



Got cough drops?

Student reactions are mixed on Daylight Saving Time

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Daylight Saving Time (DST) occurred this past Sunday, as the clocks were set back an hour to Standard Time. Congress passed a bill in March making DST permanent, meaning that when the clocks advance this upcoming spring, they will remain that way permanently.

Students at the University of Connecticut have mixed feelings about DST and how they feel about making it permanent.

Kate Koval, a third-semester psychology major, said she believes there are pros and cons to DST.

"I think it's a good way to change your habits," Koval said. "I have a bio clock and wake up at 8:30 a.m. Now, I wake up at 7:30 [a.m.], which helps me start my day earlier and go for a run or go to the gym in the morning. On the other hand, I don't like the fact that it's dark outside at 5 p.m."

Some students, like Jackson Bell, a first-semester music education major, dislike the time switch and are happy that switching the clocks is coming to an end. Bell said he feels sad when it gets dark so early.

"I don't like changing the clocks," Bell said. "I was really confused when I left my 4:30 [p.m.] class and thought it was literally 8 p.m."

DST began to preserve natural sunlight in the summertime. Every second week in March, the clocks "spring forward," and the first week in November,



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the clocks "fall back." Inés Martínez Lebrón, a third-semester finance major, said she understands this previous reason, but she no longer sees its use.

"I feel that it had a purpose in the past, and that's why they made it a thing, but right now I feel like it's not as beneficial to

day and it is an inconvenience now," Martínez Lebrón said.

JP Capodanno, a first-semester actuarial science major, said he thinks DST is nice in the fall but is a nuisance in the spring. However, he said he is happy that DST is remaining permanent.

"I do not really think that it is necessary anymore, so it makes sense why this last weekend was the last time we were doing it," Capodanno said.

Fiona Cheng, a fifth-semester marketing major, said she is enthusiastic about DST remaining permanent.

"I am happy to have more sunlight in my day," Cheng said.

Other students explained that they do not have strong opinions about DST and do not believe it strongly affects their lives.

"Quite frankly, I don't care much about DST," said Sarah Koehler, a first-semester student. "It's just a mild inconvenience in my life."

Lina Layakoubi, a fifth-semester biology major, explained that in the spring, it is harder since everyone loses an hour of sleep, but overall, it doesn't affect her that much.

"Every fall back, I might comment on how nice it is to sleep in, and every spring I might complain about how bad it is to wake up early," Layakoubi said. "I think eventually I will just get used to not having Daylight Saving [Time]."

By making DST permanent, there will be no more pushing the clocks, or reverting to Standard Time in the fall.

"The push for permanent DST has uncharacteristically not elicited any strong feelings on my part," said Lauren Ziolkowski, an English PhD student. "I, like so many people in New England, get hit with the seasonal blues as the sun sets earlier and earlier. If implementing permanent DST means I get a few extra hours of sunshine every day, why not go for it?"

Whether students like, dislike or are not strongly affected by DST, the bi-annual clock change is coming to an end.

Gov. Lamont announces \$9.8 million funding to women-owned businesses

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Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont (D) recently announced that \$9.8 million in funding will be provided to the Women's Business Development Council, an organization that works to grow sustainable businesses across the state.

The funding, which will be distributed over a five-year period, is part of a \$46.6 million investment by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The rest of the funds will go to nine other local nonprofit economic development organizations, according to a press release.

WBDC will use the funds to expand their technical assistance programs for women-owned businesses throughout the state, the press release said.

"WBDC's Equity Match Grant and Launchpad programs provide capital infusions of \$2,500 to \$10,000, coupled with expert technical assistance to effectively help women-owned businesses access the financial capital and business acumen they need to

launch, scale, and grow thriving enterprises in Connecticut," the press release said.

Fran Pastore, WBDC's founder and CEO, said the organization is thrilled to receive the funding.

"We are thrilled by the governor's announcement, and to be among the amazing and deserved organizations that are also receiving support through this initiative," Pastore said. "With these funds, we have the opportunity to grow and expand some of our existing programs that have had significant and measurable impact on our state's small business community."

One of the grant programs, called the Equity Match Grant, has awarded 167 grants to state businesses, totaling \$1.5 million, since its launch in 2020.

The Launchpad Grant, which is the other program providing funding, is in its pilot phase and has so far awarded \$37,500 over a total of 15 grants, the press release said.

Also according to the press release, WBDC will focus on women of color in distressed municipalities across Connecticut.

"The funds will also allow

WBDC to provide one-to-one business advising, mentorship, financial education, and networking opportunities to all grant applicants — awarded or not — with a customized focus on women of color in distressed municipalities,"

said the press release.

The funding will also be allotted to the opening of an additional WBDC business center in Waterbury, Connecticut, which is expected to contribute to strengthening the city's economy.



Ned Lamont poses for a picture at a rally at ECSU on Nov. 4, 2022. He recently announced that \$9.8 million in funding will be provided to the Women's Business Development Council.

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CONNECTICUT TOWNS AWARDED CLIMATE LEADER DESIGNATION

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Connecticut towns are doing well recently in helping the environment during times of heightened threats of climate change, according to NBC Connecticut.

The organization Sustainable CT has awarded five Connecticut towns climate leader designation titles, the NBC Connecticut article said. Sustainable CT's mission is to better community sustainability across the state.

Fairfield, Glastonbury, New Britain, Stratford and West Hartford were this year's first group of leaders announced by Sustainable CT.

Towns can get involved by registering with Sustainable CT. Currently, 129 Connecticut towns are registered, according to the Sustainable CT website.

NBC Connecticut reported that according to the senior program director for Sustainable CT, when awarding titles within the state, something like safer bike lanes or the expansion of areas for bikers to ride in their com-



Fairfield, Glastonbury, New Britain, Stratford and West Hartford were awarded climate leader designation titles in Connecticut. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARKUS SPISKE ON UNSPLASH

munities and other similar ways to promote environmentally friendly practices are looked at.

Jessica LeClair, the senior program director, highlighted a specific example Sustainable CT looked at in the town of Glastonbury.

"The town of Glastonbury is offsetting their municipal building energy use by 30% with renewables and the town of West Hartford has offset their municipal building energy use by 50%," LeClair said to NBC Connecticut. "So these towns are doing amazing work, we can see it, they're taking action now. They're proving that it's possible at the local level. And they're not only reaping the benefits of preventing dangerous climate change, but there are other benefits that are coming as well."

The Sustainable CT website includes a list of things Connecticut towns can do to enhance their environmentally friendly practices and ways to earn more points to achieve various levels of certification through their program.

"We're really excited to see what these towns do in 2023 and onward," LeClair said.

An interview with UConn Coffee Hour:

The Philippines' organizer

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The Center for International Students and Scholars, which helps international students through services and programs to support them, will host the Coffee Hour: The Philippines on Friday, Nov. 11, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"The CISS is going to hold the Coffee Hour event that highlights the Philippines' cultures and gives students, faculty and staff opportunities to get to know each other and be closer," Nadine Boudissa, international advisor and organizer of the event, said.

According to the CISS website, this event gives domestic students and international students opportunities to share their network and get to know each other. Usually at coffee hours, students highlight their home countries and present through presentations or PowerPoint.

Coffee Hour is a monthly event organized by the International Student and

Scholar Services. During the event, each country and culture are introduced through informal, fun presentations and exciting games. Participants also can enjoy the country's own food and refreshments at no cost.

According to Boudissa, the event does not only introduce foreign countries, but also domestic areas like Puerto Rico, where many international students are interested in traveling to and want hands-on experience. American students can also provide a presentation about where they are from, intriguing international students to their area. Therefore, the Coffee Hour event is a good opportunity not only for domestic students but also for international students.

Over several years, Coffee Hour events have been held to introduce a wide variety of countries such as Peru, Uzbekistan, China, Pakistan, Brazil, Australia and more. As a result, domestic students get to know various international students and understand their cultures by meeting them in person.

May I ask about your position in this department?

I am Nadine Boudissa, and I am an international advisor. I assist F and J student visa holders with rules and regulations pertaining to their immigration status and anything pertaining to I-20 and authorization and academic inquiries that may actually affect their immigration. That sometimes that plays a role in getting connected with academic advisors to ensure that these students would be okay.

Is there any reason that you take charge of the Coffee Hour amongst lots of events in the CISS office?

I enjoy putting on Coffee Hour events because it helps me connect with students on another level, not just for immigration. I like to see students in other environments that are less serious. Most students link international advisors to immigration. But international advisors are not the face of immigration. We are the face of cultural adjustment and networking, helping students grow.

Do you have any words that you want to leave?

I would say, you know, always have an open mind no matter where you come from. And always accept each other's cultures and respect them. Also, always connect with your academic advisors and international advisors and join an organization and club activity. It helps with networking and getting to know other students and staff members on campus and is a great way to be involved and not isolate yourself.

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Rising travel, food costs straining college athletic budgets

(AP) — College athletic programs are reacting to soaring inflation the same way as everyone else — they're looking for ways big and small to save money.

In the Power Five, home of college sports' biggest budgets and most considerable resources, schools are working with boosters and other partners to try to bridge the financial gap. Working down the line to smaller institutions, where budgets and resources are smaller, creativity is a must.

For schools of all sizes, travel and food are the most challenging issues.

