



## UConn employees make up vast-majority of highest paid state workers in 2022, while payroll reveals secret UConn seven-figure arbitration settlement

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The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller has revealed the top paid Connecticut state employees for 2022. UConn employees, which include many UConn Health faculty, take up the top 24 spots and dominate a vast-majority of the top 100 highest-paid Connecticut state employees from last year.

The 2022 payroll release by the Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller also revealed a previously secret seven-figure arbitration settlement between UConn and former Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology Dr. Li Wang.

Dr. Li Wang ranked at No. 6 for the highest-paid state employees last year with \$1,398,674 earned in 2022, as a result of the arbitration settlement.

First revealed by an investigative report by the CT Insider, Wang received a \$1.4 million settlement last year from UConn for wrongful termination. UConn cited her 2019 suspension as due to a "failure to disclose Chinese connections on NIH grant applications."

According to documents obtained by The Daily Campus, in 2018 the United States Office of Research Integrity found Wang had engaged in research misconduct on a variety of grant applications.

"ORI finds that [Wang] engaged in research misconduct by recklessly including false data... In addition to making an admission, [Wang] cooperated fully with UConn and ORI, has expressed remorse for her actions, and took full responsibility for her reckless behavior," a 2018 Voluntary Settlement Agreement signed by Wang and UConn stated.

This spotlight on Wang's grant applications led to UConn being notified of an apparent undisclosed "foreign affiliation" between Wang and the Chinese Wenzhou Medical University.

In March of 2019, UConn Associate Vice President for Research Michelle Williams notified Wang by letter that she was being suspended for

three years as a result of this apparent affiliation.

However, a subsequent investigation in 2021 by the American Arbitration Association found that Wang was improperly suspended and had no apparent ties to Wenzhou Medical University. As a result, the university was forced to pay back her lost wages.

necticut Media Group Taylor Johnston.

"Kevin Ollie, former UConn men's basketball coach received the highest payout from the state in 2022 at nearly \$11.15 million. But that was an anomaly. The one-time sum came from an arbitration case he won against the school in early 2022

Other UConn Athletics faculty ranked in the top 24. David Benedict, Director of Athletics at UConn ranked at No. 14 with \$884,204 earned in 2022 while UConn Men's Basketball Assistant head coach Kimani Young ranked at No. 18 with \$747,974 earned in 2022. While the rest of the top 24 were directly affili-

From 2016 to 2022, these same five physicians collectively generated \$60.7 million in clinical revenue, and overall, UConn Health's 10 highest paid faculty have brought in more than \$140 million in clinical revenue in the same timeframe," Reitz said. "This revenue is critical to UConn Health, since about 50% of its revenues come from its clinical operation and state support accounts about 25%."

Reitz also pointed out that these UConn Health faculty members often give back to the university in the form of philanthropic gifts.

"In addition to generating clinical revenue and donating their time for the free community health care and screening programs, some UConn Health physicians give back with philanthropic gifts. For example, Dr. Maritza Perez recently donated an estimated \$1 million worth of high-tech laser equipment — roughly the equivalent of her annual compensation in the list — from her former private dermatology practice so UConn Health can establish a new laser center," Reitz said.

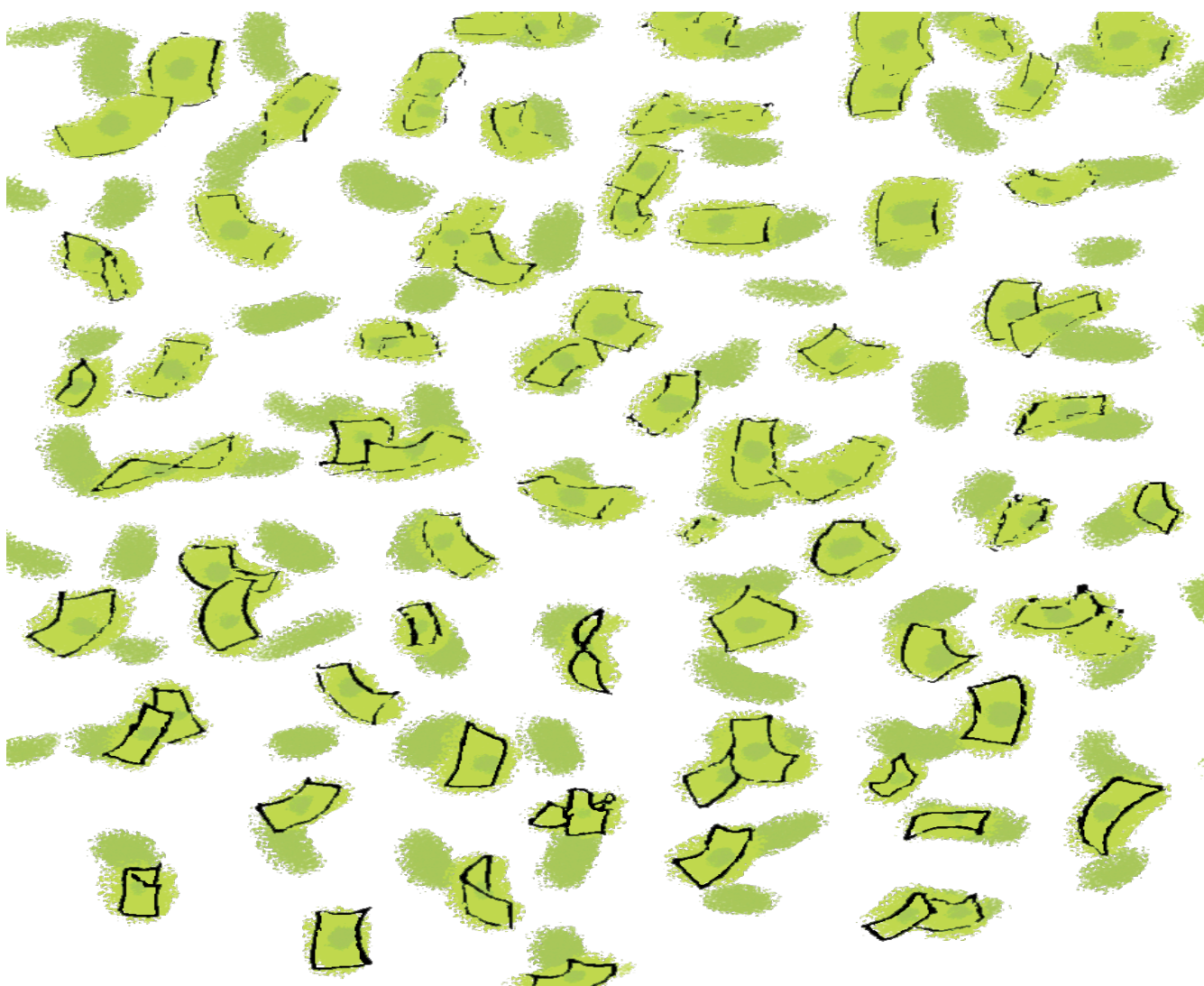
While the rest of the top 100 state employees consisted mostly of UConn Health faculty along with a few other Connecticut employees from varying state organizations, other UConn faculty ranked in the top 100 as well.

For 2022, President of the UConn Radenka Maric ranked at No. 32 with \$599,037 earned, UConn Men's Hockey head coach Mike Cavanaugh ranked at No. 36 with \$586,675 earned and Dean of the UConn School of Business John Elliott ranked at No. 60 with \$508,919 earned in 2022.

Finishing off the top 100, UConn Baseball's head coach Jim Penders also ranked at No. 84 with \$470,332 earned while Professor and Toscano Family Chair in Finance Yiming Qian ranked No. 99 with \$444,013 earned in 2022.

Speaking more broadly, Reitz also said that these high figures reflect the national market for these professions.

"As a large public research institution, UConn competes for talent against other public and private institutions throughout the U.S., and pay is driven by national and regional markets along with the experience and skill set of each individual. This applies across the board to researchers, administrators, coaches, physicians and others whose skills are in high demand and whose talents have helped to elevate UConn to its current high ranks in various areas," Reitz stated.



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Despite the American Arbitration Association's conclusion, UConn still stands by its stance that Wang was improperly affiliated with Wenzhou Medical University.

While Wang ranked at No. 6, UConn athletics faculty dominated the top 5 highest paid employees. Former UConn men's basketball head coach Kevin Ollie took the No. 1 spot with \$11,157,033 made in 2022. However, this is an "anomaly" according to interactive graphics reporter for Hearst Con-

after claiming he was wrongfully terminated from his role in 2018," Johnston wrote for the CT Insider.

