



UConn receives federal grant for offshore wind farm development project



An off shore wind turbine farm is a sustainable and efficient way to produce energy. The University of Connecticut recently received a federal grant to fund the development of an off shore wind farm.

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The University of Connecticut was one of four institutions to receive a grant from the Department of Energy to support their offshore wind power development program.

According to a press release from UConn, the grant contributes \$2.1 million to the project, which is expected to cost \$3.7 million in total. The difference will be covered by industry partners such as Eversource, an energy company that partnered with UConn to create the Eversource Energy Center, which researches and develops technology for more reliable power.

“The project outcomes will be shared with the broader industry and offer new findings to stakeholders for accelerating offshore wind integration to achieve the United States’ ambitious 30 gigawatt offshore wind goal,” the press release said.

According to the press release, the main focus of the project is maximizing the grid capacity of the offshore wind

farm with their current transmission lines.

“Investing in completely new transmission lines would be both extremely costly and time-consuming as well as creating regulatory challenges and potentially causing disruption to local communities,” the press release said.

The project looks to accomplish their goal by utilizing dynamic line rating sensors to monitor the transmission lines of an offshore wind farm. The sensors will collect data such as wind speed and the line’s temperature. This data will ideally be used to ensure that wind farms are consistently operating at their maximum safe capacity.

Professor Junbo Zhao, the principal investigator of the grant, explained to UConn Today that currently, grid operators tend to manage their systems conservatively “due to security and reliability margin reserves.”

“We want to monitor the real-time limits for all of those critical transmission corridors or transmission lines, and then based on that information, we can do optimized dispatch of

the power flows through the circuits so that we are able to integrate more renewable energies securely and reliably without investing in new transmission lines,” said Zhao to UConn Today.

According to the press release, the sensors will be deployed along transmission lines in Massachusetts, near the “nation’s first utility-scale 800-megawatt offshore wind farm,” which is expected to come online in late 2023 or early 2024.

The other institutions that received the federal grants were Georgia Tech Research Corporation in Atlanta, NV Energy in Las Vegas and Pitch Aeronautics Inc. in Boise, Idaho. According to the Office of Electricity website, all of the projects involve dynamic line rating technology, among other developments.

The website says that the recipients of the grant are all performing research and development that will enable a smoother adoption of more sustainable systems throughout the energy sector.

“The technologies they deploy will help optimize infra-

structure in existing rights of way,” according to the website. “They will also facilitate renewable resource interconnection and market access by improving the reliability and efficiency of power transfer.”

Emmanouil Anagnostou, the director of the Eversource Energy Center at UConn, said to UConn Today that this project could set a valuable precedent

for other wind farms to further improve their own capacities.

“Since this is the nation’s first utility-scale, big offshore wind generation, if we demonstrate that this technology is going to work well, then developments in other regions - like the Mid-Atlantic or Gulf Coast or Western areas - they’re going to follow the same steps,” said Anagnostou.

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Ohio bill to ban diversity training requirements in higher education stalls in GOP House

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A GOP-sponsored bill that would ban nearly all diversity and inclusion training requirements at Ohio's public colleges and universities and bar public universities from taking stances on "controversial" topics doesn't have the votes to move forward in the Legislature, according to the House's conservative leader.

House Speaker Jason Stephens, a rural southern Ohio Republican, told reporters Tuesday that he wouldn't be pushing the contentious legislation to a floor vote in the GOP-dominated House, as it simply doesn't have enough support despite having cleared the conservative state Senate.

The multifaceted measure would drastically change the way students learn and faculty teach across the nation's fourth-largest public university system, and comes alongside other Republican-led states targeting diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education.

Supporters of the measure have called it necessary to rid higher education of bias, promote "intellectual diversity" and help protect conservative speech on campuses.

Senate President Matt Huffman, a Lima Republican, has



Opponents of a multifaceted higher education bill protest across the Ohio Statehouse on May 17, 2023. A GOP-sponsored bill that would ban nearly all diversity and inclusion training requirements at Ohio's public colleges and universities and bar public universities from taking stances on "controversial" topics doesn't have the votes to move forward, House Republican leadership said on Nov. 28.

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long championed the measure, and the Senate voted to approve the legislation mostly along party lines in May. Three GOP members broke away from their party to join Democrats

in voting against the measure. Dozens of university students and faculty, as well as the 61,000-student Ohio State University, have spoken out against the bill. Many have

argued the legislation encourages censorship and allows the Legislature to micromanage higher education — particularly when it comes to defining subjective terms like

"bias," "intellectual diversity" and "controversial matters."

Several changes were made to the bill since the May vote, including nixing the heavily opposed ban on faculty strikes during contract negotiations — something many House Republicans expressed concern over. But that doesn't appear to have made it more palatable, at least to Stephens.

Bill sponsor Sen. Jerry Cirino pushed back on Stephens' stance that the bill doesn't have the support it would need to pass the House, pointing out that a third committee hearing went ahead Wednesday on the measure and the committee will likely hold a vote on it next week.

"I can't get inside the speaker's mind, but ... I believe that there are the votes," Cirino told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "We'll see if we can't in some fashion convince the speaker that this bill is absolutely needed in the state of Ohio to improve higher education."

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North Dakota State extends new scholarship brought amid worries about Minnesota tuition program

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University announced Wednesday that it's extending a new scholarship brought about due to neighboring Minnesota's program to cover tuition for income-eligible residents, beginning next year.

North Dakota higher education leaders are worried about losing Minnesota students. Earlier this month, North Dakota State announced its

new Tuition Award Program, which is similar to Minnesota's North Star Promise program. Both programs begin in fall 2024. The university has extended the scholarship to a second year.

The North Star Promise program will cover undergraduate tuition and fees at the state's public post-secondary schools and tribal colleges for Minnesota residents whose family income is under

\$80,000, after they have used other sources of financial aid, such as grants and scholarships.

North Dakota State's new scholarship is for Minnesota and North Dakota first-year students who are eligible for the federal Pell Grant and whose family income is \$80,000 or less. Returning, second-year students will be considered for one year of the scholarship in the 2024-25 school year.

The scholarship will cover eligible students' tuition and fees after other aid is used. The NDSU Foundation is covering the cost of the new scholarship, estimated to be \$3.5 million for its first year.

North Dakota State University President David Cook has spoken of "catastrophic implications" due to North Star Promise. The university is the top out-of-state choice for first-year Minnesota stu-

dents, who make up nearly half the school's student body.

About 15,000 to 20,000 Minnesotans could use North Star Promise in its first year, according to Minnesota's Office of Higher Education.

About 1,400 Minnesota students at five schools in eastern North Dakota might be eligible for the Minnesota program, according to the North Dakota University System.

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American Symphony

A BEAUTIFUL STORY BUT MEDIOCRE STORYTELLING

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I've never had a proficiency in the realm of music-making. All those years of piano lessons and I still couldn't tell you which side of the instrument plays low notes and which plays the high ones. Despite my musical ineptitude, I've always admired those who are musically gifted.

Yesterday, Netflix released a musical documentary titled "American Symphony," which follows singer and songwriter Jon Batiste. The film features him juggling the 2022 Grammys — for which he was nominated for 11 awards — the opportunity to orchestrate his own symphony and the pressures from his community to reclaim their right to creativity. In addition, the documentary sheds light on Batiste's struggles with anxiety and the health crisis his partner is facing for the second time.

Batiste's relationship with music began in his hometown of Metairie, Louisiana. After years of developing his gift, he became a songwriter, singer and multi-instrumentalist — a resume that landed him a spot at the most prestigious art school in the country, Julliard. Batiste notes that this was the earliest instance in which he struggled to find his place in the music realm, as Julliard is a place that focuses on European classical music. As a Black man from the South, Batiste did not feel like he was suited to fit into that mold, but that did not bridle his creativity.

The film begins with Batiste switching between one phone call reiterating his impressive potential Grammy lineup and the other about his opportunity to orchestrate his own symphony to perform at

Carnegie Hall. The first part of the documentary depicts how Batiste and the rest of the world reacted to the announcements. In response to the Grammy nominations, not everyone was as ecstatic as Batiste. He received nominations in both classical and jazz categories, which was the root of the controversy. The film covers a contradictory conversation in pop culture media surrounding the nominations. One article described Batiste as a character that could compete with icons like Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo; others characterized him as a "jazz darling", while others claimed that he knew nothing about classical music and angered the "real" classical music community.

Next, the documentary takes a turn away from Batiste's professional career and delves into his personal life. Viewers get an inside look into his relationship with writer and motivational speaker, Suleika Jaouad. The couple hosts a small, intimate wedding with just themselves and their closest friends. They scheduled the event so that Jaouad could properly celebrate before her return to treatment for leukemia.

