



## Students react to upcoming finals week



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As the end of the semester approaches, students at the University of Connecticut have started to prepare for finals week which begins on Dec. 11.

According to a poll conducted on the Daily Campus Instagram, the majority of students said they are not prepared for finals. Out of 59 students, only 29% of students said they are prepared for finals, while 71% do not feel prepared.

Ethan DeBaise, first-semester music education major, said he is feeling

prepared and ready for his first finals week at UConn.

"I'm feeling pretty confident about finals. Thankfully I only have one final but I have an absurd amount of projects that need to be done," DeBaise said.

Many students said they are stressed about their finals but are planning out their study schedules now, so that they will be prepared once the week begins.

Finals week begins Monday, Dec. 11 and ends Sunday, Dec. 17. There is a reading day on Thursday, Dec. 14.

"I am nervous for finals, but I am doing my best to organize content and study with friends in order to

prepare," Christine Audia, first-semester undeclared business major, said.

Isabella Mema, third-semester English and pre-teaching major, said she also created a study plan to help ease the stress of the upcoming week.

"Overall, I feel ready since I've been planning and I have a study schedule laid out, but once I actually do the studying, I'll be all set," Mema said.

Since most courses feature different final formats, students have different ratios of projects, essays and exams that count as their final assessment.

"I have two in-person exams, two projects, an essay and a lab practical," Mema said.

Jenny Lin, eighth-semester communications major, said two of her classes have a final group project along with a final exam.

"I've been focusing more on the projects, because they're due earlier, but hopefully the exams are not too bad," Lin said.

The poll, conducted on the Daily Campus Instagram page, asked how many finals students had: 23% said they have one final, 20% said they have two finals, 32% said they have three finals and 25% said they have four or more finals.

All students have different finals weeks; while some like DeBaise can go home after his one final

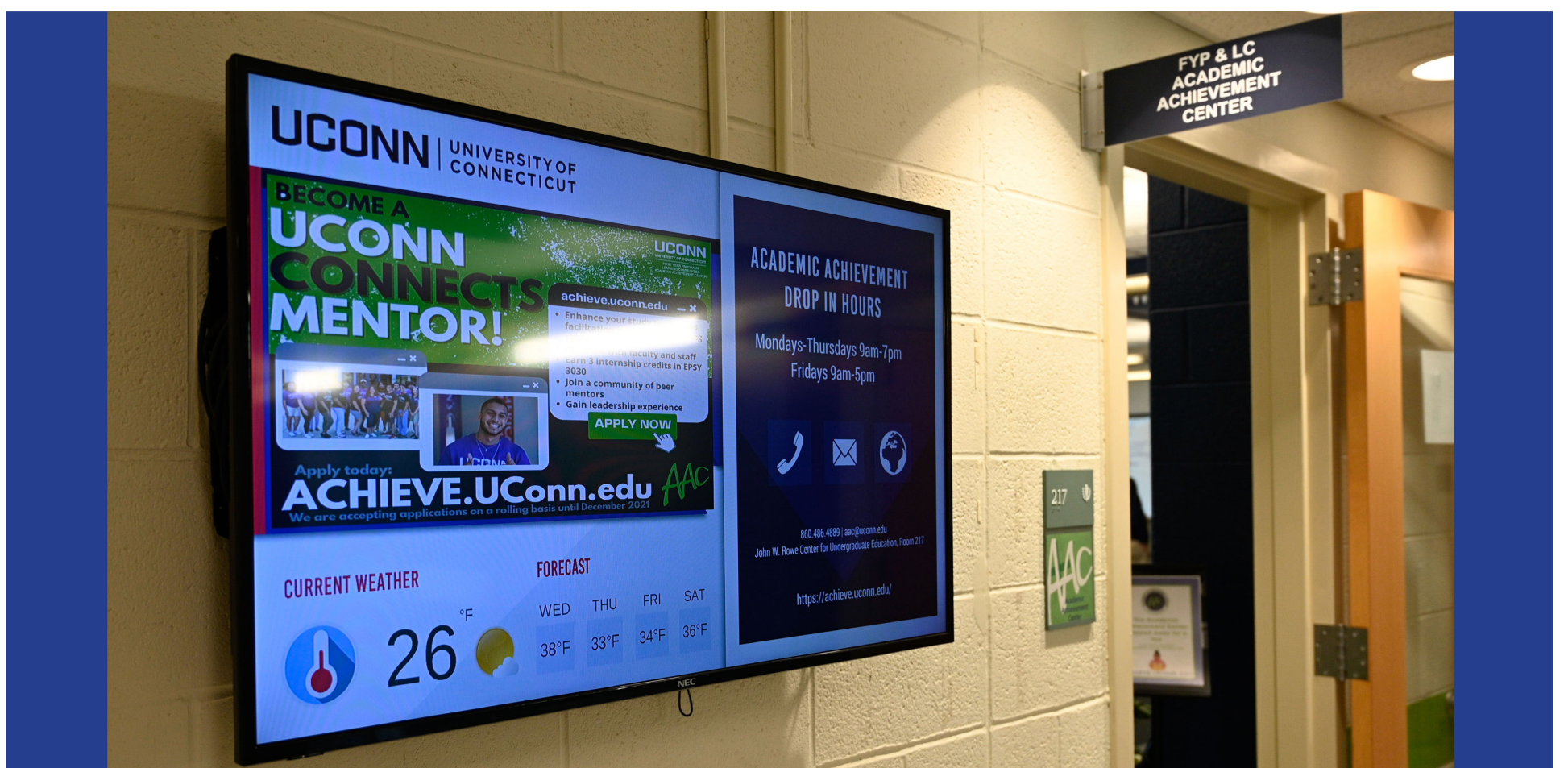
on Tuesday, others have to stay until later in the week.