The second through fourth highest-paid state employees in 2022 were also UConn athletics coaches. UConn women's basketball head coach Geno Auriemma ranked at No. 2 with \$3,795,830 earned; UConn men's basketball head coach Dan Hurley ranked at No. 3 with \$3,111,704 earned; and UConn Football's head coach Jim Mora ranked No. 4 with \$1,597,098 earned in 2022.

ated with UConn, they all consisted of UConn Health faculty.

When asked why UConn Health faculty dominates the list with such high salaries, UConn Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz pointed out that these faculty members bring in essential UConn Health revenue.

"In fact, the five UConn Health physicians on the list collectively generated more than \$20 million in 2022 in clinical care revenue for UConn Health — nearly quadruple their total combined salaries.

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# UConn opening food bank for anyone with a UConn ID on 3/20

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In a post on Instagram on March 1, University of Connecticut Dining Services announced a food bank to be opened on March 20 located at the Charter Oak Community Center at 10 South Eagleville Road. The post stated that the pantry will be available to anyone with a UConn ID as part of an effort to battle food insecurity.

In an email interview with Dining Services executive

director Michael White, he explained that, while there may be a few possible things that could push the opening date further back, the pantry is still expected to open on March 20.

“It will be located in the Charter Oak Community Center in an old dining services space that at one time was a convenience store,” White said.

Food will initially be provided through Husky Harvest, a program set up by UConn and Connecticut Foodshare, a nonprofit or-

ganization dedicated to combating hunger and food insecurity in the state. White acknowledged that once the pantry was able to stock and evaluate products provided by Foodshare, that donation drives from students would be accepted.

According to CTDataHaven, food insecurity among adults in the state peaked in 2022, with over 17% of adults answering that they do not have enough money to buy food for themselves or their families, compared to 10% in 2021. CTDataHaven believes

that the sharp increase is the result of pandemic relief efforts dropping off.

Foodshare has worked with UConn to provide goods for food insecure students at regional campuses, most recently UConn Hartford in January. Food pantries supplied by Foodshare are also present at Avery Point, Waterbury and Stamford campuses.

The Storrs pantry also hopes to expand to provide other, non-food products to members of the UConn community.

“Our plan is to work offer things like; hygiene products, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, soap, deodorant, etc... but we may end up having to get donations for those types of items. In my conversations with the regional campuses, they have had to get those items through donation because they are not available through this Foodshare program,” White explained. Dining Services expects there will be some items available for students with food allergies or restrictions and intends to expand these options as the pantry is filled.



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# Comptroller projects \$1.35 billion surplus



Connecticut Comptroller Sean Scanlon speaks at a press conference at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport on May 6, 2021. Scanlon stated in a press conference last week that Connecticut will have a General Fund surplus of over \$1 billion dollars. PHOTO COURTESY OF CTINSIDER.COM

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Last week, the Connecticut comptroller projected the state's fifth consecutive surplus and a General Fund surplus of over \$1 billion dollars.

Comptroller Sean Scanlon said that Connecticut will deposit just over \$3 billion into pension funds by the end of the fiscal year.

Coming up with these numbers is a complicated job that involves various parties, Press secretary Madi Csejka said.

"[The Office of the State Comptroller], the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Fiscal Analysis track monthly changes in the state's revenue and expenditures until the fiscal year is complete and all transactions are final," Csejka said. "Once

the fiscal year is over and the state's books are closed, the auditors review and certify the state's position-surplus or deficit. Once the surplus is certified, it can be deposited to the appropriate accounts."

Csejka went on to explain the comptroller's job and responsibilities.

"In simplest terms, the comptroller is the fiscal guardian for the State of Connecticut," Csejka said. "The Comptroller is responsible for depositing the surplus funds into the Budget Reserve Fund and designated pension accounts — State Employees Retirement System and Teachers Retirement System."

The surplus money has multiple causes and uses, Csejka highlighted. Although the surplus money is not directly given to Connecticut residents, its importance

can be attributed to things like lower taxes or expansion of public services that are decided by the legislature.

"This money can and will go to many different things. As required by statute, we deposit part of the surplus into the state's Budget Reserve Fund, which safeguard the state against economic downturn," Csejka said. "Once that fund reaches its statutory maximum at 15%, any remaining excess funds are used to make additional payments towards the state's unfunded pension liabilities, which will save future generations a lot of money in the long-run."

Scanlon explained in a press release the benefits of the possible approval of Governor Ned Lamont's recent proposals to reduce health-care costs to his office as well

as the residents of Connecticut.

"Passage of this proposal will allow my office to enter into a multi-state contract that will offer discount cards to all Connecticut residents, which will enable them to save significant money at their local pharmacy counter in the future," Scanlon said.

Having multiple consecutive surpluses has allowed the state of Connecticut to have financial comfortability and reliability, Csejka highlighted.

Csejka outlined that if finances are maintained and taxes and investments are properly accounted for, future generations can be spared. "As I stated earlier, having this predictability in our state's finances also makes Connecticut more attractive to new residents and businesses."

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Life

# The story of 'MH370: The Plane That Disappeared'



*still haunts  
the hearts*

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On March 8, 2014 — nine years and one day from the day of this article's publication — a flight from Malaysian Airlines, MH370, disappeared without a trace. This flight carried 227 passengers and 12 crew members. The suspicion of what happened to this aircraft ranges from theories surrounding the pilots to the Malaysian and Vietnamese authorities to even the civilian passengers.

This series approaches all the buzzing questions surrounding flight MH370. Some of these questions have been answered in the years since the disappearance, while others have yet to receive a plausible explanation. The story is told through the perspective of government officials, aircraft security specialists and loved ones of those on board.

The show takes a chunk of the first episode to explain how the journey of flight MH370 began. It was to take off from Kuala Lumpur airport in Malaysia at 12:41 a.m. and land in Beijing, China at 6:30 a.m. Everything leading up to takeoff went as any routine commercial flight normally would. No suspicious persons had been tagged, no technical malfunctions of the aircraft were found and the final words passengers had sent their family members did not reflect any sense of panic or concern. The plane took off and flew smoothly for about an hour before the situation worsened.

As the plane approached the end of the Malaysian aircraft surveillance and entered that of Vietnam, all of the plane's means of communication with satellite or radar cut off entirely. Neither Malaysia nor any neighboring country had any signal disclosing MH370's whereabouts. Once the clock struck 6:30 a.m. and the plane had not arrived in Beijing, panic grew worldwide.

News of the flight's disappearance was covered world-

wide. A montage of headlines that appeared on the televisions of millions is followed by a heart wrenching clip of passengers' loved ones wailing in agony and distress. People's hearts were filled with both concern for their families, as well as frustration toward Malaysian authorities because they could not comprehend how so many people could manage to lose a single plane.

At this point, the show starts surfacing the reasons that make this disappearance so mysterious. The most shocking one relates to the passengers' cell phones.

Most, if not all, cell phone users know that if a phone is turned off or broken or lacks signal, all calls will go straight to voicemail. In this case, whenever someone tried to call a passenger on flight MH370, the ring continued until the end like any normally functioning cell phone would. Additionally, the daughter of one of the passengers received a phone call from her father onboard. In the midst of her panic, she asked authorities to advise her on what to do, as she was the first to receive any sort of communication from someone on the flight. By the time they told her to answer the call, the ring had ended. When she attempted to call back, no one responded.

The first episode concludes with a clip of former President Barack Obama, who shares the chilling news that flight MH17 had been shot down by Russian forces. This flight had also come from the Kuala Lumpur airport in Malaysia.

Given the technology of the 21st century, the eerie absence of this aircraft still disturbs many people. The purpose of both this show as well as this article is not to scare you out of flying, but to hopefully make you aware of what is possible and what to look out for. Finally, I'd like to share my biggest takeaway from what I have seen of the show: Even when in doubt, pick up the phone.

**Rating: 5/5**



Pictured is the poster for Netflix's newest series: "MH370: The plane that disappeared". This series is based on a true story surrounding the mystery behind the missing plane from Malaysian airlines that occurred on March 8, 2014.