Nebraska, with 24 sports programs and an athletic budget of \$168 million this year, hopes to work with its beef and chicken vendors to find more cost-effective ways to order food for the training table. It's also lining up more nonprofit groups to work concession stands to reduce labor costs.

The school expects the cost of doing business to be about \$3 million more than it would be if the U.S. inflation rate hadn't risen to more than 8%.

Arizona, which has a \$101.6 million budget and 21 sports, projects costs could increase by \$4 million, according to Derek van der Merwe, an assistant vice president and chief operating officer for administration and athletics at the Pac-12 school.

"You have to work real closely with all your teams to take a look at what changes you can make to absorb that cost within your operating budgets, or you have to look at other opportunities to increase revenues to offset those costs," van der Merwe said. "The post-pandemic economy and insecurity is around a lot of the budgets we have to manage and makes it challenging because we don't know what to anticipate."

Those Power Five schools, though, have deep-pocketed boosters they can often rely on in times of need, an insurance policy for budgetary concerns.

At Mary Baldwin University, a private school with about 1,000 undergraduate students in Staunton, Virginia, it's a far different story. The school competes in Division III in the USA South Athletic Conference, and most of its members are in North Carolina, anywhere from 3½ to 6 hours away.

Besides the cost of travel, there are overnight stays and food expenses.

getting it done, you know, as best we can. But inflation is not helping us."

The school is banking on its creativity and some local generosity.

Men's basketball, 8-13 in its inaugural season, will play exhibitions against two Division I programs, rather than a couple scrimmages that might be more helpful for player development, hoping to bring in \$3,000-

rants that sometimes provide food at a discount.

"So those are the kind of things we have to do. We do nickel and dime stuff, too. The women's soccer team has a Kona ice truck at games, so stuff like that," Byrnes said.

While unlikely to have to resort to such measures, the biggest schools are not immune to belt-tightening wherever possible. Coaches' requests for

van der Merwe said.

Foresight helped Iowa State avoid some of the increases, senior associate athletic director Chris Jorgensen said, by locking in charter flight costs months or even years ago, while rival Iowa's football travel will increase appreciably.

Charter flights for the Hawkeyes will be 8.5% higher and charter bus costs are up 12%, associate athletic director and CFO Greg Davies told the AP.

The Nebraska training table will see food costs rise about 20% this year, from \$3.2 million to \$3.8 million. Nebraska athletes consume 2,200 pounds of beef each month, and Ewald said the athletic department hopes to work with vendors to find ways to get better deals for buying in greater bulk.

Arizona, like Nebraska, is trying to absorb the added costs due to inflation by tightening belts. One thing is not negotiable, van der Merwe said.

"Our philosophy is that we make sure the student-athlete experience is the priority for everything we budget and plan for," he said, "and everything around that is curtailed in order to make sure we maintain the integrity of that priority."

The philosophy is the same at Randolph-Macon College, another Division III school in Virginia. Athletic director Jeff Burns credits the school's athletic success for having allowed it to dip into reserves to maintain that standard.

"There's really a spectrum across Division III. You're going to see a lot of different ways where the haves are going to be able to handle it and the have nots are probably going to be forced to make some changes," Burns said.

After more than three decades in sports, it's not how Mary Baldwin's Byrnes imagined things. He took the job six months before the pandemic began.

"It's challenging," he said. "But you know what? It keeps every day interesting."



Arizona football players arrive at Rice-Eccles Stadium before their NCAA college football game against Utah Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in Salt Lake City. College athletic programs of all sizes are reacting to inflation the same way as everyone else. In the Power Five, home of college sports' biggest budgets and most considerable resources, schools are working with boosters and other partners to try to bridge the financial gap. AP PHOTO/RICK BOWMER

The Fighting Squirrels do not field a football team, having only started admitting men in 2017, but added baseball and men's basketball last year. The new programs began just as the athletic budget, cut 20% during the pandemic, was restored to its previous level before those additions, athletic director Tom Byrnes said.

"So we're doing things here on a shoestring," he told The Associated Press. "And we're

\$4,000 for each to pay for the team's basketball shoes.

"Baseball, softball and women's basketball teams all work in concession stands or as ushers at James Madison football games," Byrnes said, traveling in a bus provided by a local company at cost. The school also is negotiating with a used car dealer to have it provide a car for coaches to use on recruiting trips for free, and has local restaura-

equipment are scrutinized, and they are sometimes asked to give up something in return.

But they all still have to travel, and eat.

Nebraska expects to spend \$9.2 million on athletic department travel this year, executive associate athletic director and CFO Doug Ewald said. That's a 17% increase, or \$1.3 million. Arizona, meanwhile, expects its athletic travel costs to increase 20%-25% over last year,

ALEX JONES ORDERED TO PAY \$473M MORE TO SANDY HOOK FAMILIES

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Infowars host Alex Jones and his company were ordered by a judge Thursday to pay an extra \$473 million for promoting false conspiracy theories about the Sandy Hook school massacre, bringing the total judgment against him in a lawsuit filed by the victims' families to a staggering \$1.44 billion.

Connecticut Judge Barbara Bellis imposed the punitive damages on the Infowars host and Free Speech Systems. Jones repeatedly told his millions of followers the massacre that killed 20 first graders and six educators was staged by "crisis actors" to enact more gun control.

"The record clearly supports the plaintiffs' argument that the defendants' conduct was intentional and malicious, and certain to cause harm by virtue of their infrastructure, ability to spread content, and massive audience including the infowarriors," the judge wrote in a 45-page ruling.

Christopher Mattei, a lawyer for the Sandy Hook families, said he hopes the award sends a message to conspiracy theorists who profit from lies.

"The Court recognized the 'intentional, malicious ... and heinous' conduct of Mr. Jones and his business entities," Mattei said in a statement.

On his show Thursday, Jones called the award "ridiculous" and a "joke" and said he has little money to pay the damages.

"Well, of course I'm laughing at it," he said. "It'd be like if you sent me a bill for a billion

dollars in the mail. Oh man, we got you. It's all for psychological effect. It's all the Wizard of Oz ... when they know full well the bankruptcy going on and all the rest of it, that it'll show what I've got and that's it, and I have almost nothing."

Eight victims' relatives and the FBI agent testified during a monthlong trial about being threatened and harassed for years by people who deny the shooting happened. Strangers showed up at some of their homes and confronted some of them in public. People hurled abusive comments at them on social media and in emails. Some received death and rape threats.

Six jurors ordered Jones to pay \$965 million to compensate the 15 plaintiffs for defamation, infliction of emotional distress and violations of Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Jones, who lives and works in Austin, Texas, has bashed the trial as unfair and an assault on free speech rights. He says he will appeal the verdicts. He also has said he doesn't have the money to pay such huge verdicts, because he has less than \$2 million to his name — which contradicted testimony at a similar trial in Texas. Free Speech Systems, meanwhile, is seeking bankruptcy protection.

Jones said Thursday that he has only a "couple hundred thousand dollars" in his savings account.

Jones' lawyer, Norm Pattis, wrote in a text message to the The Associated Press, "To paraphrase Karl Marx, the ver-



Infowars founder Alex Jones appears in court to testify during the Sandy Hook defamation damages trial at Connecticut Superior Court in Waterbury, Conn., on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. Jones and his company have been ordered to pay an extra \$473 million to families and an FBI agent for calling the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting a hoax. FILE PHOTO/AP

dict was tragedy, this latest ruling is farce. It makes our work on appeal that much easier."

Bellis found Jones and Infowars' parent company liable for damages without a trial last year, as a consequence for what she called his repeated failures to turn over many financial documents and other records to the plaintiffs. After the unusual "default" ruling, the jury was tasked only with deciding on the amount of compensatory damages and whether punitive damages were warranted.

Jones says that he turned over thousands of documents and that the default ruling deprived him of his right to present a defense against the lawsuit.

The punitive damages include about \$323 million for the plaintiffs' attorney fees and costs and \$150 million for violations of the Unfair Trade Practices Act.

In Connecticut, punitive damages for defamation and infliction of emotional distress are generally limited to plaintiffs' legal fees. The Sandy

Hook plaintiffs' lawyers are to get one-third of the \$965 million in compensatory damages under a retainer agreement.

But there is no cap on punitive damages for violations of the Unfair Trade Practices Act. The plaintiffs had not asked for a specific amount of punitive damages, but under one hypothetical calculation they said such damages could be around \$2.75 trillion under the law.

In a similar trial in Texas in August, Jones was ordered to pay nearly \$50 million to the parents of another child killed in the Sandy Hook shooting for calling the massacre a hoax. A forensic economist testified during that trial that Jones and Free Speech Systems have a combined net worth as high as \$270 million.

Jones hawks nutritional supplements, survival gear and other products on his show, which airs on the Infowars website and dozens of radio stations. Evidence at the Connecticut trial showed his sales spiked around a time he talked about the Sandy Hook shoot-

ing, leading the plaintiffs' lawyers to say he was profiting off the tragedy.

In documents recently filed in Free Speech Systems' bankruptcy case in Texas, a budget for the company for Oct. 29 to Nov. 25 estimated product sales would total \$2.5 million, while operating expenses would be about \$740,000. Jones' salary was listed at \$20,000 every two weeks.