The concern for his new bride's health, piggybacking on the pressure he feels about creating the perfect symphony, pulls Batiste into a dark mental state. The artist shares his history of anxiety and panic attacks, and reveals that the whirlwind of chaos that has overcome his life is bringing these ailments back with intensity.

As if preparing a symphony to perform at one of the most iconic concert venues wasn't stressful enough, Batiste shares that he feels pressure from the Black creator community. He shares that he and other Black artists feel that the music industry constrains them to one type of music genre and limits their free-

dom to experiment and expand creatively. Batiste wanted this symphony to show the world what Black artists are capable of when given the opportunity. Unfortunately, when it came to showtime, the universe worked against him and the stage power shut down. Whether or not he saved the performance, I will leave up to your judgment.

Now, based on the title of this article, you're probably wondering what negatives I have to say about this seemingly moving film. Don't get me wrong, I loved the story and getting a behind-the-scenes look into his life, but the way the documentary itself was made is what threw me off.

To start, the film had a vintage blue and yellow tint to it, which for some scenes wasn't a problem, but for others felt a little hard on the eyes — though that could just be personal preference. Another thing I couldn't enjoy was the constant playing of music in the background. No matter if there was dialogue or scene changes, there was always a piano vigorously playing in the background. Sometimes it seemed necessary, but at other times, it felt overstimulating as it created difficulty to focus on what people were saying. Finally, the way this was filmed follows more along the lines of a film adaptation of a book, rather than a documentary. Key components such as one-on-one interviews were missing and replaced with theatrical elements such as overdramatization in some scenes.

Apart from these critiques, I would recommend this film to anyone interested in learning more about what it is truly like to work and live in the entertainment industry. The interconnectivity between Batiste's own struggles and equity and inclusion makes the story compelling and thoughtful.

Rating:
4/5



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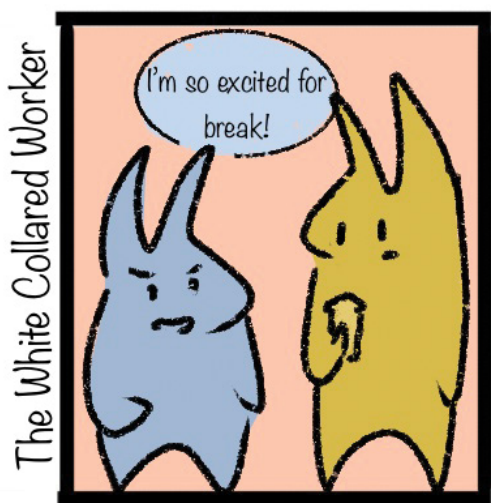
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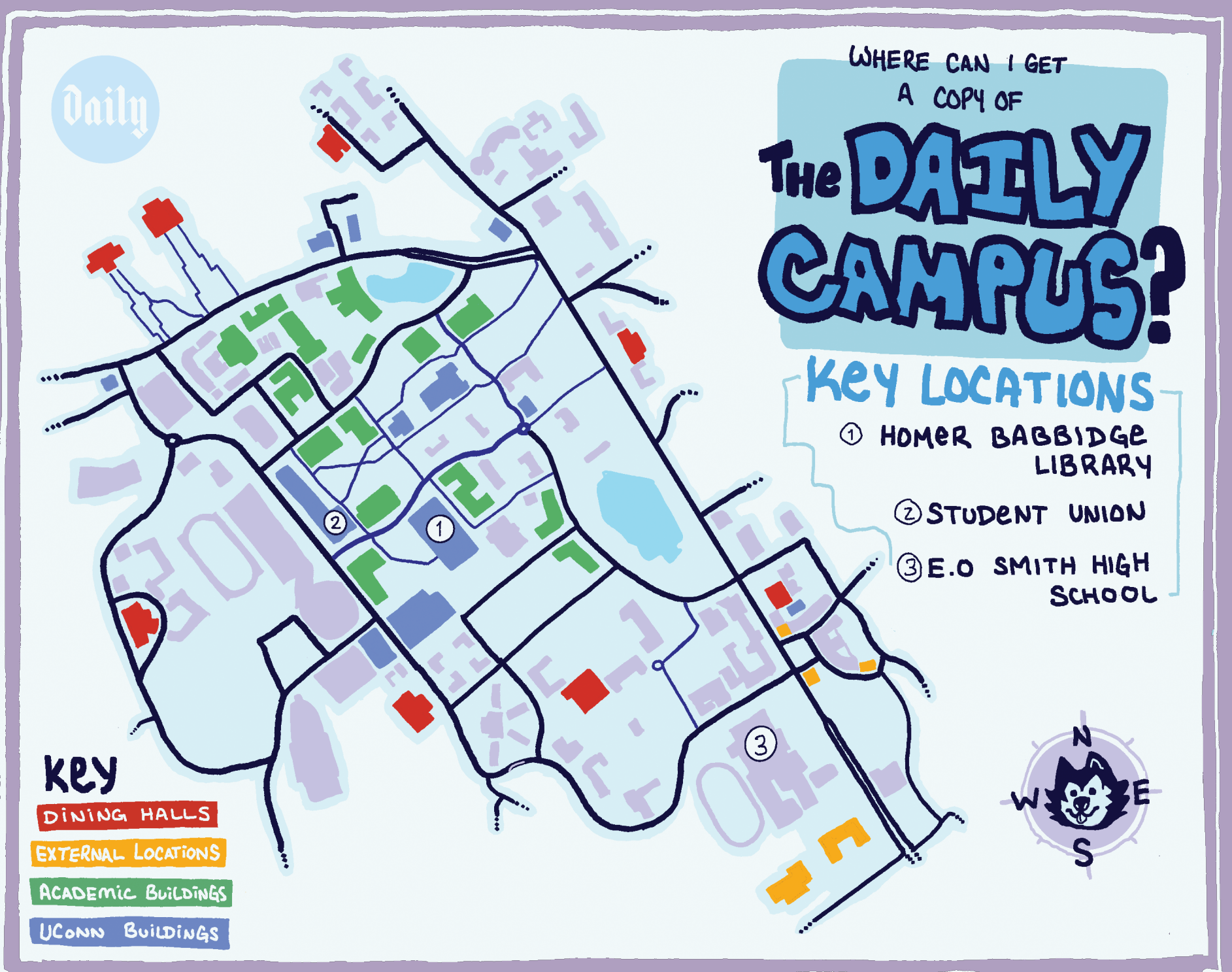
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"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

*Ferris Bueller
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UCONN MUST ELIMINATE, NOT TREAT FOOD INSECURITY

On Nov. 15, the Undergraduate Student Government's Subcommittee for Food Insecurity held a meeting in response to growing concerns from students over a lack of affordable and available food options. The week prior, USG's Husky Market Initiative announced it would be closing due to the lifting of the national pandemic restrictions.

During the meeting, USG announced a multi-faceted plan with several initiatives in place for the future. Two key parts of the plan involved pop-up snack pantries and cooking classes for students. While these initiatives will surely be beneficial to students, they are ultimately more of a bandaid treatment than a serious way to tackle food insecurity throughout the University of Connecticut.

The Daily Campus Editorial Board has previously highlighted the institutional problems at UConn that have contributed to food insecurity amongst its students. According to Husky Market's own website, 55% of UConn students currently experience some type of food insecurity. Husky Market provided groceries to 1,500 students over its two year existence. Given that the total undergraduate student population at UConn is over 18,000, Husky Market is far too small a program to outright eliminate food insecurity at UConn.

Those students who were reliant on Husky Market for their groceries are not going to have the financial means to afford a standard UConn meal plan with dining hall access. UConn has reinstated its policy making all first-year students live on campus. The cheapest available dorm for students is \$3,820 a semester, while the cheapest dining plan is \$3,013 a semester. Despite housing and dining on campus being well over \$6,000 a semester already, both of these costs are only going to increase over the next five years.

The increasing costs of these plans are only going to create more food insecure students. Instead of seriously addressing the issue, UConn's administration has practiced a pattern of deferring the issue of food insecurity to USG. While many of USG's programs are well-intentioned and have positively impacted students, they simply do not have the money nor reach to adequately eliminate food insecurity.

Of course, there is the more recent initiative of Husky Harvest in Storrs, a food pantry located in the Charter Oak Apartments Community Center. The pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and anyone with a UConn ID can swipe in and utilize the pantry as a source of nonperishable food items as well as some options for produce and toiletries. Beyond this on-campus option, there are also local pantries and a swipe donation program that students can use through the Dean of Students Office. The existence and continued use of these resources proves the need among the UConn community for food assistance. It also further highlights the necessity of the UConn administration taking significant steps to truly eliminate, rather than reduce, food insecurity among students.