Joseph Radziewicz, third-semester accounting major, said he has three exams and one final project this semester.

"I have a lot more in-person finals compared to previous semesters, so I'm a little worried about that, but I plan on giving myself plenty of time to study so I'm prepared," Radziewicz said.

Overall, students expressed that they are not enjoying finals season, the long hours spent studying and the multiple exams to follow and are looking forward to it being over.

"I'm ready for these finals to be over!" Radziewicz said.



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## News

# UConn researchers find ketamine “rapidly” effective in treating PTSD and depression

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A team of University of Connecticut researchers have published a paper in the journal “Annals of Pharmacotherapy” detailing their positive findings on the use of ketamine infusion therapy in treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Although ketamine has previously been approved for use in patients with treatment-resistant depression, the team’s research, led by Pharmacy Practice Department Head C. Michael White, proves for the first time that the anesthetic drug has considerable potential in “rapidly reducing” symptoms of PTSD.

The implications of this research are wide-reaching for much of the population, with 13 million individuals having PTSD in the United States alone. Standard treatment features a combination of prescription drugs and trauma-focused psychotherapy, techniques which may work for some patients but not for others.

The mental health world has long struggled with the imperfect nature of traditional pharmaceutical antidepressants, which although largely safe and effective, can be problematic. Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, referred to as SSRIs, and the functionally similar class of SNRIs, are the most commonly prescribed drugs for the treatment of depressive symptoms, including those present in PTSD.

These compounds play a key role in the long-term management of symptomatic depression and have a considerable likelihood of reducing PTSD symptoms, with a positive response in 60% of patients. There are some drawbacks to these substances, including that, “the effects of SSRIs may take up to 6 weeks before the patients feel the effects of treatment,” according to National Institute of Health.

“What’s most important is that there is now a drug option that can work acutely (immediately) for patients with PTSD,” White said, going on to describe ketamine as a fast-acting “tool” in the



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pharmaceutical “toolbox” of prescription treatments.

Ketamine acts instantaneously to reduce the effects of PTSD, with a 25% decrease in symptoms both one day and one week after the first session, states the study.

“If you could administer something that would give you a similar benefit to what you could get with a regular antidepressant drug, but get it the next day, then this therapy can be a bridge to other therapies,” White said.

Health professionals now envision the role of ketamine as an intermediary, stepping in before long-term antidepressants can take effect. “Some people with severe PTSD may be experiencing suicidal thoughts,” White said, “time is of the essence.”

The long-term therapeutic potential of ketamine trends

positively, but has yet to be reliably assessed by current studies. The UConn study followed patients over the course of a four week period, where the effectiveness of ketamine dropped from the initial 25% down to 12% – “modest but still significant,” White commented.

Until recently, the study of ketamine, a dissociative, and psychedelics, including psilocybin and MDMA for mental health treatment has been

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MICHAEL WHITE

largely impossible due to U.S. regulatory agencies and the war on drugs. For the first time, individuals who suffer from mental illness may be able to utilize these substances for their healing potential.

“Ketamine and psychedelics approach the mental health disorder in a different way,” White said, who noted the scientific community’s excitement for these novel therapies. Instead of “chronic” PTSD medications to be taken on a regular basis, MDMA and now ketamine, may be used for isolated perspective-shifting experiences under the guidance of medical professionals.

Ketamine is not, however, a miracle drug. It is currently reserved for severe cases of treatment-resistant mental illnesses, costing \$800 per injection and only being

available at a small subset of trained clinics. Additionally, it is critical that the administration of the drug be conducted in a supervised medical setting, where breathing abnormalities can be corrected due to the substance’s depressant effects. Furthermore, therapeutic ketamine sourced from black markets may contain harmful chemicals that can result in overdose and death.

Ketamine’s journey from the street drug “Special K” to a valuable healing resource for victims of extreme trauma is not yet over. Widespread adoption of ketamine treatment will take time, as the tasks of training staff, equipping medical facilities to handle the hours-long sessions and making the drug more affordable for patients still remain.

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- 28 Disneyland city
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- 31 Classic clown name
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By Jeanne D. Breen

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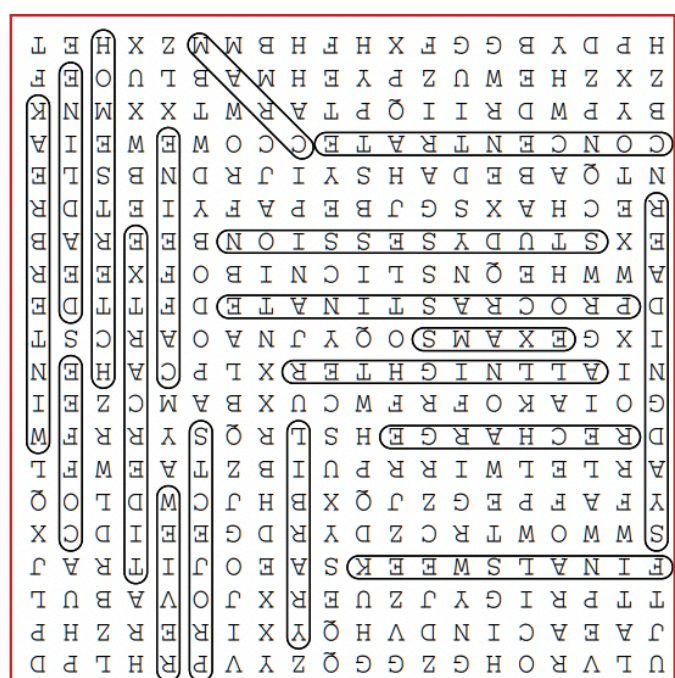
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# LIES AND DAMN LIES: THE DOWNFALL OF GEORGE SANTOS

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I really didn't want to write about Congress again after exclusively writing about it for those chaotic three weeks where we didn't have a Speaker along with all the trials and tribulations of the dysfunctional family known as the House Republican Conference. After that debacle, there seemed to be a bizarre sense of normalcy and calm in the House, with the exception of Mike Johnson's crusade against the separation of church and state in the form of his christofascist rhetoric. All was quiet on the shores of the Potomac River heading into Thanksgiving recess.

