Paul Mescal for "Aftersun," Austin Butler for "Elvis," Colin Farrell for "The Banshees of Inisherin" and Bill Nighy for "Living."

Besides Steven Spielberg, who had already been nominated eight times before this year, every nominee for Best Director is a newcomer as well. Potential award winners include Todd Field for "Tár," Kwan and Scheinert for "Everything Everywhere All at Once," Martin McDonagh for "The Banshees of Inisherin"

and Ruben Östlund for "The Triangle of Sadness."

In addition to being the sixth highest-grossing movie of all time (as of Jan. 24), James Cameron's "Avatar: The Way of Water" snagged four Oscar nominations. These include Best Picture, Sound, Production Design and Visual Effects.

Studio blockbusters and smaller films alike scored nominations for the Animated Feature Film category. The nominees this year are Netflix's "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio" and "The Sea Beast," Cinereach's "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On," Dreamworks' "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" and Pixar's "Turning Red."

Despite making quite a splash in America, the Telugu film "RRR" was unable to snag a nomination for International Feature, losing out to "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Argentina, 1985," "Close" and "The Quiet Girl." However, it received a Music (Original Song) nomination for the song "Naatu Naatu."

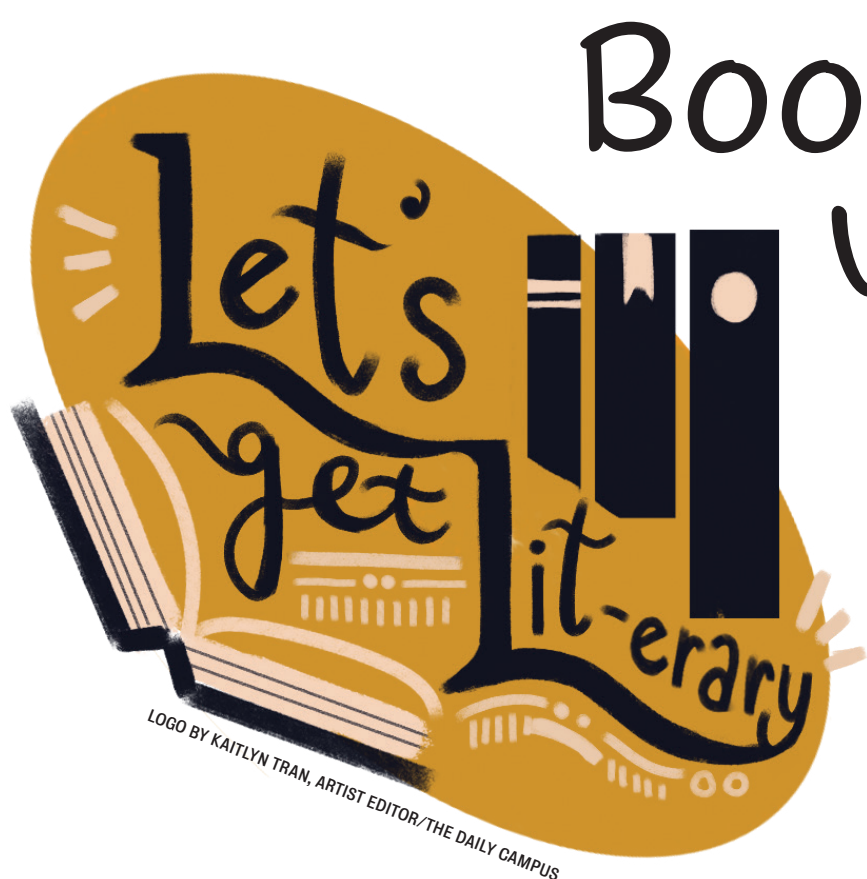
This year, the 2023 Academy Awards will be aired on Sunday, March 12 at 8 p.m. on ABC. The ceremony will be hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, who has hosted the Oscars twice in the past.



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Book vs. Adaptation: 'Along for the Ride'

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Sarah Dessen's novels had an absolute chokehold on emerging young adults of the early 2000s. Her stories often feature high school protagonists finding themselves the summer before college, encountering love along the way.

Dessen's novels haven't been adapted for the screen since 2003, when "How to Deal," an adaptation of "That Summer" and "Someone Like You," was released. The movie received largely negative reviews, but one redeeming quality was the inclusion of renowned actress Mandy Moore.

In 2022, Dessen's bestselling 2009 novel "Along for the Ride" was adapted as a movie on Netflix, starring Emma Pasarow and Belmont Cameli. The story follows Auden, a

studious high school graduate who decides to spend the summer in Colby, a beach town where her father, stepmother and new baby sister live. For Dessen fans, Colby is just one of the many Easter egg references to her prior works.

Auden starts working at Clementine's, a boardwalk boutique selling everything Auden once wouldn't be caught dead in. But away from her mother's strict expectations, she begins to cut loose. She befriends her coworkers, one of whom is played by "Dog with a Blog" star Genevieve Hannelius, and reconsiders the world as she knows it.

But things at home aren't so serene, and Auden's emerging insomnia becomes an escape. One night, she meets former BMX rider Eli, and the two of them decide to complete a quest in an attempt to get Auden to try things she's nev-

er done before: for example, going bowling, partaking in a food fight and eating pie at a laundromat-turned-diner.

"Along for the Ride" wasn't overall a solid watch. It wasn't anything spectacular, but as a longtime fan of the novel, I didn't have too many gripes about the changes made; in a reader's book, that is a big win. The adaptation did have some changes that are important to note, however.

To start, the movie completely cuts Auden's brother out. The decision is somewhat understandable, yet most of the communication between him and Auden in the book took place through phone calls, which don't seem too difficult to replicate. Even a brief mention of him would have better explained the significance of the "Best of Times" picture frame featured at the end of the movie.

The same goes for Auden's mother's new boyfriend, whose presence helps explain some of the tension between the mother-daughter pair.

One of the most iconic scenes in "Along for the Ride" is the "hot-dog party" food fight, and the Netflix adaptation does a stellar job of recreating everyone's childhood cafeteria fantasy. However, this public affair is not what kickstarts Auden's relationship with Eli in the book. The movie does take Eli's ex-girlfriend out of the picture — a choice I once again have no issue with.

The biggest difference is the character development resulting from Auden's relationships with her half-sister Thisbe and stepmother Heidi. In the books, Auden spends far more time looking after Thisbe and contemplating how her relationship with her father is reflected in his with Thisbe.

The books also show a fully fleshed-out version of Heidi, especially through her planning of the annual beach bash. Heidi intentionally chooses a prom theme, giving Auden a chance to create memories missed in high school. Yet, the movie depicts the party as a last-minute affair, put together by Auden's friends. It cuts out all the tension Heidi faced planning an event while singlehandedly learning the ropes of motherhood. Heidi remains an important character, but including these moments would only accentuate her character.

All in all, "Along for the Ride" was a fairly successful adaptation capturing the magic of insomnia, beach towns and young love. Netflix plans to adapt Dessen's novels "Once and For All" and "This Lullaby" in the future, giving Dessen fans something to look forward to.





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CARL WILKENS HIGHLIGHTS WHAT WE CAN LEARN ABOUT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FROM RWANDANS

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The Dodd Center hosted Carl Wilkens, a former humanitarian aid worker during the Rwandan genocide in 1994, who discussed the concept of restorative justice and how Rwandans restored trust in their former oppressors while living amongst them. This discussion, "Rwanda's Restorative Journey: Living Alongside the Enemy," took place at Konover Auditorium on Jan. 24.

"Can people who killed their neighbors really live peacefully with those they failed to kill?" Wilkens examined.