Despite undertaking multi-million dollar construction projects such as the Northwest Science Quad, the Toscano Ice Forum and the new South Campus dorm buildings and dining hall, the university has refused to invest their money to seriously address food insecurity.

It should go without saying that every single student at UConn deserves to be sufficiently fed. However, UConn's commitment to that deserves to be put under further scrutiny. For too long, the administration has taken a very important issue that impacts its students and has given it to a body that does not have the scope to adequately address the problem. It's not to say that pop up pantries and cooking classes are not a good step towards tackling the problem. But the continuing deferral of food insecurity issues to USG by administration just further highlights the complacency of UConn's administration towards solving the problem.

Feeney's Focus: Israel's disdain for journalists

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Last Thursday, as a part of their "Man of the Year" series, GQ Middle East announced their man of the year: Palestinian photojournalist Motaz Azaiza. Azaiza has been on the ground in Gaza since the attacks of Oct. 7, and has provided daily updates straight from the ground in Gaza to his Instagram following of over 15 million people.

Journalists like Azaiza are of paramount importance at this time primarily due to the Israeli government's outright hostility towards journalists. Since the beginning of Israel's bombing campaign of Gaza after Oct. 7, they have sealed off the borders to Gaza and have allowed just a small number of news organizations into Gaza. In addition, since Oct. 7, at least 57 journalists have been killed. According to Tim Dawson, the deputy general secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, "It has been the most shocking and awful slaughter of journalists that I am aware of ever, my real fear is that there is a deliberate attempt to try and keep the world's eyes off Gaza since the seventh of October."

The Israeli government has also spread flat out lies about journalists. At the beginning of the month, a report came out from HonestReporting, a notoriously pro-Israeli publication, that alleged journalists from organizations such as The New York Times, CNN and AP News had prior knowledge of the attacks of Oct. 7 and worked with Hamas. Now, I must tell you that Executive Director of HonestReporting Gil Hoffman said that the report was not an accusation and rather they were simply raising important questions. However, when your report contains a paragraph

that states "What were they doing there so early on what would ordinarily have been a quiet Saturday morning? Was it coordinated with Hamas? Did the respectable wire services, which published their photos, approve of their presence inside

children were slaughtered - are no different than terrorists and should be treated as such."

The brutal treatment of journalists in Gaza and the West Bank by the Israeli government and army has existed long before the attacks of Oct. 7. Just last year, Israeli forces murdered Al Jazeera's journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in the West Bank. Afterwards, Israeli forces attempted to blame Akleh's death on Pales-

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tinians, a claim they ultimately had to take back. In 2021 the Israeli army bombed a high rise tower in Gaza that housed media outlets such as The Associated Press and Al Jazeera. Israel claimed that they bombed these buildings for strategic purposes, but their government provided no evidence that there were legitimate military targets within the building.

The lack of condemnation from western governments regarding the treatment of journalists in Gaza and the West Bank has been particularly disappointing, although not surprising. I highly recommend you follow the countless Palestinian journalists who, in the face of constant violence from the Israeli government, have done some of the bravest reporting I have ever seen. Just to name a few, follow journalists such as Plestia Alaqaq, Wael Al Dahdouh, Doaa Albaz and Hosam Salem.

The most reliable source of information on the ground for what is actually happening in Gaza are the journalists on the ground there. Not Hamas, not the Israeli government or military and not even western media outlets. The Israeli government knows this which is why they have consistently gone out of their way to kill Palestinian journalists in the West Bank and Gaza.



LOGO BY HALEIGH SCHMIDT, ASSOCIATE ARTIST EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Opinion

Huskytalk | If you had to give up one media app to reduce your screen time, what would it be and why?



“HuskyCT, I be working too much.”

William Cote
Art Major
Fourth semester

“The Blackboard app because I’m ready to be home for break.”

Brenna Pierce
Nursing Major
Fifth semester



“TikTok definitely takes up about half of my screen time, so that needs to go.”

Molly Sheridan
Nursing Major
Fifth semester

“Tinder really takes up about half of my screen time because swiping left is so much fun, so Tinder really needs to leave my phone.”

Haley Pereira
Nursing Major
Fifth semester



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

UCONN IS ESSENTIALLY FIVE BOMB FACTORIES IN A TRENCH COAT: WHEN THE BOTTOM-LINE TOPS “HUMAN RIGHTS”

by Steve Nuñez | HE/HIM/HIS/THEY/THEM/THEIRS

Editor’s note: This letter to the editor by Steve Nuñez will be published in two parts. This section discusses the state of Connecticut’s involvement in the military-industrial complex.

Since Oct. 7, the colonial Zionist occupation has wrought unprecedented destruction of Palestine. Over 15,000 people, roughly one of every 200 Gazan residents, have been murdered, including at least 4,600 children; the most common age of killed Palestinians being five years old. With utter disregard for conventional international law, the Zionist regime has murdered over 42 journalists and media personnel and 200 doctors. In a textbook example of ethnic cleansing, over 70% of Gazans have been forced to leave their homes; an estimated 50% of housing units have been reported as destroyed. Of those still structurally standing, 80% of the buildings in the region — including “buildings dedicated to religion, art, science or charitable purposes, historic monuments, hospitals and places where the sick and wounded are collected, provided they are not being used at the time for

military purposes” — are without electricity. At least twenty hospitals have been rendered inoperable in the most concentrated sustained bombing campaign in the history of the planet, as the occupation has rained more than 25,000 tons of explosives — an equivalent of two nuclear bombs — all while only striking a few dozen of its purported targets.

Over the past week, Zionist occupiers have laid siege on Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza. Notably, prior to a fruitless ground assault on the hospital, the regime struck the hospital with a Hellfire R9X missile designed by the U.S.-based Lockheed Martin, who has been granted a “total contract value of up to \$4.5 billion over the next four years” to produce the death machine. The reports sparked outrage across social media with many questioning what sort of person could imagine, let alone design and produce, such unimaginably and grotesquely effective killing tools.

Upon investigating the specifics about who is designing the bombs that have consumed the news cycle over the past

month, the answer is Western universities, expressly the University of Connecticut.

Since the establishment of “educational” institutions to ethnically cleanse (read, evangelize) indigenous populations, Western universities have always been right-wing institutions devoted to the protection and expansion of racial capitalism central to the genocidal function of modernity. The University of Connecticut is no different.

Following exponential growth in undergraduate majors, UConn recently announced that the School of Engineering would henceforth be designated the College of Engineering. Over the past few years, enrollment in the discipline has exploded exponentially. In addition to the general neo/novoliberal push for “STEM” education, Connecticut, as a state, is deeply invested in the carnage enterprise; it is home to so many appendages to the dominant profiteers of killing. Despite being arguably the most rhetorically anti-gun (and specifically anti AR-15) state in the U.S., it

is home to the Colt Armory (the manufacturer that holds the trademark on the AR-15) and several other major firearms manufacturers. Carnage tycoons like Raytheon, Sikorsky, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, Boeing and others all have manufacturing infrastructure in Connecticut; from bullets to bombs and the guns, planes, boats and nuclear submarines to shoot them, the killing business is booming in Connecticut. With General Dynamics, Pratt & Whitney (a Raytheon Technologies Company), Raytheon and Lockheed Martin all making the list of top UConn employers, it is no wonder why 65% of the engineers in the state of Connecticut got their degrees from UConn. UConn even hosts an annual “Lockheed Martin Day” where the university hosts the corporate murderers to fly university stakeholders in a Sikorsky UH-60 “Blackhawk” (notably, like most of the US Army’s helicopter fleet, named after indigenous peoples slaughtered by the U.S. government) as a gimmick to recruit ethically dubious,

fascist-leaning undergraduate students, which is, of course, despite protest, business as usual.

