



UConn Students Rally to Demand a Sustainability Action Plan

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The Rally to End Fossil Fuels took place on the Student Union Lawn yesterday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., as the University of Connecticut community gathered to push the release of a sustainability action plan that was promised by administrators six months ago.

Students and faculty went to fight for the released and adherence to the plan, which outlines steps needed to be taken in order for UConn to be carbon neutral by 2030 and carbon zero by 2040.

Monet Paredes, student organizer of the Fossil Fuel Free rally at Storrs, acknowledged that there is a lot of time that goes into a plan like this. She said she is frustrated about how there has been no transparency in the process.

“It feels like it’s a lot for show and we are being increasingly frustrated by that. It is not enough to say that [UConn] is a ‘green’ university or say you are going to start doing these things, you actually have to start doing them,” Paredes said.

When asked if she thinks zero carbon at UConn by 2040 is a realistic goal, she said that it is possible but the university has to start thinking about solutions today.

“We have to start today because it is our future that we have to worry about,” Paredes said.

Paredes began the rally by giving an opening speech, followed by eight other speakers that continued on the topic of the detrimental impacts of climate change and how action is needed in order to mitigate its worst effects.

“It is terrifying to think that the world our children will grow up in will be further impacted by the catastrophic symptoms of our society’s negligence,” Sean Dunn, director of external affairs for the Undergraduate Student Government, said.

Dunn spoke about the issue of climate change and said how it is not a political issue, but instead is a global issue.

“I do see that over a million species currently face extinction. That greenhouse gases are at an all time high. That incidences of severe weather have been pronounced even here in Connecticut and that in 20 years global temperatures are expected to rise 1.5 centigrade above pre industrial levels, pushing us past the tipping point that leading scientists have warned us about for decades,” Dunn said.

Colin Rosadino, a student at UConn Law, began his speech talking about natural disasters; including the smoke from Canadian wildfires and flooding that

“In order to fulfill our vision for a viable future, we must work with the board of trustees and the administration to ensure that UConn is a leading institution in the green energy transition and the fight against global warming,” Dunn said.

At the Oct. 25 board of trustees meeting, members of Fossil Fuel Free UConn marched to demand climate action. The board of trustees unanimously passed a statement of support of the sustainability action in response.

“The University’s dual focus is both inward facing and

One of the purposes of the rally was in response to the sustainability town hall held by administrators on Nov. 2.

Dylan Steer, president of EcoHusky and a political science and environmental studies major, noted how at the town hall, students submitted their questions for UConn President Radenka Maric, but were not given the opportunity to ask them.

Steer spoke out of frustration with the university for not upholding their promises to create the sustainability action plan that they promised last year.

raphy, to learn how to fight for a better future.

“Educate yourself while you are here. Keep pressing the administration because it is going to be a battle, ask the hard questions and give careful thought to what kind of communities you want to live in the future,” Seth said.

While the Fossil Fuel Free UConn coalition led the rally, there were other organizations that helped organize the rally including Eco Husky, USG, UConn Environmental Justice Front and Ecosposium.

“I question the hypocrisy of our administration that fails to properly respond to the calls of members of our community who have and continue to fight tirelessly at the forefront of environmental activism,” Claire Lee, president and co-founder of Ecosposium, said.

In addition to the Storrs rally, the Avery Point regional campus also hosted a rally yesterday. Kamala Chuss, representing the Avery Point student body, spoke about the importance of sustainability at Avery Point, located on the Connecticut waterfront, and how the increase of flooding and erosion has increased wear on the sea wall that protects campus.

“Climate change threatens all UConn infrastructure, all members of UConn, and the fate of our planet. The Avery Point student body will not stand by and allow UConn to neglect climate change the way they have neglected the sea wall. For that reason, we stand alongside Fossil Fuel Free UConn and demand a sustainability action plan from the university administration to reach zero carbon by 2040,” Chuss said in an email statement.

“What we do in the next few years will determine the future for thousands of years,” Seth said.

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UConn students gather in front of the Student Union Lawn on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 in rally of a sustainability action plan. Administrators at UConn promised the plan would be enacted six months ago. PHOTO BY MERCER FERGUS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

occurred this past summer in Connecticut.

“[This summer] smoke filled our air from wildfires that burned thousands of miles away. I don’t know about you guys, but I have lived in Connecticut for 23 years and I have never seen that before,” Rosadino said.

While the speakers described the realities of the climate crisis, they emphasized that as an educational institution, UConn has an obligation to do their part to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

outward looking; internally the Carbon Reduction Working Group, previous related efforts, and administrative units within the institution are working together to ensure UConn achieves carbon neutrality on its campuses by 2030, with the ultimate goal of being zero carbon by 2040,” according to the board of trustees statement.

While Fossil Fuel Free UConn acknowledged that the support from the board of trustees is important, they still stress the necessity of a concrete action plan.

“This was a lie. Upon returning to campus, there was still no update on the plan. Faculty, university staff and students all had no idea what the status of the sustainability action plan was,” Steer said. “We must hold the president accountable. We call for our sustainability action plan now.”

Another speaker, Anji Seth, a geography professor and climate scientist, advised students to take classes in sociology, political science and geog-

UConn Police Investigating Vandalism Incident in Susan V. Herbst Hall

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On Sunday, Nov. 12 at around 12:11 p.m., an incident of vandalism was reported in room 104 of Susan V. Herbst Hall, formerly known as Oak Hall. The monitor and remote

control screen for the projector were both found smashed, computer parts were removed from their intended spaces and left on the floor and chairs had been thrown across the room.

By the beginning of classes the next day, Monday, Nov. 13, the room was fully re-



Oak Hall has a new name, after former UConn president Susan Herbst. The building has a north and south side, holding departments such as english, journalism and political science. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

paired by the University of Connecticut staff. The monitor was replaced, the glass on the floor had been removed and the projector was back in operation.

“The incident was reported on Sunday, Nov. 12, around 12:11 p.m. by a person who entered the building and noticed the damage to a classroom,” UConn Spokesperson Steph-

nie Reitz said in a statement to The Daily Campus. “Computer equipment as well as the classroom itself were found vandalized. It remains under investigation.”

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Trump’s plans if he returns to the White House include deportation raids, tariffs and mass firings

(AP) — A mass deportation operation. A new Muslim ban. Tariffs on all imported goods and "freedom cities" built on federal land.

Much of the 2024 presidential campaign has been dominated by the myriad investigations into former President Donald Trump and the subsequent charges against him. But with less than a year until Election Day, Trump is dominating the race for the Republican nomination and has already laid out a sweeping set of policy goals should he win a second term.

His ideas, and even the issues he focuses on most, are wildly different from President Joe Biden's proposals. If implemented, Trump's plans would represent a dramatic government overhaul arguably more consequential than that of his first term. His presidency, especially the early days, was marked by chaos, infighting and a wave of hastily written executive orders that were quickly overturned by the courts.

Some of his current ideas would probably end up in court or impeded by Congress. But Trump's campaign and allied groups are assembling policy books with detailed plans.

A look at his agenda:

DISMANTLING THE 'DEEP STATE'

Trump would try to strip tens of thousands of career employees of their civil service protections. That way, they could be fired as he seeks to "totally obliterate the deep state."

He would try to accomplish that by reissuing a 2020 executive order known as "Schedule F." That would allow him to reclassify masses of employees, with a particular focus, he has said, on "corrupt bureaucrats who have weaponized our justice system" and "corrupt actors in our national security and intelligence apparatus." Given his anger at the FBI and federal prosecutors pursuing criminal cases against him, Trump probably would target people linked to those prosecutions for retribution.

Beyond the firings, he wants to crack down on government officials who leak to reporters. He also wants to require that federal employees pass a new civil service test.

THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

Trump has pledged to "immediately stop the invasion of our southern border" and end

illegal immigration.

As part of that plan, he says he would immediately direct U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to undertake the largest domestic deportation operation in American history. He would target people who are legally living in the United States but harbor "jihadist sympathies" and revoke the student visas of those who espouse anti-American and antisemitic views.

In a bid to secure the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump says he will move thousands of troops currently stationed overseas and shift federal agents, including those at the Drug Enforcement Administration and FBI, to immigration enforcement. He also wants to build more of the border wall.



Former President Donald Trump speaks at the Republican Party of Florida Freedom Summit, Nov. 4, 2023, in Kissimmee, Fla. Trump is already laying a sweeping set of policy goals should he win a second term as president. Priorities on the Republican's agenda include a mass deportation operation, a new Muslim ban and tariffs on all imported goods. PHOTO BY PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP

Trump wants to reimpose his travel ban that originally targeted seven Muslim-majority countries and expand it to "keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the country." In the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel, he has pledged to put in place "ideological screening" for immigrants. His aim: bar "dangerous lunatics, haters, bigots, and maniacs," as well as those who "empathize with radical Islamic terrorists and extremists."