He told the story of Maria, a survivor of the genocide, and Philbert, the man who killed her husband and sons. Maria introduced Philbert to Wilkens as her valued family friend, Wilkens said.

"All I could see in Philbert was a killer, a rapist," Wilkens said as he described his internal conflict. "I could not see him as anything but that."

However, Wilkens said that Maria reframed Philbert and showed empathy for Philbert's experiences as a prisoner.

"She steps out of the spotlight. She puts Philbert in the spotlight," Wilkens said. "That must be one of Maria's superpowers. She could step out of the spotlight and put the guy I could only see as a killer in the spotlight and start to practice empathy with him."

Wilkens emphasized how the Rwandan genocide was

not a story of "tribal hatred and conflict that eventually reached the level of genocide." Instead, it was a coup, he said.

"The architects of the genocide had to work hard to break the bonds between the Hutus and Tutsis," Wilkens said. "When you speak the same language, you go to school together, you go to church together, you drink beer together, you do business together, of course, you're going to fall in love. You're going to build relationships."

In some cases, these existing relationships saved some Rwandans from the genocide. Even being a part of a soccer team was the difference between life and death, according to Wilkens.

"So many people survived because of their soccer mates, those bonds of that teamship of that team and that sport together," Wilkens said.

However, the extremist government and orchestrators of genocide laid waste to many of those relationships. According to Wilkens, many were not strong enough to survive the country's violent divide.

"They are creating and constructing the enemy. It doesn't happen overnight in Rwanda," Wilkens said of the extremist group trying to figure out a way to orchestrate the country's divide. "If they married each other by the thousands, it's hard to build a case that this is built on hate between tribal groups."

"This was a coup," Wilkens said. "This was an illegal seizure of power. One of the first actions

of that extremist government was to eliminate anyone that would stand in their way."

What was the difference between relationships that survived and those that the genocide destroyed? People who commit violence during genocide may be using their "downstairs brain," Wilkens said.

According to Wilkens, the concept of the upstairs and downstairs brain is another way of framing the amygdala and the prefrontal cortex. The amygdala is responsible for our fight-or-flight response, and the prefrontal cortex is responsible for creativity, empathy and critical thinking. Wilkens proposed that this model may explain why many people in Rwanda resorted to senseless violence, especially since the country was on edge after being driven through countless wars.

"Different things happen that can cause us to just go for survival," Wilkens said. "We fire those pathways about scarcity not enough; it's no wonder that people seem to be on edge."

Wilkens said mindfulness was the best way to make it to the "upstairs brain," like Maria was able to do when she empathized with Philbert.

Mindfulness is how the Rwandans restored relationships with one another after the genocide, even going as far as being lifelong friends with people who killed their families, Wilkens said. They even implemented it in their justice system, he added.

Gacaca courts, or community courts, are a form of restorative justice implemented after the genocide where prisoners stood in front of the community, confessing and answering questions to the family and friends of the victims, according to Wilkens. It is an alternative to punitive justice.

"It was a restoring of humanity," Wilkens said. "The incentive for the perpetrator was that you could get your sentence reduced and it was a pathway home. The incentive for the survivor was that you could learn the truth, which was really important."

A student who attended the event was able to learn about how he could implement restorative practices into our justice system.

William Evans, a senior from E.O. Smith High School, is a "restorative diversion team" member. According to Evans, his team focuses on implementing restorative justice practices in our justice system in Storrs. He hopes to collaborate with Wilkens.

"He obviously has extensive experience with the implications of restorative justice," Evans said.

In 1994, Wilkens was one of the only two humanitarian workers who refused to leave Rwanda as thousands of UN soldiers fled during the Rwandan genocide, according to the University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute.

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► Editorial

Storrs is not bicycle-friendly

There are deep, fundamental changes necessary for Storrs infrastructure. In the case of accommodation for bicycles, the situation is much worse than indicated by nonprofit observers. The League of American Bicyclists, a cycling advocacy organization, recently included the University of Connecticut as one of their 37 "bike-friendly universities." Last year, the Daily Campus Editorial Board identified a comprehensive list of cycling problems on campus, almost all of which persist today. There are practically zero bicycle lanes at our "bike-friendly" university. There is one narrow,

unprotected bicycle lane running on a small portion of two roads: North Eagleville and Discovery Drive. There are no protected bicycle lanes. In most of the center of campus, cyclists are encouraged to travel in the pedestrian spaces, making travel slow and collisions very likely for everyone. And when sidewalks are only two feet wide, where else should cyclists go than in the middle of the road with cars? While this is their legal right in the state of Connecticut, there isn't much about it that's "friendly" or safe. Near the center of campus, cars usually drive slow enough to make cycling in the street practical. However, over half of students in Storrs live off campus, where there are no bicycle lanes or even substantial sidewalks.

Combined with few off-campus housing options, this makes for a long, dangerous commute for most cyclists. Therefore, many students don't cycle, and in the worst cases, they may consider not even attending UConn because of the cost of on-campus housing in combination with the cost of car-ownership; out of reach for more and more Americans. So how is UConn "friendly" to cyclists? Possible accomplishments include: having a paid cycle share program from the Recreation Center, having some insufficient bicycle storage around campus, pursuing an "active transportation program" which will attempt to improve storage over time, ride-sharing and instituting some real bicycle lanes around campus. But most of these accomplishments are over a year old, and praise for infrastructure plans should be reserved for after their plans come to fruition. For example, the closing of Hillside Road should be praised because it made a mate-

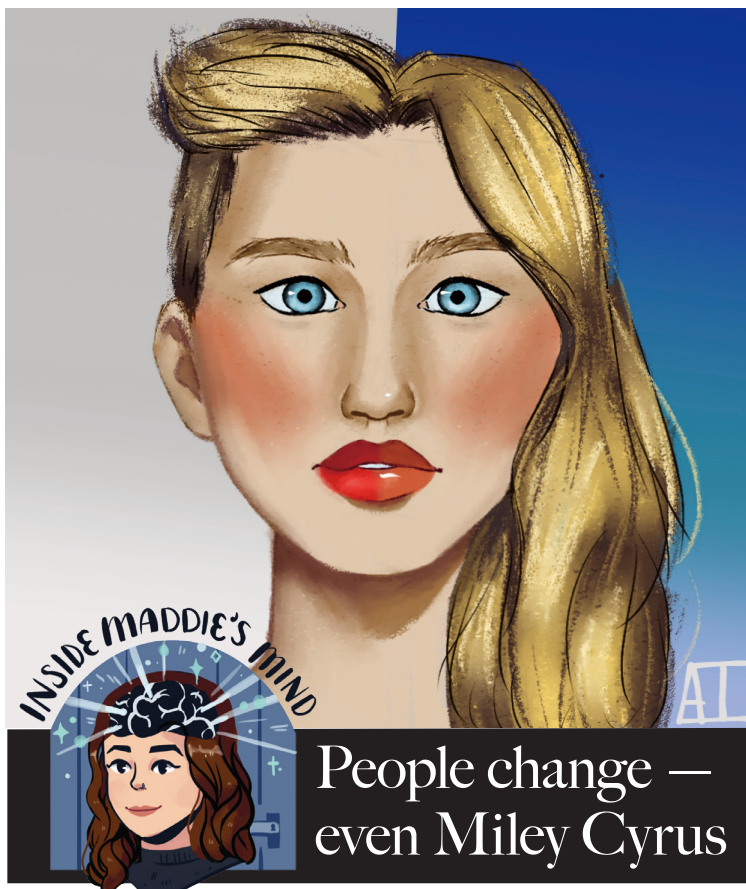
rial improvement to the safety and wellbeing of cyclists, pedestrians and public transportation here. With a persistent lack of extremely basic, inexpensive infrastructure that would make cycling more accessible and safe, and with the unaddressed death last year of a student pedestrian only moments from campus, it is clear not only that Storrs remains unfriendly for cyclists but that the domination of car infrastructure poses greater threats for community safety as a whole. In addition to safety and accessibility concerns, bicycles have a monumentally smaller carbon footprint than cars in terms of manufacturing, direct emissions and infrastructure maintenance.