On Wednesday, Bellis, the Connecticut judge, ordered Jones to not move any of his assets out of the country, as the families seek to attach his holdings to secure money for the damages. Jones, meanwhile, has asked the judge to order a new trial or at least reduce the compensatory damages to a "nominal" amount.

A third and final trial over Jones' hoax claims is expected to begin around the end of the year in Texas. As in Connecticut, Jones was found liable for damages without trials in both Texas cases because he failed to turned over many records to the plaintiffs.

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‘FIGHTING THE INFODEMIC’

illustrates the power of misinformation through social media

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Every click you make online counts. It is ridiculously easy to fall down a rabbit hole on any subject. You could accidentally go for hours scrolling through content from cat videos to updates on vaccines. While these may just be displays of innocent scrolling, we could just as easily be feeding our minds with dangerous content difficult to remove from our brains later on.

Don't believe me? The University of Connecticut Journalism's department chair, Marie Shanahan, elaborates more on the matter in her webinar "Fighting the Infodemic: Using News Literacy and Social Media to Combat Health Misinformation."

Shanahan opened her webinar with a reflection upon her own behavior. Every morning, she opens a series of social media applications, her time on them totaling to an hour. Like most people she clicked on various links and webpages, thinking she was genuinely interested in the subject matter. In reality, she spent time on these pages because they sparked some sort of emotion within her. Whether that emotion be joy or anger, the internet had such a connection to her mind that she permitted it to dictate her emotions. Once emotions are involved in re-

search, people are susceptible to forming biases.

Shanahan illustrated that society has put too much trust in the wrong sources. This trend initially emerged at the start of the pandemic, but the numbers have since tripled. According to the charts presented by Shanahan, nearly 25% of adults under 30 years old receive and believe the news they find on social media platforms such as TikTok. This age group not only gets its news from these mediums, but also its medical information —

which is where the real danger strikes for Shanahan.

Social media is a great thing in the sense that it facilitates and speeds up the distribution of information; however, more often than not, this "information" is disinformation, malinformation or misinformation. Disinformation is information curated specifically to deceive others. Malinformation is information that is based on facts taken out of necessary context, causing confusion and misleading audiences. Misinformation is the

product of these two falsehoods. According to Shanahan, "disinformation is the germ" and "misinformation is the infection."

The circulation of false information is the fault of a series of individuals ranging from politicians, wellness hoaxers, sloppy journalists and even unknowing people who think sharing such information is actually helpful.

"[Once] we interact with information on social media, we become agents of the distribution process," Shanahan said.

One would likely think the platform spreading the most false information is Facebook; after all, it is widely used across age groups. However, those social media platforms commonly used by adults under the age of 30 are the biggest hubs for false information. Instagram, Twitter and TikTok are all culprits because they require fewer steps to circulate information; it's as easy as watching a 15-second clip. Allowing a video to play to its entirety on your algorithm can easily influence those of your family members.

"A lot of us don't read or listen anymore," said Shanahan, explaining the ultimate root of the issue.

We as a society need to re-activate our critical thinking skills to ensure that we are absorbing and sharing useful information before creating a bias impossible to eliminate. We need to restore trust in the right sources, but that too comes with proper intake of information. If we hear a piece of information come from our best friend versus a stranger, we are more likely to believe our friend due to a particular bond. Therefore, we must be certain that they are receiving information from a reliable source. There is no one person to blame for this epidemic, but we all need to do our part to help protect each other.



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HEALTHY HUSKIES

WHAT IS BPD?

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Borderline personality disorder (BPD) is one of the most commonly misunderstood mental health disorders. It is often misconstrued in the media as being a disorder that makes people "crazy." Many have the idea that people with BPD are evil or inherently bad, but this is just the picture that modern media paints; BPD is in reality a very misunderstood illness.

BPD is a mental health condition that affects your relationships with yourself and others. It is often characterized by misconstrued thought patterns about yourself and the world around you. Many people with BPD have a hard time managing their behavior and emotions. Self-image issues and patterns of unstable relationships are also common. Many people with BPD have trouble maintaining stable relationships or naturally gravitate towards more toxic partners. Symptoms include having an intense fear of abandonment, rapid and intense mood swings, as well as cycling periods of low and high self-esteem. One moment, someone may feel very good about themselves, but they may have an intense amount of self-hatred in the next.

Little is known about what exactly causes the on-

set and development of BPD but researchers believe that genetics may play a role. Researchers also believe that BPD is often caused by significant amounts of early childhood trauma. BPD can also contribute to many other self-destructive behaviors. A history of self-harm is quite common with a BPD diagnosis. The diagnosis of BPD can also come with substance use issues. Research suggests that up to 66% of BPD patients also struggle with drug or alcohol addiction.

Eating disorders can also be present in patients with BPD. It is speculated that up to 25% of individuals also have a diagnosis of anorexia nervosa. Bulimia nervosa is also sometimes present in BPD individuals. It is speculated that up to 28% of BPD individuals also have bulimia nervosa. All these co-occurring disorders go back to the tendency to take risks and act impulsively, which is wildly common in BPD individuals.

Alice* is an individual living with BPD.

"Starting EMDR and other forms of trauma therapy really helped me get a handle on my BPD symptoms," Alice said. "Once I started to work out the root cause of the disorder, my symptoms lessened. I don't think I'll ever be at a point where my behaviors and symptoms are totally eradicated, but I have a good handle on them now that I've done trauma therapy."

It is important to remember that BPD is not a horrible

diagnosis. While it may be shocking at first to be diagnosed with the disorder, it is possible to recover from BPD. The reason that BPD is so demonized in modern media is because, in reality,

not much is known about the disorder. Many think that individuals with BPD are untrustworthy, unstable and unable to recover. This is not true.

"There is hope for recovery from BPD," Alice said.

"Reach out for help if you need it, or if you think you may have BPD. There is hope."

*Name has been changed to protect anonymity of the interviewee



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HER LOSS RECORD REVIEW

If it's 'Her Loss,' then Drake and 21 Savage finish with a draw

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Rappers Drake and 21 Savage have a history of collaboration. Since the first time they worked together in 2016 on the track “Sneakin,” the two artists have joined forces three more times. That is, until their new joint album “Her Loss” was released.

21 Savage has been on a constant upward trajectory with each project being better than the last. His 2020 album with producer Metro Boomin, “Savage Mode II,” was his strongest to date. After a streak of lackluster projects, Drake’s last album, “Honestly, Nevermind,” was an abrupt departure from his usual wheelhouse. Casting hip-hop aside in favor of moody R&B-infused house, Drake created a late-career highlight in his discography. With 21 Savage appearing on the closing track, this release, “Her Loss,” feels like a natural progression.

In the past, Drake and 21 Savage have worked well together on individual tracks, but how would they fare on a full-length collaborative effort? The answer: okay. Up to this point, the ominous beats the two artists tended to hop on complimented 21 Savage’s menacing persona while giving Drake a chance to exercise his more aggressive side. For an entire album with diversity in the track list, the two artists simply lack proper chemistry. Take Drake’s prior 2015 collaboration with Future, “What a Time to Be Alive.” The two rappers complimented each other’s respective styles perfectly. On “Her Loss,” either 21 Savage or Drake tends to feel out of place on most tracks.

There are certainly highlights born from this joint endeavor, as the first leg of “Her Loss” starts out incredibly strong. Opening track “Rich Flex” incorporates Memphis-style production with multiple sudden transitions that both artists sound at home on. “Major Distribution” begins with an elegant R&B introduction before instantly switching to minimal trap. These shifts in style and mood add variety and flavor to songs that may otherwise drag out. Drake’s slower chorus on “Spin Bout U” contrasts excellently with tight verses from both him

and 21 Savage, the former of which features some pro-choice bars.

The album’s momentum slows to a crawl on “Hours In Silence.” Though it boasts a rare sung verse from 21 Savage that he pulls off surprisingly well, Drake’s slow, stream-of-consciousness verses that follow drag out the track to a difficult seven minutes. On “Circo Loco,” Drake randomly and unnecessarily disses Megan Thee Stallion. Though the beat features a prominent sample of Daft Punk’s “One More Time,” the novelty wears off quickly, and I can’t help but feel as if a different rapper such as BabyTron would be a better fit.

“P--- & Millions” provides a much-needed burst of energy that jumpstarts another strong run. Both Drake and 21 Savage slide on a glamorous instrumental before the beat switches and Travis Scott takes over with an excellent verse. “Broke Boys” and “Middle of the Ocean” feature some of the best wordplay of the entire album. “Two sticks in my hand like I’m playing the Wii,” “Might be the only teacher that gets paid enough” and “I’m like a cup holder the way these dimes stick to me” are just a few of the numerous hilarious lines delivered.

Unfortunately, “Her Loss” does not end as strongly as it starts. The hook on “More M’s” is an always-appreciated homage to Memphis rap group Three 6 Mafia, but both Drake and 21 Savage lack the proper energy to make the most out of the eerie Metro Boomin-produced beat. Furthermore, 21 Savage’s “3AM on Glenwood” and Drake’s “I Guess It’s F--- Me” are simply forgettable compared to many other songs on the album.