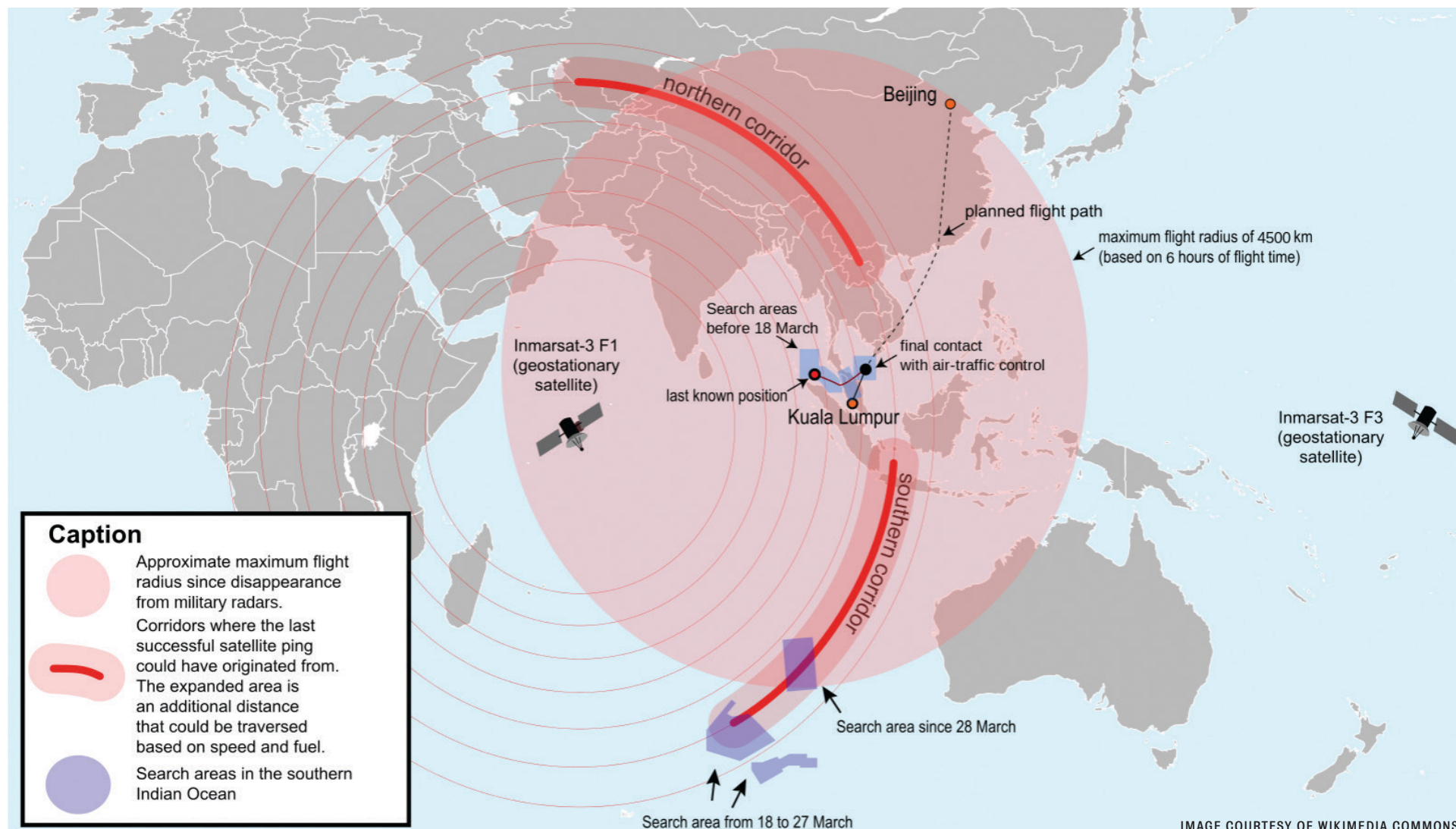



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# STUDENTS WITH BORDERS:



## Setting boundaries with UConn Health & Wellness

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UConn Health & Wellness' Sexuality Series is an ongoing series of interactive panels and presentations designed to educate students about various sexual topics and introduce conversations concerning topics that simply are not often openly discussed. Past topics that have been covered include LGBTQIA+ health literacy and the gender spectrum. Last night, the Series presented a panel surrounding the subject of setting boundaries.

**Setting boundaries is often difficult, but from generation to generation, the trend looks positive.**

The evening's presentation was given by Sarah Malhotra, director of education and training at the Rowan Center in the UConn Stamford campus, in collaboration with Joleen M. Nevers, director of regional wellness for all UConn regional campuses. While one (including myself) may assume that the panel would focus specifically on setting sexual boundaries, the talk expanded the topic to setting boundaries in all aspects of students' lives.

Malhotra and Nevers opened the panel by giving students a chance to introduce themselves

but only if they wanted to. This gave students a choice in how much they would like to participate in the following discussion. Throughout the rest of the presentation, they continued to emphasize that students should only share what they felt comfortable talking about. It was only after the panel had concluded that I realized Malhotra and Nevers were allowing students to set their own boundaries for the evening, putting into practice the principles they introduced.

Following student and facilitator introductions, Malhotra and Nevers described three different types of boundaries: rigid, permeable and semi-permeable. Rigid boundaries are set in stone by an individual and serve as unflinching principles they abide by regarding others. By contrast, people with permeable boundaries are generally much more open. Semi-permeable boundaries, like their name suggests, are flexible depending on specifics. It was made clear that the same person can have different types of boundaries put in place depending on the topic at hand and that an individual's boundary types can change over time.

Rather than a lecture, the night's event was treated more like a mutual conversation between students and the facilitators. Students shared what, if anything, they had learned about setting boundaries in the past and what challenges they have experienced when attempting to put boundaries into place. A common response shared among many was that they were worried about disappointing another person. This

can be especially difficult when that person is a family member, an authority figure or just someone older.

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Both students and facilitators were given the chance to anonymously define what boundaries they would like to put in place for a wide variety of figures in their lives. They discussed boundaries regarding siblings, parents, acquaintances, professors, co-workers, partners, members of law enforcement and more. This created a welcoming environment where students could relate to each other and learn that boundaries they may have been afraid to lay down may not actually be unreasonable at all.

Setting boundaries is often difficult, but from generation to generation, the trend looks positive. More people are properly learning about boundaries beyond the basic, "keep your hands to yourself" rule that is taught to everyone. The night's discussion helped to further that trend. By teaching about boundary types and giving students an open space to discuss, Malhotra and Nevers presented a successful panel that struck a chord with many.



# Life

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## The Women's Center celebrated

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

### With flowers and supportive students

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Flowers were handed out at the Women's Center on Wednesday, March 8 where a celebration was held for International Women's Day. The celebration entailed the acknowledgement of women's achievements and a discussion on the importance of equity and how it differs from equality.

The celebration began with a viewing of three different videos. The first video questioned the idea that CEOs are not always men, while the other two gave examples of equity and the importance of having it in the workplace. Equality is having everything the same for everyone regardless of differences, while equity is accommodating others' needs to let them succeed, according to Rise.

After viewing the films, members of the Women's Center and the Center for International Students and Scholars asked students about their views on equity in the workplace. Some students explained how issues go beyond pay and women lack necessary resources. There was agreement on how there is an "internalized patriarchy" within women when it comes to decision-making.

Natalia Turgeon, a front office coordinator for the CISS, explained that the International Women's Day celebration began last year when Huong Pham, an international programs coordinator for CISS, joined the department. The department wanted to do something different since Turgeon and Pham both celebrated the day in their countries. Turgeon explained that they also did not see anything around campus that celebrated or mentioned the day. CISS then partnered with the Women's Center to create a celebration for International Women's Day. The first celebration was spontaneous and quite small. This year, however, turnout increased since they prepared in advance and promoted the event to more international students.

