



MORE ARRESTS MADE IN RELATION TO UCONN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CELEBRATIONS

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Two more arrests have been made in relation to the celebrations following the University of Connecticut's men's basketball team victory at the 2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Earlier this month, celebrations on the Storrs campus left 15 people arrested and 16 hospitalized.

University Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said these new arrests were connected with vandalism that occurred on campus following the game.

"UConn Police have made two additional arrests in connection with vandalism that occurred on the Storrs campus after the men's basketball championship game," Reitz said in an email.

The two students most recently arrested face charges of reckless endangerment, breach of peace, criminal mischief and rioting. While the university cannot reveal specific university punishments under the Student Code of Conduct due to federal law, Reitz added that they face sanctions up to and including expulsion.

Reitz also said that damage estimates are still being determined. "The damage estimate has not yet been finalized because



UConn Storrs erupts into chaos immediately after the men's basketball team won the 2023 Division I National Championship. 15 arrests were made on the night of the riots, Monday, April 3, 2023, with additional arrests still being made.

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UConn is awaiting invoices on some repair and replacement materials, and continues to find damage at various locations

around campus," Reitz said.

More arrests are expected in the future as UCPD continues to search for those who

celebrated illegally.

If anyone has information they would like to share with UConn Police investigators,

they are asked to contact Lieutenant Peter Harris via peter.harris@uconn.edu or by calling 860-486-4800.

UConn and CT State Museum of Natural History to host educational hike and trail cleanup to celebrate Earth Day

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On Saturday, April 22, the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History is joining the University of Connecticut in the celebration of Earth Day to share a moment with the community, learn about local Connecticut mammals and discuss how camera traps are used to observe them in their natural environment.

This event is the joint effort of a team of students, staff and scholars here at UConn. Elizabeth Barbeau is the program and administrative coordinator for the CSMNH and the Museum informatics specialist, overseeing all museum programs including the upcoming hike.

As units of the Institute of the Environment, the museum got in touch with the Office of Sustainability to get advice on how to run a campus clean up.

"When we learned that they were also going to hold a campus clean up, we decided this was a good opportunity to collaborate," Barbeau said.

Dr. Erin Kuprewicz also works for the CSMNH and is leading the hike for this event. She said that she and Barbeau were thinking of making a program for the spring when Kuprewicz noticed that trash was starting to collect in the forests around UConn.

Kuprewicz is an expert in mammals and was setting up cameras in the forest as part of her participation in "Snapshot USA."

"We thought it would be fun to show people what she's doing out there and clean up at the same time," Barbeau said.

Snapshot USA is a project that unites ecologists from universities and organizations in a national survey collaboration. Researchers set up camera traps in their local area and capture data over a period of two months where they keep track of many animals. The data is then made freely available for everybody.

"Normally, you don't invite people to go out where you put camera traps because you don't want people to disturb the area. [...] But because we're finding human trash in the active research site, we thought that we would invite people out to see what we are doing, what kind of research and data we're collecting, and showing that trash has an impact on animals that live there," Barbeau said. "It's kind of a good two-for-one event."

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate how those camera traps work and to practice passive observation as a way of enjoying nature and discovering wildlife without altering it, according to Barbeau.

Along with that, the museum's mission is "to engage as many kinds of people in natural history as we can," said Barbeau.

This event is supported in part by The Last Green Valley, a national heritage corridor that represents the last stretch of dark night sky between the cities of Boston and Washington DC. With membership, the museum has access to advertising for events and funding.

For the CSMNH, education and exposure are necessary for people to reconnect with nature.

"When people learn something really interesting about the natural world, they become more interested in making sure they are conserved and preserved and so we think that education is one of the biggest things we can do to encourage the next generation," Barbeau said.

"However, the point is also to show people that they have a role to play in preserving our environment and wildlife," Barbeau said. She said climate change and sustainability are two big concepts that can be overwhelming, and experts like her know it, but people can act on their own on a little scale.

The Office of Sustainability at UConn is contributing with a team of EcoCaptains that is putting on the event.

Amanda Stowe is one of the EcoCaptains, which are interns hired through the Office of Sustainability, heading the cleanup at the campus center. Her role is to run educational and sustainability activities in her dorm.

She is the one who organized the event through Student Activities and talked to UConn Facilities to provide trash bags and gloves for the cleanup. On Saturday, she said she will deal with the registration and guide people towards a part of campus to start the cleanup.

Stowe said she enjoys being an EcoCaptain, finding the work fulfilling and the educational part of the role exciting.

"It's fulfilling because I'm able to help [the] environ-



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ment and engage more people with sustainability, explore different projects and apply what I learn," Stowe said.

As an EcoCaptain, Stowe said she thinks that becoming sustainable means to be conscious of your actions and realizing the impact you have on the environment.

For Barbeau, UConn is supportive towards sustainability.

"The fact that we've gotten support from the Spring Weekend organization who's partially supporting the program with supplies shows that there is support. But I think there's always more that can be done to encourage people [even] to pick up one piece of trash as you are walking across campus," Barbeau said.

As of April 18, 25 people are enrolled for the campus cleanup and nine for the trail cleanup.

"Earth Day is overlapping with UConn Spring Weekend, and it's a big anniversary for OOzeball, which is a very popular program for Spring Weekend. So, my guess is that a lot of students are joining the other Spring Weekend Events that maybe have more UConn tradition behind them than this new thing that is only being done this year," Barbeau said.

However, the team still is hoping that this event will be successful and enjoyable.

Registration is still open until Friday, but anyone can show up at 9:45 a.m. or 10 a.m., as long as they are ready to go into the woods or pick up some trash. The meeting point for the hike is in W-Lot near Husky Village, at Tower Loop Road, Storrs, CT 06226. The campus cleanup meeting point is on Fairfield Way, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Sentor Blumenthal to get surgery after parade leg injury

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Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal is scheduled for a surgery on Sunday after fracturing his femur at last Saturday's victory pa-

rade celebrating the national championship win of The University of Connecticut's men's basketball team.

According to News 12 Connecticut, an attendant of the parade had been recording a video of the senator when they tripped and fell on him, causing the fracture.

The parade and rally took place at the Connecticut State Capitol building in Hartford Saturday morning. The event consisted of 45,000 attendees, and state officials regard it as "one of the biggest crowds in recent memory," according to News 12.

Blumenthal, who has rep-

resented Connecticut as a United States senator for three terms since 2011, is 77 years old.

Despite the injury, Blumenthal remains positive about the situation and tweeted that he expects to fully recover.

"What can I say, I love a parade!" Blumenthal said in

a tweet Saturday. "Thanks to Chris & everyone for the well wishes. I did indeed fracture my femur after a fellow parade goer tripped & fell on me during the parade today. Routine surgery tomorrow just to make sure everything heals properly. I expect a full recovery!"



Players, staff and family members of the UConn men's basketball team wave to the crowd in downtown Hartford as attendees cheer on the team for winning their fifth NCAA Final Four national title. 45,000 people attended the parade on Saturday morning.