And then the House Ethics Committee did the equivalent of blasting an airhorn in a library when they released their long awaited report on embattled congressman and former drag queen George Santos on the morning of Nov. 16. The committee's report found "substantial evidence" of numerous wrongdoings by Santos, the most notable of which being evidence that he "knowingly caused his campaign committee to file false or incomplete reports with the Federal Election Commission" and cited multiple instances of misuse of campaign funds.

Yowza. Santos' turbulent tenure in the House has been defined by the myriad of controversies that follow him around like Kari Lake vacuuming the ground Donald Trump walks on, most notably the numerous lies he told on the campaign trail to fool the voters of Nassau County. One of the many items on his long list of scandals related to alleged improper use of campaign money, which just so happens to be illegal. Reports earlier in the year highlighted a series of

suspicious loans and dozens of donations all valued at \$199.99.

The report released by the Ethics Committee details his misuse of campaign money and it's far more shocking and ridiculous than some of Santos' biggest haters like myself could even comprehend. I'm not even talking about simply not reporting things to the FEC. Santos blatantly used campaign funds to pay off his own credit card debt. This alone is disturbing enough, but the findings become infuriating when it addresses the mass amounts of personal purchases he has made with these same campaign funds. The lowlights include thousands of dollars in travel expenses, thousands spent in Atlantic City, all of which he probably lost gambling, high priced cosmetics since he fancies himself so highly, \$1,500 on Botox (which is clearly not working) and of course, if this list wasn't wild enough, purchases on OnlyFans, the content subscription service primarily used by sex workers. There's a litany more that I could include but these are the most egregious, confusing and downright petty examples. The list is so absurd that it sounds like the plot of a Michael Moore documentary where Santos infiltrates the House to see how many scandals and illegal activities he can get away with.

What makes Santos' actions even more frustrating is his response. He immediately took to X (formerly known as Twitter) and posted a long Trump-style rant where he called the report "a disgusting political smear" and that he was "humbled yet again and reminded that I am human and I have flaws." What he fails to understand is that normal congressmen who follow the law don't spend thousands of dollars on Botox and porn sites. His

painting of the report as a witch hunt shows a delusional pathological liar who fully believes he's in the right and that he's some sort of political martyr who did all this to "fight against the deep state" or some crap like that. The extremely high level of arrogance and smugness exuded by Santos defending his innocence even defies said qualities of Ted Cruz, which is an incredibly hard feat to achieve. The only good thing to come out of his rant was his declaration that he's not running for reelection in 2024, though he insisted that he won't resign.

But Santos doesn't have to worry about resigning, as the House is expected to vote to expel him as soon as this week, a measure that will likely pass overwhelmingly as Santos' support continues to crumble. He even acknowledged that the measure would likely pass and that his time in Congress is over soon in a rare show of hubris from a raging egomaniac. His colleagues on both sides of the aisle are likely ecstatic to see him go, especially after he accused unnamed members of being hypocritical lobbyists. And while he isn't necessarily wrong, the irony of him calling someone a hypocrite is simply astounding.

The report by the House Ethics Committee and the upcoming expulsion vote mark the end of the single-most controversial and chaotic term by any congressman in the 21st century and maybe ever. He won't be in Congress for much longer, but he'll still probably try to hog the limelight by becoming a regular guest on Fox News and starting his own side-news and starting his own side-news when he goes bankrupt again. So good riddance and au revoir Santos, don't let the door hit you on the way out.

## Opinion

Photo of the Day | UConn Hartford



A view of the UConn campus in downtown Hartford. Students at UConn Hartford have the opportunity to participate in many classes both in Hartford and at the other UConn campuses, including Avery Point, Waterbury, Stamford and Storrs.

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What do the TV show "Homeland" and the movie "Aladdin" have in common? They share a disturbing connection — the perpetuation of the villainization of Arab men.

"Oh, I come from a land, from a faraway place, where the caravan camels roam, where it's flat and immense and the heat is intense, it's barbaric but hey, it's home."

Aladdin's opening song, "Arabian Nights," sets the racist undertones for the rest of the movie. In the fictitious realm of Agrabah, Princess Jasmine and Aladdin, the film's protagonists, are English-speaking with no accents and light-skinned. By contrast, Jafar, the main antagonist, is dark-skinned, sinister and power-hungry. He speaks with an exaggerated, thick accent that does not reflect any Arab dialect. The entire movie — from its setting to its characters — is a distorted amalgamation of both Arab and South Asian cultures and highlights the West's homogenization of the Eastern world.

In "Homeland," the primary antagonist of season one is Abu Nazir, a Palestinian terrorist and al-Qaeda commander who holds ex-Marine and prisoner of war Nicholas Brody captive, radicalizing him and convincing him to serve as a suicide bomber

attempting to kill high ranking political figures. This narrative choice reinforces many harmful prejudices, namely that Arab men are terrorists and they are prone to radicalization. Beyond Nazir, the show has highly stereotyped depictions of Arabs, Pakistanis and Afghans, continuously feeding into stark misrepresentation and prejudice — so much so that when street artists were asked to add authenticity to scenes of Syrian refugee camps in the show, they

As people are continuously exposed to this type of content, they can internalize these biases and integrate them into their perception of the world and their actions.