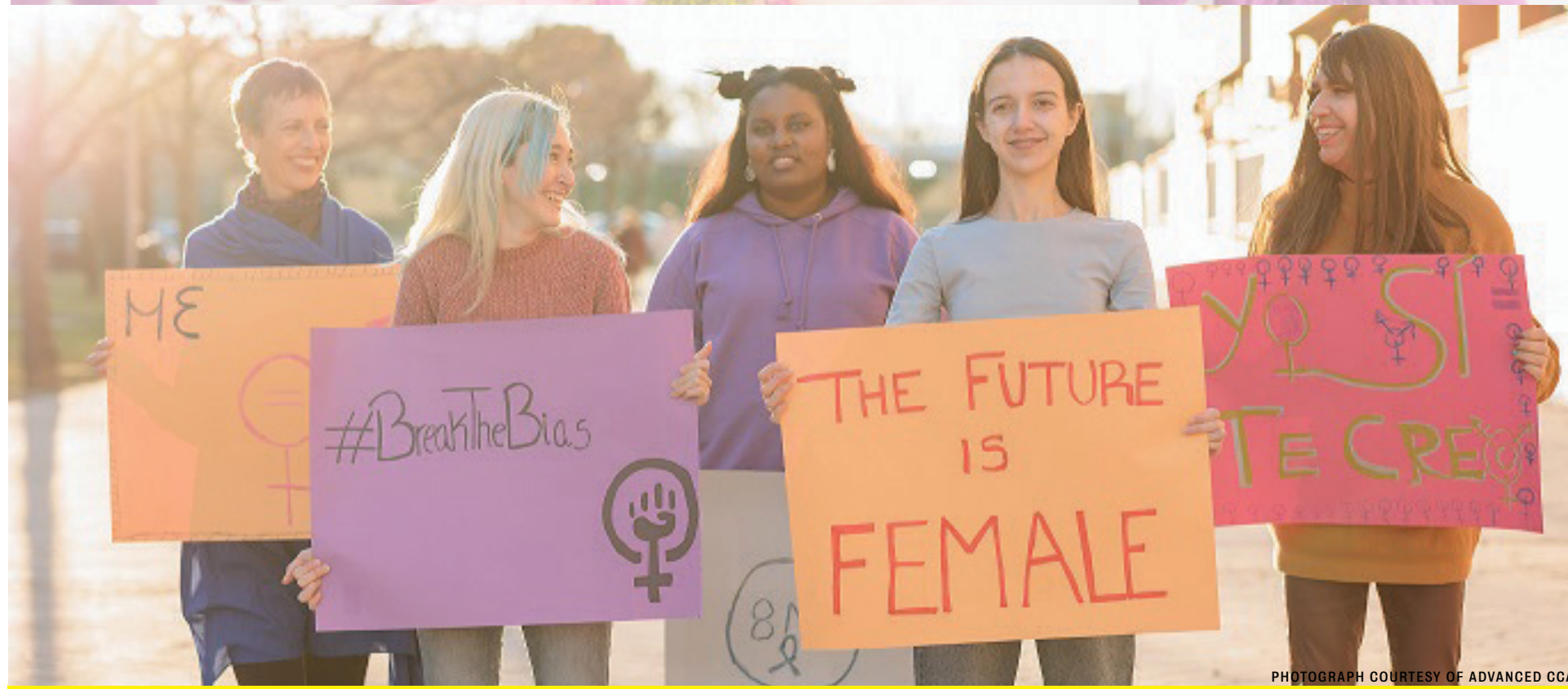
they're unappreciated. It's amazing that there is a day for that," Sheriff commented. Pham was ecstatic when she noticed there were two men that attended the celebration. Pham explained that it was comforting to see them and that she was curious as to what they thought about the celebration. Anthony Figueroa told Pham that while he works at the Women's Center, he wanted to be there after noticing the inequalities the women in his life experience. Figueroa announced he also works on the Men's Project, an 11-week training program that promotes a safe space for men to be vulnerable and learn about gender-based issues. Figueroa elaborated that the program teaches men the inequalities that women face and how to become an ally for women. According to the Women's Center, the program's goal is to have attendees influence their peers "by challenging social norms." The program focuses on topics related to masculinities, social justice and gender-based violence. According to the United Nations website, the first National Women's Day was observed on Feb. 28. to honor the women garment workers in New York who protested and struck against the working conditions they had in 1908. Turgeon said that she is hoping to continue this celebration every year. This celebration provided an environment that made students, especially women, feel welcome and heard. While the event has ended, students should without a doubt keep an eye out for the celebration on March 8 next year.



"We wanted to make sure that women were aware that this day exists; that there's a day to not just celebrate women, but recognize what women through history have gone through," Turgeon stated.

Fatumata Sheriff, an eight-semester management information systems major, explained she was aware of the day but never celebrated it. Now, after working at the Women's Center, she aims to spread awareness of the day to her friends and family.

"I think it's very important and very impactful, especially as a woman and as someone who feels



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## CPAC 2023: A SPECTACLE OF "ULTRA-MAGA"



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The Conservative Political Action Conference, better known as CPAC, is an annual event held every year by the American Conservative Union. Branded on its website as "the largest and most influential gathering of conservatives in the world," the four-day conference is a hub for conservative activists to gather, listen to an array of speakers and promote conservative ideas. But as the Republican Party has shifted further and further to the right over the past decade, CPAC has followed suit. What was founded as a beacon of traditional conservative values has turned into a far-right spectacle dominated by ideologues and extremist ideas that have no place in the American political mainstream. This dangerous trend was put on full display

this past weekend at CPAC 2023, which represented the low point of the continuously declining conference.

The overall theme of this year's conference could only be described as "Ultra-MAGA." Since his meteoric rise from Diet Coke connoisseur to somehow having access to the nuclear codes, Donald Trump has dominated CPAC for the last few years. Trump worshipping is expected at this point at CPAC,

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but this year took it to a whole new level of "Trumpiness," for lack of a better term. The confer-

ence was filled with his most misguided and loyal followers dressed in MAGA hats who steadfastly defended Trump as the only option for 2024. A set of Trump's oval office was set up so attendees could take pictures sitting at his desk acting like they just fooled millions of working-class Americans into voting for them. Even the merchandise exhibited a high level of Trumpiness, as the conference was stocked with a gaudy amount of merch and apparel only rivaled by the UConn Bookstore. Essentially, this wasn't CPAC anymore — it was Trump-PAC.

With the mood set and the Kool Aid drank, the stage was set for Rosie O'Donnell's biggest fan to electrify a packed house of adoring fans. The result? Trump spoke to a conference hall that wasn't even full. But that didn't stop him from launching into an hour and 45 minute tirade that sounded more like an obnoxiously long Facebook post by an angry boomer than a speech by a former president — although Trump is a boomer so it checks out. He spoke of the "freaks, neocons, open border zealots and fools" of the old Republican Party that he single-handedly destroyed, and of the "importance" of the MAGA movement winning in 2024. He included his usual ranting about the

"dangers of the radical left" and other fearmongering statements about those who don't kiss the ground that he walks on. He also included a laundry list of false statements, including claims of how great the economy was under his presidency, his self-viewed strong foreign policy and his infamous border wall. Trump lied in his speech so much that even Congressman George Santos would be appalled. Nevertheless, the crowd ate it up like they always do and pledged further loyalty to Trump. The fact that Trump has been able to hold on to these people for so long is the real art of the deal.

But the ridiculous speeches full of lies, divisiveness and extremism were not just limited to Trump. Colorado's least favorite Congresswoman Lauren Boebert ranted about diversity programs and called for the abolishment of "woke federal agencies." I can only view this as her attempt to shut down her favorite agency, the ATF. Ted Cruz called for Dr. Anthony Fauci to be prosecuted, which is his coping mechanism for getting trolled non-stop on Twitter. And the formerly respected Elise Stefanik firmly cemented herself as a Trump acolyte by essentially echoing Trump's speech. But the most shocking and ridiculous statement came when Michael Knowles of The Daily Wire called for the "eradication of transgenderism" — I'm not exaggerating this, he literally said that "transgenderism must be eradicated from public life entirely." Knowles' statement was easily the most extreme and dangerous statement made at CPAC this year and shows how far right and out-

**Since his meteoric rise from Diet Coke connoisseur to somehow having access to the nuclear codes, Donald Trump has dominated CPAC for the last few years. Trump worshipping is expected at this point at CPAC, but this year took it to a whole new level of "Trumpiness," for lack of a better term.**

of-touch the modern Republican Party has become.

Now, I can't really say that I'm too surprised by anything that was said at CPAC this weekend. CPAC has been going steadily downhill towards the pits of Trump worship, but this was somehow more of a Trump-fest than ever, even as some in the party have begun to move away from Trump and towards "freedom advocate" Ron DeSantis. But remember this: If you think that CPAC 2023 was bad, just wait till the absolute dumpster fire that will be CPAC 2024: Trump today, Trump tomorrow, Trump forever.

### POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## Music streaming — yea or nay?

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In the past decade, streaming services have entered the music scene with a vengeance. In this week's opinion Point/Counterpoint, writers Zach Scruggs and Sam Zelin try to answer the question of whether the emergence of music streaming has been a net positive or a net negative.

**Zach Scruggs, Contributor:** Streaming has turned the music industry into a story of haves and have-nots. For the biggest artists and labels, it's a huge new source of revenue. But for the vast majority of creators, it's made making a living as an independent musician impossible.

The process through which streaming revenue is distributed

is frankly unfair and it ignores how users actually listen. In the so-called "Pro Rata" model, all revenue is pooled and then distributed to artists based on their listening numbers. This means that users don't individually support their favorite artists when they stream them. Before streaming, when listening to music meant buying a physical release, it was easier for independent musicians to make a living from recording revenue. Now, more and more musicians rely on touring as their main source of income, something which is much more demanding and not a stable market. The COVID-19 pandemic also revealed how a touring-centric model can easily fail and leave many musicians without their main source of income.

**Sam Zelin, Managing Editor:** When I think about the benefits of streaming, accessibility immediately comes to mind. I remem-

ber a time when if I wanted unlimited access to a song, I'd have to pay 99 cents or even \$1.29 each on iTunes. Prior to that, some kind of physical recording was necessary — along with the equipment required to actually play said recording. The ability to pay a flat monthly fee for unlimited access to a vast catalog of music is something a person from even 20 years ago could have only dreamed of.

