



BUS ROUTES TO CHANGE DUE TO SOUTH CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

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The current construction project on South Campus, which has been part of the University of Connecticut's Master Plan since 2015, involves the addition of a new residence hall. Since the building will face Gilbert Road, vehicles such as shuttles will no longer have permission to pass by that part of campus while construction is going on.

"In anticipation of this project, WRTD [the company overseeing UConn's shuttle service] can no longer service Gilbert Rd. with our full size shuttle vehicles to provide ample safe space for construction vehicles and crews," said Philip Johnson of WRTD (Windham Region Transit District).

Since several of UConn's shuttles currently have stops assigned to Gilbert Road, routes will change and additional stops will be added to Bolton Road to accommodate for the ones affected by the construction.

The affected routes are the Yellow Line, Orange Line, Silver Line and Red Line, as well as Campus Loops 1 and 2. The associated stops that will close are Arjona East/West, West Campus, Alumni, Music and Lot B.

According to Johnson, it is anticipated that routes will change to avoid Gilbert Road starting Wednesday, Feb. 1.

"Our goal date is February 1 to no longer travel down Gilbert Rd. with our full size fleet," Johnson said.

The new stops are to be called Lot Y, Brock Dorm, Lot S East/



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West, CRT and E.O. Smith. The Passio GO! shuttle app will be "updated as soon as possible," Johnson says.

When asked about whether or not routes will return to the original ones once the construction project concludes sometime in the fall of 2024,

Johnson said he anticipates that they will.

"We look forward to returning to normal service once construction is finished on Gilbert Rd.," Johnson added. "We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our riders who ride HuskyGo! Our bus op-

erators work so hard every day to try to deliver service during this challenging nationwide bus driver shortage and we appreciate all the feedback we get from students."

Johnson would also like to remind pedestrians to walk carefully across intersections and

roadways, especially while the construction project is going on.

"Just a reminder to pedestrians to be aware and be visible when entering roadways," he said. "Don't forget to look both ways, make eye contact with drivers and continue to look when entering the roadway."

CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR: BAN MORE GUNS, RAISE BUYING AGE TO 21

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut needs to update its assault weapons ban to close loopholes and prohibit more firearms as dealers, manufacturers and others have found ways to skirt the state's laws, Gov. Ned Lamont said Thursday in announcing a second set of proposed gun laws this week.

The Democratic governor also said he wants to raise the age of being able to legally buy a long gun from 18 to 21, which is the age requirement for buying handguns. And he is proposing to increase first-offense penalties for illegally possessing large-capacity ammunition magazines from a misdemeanor or carrying a \$90 fine to a felony carrying up to five years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Lamont, who also announced gun legislation on Monday that includes a ban on open carrying, said his latest proposals are aimed at preventing mass shootings in a state that already has some of the toughest gun laws in the country, many of them passed in the months after the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown that killed 20 children and six educators.

"Our gun safety laws are pretty effective," the governor said at a news conference at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. "But we are here today because we've got to continue to modernize what we're trying to do because a lot of gun peddlers out there are trying to sell these things and trying to work around our system every day."

Republican lawmakers and the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, a gun rights group, criticized the new proposals and the ones announced Monday. They said the legislation would affect law-abiding



Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont delivers the State of the State address during opening session at the State Capitol, Feb. 9, 2022, in Hartford, Conn. Connecticut needs to ban more firearms as dealers and manufacturers try to skirt the state's assault weapons ban, and people under 21 should be prohibited from buying long guns as well as handguns, Gov. Lamont said Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, in announcing a second set of proposed gun legislation this week.

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gun owners already overburdened by regulations while not stopping criminals who skirt the law.

"The rampant gun crimes in our cities are not perpetrated by lawful gun owners," Republican state Rep. Craig Fishbein of Wallingford said in a statement. He said the proposed laws were part of Lamont's "continued push to disarm law-abiding Connecticut residents under the guise of public health."

Lamont wants to add several new categories of firearms to the state's assault weapons ban. The proposal would re-

quire owners of such firearms to register them with the state, then ban future sales and purchases after the registration period ends.

The categories of guns that would be added to the ban after the registration period include AR-15-style rifles made before the state's ban took effect in 1994. Officials said gun dealers in other states have been shipping so-called pre-ban firearms to Connecticut for sale at high prices.

Officials said another law would mandate registration and later prohibit firearms that manufacturers have modi-

fied in technical ways to avoid them being classified as assault weapons in Connecticut. The law would also add to the ban "rimfire" rifles, which officials said are typically used for hunting but can be modified into assault-style weapons.

Jackie Hegarty, 17, who survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting as a second-grader and attended Monday's news conference, welcomed the proposals.

"I've seen the devastation that gun violence causes, and I know what it's like to face tragedy," she said. "Anyone who's experienced something this

traumatic agrees: This cannot continue to happen. No one deserves to lose a loved one, to grieve, to become traumatized."

Holly Sullivan, president of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, said the governor's news conference included many inaccuracies, including officials' description of .22-caliber rimfire rifles, which she said cannot fire larger ammunition that would qualify them as assault weapons.

The CCDL is waiting to see the specific language of the legislation before deciding what steps to take, she said.

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CHEATERS BEWARE: CHATGPT MAKER RELEASES AI DETECTION TOOL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The maker of ChatGPT is trying to curb its reputation as a freewheeling cheating machine with a new tool that can help teachers detect if a student or artificial intelligence wrote that homework.

The new AI Text Classifier launched Tuesday by OpenAI follows a weeks-long discussion at schools and colleges over fears that ChatGPT's ability to write just about anything on command could fuel academic dishonesty and hinder learning.

OpenAI cautions that its new tool — like others already available — is not foolproof. The method for detecting AI-written text “is imperfect and it will be wrong sometimes,” said Jan Leike, head of OpenAI's alignment team tasked to make its systems safer.

“Because of that, it shouldn't be solely relied upon when making decisions,” Leike said.

Teenagers and college students were among the millions of people who began experimenting with ChatGPT after it launched Nov. 30 as a free application on OpenAI's website. And while many found ways to use it creatively and harmlessly, the ease with which it could answer take-home test questions and assist with other assignments sparked a panic among some educators.

By the time schools opened for the new year, New York City, Los Angeles and other big public school districts began to block its use in classrooms and on school devices.

The Seattle Public Schools district initially blocked ChatGPT on all school devices in December but then opened access to educators who want to use it as a teaching tool, said Tim Robinson, the district spokesman.

“We can't afford to ignore it,” Robinson said.

The district is also discussing possibly expanding the use of ChatGPT into classrooms to let teachers use it to train students to be better critical thinkers and to let students use the application as a “personal tutor” or to help generate new ideas when working on an assignment, Robinson said.

School districts around the country say they are seeing the conversation around ChatGPT evolve quickly.

“The initial reaction was ‘OMG, how are we going to stem the tide of all the cheating that will happen with ChatGPT,’” said Devin Page, a technology specialist with the Calvert County Public School District in Maryland. Now there is a growing realization that “this is the future” and blocking it is not the solution, he said.

“I think we would be naïve if we were not aware of the dangers this tool poses, but we also would fail to serve our students if we ban them and us from using it for all its potential power,”



The logo for OpenAI, the maker of ChatGPT, appears on a mobile phone, in New York, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023. OpenAI is launching a new tool in an effort to curb its reputation as a freewheeling cheating machine with a new tool Tuesday that can help teachers detect if a student or artificial intelligence wrote that homework.

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said Page, who thinks districts like his own will eventually unblock ChatGPT, especially once the company's detection service is in place.

OpenAI emphasized the limitations of its detection tool in a blog post Tuesday, but said that in addition to deterring plagiarism, it could help to detect automated disinformation campaigns and other misuse of AI to mimic humans.

The longer a passage of text, the better the tool is at detecting if an AI or human wrote something. Type in any text — a college admissions essay, or a literary analysis of Ralph Ellison's “Invisible Man” — and the tool will label it as either “very unlikely, unlikely, unclear if it is, possibly, or likely” AI-generated.

But much like ChatGPT itself, which was trained on a huge trove of digitized books, newspapers and online writings but often confidently spits out false-

hoods or nonsense, it's not easy to interpret how it came up with a result.

“We don't fundamentally know what kind of pattern it pays attention to, or how it works internally,” Leike said. “There's really not much we could say at this point about how the classifier actually works.”