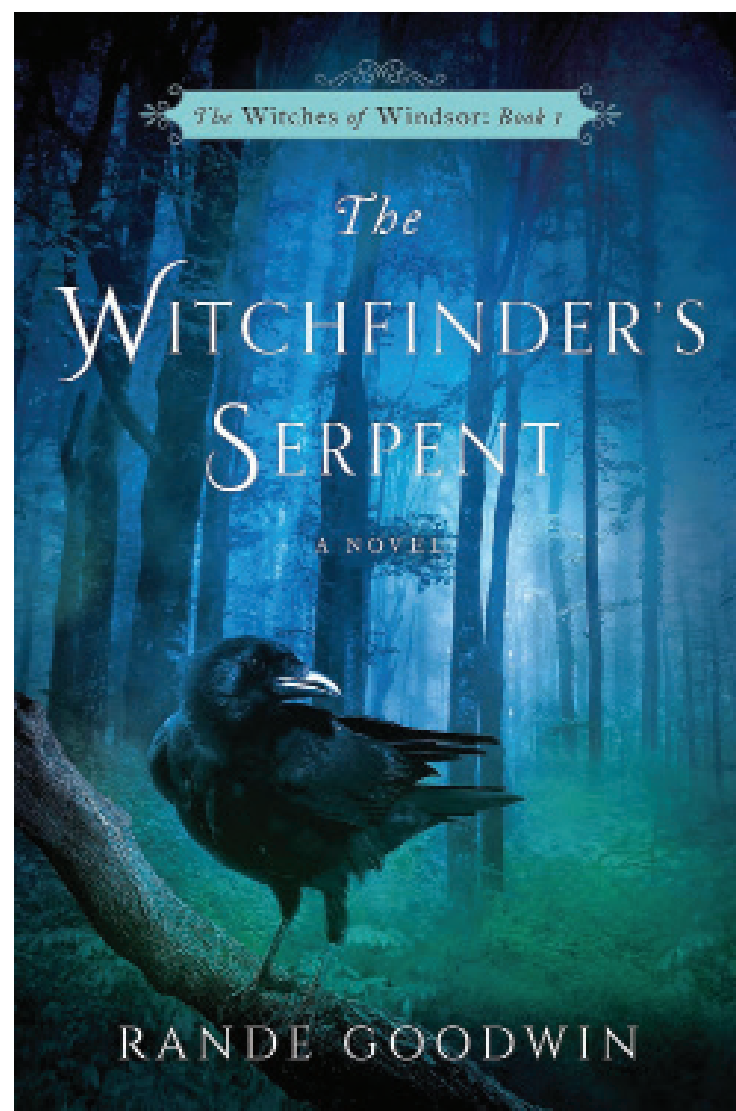
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Husky History: Toby Kimball

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Welcome back readers to another edition of Husky History, the column that highlights a former UConn athlete and their accomplishments at the professional level and up to this day.

As the hype for the basketball season is at an all-time high, this week will focus on the late Toby Kimball, one of the early great big men in UConn history.

Born on Sept. 7, 1942 in Framingham, Massachusetts, Kimball was a star basketball player from the beginning at Belmont Hill School. As a three-year varsity athlete, the big man started to get noticed by college coaches. He eventually settled on staying in the Northeast, choosing UConn.

Kimball's first season on varsity came in the 1962-63 season, where he made an immediate impact. He appeared in 24 games, averaging 15.1 points and 15.6 rebounds per game, leading the former Yankee Conference in total rebounds with 375. His rebounding also placed him at 13th overall in the country.

The honors came rolling in for Kimball that season. After leading the team to a Yankee Conference Championship, the Husky earned his first All-Yankee Conference selection as well as AP and UPI All-New England honors.

Using the momentum from his first season, Kimball was utterly dominant in his junior campaign. With averages of 20.1 points and 17.3 rebounds, the Huskies captured another Yankee Conference Championship behind Kimball's performances. UConn qualified for the NCAA Tournament that

year, making it as far as the Elite Eight. Kimball was named to the NCAA All-Region Team.

Kimball returned for his senior season looking to improve on the team's tournament run from last season. The big man appeared in 23 games, averaging 19.8 points and a dominating 21.0 rebounds. His rebounding average and totals ranked him first, not just in the conference, but nationally as well, which helped lead the UConn Huskies to a No. 15 ranking.

His physicality that season often put him to the line for free throws, where he took a conference-leading 157 throughout the season, sinking 101 of them. Although the Huskies did not improve in the tournament, they did capture their third consecutive Yankee Conference Championship. Kimball earned his third and final All-Yankee Conference selection.

Kimball finished his career in Storrs nearly 60 years ago, yet his name is still found on the program statistical leaderboards. Most notably, he finished his career ranked second in the program for all time rebounds with 1,324. He still holds the single game record for rebounds with 29, set on March 8, 1965. It is safe to say Kimball left his mark on the program in a record-breaking way.

Kimball's physicality and toughness coming out of UConn intrigued the Boston Celtics enough to select him with the 29th pick in the third round of the 1965 NBA Draft. Despite the selection, the new Celtic opted to play his first season overseas in Italy, where he helped the team win the Italian Cup Championship and World Cup

Championship. However, legendary coach Red Auerbach wanted him back in Boston for the 1966-67 season to play under Hall of Famer Bill Russell.

In his lone season with the Celtics, Kimball did not see much action, only playing 5.8 minutes per game, averaging 2.6 points and 3.8 rebounds.

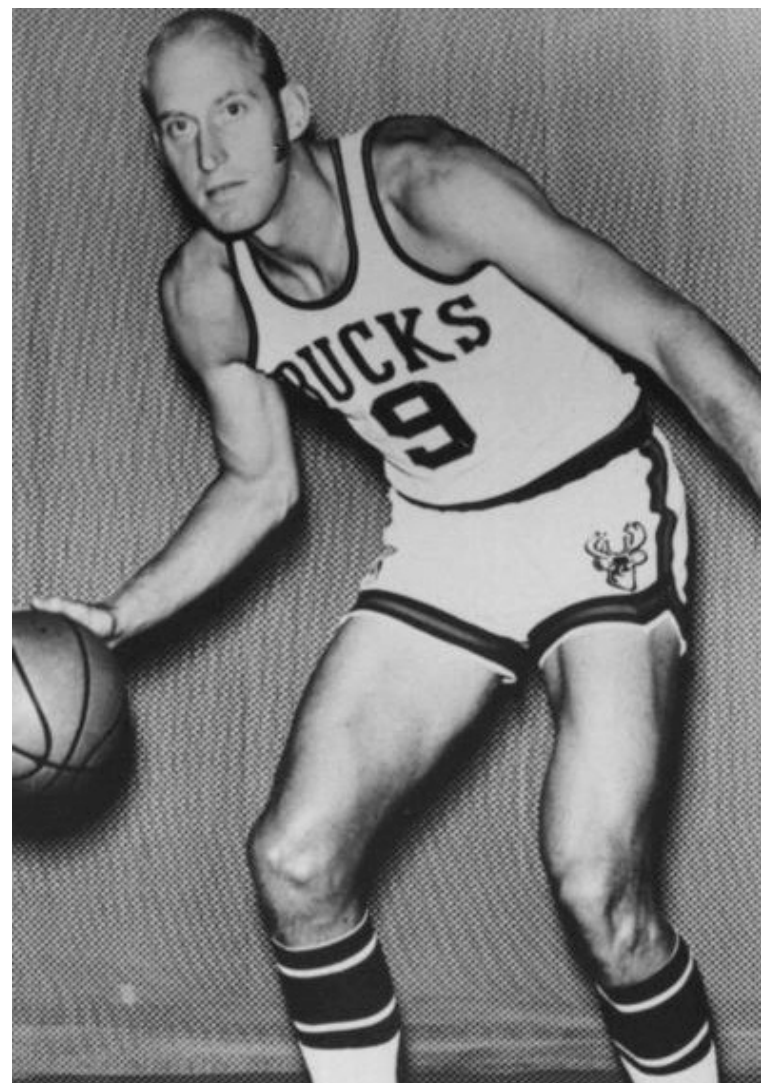
After the season, Kimball was drafted in the expansion draft to the new San Diego Rockets, where he spent four seasons playing the best basketball of his career. In his tenure with San Diego, Kimball averaged 7.3 points and 8.4 rebounds per game in 22 minutes of action off the bench.

He turned in his best season in 1967-68, where he averaged 11.0 points, 11.7 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 31.1 minutes per game. In a game dominated by skilled big men, Kimball ranked 13th in total rebounds in the NBA with 947.

The former Husky bounced around the NBA following his tenure with the Rockets, playing for the Milwaukee Bucks, the Kansas City-Omaha Kings, the Philadelphia 76ers and the New Orleans Jazz. He retired after the 1974-75 season, boasting averages of 6.1 points and 6.8 rebounds.

After his professional career, Kimball was honored with being named to the UConn Basketball All-Century Team. He was also inducted in the first class of the Huskies of Honor in 2006.

Unfortunately, Kimball passed away in 2017 in the hospital due to health complications at the age of 74. Loved by his family and friends and so many others who knew him, UConn is proud to have had him represent what it takes to be a winning player in the Basketball Capital of the World.



Toby Kimball, with a height of 6'8", plays in the NBA from 1966 to 1975 on six different teams. In 2006, he was recognized as one of UConn's "Huskies of Honor".

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Sam's Section:

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Rivalry week is over, with Michigan beating Ohio State for the third consecutive year and Alabama holding off Auburn again with a massive touchdown on a long fourth and goal. The College Football Playoff race is red hot, with four undefeated teams remaining: Georgia, Michigan, Washington and Florida State, and all are currently in the top four. There are a handful of one-loss teams looking to get in: Oregon, Ohio State, Texas and Alabama, who are considered fringe top-4 teams.