When it comes to the artist's side, the accessibility of streaming is a big plus too — According to Statista, Spotify alone reported 489 million monthly active users in the fourth quarter of 2022. This means that by putting one's music on Spotify, a feat much simpler and cheaper than producing physical copies of music, a musician can make their work available to all those people without anyone having to leave the house.

**Zach:** It's true that recorded music is more accessible than ever now, and I greatly enjoy that. But I wouldn't underestimate the accessibility of music in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. Radio, MTV and print music journalism were much bigger than they are today. Nothing rivals the ability to play any song whenever you like, but it's wrong to think previous generations didn't listen to as much music as we do.

Also, don't ignore the importance of physical media. As music is put on streaming services, it loses quality and its ability to be preserved. Physical releases of music sound better and you actually own the music, rather than just paying for a service to listen to it. Spotify has removed plenty of my favorite albums, but thankfully I own them physically so I have access to a high quality version of them.

**Sam:** While all of the points made in your first paragraphs are valid, I think the concerns raised are not necessarily with music streaming itself. If independent musicians are struggling to support themselves on streaming revenue alone, changes absolutely need to be made to the pay structure. If Spotify can deliver Spotify Wrapped at the end of every year, the company clearly keeps a close eye on the statistics of each listener. With this data, it could seemingly allocate revenue based on what each paid subscriber listens to instead of using the Pro Rata



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model. This would hurt the bottom line of the top artists on each streaming service, and give more money to independent artists. The reason this doesn't happen isn't because of streaming, but because the music industry has been creating systems that hurt the little guy since way before streaming was even a concept. Just look at the current issue with vinyl pressing plants, where large labels often take priority over independent artists, leading to long wait times.

In short, the music industry is designed to benefit the biggest names, no matter what medium is in question. This is a classic case of 'don't hate the (web) player, hate the game.'

## Opinion

## Huskytalk | What are your spring break plans?



“I am going to Florida with my roommates, Fort Lauderdale. Me and half the school I think.”

Laura Mealey  
Marketing  
Sixth semester



“For me honestly it is just going fishing, going hiking, and maybe some studying.”

Leroy Lawson  
Mathematics  
Eighth semester



“I’m going to be on campus so I’m probably just going to relax and do all thing things I haven’t been able to do. I haven’t gotten a chance to explore the area so I’ll probably take the bus to the mall or something.”

Shannetell Wynter  
Allied Health  
Second semester



“Probably to keep training this booger until he can be-have when I’m not around.”

Gerardo Tueme (and Beans)  
Nursing  
Fourth semester

## FRC Impact Award

## WHY DOESN'T EVERY PROGRAM HAVE ONE?

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FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is an international robotics program that provides students Pre-K-12 with opportunities to partake in hands-on science and technology experiences. The FIRST Robotics Competition is a program for high school students, and at their competitions, teams can compete to win the Impact Award. According to the FIRST website, this award “is the most prestigious award at FIRST [and] it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST.” The product of this award is FIRST Robotics Competition teams having extraordinary impacts on the world and inspiring altruistic values into their students. Many teams showcase various community service, global outreach initiatives, team culture and composition and many other

aspects of their organization when competing for this award.

One example is FIRST Robotics Competition team 5422, Stormgears from Massachusetts. They were one of three teams in all of New England to win the Impact Award at the District Championship in 2022. Note that at the time, the award was called the Chairman’s Award. In the essay that was a part of their submission for this award, they outline the many contributions they make to their community and STEM education. For example, Stormgears mentors 18 younger robotics teams, including a team in India and Argentina. Since their team’s inception, they have reported having reached over 12,000 people. They’ve even partnered with a school in Ghana to create an engineering club. What this team does is truly extraordinary, and this is just a small fraction of all of their efforts that contributed to winning the Impact Award.

It is important to remember that what these teams are doing isn’t an intrinsic part of ro-

botics. The technical component of the program focuses on building and programming a robot, and teams can be successful just by doing that. Community service isn’t a robotics oriented thing, rather the program’s culture combines these two facets of life to create a robust program. The program’s most prestigious award, coupled with an incredible culture, has inspired teams to become agents of good in their communities and world.

This leads me to ask the obvious question: Why doesn’t every program do the same thing. Robotics teams operate and compete similarly to sports teams, so why don’t these programs create a similar program that goes beyond teaching students how to be good in a competition and goes further and teaches them how to be good people in general.

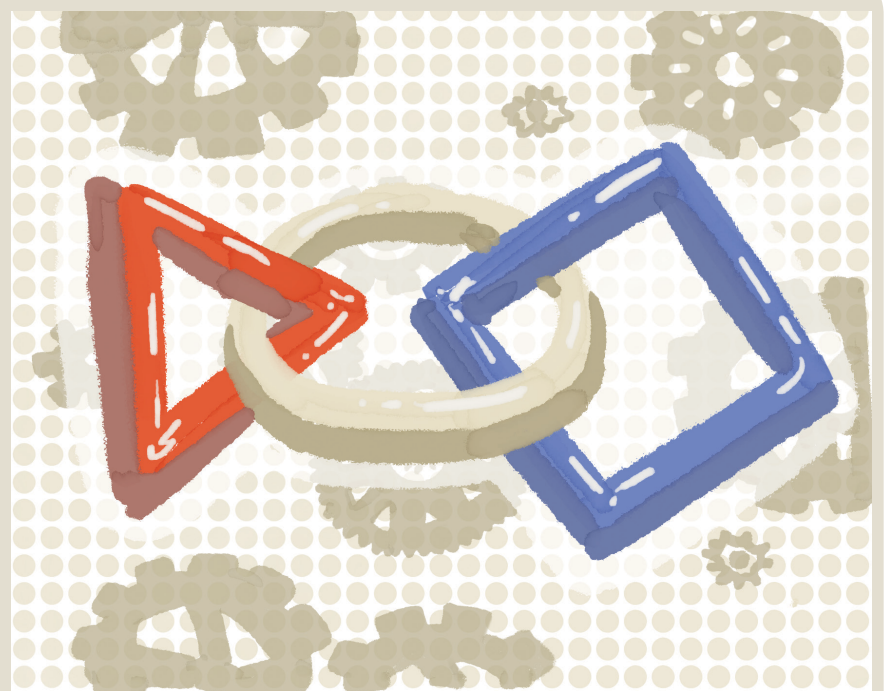


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This isn’t to say that aspects of what FIRST has created aren’t integrated into other programs, just that this model is truly special and should be more widespread. Mechanical Advantage, another FIRST Robotics Competition team that won the 2022 New England District Championship Impact Award, reported doing over 2,500 outreach hours in 2022-2023. Imagine the world if every single team and organization had that level of impact.

In a world with an extraordinary number of issues, we should no longer be content with teaching students skills and giving them knowledge. Our society should put extra emphasis on producing good people who have a drive to change the world for the better. The FIRST Robotics Competition uses the impact award to inspire teams and subsequently students to do good, and that quite simply should be something that everyone can find impressive.

## YOU’RE ONLY AS HEALTHY AS YOUR SOIL

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What’s in your soil is what’s in your food. As I became older and more aware of how I’m treating my body and what I’m putting into it, I consequently became more wary of the foods I eat, where they come from and how they get onto my plate.

It’s why I love buying my produce from local farmers if I can’t grow it myself; I know the land it was grown on, the hands that cultivated it and I am the one who drove it from the farm to my kitchen to my dinner plate.

It’s also why I’m mortified for the residents of East Palestine, Ohio after the train derailment contaminated the surrounding soil with 1.8 million gallons of liquid waste. Already the death toll climbed from the initial 3,500 aquatic animals to now, a month and a few days after the travesty, 45,000 aquatic

animals reported dead by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Additionally, Ohio has around 75,000 farms and is the first leading producer of Swiss cheese, second in egg production and third in tomatoes and pumpkins (within the United States). I’m startled, confused and scared to think of how many people rely on their food sources from these Ohio farms.