For a notably hypocritical university obsessed with its status as a "green school" while extensively partnering with the largest polluter in the world and their many weapons manufacturers, refocusing on solutions that are actually sustainable — like cycling — would be wise. UConn should not benefit from studies and promotional materials advertising the "friendliness" and other positive qualities of the university when its environment remains hostile, inaccessible and dangerous. Instead of endless new, shinier and larger buildings, UConn needs policies, structures, roads and transportation infrastructure that provide for the health and wellbeing of the community.



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There are practically zero bicycle lanes at our "bike-friendly" university . . . so how is UConn "friendly" to cyclists?



People change — even Miley Cyrus

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I've written before about our overwhelming societal fears of change, and since then I've found yet another applicable example: Miley Cyrus.

pop culture news as of late, you might've missed that Cyrus released her new song "Flowers" and its accompanying music video on Jan. 12, 2023. And as often occurs, the fan theories immediately started circulating on TikTok. As an avid user myself, I got sucked into the saga pretty quickly. Of course, the nature of the For You Page is to continuously curate content simi-

lar to that of which I've interacted with previously. Once I watched one video, approximately one million more came up. Thus, it's been occupying a significant portion of my mind this week. And with that, I've come to the conclusion that we still hate change as a society — something that is evident through our interactions and interpretations of child stars growing up. For those in our Daily Campus readership not as chronically online as I am — though I envy you greatly — I can catch you up and give a quick summary of recent Cyrus happenings here. Cyrus announced the release date for "Flowers" on Dec. 31, 2022, while hosting NBC's "New Year's Eve Party" with Dolly Parton. Upon release, the song quickly became a hit. Because this is an opinion column, I can agree with my fellow listeners here as well — it's incredibly catchy, signaling an exciting new era for Cyrus. She certainly isn't Hannah Montana anymore, which should be something to embrace — but more on that later. But the TikToks I've been obsessively watching all focus more on the background and apparent drama behind the song. In essence, the lyrics of "Flowers" both reference Cyrus's relationship with ex-husband Liam Hemsworth, and are a twist on Bruno Mars' "When I Was Your Man," which Hemsworth allegedly dedicated to her once. Furthermore, the song was released on Hemsworth's birthday, and in the music video, Cyrus

allegedly dons a suit similar to the one Hemsworth wore to the 2019 "Avengers" premiere — a reportedly tense night for the then-couple. Of course, much of this is unconfirmed. It could all just be internet gossip. I'm fully aware that citing MTV and a teen magazine isn't what most people immediately think of when they think of credibility — but the rumors are not what I want to focus on here. There is a bigger picture regarding development that I'll happily highlight, while saving the "tea" and borderline-conspiracy-theories for my own enjoyment. If you're around my age, i.e. a 20-something Gen Z who grew up online, you probably remember the 2013 VMAs performance from Cyrus and Robin Thicke. In my memory and evaluations, this was the performance at the peak of the "we hate Miley Cyrus" pop culture movement, especially as it occurred the same day the "Wrecking Ball" music video was released. Both were controversial to say the least, and it drew a significant line between Cyrus while on Disney Channel and Cyrus post-Disney. Much of the criticism and backlash Cyrus received during this point in her career came from the fact that she started on Disney Channel as an extremely prominent child star. Hannah Montana — the show, the music, the concerts and even just the character herself — is special to a lot of people. So many of us grew up with her. And when something is special to

people, they want it to remain the same forever. However, this is not a realistic expectation to have. Human development does not occur in such a way that children merely age into larger versions of themselves at 13 years old. Everything about us changes developmentally, particularly in the period of adolescence during which Cyrus first rose to fame. So why do we expect our child stars to stay the same when we don't expect the same of ourselves, or of the general population? All in all, we've seen Cyrus through many eras — ranging from Hannah Montana to potentially throwing shade at her ex-husband via new music — and this is something we should appreciate, rather than hate. The fact that Cyrus has opened so much of her life to us should be enough, without rampant criticism of how she chooses to move forward. It's important to keep in mind that, just as you or I are no longer our 13-year-old selves, someone who was thrust into the spotlight at 13 is probably not going to be exactly the same even a year later — let alone 17 years later — even if they "grew up" on screen. And this is okay! It's hard to be in the public eye to such an extreme — and as the masses, we make it harder by criticizing their every move. This applies to Cyrus, just as it applies to every other child star we idolize in America. People change. It's really not that serious.

Opinion

Photo of the Day | Snow day



The snow accumulated from Monday's snowstorm melted away with warmer temperatures on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. Only patches of snow remained on campus lawns and Horsebarn Hill by the afternoon.

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Buzz Aldrin, the second person to set foot on the moon, got married to his girlfriend of four years, Dr. Anca Faur, on Jan. 20, 2023, his 93rd birthday. Faur was born on May 14, 1959, making her almost 30 years younger than her newly-wed husband. This is Aldrin's fourth wife. Faur holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and is the former vice president of Buzz Aldrin Ventures. She has an estimated net worth of \$2 million. In contrast, Aldrin is estimated to have a net worth of \$12 million as of January 2023.

Usually, for married couples that have a wide age gap, society has assumed that the younger one of the pair tends to get married for material gain which they obtain through divorce or through the testament of their elderly deceased spouse. This stereotype stems from the media with "gold digger experiments," or movies based on sugar daddies, that lead us to assume that all marriages between wide age gap couples are like this.

Since Faur herself is reportedly a millionaire, it does not appear that she married Aldrin for wealth. However, little is known about her personal life. Most articles mention her marriage to Aldrin and her career, but nothing about previous marriages or her family life. It is alright if she is a private person; she has every right to keep personal information to herself. But it does lead to the question of if she has some hidden motive to this marriage.

Marriage is simply a legal binding between two people. A couple that is merely "dating" can do everything that a married couple can. The only difference is that the relationship is undocumented in a court of law, but this does not make it any less of a genuine, loving relationship.

If Aldrin with his wife signed a prenuptial agreement, then it can be assumed that Faur married him with genuine feelings. According

to Forbes: "Prenups allow you to determine whether spousal support (alimony) will be due if the marriage ends and the amount and terms of those payments. And they can determine what kind of bequests you leave to each other in your wills." Even if a prenup was signed, Aldrin could have also promised or shown Faur that she is under his testament, meaning when he passes, she will inherit a portion, or all, of his estate. Though this cannot be proven, it remains a possibility. We can all speculate, but no one knows what's in their relationship other than Aldrin and Faur.

Skepticism of how genuine this love is between Faur and Aldrin is valid. But it does not amount to much. Even if most of society agrees that Faur married Aldrin for money, this did not stop them from getting married. Ultimately, the skepticism of others does not affect their relationship.

Love is not proven by signed papers in court. Even if they had not gotten married, their connection would not have been any less valid. Their long-lasting relationship could serve as a testament of Faur's genuine love for Aldrin.

Marriage at 93 seems a little strange. Aldrin's extremely old age will most likely make Faur a widow, which means she will inherit Aldrin's assets and wealth. Aldrin is expected to have Faur in his will since he is claiming she is his "long-time love."