Higher education institutions around the world also have begun debating responsible use of AI technology. Sciences Po, one of France's most prestigious universities, prohibited its use last week and warned that anyone found surreptitiously using ChatGPT and other AI tools to produce written or oral work could be banned from Sciences Po and other institutions.

In response to the backlash, OpenAI said it has been working for several weeks to craft new guidelines to help educators.

“Like many other technologies, it may be that one district

decides that it's inappropriate for use in their classrooms,” said OpenAI policy researcher Lama Ahmad. “We don't really push them one way or another. We just want to give them the information that they need to be able to make the right decisions for them.”

It's an unusually public role for the research-oriented San Francisco startup, now backed by billions of dollars in investment from its partner Microsoft and facing growing interest from the public and governments.

France's digital economy minister Jean-Noël Barrot recently met in California with OpenAI executives, including CEO Sam Altman, and a week later told an audience at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland that he was optimistic about the technology. But the government minister — a former professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the French

business school HEC in Paris — said there are also difficult ethical questions that will need to be addressed.

“So if you're in the law faculty, there is room for concern because obviously ChatGPT, among other tools, will be able to deliver exams that are relatively impressive,” he said. “If you are in the economics faculty, then you're fine because ChatGPT will have a hard time finding or delivering something that is expected when you are in a graduate-level economics faculty.”

He said it will be increasingly important for users to understand the basics of how these systems work so they know what biases might exist.

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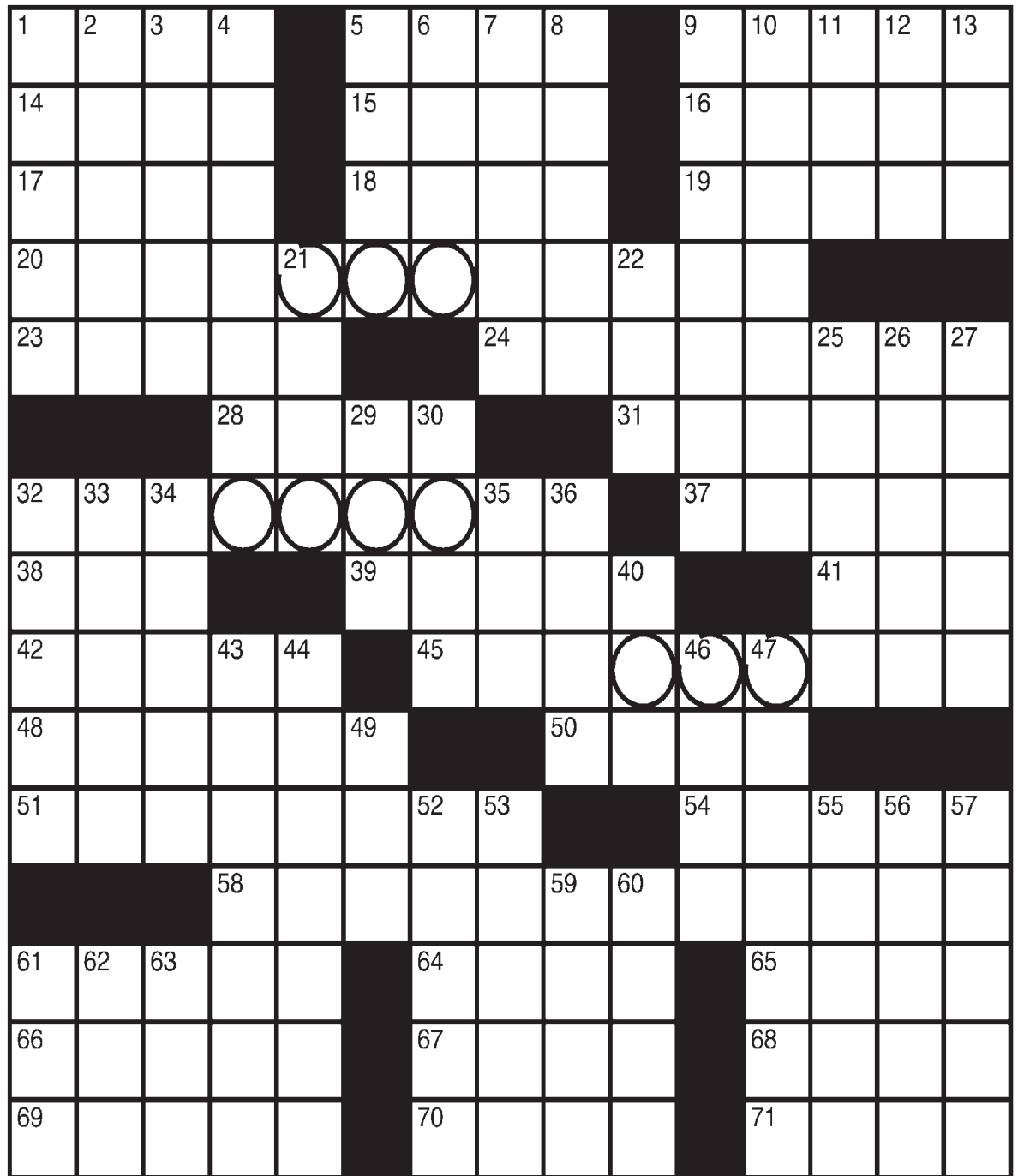
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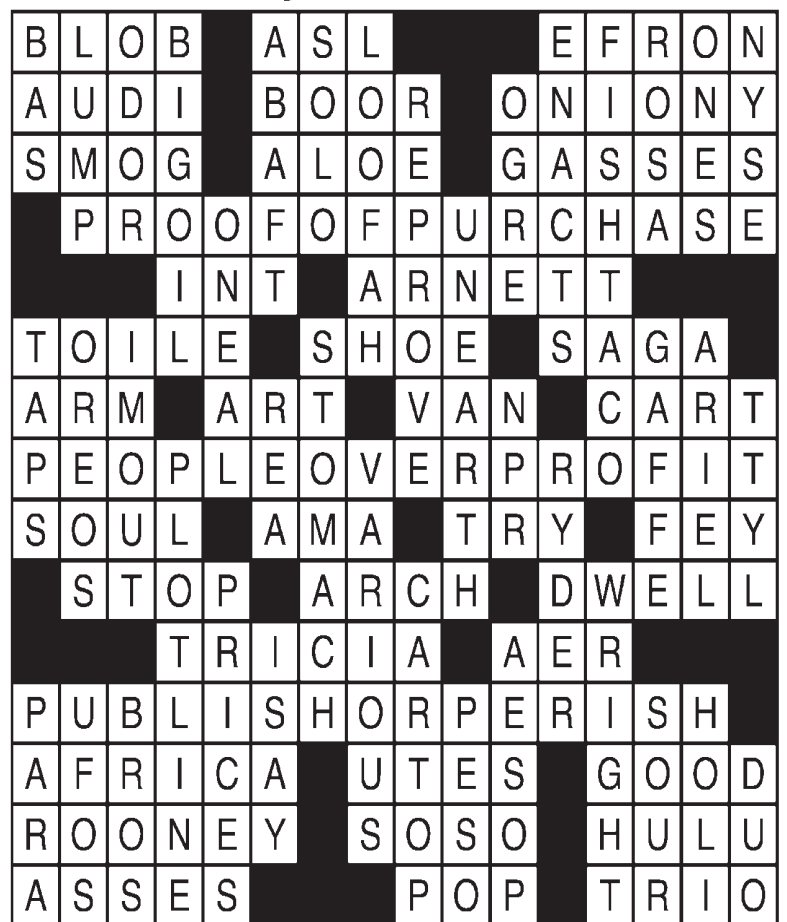
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By Wendy L. Brandes

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'Cunk on Earth' puts a comical twist on history lessons

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If you're anything like me, history is one of your least favorite subjects. After long, mundane classes full of names and dates, the information goes in one ear and right out the other. Certain time periods spark more interest than others but still cannot convince me to enjoy history as a whole. I honestly envy people who genuinely enjoy learning about history — my attention span simply cannot keep up.

I never enjoyed the process of learning history until I discovered Netflix's newly released mockumentary "Cunk on Earth." In this show, Philomena Cunk — played by Diane Morgan — carries viewers through a series of mini history lessons sprinkled with jokes, satire and sarcasm. The show mocks the early inventions of human history, as well as historians who have dedicated their lives to studying such phenomena.

While the description makes the show sound like an insult to history, it actually works to do the opposite. With awkward humor that actively draws viewers in, the lessons don't feel like lessons at all.