The consequences of this media-driven dehumanization are not confined to fictional narratives and have detrimental real-world consequences. In the media, when talking about the deaths of Palestinians, women and children are most often mentioned, while the Palestinian men

while wearing their keffiyehs — the symbolic Palestinian scarf — and speaking Arabic. ACLU of Vermont Advocacy Director Falko Schilling said he believes the state hate crimes statute could apply in this case, which prompts a poignant reflection: Would this tragedy have unfolded without the media's relentlessly racist portrayal of Arabs?

The distorted lens through which Arab men are portrayed in Western media has influenced far beyond the screen — it influences public opinion, policy decisions and, ultimately and irrevocably, the lives of Arabs. Recognizing the urgent need

## THE VILLAINIZATION OF ARAB MEN IS HARMFUL ON AND OFF THE SCREEN

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graffitied "Homeland is racist" in Arabic on the walls.

These types of portrayals have harrowing real world consequences, as they lead to damning perceptions of the character of Arab men. By upholding their roles as antagonists and framing their actions and their beings through extremist ideologies, these depictions inundate American culture with the imagined threat of Arab men. The cultivation theory highlights that being exposed to too much television and film creates illusory perceptions of reality, mainly caused by the repetition of certain images in various contexts.

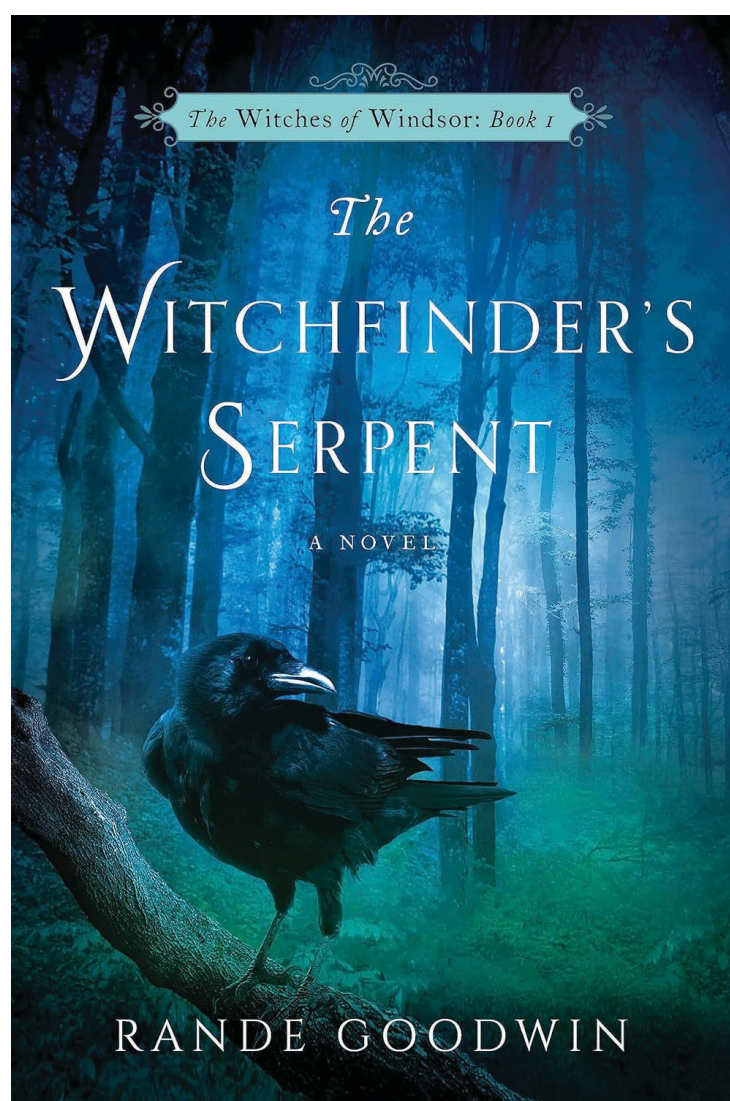
that are killed are hardly ever mentioned — a narrative reflected even in international appeals, such as when French President Emmanuel Macron called on Israel to stop killing Gaza's women and babies, with no mention of the men. The propaganda against Arab men has been so successful that it is entrenched into the public consciousness to the point where they often cannot exist outside the lens of terrorism. This dehumanization was also shown in the tragic shooting in Burlington, Vermont on Saturday, Nov. 25, where three college students of Palestinian descent, including one from Trinity College in Hartford, were shot at close range

for action, a wave of activism on social media has emerged as a dynamic catalyst for change. Across different platforms, such as TikTok and Instagram, creators are reclaiming narratives and amplifying authentic voices. This movement is exemplified by journalists in Palestine and activists worldwide advocating for justice. Their endeavors stand as a testament to the use of social media as a force for positive change. Only through authentic portrayals that dismantle prejudices and represent true experiences can we hope to move beyond the confines of white supremacy and create a more inclusive narrative.

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# Defending champ UConn ready for Allen Fieldhouse and showdown with Kansas



UConn's center Donovan Clingan (32) looks to shoot over New Hampshire forward Clarence Daniels, right, as New Hampshire forward Jaxson Baker, left, defends in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, in Storrs, Conn.

PHOTO BY JESSICA HILL/AP

(AP) — Purdue is back on top of the AP Top 25 this week, but the team it replaced will still be in the spotlight this week.