Although marriages like that of Aldrin and Faur may seem suspicious, they may also be genuine. Everyone may have their own thoughts doubting the authenticity of this marriage and the love behind it, but no concrete claim can be made. In the end, it is Aldrin and Faur who decide what they want to do with their lives, and if both parties are happy and aware of what they got into when getting married, then it doesn't matter what anyone says or thinks.

MARRIAGE AT 93

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Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, left, and Anca Faur arrive at the Kennedy Space Center for a visit in recognition of the Apollo 11 moon landing anniversary, on July 20, 2019, in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Aldrin announced on Facebook that he has married Anca Faur, his "longtime love" in a small ceremony in Los Angeles on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, which was his 93rd birthday.

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Students need more support in eating disorder recovery

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CW: Discussion of eating disorders

A study conducted in 2013 by the National Eating Disorders Association found that up to 20% of women and 10% of men in college struggle with an eating disorder. Other research has shown that around ages 18 to 21 is the median onset for anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorders.

Eating disorders can affect people from every race, size, gender identity, sexual orientation and background. However, the stereotypes that accompany eating disorders paint higher-income, white women as the majority of people affected. This is harmful as it misrepresents the causes of eating disorders and prevents people from

identifying with and seeking ED support. BIPOC people are more likely to experience bulimic or restrictive behavior, but are half as likely to get diagnosed or receive treatment. LGBTQIA+ people, people with disabilities, people with larger bodies, athletes, veterans and young adults are all more likely to develop EDs.

Many people, even clinicians, perceive obsession around weight, body shape and food as the sole cause of EDs. Many people believe it's only about a relationship with food and do not recognize the emotional triggers that lead to EDs. However, trauma, mental health conditions like anxiety, depression and addiction, dysfunctional families and more all serve to increase a person's risk of developing an eating disorder. A study by Walden

Behavioral Care found that ADHD is the most commonly missed diagnosis related to disordered eating. 20-30% of adults with autism struggle with eating disorders comparatively to the overall 10% of United States population.

Students at the University of Connecticut are no exception. COVID-19 significantly increased the development of ED behavior. However, as someone who has experienced an eating disorder and works to support others in recovery within my role in the Undergraduate Student Government, there is not enough conversation on campus about struggles and resources.

UConn Student Health and Wellness has free nutrition counseling where students struggling with EDs can meet with a Reg-

istered Dietitian. USG recently purchased Intuitive Eating Workbooks that students in counseling can receive for free. UConn S.H.A.P.E. is a peer education group that promotes body acceptance amongst students, and co-hosts the UConn Body Project with the Women's Center to decrease eating disorder risks. UConn Recovery Community also provides a space for students that struggle with substance use and/or other mental and behavioral health disorders including eating disorders. They host All Recovery meetings at 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Recovery Community Center at 1332 Storrs Road or online.

Based on the numbers of the 2013 study by NEDA, up to 2,300 students struggle with eating disorders at UConn. With only four

registered dietitians and three major ED-related programs on campus, the resources we currently have are inadequate to support all the students in need. Fellow students have also expressed to me the difficulty in taking time off from school to receive inpatient treatment off-campus. It is unacceptable that students should face penalties to seek intensive or accessible treatment not available on campus.

UConn needs to increase and diversify the conversation about EDs on campus, increase the amount of programming and support available for students with EDs on or off campus and have trauma-informed and culturally-relevant treatment to lead recovery. Students, you are not alone, and I hope you are able to join the recovery journey that you so deserve.

Men's Basketball: No.19 UConn looks for revenge against No.13 Xavier

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Back on Dec. 31, UConn men's basketball fans were elated as they watched their undefeated team journey to the Cintas Center — one of the toughest places to play in Big East basketball — to take on Xavier. What they wouldn't know until after the final buzzer sounded was that this would be the first loss of the season for the then-No. 2 ranked Huskies and the start of a stretch of poor play.

Fast forward nearly a month later and UConn will now have the opportunity for a revenge game, this time in front of their own fans in the confines of Gampel Pavilion. They're fresh off a blowout win against Butler, 30 points to be exact, where things just looked right for UConn. Players like guard Hassan Diarra looked like the pieces that coach Dan Hurley sought out when scouting the transfer portal.

Now, they'll have to do it again, this time against an even tougher opponent. While the team was surprisingly upset by a below .500 DePaul roster, Xavier still puts up a strong fight against any team in the Big East. If you take a look at their roster, you'll see why. Do you need strong guard play? You've got Souley Boum, not only one of the top guards in the Big East but all of college basketball. What about the front court? Jack Nunge and Zack Freemantle will continue to get the job done. Both were

notably very strong against the Huskies in the last matchup between these two teams, with Nunge noticeably battling the flu and still dropping 15 points in 24 minutes of action.

the home crowd. You need the hard-nosed defense that pushed the Huskies to become undefeated. You need to be aggressive on offense, yet not force your shots. To

Huskies manage to pull off a win on Wednesday, Xavier drops to 8-2, tying them with Marquette for first in the conference. But, if UConn drops this one to a tough Muske-

This is the test you need for your players. The Huskies need to learn from their mistakes and play their brand of basketball. Xavier coach Sean Miller isn't going to make this



UConn men's basketball closed their losing streak with their win against Butler at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Jan. 22, 2023. Jordan Hawkins was the highest scorer with 20 points. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

What's the major thing I'm trying to say here? This team is tough, and if I'm coach Dan Hurley, that's exactly what I'm looking for out of my roster on Wednesday in front of

win against the Musketeers, the Huskies need smart basketball on both ends of the court.

In terms of Big East standings, this game is huge. If the

teers squad, they'll drop to 5-6 and sixth in the Big East in what seems like an impossible outcome when the team last faced Xavier just under a month ago.

one easy for UConn, and if the Huskies show that they can step up to the challenge, it's going to be the perfect motivation this team needs to continue playing well.

The return of Jonathan Isaac and what's next for the Orlando Magic

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After being out for two consecutive seasons, it could be easy for NBA fans to forget how integral Jonathan Isaac is to the success of the Orlando Magic.

But, when Isaac stepped back onto the court in front of Magic faithfuls, he helped remind the NBA about how great of a player he is and how essential he can be to the future of the Magic. Fans saw as he stripped Jaylen Brown for a steal in his first game back, took it down the court and got the ball to his teammate Paolo Banchero for a nice two-hand slam. Magic fans call him the "Minister of Defense" for a reason, and he's still a big part of what's next for Orlando. As long as he stays healthy, that is.

The key words are "stays healthy" here because Isaac just played his first minutes in an NBA game since August 2020, a dark time in the NBA where the COVID-19 pandemic had NBA fans glued to their TV screens as they watched a unique NBA they had never seen before. By that point, Isaac was showing that he was one of the top defenders in the league when healthy, an essential piece you want on your squad, especially in a playoff run.

As Isaac returns to the Magic, he too is returning to a new roster that he has yet to play with. Longtime franchise players like Nikola Vucevic are gone and new players like Banchero have arrived to bolster a roster that just hasn't been able to get back into contention. On top of that, players like Mo Bamba who were initially drafted

to bring a sense of stability to the center position now are being involved in trade talks ahead of the upcoming NBA trade deadline.

So, to have a player like Isaac come back, you need him to stay healthy. Even taking a look from a defensive standpoint this season, the Magic are one of the worst teams in the league in terms of defensive efficiency without Isaac on the court. When you add him back on the court, a guy who's a terrific shot-blocker and on-ball defender

amongst his other skillset, that's huge for a young Magic roster that's severely lacking an elite defensive anchor.