The first episode focuses on the earliest humans and the development of civilization. Cunk asks questions that reveal whether or not early humans had eyebrows, if Steven Spielberg made a movie on Egyptian hieroglyphics or if humans managed to invent the wheel while living on all fours. Unfortunately, none of those things happened. Additionally, viewers will experience an engaging conversation between Cunk and a historian on what ancient civilizations invented versus perfected. Some of these inventions, such as roads and the calendar, are expected. Others sounded quite outlandish for an ancient civilization; for ex-

ample, inventing a technique to dye hair bleach blonde.

Cunk takes us with her on travels to Greece, Rome, Egypt and China to learn about how each country's history contributes to the society we live in today. While her humor plays a role in making the series a fun history lesson, it is used cleverly and does not distract from the facts being presented. If anything, it actually makes the lessons easier to remember. For example, thanks to Cunk's humor, I will always remember that the Great Wall of China cannot actually be seen from space.

I would compare the structure of the mini history lessons presented in this series to watching a lot of TikToks that pop up when you enter "history" in the app's search bar. Every video you scroll through provides a brief summation of a certain war or in-

vention, and every video is focused on something different. No one topic is dragged out too far because there is simply not enough time to cover all that information. Cunk uses this technique with each episode; while she sticks to one time period, she discusses a multitude of different countries and their inventions to avoid boring the audience.

While "Cunk on Earth" may not help you ace your next world history exam, it will entertain and enlighten you on how the world came to be as we know it today. You may still hate reading history books or attending your history classes even after watching the show. However, you will be able to sit through this show and genuinely enjoy what you are watching — all while unintentionally learning. I recommend this mockumentary series to anyone from a history buff to a history-hater.

RATING: 5/5



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Lil Yachty's 'Let's Start Here.' shows what a feature on a Tame Impala song does to someone

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Brian Eno, Scott Walker, David Bowie: These are all artists whose careers have not been bound by genre. With his newest album, "Let's Start Here.," Lil Yachty has joined the ranks of these visionaries. A complete change in artistic direction from the trap sound that has defined his career up to this point, "Let's Start Here." is an album infused with the sounds of psychedelic rock.

Despite this massive shift in style, Yachty's transition wasn't completely unforeseen. In 2021, he appeared on a remix of Tame Impala's "Breathe Deeper." Furthermore, in a January 2022 video with Icebox, he remarked, "My new album ... it's a non-rap album. It's alternative."

Even still, this genre change is a shock for many. What may be even more surprising, though, is that Yachty was able to pull it off so well on his first try.

The instrumental palette of seven-minute opening track "the BLACK seminoles." would sound right at home in a Pink Floyd album. The wordless vocal outro — courtesy of Diana Gordon — is even reminiscent of Pink Floyd's "The Great Gig in the Sky." The track serves as an excellent introduction to Yachty's new sound and sets the stage for the rest of the project.

The following song, "the ride-," with its more stan-

dard structure, may be less grand and progressive than the opening track, but by no means does this lead to a drop in quality. Shimmering, crystalline guitar lines back one of the

catchiest choruses on the album. Teezo Touchdown's contributions, including multiple verses and backing vocals, are also welcome. Speaking of guest fea-

tures, Daniel Caesar contributes vocals to the final track,

interpolating Radiohead's "Pyramid Song." Artists Gordon and Fousheé also appear on multiple tracks throughout the album, providing verses and backing vocals. Gordon's

what he's doing. His arsenal of vocal effects and autotune pair surprisingly well with the live instrumentation of this album, adding another layer to its psychedelic soundscapes.

However, Yachty's first foray into psychedelic rock is not a complete success. Unfortunately, in addition to the instrumentation and sounds of the genre, he also borrowed some of its stereotypical tendencies that can come off as pretentious.

Even though I'm sure it's all in good intention, the spoken word interlude, "(failure:," feels more than a little preachy. The needlessly complicated song titles with randomly capitalized words and letters don't help either. It feels almost as if Lil Yachty tripped acid for the first time while listening to "The Dark Side of the Moon," and suddenly, "his whole worldview changed, man." This sense is easy enough to ignore though and does not take too much away from the album overall.

I cannot think of a single rap-to-rock transition that has been pulled off to such success. With a great mix of progressive and straightforward songs that borrow from psychedelia, Lil Yachty's album sports grand instrumentation and a strong sense of cohesion. Needless to say, I am very much looking forward to what Yachty decides to do next and how this may inspire other artists in the future.



stripped-back verse on "IVE OFFICIALLY LOST ViSiON!!!!" is especially powerful.

Throughout the entirety of "Let's Start Here.," Lil Yachty consistently sounds like he's having fun with

"REACH THE SUNSHINE.," channeling his inner Thom Yorke while

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LET'S START HERE

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CCEI'S 'GET SEEDED' COMPETITION BRINGS 'SHARK TANK' TO UCONN

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On Tuesday, the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosted its first "Get Seeded" event of the year, where various contestants compete for \$1,000 in seeding money after presenting a short elevator pitch. The event allows budding entrepreneurs of any age to appear in front of a large audience and share some of their best ideas.

Those familiar with "Shark Tank" are most likely aware of how important the elevator pitch is. Each contestant presented a slide deck of their product with the goal of convincing the panel of judges to consider them for the \$1,000 plan. Audience members were also encouraged to ask questions to find out more about each startup and how their plans could translate into the real world.

While devoid of personalities as eccentric as Kevin O'Leary, "Get Seeded" is filled with brilliant ideas that seek to better our communities. Every presentation had a

wide variety of applications, making each one stand out from the others. Some were medically focused, while others centered on education.

Toribio's pitch involved creating an EKG and heart rate monitor that's able to transmit more information than most fitness trackers, while being less invasive than traditional medical devices. Through special conductive polymers, this form of smart clothing proposes a revolutionary approach to medical monitoring devices.

Another company, Milieu, pitched a social app for connecting people with neurodiversity, allowing them to interact with others who have the same unique experiences as them. This product seeks to connect people who aren't catered to by traditional social apps with a more caring and kind experience.

"There will be features that will be able to connect students via events organized in a central news feed," said founder Sabrina Uva.

UniBond is another startup that approaches research assignments in college from a

global perspective, allowing students from around the world to connect with one another to collaborate on research projects. This score-based system intends to link students with similar interests and skill levels, and encourages them to go beyond borders to work with people of different backgrounds.

Another student-focused program, PazaTech, explained its goal to educate students in rural parts of Kenya who struggle to gain access to the Internet. As described in their mission statement by founder Nicole Muthoni, "PazaTech helps close the digital divide that is a new form of colonialism."

After the presentation period, the winners were decided in a vote by audience members. In third place, UniBond received the \$500 prize, followed by \$750 for Toribio in second place. For first place, Milieu received the \$1,000 grand prize. While not everyone won, all participants do have the chance to return for other contests, including the Wolff Venture Competition in October.