To deter migrants, he has said he would end birthright citizenship, using an executive order that would introduce a legally untested interpretation of the 14th Amendment. The order would prevent federal agencies from granting automatic citizenship to the children of people who are in the U.S. illegally. It would require that at least one parent be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident for their children to

be eligible for passports, Social Security numbers and other benefits.

TRADE

Trump says he will institute a system of tariffs of perhaps 10% on most foreign goods. Penalties would increase if trade partners manipulate their currencies or engage in other unfair trading practices.

He will urge that Congress pass a "Trump Reciprocal Trade Act," giving the president authority to impose a reciprocal tariff on any country that imposes one on the U.S.

Much of the agenda focuses on China. Trump has proposed a four-year plan to phase out Chinese imports of essential goods, including electronics, steel and pharmaceuticals. He wants

will continue to "fundamentally reevaluate" NATO's purpose and mission.

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Trump says he will ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that "only two genders," as determined at birth, are recognized by the United States.

As part of his crackdown on gender-affirming care, he will declare that hospitals and health care providers that offer transitional hormones or surgery no longer meet federal health and safety standards and will be blocked from receiving federal funds, including Medicaid and Medicare dollars.

He would push Congress to prohibit hormonal or surgical intervention for transgender minors in all 50 states.

Doctors typically guide kids toward therapy before medical intervention. At that point, hormone treatments such as puberty blockers are far more common than surgery. They have been available in the U.S. for more than a decade and are standard treatments backed by major doctors' organizations, including the American Medical Association.

ENERGY

Trump's goal, he says, is for the U.S. to have the lowest-cost energy and electricity of any nation in the world, including China.

Under the mantra "DRILL, BABY, DRILL," he says he would ramp up oil drilling on public lands and offer tax breaks to oil, gas, and coal producers. He would roll back Biden administration efforts to encourage the adoption of electric cars and reverse proposed new pollution limits that would require at least 54% of new vehicles sold in the U.S. to be electric by 2030.

And again, he says, he will exit the Paris Climate Accords, end wind subsidies and eliminate regulations imposed and proposed by the Biden admiration targeting incandescent lightbulbs, gas stoves, dishwashers and shower heads.

EDUCATION

Trump has pledged to terminate the Department of Education, but he also wants to exert enormous influence over local school districts and colleges.

He would push the federal government to give funding preference to states and school districts that abolish teacher tenure, adopt merit pay to reward good teachers

and allow the direct election of school principals by parents.

He has said he would cut funding for any school that has a vaccine or mask mandate and will promote prayer in public schools.

Trump also wants a say in school curricula, vowing to fight for "patriotic education." He says that under his administration, schools will "teach students to love their country, not to hate their country like they're taught right now" and will promote "the nuclear family" including "the roles of mothers and fathers" and the "things that make men and women different and unique."

To protect students, he says he will support school districts that allow trained teachers to carry concealed weapons. He would provide federal funding so schools can hire veterans, retired police officers, and other trained gun owners as armed school guards.

HOMELESSNESS

Trump wants to force the homeless off city streets by building tent cities on large open parcels of inexpensive land. At the same time, he says he will work with states to ban urban camping, giving violators the choice between being arrested or receiving treatment.

He also wants to bring back large mental institutions to reinstitutionalize those who are "severely mentally ill" or "dangerously deranged."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trump would again push to send the National Guard to cities such as Chicago that are struggling with violence. He would use the federal government's funding and prosecution authorities to strong-arm local governments.

He says he will require local law enforcement agencies that receive Justice Department grants to use controversial policing measures such as stop-and-frisk. As a deterrent, he says local police should be empowered to shoot suspected shoplifters in the act. "Very simply, if you rob a store, you can fully expect to be shot as you are leaving that store," he said in one recent speech.

Trump has called for the death penalty for drug smugglers and those who traffic women and children. He has also pledged a federal takeover of the nation's capital, calling Washington a "dirty, crime-ridden death trap" unbefitting of the country.

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TOGETHERALL

A peer-to-peer mental health support community

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Togetherall is an anonymous online peer-to-peer support network that launched at the University of Connecticut on Sept. 18, 2023. It is free to all UConn students.

Kristina Stevens, director of mental health for Student Health and Wellness (SHAW), said through an email interview, “Support matters and we know the positive impact peer-to-peer support provides. Togetherall adds a safe and accessible tool to our students’ toolbox. It provides a forum for students to reach out for support as well as to contribute to this community as well. [Togetherall] provides students

access to a supportive community on issues that are important to them.”

Togetherall allows students to share their thoughts by posting “bricks,” posts that express feelings through artwork as opposed to using words. Students can also share their emotions through text-based posts or “talkabouts” that are available on the Community tab of the platform. Besides just sharing what is on their mind, students can also read the posts made by others that may be experiencing something similar to them. Students can also keep track of their feelings in a journal, set personal goals and understand what they are feeling — all steps to tracking their emotional progress. Togetherall also offers online courses where students can

communicate with others and share advice. To access the tools of Togetherall, students must create an account where the site will generate a username, securing the anonymity of the user.

Stevens said SHaW has been intentional in making care and support as accessible as possible. Togetherall connects students to a network that includes students from around the world at higher education institutions facing similar challenges. According to Stevens, 27 students joined the platform in the first eight days.

Togetherall also offers articles on a range of topics specific to mental health and well-being and students can choose what is of interest to them. These articles can be accessed easily and do not require an account. To read

articles surrounding mental health and find more information, head to their website: <https://togetherall.com>.

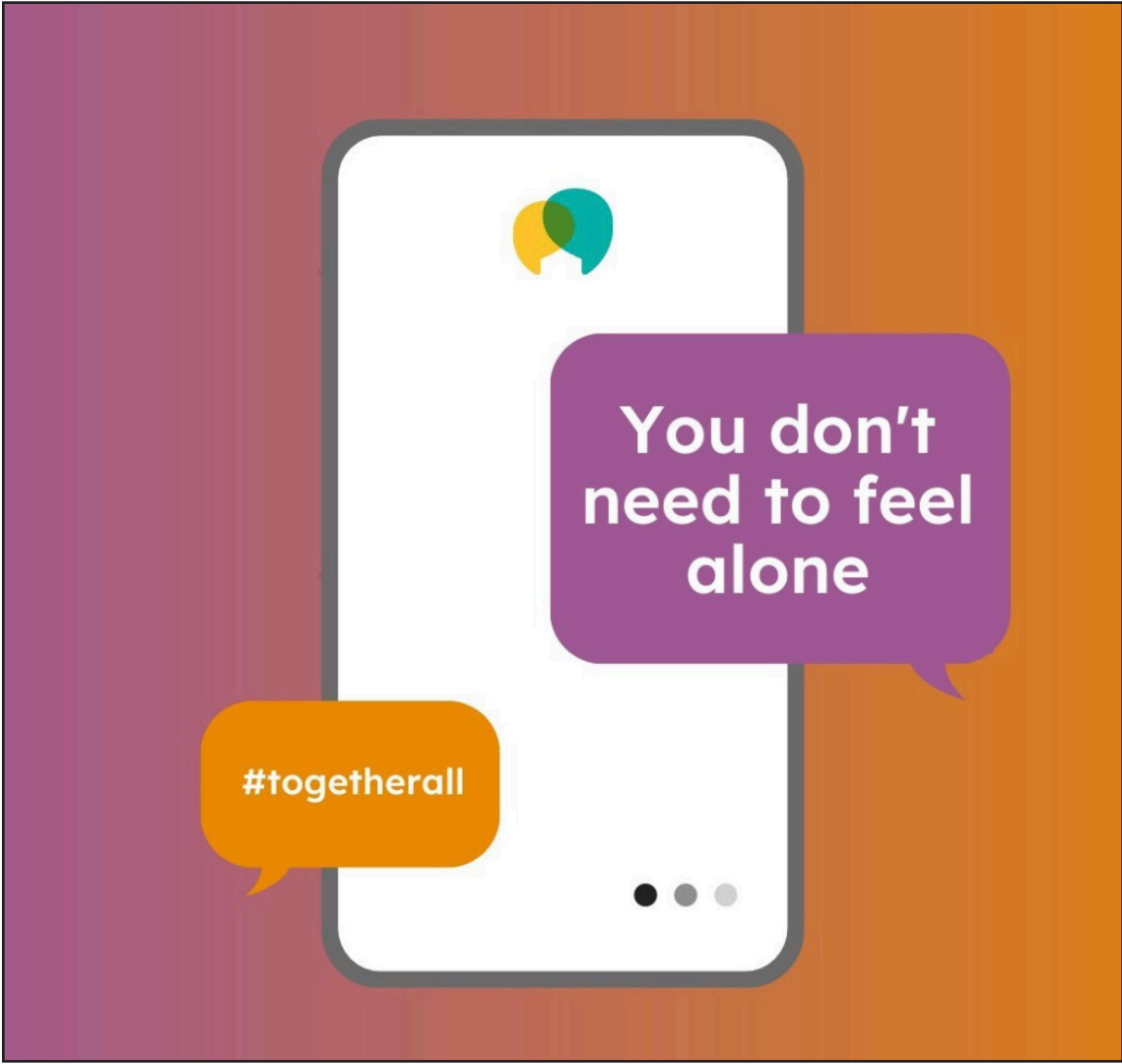
Lilith Rampertab, a first-semester student double majoring in psychology and history, recently signed up for Togetherall. She said via a text interview, “Mental health is something I’ve always been an advocate of. It’s a free resource geared to alleviate some of the negativity that you feel and to find some solace in people who have advice or reciprocate the feelings you feel. It doesn’t hurt to invest in a system like Togetherall.” She added that she had been through mental health struggles and wishes to give support to those who need it.