There are a lot of different scenarios for the College Football Playoff. This edition of Sam's Section will preview the conference championships this weekend that will impact Sunday's finalized College Football Playoff.

Pac-12 Championship: No. 5 Oregon vs. No. 3 Washington (Friday, 8 p.m., ABC)

Not only does the winner likely get into the College Football Playoff, but it is also a battle of two Heisman Trophy candidates as Oregon takes on Washington at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. Oregon quarterback Bo Nix will face off against Washington quarterback Michael Penix Jr. Both teams have averaged over 38 points per game on offense this season, with Oregon ranked second in scoring offense with 45.3 points per game. There is not a more important conference championship in college football this season, though it's a shame that this will be the final Pac-12 Championship.

Big 12 Championship: No. 18 Oklahoma State vs. No. 7 Tex-

as (Saturday, 12 p.m., ABC)

Despite being favored by 15.5 points, Texas needs tons of help to get into the College Football Playoff. With quarterback Quinn Ewers leading the Longhorns, Texas looks to make one last statement as a member of the Big 12 Conference before they depart for the SEC next season. For Oklahoma State,

three-peat as national champion. However, it will be the first time the Bulldogs face Alabama in the SEC Championship since the Crimson Tide beat them two seasons ago —the last loss Kirby Smart's team suffered. Georgia got revenge against Alabama just two games later in the CFP National Championship game,

Milroe as Alabama's next star quarterback, but he will need a Heisman-like performance to beat the defending back-to-back national champions, who seem almost invincible right now.

Big Ten Championship: No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 16 Iowa (Saturday, 8 p.m., FOX)

Michigan is currently a

and UConn alum Kirk Ferentz said that it might be fun to win and mess up the rankings. The Hawkeyes have the fourth-best scoring defense in the country, with only Michigan, Ohio State and Penn State ahead of them. The only way I see Iowa coming out of Lucas Oil Stadium with a win is if they keep the scoring low and completely disrupt Michigan's offense, which has averaged 37.6 points per game. Iowa's offense is a complete abomination, averaging just 18 points per game this year. Out of the power conference teams, the Hawkeyes' offense ranks the fourth-worst behind Michigan State, Arizona State and Nebraska.

ACC Championship: No. 14 Louisville vs. No. 4 Florida State (Saturday, 8 p.m., ABC)

The ACC Championship game is interesting, as Florida State is undefeated and might make the College Football Playoff for the first time since the 2014 season. However, they need to beat a tough Louisville team that recently lost to Kentucky to get in. The Seminoles will be without quarterback Jordan Travis for the rest of the season, relying on backup Tate Rodemaker and a strong defense that has allowed just 16.8 points per game to get in one of the semifinal games. With a win, Florida State deserves to get in. However, without their star quarterback, whoever they face might treat them like how Georgia stomped TCU in last season's CFP National Championship game. Louisville lost any chance of getting into the College Football Playoff after losing to their in-state rival on Saturday, but still should treat the ACC Championship like they could make it and try to get out of Charlotte with a win.

Previewing the college football conference championships with CFP bids on the line



The Michigan State Spartans, the football team of Michigan State University, faces off against Penn State on Nov 24, 2023. The Spartans took a tough loss, the final scores being 0-42.

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keep an eye on running back Ollie Gordon II. He is one of the best at his position in college football, with 20 rushing touchdowns this season. It will be difficult for the Cowboys, who were lucky enough to make it to Arlington after defeating BYU in double overtime.

SEC Championship: No. 1 Georgia vs. No. 8 Alabama (Saturday, 4 p.m., CBS/Paramount+)

Georgia is on the hunt for a

but the two best college football programs of this decade have not faced each other since. That will change this Saturday, as Alabama looks to make a giant leap into the College Football Playoff. Even if they beat Georgia, their No. 8 ranking means they might need help for that to happen. The Bulldogs might be in no matter if they win or lose this game, but they are safely in with a win. I have been a big fan of Jalen

21.5-point favorite to beat Iowa and complete the three-peat as Big Ten champions, the largest point spread of any conference championship game this weekend. With quarterback JJ. McCarthy and running back Blake Corum leading the way on offense, the Wolverines making the College Football Playoff seems like a sure thing. Standing in their way of continuing their undefeated season are the Iowa Hawkeyes. Head coach

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The UConn men's basketball team goes up against the UNH Wildcats at Gampel Pavillon in Storrs, Conn. on Nov 27, 2023. With this win, the Huskies created a brand new record in NCAA history for 24 straight non-conference double digit wins
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Chris's Column:

CFB committee struggling to pick four teams

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This Friday and Saturday will be pure and utter chaos for the College Football Playoff Committee. For college football fans, this is their favorite time of year, anxiously awaiting the latest weekly polls and their team's conference championship games this Friday or Saturday.

There will always be a debate between the AP Top 25 Poll and the College Football Playoff Committee's Playoff Rankings; they are never in perfect alignment. The big question entering this week is where teams like Alabama, Texas, Oregon and Florida State will be ranked once the dust settles.

In the AP Top 25 poll and the CFB rankings alike, Georgia is No. 1, Michigan is No. 2, Washington is No. 3 and Florida State is No. 4. The committee

faces a difficult decision with a team like Florida State. The Seminoles' star quarterback Jordan Travis is out for the season with a leg injury. The team had a shaky performance against Florida last week but secured an ugly win. Even if they do win this weekend, Travis' absence could push them out if another team performs well in their championship game.

If Alabama defeats Georgia in the SEC Championship Game this Saturday, this will leave the committee with possibly the hardest decision they will ever make. The SEC has never missed the College Football Playoff. The last four national championship games were won by SEC schools: LSU, Alabama and Georgia twice. The conference has won six of 10 titles since the playoffs made their debut in 2014. The question remains if an SEC champion 12-1 Alabama team (assuming a win this weekend) leaps over a Big 12 Champion 12-1 Texas team, whom Alabama lost to earlier in the season. All of the different head-to-head results make a Crimson Tide victory a rough decision for the committee.

If Georgia, Michigan, Washington and Florida State remain undefeated, the assumption is that all four of those teams remain where

they are, and the playoffs are set. If Florida State barely beats Louisville and has another performance like they did against Florida, their case won't look as strong, and they could get leapfrogged.

Tate Rodemaker, Travis's backup quarterback, has performed well in two games so far. Rodemaker got it done for the Seminoles, leading a comeback from a 12-0 deficit to a 24-15 win over Florida. They had a season-low 224 yards of offense and averaged 3.93 yards per play. Then there's the scenario if Florida State convincingly beats Louisville and finishes the season 13-0. If they are excluded after doing all that, then it will be the first time the committee ever leaves out an undefeated Power 5 team.

The committee strongly believes in selecting the four best teams in the country. Excluding the Seminoles would bring controversy to the college football world.

Another intriguing scenario would be bringing Ohio State back into the bracket. If Georgia beats Alabama, Michigan beats Iowa, Washington beats Oregon for the second time this year, Oklahoma State upsets Texas and Louisville beats Florida State, that will leave the committee with an interesting decision to make.

That would leave three undefeated teams, with the Buckeyes as the lone Power 5 team with only one loss for the season. Ohio State defeated Notre Dame and Penn State, and only lost by six points to Michigan, who is unbeaten in this scenario.

A dream scenario for college football fans who want to see upsets across the board: Alabama beats Georgia, Iowa upsets Michigan, Oregon beats Washington, Louisville beats Florida State and Oklahoma State upsets Texas. This is a tough one to swallow from the committee's perspective, but from a fan's perspective, it would be fascinating to see how the committee would handle this.

Alabama, Oregon and Georgia would most likely be in. Then it would be a coin flip between Michigan and Washington for the fourth spot: pure and utter chaos, exactly what college football is all about.



The New York Knicks play the Milwaukee Bucks at Madison Square Garden on Dec 12, 2021. Quentin Grimes scored 27 points, which is the most scored by a Knicks rookie in their first-career start since 1970.

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Sargeant's Orders:

Don't let Quentin Grimes be the next Obi Toppin

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There is no way to sugarcoat it: Quentin Grimes has not lived up to par for the New York Knicks. In his last 4 games, the 23-year-old has shot 4-18 from the field and 4-14 from beyond the arc. His offensive prowess has fallen off a cliff, as only DaQuan Jeffries and Evan Fournier have a worse scoring efficiency this season. It should also be noted that Jeffries and Fournier only see the court in garbage time, so their stats are skewed. Grimes gets regular playing time and averages over 20 minutes a game as a starter. It doesn't make sense for the Texas native to be running with the first unit. Even if he was more efficient, his offensive usage when he plays is near the bottom of the league, meaning he is not contributing to scoring plays. It was not always like this, as, in the past, New York has leaned on him as a solid scorer.