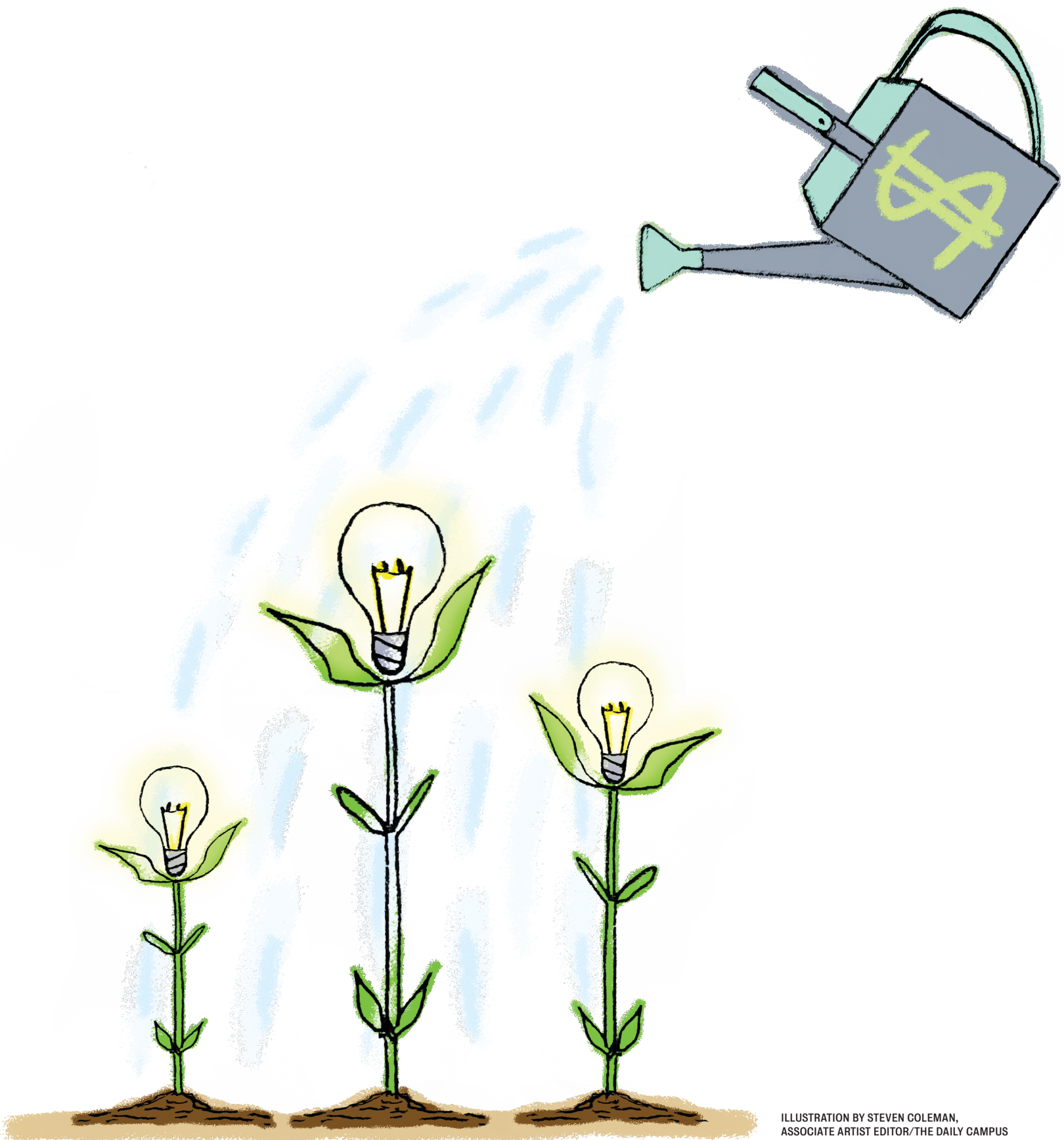


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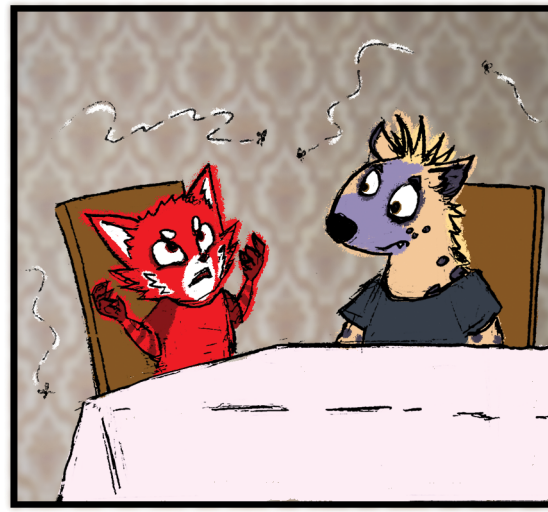
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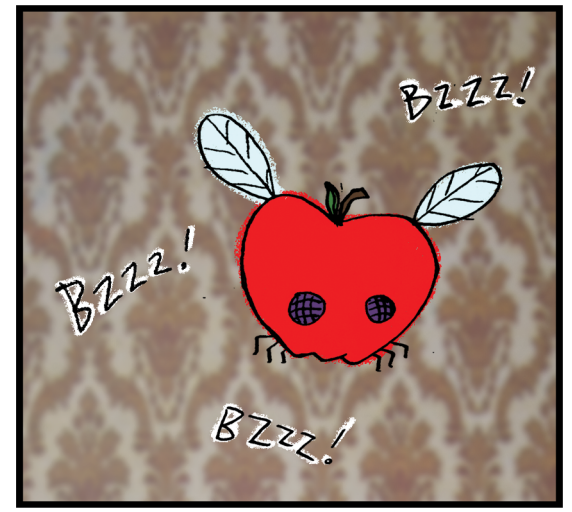
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This fruit fly infestation is getting ridiculous!



Look! There's one now!

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► Editorial

UConn must do more to confront sexual violence



UConn students, alumni and faculty gather outside the Rowe Building on Fairfield Way in Storrs, CT. for a walkout against sexual assault on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. Protesters gathered and held up signs as survivors shared their stories and supporters spoke out against sexual assault at UConn.

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Content Warning: Sexual violence, sexual assault, rape, intimate partner violence

According to a report by The Daily Campus from Jan. 27, 2023, Revolution Against Rape, a student organization at the University of Connecticut, has released a list of 16 demands for UConn administration. These demands refer to the handling of cases of sexual violence, and the support and resources available to people who experience sexual violence at UConn.

The demands include making resources transparently available to students, timely investigations, bi-monthly meetings of the Presidential Task Force on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting Our Students, additional staff in various departments funded via the reallocation of funds from the UConn Police Department and more easily accessible reports. The demands also call for public training records — and training that is trauma-informed — for UCPD officers, monthly testing of the university's Blue Light System, the creation of Residential Life policies and procedures regarding sexual and gender misconduct, an online system for submitting a University No-Contact Letter and protections for victim-survivors who experience sexual violence in various forms online.

Having written before about the need to make campus safety a priority, The Daily Campus Editorial Board commends RAR for working to hold the UConn administration accountable. Further, RAR's mission overall — to foster awareness of

sexual assault and end sexual violence through education, activism, reform and policy change — is necessary at a university that has historically and continuously failed to support survivors.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board has repeatedly written about UConn's lack of administrative action on the front of sexual violence accountability. Almost a year after a string of protests demanding said action from the university regarding sexual violence on campuses, all the UConn administration has to show for itself is the aforementioned Presidential Task Force that has not made any tangible change on campus.

This task force published their final report in August of 2022, with a letter signed by a number of administrators who at the time held the titles of Interim President Radenka Maric, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva and Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Eleanor J.B. Daugherty.

In this letter, UConn administration promises to "Expand access to resources that provide immediate support and guidance for individuals impacted by sexual violence," require a "third party assessment of policies and programs relating to sexual and intimate partner violence at the University of Connecticut" and to "Hire additional staff to increase the University's capacity to assess our service, publicly share our goals and progress, and increase support for those directly impacted by sexual and interpersonal violence." According to a Daily Campus article from Nov. 17, 2022, the Task Force reportedly only met once in the Fall 2022 semester for a

progress report and will not meet again until March 2023.

The Task Force's updates from Fall 2022 only suggest the completion of the following directives: the implementation of the LiveSafe app, an improvement in the ease of completing a Mutual No-Contact Directive, improvements in the language on UConn's website regarding these directives and an expanded availability of Title IX brochures. The article also discussed in-progress projects of the Task Force, including an expansion of the Pack Leader Program, additional staff being hired to focus on Title IX matters and bystander education, the redesigning of the presentation of informational resources and an exploratory group focusing on "a research center focusing on sexual violence on college and university campuses."

While it would be inaccurate to say the university has done nothing to improve the resources available to sexual violence victim-survivors on campus, it would be less accurate to say UConn has done anything significant. When it comes to the safety and well-being of students, mediocre progress is unacceptable. While many of the implemented directives are in line with RAR's demands, these are only a step in the right direction at best. Simply put, the work of the Task Force does not do enough to support or protect students, and is indicative of the larger, university-wide problem of not having students' interests at the forefront of campus policies and practices. That being said, The Daily Campus Editorial Board encourages the student body, including organizations like RAR, to continue pressuring the administration to genuinely protect our pack.

Opinion

Photo of the Day | HuskyTHON



Students table for HuskyTHON in the Student Union on UConn's Storrs campus on Jan. 31, 2023. HuskyTHON is scheduled to take place on March 4, 2023 and starts at 6 a.m. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

LIFE WITHOUT SOCIAL MEDIA

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Everything seems to revolve around social media. When I meet new people, the first thing they ask after small talk is "What's your Snap?" or "What's your Instagram?" It always comes as a surprise when I tell them that I do not have any sort of social media. They look at me in disbelief for a few seconds, then ask if I can give them my phone number. When I agree, I rarely ever hear back from them, making my experience in finding new friends difficult.