Kansas, the preseason No. 1, will return from the loaded Maui Invitational and attempt to pick up another marquee win when the fifth-ranked Jayhawks play defending national champion and fourth-ranked UConn on Friday night in Allen Fieldhouse.

Rarely do top programs play each other on college campuses these days, opting instead for easy matchups against the likes of Eastern Illinois, which the Jayhawks played Tuesday night. The big-time showdowns have been increasingly pushed onto neutral floors in lucrative made-for-TV tournaments and events, such as the Maui

Invitational, where the Jayhawks lost to fourth-ranked Marquette in the semifinals before rebounding to beat No. 10 Tennessee in the third-place game.

"Whenever you play a tournament, exempt tournament, everybody wants to go into it thinking 3-0. In this field, I guarantee you all the coaches were thinking 2-1's a good trip," said Kansas coach Bill Self, whose team also was tested on an a neutral floor when it beat No. 12 Kentucky in Chicago. "I don't think there's anybody's walking away saying 2-1 was not a success."

The revamped Huskies have been tested this season, too, picking up wins over Indiana and No. 16 Texas to win the Saatchi Empire Classic in New York earlier this month. But the real

tough stretch for coach Dan Hurley's team is just beginning.

UConn plays the Jayhawks on Friday night, then returns to Madison Square Garden on Dec. 5 to play No. 17 North Carolina in the Jimmy V Classic. After a breather against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, the Huskies play No. 11 Gonzaga on Dec. 15 in the Continental Tire Tipoff, then begin a brutal race in the Big East — the league had four teams in the Top 25 this week.

ACC-SEC CHALLENGE  
The marquee matchup in the showdown between the ACC and SEC was Tuesday night, when eighth-ranked Miami travels to No. 12 Kentucky, while No. 23 Alabama played Clemson.

The event continues on Wednesday, when No. 11 Tennes-

see visits No. 17 North Carolina, No. 14 Texas A&M visits Virginia and seventh-ranked Duke heads to Arkansas, which dropped out of the Top 25 this week.

BIG EAST-BIG 12 BATTLE  
Kansas and UConn take center stage in the event pitting arguably the premier leagues in college basketball this season. But the same night they play at the Phog, Big 12 newcomer and sixth-ranked Houston travels to Xavier for an intriguing matchup.

No. 15 Creighton, which fell from the top 10 after its loss to Colorado State last week, visits Oklahoma State on Thursday night.

CONFERENCE PLAY  
As leagues get bigger, conference play is beginning sooner. Top-ranked Purdue, fresh off

three wins over top-11 teams in Maui, opens Big Ten play on Friday night at Northwestern, while No. 24 Illinois heads to Rutgers on Saturday.

The ACC also gets going with Florida State visiting the Tar Heels and No. 7 Duke at Georgia Tech on Saturday.

MORE LAS VEGAS LIGHTS  
What has fast become one of the most popular destinations for neutral-floor events has another one next weekend when No. 20 Colorado State plays Washington and No. 11 Gonzaga takes on USC in the Las Vegas Invitational. The Rams are coming off their first win over a top-10 team since 1984 when they beat Creighton for the Hall of Fame Classic title last week.

# USC up to 6th for best ranking in AP women's poll in 29 years; South Carolina still unanimous No. 1



South Carolina guard Milaysia Fulwiley drives for a layup against Mississippi Valley State during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Columbia, S.C., Friday, Nov. 24, 2023. South Carolina won 101-19.

PHOTO BY NEIL RICHMOND/AP

(AP) — Stellar freshman Juju Watkins has helped Southern California climb the AP Top 25 to the team's best ranking in 29 years.

The Trojans moved up to sixth in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, its highest rank since the 1994 season when they reached No. 4. Watkins has been a huge reason why, already with three 30-point-plus games this season to match the school record for freshmen held by Trojan greats Lisa Leslie and Paula McGee.

"We had a challenging schedule early and we met those challenges," USC coach Lindsay

Gottlieb said. "Obviously Juju is so phenomenal, to see her adapt to the college game and adapt so quickly is so impressive."

South Carolina remained the unanimous choice at No. 1 from the 36-member national media panel. The Gamecocks cruised to two easy wins over the Thanksgiving holiday.

UCLA, Stanford, Iowa and N.C. State round out the top five.

UCLA, Stanford and Iowa all had successful runs in holiday tournaments last week. The Bruins beat UConn for the first time in school history, topping the Huskies in the inaugural Cayman Islands Classic.

The Wolfpack knocked off another top-five opponent, routing then-No. 3 Colorado in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Coach Wes Moore's squad has gone from being unranked in the preseason poll to fifth.

"We were picked to finish eighth in the ACC, and we weren't ranked two weeks ago," Moore said. "It's what I've been telling them: 'Stay hungry, stay hungry and keep doing what you've been doing.' Right now, they're putting the team first, and not caring who gets the credit."

Colorado fell into a tie for seventh with LSU. The Buffaloes knocked off the then-No. 1 Tigers to start the season.

Virginia Tech is ninth and Texas 10th. The Longhorns host UConn on Sunday in the Jimmy V Classic. The Huskies, who are once again beset by injuries, dropped out of the top 10 for the first time since Jan. 3, 2022.

POLL POINTS  
Princeton entered the Top 25 for the second consecutive year. The Tigers, who were ranked in the preseason last year before falling out, topped Oklahoma before falling to Indiana. Princeton's only other loss this season was a three-point defeat at UCLA.

It is the third straight season that the Tigers have been ranked for at least one week.

Marquette jumped into the poll at No. 23 after wins over Boston College and Arkansas. The ranking comes nearly a year to the date of the Golden Eagles last appearance in the Top 25 after they had a successful run at the Battle 4 Atlantis.