As a shooting guard and small forward, Grimes is tasked with guarding the most prolific scorers on a nightly basis, such as Devin Booker. Despite his offensive woes, the former Cougar forward has played above-average defense. His recent defensive highlight came last Sunday against the Phoenix Suns, as Booker shot 2-6 against him, his worst line against any Knick defender.

So why is Grimes starting? Looking at Tom Thibodeau's teams as head coach, it makes sense. When the Connecticut native was head coach of the Chicago Bulls in 2010-2011, he started Keith Bogans 18 minutes per game for all 82 games. Despite running with the first unit, Bogans averaged less than 5 points per game, and the Bulls finished 62-20 that year. While many

are quick to point out that prime Derrick Rose carried this squad, that shouldn't take away from the fact that Thibodeau chose to start Bogans for his defensive prowess. However, the former NBA veteran was never an inefficient shooter. On the other hand, the reason Knick fans were so high on Grimes was his ability from beyond the arc. The combo wing has a higher defensive rating than anyone on the squad who is in line to replace him in the starting lineup. Yet, his past shooting ability indicates that his value is not as a Patrick Beverley-type defender. Instead, he's a spot-up shooter that can impact the game in a tremendous way.

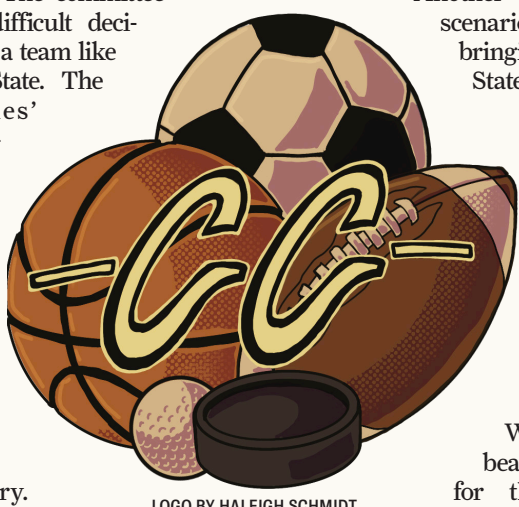
It is early in the season, so why not experiment to see which lineup is most efficient? After all, New York's next three regular-season opponents are below .500, excluding the play-in tournament matchup that does not affect on the regular season.

If Grimes truly deserves to start, he will go out and earn it, even though he has not played like the best wing on the squad. Why not give Immanuel Quickley, a player with the highest ceiling on this Knick squad, starting minutes at the two and slide RJ Barrett to the three? The option I think makes the most sense is giving Donte DiVincenzo the starting nod. Not only, statistically speaking, is New York better off with him in the game than the former Cougar, but he is also taller than Quickley; therefore, they won't be sacrificing height with him at

the three. It should also be noted that Quickley thrives as the leader of the second unit. He is good enough to start as a point guard pretty much anywhere and gives New York a leg up on any bench in the league. Adding Grimes to that equation would get him back to his old self quicker, as he would see more shots per game and elevate New York overall.

Historically speaking, Grimes is a proven scorer. He just doesn't have any role in the starting unit, with Jalen Brunson and Julius Randle combining for over 50% of total shots among the starting five. The Texas native would benefit the team tremendously as a member of the second unit. Mostly, the level of defense played on him would decrease compared to that of a starter, meaning he would see better looks when shooting the ball. While Josh Hart can score 15 points as the backup four, he has been inconsistent in doing so up to this point. Adding Grimes as a shooting threat could space out the floor, as outside of Quickley, the second unit lacks a solid scorer. Among the starters, there are already enough shooters for New York between Barrett, Randle and Brunson.

Unless Grimes starts scoring better than Barrett, there is no reason he should stick with the starting 5. He is a great two-way talent, and if the Knicks want to see him succeed, they need to give him a more sustainable role. They cannot do what they did with Obi Toppin: sit around and do nothing. There are many parallels between Grimes and the former Dayton star. Grimes needs an opportunity to develop as a scorer and take more shots than he already is. What better way to do so than a lower-pressure environment that would benefit the team as a whole? Time is ticking because as the season progresses, the regular season games will start to matter more. These are questions that New York doesn't want to be asking come April.



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Spin Cycle: The thrilling mixture of sports with the arts

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It's no surprise to see some of your favorite musicians dabble in artistic fields outside of their area of expertise, and oftentimes, the results can be quite dazzling. Take Donald Glover, for example; the artist gained tremendous traction for his discography, released under his Childish Gambino tag, though he's also known for his work all around the entertainment industry as an actor, writer, producer and director.

Humans have an incredibly unique artistic ability that sets them apart from other beings. Yet, the arts are seemingly reserved for those who have established themselves as influencers in the field. Even so, as is the case of Glover, we've seen examples of people stretching their artistic

awards and two scoring titles, and received 14 All-NBA team selections and three NBA All-Defensive Team selections. Despite the depth of his playing career, Shaq yearned for more; off of the court, he began to be considered for movie roles. After making his film debut with a cameo appearance in "CB4" (1993), O'Neal went on to star as the protagonist in both "Kazaam" (1996) and "Steel" (1997). After the critical failure of those films, Shaq reverted back to a secondary role in his later films and has a total of 76 acting credits to his name, according to IMDb. In addition to film, O'Neal experimented as a rapper, recording four studio albums, two compilation albums, two soundtracks, one unreleased album and 19 singles. After signing with Jive Records in 1993, he released his

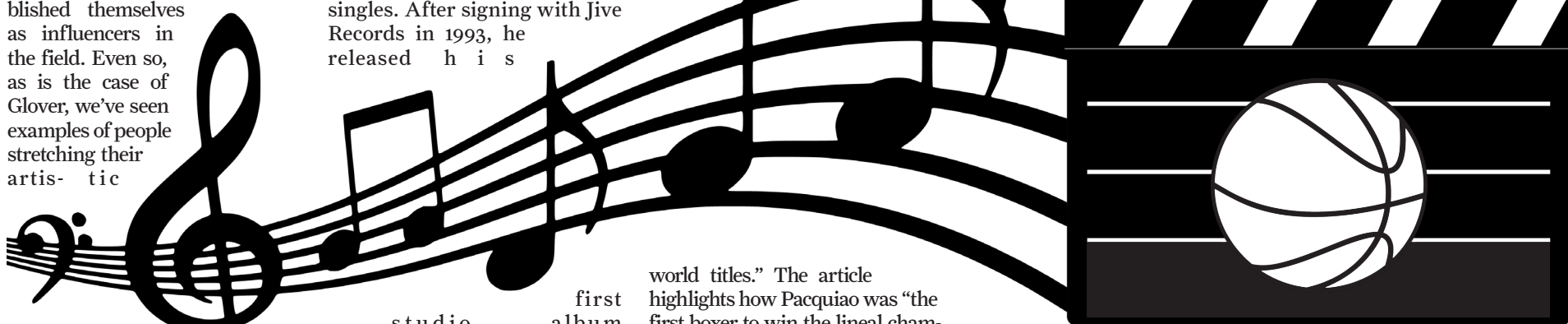
group Body Head Bangerz, and the group released the first of their two albums that year. The album "Body Head Bangerz: Volume One" spawned one of the most recognizable hype songs in "Can't Be Touched." With his boxing days behind him, it's reasonable to presume that "Can't Be Touched" will be the piece of media produced by Jones that remains most prevalent in the public's eye.

Manny Pacquiao
According to a Wikipedia article, "Pacquiao is the only eight-division world champion in the history of boxing and has won twelve major

quiao would record songs to use as introductory music for his boxing matches. As a result, Pacquiao was able to release three albums made up of his intro music. He's made music appearances, often performing covers of popular songs, on television.

Kobe Bryant
The late Kobe Bryant was just beginning to broaden his artistic horizons at the time of his death in 2020. One of the greatest basketball players of all time, Bryant was a five-time NBA champion, was selected to 18 All-Star teams, was a 15-time member of the All-NBA Team and a 12-time member of the

debut in January 2000, and was performed at NBA All-Star Weekend that month. However, it was not well received, essentially killing Kobe's music career then-and-there. Kobe made minor appearances on television and was the focus of Spike Lee's "Kobe Doin' Work" (2009), a film that focused on Bryant's 2007-08 season. In 2018, Bryant became the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film and the first former professional athlete to be nominated and to win an Academy Award in any category for his



outreach to expand upon their own horizons. Here are some examples of sports figures who have done the same, most of whom found success in the artistic field.