Togetherall is monitored by licensed and registered mental health practitioners to en-

sure the safety and anonymity of all members. Stevens said that a robust model of clinical moderation was important to ensure a responsive and safe environment, as well as to provide a safety net if additional support is needed.

According to the UConn Student Health and Wellness website “more than 80 percent of UConn students indicated that their mental health had negatively impacted their academic performance.” Support systems such as Togetherall are necessary tools to allow students to voice their concerns and whatever may be occupying their minds.

Students can register for Togetherall at <https://togetherall.com/en-us/join/freeuniversitysupport/> or can access the site in the “Institution Page” of HuskyCT.

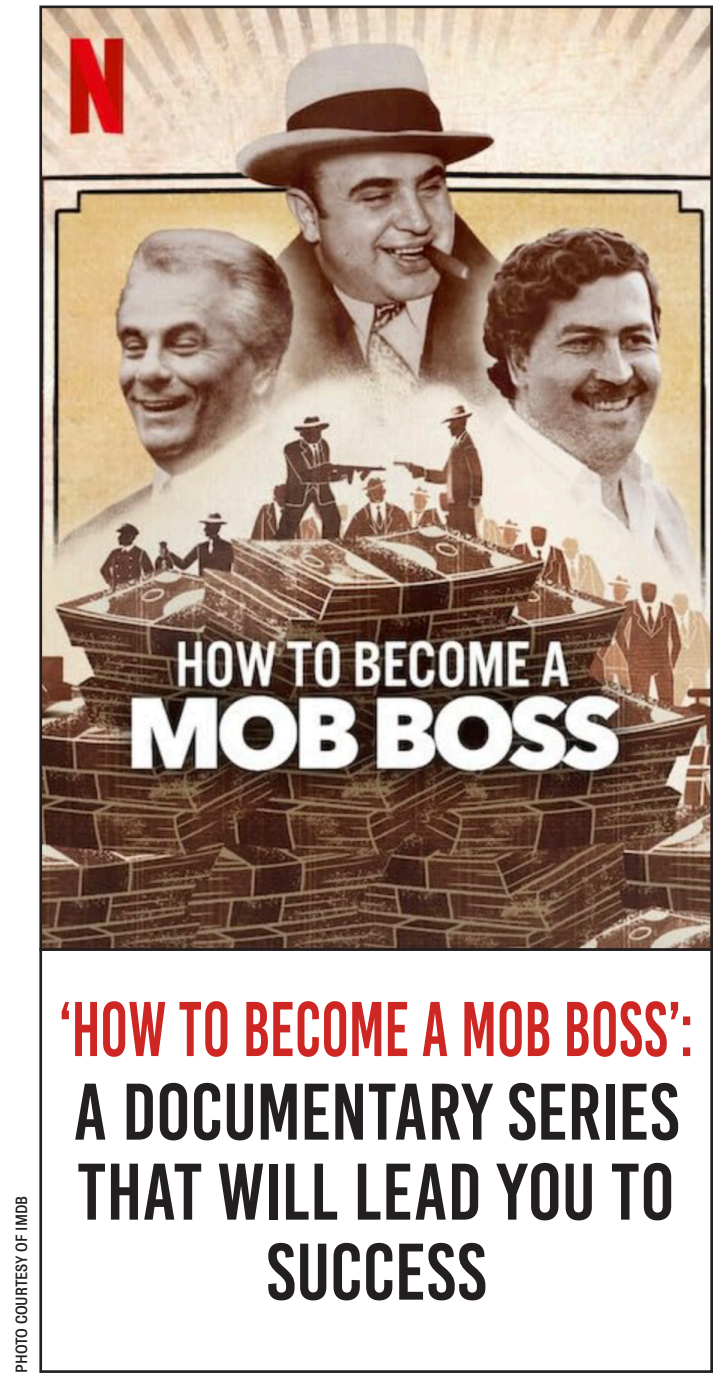


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A new mini-documentary series telling you “how to become a mob boss” is now available on Netflix. I was not expecting such an interesting perspective on being a mob boss, but the series was one of the most entertaining self-help guides to success that I have watched in a long time.

The series discusses big names in the underworld: Pablo Escobar, Al Capone, Johnny Torrio and Frankie Yale. Right when you are captivated by their presence, they introduce a manual — basically a guide book to follow if you want to become a mob boss in a similar way.

While this guide could help you become a mob boss, it can help you become any kind of successful person. For example, the first given “rule” says that to be a mob boss, you need to be a leader of organized crime. That alone is not very helpful, but when the docuseries goes into detail to explain what it takes to be an organized crime leader and how many mob bosses in the past had those qualities, it raises some interesting points. A good mob boss must be driven, ambitious, resourceful, loyal, intelligent, works with others and can point you in the right direction — all things that anyone

needs in any profession.

The series talks about how a young Escobar sold fake diplomas and graduated school by faking his report card. In addition, it shows how Capone started his mobster career as a child by recruiting his cousins to help him rough up the competition, who were other children that clean people’s shoes in the street for a living.

Next, the show brings up the question of mentorship — it was mentioned that Capone had two mentors: top mobsters, Torrio and Yale, both well known in organized crime. Torrio taught Capone to dress for success, keep his mouth shut and understand that money is power. Yale taught Capone to always show he means business, to carry a gun and let his reputation precede himself.

To be honest, these lessons can be applied to a wide range of professions. Using this advice will get you far. Dressing in a certain way and showing you always mean business will lead people to treat you a certain way, allowing you to establish better connections.

In terms of money: if you have more money, you have increased access to things most don’t, making you harder to reach. The power that comes with money is influ-

