



UConn Food Pantry Hours Change for Spring Semester



Food Pantry at UConn Storrs

Charter Oak Apartments Community Center
916 Tower Court Road, Storrs, CT

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No appointment necessary.

Winter Break Hours

Open Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, & Jan 11 from 11am-4pm

Spring Semester Updates

Husky Harvest will open be open Tuesdays/Thursdays from 11am-4pm for the spring semester beginning on Tuesday 1/16. No longer open on Mondays.

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The University of Connecticut's food pantry is open for the spring semester, with new hours at the Storrs location.

The pantry will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This is a change from last semester's hours at their Storrs location, with the pantry having previously been open on Mondays instead of Tuesdays.

The pantry's Storrs location is in the Charter Oak Apartments Community Center.

For students who don't reside on or near the UConn Storrs campus, all four of UConn's satellite campuses offer a Husky Harvest food pantry. The hours of operation and location for each campus' pantry can be found online.

Additionally, a pantry is offered at UConn's school of law and at UConn Health's campuses.

Any UConn community member can visit Husky Harvest to access food and related products they may need.

"The Husky Harvest program was developed to address food insecurity amongst students, faculty and staff,"

said Associate Campus Director at UConn Avery Point Janene Vandi.

100% of the donations the pantry receives are given to students, as the organization relies on donations to operate, their website said. The pantry accepts non-perishable food items and canned goods. Additionally, the pantry welcomes toiletries such as shampoo, soap and laundry detergent.

The Storrs location has its own wish list of products that they are in need of. The Storrs location also has its own social media pages where interested shoppers or donors can get updated information.

Beyond the Storrs location hour changes, Vandi said that there are no major changes to the program for the Spring semester.

Husky Harvest works in partnership with various UConn organizations to aid food insecurity. The Storrs location accepts donations through UConn Foundation's Food Insecurity Fund.

For any questions about Husky Harvest, there is a questions and comments page that can be used to get in touch with a worker or administrator.

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Husky Harvest's mission is to address food insecurity across UConn. For the Spring 2024 semester, the pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Charter Oak Apartments Community Center.

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SEVEN UConn STUDENTS AWARDED GILMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Gilman Scholarship, funded through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the United States Department of State, supports students who wish to continue their academic and career development in diverse locations around the world. Seven students at the University of Connecticut received the prestigious academic award for the recent application cycle.

Given to undergraduate students nationwide, the award specifically gives financial assistance to students who have been historically underrepresented in education abroad, including STEM majors, first-generation college students, ethnic and racial minority students, students with disabilities and students from other minority-serving institutions. This supports the mission of the Gilman Program, which is designed to expand the U.S. student population that studies abroad, and broaden the destinations where students can study, providing intensive language study and internship experiences.

In order to be eligible, students must be receiving the Federal Pell Grant at the time of application and be a U.S. citizen who plans to study abroad for academic credit through their educational institution.

Scholarship recipients receive up to \$5,000 that must be directly put toward study abroad costs.

These costs include program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance, international airfare and passport and visa fees. If a student is studying a Critical Need Language, a language that is determined to be in need by the US government, the scholarship can go up to \$8,000.

Valerie Jenkelunas, experiential global learning (EGL) advisor and community liaison specialist, said she is excited about the diversity amongst the recent awardees, as they range from a variety of majors, including STEM-related fields, and will be traveling to a diverse range of locations.

"Some of the underrepresentation that people don't always think about are students who are in STEM majors, for example, it can be a lot harder to go abroad as a STEM major because of the rigidity of their plan of study," Jenkelunas said. "We are delighted by the number of STEM majors that we had in this round."

Jenkelunas added that some of the students will also be attending parts of Asia for their program, an underrepresented location in study abroad as opposed to Western Europe, which is more popular.

"We were pretty delighted at the number of students that were going to Asian countries this time around as well. These exchange programs [in Asia] have comprehensive academics that would allow a STEM major, for example, to get those higher level math or science or engineering credits that they might

need to stay on track for graduation," Jenkelunas said.

Jenkelunas, who works with students on their application essays, noted how she is tremendously proud of the students for the hard work they put in their application, as she says it is not an easy process.

"I have some students that have been working for two years to identify when they can go study abroad, selecting a program that is going to allow them to get academics they need and then doing an application," she said. "I am there for the whole journey which is really a privilege for me to see students bring those efforts to fruition with these large scholarships."

The seven UConn Gilman Scholars in this cycle are as follows:

Andrew Change '25 (ENG), a mechanical engineering major, who will be studying in Korea University in Seoul this semester. Change also received the Critical Need Language Award for Korean.

Michelle Eweka '25 (CLAS), a political science and humanities major, who will study at the University of Granada in Spain in the summer of 2024.

Moera Kamimura '25 (ENG), a mechanical engineering major, who will study at Waseda University in Tokyo this semester.

Avery Lyn Sparks '25 (CLAS), a psychology major with a political science minor, who will study at the International Studies Institute in Florence, Italy, this semester.

Alexandra Torres Munoz '25 (CAHNR, CLAS), an allied health sciences and French dou-

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The Gilman Scholarship supports undergraduate students who wish to study abroad. Seven students at the University of Connecticut received the scholarship for the recent application cycle.