Shaquille O'Neal
Shaq had one of the most storied careers of any NBA player ever when he decided to step away from the court in 2011. Over 19 seasons, the dominant center won the 1999-2000 MVP award and the 1992-93 NBA Rookie of the Year award, was selected to 15 All-Star games, won three All-Star Game MVP awards, three Finals MVP

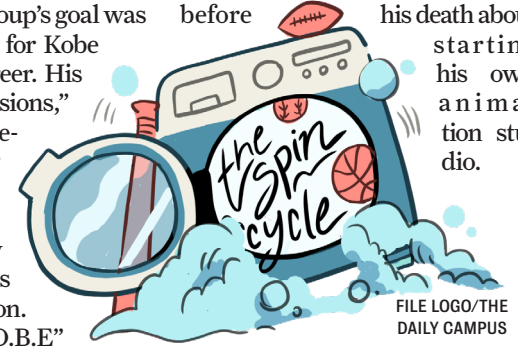
first studio album "Shaq Diesel" that year. The album was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Roy Jones Jr.
Jones is widely considered to be one of the greatest boxers of all time. He has held multiple world championships in four weight classes, including titles at middleweight, super middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight, and is the only boxer in history to start his professional career at light middleweight and go on to win a heavyweight title. In 2001, Jones tried his hand at music when he released his first studio album "Round One: The Album." In 2004, Jones formed the musical

world titles." The article highlights how Pacquiao was "the first boxer to win the lineal championship in five different weight classes, the first boxer to win major world titles in four of the eight 'glamor divisions' (flyweight, featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight), and is the only boxer to hold world championships across four decades (1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and 2020s)." Over the course of his boxing career, Pacquiao became one of the world's highest-paid athletes. As his popularity in the ring grew, television outlets began bidding for Pacquiao's broadcasting rights, and he began making small appearances in guest and host roles on television in the mid-2000s. His first lead role came in the 2005 film "Lisensyadong Kamao (Licensed Fist)." Throughout his career, Pac-

All-Defensive Team, the 2008 NBA MVP and a two-time NBA Finals MVP over his 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers. In high school, Bryant was a part of the musical group CHEIZAW, which was signed to Sony Entertainment, though the group's goal was to disband in order for Kobe to launch a solo career. His debut album, "Visions," was scheduled to release in the spring of 2000, with Sony pushing Kobe to use more radio-friendly sounds than his normal composition. The first single "K.O.B.E."

film "Dear Basketball." The film was produced by Bryant's production company, Granity Studios. In addition to future animation projects, he had been in talks with animator veteran Bruce Smith for the last six months before his death about starting his own animation studio.



The Los Angeles Angels play the Baltimore Orioles on July 8, 2022 at Oriole Park, Md. The Orioles took home the win by just one run.

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Ava's Angle: What team is going to land Shohei Ohtani?

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Shohei Ohtani is one of the most coveted free agents in baseball history, and the hype around him signing with a team this offseason is off the charts. Once he makes a decision on where to sign, it will make a huge impact on Major League Baseball and affect a lot of the different competitor clubs in the leagues.

Some clubs that are expected to be involved in the bidding for Ohtani are the San Francisco Giants, New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays, Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles Angels. Other teams that are potentially considering the two-way superstar are also the New York Yankees, San Diego Padres and the Seattle Mariners. However, there are some teams that many major league executives predict will come out on top of the bid with the biggest hit on the market.

Although there are many teams that are involved in this bidding for Ohtani, only one team will ultimately make the potentially historic deal happen. Let's take a look at some of the most serious competitors for the Japanese star.

Seattle Mariners

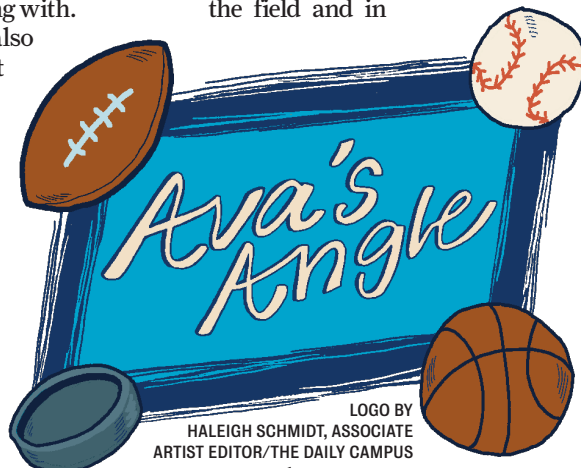
The Mariners have risen to be in one of the most competitive

divisions in the league in the AL West, with the Houston Astros and the defending World Series champions the Texas Rangers. Adding Ohtani would bolster every aspect of their roster and put them in a greater position to be on the top of their division. Ohtani's durability, dominance and his all around offensive abilities is something that the Mariners should have no problem agreeing with. His popularity would also boost Seattle's market tremendously, putting them at the same level as some of the other teams in the bigger markets. Back in July 2023 at the All Star Game, Ohtani revealed "Every time I come [to Seattle], the fans are passionate, they're really into the game. So, it's very impressive. I actually spent a couple offseasons in Seattle. So, I like the city. It's beautiful." The rewards of signing Ohtani are endless for Seattle and he seems to like the city as well. Overall, the Mariners should take advantage of what they know and step on the gas in this bidding process to lock in the Japanese sensation.

Los Angeles Dodgers

Ohtani signing with the Dodgers would impact so many parts of baseball; the Dodgers are one of the most marketed teams in Major

League Baseball with one of the highest payrolls. Ohtani has been heavily linked to the Dodgers, as they are an organization that has regularly seen high levels of success over the past decade. They also have an advantage, as they have geographic familiarity to the Angels, the team that Ohtani has spent six seasons with. The Dodgers are a powerhouse on the field and in



the market, so there is no doubt in their willingness to spend big to land Ohtani. Putting Ohtani into a lineup with Mookie Betts, Freddie Freeman, Will Smith and Max Muncy would be huge for the Dodgers. It would also solidify some of their starting rotation for the long term, as Ohtani won't pitch in 2024 due to the elbow procedure he underwent. There are many teams that are willing to spend \$500 million for Ohtani, but the Dodgers are not one to be

counted out, given the long-term contracts they've handed out in recent years. The Dodgers are known to be a winning organization and Ohtani has said previously that all he wants to do is win. It has been speculated that Ohtani has preferred to remain on the West Coast, so it's not a major surprise that the teams that have the best odds to land him are on the West Coast. In the end, the Dodgers are definitely one of the teams near the forefront of signing Ohtani with the dominance they have shown in bringing stars to Los Angeles.

Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers had one of the quickest organization turnarounds in recent memory, going from last place in the AL West in 2021 to becoming World Series champions just two seasons later in 2023. As we have heard many times before, Ohtani wants to win. No team exemplifies winning more than the World Series champion Rangers. Multiple reports show that there is mutual interest from both Texas and Ohtani to get this deal done. Ohtani was one of the many players in MLB who got to watch the Rangers go on a historic playoff run to the World Series Trophy from afar. There is no reason why he would not want to be a part of

that winning culture. This is not the only year that the Rangers are going to be a competitive playoff and World Series contender. The Rangers' organization has set that team up with a strong core to be a dominant force in future seasons. Texas's middle infield includes Marcus Semien and World Series MVP Corey Seager, who are both still in the starting years of their long-term contracts that the Rangers locked in before the 2022 season. The Rangers are building a winning organization and adding Ohtani would only do wonders into keeping them at that status. The bats in this lineup with Adolis García and Evan Carter are already dangerous as seen in the playoffs; adding Ohtani to that would only create more problems for opposing teams. As for pitching, the Rangers could be looking at a starting rotation led by Ohtani and Jacob deGrom by 2025. If the Rangers sign him, they will be a force for years to come.

There are so many teams where Ohtani could end up, and wherever he goes, he will change the camaraderie of the organization. It will also impact the free agency market of other players deciding with teams to sign with. The market is definitely heating up with the winter meetings that are currently happening, but until then, fans will continue to be on the edge of their seats waiting to see where Ohtani signs.



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The Coleumn: Creating a Baseball Hall of Fame ballot

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Three days after the UConn baseball team named Garrett Coe and Ryan Hyde captains for the spring season, the Baseball Writers' Association of America released the 2024 Baseball Hall of Fame ballot. I may not be eligible to submit a ballot because I have not been covering Major League Baseball for at least 10 consecutive seasons, but that is not going to stop me from crafting a hypothetical one.

Writers can vote for at most 10 out of over 25 players who they believe deserve a spot in the Hall of Fame. Any player that receives 75% of the votes will be inducted into Cooperstown. Some years, it is hard to pick 10 deserving athletes, but for my ballot, I chose the 10 players who had the best

same at 389, the career Colorado Rocky could be inducted this year because more voters will appreciate his 61.8 career WAR and five seasons where he batted above .300 outside of Denver.