But now, what's next for the Magic with Isaac back on the roster? The team's frontcourt improved significantly when they drafted Banchero with the No. 1 overall selection in the 2022 NBA draft, and players like Franz Wagner along with Wendell Carter also help improve a young lineup that looks to contend for future success. Isaac is only going to add to that, but if you're the

Magic, you need to continue to add more defensive pieces to your lineup.

I believe some of those pieces can be added sooner than later with the upcoming trade deadline. Bamba can be used to take a chance on a player for the future as players develop to replace the young big man's production. The team will certainly need some better veteran pieces on the roster, and the deadline can be used for just that problem. Magic fans have already found that Terrence Ross

could be an expendable piece at the deadline due to him not being a part of the team's long-term plans to rebuild.

With Isaac back and some new defensive pieces on the team, they will continue to develop and will certainly climbing back up the NBA ladder. Sooner or later, if everything clicks, NBA fans will definitely be hearing more about the Magic, especially if they continue to do things like winning their season series against the Boston Celtics.



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Sports

Photo of the Day | That 100th game feeling



Canadian Senior (21), Ainsley Svetek, celebrates her 100th game at UConn this past weekend. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UConnWHOC ON INSTAGRAM

A dive into common knee injuries of female athletes, relative to UConn women's basketball

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Injuries are a very common occurrence in sports. Millions of athletes are sidelined due to injuries every year. There are ways to reduce the risk of an athlete getting injured, but ultimately there is no way to completely prevent them.

Sports fans witness how injuries affect their favorite athletes and it's always special to watch their long-awaited comebacks. One of the most common types of injuries that we see in sports is tearing the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and other issues related to knees. For context, the ACL is a tissue at the knee that connects the thigh bone to the shin bone. It's most common to injure the ACL in sport activities, and it's a lengthy recovery process.

Both male and female athletes deal with injuries all the time, but women are more at risk for common injuries in sports, especially tearing ACLs. Statistically, women are two to eight times more likely to tear an ACL than male counterparts, depending on the sport, according to Yale Medicine. While there are many reasons that this is the case, one is that the structure of a woman's knee and joints are different from that of men. Generally, women's joints have more range of motion and looseness compared to men's, which contributes to more instability. There is typically less muscle mass around women's knee joints, so the support for rotational movements can be less.

It also comes down to techniques and collapse patterns that women endure. For instance, when women land from a jump, they tend to move their knees inward or not bend them enough, which can lead to injury. This can be corrected through training, but sometimes it's just natural. Landing this way can lead to ligament tears if overstretched. ACL tears are still extremely common injuries for men too – mainly from activities that involve stopping short or changing directions suddenly. Women are just slightly more prone to injury while doing pivotal movements.

Now let's visit the relevance of this topic. UConn women's basketball has dealt with an immense amount of injuries

this season, and several of them are knee problems. Before the season even began, two UConn players were sidelined for the entirety of the 2022-2023 season with knee injuries. Star Paige Bueckers suffered a torn ACL in late July and freshman Ice Brady suffered a dislocated patella in her right knee in October. Guard Azzi Fudd hurt her knee back in December at Notre Dame and has just recently re-injured the same knee in the Huskies' game against Georgetown after already missing eight games.

From my research, there are many known and successful female athletes who have gone through torn ACLs or other significant knee injuries. Unfortunately for some it's occurred multiple times. Bueckers is just one of many female athletes that has torn her ACL.

Just one month after Fudd became the first high school sophomore to ever win the Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year, she tore her ACL and MCL (medial collateral ligament). The

injury happened while Fudd was participating at the USA Basketball's 3x3 U18 tournament in Colorado Springs. After making a full recovery, Fudd was ranked as the top player for the Class of 2021 by ESPN and is now a sophomore at Connecticut, dealing with more knee injuries.

Other distinct female athletes who've suffered knee injuries in their career:

Alex Morgan - Soccer

Soccer star Alex Morgan injured her ACL during her senior year of high school. After being sidelined in her senior year of high school, she recovered after her surgery to play in college at the University of California. She moved on to become a World Cup Champion and was named US Soccer Female Athlete of the Year.

Serena Williams - Tennis

When an athlete commits 25 years to a sport, they are going to see their fair share of injuries. Serena Williams,

the most dominant tennis player ever, dealt with a series of knee injuries from 2004-2006. In 2006, she was limited to only four tournaments because of her knee issues. As we know, there was a happy ending to Williams' tennis career, as she finished with 73 career titles, 23 double titles and two mixed double titles.

Sue Bird - Basketball

Going back to UConn, legend Sue Bird tore her ACL in 1998, her freshman year at Connecticut. Although this was a huge setback for Bird, she recovered after surgery for an incredible sophomore year where she led the Huskies to a national title. Despite her long-lasting success on the court in the WNBA, she has had several knee problems that all trace back to her freshman year injury. She missed the 2013 season for the Seattle Storm after having a cyst removed from her knee, and another in 2017 made her miss time. Just last year, Bird retired from bas-

ketball, finishing with four WNBA championships since being drafted as No. 1 overall in 2002.

Each of these examples represent just a fraction of all the injuries that female athletes experience, specifically knee injuries.

The whole point of this article is to bring light to women in sports and how often they deal with knee injuries and make impressive comebacks. The simple and true answer is that men and women have different structural builds. Although, the proneness to injury has nothing to do with female athletes' ability to perform in athletics – as we know, there are numerous female icons in sports history.

The best thing that athletes can do is to turn their injuries into positive experiences that can only make them stronger and more prepared for what's to come in their future. For fans of the Huskies, if all goes well and players are able to recover, the long-awaited duo of fan favorites Fudd and Bueckers on the court together will be the ultimate injury comeback.



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Around the Top 25 MBB:

NO. 6 GONZAGA, NO. 1 HOUSTON UPSET AT HOME; NO. 9 KANSAS ON LOSING SKID

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The trend continues from last week in which many top-25 teams struggled, including some rare home losses for some of the top programs in college basketball. Let's take a look at the best games, performances and upcoming games in this edition of Around the Top 25.