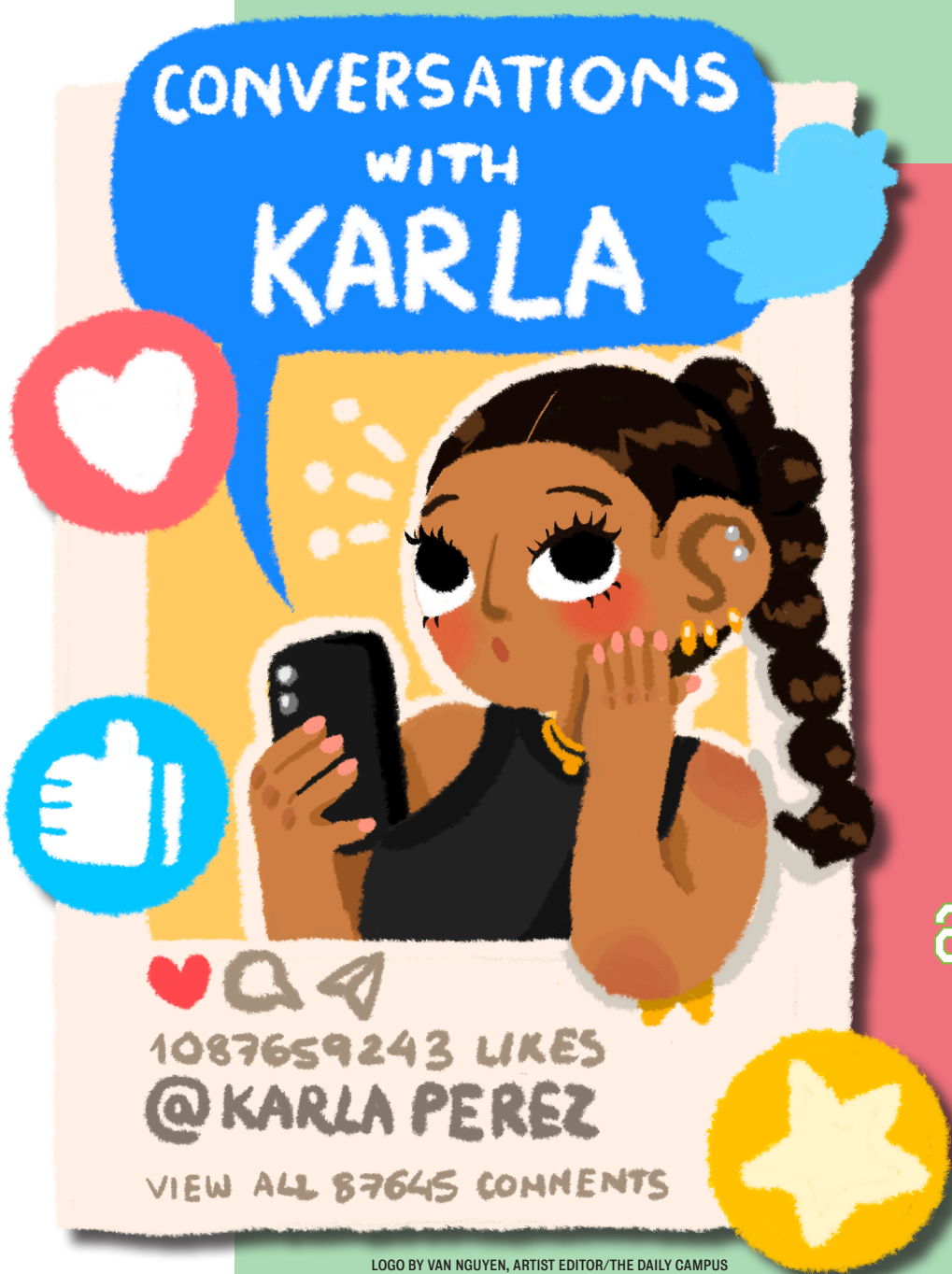
ential. Keeping your mouth shut and always letting your reputation precede you go hand-in-hand, don’t glorify yourself. Your actions, morals, values and work ethic will speak for themselves.

Maybe having a gun in hand is not necessary for people who are not mobsters, but we can replace the word “gun” for “resources” or “knowledge.” You never know when you will have to use something you learned in the past to resolve a problem.

Seeing the resemblance between the show and the self-help books I have is a bit odd to say the least — maybe even worrisome. Since I thought the books were supposed to be for non-mobsters, it was hard to see how anyone could learn from the criminals in the series; but now I see that to get anywhere in life you need to have the same key traits as a mob boss.

Overall, I definitely recommend this series to anyone who wants to learn the key traits required to become successful, likes history and fun facts, loves documentaries or would like to become a mob leader. Maybe this documentary will lead you to success! Who knows, maybe it’ll make you the world’s most well-known and successful mob boss.

RATING: 4/5



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Using social media to your advantage

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W e l - come back t o Con - ver - sations with Karla! In case you missed it, last week we went over the effect social media can have on your spending habits. This week, you will look at a conversation I had with Bridget Quiroga, a third-semester political science and human rights major and Spanish minor, going over the effect social media has on all aspects of student life.

Quiroga started our conversation by bringing us back to our senior year of high school, specifically college application season. She talked about how her school — like many high schools across the country — began a social media account for her senior class to showcase who was going where for college. She noted how this added more pressure to the already stressful time of year.

“I want to go here, but what is everyone else going to think about that,” was the topic of conversation for Quiroga and her friends.

We also talked about another trend that circulated on TikTok specifically. Occurring most often during and immediately after the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, many users would post vid-

eos showing a list of colleges they applied to as well as all their stats. When decision letters were distributed, these same users would make a duet with their videos highlighting which schools from that original list they got into.

Quiroga expressed how seeing these videos added a sense of self-doubt when she would see someone on the internet with stats similar to her own get into a school that she didn’t. “I would think, ‘Okay, I have all of these things too, but I didn’t get into that school so what’s wrong with me?’” she said. She also made a point that this situation can result in “a toxic relationship with someone you don’t even know” as she put it; because it creates a sense of competition that would have otherwise never existed.

However, the conversation did not only focus on the negative aspects, as Quiroga explained she has a lot to credit social media in her college experience thus far. As an out-of-state student, Quiroga didn’t have many easily accessible resources to gather information about the University of Connecticut, so she sought out this information through social media.

“I made so many connections online and found out about how to get involved in the school through social media,” she said. Quiroga is also a member of the UConn Dance Company, which is an organization she says she wouldn’t have found if it weren’t for social media.

Quiroga further elaborated that out-of-staters do not have much access to information about UConn student life. She combatted this dilemma by using the “UConn” tagline to find videos that would give her insight into this topic. She would scour the internet for “day in the life” videos or other vlogs from students who were already enrolled to help her picture herself at UConn. “I know I did that for a bunch of schools, but I specifically remember doing it a lot for UConn. That was one of the ways I actually fell in love with the school,” she said.

I went on to ask Quiroga how she was able to ignore other people’s opinions and make the college application experience her own. She explained that she sought out advice from someone she already knew and trusted, and how that conversation played a huge part in her decision to come to UConn. Rather than solely relying on the experience of strangers, she was able to find a mentor to help with the decision-making process. “It’s a matter of realizing that everyone is on their own path in life, and it’s not productive to compare yourself to strangers. Over time I realized ‘This is what’s happening for me and that’s alright,’” she said.

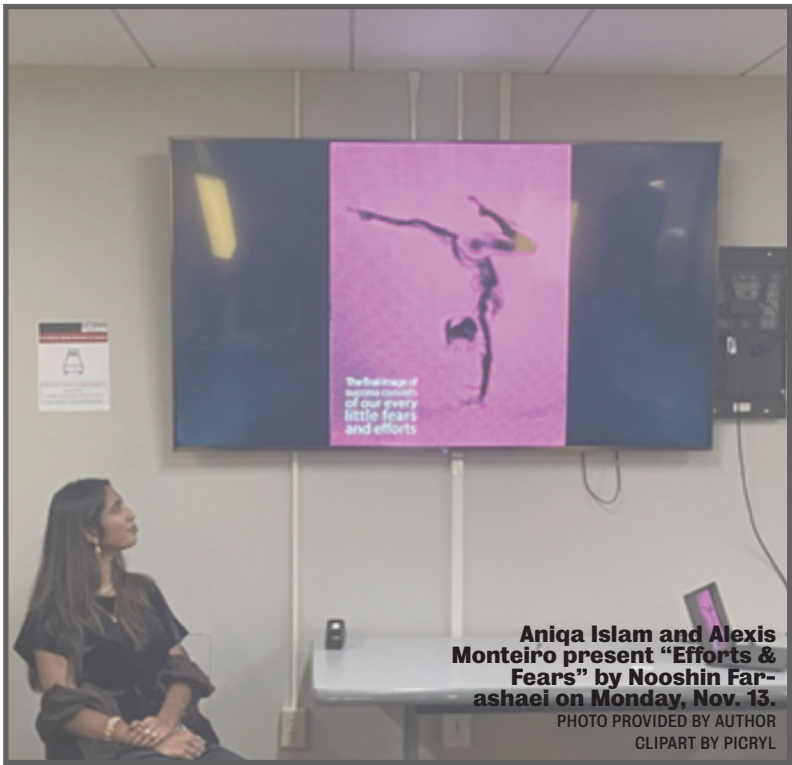
That’s all for this week’s Conversations with Karla! Remember that you’re loved. Have a happy Thanksgiving, and I’ll see you again when we return!

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Art exhibit opening: The stories that make us Storrs



Aniqa Islam and Alexis Monteiro present "Efforts & Fears" by Nooshin Farashaei on Monday, Nov. 13.
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On Monday, Nov. 13, a unique art exhibit entitled "Humans of UConn" was opened, arranging artworks in three locations on the Storrs campus. A recent revelation, created through the collaboration of the University of Connecticut Global Affairs and McMahon Residence Hall, the works of over 35 artists are now on display in the Global House Lounge in McMahon, the Center for International Students and Scholars, and the Global Affairs Hallway in the Rowe Center for Undergraduate Education. These efforts are the culmination of students, staff and faculty.