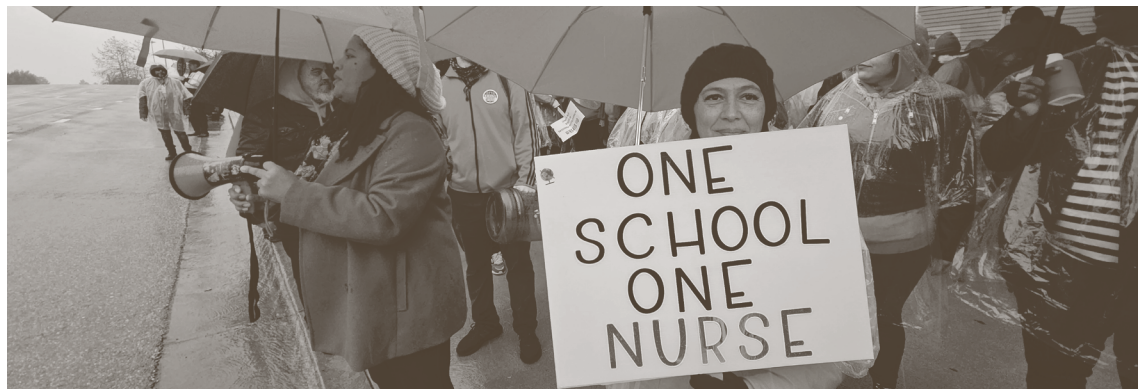
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TEACHERS UNION IN TENTATIVE DEAL WITH LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Unified School District and union officials announced Tuesday that a tentative deal has been reached on a new contract that would give a significant pay raise to teachers, nurses, counselors and other educational staff in the nation's second-largest school system.

The deal calls for the nearly 35,000 members of United Teachers Los Angeles to receive a 21% pay increase in increments of 3% or 4% retroactive to last July and through Jan. 1, 2025.

The pact, reached over 11 months of bargaining, also would enhance pay for substitute teachers, decrease class sizes by two students, create enforceable class size caps for special education,



A school nurse joins a Los Angeles Unified School District teachers and Service Employees International Union 99 (SEIU) rally outside the Edward R. Roybal Learning Center in Los Angeles, on March 21, 2023. PHOTO BY DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

provide support for immigrant students and families, and increase mental health and counseling services.

"Smaller class sizes will give our kids the attention and care they require, and competitive salaries will ensure our schools can suc-

cessfully hire, retain and develop successful teachers and educators to mold our young leaders of tomorrow," UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz said in a statement.

District Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho said the agreement "is a neces-

sary step not only to make Los Angeles Unified the district of choice for families but also the district of choice for teachers and employees."

Last month, the teachers union largely supported a three-day strike by a separate union representing the

district's bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other service workers.

The strike shut down the district, which quickly reached a deal with the Service Employees International Union, whose members ratified the pact this month.

A ratification vote by United Teachers Los Angeles will be held in the coming weeks. The union's board recommends members vote yes on approving the tentative agreement.

Both contracts require approval by the district Board of Education.

The LA Unified School District has more than 500,000 students. It serves Los Angeles and all or part of 25 other cities and unincorporated county areas.

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BOSTON REMEMBERS DEADLY MARATHON BOMBING 10 YEARS LATER

BOSTON (AP) — With a bagpiper playing “The Bells of Dunblane” and a few runners looking on, families of those killed in the Boston Marathon bombing marked the 10th anniversary of the tragedy early Saturday by slowly walking together to the memorial sites near the finish line and laying wreaths.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who was making her first run for City Council when the bombing happened, joined the somber procession along with Gov. Maura Healey. At each memorial site — marked with three stone pillars — they stood with the families in silence.

Thousands, including many marathon runners in their blue and yellow windbreakers and several former Boston Red Sox players, came out to a second ceremony Saturday afternoon near the finish line. Church bells were rung and the Boston City Singers and Boston Pops performed “Amazing Grace” and “America the Beautiful.”

The 127th running of the Boston Marathon takes place Monday.

“The day never leaves me,” said Jennifer Black, 71, a realtor from Loveland, Ohio, who was watching the morning procession and recounted how her race in 2013 was cut short due to the bombing and talked about those who died in the attack. She is back in Boston to run this year.

“So much loss, so much pain all because of hate,” she



Emergency responders gather at a memorial for victims of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, Saturday April 15, 2023, in Boston. PHOTO BY REBA SALDANHA/AP

continued, tears streaming down her face. “We have to stand up for people. We have to look out for each other, and we have to pray for these families every day.”

Standing next to Black, Karen Russell, of Boston, said she

felt it was important to witness the procession especially on the 10th anniversary.

“The families are still suffering even though we’ve gone on,” Russel said. “There are a lot of people that got hurt that day and that pain

will never go away. ... I feel it’s important to be here to let them know we still care.”

Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when two pressure-cooker bombs went off at the marathon finish line. Among

the dead were Lu Lingzi, a 23-year-old Boston University graduate student from China; Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager from Medford, Massachusetts; and 8-year-old Martin Richard, who had gone to watch the marathon with his family.

During a tense, four-day manhunt that paralyzed the city, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Officer Sean Collier was shot dead in his car. Boston Police Officer Dennis Simmonds also died a year after he was wounded in a confrontation with the bombers.

Police captured a bloodied and wounded Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the Boston suburb of Watertown, where he was hiding in a boat parked in a backyard, hours after his brother died. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, had been in a gunfight with police and was run over by his brother as he fled.

“I think we’re all still living with those tragic days 10 years ago,” Bill Evans, the former Boston Police Commissioner, said recently.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was sentenced to death and much of the attention, in recent years, has been around his bid to avoid being executed.

A federal appeals court is considering Tsarnaev’s latest bid to avoid execution. A three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston heard arguments in January in the 29-year-old’s case, but has yet to issue a ruling.

Wreckage of submarine found by divers in Long Island Sound

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut divers have discovered the wreckage of an experimental submarine that was built in 1907 and later scuttled in Long Island Sound.

The Defender, a 92-foot-long (28-meter-long) boat, was found Sunday by a team led by Richard Simon, a commercial diver from Coventry, Connecticut.

Simon said he had been interested in the story of the Defender for years. He spent months going over known sonar and underwater mapping surveys of the bottom of the sound, as well as government documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, to identify any anomaly that fit the size of the sub.

“A submarine has a very distinct shape,” he said. “It needs to be 100 feet long and 13 feet in diameter. So I made a list of everything that was that long and there was one target on that list.”

Simon then assembled a group of top wreck divers to determine if the Defender was in the location he had identified.

Poor tidal conditions forced them to abandon an attempt last Friday. They returned on Sunday and discovered the Defender lying on the bottom, more than 150 feet (45 meters) beneath the water’s surface, off the coast of Old Saybrook. “It was legitimately hiding in plain sight,” he said. “It’s on the charts. It’s known about in Long Island Sound, just no one knew what it was.”

Simon described the agony of waiting on the deck of his research vessel, staring at a dive buoy in the fog and waiting

for his two divers to surface. Once they did and confirmed they had found a sub, the team erupted in “pure joy,” he said.

Simon said he didn’t want to give the exact depth, because he said that could give away the sub’s location.

The submarine, originally named the Lake, was built by millionaire Simon Lake and his Bridgeport-based Lake Torpedo Boat Company in hopes of winning a competition for a U.S. Navy contract, according to NavSource Online, a website dedicated to preserving naval history.

It was experimental vessel, with wheels to move along the sea bottom and a door that allowed divers to be released underwater, Simon said.