Best Games

No. 14 TCU gets first win at No. 2 Kansas, 83-60

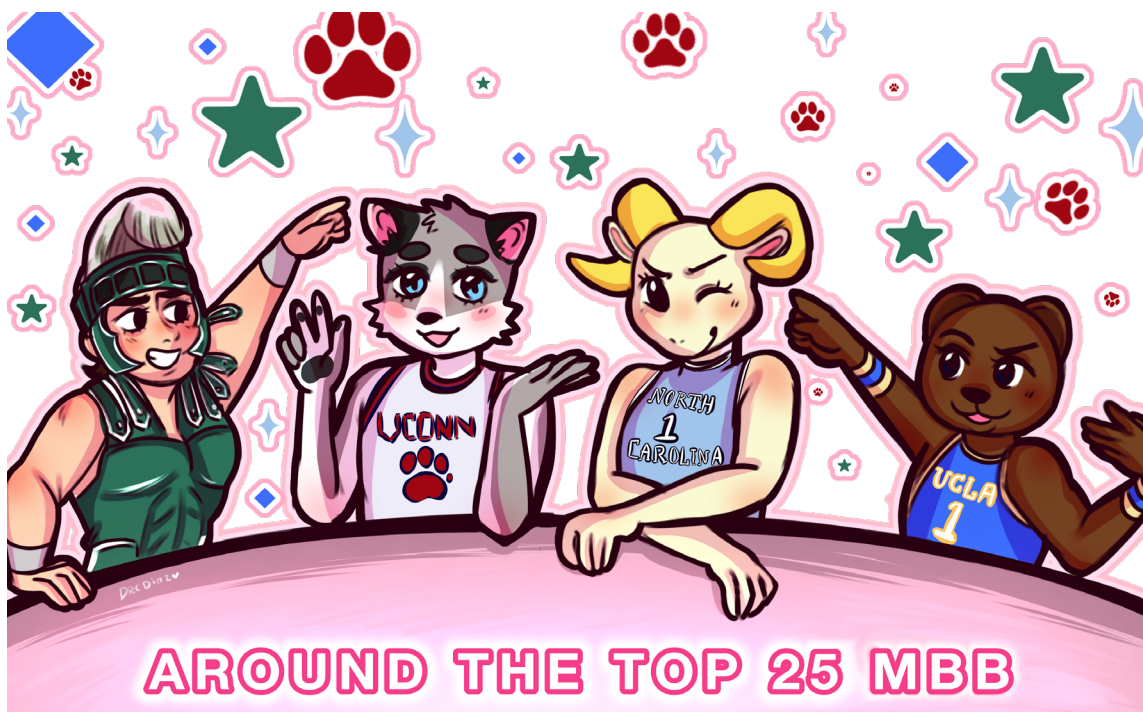
Despite a phenomenal performance by Jalen Wilson where he scored 21 of his 30 points in the first half, the Jayhawks suffered their first loss at Allen Fieldhouse since Kentucky blew them out about a year ago. Shahada Wells came off the bench and led the Horned Frogs in scoring with 17 points.

Loyola Marymount snaps No. 6 Gonzaga's long home winning streak, 68-67

Gonzaga had won 75 consecutive games at home coming into Thursday's match against Loyola Marymount, but National Player of the Year candidate Drew Timme and Julian Strawther could not answer Cam Shelton's game-winning layup. Shelton had 27 points to lead the Lions, while Timme finished with 17 points and seven rebounds. The Zags will take a visit to Portland on Saturday.

No. 11 Arizona snaps No. 5 UCLA's winning streak, 58-52

The UCLA Bruins were one of the hottest teams in college basketball with a 14-game winning streak. They saw that streak come to an end in Tucson though, despite four of their five starters scoring double digits, including two double-doubles. Star forward Zuolas Tubelis contributed his own double-double, 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats. UCLA



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takes on cross-town rival USC on Thursday, while Arizona heads to Pullman to take on Washington State.

Temple knocks off No. 1 Houston at home, 56-55

Damian Dunn made the game-winning free throw with 66 seconds remaining. Jamal Shead and Tramon Mark couldn't find a basket for the final minute as Temple held on to upset Houston. Dunn was the player of the game with 16 points for the Owls. Star guard Marcus Sasser struggled with 12 points, shooting 4-for-11 from the floor. The Cougars will take on UCF in Orlando tonight.

No. 17 Baylor hands No. 9 Kansas third-straight loss, 75-69

In their past three games, Kansas has lost to Kansas State, TCU at home and Baylor on Monday night. The defending national champions have been carried by star forward Jalen Wilson this year, but freshman Gradey Dick led the Jayhawks in scoring with 24 points. Forward Jalen Bridges nearly had a double-

double with 11 points and nine rebounds while LJ Cryer led the Bears in scoring with 22 points and five three-pointers. Kansas visits blue-blood Kentucky on Saturday, while Baylor hosts former Southwest Conference foe Arkansas that same day.

Best Performances

Drew Timme, F, Gonzaga (at Pacific: 38 pts, 5 reb, 2 blk)

Timme is considered one of college basketball's best players and redeemed himself after a loss to Loyola Marymount. He currently averages 22 points and seven rebounds per game while shooting over 60 percent from the floor.

Zach Freemantle, F, Xavier (vs. Georgetown: 30 pts, 11 reb, 7 ast)

Freemantle is the top scorer on one of the best frontcourts in college basketball. He has recorded a double-double in the past two games and shoots just under 60 percent from the field. Despite many talented players in the Big East, especially in the frontcourt,

Freemantle has had an all-Big East caliber season.

Armaan Franklin, G, Virginia (at Wake Forest: 25 pts, 10 reb, 5 3pt)

Virginia picked up a huge win on the road in Winston-Salem led by former Indiana Hoosier Armaan Franklin. He leads the Cavaliers in scoring, averaging nearly 13 points per game, with eight straight games scoring double figures.

Markquis Nowell, G, Kansas State (vs. Texas Tech: 23 pts, 8 reb, 5 ast)

Nowell didn't have a great scoring outing in the thrilling upset win over Kansas but bounced back with a home victory over Texas Tech. Nowell averages nearly 17 points and eight assists per game, looking like an All-American each time he steps onto the hardwood.

Zach Edey, C, Purdue (vs. Maryland: 24 pts, 16 reb)

This section of the article wouldn't be complete without an

impressive Zach Edey performance. Edey snapped his 12-game streak with a double-double on Thursday at Minnesota. He followed up with another impressive double-double in the win on Sunday. Before Thursday's game, Edey hadn't missed a double-double since November.

Upcoming Games

No. 13 Xavier at No. 19 UConn (6:30 p.m., FS1)

Xavier and UConn face off tonight at Gampel Pavilion in a rematch of Xavier's upset win over the Huskies on New Year's Eve. It's a battle of the two best frontcourts in the Big East and headlined by two Big East Player of the Year candidates: Xavier guard Souley Boum and Huskies forward Adama Sanogo.

No. 10 Texas at No. 4 Tennessee (Saturday, 6 p.m., ESPN)

In this top-10 clash that headlines a loaded Big 12/SEC Challenge, Rick Barnes faces Texas for just the second time since his 17-year tenure in Austin ended in 2015. The matchup headlines two of the best guards in their respective conferences: Texas's Marcus Carr and Tennessee's Zakai Zeigler.

No. 9 Kansas at Kentucky (Saturday, 8 p.m., ESPN)

Saturday's primetime game is between two of the greatest programs in college basketball history. The Jayhawks are on a three-game losing streak coming into Lexington, whereas the Wildcats have only lost once this season (South Carolina). This matchup features two of the best players in college basketball: Kansas forward Wilson and Kentucky forward Oscar Tshiebwe, the reigning consensus National Player of the Year.

Who would you rather have: Josh Allen or Joe Burrow?

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This weekend, two of the best quarterbacks in the NFL faced off in an AFC Divisional Round matchup, where Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals defeated Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills in Orchard Park. After the game, many fans debated on who would be the better quarterback moving forward. Campus Correspondents Sam Calhoun and CJ Dexter take sides on who they would choose as their franchise quarterback.

Sam: Joe Burrow is off to a phenomenal start to his NFL career, leading the Bengals to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1988. He has a chance to do that again this year with a rematch against the Chiefs on Sunday. I personally think he was robbed of an All-Pro selection, where Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts was assigned to the second team over Burrow. Burrow currently is tied for second-most touchdown passes with 35: the same amount as Josh Allen. The Bengals' leader has thrown less interceptions and is fifth in passing yards (4475), while Allen is close to 200 yards behind him this season. Burrow has the postseason experience, where he has 1556 career postseason passing yards and nine total touchdowns. Those stats alone make me feel more confident in Burrow over Allen.