Presented by Aniqa Islam, the Multimedia Content Producer for the Office of Global Affairs, and Alexis Monteiro, the Residence Hall Director of McMahon, their respective offices shared an interest in "thinking about ways to tell stories," as Monteiro puts it. He prefaces the presentation by noting the importance of acknowledging the history of our land, which has been maintained by various nations of Indigenous peoples for centuries and labored over by enslaved Black people at a point in it's history.

The idea for the exhibit stemmed from New York photographer, Brandon Stanton, who runs the "Humans of New York" brand of everyday photography on social media. His inspiration can be seen in photographs of Adam Prince, a first-year hailing from Dubai, near campus locations like the Student Recreation Center that many students walk past every day. The point to be made here is that regardless of our cultures and backgrounds, we are all here at UConn now, creating an amalgamation of experiences that are expressed through exhibits like this.

There are included photographs taken here in the United States, France and Africa, the latter of which was shown through a trip taken by student Claire Cathers, thanks to UConn. She captures the vibrancy of nature and architecture through the many pictures provided of the trip in all three locations of the exhibit. Other featured photographs include the interior of a vast French cathedral to simple still shots of squirrels.

Islam asserts, "I've always believed that artwork has a way of transcending these cultural and language boundaries, and it's one of the few mediums that [...] can go across all cultures and boundaries."

Not all of the artwork was of the photographic medium though. Collages and poems also spanned the walls of these buildings. However, the most captivating piece came in the form of a 2D-motion video titled "Efforts & Fears" by Nooshin Farashaei, published in 2021. The video, viewable on YouTube, played on a loop for all onlookers to view in its entirety. It begins with a woman sitting depicted through dot art, reminiscent of pointillism. The video then zooms in on the dots, revealing empowering mantras, and once the video zooms back out, the woman is revealed to be performing a handstand, "a metaphorical representation of achieving stability and success in a new land," according to Farashaei, who faced a long and arduous immigration journey herself. One of the exhibit's strengths is the way it brought artworks previously available on the internet to a new in-person audience.

After giving acknowledgments and concluding the presentation, I spoke with Islam, who stated, "Humans of UConn is an art exhibit that celebrates the global impact of our university, on behalf of international education." She further elaborated, "Our goals with this exhibit ultimately lie with celebrating all of the stories and unique narratives that come together to make our community as diverse and as vibrant as possible."

Fittingly, there was a particular focus on celebrating international students in the Center for International Students and Scholars, and there were many pieces representing South Korea in the Global Affairs Hallway in Rowe, such as one thought-provoking photograph showing South Korean citizens using smartphones in an old cultural building.

Assorted cookies, brownies and refreshments were also provided at all three locations by McMahon staff, which definitely enhanced the viewing pleasure for all.

The exhibit will remain open in all three locations for the remainder of this semester, so feel free to visit them if you get the chance!



(Above) Photographs of Priyanshi Sitlani and friends. Artwork by Aniqa Islam. (Below) Photographs of Claire Cathers in Mauritius, Africa. Additional photos featured in other locations. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY AUTHOR



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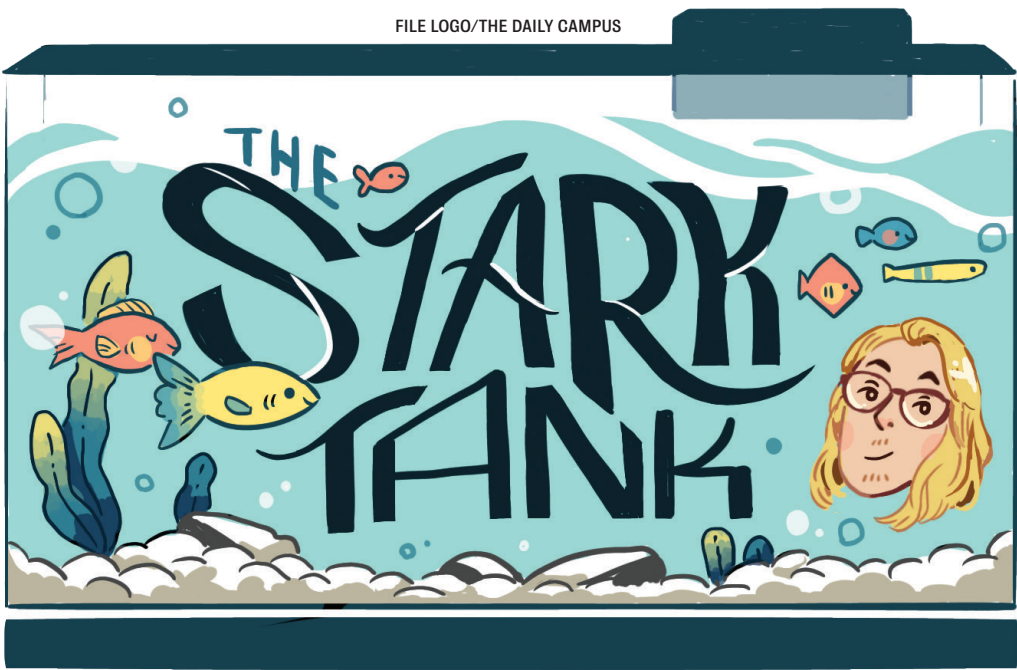
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WINNERS
AND LOSERS
OF THE 2023
ELECTIONS



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Another year, another election cycle. The 2023 elections occurred last week, with numerous races occurring at the state and local levels across the country. The elections saw a mix of Democratic and Republican victories, creating an overall neutral outcome. Though there weren't any truly shocking and unprecedented results, there were still a number that are worthy of discussion. That being said, let's take a look at the notable winners and losers of this year's elections around the country.

WINNERS:

ANDY BESHEAR:

Despite Kentucky's status as a deep-red Southern state and the home of the worst Senate delegation in the country with Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, incumbent Democratic governor Andy Beshear won reelection to a second term with a 5% margin of victory, a significant improvement from his 0.4% margin in 2019. Beshear was able to defeat his Republican opponent, Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, by regaining support in Eastern Kentucky, an ancestrally Democratic region that has turned solidly Republican in recent years, and running up the margins in Louisville and Lexington. His victory in Kentucky as well as his high approval rating, put him in contention for a potential presidential bid in 2028. He's a dark horse candidate right now, but his ability to win in Kentucky and his relative youth makes him an intriguing possibility in what could be a wide-open primary.

LONG ISLAND REPUBLICANS:

Long Island continued its rightward shift this election cycle, as the island bled red in its county-level elections. Ed Romaine became the first Republican in 20 years to be elected as Suffolk County Executive, a race he won by 14%. Republicans also increased their majority in the Suffolk County Legislature to 12-6, giving Romaine a supermajority to accomplish his goals. This was the latest in a long line of victories for Republicans in Nassau and Suffolk counties, as they now hold both county executives, supermajorities in both county legislatures and all four seats in Congress. A region that was competitive for the past two decades is becoming ruby red, though the 2024 presidential race will determine how red Long Island will become.

ABORTION RIGHTS:

Abortion rights continue to be upheld at the ballot box, with the latest victory coming in Ohio. 56.6% of voters in the former swing state voted in favor of a ballot measure that would enshrine the right to an abortion in the state's constitution. The success of the referendum marks the fifth time that voters have upheld abortion rights since the Dobbs v. Jackson decision in June 2022, and the second time that it was upheld in a red state. The success of this referendum in a red state like Ohio proves how successful Democrats and liberal activists have been in weaponizing abortion against Republicans, who are continuously painted as abortion hardliners.

LOSERS:

BRANDON PRESLEY:

Arguably the biggest letdown of the night for Democrats was Brandon Presley's loss to incumbent Governor Tate Reeves in Mississippi's gubernatorial election. While his loss was not entirely surprising, the race was expected to be more competitive than 2019, with Presley running a populist style campaign to appeal to conservative voters. Instead, Reeves won by a margin of 4.4%, only slightly smaller than his 5% margin in 2019. Presley came up short in what may be the last competitive gubernatorial election in Mississippi for the foreseeable future, as the Democratic bench outside of Presley in the state is bone dry. Presley stated after the loss that he's not done with politics, but it's unclear what his political future holds.

GLENN YOUNGKIN:

Earlier in the year, rumblings emerged about Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin launching a 2024 presidential campaign depending on what happened in November's elections. Now, in the wake of Democrats winning control of both houses of the Virginia Legislature, Youngkin declared that he won't be a candidate for president this year. Though Youngkin would have raced an uphill battle in the primary against the mountain that is Donald Trump, this year would have been his best shot at winning, as he's at the height of his relevance among Republican voters. His presidential ambitions are certainly not dead, but it's hard to say how good his chances will be five years from now.