The company lost that competition and Lake then tried refitting the boat for mine-sweeping, salvage and rescue work, renaming it the Defender. But he never found a buyer. It was a well-known sub and was even visited by aviator Amelia Earhart in 1929, Simon said.

But the submarine spent many years unused, docked in New London before eventually being abandoned on a mud flat near Old Saybrook. It was scuttled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1946, but the corps never disclosed where, Simon said.

Simon said it was clear when his team found the wreckage that it was indeed the Defender. The length, the size and shape of protrusions on the submarine’s distinct keel, and the shape and location of diving planes charac-



The team prepares to dive the wreck of the 92-foot attack submarine Defender, Friday, April 14, 2023, that was scuttled by the Army Corp of Engineers in 1946. The Defender was found Sunday, April 23, 2023 by a dive team led by Richard Simon, a commercial diver from Coventry, Connecticut.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER SELLITT/ SHORELINE DIVING SERVICES VIA AP

teristic of Lake-built vessels, all helped identify it, he said.

Simon and his team plan to spend the summer diving on the sub, filming it and taking photographs. He said he and the company he and his wife own, Shoreline Diving, put up the money for the search. He said he hasn’t figured out how to

monetize the find, but said that wasn’t the goal in looking for it.

He has already contacted the Navy to see if it would be interested in helping preserve the wreckage.

The ship has some protections under what is known as the Abandoned Shipwreck Act, a 1988 law that would al-

low it to be treated as an archaeological or historical site instead of a commercial property to be salvaged, he said.

“So, as a wreck diver, I can go visit history; I can touch it; I can experience it,” he said. “It’s just a different connection to history, to the past that we don’t have in any other activity.”

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I DON'T THINK I COULD HAVE SURVIVED THE 'LONGEST THIRD DATE'

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The world remembers all too well what took place on March 13, 2020. People's lives changed faster than they could process. For some, their lives changed in stranger ways than others'.

In Netflix's newly released documentary, "Longest Third Date," Khani Le and Matt Robertson explain the development of their wholesome yet unexpected relationship. With a combination of their oral recantations as well as a plethora of footage Robertson took over the course of their journey, it feels like the audience gets to relive the messy situation alongside them.

The pair met on the dating app Hinge. Neither one of them sought out a relationship, but their love for spontaneity and fun made them believe they could be compatible.

Le and Robertson started by explaining their first two dates. The first took place at an Indian restaurant where Robertson showcased his passion for documenting everything he does. Le shared how she felt mixed emotions about his filming of every drink and food item that was brought to them.

Despite this, both of them described it as an ideal first date as they found it surprisingly easy to talk about anything with the other.

Getting lost in each other's words, the pair stayed out much later than expected. Robertson eventually departed by giving Le a sweet kiss on the cheek, leaving her wishing he'd gone for the lips.

This longing paved the way for the second date, where the two went ax throwing and Le met Robertson's closest friend, Mike. At the end of this date, Le and Robertson grew even more fond of each other and Le finally got her kiss.

For their third date, the couple took spontaneity to the next level. Given the extremely low cost to travel abroad due to the scare brought on by COVID-19, Robertson suggested that he and Le go to Costa Rica for a few days as their third date. Despite advice from their friends and families, the two booked their flights and hotel room and set off.

The first two of their five-day venture started off just as they planned. Each of them took what was

meant to be a quick getaway to live a lavish lifestyle. They admit to having had some awkward moments here and there as any new pair is bound to face, but overall they enjoyed the trip.

On the third day of their voyage, they received news that their flight back to the United States had been canceled. Unfortunately, this would be the first out of three flight cancellations that extends the pair's stay.

Le and Robertson ended up staying in Costa Rica together for a total of 79 days. Over the course of this time, the two faced many ups and downs. Between the flight cancellations, constantly moving hotels and Airbnbs and the added eyes brought on by attention they gained from the media, they questioned if they should go their separate ways once they returned home.

The producers decide to hold off revealing whether or not Le and Robertson's spark survived the three months together until the very end. If you aren't yet exhausted from hearing about the pandemic, I think that this unique story could interest many.



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UConn presents

"PUSHING BOUNDARIES: UCONN'S FIRST NBA PLAYER"

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This Monday at the Alumni Center, the University of Connecticut in collaboration with Be Good or Be Gone Media presented "Pushing Boundaries: UConn's First NBA Player," a film documenting the life of athlete and music executive Worthy Patterson. This historical narrative chronicles Patterson's achievements and life as a Black person, overcoming the discrimination and racism before, during and after the civil rights movement. Unfortunately, he passed away before the completion of the documentary in December of 2022, but his legacy lives on.

Born in 1931 in an almost entirely white suburb of Greenwich, Connecticut, Patterson was a standout Greenwich High School student and athlete in the 1940s and went on to star for the UConn Huskies basketball team from 1951-54. Patterson was the

1954 team captain, and he was inducted into the Huskies of Honor in 2012. Out of the 38 UConn basketball players in the NBA, Patterson was the first, suiting up for the 1957 St. Louis Hawks. Following his basketball career, Patterson found success in the recording industry as one of the first Black record executives for RCA and Warner Brothers.

"I was never uncomfortable at UConn, I was right in the middle of it. Sometimes, I didn't even remember I was a minority. I just did my thing." This quote by Patterson was the backbone of his rise to the top as he served his country and his community. The presentation was joined by his wife Queen Patterson and their son Worthy Patterson III. The two were kind enough to field questions from the audience as they discussed the legacy of Patterson and their own personal experiences living through the Jim Crow era.

Directed and produced by award-winning journalist Ronnie Forchheimer, the

documentary aired not only on UConn grounds but also on CPTV earlier this month. Starting from a successful screening at the Greenwich Historical Society, the Alumni Center was the last stop on the tour. The Digital Media and Design team responsible for the project worked tirelessly to ensure that the roll out went as smoothly as possible. With a new website, social media page and posters, the team worked closely with Forchheimer and other organizations to help get the word out about the documentary.

Caleb Eastman, an eighth-semester DMD major was pretty excited about his group's success. "It's really cool to see the final project that we've been working on so long. We did a lot of work to get the documentary out there and it was really cool to get to work with Mike and the Athletic department," he said.

Even if you missed any of the showings, the documentary is available to view on YouTube: Pushing Boundaries: UConn's First NBA Player, Worthy Patterson.

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CCEI'S GET SEEDED DEMO DAY KICKS IT UP A NOTCH

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On Tuesday, April 18, the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosted its annual Get Seeded Pitch Night. Now in its third year, this event saw five startups give their pitch to a panel of judges and an audience who decided whether or not they make it to the next stage. Presented by the University of Connecticut School of Business and the Werth Institute, many of the startups were former or current UConn students. With an emphasis on technology, sustainability and education, each startup brought a unique idea or invention to the table.

For the Get Seeded Demo Day, the five selected teams were chosen from the previous pitch nights. With this, each group has refined its pitch to be more technical and detailed than the original. Along with a smaller contestant group, there are also larger funding pools with first place receiving \$5,000, second place receiving \$2,500 and third place receiving \$1,000. With such a substantial amount of money up for grabs, it was all but guaranteed that each brand would bring their A-game this evening.