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ble major with minors in Spanish, European studies, physiology, neurobiology, and literary translation, who will study at the University of Granada in Spain this semester.

Yanni Ysiranidies '25 (BUS), a finance major, who will study at Waseda University in Tokyo in the summer of 2024.

Suki Zheng '25 (ENG), an environmental engineering major, who will study at Korea University in Seoul this semester.

The Gilman Scholarship program application is currently open for the next cycle. Applica-

tions are due by March 7, 2024.

UConn Experiential Global Learning is hosting virtual Gilman Scholarship information sessions on WebEx today, Jan. 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Monday, Jan. 22, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. about the eligibility requirements and the application for the upcoming deadline. Students that are interested in the scholarship are encouraged to register on Nexus.

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News

The police response to the Uvalde shooting was riddled with failures, a new DOJ report says

UVALDE, Texas (AP) — Police officials who responded to the deadly Uvalde, Texas, elementary school shooting waited far too long to confront the gunman, acted with “no urgency” in establishing a command post and communicated inaccurate information to grieving families, according to a Justice Department report released Thursday that identifies “cascading failures” in law enforcement’s handling of the massacre.

The Justice Department report, the most comprehensive federal accounting of the maligned police response to the May 24, 2022, shooting at Robb Elementary School, catalogs a sweeping array of training, communication, leadership and technology problems that federal officials say contributed to the crisis lasting far longer than necessary. All the while, the report says, terrified students inside the classrooms called 911 and agonized parents begged officers to go in.

“Had law enforcement agencies followed generally accepted practices in active shooter situations and gone right after the shooter and stopped him, lives would have been saved and people would have survived,” Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday at a news conference in Uvalde after Justice Department officials briefed family members on their findings. The Uvalde victims, he said, “deserved better.”

Even for a mass shooting that has already been the subject of intense scrutiny and in-depth examinations — an earlier report by Texas lawmakers, for instance, faulted law enforcement at every level with failing “to prioritize saving innocent lives over their own safety” — the nearly 600-page Justice Department report adds to the public understanding of how officers failed to

stop an attack that killed 19 children and two staff members.

The flawed initial response was compounded in the following days by an ineptitude that added to family members’ anguish, according to the report.

One family member spent hours pulling glass out of an injured son’s body because some of the surviving children had not been screened for medical care. A county district attorney told families that they would need to wait for autopsy results before death notifications were made, prompting some to yell: “What, our kids are dead? No, no!”

Hospital staff “untrained in delivering painful news” told some family members that their loved ones had died, while in other cases, families received incorrect information suggesting that a child had survived when they had not. At one point, an official told waiting families that another bus of survivors was coming, but that was untrue.

“Mirroring the failures of the law enforcement response, state and local agencies failed to coordinate, leading to inaccurate and incomplete information being provided to anxious family and community members and the public,” said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

The law enforcement response was massive, comprising at least 380 personnel from 24 local, county, state and federal agencies.

But the problems began almost immediately with a flawed assumption by officers that the shooter was barricaded, or otherwise contained, even as he continued to fire shots. That “mindset permeated throughout much of the incident response” as police, rather than rushing inside the classrooms to end the carnage, waited

more than an hour to confront the gunman in what the report called a costly “lack of urgency.”

The gunman, Salvador Ramos, was killed roughly 77 minutes after police arrived on the scene, when a tactical team finally went into the classroom to take him down.

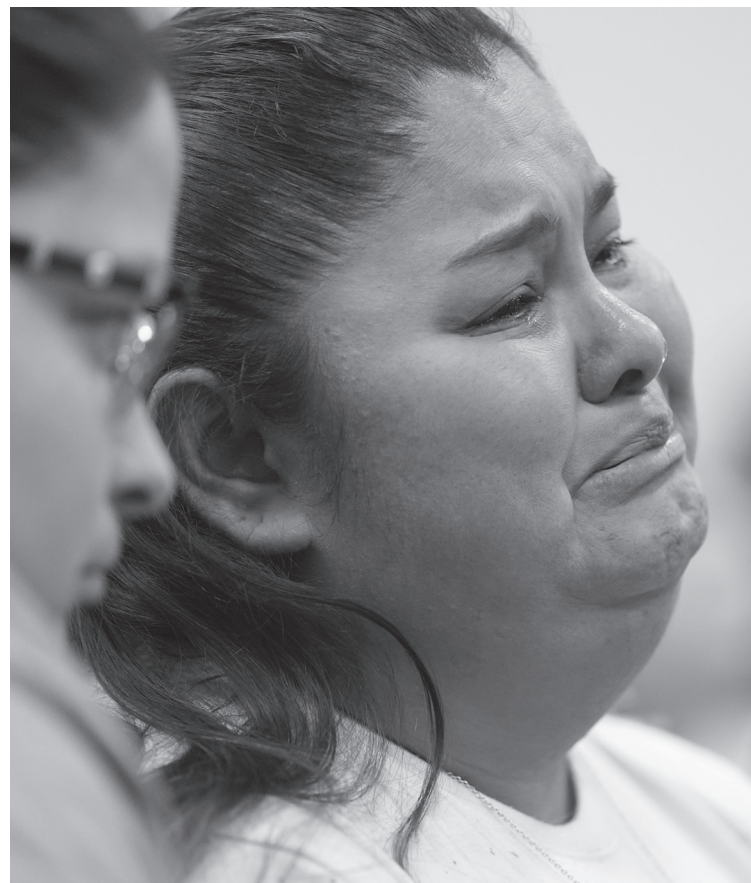
“An active shooter with access to victims should never be considered and treated as a barricaded subject,” the report says, with the word “never” emphasized in italics.