ROUNDTABLE:

Which Republican presidential candidate is the most interesting?

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As contenders for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination recoil from a chaotic debate held last Wednesday, Nov. 8, voters — and viewers — have been left with a treasure trove of soundbites to form their judgements on each candidate. In this Roundtable, the Opinion section discusses which candidates they’ve got their eye on, for better or for worse.

LUKE FEENEY, WEEKLY COLUMNIST:
Nikki Haley. As a massive fan of “Veep,” I can’t help but draw some comparisons to Selina Meyer. Haley’s countless flip-flops would make Meyer proud. Depending on seemingly the day of the week, Haley holds multiple conflicting policy points. While I firmly believe that former President Trump is somewhat inevitable and is going to be the nominee, of the remaining candidates, it is Haley who has the best chance to mount somewhat of a challenge. If she can survive Iowa and New Hampshire, she’ll have her home state of South Carolina and could quickly pick up momentum. She could also get crushed by Trump, and if that happens, I think she ends up being his vice president. Her desperation for power made her join the first Trump administration and she would enthusiastically try and find a place in a second Trump administration. Haley is the only candidate I see having a viable future in the aftermath of this primary.

DAN STARK, ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR:
I’ve been really intrigued by Chris Christie. He’s had a full political evolution from a Trump-acolyte to his loudest opponent. The man who was almost Trump’s vice presidential pick in 2016 has been on an anti-Trump tirade since 2020 and his presidential campaign is no different. He knows he has absolutely no chance to win the nomination — he just wants to hurt Trump politically as much as possible. Seeing Christie up there on the debate stage slandering Trump while all the other candidates dance around him for fear of their political future is refreshing. Christie knows that he isn’t running for anything again, so he has nothing to lose. I also really want to see him take down a candidate like he ruthlessly did to Marco Rubio in 2016 — hopefully Vivek Ramaswamy will be his target.

TOMAS HINCKLEY, WEEKLY COLUMNIST:
As someone who just did a project on Vivek Ramaswamy I feel especially qualified to answer this question. He is such a weird guy. He has a very unique mixture of midwestern charm and hypocritical policy stances and is Trump sycophant that the political world has never seen before. His stances demonstrate a complete lack of ideological backbone, like the way that he uses TikTok and super PACs for campaigning while specifically arguing for banning both those things. He also tries to appeal to the youth while trying to take away their right to vote! I would say there’s cognitive dissonance here, but that would be a generous term for what is really just a shady and disingenuous political tactic.

NELL SRINATH, OPINION EDITOR:
It was, is and always will be former president — and current, alleged, fraudster — Donald Trump. While Trump seems like low-hanging fruit as far as “interesting” candidates go, and I’m honestly shocked none of my compatriots decided to take him on, it’s shockingly difficult to capture the essence of what makes him such a jarring presence in American politics. Trump has no cohesive political stances except for appeals to the most base instincts of the American right. In the education sphere, Trump went from eviscerating the federal student loan program in 2020 to proposing a new, free “American Academy” that will compete with other four-year universities. The American Academy will be paid for by “taxing, fining, and suing” private universities for their endowments, and, as Trump so elegantly put it, there will be “no wokeness or jihadism allowed—none of that’s going to be allowed.” Trump is the kind of person to promise everything and deliver nothing of value, and I personally find that both hilarious and deeply disturbing. Or maybe I’m just incensed because, per Trump’s Agenda47 platform, he’s coming after “radical Left and Marxist maniacs” in universities. I’m just beside myself with fear.

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The Puck Drop:

THE BIGGEST SURPRISES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS SO FAR THIS NHL SEASON

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We are exactly one month into the NHL season, and for hockey fans, it definitely has been a surprising start.

Here are my thoughts on the various NHL teams and which ones have had a surprising or disappointing start so far.

Biggest Surprises Vancouver Canucks

Fans were heartbroken last season after the firing of Bruce Boudreau, who worked with Vancouver as the head coach from 2021-2023. After constantly being at the bottom of league rankings for consecutive years, the Canucks sit at No. 2 in the Pacific Division and No. 4 in the league, below the Vegas Golden Knights. With newly appointed head coach Rick Tocchet and captain Quinn Hughes, they have won 11 games and notched three losses. On home ice, they are also 5-1-0.

The top three players for the Canucks are very familiar names who have been together since the 2019-2020 season. Those players include Elias Pettersson, J.T. Miller and Hughes. Pettersson leads Vancouver in points with 25, along with seven goals and 18 assists in 15 games played. Miller leads the team in goals with nine. In their recent 10-1 win against the San Jose Sharks, Hughes led the team, totaling five points.

Detroit Red Wings

Just like the Vancouver Canucks, the Detroit Red Wings are a team we normally see at the bottom of the league standings. With the new edition of forward Alex DeBrincat, they currently sit at No. 3 in the Atlantic Division and

No. 8 in the league. DeBrincat and veteran forward Dylan Larkin lead the team in both points and goals. DeBrincat specifically has 10 goals and five assists, totaling 15 points. Larkin, on the other hand, has five goals and 12 assists totaling 17 points.

Detroit currently has a record of 5-2-2 on home ice with a +6-point differential. The team had a confidence booster when they defeated Brad Marchand and the Boston Bruins 5-4. For reference, the Bruins sit at No. 2 in the league. It's been an incredible year for the Red Wings so far and it will be exciting to see how their season will turn out.

Biggest Disappointments Edmonton Oilers

If you asked an NHL fan which team they are most disappointed with this season, they would probably say the Edmonton Oilers. The squad is known to make the Stanley Cup playoffs with their star-studded roster including Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Darnell Nurse. They looked like a completely different team out there this season, sitting at No. 7 in the Pacific Division and second to last in the league standings.

McDavid, last season's recipient of the Hart Memorial Trophy, only has 12 points this season, racking up three goals and nine assists. Up until Nov. 13, when the Oilers took on the New York Islanders, he went four games without putting up a goal. When looking at a player like McDavid, that is a serious drought. In the midst of this dry spell, Edmonton replaced head coach Jay Woodcroft with Kris Knoblauch, the previous coach of the Hartford Wolf Pack. With that move,



Players for the Canucks work on their skills during practice before their game against the Canadiens on Sunday, Nov. 12. The Vancouver Canucks won the game 5-2.
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Knoblauch reunited with McDavid, who he coached in the OHL with the Erie Otters. When the 2015 first overall pick was asked about the firing, McDavid said, "As players, we're the ones on the ice, we're as prepared as any team in the league for any given night. It's on us to obviously be better." He touched on how Woodcroft "never lost the room," but Knoblauch is someone he is "looking forward to working with."

Calgary Flames

The Calgary Flames are another team you usually see in the Stanley Cup playoffs, but they currently sit right above the Oilers in league standings at No. 30 and stand at No. 6 in the Pacific Division. Their three top players, Andrew Mangiapane, Nazem Kadri and Elias Lindholm, only have 24 points in total. If we take a look back up at the Vancouver Canucks, forward Pettersson has 25 points himself. Their point dif-

ferential is also at -15. As of printing, the Flames are on a two-game losing streak after being defeated by fellow Ontario foes the Maple Leafs and Senators.

Even if it is just a few weeks into the NHL season, this was certainly not what NHL fans pictured the standings would look like. But that's what makes this sport so fun for fans to watch. There are 82 games, spanning six months with no days off. Anything can happen.



The Edmonton Oilers gather around for a team picture in the Oilers locker room after the win against the New York Islanders on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The Oilers won the game 4-1.
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Photo of the Day | XL student section for XL center



The student section looks far more packed than the rest of XL Center during the women’s basketball match against Dayton, showing their pride even at an off-campus game.
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Are the Minnesota Timberwolves finally NBA title contenders?

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For years, the Minnesota Timberwolves have been stuck in the pits of NBA mediocrity. The team has not won a playoff series since 2004, when MVP Kevin Garnett led them to the Western Conference Finals. In the time since, Minnesota has been a consistent bottom-feeder. They’ve only made the playoffs three times in their past 19 tries, and were a first-round exit in all three appearances. During this span, the team earned the number one pick in the NBA draft three separate times, where they selected Andrew Wiggins, Karl-Anthony Towns and Anthony Edwards in 2014, 2015 and 2020 respectively. At first, it seemed as though these picks would not pay off for the team, as Minnesota only made the playoffs once from 2014 to 2021. However, the Wolves had a winning record in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons, earning a playoff appearance in both campaigns. Although the new season just started, it appears as though Minnesota has finally made the jump from a first-round exit to a legit NBA title contender.