Washington State and Oklahoma fell out of the rankings.

CHALLENGE WEEK  
The inaugural ACC/SEC Challenge will take place this week with some marquee matchups that include No. 18 Notre Dame against No. 20 Tennessee; No. 9 Virginia Tech against No. 7 LSU; and No. 24 North Carolina playing top-ranked South Carolina.

## Sports

Photo of the Day | Clingan's Career Night



The UConn men's basketball team goes up against the UNH Wildcats at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. on Nov. 27, 2023. The huskies who hold the National championship title with this win created a brand new record in NCAA history for 24 straight non-conference double digits win.  
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# Point/Counterpoint:

WHO HAS BEEN THE BEST "0" IN THE NBA THIS SEASON? JAYSON TATUM OR TYRESE HALIBURTON?

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With the first two months of the regular season under their belts, Celtics forward Jayson Tatum and Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton have wasted no time picking up from their all-star campaigns from a year ago. Tatum, who earned All-NBA first-team honors last season, has his team sitting atop of the Eastern Conference standings with a 13-4 record. Haliburton, on the other hand, is on pace for career highs in almost every statistical category and has the Pacers in sixth place in the Eastern Conference. With both players wearing "0" on the back of their jerseys, Daily Campus Staff Writers CJ Dexter and Sam Calhoun debate about which "0" has been the best this season.

## CJ: Haliburton

Find me another player in the league averaging at least 25 points and 10 assists per game while shooting 50% from the field this season. If you can't find anyone else, that is because Haliburton stands alone in that distinction. The fifth-year point guard out of Iowa State is breaking out with averages of 25.9 points and 11.9 assists per game while shooting 52% from the field and a scorching 46% from beyond the arc (8.3 attempts per game). Compared to Tatum, Haliburton has been the better player because of how efficiently he creates his shot while finding teammates at an elite level. While Haliburton averages three points less than Tatum, he shoots significantly more efficiently from beyond the arc and averages over seven assists more per game than Tatum.

## Sam: Tatum

The four-time All-Star said it



Tyrese Haliburton gets ready to shoot a shot in a game against the Detroit Pistons on Friday, Nov. 24. Tyrese Haliburton is currently ranked in the top 10 for MVP voting this season.  
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best: Tatum is "humbly, one of the best basketball players in the world." Haliburton and Tatum play different positions. Haliburton is a true point guard, the position that consistently makes their teammates better. Tatum averages 28.1 points per game, currently the second-highest average in a season in his entire career. He's shooting just below 50% from the floor, and his 8.9 rebounds per game create second-chance opportunities for his teammates, such as Jaylen Brown and Jrue Holiday. Even though he's not averaging over 10 assists per game like Haliburton is, the 6-foot-8 forward ranks 57th in the NBA in assists per game with an average of 4.1.

## CJ: Haliburton

There is no denying that Tatum and Haliburton have different roles for their respective teams. However, Haliburton has been significantly better than Tatum in several key areas, such as three-point shooting, shot-creating and overall efficiency. The NBA Player Impact Estimate is a metric that gauges a player's all-around contribution to the game, and Haliburton ranks sixth in the league while Tatum ranks 10th. Not only does Haliburton have a clear advantage in assist-to-turnover ratio over Tatum, but the Pacers star is shooting 10% better from beyond the arc on similar attempts per game as Tatum. Tatum has a slight advantage in scoring, but that is because he is

not a pass-first player and is called upon to take a bulk of the shots for the Celtics. There is no doubt both players are on their way to All-NBA selections. Haliburton has the edge this season.

## Sam: Tatum

Let's take a look at the Eastern Conference standings, shall we? The Celtics, behind an MVP-caliber season so far from Tatum, are in first place with a 13-4 record. The Pacers are just two games above .500 at 9-7, sitting in a tie for sixth place. There are a lot of double-digit scorers around Haliburton. However, it is more impressive that Tatum averages over 28 points a game, with Brown and Kristaps Porzingis averaging over 18 points per game

each. Haliburton does not have the talented supporting cast Tatum does. There is no doubt what Haliburton does is impressive, but Tatum will always be in front because he is putting up numbers with another superstar in Brown. Your argument that Tatum is not a pass-first player is not entirely wrong, but it is certainly not completely accurate. Tatum ranks fourth on the Celtics in assists per game, behind Derrick White (5.0) and Jrue Holiday (4.9). He does average the most field goal attempts per game on the Celtics, but so does Haliburton. Tatum's average is closer to Brown's, but Haliburton takes roughly six shots more than his teammates and only two less than Tatum.

Point / Counterpoint

# Roundtable:

## WHO IS THE GOAT RACER IN THE "CARS" SERIES?

Recently (on the internet), one question has caught the attention of many. Who is the greatest racer of all time in the "Cars" series? While many are quick to go with Lightning McQueen, there are plenty of other options that many fail to consider. For example, Strip "The King" Weathers has the same amount of Piston Cup wins as McQueen, and celebrities, such as Stephen A. Smith, have proclaimed the blue race car as their GOAT racer in the beloved Pixar franchise. In this week's Daily Campus roundtable, our team of writers will name their pick for the most impressive Cars racer.