In other errors, the report says, police acted with “no urgency” in establishing a command center, creating confusion among police about who was in charge. The then-school district police chief, Pete Arredondo, discarded his radios on arrival, deeming them unnecessary. Though he tried to communicate by phone with officers in the school hallway, “unfortunately, on multiple occasions, he directed officers intending to gain entry into the classrooms to stop, because he appeared to determine that other victims should first be removed from nearby classrooms to prevent further injury.”

Uvalde, a community of more than 15,000 about 85 miles (140 kilometers) southwest of San Antonio, continues to struggle with the trauma left by the killings and remains divided on the issue of accountability. Uvalde County District Attorney Christina Mitchell has said she’s still considering whether to bring criminal charges.

President Joe Biden said in a statement Thursday that the report identified “multiple points of failure that hold lessons for the future” and that “no community should have to go through” what Uvalde did.

In Texas, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott initially praised the officers’ courage, saying the reason the shooting was “not worse is



Evadulia Orta, left, and Felicia Martinez, right, and other family members of shooting victims listen to Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta during a news conference where they shared the findings of a federal report into the law enforcement response to a school shooting at Robb Elementary, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, in Uvalde, Texas.

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because law enforcement officials did what they do” and that they had been brave in “running toward gunfire for the singular purpose of trying to save lives.”

But that narrative crumbled under scrutiny, as a report from a panel of state lawmakers and investigations by journalists laid bare how a mass of officers went in and out of the school with weapons drawn but didn’t enter the classroom where the shooting was taking place.

“The actions of the responding officers, combined with the ‘heroic’ storyline that started with (a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety) and continued the next day during the Governor’s and director’s news conference, dealt a serious blow to public confidence in local and state law enforcement,” the report states.

The city of Uvalde said in a statement that it had requested the federal investigation and fully cooperated with it and had “already implemented changes in leadership, new personnel, new training, and new equipment.”

The report intentionally omits the identity of the gunman or any explanation of a possible motive. But it does include page-long remembrances of each of the victims, including 10-year-old Jose Flores Jr., who loved cars and the Houston Astros, and Amerie Jo Garza, who on the morning of the shooting had celebrated her appointment to the honor roll.

And it highlights anguished and panicked quotes from a 911 call by

students trapped in the classroom — “Help!” “Help!” “Help!” “I don’t want to die. My teacher is dead” — experiencing “unimaginable horror” while officers stood just outside in the hallway.

“I hope that the failures end today,” said Kimberly Rubio, whose daughter Lexi Rubio was killed in the shooting. “My child, our children are named in this report because they are dead.” Of the officers who failed, she said: “They should be named.”

Velma Lisa Duran, whose sister Irma Garcia was one of the teachers killed, said before the release of the report that she was daunted by the prospect of reliving the circumstances of her sister’s death and what she really wanted was criminal charges.

“A report doesn’t matter when there are no consequences for actions that are so vile and murderous and evil,” said Duran. “What do you want us to do with another report? ... Bring it to court,” she said.

The federal review was launched just days after the shooting. Since then, how police respond to mass shootings around the country has come under closer scrutiny.

The families of some of the Uvalde victims have blasted police as cowards and demanded resignations. At least five officers have lost their jobs, including two Department of Public Safety officers and the on-site commander, Arredondo.

No one has been charged with a crime.



Police walk near Robb Elementary School following a shooting, May 24, 2022, in Uvalde, Texas. A federal report into the halting and haphazard law enforcement response to a school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, was scheduled to be released Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, reviving scrutiny of the hundreds of officers who responded to the 2022 massacre but waited more than an hour to confront and kill the gunman.