The Timberwolves have been off to a hot start this season. They currently have a 7-2 record, sitting at third place in the competitive Western Conference. This includes wins over the Warriors, Celtics and Nuggets, who are widely regarded as three of the best teams in the

league. At the forefront of their success has been Edwards, who has been playing at an MVP-level thus far. The former 2020 top overall pick has averaged 28 points per game this season and has repeatedly carried the Wolves’ offense during the fourth quarter. His best performance came against Boston where he dropped 38 points, including eight overtime points in a win against the previously 5-0 Celtics. He has reached his full potential that Minnesota was aiming for when they selected him.

Just as critical to the Wolves’ success has been their strong defense. The team currently has the best defense in the NBA, allowing the least points per game at only 103.1. The focal point of their defensive attack is center Rudy Gobert, who has won three Defensive-Player-of-the-Year awards in his career. On the perimeter, Edwards and Jaden McDaniels are elite wing defenders who gladly take the challenge of defending their opponents’ best players. As a whole, head coach Chris Finch has created a well-oiled defense system that has led to great success so far this season.

Not only do the Wolves have star power, but they also have a great cast of role players. Mike Conley Jr., acquired by the team last season, provides leadership and passing as a savvy 17-year veteran. Towns, who could fall into the star category too, is an elite offensive talent as a big man, and providing floor-spac-



Anthony Edwards slam dunks over defender Dario Saric in a game against the Golden State Warriors on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023. The Timberwolves are ranked third in the west.

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ing and scoring when the team needs it. On the wings, McDaniels and Kyle Anderson add excellent three-point shooting, defense and hustle for the team. Overall, Minnesota’s roster has been constructed well, and it seems as though the team has finally put it all together with the goal of pushing for an NBA title.

It is still early in the season, so only time will tell if the Timberwolves can maintain this level of play. However, they have looked like one of the best teams in the league

so far and most would agree they have the talent to keep it up. For example, in the NBA’s most recent power rankings, Minnesota was ranked at No. 2. Reporter Joe Nelson of Sports Illustrated reacted to this placement in his article, in which he wrote: “The Timberwolves are playing like a serious team and for the first time in nearly two decades the rest of the country is starting to notice.”

It appears as though Minnesota fans finally have a

team to believe in after years of hardship. The team will certainly not have an easy road in the playoffs, as the Western Conference is loaded with strong teams such as the Nuggets, Warriors, Suns, Lakers, Kings, Clippers and Mavericks. However, for the first time in a while, the Timberwolves appear to be just as good as all of the teams listed. That is all that Wolves fans can ask for. For the first time in nearly two decades, Minnesota is an NBA title contender.

The end of a legendary career for Rapinoe, a superstar soccer player and social activist

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On Saturday, Nov. 11 during the NWSL championship game between NY/NJ Gotham FC and OL Reign at Snapdragon Stadium in San Diego, California, legendary American soccer player, Megan Rapinoe, took to the field for the last time. Instead of the storybook ending she hoped for, less than three minutes in, the American superstar had to come off with a non-contact injury. Later, her OL Reign squad lost the game 2-1, which marked a bittersweet conclusion to an otherwise legendary career.

Rapinoe announced her retirement in July, shortly after the U.S. was knocked out of the Women’s World Cup in the Round of 16 against Sweden. Even with the recent premature exits in playoff action, Rapinoe is content with how things have gone for her.

“I’ve been able to have such an incredible career, and this game has brought me all over the world and allowed me to meet so many amazing people,” Rapinoe noted in a press conference before an international friendly between the U.S and Wales. “I feel incredibly grateful to have played as

long as I have, to be as successful as we’ve been, and to have been a part of a generation of players who undoubtedly left the game better than they found it. To be able to play one last World Cup and one last NWSL season and go out on my own terms is incredibly special.”

Throughout her 17-year career, Rapinoe played for six different clubs in three different leagues while representing the U.S. Women’s National Team (USWNT) in countless international tournaments. She played in the NWSL for the Chicago Red Stars, the Philadelphia Independence, the Washington Freedom and OL Reign (formerly known as Seattle Reign). Rapinoe also suited up for Sydney FC in A-League Women and Olympique in Lyonaisse in the Division 1 Féminine. She won two FIFA Women’s World Cup (2015 & 2019), one Olympic Gold Medal (2012), two CONCACAF Women’s Championships (2014 & 2018), three SheBelieves Cup (2018, 2020 & 2021), one Nations Tournament (2018), three Algarve Cup (2011, 2013, & 2015), two Division 1 Féminine (2013 & 2014) and one France Women’s Cup (2013). Rapinoe also earned many individual awards, such as the Golden Ball and Gold-



Megan Rapinoe lays on the ground in disbelief after suffering a non contact injury three minutes into her final career game against to Gotham FC. Gotham FC won the game 2-1.

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en Boot at the 2019 Women’s World Cup and the 2019 Ballon d’Or Féminin. She is also No. 10 in the all-time top scorers list for the U.S. Women’s National Team with 63 goals in 202 appearances.

Beyond her legendary soccer career, Rapinoe was known by many for her outspoken personality, her iconic celebratory pose as the statue of Liberty, her role as a social activist and an advocate for equality in the sports world and beyond. She never shied away from expressing her opinions on prominent social issues in the U.S., specifically regarding issues relating to LGBTQ+ rights, racial gender pay equity. After she came out as gay in 2012, becoming one of the first openly out play-

ers in the women’s game at the top level, she has worked tirelessly to make the sports environment more inclusive for others to come out and feel more comfortable. In an interview with the BBC, she acknowledged the difficulties of coming out especially in an environment like sports where LGBTQ people are not really accepted.

“Eventually the environment will be different where you feel like you can come out,” Rapinoe noted. “We’re trying to make it better and set the environment so when you are ready to come out, the environment is ready for you.”

Rapinoe was involved in issues surrounding racial injustice in the U.S., which became especially prominent in Sep-

tember 2016, when she knelt during the national anthem for a USWNT game. The winger did this to show solidarity with Colin Kaepernick, an NFL player who knelt during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial inequality. Rapinoe was the first white athlete to join Kaepernick. Most notably, her activism shined during the period where the USWNT had to fight against the U.S. Soccer Federation for equal pay with the Men’s Team. Rapinoe, along with several other teammates, signed a lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation on the basis of discrimination in the workplace, which they eventually settled, causing the Women’s Team to receive the same amount of money as the Men’s.

Point/Counterpoint:

IS GEORGETOWN OR DEPAUL MORE LIKELY TO FINISH LAST IN THE BIG EAST STANDINGS?

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Going into the 2023-2024 season, the Big East Conference had a vintage, '90s feel encapsulated by a handful of top 25 teams and household names at every head coaching position. The conference features the defending national champion and fifth-ranked UConn Huskies, the No. 4 Marquette Golden Eagles, the No. 8 Creighton Bluejays and several other programs that will be in the hunt for a national tournament berth.

Even the best conferences in the country have their bottom-dwellers. The DePaul Blue Demons and Georgetown Hoyas will be prime candidates for the basement of the Big East Conference after their abysmal performances on Saturday. The Hoyas, who are in year one of the Ed Cooley era, blew a nine-point lead with seven minutes remaining to Holy Cross (ranked 309 in KenPom rankings) in front of their home crowd. The Blue Demons, who previously lost to Purdue Fort-Wayne (No. 234 in KenPom) to begin the season, lost another game to Long Beach State in front of their home crowd.

As both programs look to get back on track, Daily Campus correspondent CJ Dexter debates with himself which program is more likely to finish last in the Big East.

CJ: Georgetown: The Hoyas are a far cry from the juggernaut they once were during the '80s and '90s. The final two years of Patrick Ewing's tenure saw the

program go 2-37 in Big East play. In 2023, the team looks to get back on track under Cooley, but Saturday's loss to the Crusaders brought back the same negative aura that has surrounded this program over the past few seasons. The Hoyas simply do not have enough talent to be competitive in the conference this year and will finish in last place. The roster has little depth and will not get a lot of production from their big men, often running four guards at once. Despite allowing just 62 points per game against two mid-majors ranked 309th and 361st in KenPom, the Hoyas are expected to be one of the worst defensive units in the conference as well. Last year they were dead last in points allowed and with all the offensive talent the Big East has, I don't expect it to get too much better with the thin Hoyas roster.