All the friends that I have are the ones that I made in high school, where we first met in a mutual club, which led to meeting up every day after lunch to talk. Like me, they also prioritize face-to-face conversations, and even though most of them do have social media, they understand and respect my decision as to why I don't have it.

In class, I can see students sending meaningless Snaps to their friends, some where only the top of their head is showing,

others a fragment of the desk they are using or just a picture of the plain ceiling. Then I can see smiles when they receive those types of Snaps back. It is baffling, to say the least. Part of the reason I do not have social media is so that when I communicate with my friends, we can see each other's facial expressions and body language and ease into meaningful conversations, such as what we think the meaning of life is or what our goals are — topics we spend hours on. Our relationships thus get inherently stronger. Even though I have only known most of my friends since senior year of high school, I feel like I have known them for all my life from the lengthy conversations we have and the activities we do together.

I know that if I had social media, I would most likely conform to the virtual form of communication: simple texts and random objects which will

probably add to my follower count, but never to true and meaningful connections with them. The Guardian mentions a woman named Daisy who described how Facebook made her feel like a failure. Seeing all her friends get engaged, be promoted at work and more while she was living at home with her parents and buried underneath college debt took a toll on her mental health. Once she deleted Facebook, she claimed her life changed for the better. She focused on herself and realized that her real friends were the ones that actually took the time to hang out with her and share their new life updates and goals. Those that are true friends don't add a like to whatever new thing you post; they share their time with you to learn more about you, make new memories

with you and support you with whatever you're going through.

Because I do not have social media, I am very unaware about certain aspects of the world around me. For instance, I didn't know about the controversy around Andrew Tate until one of my friends brought it up. However, the lack of information about these topics never bothered me. To me, the most important news I need to hear can be obtained by listening to NBC CT at 5 p.m. or the CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell at 6:30 p.m. I want to know about any upcoming storms and the rate of COVID-19 — news that affects my decisions and actions around staying safe. So I feel no need to have social media, not for obtaining news nor for finding friends.

Now, the big issue is when I start job hunting. Saiyida Nafisa Rosdi from LinkedIn shared a study from Potier that stated "84% of organizations use social media for

staffing." To people like me, without social media, this is threatening. Knowing that myself and another candidate with social media could both be qualified and have the exact same skills and education, but that the one that has social media will get the position, is terrifying.

Just because a person's social media can seem impressive with professional-looking pictures does not imply anything about that person's professionalism in real life. I am inquisitive, hard-working and committed to my goals, but no employer would know that without first getting to know me through interviews, and social media certainly would not prove I possess these qualities.

Although I still am afraid that finding a job will be much more difficult for me, I am building up my social network in real life. I am building stronger relationships with my friends, getting to know my teachers and presenting myself to employers at career fairs. Honestly, the connections formed in real life will never replace those formed on social media, so I am proud of my decision.



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Tennis: HUSKIES LOOK TO GRAB THEIR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON

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After a tough loss to a very strong Boston College unit, the UConn tennis team looks to come out on top for the first time this season as they take on in-state foe Fairfield University on Wednesday at 1 p.m. and Massachusetts school Merrimack College on Saturday at 4 p.m., both at the Magic Lincer Tennis Academy in Manchester, Connecticut. The Huskies will be aiming to get back on track by the time the first full week of February begins.

The last day of Husky tennis was a disaster, as the team couldn't manage to win even a single set over the course of nine total matches. The BC Eagles thoroughly dominated them, as only three sets in total went to tiebreakers while the rest felt like total washes. It was the kind of loss that can only be described as a rude wake-up call for UConn, a reminder that they will have to play better going forward if they want to compete with the likes of BC.

That being said, the Huskies' competition does become a little more favorable for them this week, as it starts with a matinee match against the Fairfield Stags. They come in with a similar position to UConn, having a 0-1 record after a blowout loss to St. John's University where they also couldn't take a set. Fairfield couldn't even manage to bring any of the sets to a tiebreaker, showing just how much of a rout that day was. Unfortunately, history does not seem to indicate any sort of change in their trajectory, as they've had seven matchups with UConn over the past 13 years and have yet to win a sin-

gle meet. When the two schools played last year, it was utter domination on behalf of the UConn women's team with a 6-1 score. After losing an opening double point, the Huskies went the rest of the day without losing. Whether their upcoming meet on Wednesday will be the same or not is yet to be seen.

After a couple days' rest, the Huskies will be taking on the Merrimack Warriors, who will come into Saturday with a 1-4 overall record, their last win coming in September against Endicott College. Since then, Merrimack has had trouble putting together any sort of victory. When it seemed like they might have been setting themselves right when they battled Quinipiac University last Saturday, losing only 3-4, they went to Hanover, New Hampshire the very next day to play a strong Dartmouth College squad that drubbed the Warriors 0-7. Much like UConn and Fairfield, Merrimack was also completely shut out, not winning a single set. History is also not favorable for these Warriors, as in their last meeting with the Huskies, they got run over by a score of 7-0. It seems like their only hope this weekend is to come to Connecticut and win a single set to break that awful streak of no victories.

The theme of this week appears to be hapless squads who need to get back up after enduring brutal first-round sucker punches. Though Fairfield and Merrimack will certainly come into their matches with renewed intensity, the Huskies will have to hope that their immense desire to win will outmatch that of these two squads and allow them to mark their first tally in the win column this season.



The tennis team prepares for their home opener today, Feb. 1st at 1 p.m. against Fairfield University. They are hoping for a comeback after their loss against Boston College last Friday, Jan. 27. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNHUSKIES ON INSTAGRAM

Connor's Corner: Marquez Valdes-Scantling

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Hello and welcome back to the third edition of Connor's Corner, where I discuss a standout performance in professional sports and that player's journey from high school to the professional level. Following a pair of exciting conference championship games this past Sunday, one performance stood out to help lead their team to the Rihanna Bowl (Rihanna is performing at halftime): Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling.

Valdes-Scantling tore up the stat sheet, accumulating 116 yards on six catches and hauling in a touchdown from 19 yards out to put his team up 20-13 en route to a 23-20 victory for the Chiefs. Valdes-Scantling's performance is all the more impressive, considering the injuries this Kansas City squad has racked up. For one, Patrick Mahomes came into this contest still reeling from a badly sprained ankle from last week's match against Jacksonville, which caused him to sit out most of the second quarter. Not to mention, All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce almost didn't play this past Sunday due to back spasms. As if matters weren't bad enough for Kansas City, they lost three of their wide receivers during Sunday's game: Kadarius Toney (ankle), Mecole Hardman (pelvis) and JuJu Smith-Schuster (knee). None of these players returned after their injuries, so we did not see the most efficient offense from the Chiefs. Thus, Valdes-Scantling was the next man up, and he lived up to that. All of his

catches netted a Kansas City first down or touchdown, and three of his six receptions moved the chains on third down, meaning he was a focal point in keeping drives alive. Valdes-Scantling was a menace in the passing attack, and it begs the question of what the result of the AFC Championship would have been had he not played how he did.

This season has been one of Valdes-Scantling's best campaigns to date in his young career. He played all 17 games and, in that stretch, had the fourth-most receptions on the team (42) and third-most reception yards (687). This stat line might not seem the most impressive, but Valdes-Scantling has carried his weight. With the loss of star Tyreek Hill in the off-season and the acquisition of Smith-Schuster to fill his void, the Chiefs downgraded at this position. As a result, throughout the season, as many as 11 different receivers in a single game came away with a catch. Because of this, Valdes-Scantling and some of his teammates would only see around three targets per game, meaning there is little opportunity to amass a monster stat line. Not to mention, Valdes-Scantling is rarely used in the red zone, hence his two receiving touchdowns. It should also be noted that Kelce had a career-high in targets, catches, receiving yards and touchdowns and led the team in these stats.

Hailing from St. Petersburg, Florida, Valdes-Scantling attended Lakewood High School, where he was tabbed as a three-star recruit. In his senior year, he caught 50 balls for 800 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a junior, he hauled in 28 receptions for

600 yards and six scores. These stats, combined with his unmatched speed, helped put colleges on his radar, where he committed to North Carolina State University.