CJ: Since 2020, Bills quarterback Allen has grown from

a potential bust to a top-four quarterback in the NFL. Over the last three seasons, Allen has thrown for 13,234 yards, ran for 1946 yards, thrown and rushed for 129 total touchdowns and led his team to a 37-12 record with three postseason appearances. Allen has taken a team that made the postseason four times in the franchise's previous 21 years to the playoffs four years in a row. But in terms of comparing him head-to-head with Bengals star Burrow, let's take a closer look at the numbers from over the last two seasons.

him an element to his game that Burrow doesn't quite have. Yes, the Bengals have done (almost) nothing but win in the postseason with Burrow under center, going 5-1 over the last two seasons (compared to Allen and the Bills 2-2 record), but only one quarterback has had significant help from their team's defense over the past two years. Over the last two seasons, the Bengals' defense has only surrendered 18.1 ppg in six games, while the Bills have surrendered 29.3 ppg in

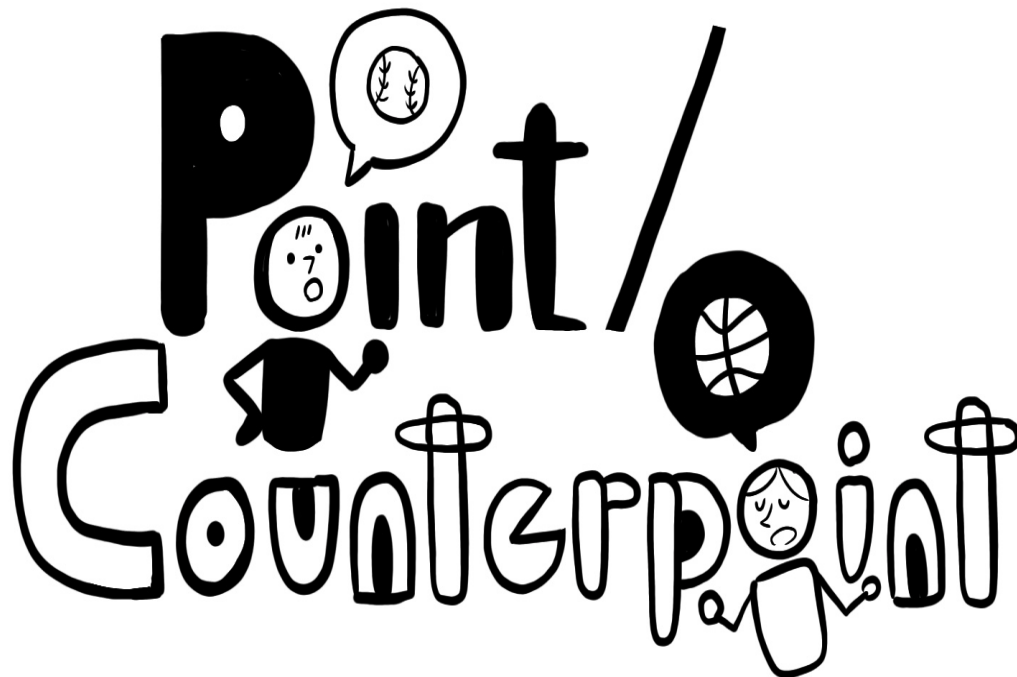
than 27 points in a playoff game (averaging 23.8 points per game). Both quarterbacks are on their way to being faces of the league, but the quarterback with more wins, more touchdowns, more total yards and better play in the postseason is the better quarterback. It is only a matter of time before Allen's trophy case is filled with league MVPs and a Lombardi Trophy.

Sam: When it comes to mobility, I will agree that Allen

63 percent. I want a quarterback that can lead you to victories when games are down to the wire. According to Pro Football Reference, Burrow has nine career game-winning drives, including five fourth-quarter comebacks and two postseason game-winning drives. That's over just two seasons, since Burrow was hurt in the first season. Allen has been in the league longer, so he has more game-winning drives and fourth-quarter comebacks with 15 and 11, respectively. All of those were in the regular season, and he is yet to lead his team late in a postseason game to advance.

CJ: The point about Allen not having a postseason game winning drive is not a strong indicator of how he plays down the wire. We all remember how well Allen played late in the fourth quarter of the 2022 divisional round vs KC, leading his team down the field to take a three point lead with 12 seconds left. 12 seconds was still somehow enough for Buffalo's defense to have another postseason meltdown and let Kansas City march down the field to tie the game.

In the last two seasons (four games), Allen has averaged 313.5 pass yards per game, 45 rush yards per game and three TD passes per game while leading his offense to 31.7 PPG. Burrow, on the other hand, in the last two seasons (six games) averaged 259.3 pass yards per game and 1.5 TD passes per game, only leading his offense to 23.8 points per game. The numbers speak for themselves. Allen is the better quarterback in the regular season and the postseason. He just hasn't had nearly the same amount of help from his defense as Burrow.



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Allen has the advantage in total yards, total touchdowns and record over Burrow. Both quarterbacks are tremendous arm talents, but Allen's ability to use his legs to extend plays and be a massive factor in the ground game gives

four games. Allen has played incredibly well in the postseason these last two years, leading his offense to 31.7 ppg and going north of 34 points in three out of four games. Meanwhile, a Burrow-led offense has never scored more

is much better on the ground than Burrow. However, like you said, the better quarterback will be the one with more wins and postseason success. Right now, that is Burrow. He's more accurate with his passes than Allen at 69 percent in comparison to



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Around Hockey East:

NORTHEASTERN JUMPS TO THE TOP OF HOCKEY EAST, VERMONT SWEEPS BC

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Sweeping the weekend series was a major theme this weekend in Hockey East. There was also a major shuffle in the standings as Northeastern took the top spot.

No. 5 BU sweeps Maine

The Terriers continued to roll as they took care of Maine this weekend at Agganis Arena. BU dominated Friday's contest 5-1. Chicago prospect Drew Comnesso shined in the net as he stopped 30 of 31 shots. 13 different players recorded a point in the win, including senior Matt Brown who had a goal and an assist. Sophomore Cole Hanson was the only Black Bear to put one by Comnesso. On Saturday, each team showed off their offensive firepower. BU outdueled Maine 9-6. The first period saw a combined seven goals including Wilmer Skoog's (two goals, one assist) tally just 36 seconds into the contest. Both Comnesso and Maine's Victor Ostman were pulled from the game. Five Terriers had at least three points and Brown led the team with four points (one goal, three assists). Brown was named Co-Hockey East Player of the Week and his teammate Lane Hutson (Montreal) was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week for his five-point weekend. Donavan Villeneuve-Houle, Lynden Breen and Nolan Renwick each recorded a goal and an assist for Maine. The Terriers are now up to No. 4 in the nation and even received two first-place votes. They have the rematch of the Battle of Commonwealth Avenue against BC to look forward to,



"Boston University defeats the University of Maine 9-6. "Weekened sweeps scenes," was the Instagram caption for Boston University's men's hockey team after the game on Jan. 23.

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while Maine will get ready to host No. 17 Providence.

Vermont stuns No. 18 BC at home

Vermont was the underdog this weekend at Conte Forum, but that did not stop them from doing damage. On Friday, each team registered power-play goals in the first period as BC's Cutter Gauthier (Philadelphia) and UVM's Isak Walthers (Nashville) scored. Vermont earned the extra point in the

shootout courtesy of some highly skilled moves from sophomore Simon Jellus. Saturday was another competitive battle that saw Vermont come out on top. The win can be credited to Vermont's power-play units that accounted for all three goals. Junior Will Zapernick netted a pair of goals and set up Colorado prospect Andrei Buyalsky's tally. Zapernick was named Co-Hockey East Player of the Week. Minnesota prospect Nikita Nesterenko found the back of the net and assisted on Colorado

prospect Colby Ambrosio's goal for the Eagles. UVM will look to keep it rolling against No. 16 Merrimack next weekend. BC has fallen out of the top 20 and will look to win the season series against No. 4 BU.