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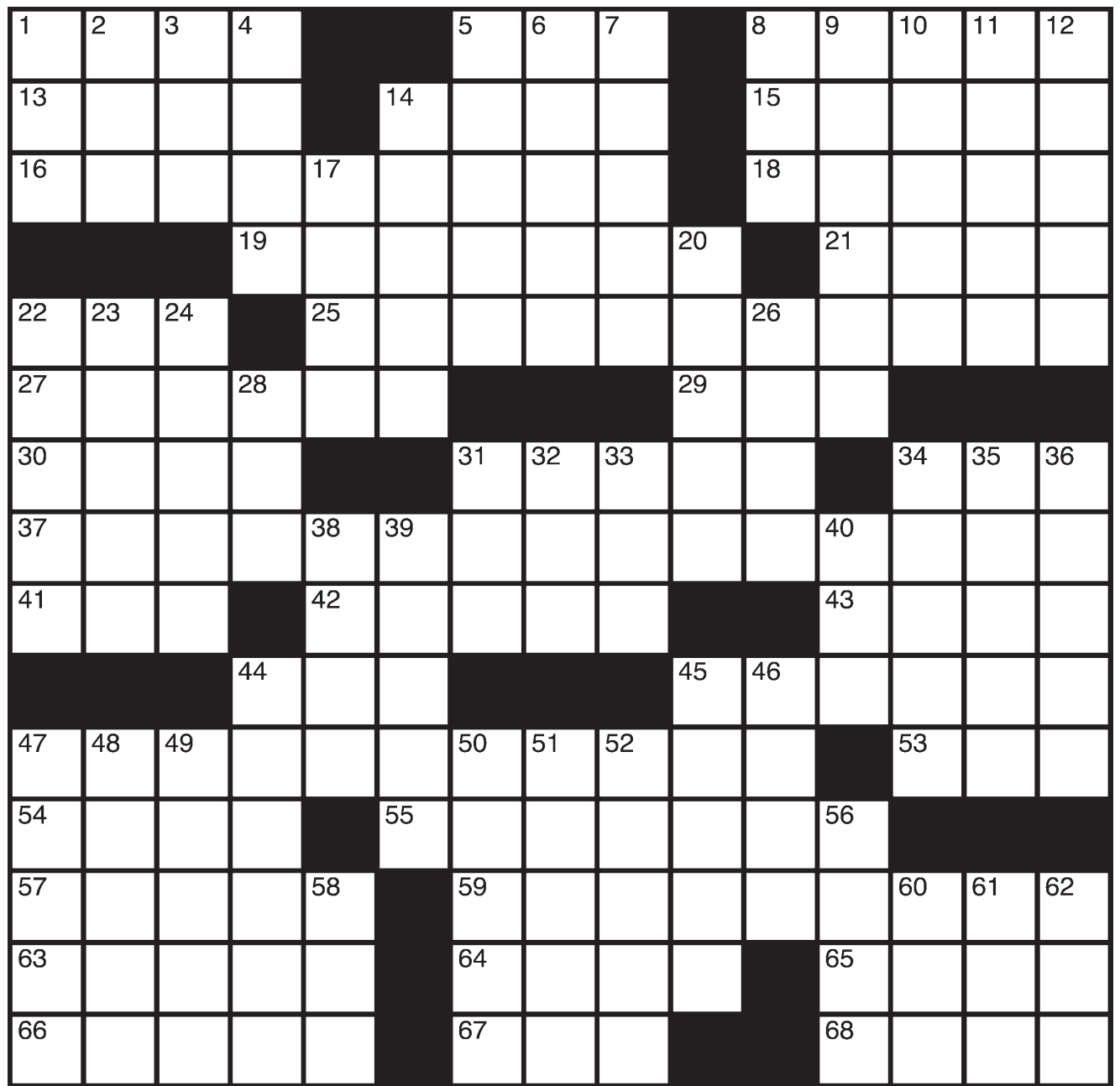
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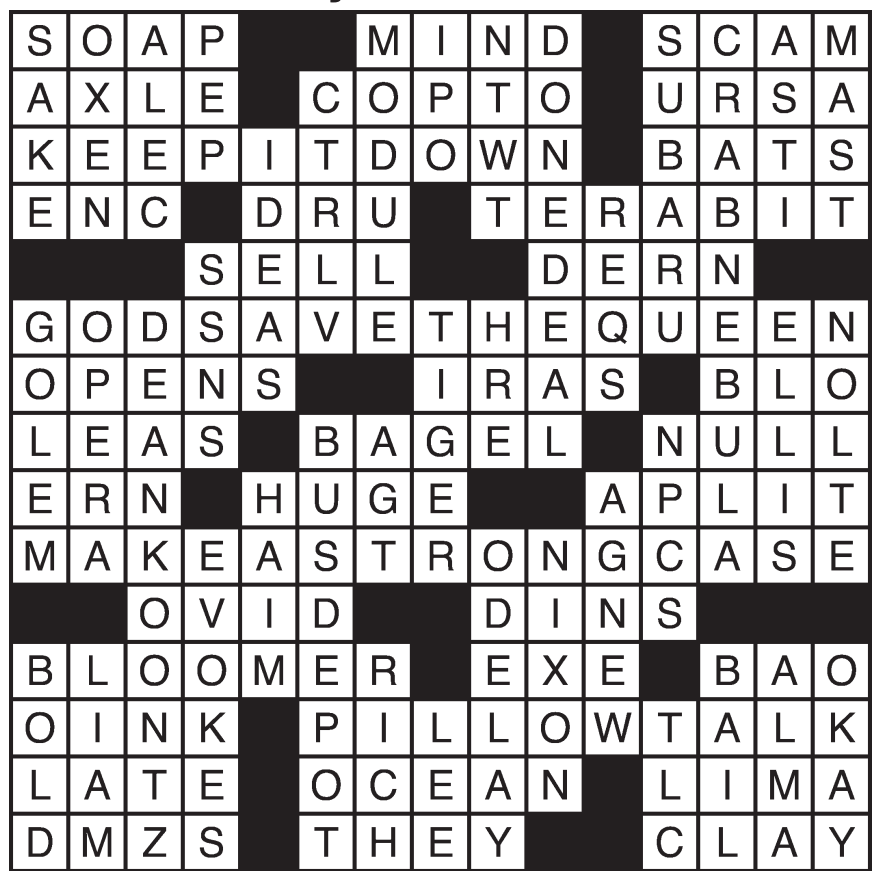
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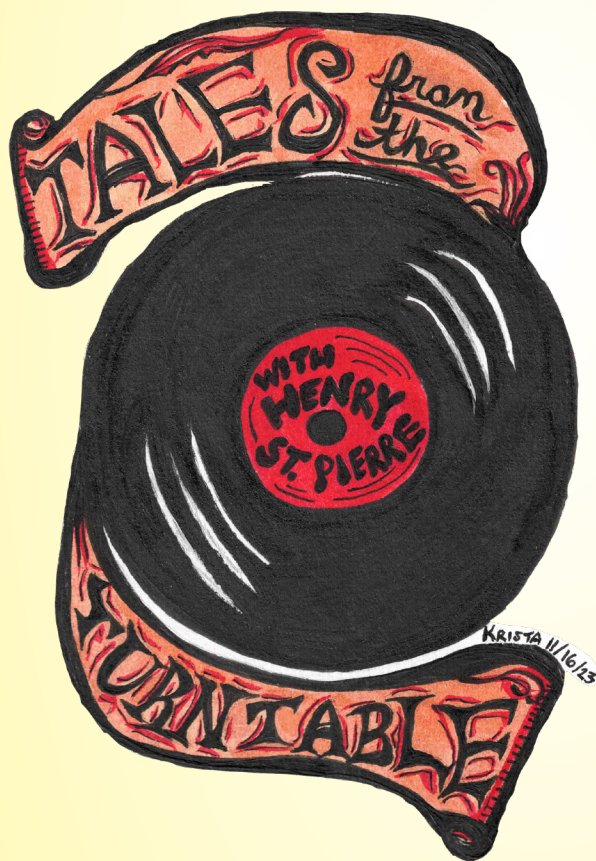
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Welcome back, UConn! This week's story is one that I've kept in the back of my mind since I started this column last semester. Since it's the beginning of a new year, I've decided it's time to talk about one of the most infamous rumors in all of pop culture. In late 1966, a rumor began steadily spreading across London, alleging that Paul McCartney had died in a car crash earlier that year. While beginning as a baseless claim, in the following years after the release of Beatles albums like "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "Magical Mystery Tour," many began suspecting the band of hinting at McCartney's demise in their music.