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**Doc Hudson:** When sports fans mention the greatest three-peats of all time, few mention how the legendary Doc Hudson was able to secure three consecutive Piston Cups from 1951-1953. Essentially, with the talent that the famous Hudson Hornet possessed, he was on a career path similar to Bill Russell that included a record 27 season wins before his infamous crash in the 1954 Fireball Beach 350 that ended his career. While many are quick to name McQueen as the GOAT, you can't forget that before Hudson became his crew chief, the famous red race car was a notable choke artist that couldn't beat a washed-up Weathers or an overrated Chick Hicks. With the help of Hudson and an insane race crew, McQueen truly took off, winning four Piston Cups under the tutelage of the wise blue racer. He's not even in the GOAT conversation without the assistance of Hudson and if his accident in 1954 didn't take him out, there's no doubt that the legendary Hudson Hornet is undisputedly at the top of the pack.

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**Strip Weathers :** If McQueen is the sport's Gordie Howe, then Weathers is the Piston Cup's Wayne Gretzky. Hudson may be like Mike Bossy in terms of having the sport's greatest what-if, but the King has the accolades to back up his reputation as one of the best. He may have never won three in a row like the Hudson Hornet, but Dinoco's Golden Boy won a record seven Piston Cups over a 37-year career. Based on NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty and his blue Plymouth Superbird, Weathers is the only racer to capture the Piston Cup in four different decades, something no player has done in any of the four major sports leagues, MLS or WNBA. Facing tough competition such as three-time Piston Cup champions Darrell Cartrip and Clint Shiftright while vying for the title up until his final season in 2005 tells me all that I need to know. Even though McQueen won seven Piston Cups in approximately half the time it took Tom Brady to win seven Super Bowls, Weathers is the sport's undisputed king.

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**Lightning McQueen:** What else needs to be said? There are no ifs ands or buts about it, McQueen is the GOAT. After all, McQueen should hold the record for most Piston Cups. In his rookie year, he displayed the greatest act of sportsmanship, helping Weathers across the finish line, losing himself the race. While McQueen's haters say he wouldn't exist without Hudson, that isn't the case. It takes a great player to make a great coach. Bill Belichick was regarded as one of the greatest head coaches of all time, though that isn't necessarily true. Brady was so good that he elevated Belichick to another echelon of greatness, winning six Super Bowls. When Brady left for Tampa Bay, he won his seventh ring without Belichick, who has struggled immensely since his quarterback's departure. As a racer, Hudson never won a World Grand Prix. McQueen accomplished all this in only 16 years. Similar to Brady, McQueen didn't need Hudson. He could have found the same success without him.

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# The Rod Wave:

## EXAMINING A POTENTIAL JUAN SOTO TRADE FOR THE YANKEES

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It's no secret that the New York Yankees have to make some moves during the off-season and rumblings of potential moves have started to circulate around social media. The 27-time world champions have been linked to plenty of free agents over the past few months from Cody Bellinger to Yoshinobu Yamamoto. But, the cream of the crop that should be on every Yankees fans' wish list is Juan Soto, the current superstar outfielder for the San Diego Padres.

For any team in baseball, they could use a player like Soto. In terms of how he would fare in New York, it has the potential to be incredible. If you were to combine his bat with Yankee Stadium's notable short porch, the multi-time all star's power numbers could be amplified dramatically. He would form an insane duo with franchise star Aaron Judge and immediately give this squad another talented left-

handed bat that they desperately needed last season.

While his defense is certainly not the best, his offensive numbers would undoubtedly be huge for this Yankees lineup and there's not a better option on the market for the price that Soto should garner. Currently, he's looking at a one year, \$27 million arbitration deal, so if the current Padres outfielder looks as good as advertised, he'll need to be re-signed in a competitive free agency market as an unrestricted player.

That's a great tie-in to what the perfect deal for Soto should be. Considering the fact that his current deal is short and his tenure in New York could potentially be as brief as a year, Brian Cashman needs to avoid giving away their most prized prospects like Jasson Domínguez in any deal for the Padres all-star. Could they afford to let go of players like Everson Pereira or Spencer Jones in a potential move for this must-get player? I certainly think so, but I think two of the major pieces that should be in a trade for Soto should be Trey Sweeney and Nestor Cortes Jr.

Sweeney is only 23 years old and even though San Diego does have Xander Bogaerts at the Major League level and Jackson Merrill at the Double A level, the team could cer-



Juan Soto works out in a video posted to his Instagram story on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The caption for this story said "Getting ready for October nice & easy" PHOTO COURTESY OF @DUGOUTSTATION ON X

tainly use the infield depth. The California franchise could also opt to see how he looks at third base, where he's been mentioned at potentially moving to in scouting reports. The reality that the Padres are most likely going to lose some major pitching depth in free agency is huge for the Yankees. They can afford to give up a player like Cortes, who is now just two seasons removed from a 2022 season that saw the right-hander pitch to a 2.44 ERA and 161 ERA+. New York already has a trio of promising pitching prospects in the minors and

they can afford to package one of those, along with Cortes, in a potential move. For how things currently stand with Soto, that's certainly fair for both parties involved. The big thing for the Yankees in selling this trade to San Diego is the pitching. Even if the team isn't able to win the Yamamoto sweepstakes, that should only fuel this team's desire to acquire a player like Soto. This lineup's hitting issues were abundantly clear without Judge or a healthy Anthony Rizzo, who ironically was injured in a match against the Padres

last season. If they were to have neither Yamamoto nor a huge outfield piece in their lineup, this squad is going to be in for a long season. Simply put, they need to strike while the iron is hot. While this roster will certainly still have issues throughout its lineup, adding a three time all-star will be a huge help in alleviating at least a few of these issues. If Cashman and Co. could only add one player to the roster for the 2024 season that's realistically available for this team, Soto should be on the top of that list.