As “Her Loss” progresses, it increasingly feels less like a complete collaborative effort and more like a Drake album with a bunch of 21 Savage features; Drake handles the majority of verses and hooks and has four solo tracks compared to one from 21 Savage. Like most of Drake’s projects and mainstream trap albums in general, the track list could have certainly used some trimming. However, there are also numerous highlights that define “Her Loss” as a solid effort and Drake’s best rap project in five years.

Rating: 2.5/5



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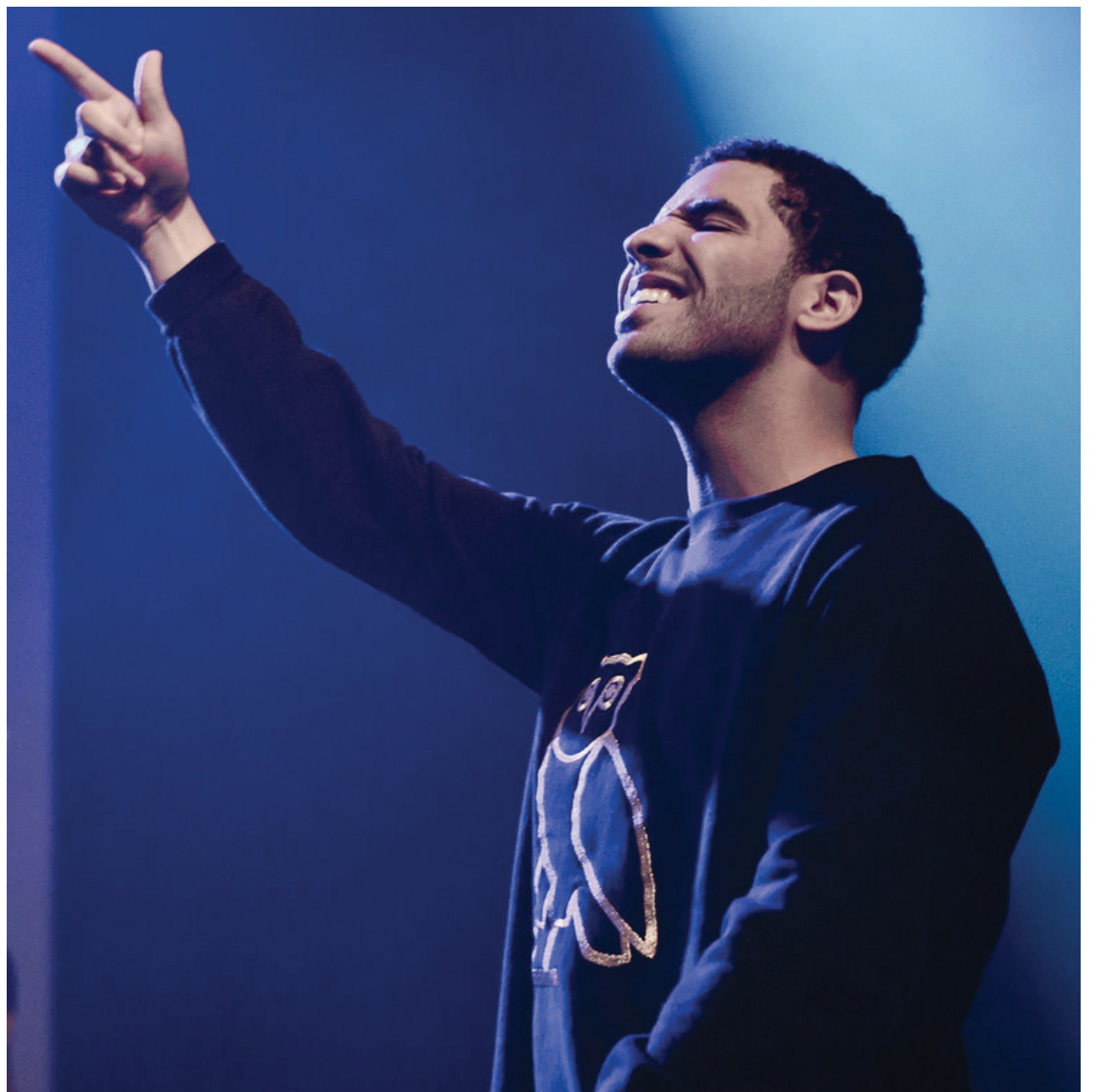


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'Her Loss' is disappointingly generic with mediocre production

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At over an hour long, "Her Loss" by Drake and 21 Savage is one of the longest albums we've dissected for Split Record Review, and acts as a good example of why quantity does not always imply quality. This is Drake's eighth and 21 Savage's sixth studio LP in their respective careers, and it leaves something to be desired. 21 Savage's releases have been relatively sparse in recent years, while Drake just released "Honestly, Nevermind" in June of this year. Unsurprisingly, the experimental house-influenced sound of Drake's last album didn't stick around for long. "Her Loss" attempts to capture a classic trap sound but ends up sounding generic and arguably boring in the process. There are some solid moments, but from lackluster beats and mediocre vocals to questionable lyrics, this album misses several marks.

The first track, "Rich Flex," starts with a generic instrumental, setting up-beat expectations for the rest of the album. After two verses that can't seem to stray away from misogyny for more than a single bar at a time, the track has an extremely abrupt transition into a "calm" section that makes little sense in the middle. Following this, there is a beat switch into an equally lackluster second portion.

The next track, "Major Distribution," has another abrupt beat transition towards the start which completely changes the mood from a more melancholic calm tune into a harder hitting trap song. The second beat in this track was solid, and Drake's verse flowed well over it.

The next few tracks are forgettable and feel like filler in the middle of the album. The production on the record borders on lazy, and it doesn't set up either rapper well to shine. Towards the middle of the LP, there is a bit more variation, with a few calmer tracks and a Memphis-inspired beat on "Hours In Silence" that works well with Drake's vocals.

Disappointingly, "Circo Loco" samples Daft Punk's "One More Time," but has a generic sample flip that

feels lazy and wastes any potential the track initially had. The next track features Travis Scott and has a reasonably good beat relative to most production on the album, but like other tracks, it lacks personality.

"Jumbotron S— Poppin" is one of the high points of the album. The beat was produced by Filthy and is abnormally upbeat for the producer best known for his work on Playboi Carti's "Whole Lotta Red." The beat has an interesting

vocal flip and seemingly comes out of nowhere at the start, which the vocals fit well with.

The last two tracks take a much more serious perspective lyrically, and reflect on some of the tougher experiences that the two rappers have gone through. They are somewhat refreshing, as they feel more real and raw in an album that feels run-of-the-mill.

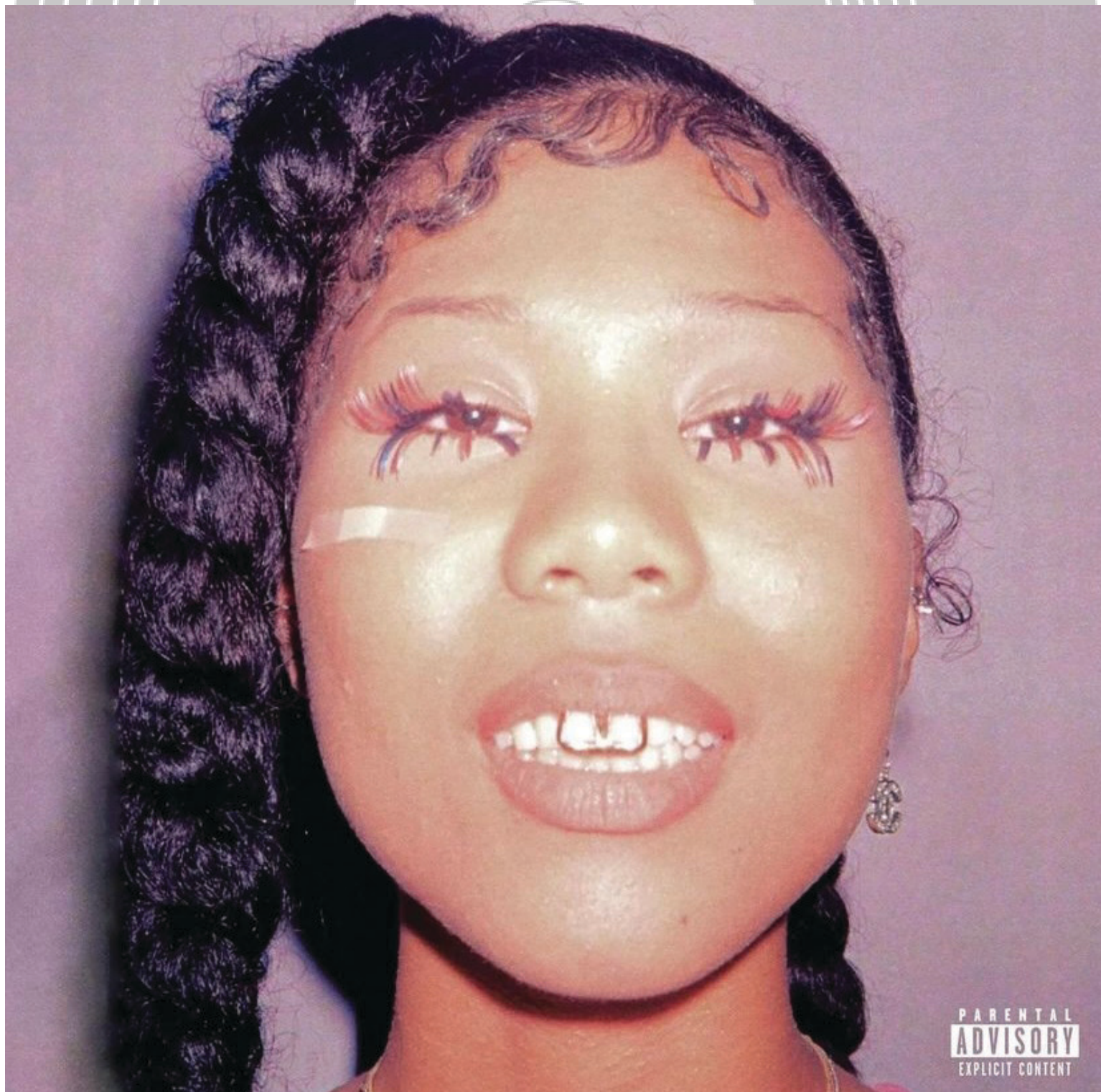
"Her Loss" is not without some decent moments; there are times where both

rappers do well, but for every solid moment on the album, there are several that are disappointing. For such a well-renowned duo, there's an expectation for something groundbreaking and memorable. Unfortunately, much of this album was forgettable, as it brought nothing new to the table.