1966 was a tumultuous year for the Fab Four, as they infamously announced their retirement from touring. Personal struggles, an increasing

usage of drugs and a yearning for something new lead the band to attempt a total revitalization of their music and image. This period of heavy change likely fueled early "Paul is dead" rumors, which began picking up traction quickly in the following years, before exploding in popularity once it hit universities in the United States.

Once the rumor had hit the U.S., thousands of eager Beatles fans were quick to analyze their experimental music for any clues. "Revolution 9" off their 1968 self-titled double LP was quickly thought to contain the most damning evidence. The track, an eight-and-a-half minute musique-concrete song, merely contained the words "number nine" repeated in between ambient humming and distorted samples of other songs. When reversed, "number nine" sounds like the phrase "turn me on, dead man." This technique of analyzing speech played in

reverse was pioneered during the rumor's heyday. The technique, later coined "backmasking," would soon be used to analyze a myriad of different audio and video recordings, ranging from other music to presidential speeches.

Backmasking was quickly debunked as merely pseudoscience by scientists and skeptical fans across the world, but many still point to hidden backwards messages as concrete proof of McCartney's death. Some claimed to hear clues in songs played forwards, too, like the 1967 single "Strawberry Fields Forever." The song was notable for being incredibly cryptic and drenched in drug-fueled psychedelia, with its outro in specific being the target of conspiracy theorists. In the noisy outro, the heavily distorted voice of John Lennon can be heard saying "I buried Paul." In reality, Lennon says "Cranberry sauce," but the misheard line was quickly adopted into the rumor's canon anyway.

One of the more popular versions of the theory states that McCartney was quickly replaced by a look-alike from Edinburgh named Billy Shears, who was referenced in "With a Little Help from My Friends." The theory states that the band trained Shears to act, sound and play like McCartney, with some citing a stark contrast in his bass playing style between 1966 and 1967 as evidence.

As the Beatles came to an end, so did the rumor for the most part. Though it did cause a profound annoyance to the band's public relations team at the time, the theory was relegated to a footnote in 60s pop culture after their breakup. Even decades later, references to the theory crop up in media time and time again, often appearing as an inside joke for Beatles fans. While not the latest big celebrity rumor, the "Paul is dead" theory certainly had the biggest impact in recent history.