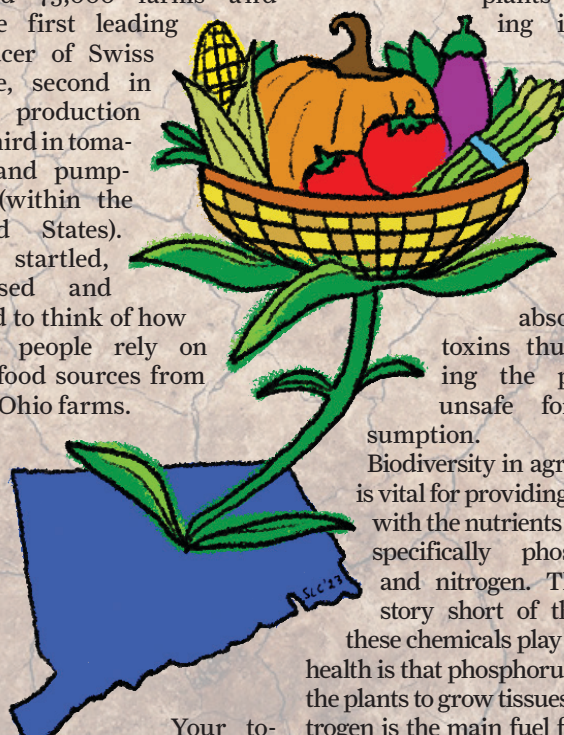
zucchinis are only going to be as rich and healthy as the soil they grow in. When chemicals and wastes pollute the soil, the plants growing in that

soil absorb the toxins thus making the produce unsafe for consumption. Biodiversity in agriculture is vital for providing the soil with the nutrients needed, specifically phosphorus and nitrogen. The long story short of the roles these chemicals play in plant health is that phosphorus allows the plants to grow tissues and nitrogen is the main fuel for growth. If the soil is composed of

toxins, your food is consequently filled with toxins.

I’m not trying to write an anxiety-inducing article. But I do think anxiety is a natural response to the idea of millions of people eating contaminated food.

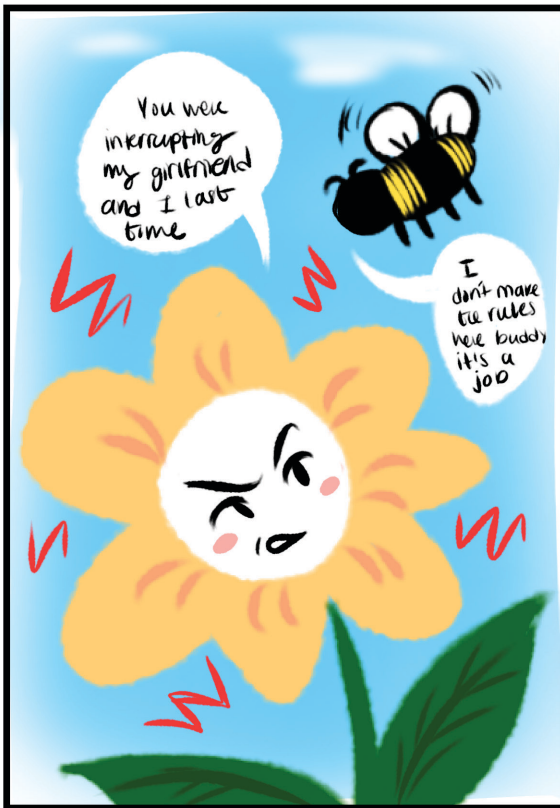
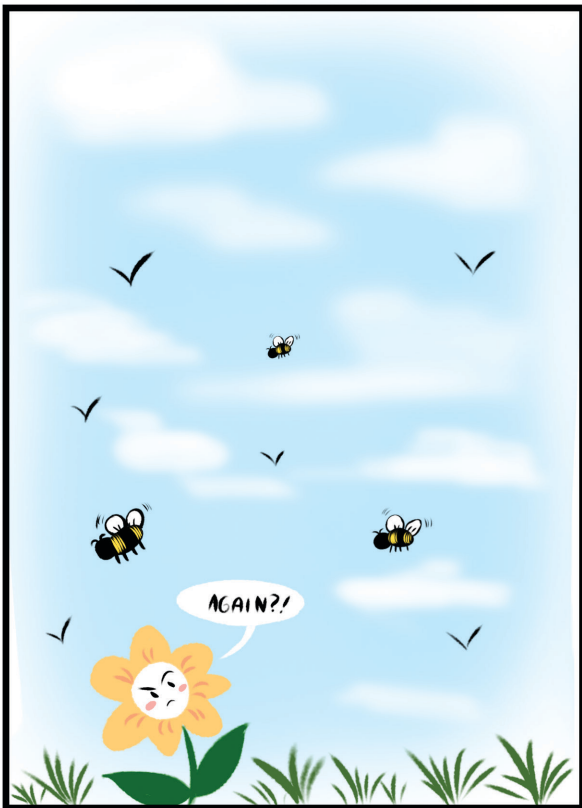
For me, my health and well-being consist of how I’m moving my body, how I spend my free time and what foods I choose to eat. To feel and perform my best, I read and write when I can, soak up as much sunshine as possible and fuel my body with nutritious foods. Consequently, this means supporting local farms where I can talk to the farmers, see if they’re using regenerative agriculture practices, or perhaps other forms of sustainable agriculture. I see the ground where my tomatoes are coming from, the hands that pulled them off the vine. This is where it all matters. This is where it all lies for me. I want to support my local farmers and community, encourage sustainable practices, all while taking care of my mind and body.



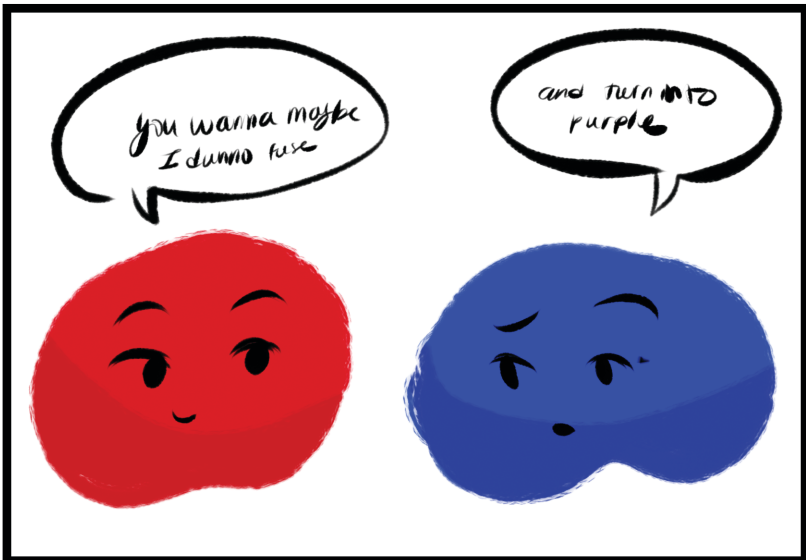
Your tomatoes, carrots or

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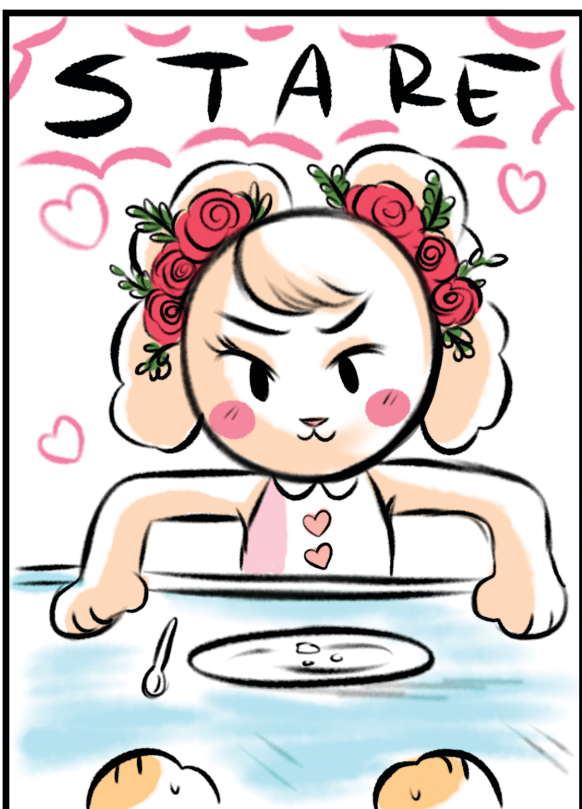
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## Sports

## Photo of the Day | swoosh



The UConn women's tennis team competes against the visiting Quinnipiac University at the Magic Lincer Tennis Club in Manchester, Conn. on March 1, 2023. The Huskies kept their home win streak, edging out the Bobcats 5-2.

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## Big East men's basketball tournament champion

The calendar has turned over and it's every college basketball fan's favorite time of the year: March! The Big East Conference tournament is set to start and it's anybody's to take home. Marquette, projected to finish ninth, finished atop the league and is the favorite, while Xavier has been a formidable No. 2. Creighton overcame a rough six-game stretch and has been pretty good as of late, while the UConn Huskies come into Madison Square Garden playing their best basketball of the season. Providence and Seton Hall are also contenders, holding their own all year. And who can forget about Georgetown, a team accustomed to playing games in big arenas with few fans rooting for them? Who will take home the hardware though? DC Sports discusses in this week's roundtable.