“Get Seeded Demo Day provides our students with the opportunity to pitch their business idea to a wide array of alumni, members of our community and mentors. They’re also able to receive insights, feedback, questions, and support to our teams and also reward the teams with some funding,” said Executive Director Jennifer Mathieu.

Competitors for tonight’s event included:

Clothing Optional: A women’s intimate apparel brand made of organic and non-toxic materials that promote feminine wellness by Christina Phillips.

Geo Mate: A mobile app aiming to help students feel safe walking alone at night by Audrey Larson, Angel Velasquez and Charlotte Chen.

Milieu: A mobile app to reduce anxiety and isolation



The Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosts Get Seeded Pitch Night annually. This year’s event, which was held on April 18, 2023, was the third iteration, and was held over Zoom. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN FOUNDATION ON YOUTUBE

among students with ADHD and Autism by connecting them via special interests created by Sabrina Uva.

Project Clean Surf: An eco-friendly alternative to standard polystyrene and expanded polystyrene surfboard cores by Amelia Martin.

Toribio LLC: A tech-fashion brand seeking to evolve the utility of clothing and grant people greater insight into their own personal health created by John Toribio, Kyle Mahoney, Joshua Ross and Josué Martínez-Martínez.

The Get Seeded Demo Day is a great opportunity to witness these companies and their plans in action. You can watch it live through the CCEI website and see teams give their presentations with their pitch decks and slides. This is the best way to fully understand what each company is

doing and what they hope to achieve. If you’ve ever seen Shark Tank, you know that the pitch is one of the most important and entertaining parts of the startup process.

The winner of the 2022 Demo Day, Natalie Lacroix, shed some light on what it was like for her to compete. “When we were able to present on demo day we took everything that we had from the original Seeded and we started narrowing down what it is we wanted to do with our company. We learned who we wanted to market to and we knew that this was a great opportunity to pitch and get some funding to help us keep going.”

Some of the previous participants of the Get Seeded Demo Day have gone on to do very impressive things with their companies. For these budding businesses, this is another op-

portunity to get not only funding but also valuable critiques from a panel of judges. This year’s panel included Shannon Alle, the creator and co-owner of Grown; Dan Faiman, the founder and CEO of Revyrie and State Senator Toni Boucher. With such a diverse panel of judges, all participants were sure to gain valuable knowledge from various viewpoints.

After several hours of discussion, presenting and voting, the winners were announced. In third place, Torbio’s team received \$1000 in venture capital for their presentations on the future of wearable technology. In second place, Uva’s Milieu took home \$2500 for her dedication to creating a safe place for students with Autism and ADHD. And the grand prize for the night went to Phillips and Clothing Optional for her

passionate presentation on the importance of chemical-free women’s intimate apparel. For her efforts, she was rewarded \$5000 in venture capital.

The Get Seeded Pitch Night is just one component of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation’s Venture Building Programs. In addition to this event, there are five other programs available under their Venture Building umbrella that allow alumni and students to develop the skills needed to become successful entrepreneurs. What’s even more impressive is that not all of the entrepreneurs are UConn students; some come from other institutions. Regardless of your age or background, CCEI’s Get Seeded program is an excellent way to obtain capital and pursue your entrepreneurial goals.

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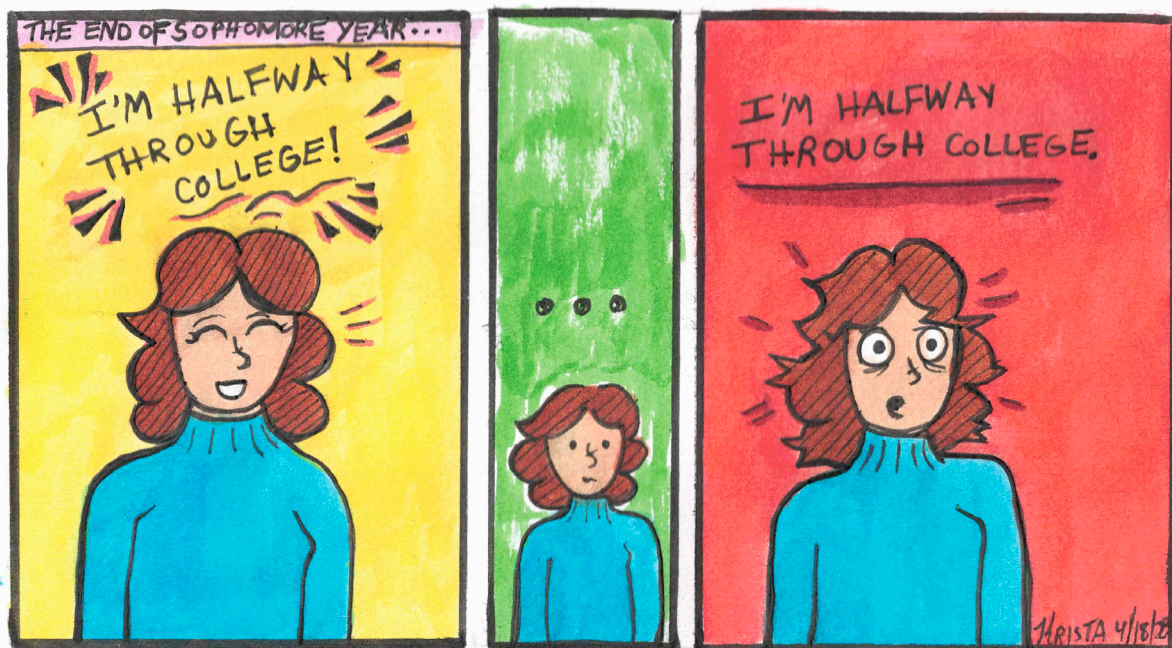
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► Editorial

The necessity of finals care

At this point, the Spring 2023 semester is wrapping up at the University of Connecticut, and students are likely starting to feel the building pressures of these last few weeks. Really, with only a week and a half between now and the beginning of this semester's widely-dreaded finals week, it's important for UConn students — and all college students — to remember to take care of themselves first and foremost.

Nowadays, self-care is touted constantly across various platforms, including innumerable social media posts and promotions from university administrations and corporations alike. But repeatedly hearing messages asking one to take the time to practice self-care is significantly different than actually being able to do so.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board encourages students to remember they are human beings first, before they are college students. And while the mental health, physical health and general well-being of an individual should always come first no matter the time of year, this is an especially important discussion in this moment.

In the nonstop, competitive and borderline exhausting environment that is college, it's easy to get so overwhelmingly busy that the only way out of your deadlines is multiple all-nighters in a row. Further, our societal obsession with productivity — and its attractiveness on a resume — encourages us to accept this as just "the way that it is in college," rather than questioning the larger structures that make college students so busy.

Thus, The Daily Campus Editorial Board implores students and administrators alike to question why there is a deeper need for constant messaging emphasizing the importance of taking care of one's health.

The American higher education system does not set students up for success. General education and major requirements are demanding, so fitting one's course load into four years is already challenging enough. On top of that, the exorbitant and constantly rising price tag on the college experience doesn't allow much room or flexibility for deviating from this plan of study — hence, an almost impossibility to put one's health before their grades. When the cost of missing an assignment could be the thousands of dollars it might require to retake a course over the summer, it's no wonder students are stressed out.