Dexter: DePaul: There is no doubt the Hoyas are in for a rebuilding year but, the Blue Demons team are in far worse shape going into this season. Not only did DePaul lose to teams that don't even come close to Big East talent, but they were playing from behind with double-digit deficits in both games. In the team's most recent loss to Long Beach State, DePaul fell behind 4-3 with 17:23 to go in the first half and never took the lead again. If this team is trailing for the final 38 minutes of a game to Big West opponents at home, imagine what will happen in games against a top-three conference.

CJ: Georgetown: While losing to teams from the Big West is concerning, Long Beach State isn't nearly as



DePaul's Elijah Fisher drives to the lane in their game against Long Beach State on Saturday, Nov. 11. DePaul lost this game 73-77. PHOTO COURTEST OF @DEPAULMBB ON X

concerning as losing to Holy Cross. LBSU was projected to win their conference in the preseason and have looked as good as advertised. Holy Cross on the other hand, was projected to finish fourth in the Patriot League and was coming off a loss to KenPom No. 328 Siena College in their opener. Additionally, Georgetown lost a bulk of their scoring from last season and didn't replace much besides adding Illinois transfer Jayden Epps. Even Epps didn't score average double-digits last season. The Hoyas don't have any elite scoring options, don't have much depth and will struggle to get stops, which isn't a recipe for success.

Dexter: DePaul: The Hoyas will certainly miss players like Primo Spears, Brandon Murray and Akok Akok but they still have more talent than the Blue Demons. DePaul lost Umoja Gibson (15.8 points per game), Javan Johnson (14.2 points) and Nick Ongenda (12.5 points) to the portal and didn't add nearly as much as Georgetown. Prior to losing their core players, DePaul finished 10-23 last season and didn't score or defend at nearly a high enough level to be competitive in the Big East. Losing the set of Gibson, Johnson and Ongenda will leave holes to fill on an already talent-decimated roster, and lead the way to a last-place finish

and the 21st consecutive season the program misses out on the NCAA tournament.

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Roundtable:

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE BREAKOUT NBA PLAYER?

It's been nearly a full week since the NBA got underway and with every season, there are some incredible players that have caught the eyes of basketball fans. Going into another year of hoops, these players may be undervalued or underappreciated by fans. However, many of these players go into the season and surprise fans with what they are able to do. Our team of writers will pick their favorite breakout NBA player in this edition of The Daily Campus Roundtable.

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Shaedon Sharpe

Buy your stock now because Trail Blazers forward and shooting guard, Shaedon Sharpe is quietly emerging as a star in this league. Sharpe, drafted last season out of Kentucky, has seen his scoring skyrocket from 9.9 points to 19.8 in his second season while bringing freakish athleticism to the defensive end. In addition to his emergence in scoring, Sharpe is corraling five rebounds per contest and having top 40 defensive win shares. The former seventh-overall pick is quickly getting attention and emerging as an early candidate for the NBA's Most Improved Player award for a young and exciting Blazers squad. It wouldn't be a surprise to see the second-year player in a handful of all-star games as his career goes on.

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Cam Thomas

Despite an ankle injury that may keep him out for a few weeks, Cam Thomas had a stellar start to the 2023-24 NBA season. The third-year guard out of LSU is about as exciting as it gets on the offensive end for the Brooklyn Nets, going back to early February last season where he exploded for 40 points or more in three straight games leading up to the departures of stars Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving. In eight games this season, Thomas is averaging career highs in all three major statistical categories with 26.9 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 32.4 minutes of action a night. At just 22 years old, Thomas is a bright young star to kickstart the new-look Nets. Nets fans hope to see him healthy sooner rather than later to make a push for an All-Star selection in Indianapolis in February.

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Mark Williams

I've been able to catch Charlotte Hornets games on NBA League Pass and the biggest surprise to me was the impact of Mark Williams. Last season, the former Duke big man averaged a stellar nine points and 7.1 rebounds per game in his rookie season. Those numbers certainly don't fly off the charts, but what he's been able to do thus far has truly been impressive. Currently, Williams is third in the league in offensive rebounding percentage and is the top dog in the NBA in terms of field goal percentage. If you can believe it, the sophomore seven footer even registered an incredible 24 rebounds against the Wizards on Nov. 11, the highest rebounding game this season. When you're able to do what the Hornets center has done thus far, you deserve more love.

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Mitchell Robinson

While Mitchell Robinson won't be putting up over 15 points a game, his contributions to this young Knicks squad cannot be overlooked. Robinson has been a menace on the glass, ranking seventh in the Association with 11 boards a game so far. Robinson also proved he can lock up almost any big man in the league, as he held Victor Wembanyama to 14 points on 28.6% shooting from the field. The 7-foot-2-inch center is only 25 years old, and he has shown early aptitude in his post scoring, capitalizing on the few chances he does down low shooting an excellent 54% from the field. The Florida native is only getting better, and the fact he has done it against such elite competition is something that should excite Knicks fans. If he keeps this up, don't be surprised to hear his name in the running for Defensive Player of the Year.



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Men's Basketball Recap:

NO. 5 HUSKIES PUMMEL DELTA DEVILS IN SCRAPPY SHOWDOWN

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In 2023's second XL Center matchup of the season for the UConn men's basketball team, the program once again got the job done with a commanding 87-53 win over Mississippi Valley State.

While the end result will please Husky fans, the journey to get there was less than ideal for Dan Hurley and company. The UConn men started out flat, accumulating two turnovers and failing to capitalize on the offensive end with a 1-4 showing from downtown in the first five minutes. The drama was far from over for this Connecticut squad. Immediately after the first commercial break, fans witnessed a scrappy loose ball that ended up going MVSU's way. Shortly after, Delta Devils guard Danny Washington and Huskies guard Tristen Newton got into a brief altercation that resulted in a double technical foul.

UConn's defense did not start off on the right foot, as Alex Karaban and Newton both got into foul trouble early on in the first quarter. The program's initial struggles in the paint kept MVSU in the game for the early part of the first half as they nearly matched the Delta Devils rebound total.

Connecticut failed to capi-

talize on many of their offensive opportunities as Newton struggled early on with four turnovers. Solomon Ball struggled to find his mark after replacing the injured Stephon Castle in the starting lineup, shooting 2-8 in the first half. As a team, the Huskies turned the rock over nine times in the first 20 minutes.

Despite the Huskies coming in as nearly 40-point favorites, Rayquan Brown's shooting kept the Delta Devils competitive. The veteran guard played the entire half, accumulating 14 points on 7-14 shooting. With nearly 11 minutes left in the first half, the Huskies only had a four-point advantage.

In spite of Connecticut's early struggles, it was Cam Spencer who put the game out of MVSU's reach. The Maryland native was on fire in the first half, finishing with 19 points on 7-9 shooting, including 5-7 from beyond the arc. Factoring out Spencer's shooting, the Huskies shot 1-9 from downtown as a team. After 20 minutes of action, Connecticut boasted a 17-point lead.

Other than Spencer, Karaban had himself a solid night, scoring 14 on 4-6 shooting. Despite his success, the Massachusetts native found himself in foul trouble throughout the night with three first-half fouls and another early on in the second half. His production was limited for Hurley and company, as



Jaylin Stewart attacks the rim against Stonehill College at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Nov. 11, 2023. The Huskies took the win with a score of 107-67.
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he spent most of the time avoiding his fifth foul.

The Huskies had themselves a better second half, improving in all areas of scoring, especially Newton. The Texas native had an improved second half, scoring 10 on 2-4 shooting and 5-5 from the charity stripe.

Donovan Clingan performed well, scoring 17 points on 7-8 shooting, 3 blocks and 5 rebounds. Despite his solid performance, the 7-foot-2-inch big man still held himself accountable for what he saw

as a disappointing outing.

"I feel like we did not come out in the first half with the energy and play the way that UConn plays," Clingan said. "I wasn't protecting the rim. Samson wasn't protecting the rim. We just were letting them score with ease, and we weren't really guarding the ball well."

While Connecticut put together a better second half, coach Hurley had much to say about his team's performance postgame.



"I thought we looked soft. We just had terrible discipline



UConn men's basketball proves their worth as national championship against Stonehill College at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Nov. 11, 2023. The Huskies took the win with a score of 107-67.
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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK



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Women's Volleyball, 6 p.m. Saturday Storrs, Conn.

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Wooden Award Top-50 Watchlist for Tristen and Donovan

TWEETS OF THE DAY



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Composer and @UConnSFA music professor Kenneth Fuchs' latest album, "Cloud Slant," continues to earn accolades four months after its July release, the latest a Grammy nomination for Producer of the Year, Classical.

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