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# Sports

# The Puck Drop: MY CURRENT TOP-3 CALDER MEMORIAL TROPHY CONTENDERS

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If you asked an avid fan of the NHL which year was their favorite to watch, I can guarantee you that they would answer with this season. So far, 2023 has been quite eventful. Some teams look worse than in previous seasons, while others are improving. There's also been a hyped-up group of rookies that has caught the eye of hockey fans throughout the world. These players include Connor Bedard, Luke Hughes, Adam Fantilli, Matthew Poitras, Logan Cooley, Leo Carlsson, Matthew Knies and more.

Every year, the NHL gives out an award "to the player selected as the most proficient in his first year of competition in the National Hockey League," essentially Rookie of the Year. These are currently my top three Calder Memorial Trophy contenders.

**Connor Bedard: Chicago Blackhawks**

As one of the most-coveted-top overall NHL Draft picks since Connor McDavid in 2015, the Blackhawks rookie has been incredible thus far.

In his first few weeks with Chicago, head coach Luke Richardson has put his trust in Bedard's offensive abilities, placing him at center with veteran players Ryan Donato and Taylor Hall at his wings.

For 2023, Bedard has had 10 goals and seven assists. In his first game of the season versus the Pittsburgh Penguins on Oct. 10, he got the first assist of his NHL career. The very next day, he got the first goal of his career versus the Boston Bruins.

If we look at the basic facts on paper, Bedard is the clear rookie of the year.

**Luke Hughes: New Jersey Devils**

At the University of Michigan, he was named Big 10 Co-Freshman of the Year, led all NCAA Hockey defensemen in points with 39 points in 41 games and led all NCAA rookies (from any position) in scoring. In his sophomore season, he piled on more accolades as he led the nation's defensemen in points per game.

If we circle back to the 2021 Draft, when Hughes was selected fourth overall to the New Jersey Devils, we witnessed Jack Hughes, his brother, and his elated reaction at having the chance to play professionally with his little brother.

The rookie defenseman began his journey in a Devils sweater last season during their playoff run. His second game of the season was on April 13 versus the Washington Capitals. Hughes notched the first point of his career with an assist, then added on to that scoring with the first goal of his career in a thrilling overtime winner.

So far this season, he has only gotten two goals and 10 assists. When you look at a versatile defenseman, you want to see them scoring goals, but more importantly, backing their teammates up from the blue line to aid them in scoring goals. Currently, that is what Hughes is doing with his Devils line partner, Colin Miller. These statistics make him a very viable contender for the Calder.

**Matthew Knies: Toronto Maple Leafs**

Knies, the oldest player on this list, is often one that fans tend to overlook. However, he is still a valid contender for the Calder.

Even after only playing two seasons at the University of Minnesota, the Arizona native made the most of his time as a Gopher. In his sophomore season, he racked up 21 goals and 21 assists in 40 games



Luke Hughes waits on the bench to check into a game against the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday, Nov. 25. The New Jersey Devils won the game 7-2.

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played, averaging a point per game.

Just like Hughes, Knies joined the Maple Leafs towards the end of the season. He managed to get the first point of his career versus the Tampa Bay Lightning on April 11.

You couldn't have scripted it up better, because this season on

Oct. 21, he scored his first two goals of the season and even got an assist in another showdown with the Lightning.

He's made himself known as a Maple Leaf this season, where head coach Sheldon Keefe is entrusting him with

veteran forward John Tavares and right winger William Nylander on his line.

We are about a quarter of the way through this current NHL season and the Calder Memorial Trophy race is certainly shaping up to be a close one.

# USWNT: Emma Hayes named 10th manager of Stars and Stripes

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On Nov. 14, Emma Hayes was announced as the new manager of the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT). Hayes became the 10th full-time and fourth female manager in the team's history, succeeding Vlatko Andonovski, who served as manager from 2019 to 2023. Hayes also became the highest-paid women's coach in the world, matching the salary of the U.S. Men's National Team coach, according to The Athletic.

U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) President, Cindy Parlow Cone had nothing but praises for her recent hiree.

"Emma is a fantastic leader and world-class coach who sets

high standards for herself and for everyone around her," Parlow Cone said, "She has tremendous energy and an insatiable will to win. Her experience in the USA, her understanding of our soccer landscape and her appreciation of what it means to coach this team makes her a natural fit for this role."

Hayes is currently the manager of Chelsea F.C. Women and has held that position since 2012. Throughout her 11-year tenure with them, she has won 14 major trophies including a domestic treble (winning the league and two additional cups) in the 2020-2021 season. She also won Best FIFA Women's Coach of the Year in 2021. Before that, she was the manager of the Long Island Rough Riders in 2002, where she be-

came the youngest manager in the league while also named USL W-League Manager of the Season. Then, from 2003 to 2005, she coached the Iona Gaels and then the Chicago Red Stars from 2008-2010. She was an assistant coach of the Arsenal F.C. Women's team between 2006 and 2008 as well as the academy director. In 2010, she became the technical director of the Western New York Flash of Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), helping to create the team that won the 2011 Championship.

Hayes shared her admiration of the USWNT and her excitement of coaching a team with such a great legacy, calling it "a dream come true."

"This is a huge honor to be given the opportunity to coach the

most incredible team in world football history," Hayes stated in an interview with U.S. Soccer. "No one ever knows what the right time is in life for anything, but it's the feeling I have for this team and for a country that I have a great connection with and a history with. I've dreamed about doing this job from my days as a coach in my early twenties. You can't turn the U.S. Women's National Team down."

Hayes is set to officially begin with the USWNT at the end of the 2023-2024 season, two months before the 2024 Olympics. In the meantime, the team will be led by interim manager Twila Kilgore who has been in charge of the team since Andonovski resigned. Afterward, she will join Hayes's staff as an assistant coach.

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