At this point, the system is built to exhaust all of the resources a student has, from both a monetary aspect, and further, a student's energy levels and subsequent well-being. As students are asked to put all of their time, money and energy into being a college student, they are also asked by administrators and corporations to "take care of themselves" on the individual level via persistent self-care marketing.

Therefore, a systemic shift is necessary — one that first prioritizes human beings, from the eyes of university policies, practices and administration, before it places that responsibility on students themselves without providing an environment that allows one to do so.

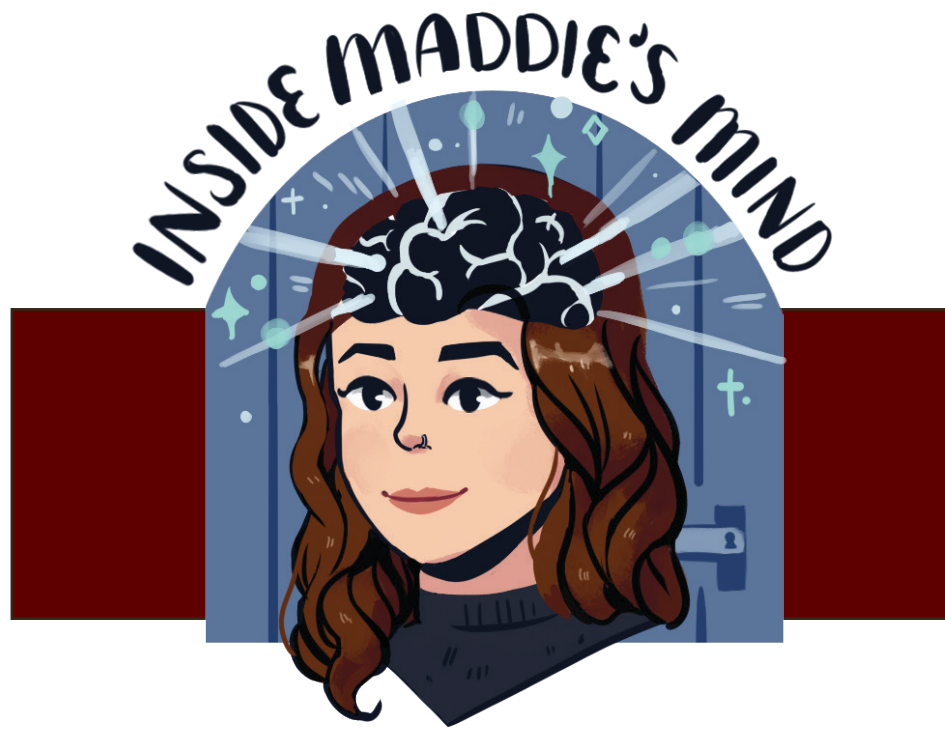
Additionally, as a reminder, there are resources available to UConn students on campus. For example, Student Health and Wellness offers immediate "free and confidential mental health support 24/7/365." Furthermore, many campus organizations including SUBOG and USG often run various finals care events. While many of these resources have necessary improvements to be made — such as increases in funding that would allow more students access to such resources — their presence on campus is certainly a start.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and your community, and hopefully you can find solace in the fact that the finish line is in sight.



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Networking may be a necessary evil, but it's still evil



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Alright, we've got to talk about it; it is the second to last week Inside Maddie's Mind, after all. It's big, it's scary. It has a general aura of mystery. One could compare it to Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's — arguably useless and immensely arbitrary — "I know it when I see it" standard for obscenity. Yep, you know what I'm alluding to here: networking.

I know, I know, it's bad. You can stop screaming in pure horror. I promise you, I'm already cringing as I write this, thinking about how sweaty my palms get when I'm forced to talk to other professionals in my career field. So, while networking is necessary in the way we have set up our society and professional job market nowadays, that does not mean it isn't evil.

But let's focus on that "necessary" part first. As I'm sure many recent graduates and long-term career professionals will all tell you, it can be really hard to get a job. And even further, it's extremely difficult to get a job without "knowing the right people." To do that, you have to somehow get your name out there, showing these potential employers who you are, while also showing them that you are knowledgeable in your field and therefore a suitable candidate for any job. This requires first being personable and easy to talk to — more on that later — but also not too casual where employers might not think that you'd easily fit

into an office atmosphere or environment. Word of mouth is incredibly powerful.

But now, on to the evil part. I'll just come out and say it: Networking is gross. It's certainly not fun. And worst of all, it contributes to the already overly-present elitism of the professional world. But what do I mean by that? If you don't know the right people, you won't get anywhere. At the very least, it will be extremely difficult to get where you want to be.

But going even further with this, it's a lot harder to know the right people if you aren't born into privilege. First and foremost with this, people naturally find it easier to talk to people that they perceive are somehow similar to them. Really, we just generally are more favorable to people that we think are like us. But this can work against you if you don't happen to come from the same background as the professionals you are trying to network with — right off the bat, it won't be as easy to chat with them in the first place. Think of the nepo babies, people. That's exactly what this is.

Moreover, networking generally favors people that are more extroverted than introverted. This seems obvious to say, but it's easier to develop professional contacts through socialization when socialization comes a bit more naturally to you. The issue with this is that there are a lot of jobs where networking is beneficial to "getting your foot in the door," but being extremely extroverted is not a requirement of the job's actual skill set. Of course, it's always possible to "fake it 'til

you make it," but it will always come easier to those that are inherently more social.

You might ask, Maddie, why did you take the time to write this? Are you going to stop networking? Haven't you literally been networking non-stop this year to try and find a job for this summer? Aren't you going to keep networking next year to hopefully find a job after you graduate? In your eventual career, won't you be forced to network if you ever want to move up or try something else? Well, if you're really asking, my answers are: I was just thinking about it this week as that's kind of my thing, probably not, yes, yes and yes.

I may hate every second of it, but you better believe you'll catch me at the next career fair, talking myself up as I sweat through my shirt. It's an unfortunate reality that I just don't have a solution for at this moment. I know, I really dropped the ball there. But there's still value in talking about the negatives of this dependency on socialization in the professional world.

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Photo of the Day | Extra! Extra!



Students line up to buy The Daily Campus' men's basketball Championship Edition in Homer Babbidge Library on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The special edition contains articles and photos covering each round of the March Madness tournament as well as some additional pieces covering related content. PHOTO BY EMILY O'BANNON, ASSOCIATE MANAGING EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Economic analysis is necessary for environmentalism, as I argued in a recent article. However, the Federal Reserve has undermined this principle through its recent research initiatives, which have major flaws, falling short to fulfill its role to protect the environment.

Forecasting inflation has evidently been a challenge, and an inability to detect bank mismanagement does not give the central bank a good track record. The Fed's weather forecasts have a similar air, where it has been collecting climate data from banks in a "pilot climate scenario analysis exercise." This onset of climate activism by the Fed is only superficially hopeful. An overseeing entity with a wide influence makes us expect optimal research and reporting from the Fed, giving us a crucial device for climate change

information. Though, this is not the case.

David Barker of the Wall Street Journal dissects these Fed studies, critiquing and discrediting the research. For example, we observe critical issues in a paper that claims there is a relationship between increasing temperature and economic growth. But Barker reveals that the paper is full of inconsistencies and ultimately cannot show there is a significant relationship between the two variables. In a similar case, he criticizes a Fed study where the statistical techniques fall short of the research. The flaws in the research, Barker argues, demonstrates the spread of climate propaganda and the observed inability of academic economists to make meaningful contributions to this issue.