Billy Wagner - CL; 9th year on ballot*

Rivera and Trevor Hoffman overshadow Wagner's career as one of the top closers of his time. Even though he never led the league in saves during any of his 16 seasons, the Virginia native ranks sixth all-time and second amongst lefties with 422 saves in 491 tries. Beyond closing out games, Wagner's 187 ERA+ and .997 WHIP rank second among Hall of Fame relievers behind Rivera while his 11.92 K/9 is the best among all pitchers with at least 900 innings pitched.

Carlos Beltrán - OF; 2nd year on ballot

I see a world where Beltrán gets

I expect Mauer to be the third.

David Wright - OF; 1st year on ballot

Wright is another one of those what-ifs, as injuries derailed his career after he turned 30. In addition to his four Top 10 finishes in NL MVP voting between 2006 and 2012, as well as seven seasons batting above .300, the lifelong Met is one of four third basemen ever with 350+ doubles, 200+ homers and 150+ stolen bases. The other three all entered Cooperstown on their first ballot.

Chase Utley - 2B; 1st year on ballot

If Wright was one of the league's best third basemen in the late 2000s, Utley was the top second baseman. The UCLA alum had a five-year stretch from 2005 until 2009 where he had at least a 7.0-WAR season every year and went yard 30+ times in three of them. While he never



New York Mets pitcher Billy Wagner helps the team secure a win against the New York Yankees on May 18, 2007. The Mets barely overtook the Yankees, scoring only a single run more, making the final score 3-2. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

chance of being selected for the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Writer's Note: Any player with an asterisk in their heading is who I predict will get inducted in 2024.

Adrián Beltré - 3B; 1st year on ballot*

3,166 hits (17th all-time), 93.5 career Wins Above Replacement (third all-time among third basemen), five Gold Gloves, four Silver Sluggers and 477 home runs. This is as much of a lock as selecting closer Mariano Rivera in 2019. He might not be a unanimous selection, but Beltré could very easily end up on 92-94% of all ballots.

Andrew Jones - OF; 7th year on ballot*

Any player who wins 10+ Gold Gloves already has a Hall of Fame resume, and Jones is one of 16 players to ever do so. Add in his 62.7 career WAR primarily as a centerfielder and 434 home runs (fourth all-time among players with at least that many Gold Gloves), and I am surprised he has remained on the outside looking in for the past six years.

Todd Helton - 1B; 6th year on ballot*

Helton finished 11 votes shy of induction in 2023, but saw significant strides as 54 returning voters added his name to their ballot. With the total number of eligible writers projected to remain the

into Cooperstown on his first ballot without the Houston Astros sign-stealing scandal. Regardless of that issue, the switch-hitting outfielder's 70.1 career WAR, 2,725 hits, three Gold Gloves, two Silver Sluggers, .837 career OPS and underrated speed on the basepaths make him a very enticing selection on any ballot.

Gary Sheffield - OF; 10th and final year on ballot

The one controversy holding Sheffield, who smacked 509 career longballs, hit north of .300 eight times and recorded over 2,600 base knocks, back is that he admitted to taking steroids in 2002. Without that scandal, the five-time Silver Slugger and 1997 World Series champion would have been in Cooperstown much sooner.

Joe Mauer - C; 1st year on ballot

Mauer is one of many what-ifs among first-year candidates, as a concussion prevented him from playing for 20 years. Transitioning from catcher to first base later in his career, the 2009 American League MVP posted a 55.2 WAR (seventh among backstops) and batted over .300 nine times in 15 seasons. Only two first-overall MLB Draft picks, outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. and third baseman Chipper Jones, have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

won a Gold Glove at second, Utley's 64.5 career WAR and 10 straight seasons with an OPS+ over 100 cannot be ignored.

Jimmy Rollins - SS; 3rd year on ballot

Even though their career numbers are similar, I went with Rollins over outfielder Bobby Abreu because of consistency. The Oakland native finished with 15 fewer career hits than his seven-year teammate, but the 2007 NL MVP recorded 100+ hits in all but three seasons and stole 10+ bases all but twice. On top of being a plus defender at short (his .983 fielding percentage is fourth among all shortstops), Rollins holds the single-season Major League record for at-bats at 716.

Just because I omitted athletes like Abreu and Matt Holliday from my ballot does not mean that I won't include them in future versions if I do this exercise again. While only theoretical, I predict that most of the players that I picked will enter Cooperstown at some point between now and 2030. Until then (and the official reveal on Jan. 23, 2024), let the voting commence.



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Andre Drummond plays for the Chicago Bulls, the sixth NBA team of his career, on Feb. 6, 2023. Drummond played for the Huskies from 2011-2012, and appeared in 34 games as a freshman.

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Huskies in the Pros: Sanogo off to hot start in G-League, Tim Boyle starts for Jets, update on NBA Huskies

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Sanogo records four double-doubles in his first seven games with Windy City Bulls

Adama Sanogo, the NCAA Tournament's reigning Most Outstanding Player, has picked up right where he left off in his first seven games with the Windy City Bulls, averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds per contest, along with four double-doubles. The 6-foot-9 big man from Bamako, Mali did not get selected in this year's draft over concerns that he was too undersized for his game to translate to the pros, and that his lack of size would hinder his interior defense. Early on in the season, the former national champion is putting that criticism to rest with 14 or more points on 50% or better shooting in every game played this season. The concerns over his size haven't been an issue as Sanogo has had at least two blocks on four occasions and 20 offensive rebounds over his last two games. As the Bulls continue to slide in the Eastern Conference standings, it could only be a matter of time before the former Huskies big man is called up to take on a bench role for Chicago.

Former UConn quarterback Tim Boyle comes off the bench for Jets amidst Zach Wilson's string of poor performances

As the New York Jets offense continues to bury the team further in the AFC standings, head coach Robert Saleh made the decision to start ex-UConn and Eastern Kentucky product Tim Boyle last Friday against Miami. Boyle is certainly a bizarre story; his collegiate career was statistically dreadful compared to the common NFL quarterback. In three years at UConn, the Hartford, Connecticut native threw 1287 yards, one touchdown and 13 interceptions with a 48% completion percentage. In his one season at FCS Eastern Kentucky, Boyle threw for 2,134 yards, 11 touchdowns

and 13 interceptions. In Friday's 34-13 loss to the Dolphins, the fifth-year quarterback threw for 179 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Hawkins scores 25 vs Jazz, sits at fourth in scoring amongst rookies

On Saturday, former UConn sharpshooter Jordan Hawkins eclipsed the 25 points mark for the third time this season in the Pelicans' 105-100 loss to the Utah Jazz. Despite the loss, the Pelicans first round draft selection got it going from beyond the arc with five three-pointers made on 12 attempts, finishing the night 8/17 overall.

Jackson sinks two three-pointers in Milwaukee's win vs. Miami

In limited minutes off the bench, Bucks rookie Andre Jackson Jr. made both of his three point attempts in the team's 131-124 win versus the Heat. Selected in the second round of this year's draft, the former UConn forward is 6/9 from beyond the arc this season, playing in just 9 minutes per contest.

Bouknight returns from knee surgery in Charlotte's 115-91 loss to Knicks

After missing the first month of the NBA season recovering from a knee surgery, former 2021 first round pick James Bouknight played the final 4:51 of the Hornets' loss to New York on Tuesday, finishing with five points and one rebound. The former UConn point guard looks to stay healthy and make a positive name for himself in the league after Charlotte recently declined his fourth-year player option.

Drummond finding consistency in bench role after eclipsing 10k rebound mark

On Tuesday, Bulls center Andre Drummond extended his streak of games with five or more boards to eight games in Chicago's 124-97 loss to Boston. This comes three weeks after the former UConn glass king became the 43rd player in NBA history to climb past the 10,000 rebounds mark.

WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

Upcoming Games



Men's Ice Hockey
Tomorrow, 7 PM, Storrs

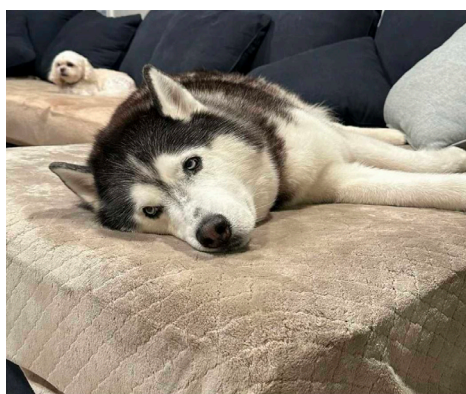


Women's Swimming,
Saturday
Lewisburg, PA



Women's Track and
Field, Saturday
Boston, MA

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UConn's only 2 losses are teams in the top 5. We'll be fine.

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