Time and time again, this relates back to the album's lacking production. Had the production been stronger, there would've

been greater opportunity for both rappers to shine in a way that leaves an imprint on its listeners. When taking a closer look at the lyrics, it's disappointing to see that several songs default to toxic lyrics and overall lacks substance on many fronts. All in all, this album is nothing spectacular. Both rappers have released better in the past. All we can do is hope that this is an anomaly.

Rating: 2/5



21 Savage and Drake dropped their newest collaboration album, "Her Loss," on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. This rap album is not their first collaboration and it met mixed reviews by fans due to the misogynistic tone of the collaboration and mediocre production quality.

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Rapid Fire: Colors of school subjects

If we're lucky in the Opinion section, we work through our beliefs completely and support them with great arguments. But sometimes, we don't need a deeper reason to hold our convictions. Rapid Fire is for those tweet-length takes that can be explained in just a sentence or two — no more justification needed.

In this Rapid Fire, writers gave their opinions on the question:

What color are each of these subjects: math, science, English and history?

MADELINE PAPCUN,
OPINION EDITOR:

Science is green. English is blue. Math is red. History is purple. There isn't anything else to say about it.

HARRISON RASKIN,
EIC:

I'm stealing this for the icebreaker at editors later tonight. Also, social studies blue, math green, health and body sciences gray, gender and sexuality studies rainbow, Spanish yellow but with red on the sides, AP gov class white and theology red.

NELL SRINATH,
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR:

After scaling the Himalayas and a heart-wrenching goodbye to my journeying companion, I finally reached the peak of Annapurna, met by the Ancient Shrine of Knowledge and Fundamental Truths. I was deemed righteous and true of heart by the time-worn stone doors and shown reality by the earliest

of tomes: English red, math blue, science green and social studies purple.

DAN STARK,
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Science is green and that isn't up for debate. I've always viewed math as blue and English as red. History really depends on what color folder I get at Target — usually black.

OWEN SILVERMAN,
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English is red and the rest are gray since the remaining subjects lack vibrancy nor do



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they elicit any emotions besides mundanity and pain.

KEEGAN RECK,
STAFF WRITER:

Math is black, science is green, history is red and English is whatever color notebook I have left. Simple as that.

Editorial

'Israel Discovery Trip' whitewashes human rights abuses

This winter, the University of Connecticut students will be able to participate in a 10-day "Israel Discovery Trip" hosted by UConn Hillel, according to The Daily Campus. The trip comes with an out-of-pocket cost of just \$200.

The flyer publicizing the trip claims that participants in the trip will get to "explore the country and hear from a variety of speakers on various topics in Palestinian and Israeli society," with notable subjects including history, human rights and politics. The trip is billed as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students in leadership positions," joined by welcoming Canva clipart of hearts and a smiling community on its advertising materials. The publicity around the program makes no mention of whether students will have the opportunity to "discover" the human rights violations committed against Palestinians, whether they will "hear from" refugees displaced by the systematic and illegal settlement of Palestinian lands nor if they will get to "explore" the Israeli military's blockade and imprisonment of Gaza. This discovery trip is poised to be little more than a whitewashed tour of a state actively involved in settler-colonialism and apartheid — and UConn is complicit.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, in a campaign of mass displacement and settlement known as "Al-Nakba," wherein approximately 750,000 Palestinians were ousted from 78% of their historic lands by Israeli paramilitary groups, Israel has maintained a program of ethnic cleansing, apartheid and settler-colonialism of Palestinians. To this day, Israel illegally occupies 60% of the West Bank, one of two territories granted to the Palestinian Authority by the 1994

Oslo Accords. The Gaza Strip is commonly referred to as an "open-air prison," because it is subject to an illegal blockade by the Israeli military; this contributes to a resource crisis from which 96% of water in Gaza is unfit for human consumption, according to UNICEF, and half of the Gazan population suffers from food insecurity. The widespread containment and starvation of Gaza is a form of collective punishment and constitutes a violation of human rights.

In more recent months, the Israeli military has been conducting near-nightly raids on cities in the West Bank through drone bombings and conventional warfare, which have killed over 120 Palestinians this year. Combined with the systematic evictions of Palestinians from their homes; attacks by extremist settlers backed by the Israeli state; and an unequal, discriminatory system of apartheid enforced across Israeli-occupied territories which denies Palestinians their full rights to suffrage and property, Israel is unequivocally continuing to erase Palestinians from their historic lands. As UConn Students for Justice in Palestine and the Editorial Board have previously amplified, major UConn Dodd Center for Human Rights partner Amnesty International has even recognized Israel as an apartheid regime.

The Israel Discovery Trip is one significant example of UConn's consent to these crimes. The programming makes no mention of shedding light on rights violations, nor does it acknowledge "Palestinian territories" as occupied illegally. The trip has also been criticized for posturing itself similar to a study-abroad trip or a vacation, as SJP UConn Vice President Jenna Rabah voiced to The Daily Campus. SJP

President Layan Alnajjar also expressed the criticism that the Discovery Trip allows students to travel to Palestinian territories with ease while Palestinians, including UConn students, are denied the right of return to their historic land that they are afforded by international law.

Hillel staff used ambiguous language to imply that it would be "logistically" difficult to include Palestinian students on the trip, thus affirming the double standard acknowledged by SJP. Regardless, the inclusion of Palestinians would not change the trip's problematic foundations.

The trip's funding source, The Maccabee Task Force, which contributed a budget of \$110,000 to the trip according to The Daily Campus, specifically tasks itself with "fighting Israel hate on campus," according to the home page of its website, and has called the international Boycott, Divest, Sanctions protest movement against Palestinian oppression antisemitic. MTF routinely denies well-documented allegations of Israeli war crimes and apartheid and, according to SourceWatch, has donated \$400,000 to Prager University, a right-wing media organization that espouses explicitly anti-abortion, anti-LGBTQIA+, Christian nationalist and Zionist videos — multiple of which MTF executive director David Brog has appeared in. An organization with a clear record of rights violations denial and support for extreme right-wing propaganda will not support a clear view of a decades-long campaign of violence against Palestine.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board holds that the Israel Discovery Trip is a flagrant attempt to erase the violence against Palestinians, which is well-understood by UConn students whose own lives are affected. UConn must answer for its complicity and complacency in Israeli human rights abuses which it has demonstrated by hosting UConn ROTC conferences with the Israeli military, sending administrators to the country to make commercial connections and more.

VOTE
LIKE A HYPOCRITE

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This past Tuesday was Election Day for the midterm elections in the United States, an event that got me thinking about the purpose of someone's vote. Specifically, I realized that there are two methodologies that people may choose to use when they vote, and in many cases, they conflict with one another. What I view as one method of voting is purely based on personal interests. This would be when an individual looks at how a candidate impacts them personally, whether it's through taxes, a specific policy initiative or an issue that people feel particularly passionate about. The second method people may utilize is voting based on the candidate that will do the most good. Instead of looking at themselves, this vote is based on the candidate's impact on society.

Thinking about these various voting mindsets brings questions about the intent of democracy to the forefront. Is the intent of giving everyone a say in government meant to create choices that people feel will benefit themselves, and because most people benefited from it, such a decision is made? Or is the intent more focused on allowing the people to choose who they feel would make the best decisions for society as a whole? These two trains of thought directly contradict each other when examining certain issues. For example, it may be objectively better for society if more money is allocated to education, yet an individual without kids may feel that they personally gain no benefit from this, while presumably still having to carry some of the tax burdens. This person can either vote for a candidate who will help society at large, or will help them personally. Admittedly,

there are arguments that the advancement of education as a whole helps the entire population, but for the sake of simplicity, this analysis only examines the direct benefits and costs.

I would argue that everyone should vote like a hypocrite, and always make decisions that help the people and advance society as a whole. It's okay to complain about taxes but then vote for candidates who will raise them to fund essential projects that benefit society. It's okay to benefit from a government program and enjoy such benefits, but then vote for a candidate who eliminates the program because of inefficiency. Voting shouldn't be a selfish choice; it should be an informed choice about how the government can help the most people. These choices may be the same, in many cases. For instance, one may believe that a government program is wasteful, and therefore will vote for a candidate who will eliminate it, and that individual may also benefit due to tax cuts. Yet this may not always be the case.