Obviously, combating climate change requires rigorous data and analysis to effectively support policies and initiatives that are dependent on research. Without the necessary tools and methods to make meaningful solutions to this contemporary issue, we cannot construct a proper understanding of the climate and its relationship with human activity. As I discussed in my article "Why environmental sustainability needs economics," economics is one of the most crucial devices in environmental sustainability as it lends to the thorough understanding between human behavior and the environment we live in. Generally, "science" only gets us halfway there, limited to a cause and effect relationship that is

lacking in human behavioral modeling within economics.

Thus, the honesty of our data is critical. It is easy to assume that data itself is without flaws, we simply have to observe it and write it down. However, "acquiring, curating, and analyzing data in this domain is uniquely challenging," says John Mennel from Monitor Deloitte. As we saw the Fed's poor interpretation of the relationships between temperature and economic activity, effective use of data is difficult. The climate and sustainability data ecosystem is a vast network of relevant information that presents barriers like inconsistencies and errors, data licensing complications, regulations, and the necessary training and experience for meaningful analysis.

The risk of errors accumulates as data is diversified, especially relevant to environmental studies

which have a myriad of sources at all levels of climate research. Furthermore, extending climate modeling towards other fields is its own challenge, like social issues where we often try to establish climate impacts on the well-being of the diverse range of individuals. For example, establishing a relationship between climate analysis and social equity may pose analytical biases from quantitative indicators like socioeconomic status and vulnerability. Climate data can only be used under the right circumstances and in many instances requires careful consideration to draw connections between data sets.

Clearly, combating climate change has deeper problems that need to be faced that lie in the information we use. Without properly providing our best interpretations of the information at our disposal, the issue of climate change will never be successfully overcome.



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Sam's Section: Why the Boston Bruins might or might not win the Stanley Cup

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The Boston Bruins had the greatest regular season in NHL history, finishing with a record 65 wins, which surpassed the 1995-96 Detroit Red Wings and 2018-19 Tampa Bay Lightning, each finishing with 62. They also finished the season with 135 points, surpassing the 1976-77 Montreal Canadiens' 132 for the most in a single season.

That's how dominant the Bruins have been this year. They even won their fourth Presidents' Trophy — but for the previous three times they did, they also failed to win the Stanley Cup.

It's been 10 years since the last Presidents' Trophy winner won the Stanley Cup. The best team in the regular season has only won the Cup eight times. The Trophy has become a curse, with eight of the last nine winners not even making it past the second round.

However, there's something different about the 2022-23 Bruins. They haven't won the Stanley Cup since 2011, having lost the Finals twice in 2013 and 2019. Curses are supposed to break at some point, but can the Bruins be the one to break the 10-year drought? Here's why they could win the Cup this year, and why they might not:

Why they could win the Stanley Cup

Goaltending

The Bruins have two of the best goaltenders in the NHL. Linus Ullmark will be this year's Vezina Trophy winner, which is awarded to the best goaltender, becoming the first Bruin to win it since Tuukka Rask in 2013-14. However, Ullmark needs to be like two-time winner Tim Thomas, who took home both the Vezina Tro-

phy and the Stanley Cup in the 2010-11 season with the Bruins. He and Jeremy Swayman combined for a team save percentage of .931 and 2.12 goals against per game. Ullmark leads the NHL in wins, goals-against average, and save percentage with 40, 1.89, and .938 respectively. The duo won the William M. Jennings Trophy, given to the goaltenders who play at least 25 games for the team allowing the fewest goals during the regular season.

Penalty kill

The Bruins' penalty kill is the best in the league, with 247 kills, which makes up 86.4% of their penalties. Over 90% of their last 45 penalties have been killed.

This exceptional penalty kill would be one of the reasons the Bruins win the Stanley Cup.

David Pastrák

If Connor McDavid didn't exist, it would be Pastrák winning the Hart Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the most valuable player in the NHL. He has 61 goals this year, which is second in the league and the second Bruin to score at least 60 goals in a season, the first being legend Phil Esposito. He scored a goal on Monday night to open the Stanley Cup Playoffs against the Panthers. If the Bruins win the Stanley Cup, it wouldn't be a surprise if Pastrák wins the Conn Smythe Trophy, which is the Stanley Cup Playoffs MVP.

Why they might not win the Stanley Cup

Power play

The Bruins have an inconsistent power play, ranked 12th in the NHL with a percentage of 22.2%, scoring 62 times. On Monday night, Pastrák scored a power-play goal in the first period against one of the worst penalty-killing units in the league. The Bruins need to take advantage of the opportunities when there is a man advantage.

The path to the Stanley Cup

As ESPN sportscaster Sean McDonough said on Monday night, the Eastern Conference

is "pick your poison," with all eight teams able to survive and advance. The toughest challenges for Boston in the Eastern Conference are the Carolina Hurricanes, New Jersey Devils and Toronto Maple Leafs. There's a lot of talent in the Eastern Conference: Matthew Tkachuk of the Panthers, Auston Matthews of the Maple Leafs and Jack Hughes of the Devils, to name a few. There is strong goaltending in the conference, as well: Antti Raanta of the Hurricanes, Ilya Sorokin of the Islanders and Igor Shesterkin of the Rangers are among the best in the NHL.

Even if the Bruins make it to the Stanley Cup Finals, the Avalanche, the defending Stanley Cup champions, are arguably the best team in the Western Conference, with Nathan MacKinnon and goalie Alexandar Georgiev leading the way. The Edmonton Oilers have their best team in the Connor McDavid era. Along with the future Hall of Famer, Leon Draisatl and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins make the Oilers one of the best teams offensively, each scoring at least 100 points. There are a lot of opportunities for the Western Conference champion to win it all.

Age

The Bruins aren't a very young team. Patrice Bergeron and David Krejčí are two long-tenured centers that are 37 and 36 years old, respectively. Nick Foligno and Brad Marchand are in their mid-30s. Bergeron is in his 18th year, Foligno and Krejčí in their 15th, and Marchand in his 13th. If their opponents go the distance, the Bruins could be worn out simply because they're an older team.



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Tennis: The Huskies gear up for the Big East tournament

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After a season that's had its share of ups and downs, the UConn tennis team finally makes their way to the Big East tournament. They have had to fight tooth and nail for everything they've won, and despite their fair share of bad losses, it all culminated into a solid 10-9 overall record. Even though a less-than-stellar 3-4 tally against conference rivals does not bode well, the fact that this team has overcome all of the trials they've faced and come out with a winning record should give the Huskies hope that they can still perform well and win a round or two in the postseason.

Connecticut's season was a strange one overall. They got off to a mediocre start, crushing two significantly weaker squads in Fairfield and Merrimack by scores of 6-1, but were routed by stronger opponents in Boston College and Army, both at 0-7. The Army loss appeared to give the team direction, however, and the Huskies began to put together something of a streak. Connecticut took five victories in a row, taking down Stony Brook, Drexel, Rhode Island, Providence and Quinnipiac over the course of two weeks between February and March. They looked poised to continue dominating the way they had been doing and potentially solidify themselves amongst the high-tier teams in college tennis, but fell short of such lofty ideals as spring break approached.