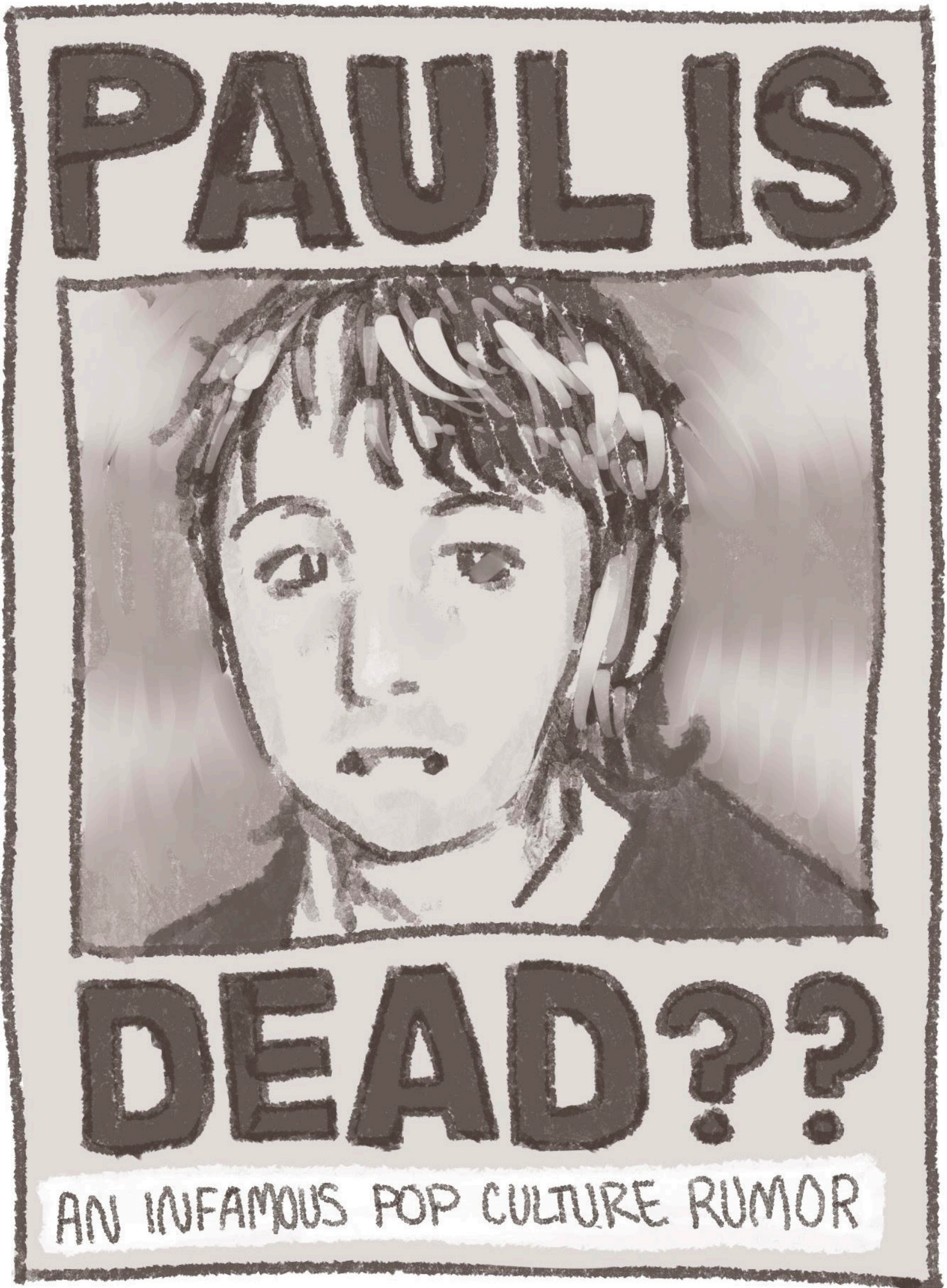


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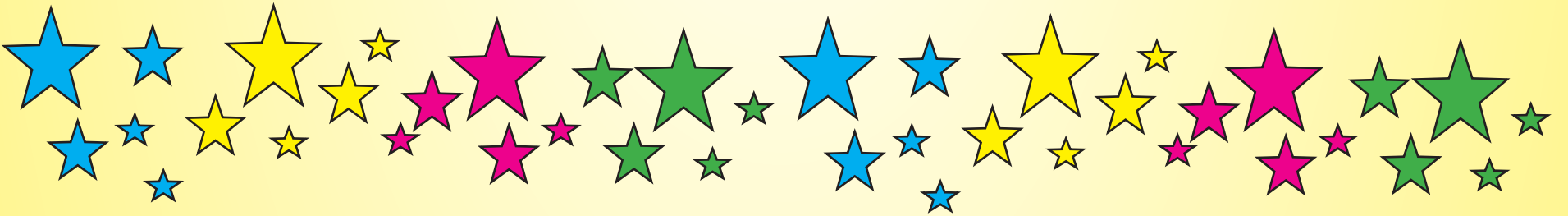


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This past week, a story briefly broke into the national news cycle about a graveyard found behind a Mississippi prison. At least 215 bodies were found in unmarked graves, much to the surprise of their relatives, who had never been notified of their deaths. The site was discovered by a local mother, Beterson Wade, whose son was among the dead found in the graves. She had spent seven months searching for her son, who had been declared missing by police, even though it was a police officer who had killed him. In what an internal investigation had determined was an "accident," Dexter Wade was struck by a police car and killed while walking down the street. Although he had multiple forms of identification on him, the police failed to contact his relatives and never connected the dots of their failure; meanwhile, his mother spent months waging a campaign on social media searching for her son. His death is an emotional example, but not an outstanding one. Many more families are now finding out that their missing siblings, parents, cousins, or otherwise are dead and lying in unmarked graves. Inmates, homicide victims, homeless people and more predominantly black individuals were vilely disrespected, representing another factor in the systemic discrimination against poor minorities in states like Mississippi.