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There is no team in the country hotter than the Huskies, and they're the easy choice to take home the hardware in New York City. They've won eight of their last nine games, looking just as good as they did in their 14-0 start that had them ranked as high as No. 2 nationally. That start saw them blow out Alabama, the current No. 2 team in the country on a neutral floor. The Huskies' lineup is stacked, featuring All-Big East first teamers Jordan Hawkins and Adama Sanogo, both of whom have been honored nationally as top-five players in their respective positions. They're familiar with winning games at MSG after their game against St. John's and the arena is a third home. It feels right this year and all the pieces have lined up to send them into March Madness with a winning streak.



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Multiple teams enter the Big East Tournament on hot streaks, but the one strong stretch that stands out the most is the Villanova Wildcats. If this were any other year since 2013, the Wildcats are runaway favorites to win the tournament, but the stakes have significantly changed with Jay Wright's retirement. Injuries derailed Villanova over the first few months, but once Justin Moore debuted, things have simply felt different with this program. The Wildcats are 6-5 since Moore made his season debut at the end of January, but have picked up quality wins against the Xavier Musketeers in Cincinnati and a pivotal sweep of the Seton Hall Pirates in the month of February. Moore certainly is an X-factor on the team, but when there is a projected top-10 pick in Cam Whitmore and a second team selection in Eric Dixon, this team is as much of a juggernaut as they were in 2018. Every win after the first round will increase their seemingly minimal chances of making March Madness for a 10th straight time.



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John Fanta said it best, if anyone were to have a Kemba Walker-like performance at Madison Square Garden this week, it's All-Big East First Team guard Souley Boum. I truly believe that in March, you need a guard to lead you through Champ Week and the NCAA Tournament. Boum can do that, averaging 16.8 points per game (PPG), shooting 46.4% from the floor, 42.2% from downtown and 86.5% from the free-throw line. The latter stat could come in handy with games likely to come down to the wire, as Boum has proven to be clutch. Xavier isn't carried by Boum, however. Despite star forward Zach Freemantle being ruled out for the rest of the season, the starting lineup is not to be trifled with. Colby Jones and Jack Nunge were named to All-Big East Second Team and Honorable Mention, respectively. They have the green light to shoot from wherever and they will be huge impacts this week for the Musketeers to make a run to possibly their first Big East Tournament title.



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Marquette is the number one seed in the Big East for a reason, and at Madison Square Garden, they have a great shot at winning their first Big East tournament title. A large part of this is due to their guard, Tyler Kolek. An underrated player in the Big East, Kolek has the second most assists per game in the nation this season, with 7.9. He has also managed 12.7 PPG, meaning he can score and assist his teammates. The sophomore has also had two 20-plus point games in his last three going into the tournament, so the momentum is with him. As a squad, the Golden Eagles are on a six-game winning streak, which clinched the Big East regular season title. Their overall conference record of 17-3 put them two games ahead of their nearest rival, Xavier. This Big East regular season title also means that they will have a bye in the first round, allowing for the players to be more rested. Overall, being the first seed means that they have the easiest route to the final, as well as reflecting the great momentum the Golden Eagles are carrying into the tournament, giving them a great shot at coming out on top in the Big East.



# Around the Top 25 Women's Basketball: Iowa emerges at No. 2 seed in the last week before NCAA Selection Sunday Show

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It's playoff season and conference tournaments are the start of it all. The month of March brings out a new identity in teams and it's a time where the best players in the country get to shine on the biggest stages.

## Best Stat Lines

**Caitlin Clark (then-No. 7 Iowa) vs then-No. 14 Ohio State - 30 points, 10 rebounds, 17 assists**

Once again, Caitlin Clark makes the top of this list as she recorded a triple-double against No. 14 Ohio State to lead her team to win the Big Ten Tournament. The junior guard continues to strengthen her case for National Player of the Year through these dominant performances and her being the face of Iowa. After being named Big Ten Player of the Year, Clark lived up to that title dropping 30 points with 10 rebounds and 17 assists against Ohio State. She set an all-time Division I record of recording her third 30-point triple double in her career and the first player in Division I history to post

a line of at least 30 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds. Clark has a bright future ahead of her. It sure looks like she is going to lead Iowa to do damage in the upcoming NCAA March Madness Tournament.

**Maddy Siegrist (No. 11 Villanova) vs Creighton - 37 points, 11 rebounds**

Maddy Siegrist has brought Villanova to new heights, being ranked at No. 10 on the national rankings this week. She led the Wildcats in the Big East Tournament, scoring 37 points with 11 rebounds against Creighton in the semifinal round. That was her 16th double-double performance as well as the 14th time that she has scored at least 30 points in a game all in just this season. The senior forward went 14-for-21 from the field, made 8-of-9 free throws with four assists and no turnovers. Siegrist has been the glue of Villanova this year and she has just continued to build her case for National Player of the Year, having 984 points this season alone.

\*Update: Villanova climbed the rankings to No. 10

**Yvonne Ejim (No. 16 Gonzaga) vs BYU - 21 points, 11 rebounds, 3 steals**

Yvonne Ejim rose to the occasion for No. 16 Gonzaga,

leading them to defeat BYU in the West Coast Tournament semifinals. The junior forward recorded a double-double and was the main player that the team leaned on. She scored 21 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and three steals. Ejim scored all of her 21 points inside the 3-point arc, lifting Gonzaga over BYU. The Zags went on to lose the WCC championship game by four points to Portland but despite the loss, Ejim scored another 21 points making for 42 points over two days.

## Best Games

**No. 1 South Carolina defeats Tennessee 74-58**

Coming to no surprise, No.1 South Carolina remains undefeated after becoming SEC Tournament Champions. The Gamecocks defeated Tennessee 74-58 in the finals. Zia Cooke led South Carolina's offense with 24 points and Aliyah Boston with 18. Additionally, the Gamecocks set a school record with their 38th straight victory. Boston got off to a hot start, scoring 10 of South Carolina's 21 points in the first quarter. As the game progressed, they slowly started pulling away from the Lady

Vols, leading to getting the championship win; their first SEC title since 2021 after losing a shocking final to Kentucky last season. The Gamecocks are expected to get a No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA March Madness bracket as they are looking to win back-to-back national championships.

\*Update: Tennessee emerged as No. 23 on the rankings this week

**Then-No. 7 Iowa dominates then-No. 14 Ohio State 105-72**

In the Big Ten Tournament championship game, the then-No. 7 Iowa's offense stepped on the gas to score 105 points to take down Ohio State. Behind Caitlin Clark's 30 points, the Hawkeyes came out firing shots from the 3-point range, making it difficult for Iowa to compete. Iowa scored a season-high 61 points in the first half with Ohio State sitting at 24. The Hawkeyes bench stepped up as well with three players scoring in double figures. Iowa eased their way to become Big Ten champions with a 105-72 win, officially punching their ticket to the NCAA March Madness Tournament. Being one of the top teams in the country, Iowa is projected to be a two-seed on

the bracket, but it's definitely possible for them to grab the last one-seed spot.

\*Update: Iowa climbed the rankings to No. 2 and Ohio State climbed to No. 12

**Then-No. 8 Virginia Tech downs Louisville**

For their first ACC Tournament title, Virginia Tech defeated Louisville 75-67. After hitting 14 3-point shots which is the most made in an ACC Tournament, Georgia Amooore was named the tournament MVP. Amooore finished the weekend with 21.7 PPG, 43.5% shooting (48.3% from the 3), 4.3 APG, 4.3 RPG. The ACC Player of the Year Elizabeth Kitley was also an offensive machine, putting up 20 points against Louisville. At the start, the game was close but the Hokies relied on their 3-point shooting skills to get over the Cardinals. It was not an easy contest for either team, but Virginia Tech was able to pull away in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

\*Update: Virginia Tech climbed the rankings to No. 4

The Selection Show for the NCAA March Madness brackets will air Sunday at 8 p.m. on ESPN. We will find out all the seedings and the locations of where these Top 25 teams will begin their playoff journey!

# Huskies in the Pros: Tage Thompson continues dominant season, enters top three in goals scored

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## NHL

**Tage Thompson (2015-2017)**

The former Husky phenom continues to emerge in his sixth season in the league and has the Sabres in position to fight for a playoff spot as the season concludes. In 63 games played this season, Thompson has cracked the top three in goals scored with 42, trailing just David Pastrňák and MVP runaway favorite Connor McDavid. As the season comes close to the end, Thompson will look to continue his run for the Hart Trophy as the Sabres sit at sixth place in the Atlantic Division.

## NBA:

**James Bouknight (2019-2021)**

Two seasons into his profes-

sional career, Bouknight hasn't quite had the start to career that he and many fans envisioned. The 6'4" guard has bounced between the Hornets and their G-League team, The Greensboro Swarm, throughout the season and was optioned down to the G-League on Feb. 28. This past week, he scored 12 points and 17 points in two games against College Park in the G-League.