One can examine many examples of times when a minority needed government action. This is likely one of the biggest arguments in favor of voting against one's personal interests. When a minority group is unfairly having their fundamental rights taken from them, or a subsection of the population has an urgent need, the only way such issues can be resolved is through people using their vote to help the common good. Using one's power through their vote to help society at large is essential, as in many cases those directly affected by an issue are powerless to do anything about it. Unfortunately, in many cases, it doesn't benefit the majority to help the minority, regardless of what is morally correct to do.

Whenever Election Day comes around, there are many factors that go into making voting choices. However, considering what is best for society at large, regardless of our own personal interests is essential to the welfare of everyone.

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Flying flags



Flags fly on the Great Lawn on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022. Walking down the lawn, you can find a lit-up assortment of important flags.

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Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliohobia: THE CASE AGAINST BIG WORDS

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Imagine this: You're a judge of a high school poetry contest. Not sure how this happened, maybe you were enticed by free food, a stimulating Saturday night and PTA moms; either way, you're in this position. All of a sudden, one student steps up and gives the most flowery poem you have ever heard. It's called "Summer Mist: I am the Human Transistor." You've never been more confused in your life. The poem has no concrete narrative and sounds like a compilation of every word in the "12 syllable" section of Rhyme Zone.

Yet, this will be the poem that wins. Unless you are Homi K. Bhabha.

I am a lover of big words. My dreams are filled with words like "atomic," "ar-

chaic," "penultimate" and "tangential." That being said, with great words comes great responsibility. Writers should prioritize making their pieces accessible and concise while setting aside ideas of "sounding smart" or impressing others. No one should win a poetry contest for reading a thesaurus. Likewise, we shouldn't seek out writing for ego boosts and validation.

"I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King Jr. and "Ballot or the Bullet" from by Malcolm X are well-known speeches given to crowd sizes of 200,000 and 3,000, respectively. Given these large audiences, it is impressive that each speaker was able to successfully play on the knowledge and collective experiences of each individual person they spoke to. Furthermore, both speakers were able to convey the world, and paint a more ideal world using metaphors,

persistent symbolism and other figurative language. One would expect that these speeches, at lengths of 2,000 to 4,000 words — and with such powerful rhetoric and description, would be complex and filled with big words. After all, these men are seen as great thinkers and intellectuals.

In scanning both "I Have a Dream" and "Bullet or the Ballet" through an automated readability checker, which uses seven formulas to measure syllable, character count and word complexity, I discovered that neither of these writers sacrificed accessible language for the sake of imagery or argument. Rather, each speech was rated as suitable for U.S. middle-school or early high school students. X and King had an average syllable count of one syllable per word, with 73% to 75% of their words being one syllable, and just 10% of each

speech had three or more syllables, which the system deemed "hard words."

Some may retort that speeches are meant to be more simple than other pieces of writing, and that is cause for these statistics. For this reason, I also put a few short stories through the readability checker. Two of my favorites, "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allen Poe and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain showed similar results despite being fully narrative and less contemporary than the speeches from X and King. Mark Twain's readability, an 11th-grade reading level, was remarkably higher than Edgar Allen Poe's readability of a fifth-grade level. What is important, however, is that neither short story went above a high school level of comprehension despite the fact that the readability checker's

scale ranges from first grade to college graduate.

Thus, in speech and literature, big words are not an accurate indicator of good storytelling or persuasion. Coupled with the fact that 54% of American adults read at or below a sixth grade reading level, when do we find time for using big words?

Like I said earlier, I love big words. I love when talented writers know how to replace the adverb "very" in ways that bring out an adjective's beautiful eyes, so to speak. Being curious about words and their roots can lead to better understanding and communicating ourselves, our identity and experiences. We should use big words when we need them and use simpler words unless we have reason not to. Feeling better than others — or wanting to be perceived that way — is not a proper reason.



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Women's Hockey: No. 14 Huskies, No. 10 Friars open weekend series



The UConn Huskies take the ice against Boston College on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 at Freitas Ice Forum on the UConn Storrs campus. The Huskies scored within the first minute and maintained their lead to finish with a final score of 1-0. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



The Huskies are set to play against northeast rival Providence College this weekend. The first game will take place on Friday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. in Storrs, Conn. followed by a matchup on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. in Providence, R.I. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Newly ranked No. 14 Connecticut (8-4-2) will take on northeast rival No. 10 Providence (9-2-1) this weekend.

UConn is coming into this series with three straight wins, including a weekend sweep of then-No. 15 Boston College. Due to their dominant performances, forward Brooke Campbell was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week and Tia Chan was named Hockey East Goal-tender of the Week. This was Chan's second straight week receiving that honor. UConn also returned to the top 15 of the polls for the first time since early October because of its recent success.

Providence comes into the series on a win streak too, as it swept Boston University last weekend. Game one was a 3-2 overtime win, followed by a dominant 4-1 victory the next day. The Friars put up seven goals against the Terriers, all from different scorers. Providence currently ranks 10th in the nation in total goals and assists.

This has been the strength of this Friars team, as 16 different skaters have scored a goal this season. Reichen Kirchmair leads Providence with eight goals so far this season, while forward Sara Hjalmarsson paces the squad with 14 points. Providence is also one of two Hockey East teams to have not lost to Northeastern, having tied the Huskies just a few weeks back.

The strength for UConn this season has been its defense. In

the nation, they rank fourth in penalty killing percentage, are tied for third with four shutouts and rank seventh in total saves. The Huskies have six players with double-digit blocks, led by senior Ainsley Svetek with 18.

The goalkeeper matchup is going to be interesting to watch. Chan and Providence's Sandra Abstreiter are tied for first in the NCAA with four shutouts. Abstreiter ranks eighth in save percentage (0.944), and Chan ranks 10th (0.942). It's a similar story when it comes to average goals against, with Abstreiter ranking 11th (1.403) and Chan behind her two spots at 13th (1.642). Even the total number of goals allowed are relatively close between the goalies, with Chan (20) having allowed only three more goals than Abstreiter (17).

Providence is currently tied with Vermont for No. 2 in the Hockey East standings, one spot higher than UConn — who just a couple weeks ago was sitting at the bottom. The Huskies have gone 4-1-1 against Hockey East opponents in their last six and look to continue that success against the Friars.

Between these two programs, Providence holds the upper hand leading the all-time series with a record of 40-22-10, including a record of 4-3-3 in their last ten matchups. In their last matchup back in February, UConn and Providence split the series, with the Friars winning 2-1 before UConn won 2-0. Expect more of the same with this weekend's slate of games.

The first game of this series is in Storrs on Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. matchup on Saturday in Providence, Rhode Island. Both games will be streamed on ESPN+.

Volleyball: Huskies set for last homestand of the season

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The UConn women's volleyball team will return home to Storrs after playing two straight weekends on the road. The matches will take place Saturday Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. against DePaul and Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. against Marquette.

This pair of home games will be the last of the season. Before they dropped their last match to No. 13 Creighton, Connecticut was on an eight-game winning streak. The Huskies have a pattern of performing well at Gampel Pavilion, as they started that run with five consecutive wins at home.

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Senior Caylee Parker has continued to climb the charts for UConn. She's been an offensive weapon for the Huskies and is now ranked second in all-time kills for the program. She has 277 on this season, leading the team. Despite the loss to Creighton, the Huskies' offense showed: Parker with 23 kills, 24 digs, senior Allie Garland with 25 kills, 4 blocks and freshman Emma Werkmeister with 17 kills, 4 blocks. UConn looks to keep the hot offense going with only four games left in the regular season.

They will kick off the weekend against DePaul. The Blue Demons come into this match with a 9-17 record. At the beginning of October, DePaul defeated UConn 3-1 at home in Chicago, Illinois. More recently, they went 2-0 on the weekend, beating Villanova and Georgetown. Since then, two Blue Demons got conference recognition with Jill Pressly and Bailey Nelson earning Big East Honors. Against Villanova, Pressly had 19 kills and Nelson had 14 kills, leading the team's attack. The Huskies will definitely have to watch out for this duo in their upcoming matchup.

Connecticut will have a quick turnaround to play No. 17 Marquette just the day after. The Eagles enter this match with a 22-2 record. Their two losses came from No. 3 Wisconsin and Big East foe, No. 13 Creighton. This will be a huge match for the Huskies as Marquette is ranked in the top 25. In September, the Huskies lost to the Eagles 3-0 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Marquette's Aubrey Hamilton made this week's Big East Honor Roll, her second time earning the honor this season. In the team's last two matches against Villanova, she hit .405 and averaged 4.20 kills, 1.80 digs and 0.60 blocks per set. She also leads the team with 275 kills on the season.

Facing Hamilton and the rest of the Eagles will be a challenge for the Huskies as they have dominated all season and high expectations for the upcoming playoffs.

This is not going to be an easy weekend for the Huskies, but it will be the last time they play in Storrs this season unless they earn a playoff berth. In the most recent stretches, the Huskies have been successful and hope to get back on a win streak with some home-cooking. To tune in, both of UConn's games against DePaul and Marquette can be streamed on Flo Sports.