This is a grave issue, one that touches upon our country's issue of systemic racism and demonstrates a violation of sanctity that goes against our basic notions of humanity and respect on an incredible level. Yet, in terms of the attention it gained on a national level, it

flashed quickly before almost completely disappearing from the public eye. From my personal experience, I know many of my friends knew absolutely nothing about the story, and it is why I use it as an example for the next point of this article.

We are bombarded daily by news. Social media, especially TikTok, has taken the speed of our media cycle and increased it drastically. The conditioning of these sites has driven up our need to consume more and more information at a quicker pace. If something is not immediately impactful or interesting enough, it is often passed over for the next story in a line stretching off to infinity. The problem is that this isn't healthy for us. In the past two weeks, there were massive developments in the Jeffrey Epstein trial, but how long did we really focus on that (aside from memes about Stephen Hawking) before obsessing over Gypsy Rose Blanchard or rallying against Jo Koy? Overconsumption of media is becoming one of the biggest barriers to societal change because how can anyone truly be mad about anything when they're too busy being distracted by everything else, all at once?

Now, I understand that not all people want to focus on all the bad things of the world all the time, as there is the opposite end of the spectrum where things like "doomscrolling" exist, where we become simply paralyzed by the sheer scale of the problems facing us. Fatigue in this sense is just as detrimental to anybody truly advocating for a better world. Whether it's fixating on superficial news or bad news, the point is that this is inherently a form of

overconsumption demanding more which will leave all of us detached from making change in the real world.

I remember in early 2020 when COVID-19 started and in 2021 when we were fresh off of January 6 where people online talked about how we were living in real historical moments and just joking around about potentially being drafted for World War III. Now in 2024, we see a similar situation with incredibly important historical events happening right before our eyes; yet this time, it feels like very few people are actually looking. The technological age has created a fierce demand for our attention, ripping us away from what is material and real and leaving us with a need for more. We need to learn to regulate better. Intentionality behind the usage of technology in connecting with the rest of the world is going to be the difference between being able to actually do anything about what we see or not, or at the very least whether or not we even remember it.

To bring things back to the Wade Family and the Mississippi prison, as they are why all of this matters. All the placated feelings, distractions, quick stories and fast dopamine hits we get from our media cycle take away from our humanity. We are unable to care about the things that matter, the people who are hurt by systems much larger than us all around the world. The answer is to separate ourselves from the attention economy and addictive technology and connect more with ourselves and our humanity, so that we can care more about what is real in the hopes that, maybe, we'll be able to do something about it.

IS GEN-ALPHA REALLY THE WORST GENERATION EVER?

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With the revelation that groups of ten and 11-year-olds, part of the generation known as "Gen Alpha," are making skincare smoothies with testers at the beauty retailer Sephora, many people are not pleased with how the next generation is acting. Gen Alpha is the first generation to be exposed to social media at a young age, and many are concerned about how they will turn out.

Complaining about newer generations is not new. In fact, you can find numerous historical records of older generations complaining and worrying about the mental state of their offspring. One of the oldest ones is from an Ancient Assyrian tablet dating back to around 2600 B.C. reading, "Children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book, and the end of the world is evidently approaching."

Throughout ancient times, each generation found the same reasons to be ashamed of the next. If their claims held true, each new generation would be at the lowest point in human development. Contrary to what the author of the stone tablet was worried about, the end of the world has yet to come; however, their complaint would be overused for the next 4000 years. What is the source of this kind of negativity? Is expressing our concern for the well-being and future of "Gen Alpha" valid, or is it merely repetitive and unproductive?

John Protzko, a psychologist at the University of California Santa Barbara, claimed that this concern is a cycle that is doomed to repeat itself, and it is a bias rooted in our short memory. According to Protzko most of our memories are modified fabrications put together based on our current values and judgments, also known as presentism. If it's hard to name exactly what happened last Tuesday, how are we to remember how we acted and thought at the age Gen Alpha is? Thus, saying "Back in my day, we never talked back to our parents! We did not take everything for granted! We never did this and that!" is not a fair comment because those who do remember "their day" might think differently.

Think of all the clothes you chose to wear when you were in third grade. Am I the only one getting harrowing flashbacks from the denim vests and the hot pink capri pants? Even if you were to go back in time — unless you can keep the mindset and preferences you have right now — there

would likely be no change in all the questionable choices you made during those years. You are a much different person than you were in the past, and that is a solid reason why there are certain experts and studies that are specifically focused on the psychology of children.

In addition, we must know that the ones who are educating the Gen Alpha are the previous generations. Accusing Gen Alpha of being the problem and eventually ruining society implies that previous generations have failed in providing the adequate skills and ethics to function as a member of society. Then the question arises: Is the education system failing Gen Alpha?