After his high school career, Valdes-Scantling put up two solid seasons with NC State, accumulating 538 yards and a touchdown on 44 catches. After his sophomore season in 2014, Valdes-Scantling transferred to USF, where he broke out in a big way. Valdes-Scantling racked up 1294 yards on 75 receptions and 11 touchdowns. In his senior year with the Bulls, Valdes-Scantling's 879 yards through the air was good enough to capture the USF single-season record. Valdes-Scantling also helped lead USF to a bowl game in each year he was there, and went 2-0 in this stretch. What blew away NFL scouts was how at the NFL Combine, Valdes-Scantling ran a 4.37 40-yard dash, which convinced the Green Bay Packers to take him as their 174th overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft.

Valdes-Scantling has enjoyed a solid NFL career up to this point. With the Packers, he averaged 17.5 yards per catch — which happened to be the fourth highest in the NFL over that span (2018-2021). Valdes-Scantling also led the league in yards per catch in 2020 with 20.9, which highlights his big-play ability. Valdes-Scantling has also been relatively healthy during his tenure in Green Bay: a good thing for the Chiefs considering all of the injuries they have sustained. He only missed six games in 2021, one due to COVID-19 and five with a hamstring injury. Because of this, he had a career-low in catches and yards in his final

campaign. He finished with 123 receptions for 2,153 yards and 13 touchdowns for his career with the Packers.

Without a doubt, with Valdes-Scantling's performance and the rest of the week coming up, his squad is in a good position to hoist the Lombardi Trophy; however, for Valdes-Scantling, just playing in the big game isn't enough. Following the Chiefs' big win, Valdes-Scantling tweeted out, "Serious question... can I watch Rihanna perform at halftime?" Funny enough, if Valdes-Scantling or any other player did sneak out to see the halftime show, it wouldn't be the first time, as Cowboys legend Michael Irvin admitted to sneaking out to see Michael Jackson's Super Bowl XXVII performance, which turned out to be a good decision as the Cowboys would end up winning the Super Bowl that year. Half-time

show aside, Valdes-Scantling has experienced his share of highs and lows, but his team needs him now more than ever as they face a must-win game against the Eagles. If Valdes-Scantling puts out half the performance he did this past weekend, and the injured Chiefs come back to full participation, the Chiefs will have a solid chance at bringing the Lombardi Trophy back to Arrowhead.

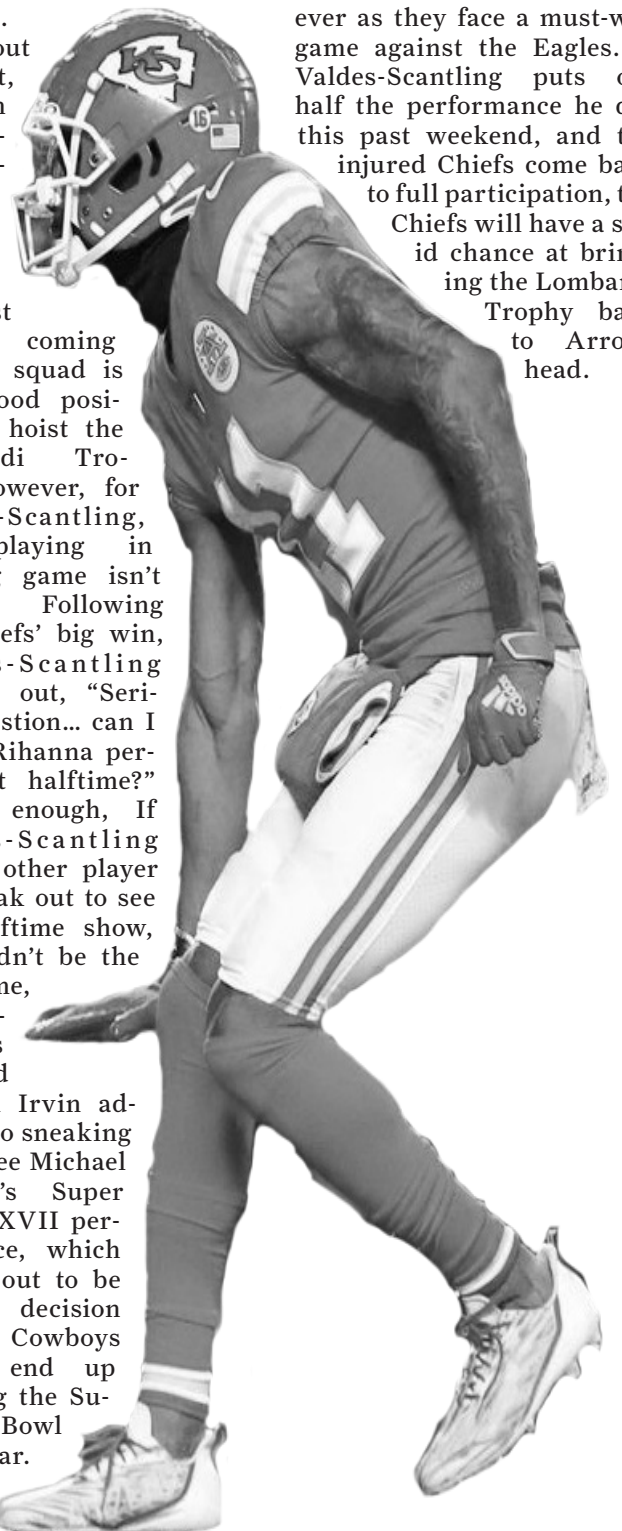


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Sports

Photo of the Day | Men's Basketball Vs. Xavier



UConn men's basketball struggles to control the ball as they fall to Xavier 72-89 on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 in Gampel Pavilion. The Huskies played their most recent game against DePaul yesterday, Tuesday, Jan. 31. PHOTO BY IZZY BARTON STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Whenever you discuss baseball, Shohei Ohtani is a major name that comes up. He's one of the most unique and talented athletes to ever set foot on a major league baseball field, and with that praise, a clothing deal was sure to come up at some point. However, it may come as a slight surprise that Nike, the No. 1 outfitter of on-field apparel for the MLB, wasn't the one to sign Ohtani to a deal. Instead, New Balance was the company that swooped in and picked up the star player.

While this may seem like a minor blip in baseball news for fans, it's even bigger news for Nike. Throughout the history of baseball, Nike has signed countless stars in baseball to lucrative contracts like Derek Jeter and Ken Griffey Jr. Those deals have naturally

Shohei Ohtani's New Balance Deal Should Scare Nike

resulted in their footwear and apparel being worn even more amongst baseball fans, and the company set their focus on domination of the sportswear industry by securing a \$1 billion contract to have their swoosh on MLB uniforms. If you thought that you were seeing too much of that Nike swoosh, think again.

In the history of sports, Nike has marketed itself as the brand of the game's top talent. For basketball, you have arguably the two top players of all time in Michael Jordan and LeBron James representing Nike. For football, they also have a uniform deal and popular players like Odell Beckham Jr. There's also golf with Tiger Woods and tennis with Serena Williams. I could go on and on about how Nike has continued to see opportunities for growth in sports and has taken advantage of them. Baseball is no different from

any of the sports that the company has targeted.

So, it's quite puzzling that the popular clothing brand didn't try harder to sign a player who's already established himself as one of the faces of baseball. They've already got players like Mike Trout signed and over 500 more MLB players along with him, but to lose out on a guy like Ohtani is a pretty big loss for Nike. Even though players like Trout may be huge representation for them in baseball, there are many reasons why Ohtani may have been even more valuable from a financial standpoint for Nike.

From a global perspective, everyone knows the Ohtani name, proving its value. He was so popular when he played in Japan that he was limited in off-the-field activities with teammates. By not signing Ohtani to a deal, Nike loses the chance for huge

growth potential in areas where they could be stronger around the world, especially in Japan, where plenty would flock to Nike for some Ohtani merchandise.

New Balance, a company that's already huge in the United States, now has the potential to become even bigger and take a slice of the pie from Nike in other countries. In baseball alone, the brand has become incredibly popular, inking players like Francisco Lindor and younger players with big potential like Michael Harris II. If New Balance continues to pick up its pace through the sports world, that could spell big losses for Nike, both inside and outside of baseball.

As his game continues to grow and as he potentially has the chance to leave the Angels for a better team, Ohtani's popularity will continue to grow. Is he still going to have that Nike swoosh on his uni-

form whether he's up to bat or on the pitcher's mound? Yes, but jerseys are just one aspect where Nike can make real money off Ohtani. New Balance is still going to grab money from shoes, apparel and more as the superstar continues to impress on the diamond.