UConn senior Caylee Parker serves the ball during a game. The Huskies went on to capture a dominant 3-0 win against Butler in Gampel Pavilion on Oct. 22, 2022. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



The UConn women's volleyball team captures a dominant 3-0 win against Butler in Gampel Pavilion on Oct. 22, 2022. This win extended the Huskies' win-streak to five. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Sports

Photo of the Day | Staring daggers of concentration



UConn freshman goaltender Arsenii Sergeev stares off into the distance in between play during a game against the University of Maine on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Men's Hockey: No. 7 Huskies set for intense match against No. 9 Providence

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The No. 7 UConn men's hockey team will look to extend its latest win streak against a Hockey East rival, the No. 9 Providence Friars, for a two-game set this weekend.

After reaching the top 10 in the nation for the first time in program history, the Huskies have climbed all the way up to No. 7 after yet another dominant performance last weekend. UConn was able to sweep both of its games against the Maine Black Bears, tallying its third win in a row and improving the team's overall record to 9-1-1. That includes a 6-1-0 mark in conference play, which places Connecticut at the top of the Hockey East standings. The team can credit its early-season success to the all-around performance that they've received from the roster; the Huskies are currently averaging the 18th-most goals scored per game in the nation (3.45), while sophomore goalkeeper Logan Terness currently leads the Hockey East in goals allowed per game (1.31) and is second in save percentage (.950).

During last Friday's opening contest against Maine, both teams were tied at two goals apiece at the end of regulation. The Huskies entered overtime with authority, dominating possession from the puck drop and causing multiple turnovers by the Black Bears. Graduate student Ty Amonte intercepted an errant pass by one of Maine's players in the center of the ice, quickly turning the puck around and racing towards the opponent's net. With only one defender and the goalie in his way, Amonte wound up his shot from the face-off circle and sent the winning goal into the far-side of the net, giving Connecticut the hard-earned 3-2 win. Chase Bradley and Tabor Heaslip scored the team's first two goals.

Connecticut was challenged early in Saturday's follow-up contest when captain Roman Kinal received a five-minute major penalty for misconduct for hitting a Maine player from behind. This forced the UConn defense to step up over the remainder of the period. The penalty carried over to the second period, though Connecticut was able to get through the penalty kill without yielding a goal to the Black

Bears' offense. Maine tied the game at two after UConn had been up 2-1 late in the third period. Less than one minute later, Justin Pearson corralled the puck and moved towards the center of the ice, wrapping a shot around between four defenders and the goalkeeper for a score, the first of his career, to secure another 3-2 victory for the Huskies. Bradley and freshman Matthew Wood scored the other UConn goals. For his performance over the weekend, Wood was named this week's Hockey East Rookie of the Week.

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While the Huskies' offense has seen contributions come from up and down their roster, Bradley was a player who shined bright after recording two goals in the weekend set versus the Black Bears. He's tallied seven points over the course of this season, tied for fifth on his team and 22nd in the Hockey East. Of those seven points, five have come from goals scored and two have come off of assists. His five goals are second on the Huskies, only trailing standout junior Ryan Tverberg. Bradley's two goals against Maine came after he was unable to tally a point in five straight contests, ending a personal cold streak. Connecticut will rely on Bradley heavily in their upcoming battle with the Friars.

No. 9 Providence will be a difficult assignment for the Huskies to handle. The team is coming off of two consecutive victories against the then-fifth ranked UMass Minutemen. In game one, the Friars scored a whopping seven goals as part of a 7-4 win against last season's Hockey East champions, largely thanks to a three-goal effort by sophomore Riley Duran. Junior Brett Berard also had multiple scores for Providence after he tallied two goals in the contest. Game two proved to be more competitive, but the Friars were able to pull ahead once again, this time thanks to a goal by Berard in overtime that sealed

the hard-fought 4-3 victory. Providence's performance in the early going has led the team to a 6-2-1 overall record and a 4-0-1 mark in the Hockey East — good enough for third in the conference.

Both Duran and Berard have combined to make up a majority of the Friars' offense this season. The two are first and second on their team, respectively, in points; Duran has tallied 10 points and Berard has recorded nine. After his hat trick in the first game against the Minutemen, Duran now has seven goals on the season (first on his team), along with three assists. Berard has managed three goals (third on his team), and his six assists are two better than any other player on Providence's roster. The duo will look to put pressure on the Huskies' defense as they look to upset their higher-ranked opponent.

On defense, senior co-captain Max Crozier was named Hockey East Defender of the Week following his performance in the UMass series. Crozier led all Hockey East defensemen in points last weekend, tallying a total of three assists and finishing with a +2 rating over two games. In nine games total this season, Crozier has recorded five assists and 16 shots on goal. This marks the second-consecutive week a Friars' defenseman has been recognized after Taiga Harding earned the honor last week. A Third Team Hockey East All-Star in 2021-22, Crozier has registered 14 goals and 38 assists for 52 points with a +25 rating in 91 career games at Providence.

UConn will be looking to rewrite history against Providence this weekend. In the last 20 matchups between the two programs dating back to 2014, the Huskies have managed an ugly 5-13-2 record. The team did claim victory in their most recent affair on Feb. 4, 2022, when narrowly squeezing by the Friars by a final score of 2-1. Current Huskies Tverberg and John Spetz each recorded one goal and one assist in that game.

The teams will play two games over the weekend. Game one is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. from Schneider Arena in Providence, Rhode Island, Game two will follow on Saturday at 3:05 p.m. from the XL Center in Hartford, Connecticut. Both games will be streamed online with ESPN+, with live stat updates provided online by StatBroadcast.



The UConn men's hockey team defeats the University of Maine 3-2 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



The Huskies will be hitting the ice again this weekend, going against Providence College. The first game will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 in Providence, R.I., followed by a second match on Saturday in Hartford, Conn. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Football: Huskies look for Senior Day upset against No. 19 Liberty

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Almost seven years ago, the UConn football team suited up for a game against undefeated No. 19 Houston for a Senior Day matchup. The Huskies came into the game at 5-5 in Bob Diaco's second year, looking to become bowl-eligible for the first time since 2010. Through a gutted-out performance that included a few trick plays, a pair of Noel Thomas touchdowns and four takeaways by the Husky defense, UConn sealed the upset and secured a spot in a bowl game.

UConn won't need to play a perfect game to win, but they will need to keep scoring low to pull out the surprise victory.

This Saturday, in an eerily similar situation, Connecticut lines up to play the No. 19 Liberty Flames (8-1), which come in with a 5-5 record. Although the Flames aren't unbeaten as Houston was, they still boast a resume with only one loss, against then-ranked Wake Forest. This is also Senior Day for the Huskies — and a game that they really could win if they're firing on all cylinders.

Taking a deeper dive into what Liberty brings, let's look at their performance so far. According to FPI, they have a strength of schedule that ranks No. 106, which is in the bottom 20% of the country. They started out with one-score

wins over Southern Miss and UAB, teams that rank in the bottom half of the FBS. Then, they traveled to Wake Forest and lost by a point, which is impressive given how good the Demon Deacons were back then before the wheels fell off.

Their next four games came against extremely easy competition, beating UMass and Akron, two teams that currently fill bottom five spots in the FBS, by 18 and nine respectively. Liberty comfortably beat Old Dominion, a bottom-40 team, and then defeated FCS Gardner-Webb by a single point. The past two games have been more impressive, as the Flames beat a decent BYU team by 27 and Arkansas by two.

None of these scores really jump out and tell you that Liberty should be ranked in the top 25. They know how to win close games, but they also know how to let much-inferior teams stay far too close. Using UMass as a direct comparison, they only beat the Minutemen by one more point than UConn did last weekend.

Quarterback Johnathan Bennett has been a fine replacement for now-Tennessee Titan Malik Willis, as he has provided average offensive passing stats. The gunslinger has thrown for over 1100 yards and 11 scores, but gives the ball away a bit too much, with defenses picking him off eight times so far.

Dae Dae Hunter has been in a timeshare as running back along with Shedro Louis, but Hunter has clearly shown himself to be the better back. He's rushed for 850 yards in nine games on 6.6 yards per carry. He's also gotten into the endzone eight times, which is



The UConn football team captures a 27-10 win over rival UMass at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn. on Nov. 4, 2022. UConn freshman running back Victor Rosa (22) ran 87 yards, and obtained a pair of touchdowns to help the Huskies snatch the victory. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

the best on the team. It'll be interesting to see how Hunter and the Flames offense are able to respond to the Huskies' defense, which has been stellar in the past five games, allowing just six touchdowns in that span.

The UConn defense has really killed it lately. The squad now ranks in the top 15 in the FBS in interceptions and in the top 35 in fumbles recovered. This combines to make them the No. 16 team in the nation in turnovers. Two of the biggest players in this effort have been All-American candidate Jackson Mitchell, who now ranks first in the country in fumble recoveries, and Tre Wortham, who is second in the FBS in picks.

UConn has won four of its last five games, and the offense has done just enough to support the defense. Zion Turner has had a nice freshman season, posting over 1,000 yards and eight scores, with just four picks. It's difficult to read into any negative qualities that Turner's exhibited so far, as he's been forced to rely on a very young receiving corps, thanks to injuries to the primary starters.