The women headed out to Florida to keep up their win streak, but got smacked down twice at the hands of



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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Creighton and Navy, both at scores of 2-5. All of a sudden, the team was slipping, and it seemed like they couldn't find any solid ground. After a week and a half's respite, UConn took on St. John's, Boston University and Sacred Heart, only to get pummeled in all three games. Unfortunately, the positive momentum the squad had built was completely gone, as they went from 7-2 to 7-7 in the blink of an eye. The rest of the way was trying, as they took on four Big East

foes and a regional rival on their way to the end of the regular season. They halted their five-game skid with a complete win against Villanova, but fell to Georgetown and Xavier to put themselves under .500 for the first time all season. If they wanted to keep their hope of a winning season, they would have to win both of their last matches. With grit and determination, they managed to do so, as they slayed both Butler and UMass in close triumphs. That brings us to their next

meet, against Seton Hall. The Pirates have had an even rougher season than the Huskies, as they struggled the whole way and ended the year with a 6-13 record and no wins out of six games within the Big East. In their last three matches, Seton Hall only mustered a single set win out of 20 completed, a stat that has been quite representative of their season as of late. Though they will also look to keep their season alive, it will be difficult for them to do so against

a UConn team that wants to put themselves on the map and get to the second round regardless of how their regular season went. This is Connecticut's best chance to gain some momentum. They are going up against a struggling Seton Hall group that has really not had a good end to the season. If the Huskies can play just as they have in their past two meets, there is no reason why they shouldn't find themselves in the second round of the Big East tournament.

Sports

Photo of the Day | WVOB vs Butler



The UConn women's volleyball team captures a dominant 3-0 win against Butler in Gampel Pavilion on Oct. 22, 2022. This win extended the Huskies' win-streak to five. UConn will return to the court next in Washington D.C against Georgetown University on Friday, Oct. 28. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Connor's Corner Edition #12: Gerrit Cole

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Hello and welcome back to Connor's Corner, a column where I discuss a standout performance in professional sports and that player's journey from high school to the professional level. Baseball is back and has been nothing short of spectacular. The Tampa Bay Rays are setting the league on fire, and Aaron Judge picked up right where he left off last year when he broke the single-season American League home run record. However, this past week, the star-studded performance came from Judge's New York teammate: Gerrit Cole.

This season so far has been Cole's show. In four starts, the California native is 4-0 with 28.1 IP, a 0.95 ERA and 10.1 K/9. While these numbers are impressive, the real highlight came last Sunday against Minnesota; Cole threw a 109 pitch two-hit, 10-strikeout performance. He was on no-hit watch until the fifth inning when Donovan Solano singled on a 2-2 slider. This performance cemented Cole as the American League Player of the Week. He led the AL in innings pitched with 16, only yielding seven hits, two earned runs, three walks and 13 strikeouts. Sunday was Cole's seventh career complete game and his fourth such shutout.

Before the fame and fortune, the Yankee attended Orange

Lutheran High School in Orange, California. As a senior, Cole was ranked 17th among Baseball America's top-200 pre-draft prospects and arguably the top high school prospect. That same season, Cole earned a 0.46 ERA, with 121 strikeouts and even notched a save. Cole didn't only get it done at the mound; he was a threat at the dish, hitting .310 with seven long balls and 25 RBI. He posted a 1.21 ERA with 29 strikeouts in 29 innings as a junior. Cole was a three-year starter and played so well that the Yankees drafted him in the first round of the 2008 MLB Draft. However, Cole elected to attend UCLA.

As a freshman, the Bruin starter was excellent, setting UCLA's freshman single-season record with 104 strikeouts. Cole was ranked second among Pac-10 pitchers in opponent batting average, fourth in strikeouts and ninth in innings pitched. Next season was the same news for the future world series champion; he was ranked third in the nation in strikeouts, which helped him acquire an 11-4 record and a 3.37 ERA. At this point, he was touted as one of the best prospects and reinforced that notion in his final season with a 3.31 ERA while allowing one run or less in seven of his 16 starts. When it was all said and done, the future Pirate finished with a 3.38 ERA, 376 strikeouts and a career record of 21-20 — indicative of not only the stiff competition Cole



Cole throws a pitch during spring training in Tampa, Fl. He captioned this photo on Instagram, "Another spring in the books. Can't wait to head North!" PHOTO COURTESY OF @GERRITCOLE45 ON INSTAGRAM

faced as a pitcher, but the level of play his fellow hitters had to face. For this reason, the Pittsburgh Pirates drafted Cole No. 1 overall.

Cole broke into the league as a solid starter, posting a 3.22 ERA with Pittsburgh in his rookie season, and made two

playoff starts that season, going 1-1 with a 2.45 ERA. However, his efforts weren't good enough, as they fell short to the Cardinals. Cole faced some struggles too; the Pirate ace struggled in 2017, posting a career-high 4.26 ERA. Interestingly enough, Cole set 196 hitters down on strikes that season. After this campaign, Pittsburgh traded Cole to the Houston Astros, where he became arguably the best pitcher in baseball.

Cole never had an ERA over three in Space City, and in 2019 struck out 326 hitters: his best feat to date and tied for the best in Astros history. This record is all the more impressive considering the man he tied with is arguably the greatest pitcher ever, Nolan Ryan, who pitched nine seasons for the Astros. Cole won a World Series in Houston. However, that was not without controversy; when Cole and the Astros won the 2017 World Series, they were implicated in the infamous "trash can" scandal. According to MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, in 2017, the Astros' video replay room was used mid-game to learn and decode the pitches called for by the catchers. In 2018, Houston banged on a trash can to relay pitch types. It could be said that Cole and that team benefited from this system, and in turn, helped them win a World Series.

However, when Cole came

to the Bronx, he denied involvement, saying, "I didn't see anything. I've heard everything you guys have written about and I've read it, but I did not see anything illegal in any way." Undoubtedly, many Yankee and Dodger fans heard this and didn't believe a word Cole said as they found it hard to believe he had no idea this was going on. As a Yankee, Cole hasn't done much; he only made it as far as the ALCS once, and in that instance, he pitched poorly, not to mention his disaster in 2021 against the Boston Red Sox in the wildcard game. In 2022, Cole found success in the Bronx by breaking Ron Guidry's single season strikeout record of 248.

While it's early, Cole is pitching like the best pitcher in baseball so far. Many fans will be quick to comment and say pitchers like Sandy Alcántara, Dylan Cease or Julio Urías are better than him. Statistically though, all of them have been outperformed by Cole. Jacob deGrom currently holds an ERA above four and is frequently injured. Conversely, Cole has been durable. He has posted at least 200 innings in four of the last five seasons, not counting the shortened season. Cole is in his prime. This is great for the Yankees, who are looking to return to championship glory and need their ace to be on top of his game. And so far, he has been stellar.



Gerrit Cole poses with fellow pitchers; Nestor Cortes and Carlos Rodon for a photo during spring training. PHOTO COURTESY OF @GERRITCOLE45 ON INSTAGRAM

Why Pete Alonso and Fransico Lindor are the best current duo in MLB



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Right now, there are many great duos in the MLB and it can be hard to choose the best. Just to name a few: Freddie Freeman and Mookie Betts (Dodgers), Paul Goldschmidt and Nolan Arenado (Cardinals), Aaron Judge and Anthony Rizzo (Yankees), Shohei Ohtani and Mike Trout (Angels), Manny Machado and Juan Soto (Padres), etc. However, there's one duo that stands out and are the key pieces to the New York Mets World Series caliber team: first baseman Pete Alonso and shortstop Fransico Lindor.