What does Nike do from here? It now means they have to push hard for Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge, who's coming off an MVP season and has secured a lucrative contract to stay with the Bronx Bombers. Judge has already shown interest in the company with a few games of him wearing their shoes, and if the Oregon-based outfitter doesn't want to lose further money from other companies, they have to focus on inking Judge. It's an obvious opportunity to regain their image of resigning stars along with a perfect opportunity to pair Judge with Trout as the faces of their baseball brand.



Los Angeles Angels pitcher poses for new partnership with sportswear brand New Balance. Ohtani signed with the company early in the day Tuesday, Jan. 31 2022.

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Where should the CT Ice Hockey Tournament be located?

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This past weekend, the third annual Connecticut Ice Tournament featuring teams from UConn, Quinnipiac, Yale and Sacred Heart took place at M&T Bank Arena in Hamden, Connecticut.

This was the first year that the tournament was hosted at one of the participating team's home arenas as it previously took place in Bridgeport, Connecticut at Total Mortgage Arena in 2020 and 2022. During those first few years, the tournament was a SportsNet New York production, but has since been dropped by the broadcast.

For the second year in a row, Quinnipiac won the championship. This season, they were able to celebrate in front of their home crowd.

There are mixed opinions on where the tournament's permanent location should be. After the championship game between UConn and Quinnipiac, there were comments made about this topic in the post-game press conferences:

"I think Quinnipiac did a great job but I went on record last night and I'll stay on record, I think this should be played at the XL Center. I think this should be played at a big venue," said UConn head coach Mike Cavanaugh. "I think we are short changing ourselves by limiting it to 3,600 fans. I really believe that this tournament would get 8,000-9,000 fans at the XL Center."

Before UConn, Cavanaugh spent 18 seasons as assistant



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coach for Boston College. Over his years at BC, he had a lot of experience with the Beanpot Tournament, which features BC along with Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern. This tournament takes place at the TD Garden, which is a big-time arena in Boston that can hold up to 19,580 people.

As Connecticut is emerging as a strong hockey state with Quinnipiac and the IceBus leading the way, getting the CT Ice Tournament to be on a similar level to the Beanpot should be the ultimate goal for the upcoming years.

On the other hand, Quinnipiac head coach Rand Pecknold is a fan of the rotation:

"I've always wanted rotation - I thought it was really important this year that we

get momentum for the tournament," said Pecknold. "Again, if 10-15 years from now, it's a tough ticket to get and then maybe we will have to go to a 8,000-10,000 seat arena. But for me, I really felt like we needed momentum to move forward and I thought we got that."

Both nights at Quinnipiac were sold out, and the tickets were difficult to come by. That's definitely a sign that people are interested in the tournament, which only gives hope for its future growth.

"All the institutions think this event has legs," Sacred Heart deputy athletic director Charlie Dowd said. "We want to grow it. We've got three of the best buildings, relatively new, and we've got an iconic venue that's been renovated."

As of now, the tournament is expected to rotate around each school's home rinks for future years. Although, nothing is set in stone.

In 2020, the tournament garnered more than 10,000 fans over the two days. Even though that seems like a larger number, that fills the Total Mortgage Arena a little over halfway. Then, in 2021, there was no tournament due to complications and the lingering COVID-19 protocols. For last year's tournament, there were no attendance figures released, so the official statistics are unknown. So from the past three years, there hasn't been much visible consistency in attendance, which has made it hard to grow the tournament and its revenue. It took two decades for the four

teams to get together to create this tournament after they all reached Division I. Since it took so long to organize in the first place, it's going to take some time to get everything running smoothly.

There are two main points to the location of the CT Ice Tournament: On one hand, the intimacy of smaller arenas electrifies the competition. On the other hand, from a revenue standpoint, smaller arenas also make the tournament difficult to conduct. The landscape of hockey is starting to change in Connecticut, as Quinnipiac is a powerhouse and UConn is a rising program. Having a staple annual tournament among the Connecticut teams would make the competition that much more significant.

SEC-Big 12 Challenge highlights huge weekend in college basketball

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The Big 12 won the SEC-Big 12 Challenge 7-4, headlined by wins over Alabama and Kentucky. We also saw the matchup of the week between the two schools Rick Barnes coached at. Let's recap what has happened in college basketball over the past week.

Best Games

No. 13 Xavier holds on to sweep No. 19 UConn, 82-79

The first and second halves of this game couldn't have been more different. Xavier dominated the first half, heading into the locker room with a 15-point lead. Dan Hurley must have had the half-time speech of his life because the Huskies came out with a 55-point second half. However, the backcourt of Souley Boum and Colby Jones could not be stopped, combining for 41 points. They shot over 55% from the floor and 50% from long-range. The Huskies will take on Georgetown in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, while the Musketeers have a huge home game tonight against Providence.

Rick Barnes coaches No. 4 Tennessee to victory over No. 10 Texas, 82-71

The biggest game of the week was on Saturday, where four of Tennessee's five starters scored double figures. Rick Barnes faced Texas for just the second time since leaving Austin after a long tenure as head coach of the Longhorns. Zakai Zeigler and Olivier Nkamhoua combined for 49 of the Vols' 82 points as Tennessee moved up to No. 2 in Monday's AP Poll. They will go on the road to face Florida tonight, while Texas

visits Kansas State on Saturday.

No. 9 Kansas ends three-game losing streak, defeats Kentucky on the road, 77-68

Kansas was due for a win after a three-game skid, and even in a tough environment like Rupp Arena, the Jayhawks outscored Kentucky in both halves, led by Jalen Wilson, who's separating himself from the rest of the competition in the Big 12 Player of the Year race. This set up a huge matchup last night against Kansas State, this time at Allen Fieldhouse. The Wildcats will host rival Florida on Saturday night.

No. 10 Texas hangs on, beats No. 11 Baylor, 76-71

Sir Jabari Rice has been terrific in scoring off the bench lately, this time leading the Longhorns with 21 points. Even though the Bears kept themselves in the game from start to finish, the Longhorns kept answering, holding the lead for the majority of the game. Baylor will host Texas Tech on Saturday.

Best Performances

Julian Strawther, G, Gonzaga (at Portland: 40 pts, 6 reb, 3 stl, 8 3pt)

Normally, the leader of the Zags is Drew Timme, but Strawther proved that the team goes beyond the power forward. 40 points was a career-high for the junior, who is averaging nearly 15 per game.

Tyler Kolek, G, Marquette (at DePaul: 24 pts, 10 ast, 9 reb, 3 stl)

Kolek has emerged as one of the main contenders for Big East Player of the Year and is arguably one of the best point

guards in college basketball. He was just one rebound away from his first career triple-double. The sophomore averages nearly 11 points per game but is third in the nation in assists per game (eight per game).

David Joplin, F, Marquette (at DePaul: 28 pts, 5 reb, 8 3pt)

According to KenPom, Marquette is the best offense in the country, and it showed in Saturday's blowout win over DePaul. Joplin led the Golden Eagles in scoring with 28 points, including eight three-pointers. Both of those stats were career highs for the Milwaukee native. Joplin may not pass the ball like Kolek but he's been on the receiving end as one of Marquette's best outside shooters.

Hunter Tyson, F, Clemson (at Florida State: 27 pts, 7 reb, 2 stl, 6 3pt)

Tyson helped lead the Tigers in a one-point victory over Florida State, where he was all over the court making plays. He leads the team in points (16), rebounds (9.8), and steals (1) per game. He has been huge in helping Clemson reach first place in the ACC.

Zach Edey, C, Purdue (vs. Michigan State: 38 pts, 13 reb, 3 stl)

Another week, another incredible performance by Edey. He scored a career-high 38 points in the rematch against Michigan State, where he scored 30 in each game, leading the Boilermakers to victory. What's crazy is that Edey has scored double figures in every single game this season, which is just one of the many reasons why he's the frontrunner for National player of the year. He averages 22 points and 13 rebounds per

game, both top-four nationally.

Upcoming Games

No. 17 Providence at No. 16 Xavier (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., FS1)

It's a battle between two of the best teams in the Big East, where the Musketeers are looking for a bounce-back win after their loss to Creighton. Two of the best players in the conference will be on the floor: Providence forward Bryce Hopkins and Xavier guard Souley Boum.

No. 8 Kansas at No. 13 Iowa State (Saturday, 12 p.m., ESPN)

Jalen Wilson and the Jayhawks are looking to sweep the Cyclones in Ames in a clash between two of the best teams in a loaded Big 12. Can T.J. Otzelberger continue to build his resume for Coach of the Year? This is Iowa State's biggest home game.