The running game has been a communal effort, with a new man stepping up and succeeding every time another player gets hurt. At the moment, Devontae Houston and Victor Rosa lead the way, with the duo combining for all three of the Hus-

kies' touchdowns last Friday. Houston tweaked his ankle against UMass, but should be good to go tomorrow.

UConn won't need to play a perfect game to win, but they will need to keep scoring low to pull out the surprise victory. Their offense has been limited with injuries, so the defense will need to continue to step up if they want to win. If they do, Jim Mora will cement himself as having the most prolific debut season in Connecticut football history.

Until then though, we'll all be waiting for kickoff, which will take place at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Connecticut. The game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network at 12 p.m. ET.

Men's Basketball: Huskies to return to Gampel for a dogfight with the Terriers

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After a blowout win over new Division I opponent Stonehill, the UConn men's basketball team is returning to the Basketball Capital of the World to take on the Boston University Terriers on Friday night.

The most pleasant surprise for the Huskies in their win over the Skyhawks on Monday night was the play of transfer student Hassan Diarra. The guard was a leader for the Huskies off the bench, shooting 5-for-9 with five rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Despite tweaking his leg late in the game, Diarra came out for only a moment, showcasing his desire to help the team.

"Coach gives us his all, so it's only right that we give him our all," said Diarra postgame. "I just wanted to show that I'm willing to do that, whether I'm hurt or not."

UConn head coach Dan Hurley was pleased with Diarra's efforts, calling him "the best guard out there" on Monday. He looks to continue that reputation on Friday night.

Someone who is looking to improve upon his first game is fellow transfer Tristen Newton, who struggled to find his shot in his Huskies debut. The East Carolina product didn't register a field goal, but made his way to the line, shooting 9-for-12 from the stripe. Newton showed that going forward, he can make adjustments to help the team if his shot isn't there. He will attempt a bounce-back performance against BU.

While the new guys are somewhat unknown after just one game into their UConn careers, mainstay forward Adama Sanogo looks to be as dom-



UConn men's basketball claim an 83-54 victory over Stonehill in their first game of the season on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. The Huskies will return against Boston University on Friday, Nov. 11 at Gampel Pavilion. PHOTO BY IZZI BARTON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

inant as ever. The Preseason Big East Player of the Year took advantage of Stonehill's weak post defense, and with a shorter Terriers starting five, he is on course for another successful outing.

Connecticut boasts a pair of contributing freshmen to its squad, forward Alex Karaban and center Donovan Clingan. Each shined on opening night and will continue their on-court development on Friday.

"Those guys, you can see the work they put in each and every day," said Diarra on the first-year duo. "With them coming out and playing well [Monday night], it's not a surprise to me. These guys, they're in the gym at 6 a.m., right before I get there, every day putting in work... These guys are mature and are playing like they are sophomores and juniors."

The Huskies were already missing a team leader in guard Andre Jackson, who is out with a pinky finger injury, but it looks like they'll be without another core piece in Jordan Hawkins. The sophomore, primed for a breakout campaign, took a hard fall going up for a rebound on Monday. On Thursday evening, news broke that Hawkins will not play against Boston University.

With arguably the team's top two guards sidelined for most of the game, the Huskies really had to rely on their depth against the Skyhawks. Hurley commended UConn's ability to adjust the gameplan, acknowledging "that could've gone far worse for us." There were nine players that saw significant minutes, including Hawkins. Add Jackson back into the mix by the team's first road trip, and that makes 10.

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While depth is obviously welcomed, currently Connecticut has a lot of new players in the mix. Only five of the 10 guys expected to see a lot of time this season were in-house last year, and two of them — Karaban and Samson Johnson — saw little-to-no playing time. Hurley noticed a lack of the culture he's been trying to create over the past five years on Monday night, explaining that with so many new bodies, "it takes time to build." The Huskies will get plenty of time to build that culture, but it will be difficult in

the earlier goings, especially with Jackson and Hawkins, two players who have truly experienced that culture of UConn-branded basketball, on the sideline. The team will eventually carve out their own identity, and that path continues on Friday night.

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The Terriers (1-0) started out their season strong by taking down Northeastern in their home opener. Boston University is ranked No. 235 overall in the KenPom ratings and is led by none other than graduate student Walter Whyte. Whyte was cooking on Monday night, as he made it crystal clear who was the best player on the court. He shot 10-for-16 for 27 points in his season debut, adding 13 rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Whyte truly did whatever it took to provide for his Terrier family, and the guard looks to make yet another Huskies squad feel blue in this matchup.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Connecticut. The game will be broadcast live on FS2.



Sports

Women's Basketball: No. 6 UConn routs Northeastern in Husky battle

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In their home opener, the No. 6 UConn Huskies women's basketball team got their season started with a bang, absolutely demolishing New England rival Northeastern with a 98-39 victory at Gampel Pavilion on campus in Storrs, Connecticut. Azzi Fudd led the pack with 26 points, six steals and four assists — but just one three, which is rare for the sophomore. Connecticut also got a pair of double-doubles from starting bigs Dorka Juhász and Aaliyah Edwards, who each demonstrated their dominance over the inferior Northeastern Huskies.

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AZZI FUDD

“I would think everyone knew [about Fudd's attacking abilities],” noted coach Geno Auriemma. “If they didn't, that's how she played in high school. She scored in a lot of different ways. I was happy to see her so aggressive without the ball. You need to figure out a way to put points on the board. The more she does that, the more teams have to respect her.”

“I'm really lucky to have teammates encouraging me when I miss,” noted Fudd. “Attacking and getting to the rim helps me get into the rhythm to get that one three I did get tonight.”

Nika Mühl got the party kicked off with a high-arching three-pointer on the first possession of the game, and then Edwards

extended the lead with a layup. A nice pass from Mühl gave Juhász an easy chance to make it 7-0 early. Northeastern's JaMiya Braxton and Lou Lopez-Sénéchal traded triples and, surprisingly, Fudd had her deep attempt blocked. Mühl returned the favor on a fast-break swat of her own and then a drawn charge, which the modest Gampel crowd appreciated greatly.

Fudd converted on an old-fashioned three-point play, then got loose for a layup before Edwards got the steal and score to force an early Northeastern timeout. They finally broke their four-minute drought with some free throws, but continually missed easy opportunities. As the first quarter winded down, neither team could get a field goal if their lives depended on it. Northeastern ended their eight-minute stretch without a field goal with a post shot, and Lopez-Sénéchal quickly followed suit with a trey of her own, bringing the score to 29-9 at the end of the period.

Gemima Motema and Fudd traded jumpers to start the second period before Edwards and Juhász added close shots. Derin Erdogan and Holly Idowu each nailed a triple to get Northeastern back within 20. Erdogan got her fourth foul just 15 minutes into the game, which was not a welcome sign for the trailing Huskies. Sénéchal splashed her third three of the game, Fudd added a few layups and Connecticut was up to a 25-point lead. Lopez-Sénéchal hit a beautiful mid-range jumper, but Motema answered with a layup.

Griffin hit a three to stretch the lead to 30, and things were getting ugly quickly. Fudd hit a last-second layup to make it 51-19 at the break. As impressive as Fudd's 15 points without a triple were, Edwards' near first-half double-double might have been better. The junior notched 12 points and nine boards in the first two frames, not to mention her team-high halftime plus/minus of 34.



The UConn women's basketball team takes on Northeastern University at UConn's first home game of the season at Gampel Pavilion on Thursday night, Nov. 10, 2022. UConn beat Northeastern 98-39 after leading the whole game. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Northeastern got in the passing lanes for a quick steal, but almost immediately threw it away with the home-crowd anxiously waiting to sit down. Fudd granted their wish, getting a fastbreak score to go. Edwards completed the double-double just two minutes in on a putback layup, pushing her line to 14 points and 10 rebounds. Griffin and Lopez-Sénéchal each added onto the lead on beautiful steal-and-scores, extending the advantage to 61-21. Patterson got inside for a strong bucket and DeBerry added her first season points on a post-hook.

Perhaps the most interesting stat of the game had to do with sharp-shooting guard Fudd. The sophomore had never scored in double digits without making a triple before Thursday, but hit 20 points before she got a three against Northeastern. This is an encouraging sign of her versatility, as even when she's not on fire from deep, she can still have an impact.

Coming into the final quarter down 45, there wasn't much Northeastern could do — and their eight-point third quarter wasn't helping. Juhász, Griffin and Fudd posted a 12-2 run to balloon the lead to 55, and this one was all but over as UConn emptied their bench.

An underrated performer in this one was Mühl, who hit the first deep-ball of the game and dished out seven assists on the night, along with six steals. The point guard again demonstrated her abilities to facilitate the high-powered Connecticut offense and pace the defense — and will need to continue to do so as the Huskies face tougher competition.

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Edwards was especially impressive with her 14 points and 12 boards, showing her prowess on the glass. Juhász posted a near-identical line, scoring 14 and pulling in 11 rebounds.

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UConn next lines up to play No. 3 Texas this Monday at Gampel in an electric matchup that will also be the site of Husky legend Swin Cash's jersey retirement.



“[Fudd] scored in a lot of different ways,” said coach Geno Auriemma of the Huskies' victory against Northeastern on Nov. 10, 2022. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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