2022 Statistics

Francisco Lindor:
.270/.349/.464, 20 HR, 11 SB, 81 RBI, 132 wRC+, 5.0 fWAR

Pete Alonso:
.282/.360/.542, 29 HR, 96 RBI, 149 wRC+, 3.1 fWAR

There are many factors that separate Alonso and Lindor from other duos in the majors, but one strong reason is their consistency. Last

season, each of them played in all but one game for the Mets. This played a significant role in keeping New York in first place in the National League East all season (until the last weekend of course). Last year the Mets went on a stretch out of the break where they won 15 of their last 17 games. During that span, Lindor hit .419/.507/.694, with four home runs, 15 RBIs and the second-best wRC+ in baseball at 236. Meanwhile, Alonso hit .344/.440/.656, with five home runs, 18 RBIs and a 198 wRC+.

RBIs are definitely what they are most known for, as the two were the best run-producers in MLB last season. They combined to drive in 238 of New York's 544 runs. Lindor had 107 RBIs and Alonso had 131 RBIs.

To carry on to this season, Alonso and Lindor have jumped out to a hot start. They have continued their surge of producing RBIs.

Lindor currently sits at No. 4 in RBI leaders with 17 and Alonso at No. 9 with 15. On the other hand, per ESPN, Alonso is the current leader for home runs with eight total and Lindor is tied for No. 12 with four homers. All of those stats have come in the

Mets first 17 games of the season which is pretty impressive nonetheless.

Lindor is a key piece to New York's roster and was one of Steve Cohen's first moves as owner of the Mets. From when he played for Cleveland to now being locked in on a historic contract with New York, Lindor has always been a standout player. Mr. Smile has played a large role in the evolution of the shortstop position, especially with his ability to be a switch hitter. In 1987, the average MLB shortstop slashed .258/.315/.365 (.680 OPS) with an 80 wRC+, which can conclude that shortstops were 20% worse than the league's average hitter. Since then, with guys like Lindor, the shortstop position that used to be primarily fixated on defense in the middle infield had turned into a position that also calls for a powerful bat. Hitting like a corner outfielder and fielding like a true midfielder, Lindor is the most valuable type of player that a team can have. Lindor is a four-time All Star and two-time Gold Glove Award

winner for his outstanding defensive play. He is the perfect example of the

modern day shortstop with his power, exceptional glove, speed and a leader of his squad.

For Alonso, the foundation of his game will always be the pyrotechnics which include home runs, RBIs and slugging percentage. He will never be the type of player that has strength in base running and the ability to make it around from first to third. However, his power is one of the best in the game. Alonso's maximum exit velocity puts him in the 98th percentile of MLB hitters, just behind other power hitters like Judge, Giancarlo Stanton and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. The Polar Bear is a two-time all star, led the league in home runs in 2019 with 53 (setting a major league record for rookies) and led the league in runs batted in in 2022.

When Lindor and Alonso come together, it makes magic for the New York Mets. Besides their statistics, the example that they set from their work ethic and preparation goes a long way for the Mets organization. They are the kinds of players who rarely miss a game, which sets an example of durability for the rest of their major league teammates

all the way down to the guys in the minors. Lindor already locked his contract with the Mets where he averages \$34 million a year for an overall 10-year \$341 million contract. Alonso will be up next to get paid big bucks but it sets the tone that if the largest paying players are this dedicated to the game, then the rest of the players have to have the same mindset as well. They also make a large impacts on the fans and give back to their communities which is something that not every professional athlete makes the time for. Mr. Smile and The Polar Bear have all hands on deck to win with the Mets and their true love for the city of New York truly shows out on the field. They electrify Citi Field and bring a lot to the Mets organization, on and off the field.

Alonso and Lindor are the future of the Mets infield with Jeff McNeil at second base and Brett Baty at third base.

This duo will continue to provide success for the Mets and be the fan-favorites of New York with hopes of leading them to a World Series title in the very near future.



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Women's Lacrosse: NO. 25 HUSKIES LOOK TO BREAK LOSING STREAK AGAINST HOYAS

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It's been a tough few weeks for the No. 25 UConn women's lacrosse team. After starting the year on a heater, they've dropped their past few. The first loss was a tight match against No. 3 Denver in a game that saw the Huskies give it their all, ultimately losing by five. It was a misfortune that they had to follow it up with 13-1 Marquette, a team that probably deserves to be ranked. The Huskies were down by nine at one point and their comeback effort fell short. With the tough part of their Big East slate behind them, Connecticut has no choice but to turn the corner if they want to do much in May.

Their road to turn things around starts with a midweek matinee against Georgetown. The 6-8 Hoyas haven't had quite the year they hoped for, especially struggling lately. They've lost three of their past four, with that win coming in a road shellacking of Xavier, 25-8. Close games haven't been their friend either in this span, as they lost the three contests by a combined four goals. In KPI, they're No. 46 nationally, not sticking out so much positively or negatively.

Kylie Hazen, a Florida native, has been the Hoyas' best option this year, get-

ting it done both scoring and facilitating. She's second highest on the team in goals with 33, notching five in the blowout over the Musketeers. The junior dished out four assists in their season opener against American, a big contributor to her team leading 20. When Hazen does well, so does Georgetown, so she'll be an important player to watch for.

The team's leading scorer is Erin Bakes, and as prolific as she's been at

times, the graduate student hasn't

been terribly consistent. She has six games with one or fewer goals, but she also occasionally explodes. Bakes scored 12 goals

game.

After beating the Hoyas thrice in 2021 - 60% of the Huskies' all time wins over Georgetown - they lost by 10 in Washington, D.C. last year. UConn beat Villanova handily and Georgetown lost to the Wild-cats: a good omen for this contest. The Huskies really need a win here, as they're just 1-2 in conference now halfway through. They remain No. 25 in the country, but another loss will likely send them out of the rankings and on the wrong side of the bubble.

UConn's key player in this matchup is Rayea Davis. The redshirt freshman is primed for an excellent game in the near future and is in the midst of a breakout season. She's scored in each of the past four games, including a match against UAlbany where she erupted for five. She's also recorded at least one assist in each of those games, with five in their most recent loss to Marquette. Davis is really coming into her own down the stretch here and if she's able to continue, it would be huge for the Huskies.

Davis and the Huskies' opportunity will come at 2 p.m. and can be watched on FloSports.



across the team's first three games and went for seven in the Xavier

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Defensemen Graduate student, No. 17 Julia Ozimek, protects the goal from Marquette's Senior attacker No. 14 Mary Schumar. The team however, did still lose to Marquette 12-9.

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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

UConn SCOREBOARD



3 vs. 12

Baseball
Tuesday

Upcoming Games



Women's Lacrosse, 2 p.m.
Today, Storrs, Conn



Baseball, 5:30 p.m.
Today, Brighton, MA

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TWEETS OF THE DAY



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Penfield @BpenfieldJ
UConn men's basketball has won National Championships with 3 different Husky logos

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