**Tyrese Martin (2020-2022)**

After being drafted late in the second round by the Atlanta Hawks, Martin has been in the G-League for most of the season playing for the College Park Skyhawks. This past week, he squared off against Bouknight and the Greensboro Swarm and recorded two double-doubles in two games against them.

**Rudy Gay (2004-2006)**

Small forward Gay is approaching the end of his 17th

season in the NBA with the Utah Jazz after being drafted eighth overall in 2006. His solid career run has included two seasons in which he averaged more than 20 points per game. This past week Gay played in three games and scored 10 points, securing six rebounds in a solid effort off the bench against the Mavericks on Tuesday.

**Andre Drummond (2011-2012)**

Eleven seasons after being drafted ninth overall by the Detroit Pistons, Drummond has found a role off the bench for the Chicago Bulls with averages of 6.2 points and 6.7 rebounds per game this season. Drummond is a two-time All-Star and four-time league leader in rebounds, and currently sits 13th all time in rebounds per game. This past week, Drummond saw limited time off the bench for the Bulls,

but had a solid eight rebound effort in 15 minutes played against the Suns.

## MLB:

**George Springer (2009-2011)**

The star outfielder of the 2011 super-regional team and 2017 World Series MVP is ready to continue his career as one of the top centerfielders in the league for the Toronto Blue Jays. So far in spring training, Springer has only seen 14 plate appearances, batting .214 with two runs batted in. Springer will look to follow his solid 2022 campaign in which he batted .267 with 25 long balls and 76 runs batted in.

**Matt Barnes (2009-2011)**

Nine seasons after a solid run in Boston, relief pitcher Matt Barnes will look to continue his solid career in a New Jersey as he suits up for the Miami Marlins in 2023. Barnes had a rough farewell season in Boston, finishing with an 0-4 record and a 4.31 earned run average out of the pen. In spring training so far, Barnes has seen just two innings, allowing a lone run and striking out a batter. The Danbury, Connecticut native is 32-30 with a 4.07 career earned run average going into his 10th major league season.

**Nick Ahmed (2009-2011)**

One of the finest gloves in the game is looking for a healthy 10th year with the Arizona Diamondbacks. With two Gold Gloves already in his back pocket, Ahmed will look to return to his role as the Diamondbacks everyday shortstop as he saw just 17 games last season due to a shoulder injury. Ahmed hasn't quite been the bat the Diamondbacks had hoped, but he is looking to turn it around as Arizona competes in the loaded National League West.

# Swimming and Diving: Swimmers gear up for CSCAA Invitational

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While the regular season for the UConn women's swimming and diving team is over, some Huskies qualified and will participate in the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Invitational. The Huskies had a year to remember, finishing the regular season undefeated and second place in the Big East Championship. Undoubtedly, the Huskies pulled away from their competitors during the backstroke events in intervals of 50, 100 and 200 yards. Because of the Huskies' success all year in these events, one Connecticut swimmer will be representing the Huskies in this event, Robyn Edwards. This meet is different from your typical collegiate meet. Currently, only Edwards will be representing Connecticut because she met the qualifying time in the Big East Championship.

Edwards has had quite the year, specifically in the Big East Championship, where she showed everyone in the conference she is a force to be reckoned with. She took second place in the 200 backstroke



The UConn women's swimming and diving team competes against Providence College in the Husky Invitational Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, 2023 in Storrs, Conn. at the The Wolff-Zackin Natatorium. While there was no final team scores for the matchup, the meet was the last chance this season the athletes had to qualify for the Big East Championship set to be in late February. The Huskies' also took time in the middle of the competition to celebrate their seniors for UConn's senior day.

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and third in the 100 backstroke. Her efforts kept UConn afloat and got them a second-place finish on the final day after being stuck in third most of the tournament. The graduate student all year took first in the backstroke events, not to mention her contribution to the various relay events.

This meet is must-watch swim action, as the top female and male Division I swimmers will compete from Thursday to Saturday. These athletes will be competing in a total of 52 events. After this meet, some of the competitors here will also travel to the University of Tennessee for the 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. The championships will occur March 15 to 18 in In Knoxville, Tennessee, where these athletes will be waiting to hear if they qualify. Currently, in a different tournament, the Zone A Diving championship, UConn's Ana Laura Faoro and Julia Pioso are fighting for a spot to qualify in the DI championship. We will find the results of these this Sunday. Regardless of the outcome and who does and doesn't make it, the Huskies still had a season to remember and should hold their head high.



# Sports

## Men's Basketball: UConn rides back to NYC for blockbuster matchup with Providence



UConn men's basketball blows past DePaul capturing a 88-59 victory at home in the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on March 1, 2023. This was the last home game of the season for the Huskies, as they will end their regular season in Philadelphia competing against Villanova on Saturday.

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From \$2 beers to social media feuds, the rivalry between UConn and Providence men's basketball has been an incredible showcase to say the least. As both teams prepare to enter a season tie-breaker on one of the premier stages in college basketball, the intense feud between both of these programs has once again risen to new heights.

Entering this matchup, the Huskies will have a tremendous chip on their shoulder. While the consensus among many Big East fans was that forward Alex Karaban was deserving of the conference's Freshman of the Year award, voters would chose Villanova newcomer Cam Whitmore instead. However, it doesn't stop there, as far as what can light a fire in the play of UConn on Thursday.

Fresh off a season of quality defensive play, Andre Jackson was expected to be in play for the conference's defensive player of the year award, but just like Karaban, he'd lose out on that award to another rival, big man Ryan Kalkbrenner. While both players not winning these awards may sting in the moment, that certainly didn't stop UConn's roster of players from backing up Jackson as one of the most important pieces of this roster and someone who the Huskies can't go without.

"Dre is the Player of the Year on this team. He's our MVP," said Jordan Hawkins. Now, both have the opportunity to showcase their abilities against a program that's determined to enact their revenge.

While the beers may not be \$2 anymore, the familiar environment at the XL Center or Gampel Pavilion will certainly be in attendance in an area that's been dubbed

"Storrs South" by Husky fans. It's not only going to be a battle for the players on the court, but also the fans in the stands as two energetic fanbases compete for superiority. Against St. John's, UConn fans were able to win, but will they be able to do so against the Friars' band of supporters? That remains to be seen just like the score of this intense matchup.

While Providence took the first game between these two juggernauts of Big East basketball, the last game between both of these programs at Gampel Pavilion may have been all the energy that Friars coach Ed Cooley needed. It not only was a 87-69 loss for Cooley, but it also resulted in him proclaiming a call to action, an announcement that saw the team go just 1-2 in their next few contests. After a close loss to Xavier in the team's last home game of the season and a convincing defeat to Seton Hall, Providence won't be entering this one with the highest momentum, especially compared to a UConn team that's on a five game winning streak.

One of the key attributes for both of these teams lies in their rebounding. At Gampel Pavilion, UConn out-rebounded Providence 40-20 on the glass and that helped create an offensive explosion from the Huskies that saw them shoot over 50% from the field and 47% from the three. If the Huskies are once again able to replicate that Feb. 22 performance while continuing to put on an excellent defensive showcase, they'll be in great shape at the Garden.

With both fanbases flocking to the mecca of basketball, it's bound to not only be one of the matchups of the week, but also one of the best of the college basketball season. Similar to the New York subway, it's going to be a crazy ride.



Gampel Pavilion experiences a whiteout as men's basketball levels Providence College 87-69 in Gampel Pavilion on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023. Their next game is at Madison Square Garden in Queens, New York, versus St. John's University on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023.

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UConn men's basketball defeat Seton Hall 64-55 at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023. The Huskies' Jordan Hawkins and Andre Jackson had impactful performances, with Hawkins picking up 20 points and Jackson scoring a career high of 15 points.

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### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

#### UConn SCOREBOARD



67 vs. 56

Women's Basketball  
Monday

#### Upcoming Games



Tennis, 3 p.m. Friday  
Orlando, Fla.



Women's Lacrosse, 1 p.m. Friday  
Storrs, Conn.

### INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



@uconn  
Community, kinship, and lunacy are just a few words used by members of UConn's Moon Club. Students of the club gather on the Great Lawn to celebrate each full moon.

### TWEETS OF THE DAY



UConn 4 National titles  
@4Nationaltitles  
Jim Boehiem's retirement actually kind of hurts. I really loved rooting against that guy.

chetdazell  
@chetdazell  
Go Huskies - It's @UConn Giving Day(s).

A UConn Sausage  
@ScottCo39908318  
We See You @Jayden\_Ross3 !!!!! #UConn !!!

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