No. 25 Auburn at No. 2 Tennessee (Saturday, 2 p.m., ESPN)

Auburn has struggled recently, losing back-to-back games by double digits. After a game against Georgia tonight, the Tigers are looking for a signature road win.

No. 23 Miami (FL) at No. 20 Clemson (Saturday, 3 p.m., ACC Network)

Both Miami and Clemson weren't supposed to be this good, but here they are as two of some of the best in the ACC. They both have players who are at an all-ACC level: Miami guard Isaiah Wong and Clemson forward Hunter Tyson.

No. 1 Purdue at No. 21 Indiana (Saturday, 4 p.m., ESPN)

Purdue is the unanimous No. 1 team in college basketball, with Edey being the Wooden Award frontrunner. Trayce Jackson-Davis is one of the best players in the Big 10, helping the Hoosiers get back in the top 25. One of the Big 10's best rivalries, this game is a must-watch.

No. 10 Texas at No. 7 Kansas State (Saturday, 4 p.m., ESPN2)

You might want to get two screens because this game is a must-watch too. Three Big 12 teams are in the AP Top 10, and this game features two of them. The two best guards in the conference face off: Texas' Marcus Carr and Kansas State's Markquis Nowell. The Longhorns lost at home to the Wildcats in a high-scoring game to begin 2023, so they are seeking revenge in Manhattan.

No. 12 Gonzaga at No. 18 Saint Mary's (Saturday, 10:30 p.m., ESPN)

This is the biggest game of the season in the West Coast Conference, where Saint Mary's looks to upset Gonzaga to take control of their destiny in the conference. The Gaels are on a 10-game winning streak, one of the longest streaks in the nation. Can they extend that streak to 12 with wins over San Francisco (tomorrow night) and Gonzaga?

No. 10 Texas at No. 8 Kansas (Monday, 9 p.m., ESPN)

A marquee Big 12 matchup is set for Monday for the second-straight week. This Monday's game was Baylor at Texas, and Texas goes on the road to take on Kansas. These two teams won't meet for another month, so this could potentially be the biggest game of the season in the conference.

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Men's Basketball: HUSKIES DEFEAT DEPAUL AS HAWKINS SHINES

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The cold conditions of the Windy City couldn't faze the UConn Huskies, especially Jordan Hawkins.

Big-time shots and acrobatic layups were just some of the ways to describe a fiery Hawkins as he helped lead the Huskies over the DePaul Blue Demons, a team that has looked strong as of late against Big East opponents. Wins against no. 16 Xavier and Villanova made Tuesday's evening matchup look incredibly competitive before tipoff but for the Huskies, it looked dominating. A 26-point outing from the UConn guard, capped off by an energizing dunk, was a big part of UConn's incredible road win.

Joined by Tristen Newton's breakout 21-point outing and Adama Sanogo's 25-point performance, UConn truly let it rain on offense and it resulted in a 90-76 win despite shooting just 25% from beyond the arc. Instead, UConn played aggressive basketball in the paint as they fed Sanogo and took advantage of their size advantage. While players like center Donovan Clingan didn't have a dominant offensive night, a stat line that included 9 rebounds and 3 blocks showed his impact on the game in other factors.

The tide truly changed for the Huskies midway through the first quarter where Hawkins got to the stripe for plenty of opportunities. In less than a minute of action, the UConn sophomore got to the line for five shots at the line and drained them all, getting the Huskies out to a more comfortable lead. Combined with some aggressive offense



The Huskies defeat DePaul late Tuesday night, Jan., 31st, bringing their record to 17-6. Their next game will be on the road against Georgetown on Saturday, Feb. 4. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNMBB ON INSTAGRAM

from Newton and Hawkins, the UConn lead climbed to double digits and going into halftime, UConn was up 46-31.

But, if UConn learned anything from their road game against the Seton Hall Pirates in which the team lost after going into the half up 40-26, no lead is safe in the Big East and that attitude showed in the second half. A chase-down block and continued offensive domination from Hawkins demonstrated that at-

itude on both sides of the court for UConn. They weren't going to let this game slip by them.

While DePaul was certainly down by plenty, they weren't going to give this one to the Huskies that easily. The biggest player to step up for the Blue Demons was Javan Johnson, who dropped 19 as the team looked to climb out of a hard deficit. While Johnson's efforts did help the team net an impressive 10-0 run to cut it to single digits, the

Huskies stuck in the game and pushed forward just as they did in the first half. The offensive output of Hawkins, Newton and Sanogo proved too much for the Blue Demons at home.

Specifically, one of the biggest keys to the game were the Huskies getting to the free throw stripe and converting. With 34 attempts at the line including 14 from Hawkins alone, the team shot an efficient 88.2% as the Blue Demons couldn't seem to

stop the Huskies from plenty of foul calls.

Now, UConn will need to bring that same energy to Capital One Arena for a matchup with the Georgetown Hoyas, a team that gave the Huskies some problems at Gampel Pavilion earlier this season. Most importantly, they'll have the opportunity to string together some nice wins in Big East play before an important matchup of the season against a ranked opponent, the Marquette Golden Eagles.

Women's Basketball: No. 5 Huskies look to reenergize against Providence

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"Today was the first game all year where we looked really tired," Huskies head coach Geno Auriemma said on Sunday after their narrow win over No. 21 Villanova. "After that first quarter you could see our energy drained. Somehow, some way, they found a way against a team that wasn't going away, regardless of what we were doing."

After a brutal stretch that saw the Huskies play four games in nine days, they're understandably tired. Not to mention the fact that Auriemma is really only using five players, all of whom played over 90% of the games against Villanova and Tennessee. It's hard to see this strategy as sustainable, and it showed against the Wildcats. For the middle 20 minutes of play, Connecticut looked exhausted. There was an eight-minute stretch in which they didn't score, and there were times when the outcome looked

to be seriously in question. Villanova is a good team, but UConn shouldn't need any late-game heroics to get past them at home.

Thankfully for the Huskies, they're moving back into a rhythm that doesn't have them scheduled for more than two games in a week for the rest of the regular season. They start this final stretch with a road trip to Providence, Rhode Island to take on the Friars. Last year, the team's bus broke down en route to the state capital, an event that foreshadowed a rough game that saw the Huskies win by just eight.

The Friars currently sit at No. 120 in the NET rankings and are having a relatively poor season, sitting at 13-10 overall and 4-8 in conference. The Huskies already welcomed Providence to Gampel Pavilion earlier this year and gave them a 98-53 beating. The Friars performed as one of the worst teams in the conference, losing games to two of the bottom three teams. The only surprise was when they went to Omaha, Nebraska to play Creighton, a borderline top-25 team, and took them

down 79-75. Otherwise, they haven't been impressive as the Huskies look to blow them out of their own gym.

Providence's team effort is spearheaded by Janai Crooms, who leads them with 12 points and four assists per game. She had an early three-game stretch where she averaged over 22 points, but since then

hasn't passed the 20-point mark. Arguably her best game in her career came in the close loss to Connecticut last year when she erupted for 27. Crooms has been held to single digits in three of her last six games — not a positive trend going into this one. If the Friars want to come close, she'll need to break out of her slump

and get considerable support from her teammates.

The candidate most likely to step up alongside Crooms is Olivia Olsen. The 6-foot-3 sophomore has done a nice job with her consistency this year, even if her team hasn't been great. Before the past two games, she had an eight-game stretch where she scored no less than 10 and no more than 13. Two such games were double doubles. Recent Wooden Award candidate Aaliyah Edwards will likely provide her greatest challenge of the season.







Even though Edwards is the one getting all the national recognition, the player to watch for the Huskies is Lou Lopez-Sénéchal. The guard has been phenomenal for the Huskies all year, but had an impressive streak broken in the Villanova win. She has scored in double figures in every game this year, but netted just six against the Wildcats. The fatigue probably got to her after playing so many minutes in such a short span; look for her to bounce back against a Friar squad that won't show much resistance.

The teams will face off at 7 p.m. on SNY at Alumni Hall.




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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

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| UCONN SCOREBOARD  vs.  90 76 Men's Basketball Tuesday | | Upcoming Games  vs.  Tennis, 1 p.m. Wednesday - Storrs, CT |
| | |  vs.  Women's Basketball, 7 p.m. Wednesday - Providence, RI |

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 I need a UConn men's basketball win streak more than I need air

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