Levi shines as Northeastern sweeps No. 11 Merrimack

Northeastern continues to rack up Hockey East wins, as they bested Merrimack thanks to two stellar performances from goaltender Devon Levi (Buffalo).

The Huskies' offense took over on Friday as Aidan McDonough (Vancouver) and Justin Hryckowian each registered a goal and an assist. Levi made 33 saves. On Saturday, McDonough's tally late in third stood as the game winner in the 1-0 win. Levi was a brick wall all night as he made 37 saves for his 14th career shutout. New York Rangers prospect Hugo Ollas stopped 23 shots in the loss. Unsurprisingly, Levi was named Hockey East Goaltender of the Week. Northeastern has climbed back into the national rankings at No. 20 and now sits atop Hockey East. They'll have a week and a half off before taking on Boston College. No. 16 Merrimack will look to get back on track as they will travel to Vermont.

No. 19 UMass Lowell sweeps UNH

Friday's score was not representative of most of the game. The two teams were deadlocked at two going into the third, but the River Hawks' offense exploded for four goals after that point. Zach Kaiser and Owen Fowler each had two goals. Cam Gendron and Jake Dunlap scored for New Hampshire. The series shifted to New Hampshire and UMass Lowell pulled out an overtime victory. Senior Jake Stella was the star as OT hero and set up Isac Jonsson and Jon McDonald's tallies. Jonsson was named Hockey East Defender of the Week. New Hampshire's power-play unit was sharp as Cy LeClerc and Liam Devlin each accounted for a goal. UNH will get the weekend off while No. 18 UML will host UMass Amherst for one game on Friday.

Connor's Corner: Joe Mixon

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Hello and welcome back to Connor's Corner, where I will discuss a standout performance in professional sports as well as that player's journey from high school to the professional level. This week we'll be looking at Cincinnati Bengals running back Joe Mixon, whose standout performance this past weekend upset a Buffalo Bills team that many picked to win not only this game, but Super Bowl LVII.

On the road, facing elimination as an underdog, the Bengals needed a knight in shining armor to save the day. They found theirs this past Sunday in Mixon. Mixon had it his way, breaking out with 105 yards on the ground, 18 yards through the air and a touchdown from a yard out to end the Bills' playoff run in the divisional round for the second year in a row. Despite Mixon's touchdown coming late in the game, his presence was felt from the kickoff, as his 20 attempts on the ground helped set up a passing attack, which proved dominant from the get-go as demonstrated by a 28-yard touchdown reception by Ja'Marr Chase. Buffalo still had a chance to win halfway through the fourth quarter, but Mixon led the opposing charge with a crucial first down, which forced the Bills to use up their timeouts. By the time Buf-

falo saw the ball, there was 2:32 left in the game, no timeouts, and they were down two touchdowns — a comeback even prime Tom Brady himself could not mount. Mixon and the Bengals are now hoping for a sequel to last year's AFC championship game, where Cincinnati defeated Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs 27-24, and Mixon amassed 115 total yards at Arrowhead Stadium - a performance to remember.

Mixon has had a roller coaster of a year, as he's had a reduced role on offense with Chase emerging as a superstar wide receiver. Mixon also missed two games after suffering a concussion in Week 11 against Pittsburgh. He has also suffered from weak offensive line play with a number of injuries, taking him nine weeks to surpass the 100-yard marker on the ground. When he's healthy, he's lethal, as he has rushed for over 1,000 yards three times since 2018. It should be noted he missed ten games in 2020 with a foot injury.

What put Mixon on the radar of Division I colleges was his unmatched performance in high school, where he attended Freedom High School in Oakley, California, as a five-star recruit. Only New York Giants cornerback Adoree' Jackson was rated higher in his home state. Mixon shredded defenses, accumulating 5100 all-purpose yards, 57 rushing touchdowns and 10

touchdowns through the air. Mixon averaged 7.2 yards per carry and 126.2 yards per game. This spectacular career helped Mixon receive around 50 Division I offers; he would later commit to the University of Oklahoma.

Mixon's collegiate career was shorter than most NFL prospects, as the Big 12 running back only played two seasons with the Oklahoma Sooners. Despite this, the California native ranks third all-time in career receiving yards by an RB at Oklahoma with 894. This is all the more impressive, considering Mixon did not play four full seasons for the Sooners. In Mixon's "senior year," per se, he lit up opposing defenses by setting an Oklahoma single-season record in all-purpose yards (2,331) and all-purpose yards per game (194.3). Despite Mixon's impressive resume, he had some blemishes which caused teams such as the Dolphins, Ravens and Patriots to see him as "undraftable," despite him being touted as one of the most talented running backs in the draft class. This is due to an altercation before Mixon's initial arrival on campus, which caused him to be suspended for an entire season. The incident involved him punching fellow student Amelia Molitor. Mixon would end up completing 100 hours of community service

and attending counseling to control his emotions. Molitor and Mixon met behind closed doors to discuss the incident after, and Molitor went on to say, "I greatly appreciate his apology and I think the feelings he expressed were sincere. We both could have handled things differently. I believe if we had a chance to go back to that moment in time, the situation would not have ended the way it did." Mixon expressed remorse for this incident, noting, "It really doesn't matter what she did, it's all on me," Mixon said. "I take full responsibility for what I did. It's never OK to hit a woman. I would preach that to anybody. Hopefully people around the world learn from my mistake." After all of this, the Bengals took Mixon with the 16th pick in the second round (48th overall) by the Bengals.

Mixon is enjoying a solid NFL career despite his fair share of setbacks. If the Bengals want to hoist their first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history, they will need the back to play as he did last Sunday. The Bengals are as motivated and united as ever in particular, due to an incident with the NFL selling tickets for a neutral-site February matchup between the Bills

and Chiefs, which will not happen following Cincinnati's upset win. Many Bengal players took to social media and post-game interviews to share the "disrespect" they believed the NFL shed on them. Mixon would also take to Twitter, tweeting, "AFC CHAMPIONSHIP IN MERCEDES BENZ STADIUM THAT'LL BENEVERU-ARY MAKE S U R E Y A L L GO GET Y A L L R E - FUNDS BACK."

The ball is in Mixon's hands. If he continues to do what he has done many times in his career by putting up a strong attack on the ground, his already dangerous offense will be much more explosive, and history will repeat itself with the Bengals defeating Kansas City on the road and going to the big game in back-to-back seasons.

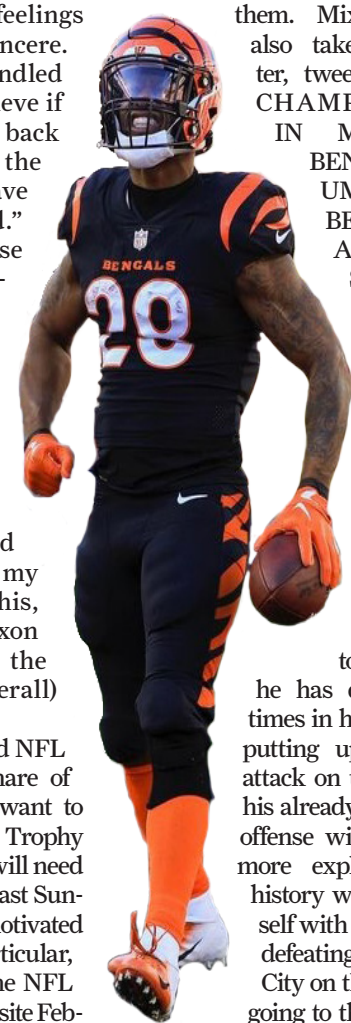


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