Gen Alpha has also become synonymous with the archetype of the "iPad kid." Throughout history, new generations have been followed by advancements in technology and culture. In a world that is constantly changing and unpredictable, each generation has access to different things and experiences in life and that includes new forms of communication and entertainment. Therefore, it's unrealistic to compare your first flip phone with the kids that grew up with iPads. Changes in culture sometimes produce better traits for the new generation that the older people should learn from. For example, older generations in most countries value family well-being more than their own needs. However, now that many members of Gen-Z are grown up and can speak for themselves, their tolerance of irrational behavior and toxic environments has diminished. This has led to many companies abolishing traditional forced company events, like after-work drinks and holiday parties held for the sake of employee bonding. Many people across generations are learning about the importance of mental health and healing, what was considered as a typical Gen-Z or millennial trait.

Though restricting technology may be beneficial for child's creativity and critical thinking, this article suggests that the claim of younger generations getting more self-centered, rude and spoiled may be exaggerated. Social media tends to show extreme cases, and as someone who worked with kids born in the 2010s, most of them were polite and not self-centered at all. Yes, we might question the things young people value and the decisions they make. But so did millennials, Gen X, and boomers when they watched us grow. Soon, we will see Gen Alpha roll their eyes at whatever generation comes after them.

Opinion

Photo of the Day | Snowy Storrs



The icy winter storm Heather left all parts of campus frozen on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2024, creating reflections and illuminations from light sources such as this green-house located near Towers Residence Halls. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

RAPID FIRE

WORST CELEBRITY AWARD SHOW HOST

Awards season always seems to hold a special gravity in American culture. Social media lit up in reaction to comedian Jo Koy's controversial monologue at the Golden Globes awards ceremony, sparking criticism and jokes directed at him at numerous ensuing award shows. Koy's performance sparks the question: Could there be a worse celebrity to host an award show? In this Rapid Fire, The Daily Campus Opinion section attempts to give their answers.

NELL SRINATH,
OPINION EDITOR:

Taylor Swift's private jet emissions. Swift has received a great deal of publicity in recent months, from being named the Time Magazine Person of the Year to her cross-continental romance with Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce. Who better to represent the impact of celebrities on our world than the literal (carbon) impact of a celebrity on our world?

DAN STARK,
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR:

The main voice cast of "Madagascar" reunites to host the Oscars, but Jada Pinkett Smith is giving Chris Rock

the death stare the whole time while Ben Stiller tries to keep the show rolling and David Schwimmer just awkwardly laughs in the corner.

TOMAS HINCKLEY,
WEEKLY COLUMNIST:

I think we should do award shows like Republican political debates: all at once with the most insane comedians Hollywood can find. No moderator. Slaps are allowed.

LUKE FEENEY,
WEEKLY COLUMNIST:

Mike Lindell (a.k.a. the MyPillow guy) screaming at Hollywood's best and brightest for the entire night would be the greatest and worst thing to ever be on television.



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Women's Hockey: UConn looks to stay hot against old rivals Maine and New Hampshire

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While UConn students are just returning to campus for the start of the spring semester, the women's hockey squad has been putting in the work and is gearing up for rematches with Maine and New Hampshire.

The first time the crew faced off against Maine was in early November for a back-to-back se-

ries. With a little bit of tenacity and a lot of offensive aggression, the Huskies came out victorious.

With over 60 games played since 2002, Maine has been a familiar and constant rival for the Huskies. Historically, UConn has come out on top with an impressive 41-20 record. Earlier this season, the women's hockey team has kept UConn's triumphant trend alive. The Huskies came out swinging and dominated the ice from the puck drop.

After nailing shot after shot from a diverse lineup of players, senior Jada Habisch was the first and only player of the contest to find the back of the net with a power play. With the 1-0 win to boost their morale, the Huskies faced the Black Bears for a second time just 24 hours later.

Determined to keep their winning streak alive, the Huskies were put to the test. Despite several opportunities to score, UConn needed to offensively turn

on the heat. Their efforts came to a head just before the 14-minute mark as Brooke Campbell fired off a shot and scored, with the help of assists from Coryn Tormala and Ava Rinker. Although Maine followed up with five shots, all were unsuccessful. As the second period began, the Huskies were forced to find their edge. The first ten minutes were dominated by an aggressive Maine offense and a seemingly impenetrable

defense. The second period remained quiet for the Huskies.

Despite a contest of few power plays, the third period turned on the heat for both sides. Habisch put a stark end to the lull and fired off two back-to-back goals to electrify the Huskies. Just 10 seconds later, UMaine answered and fired off their first and only shot of the game.

With two wins already in the books this season, the Huskies are ready to do it again. Following their contest with Maine, they will look to their other northern counterpart, New Hampshire.

In late October, the Huskies fell 0-2 as the Wildcats were dynamic in nailing shots off power plays. Despite their initial struggle, UConn came back stronger to completely sweep New Hampshire in a 4-0 blowout.

The second time around, the Huskies made sure to capitalize on power plays, where they scored three out of their four goals. Since then, UConn has dominated the competition and remains at the top of the conference leaderboard, holding the No. 2 position in Hockey East. New Hampshire follows on the heels of the Huskies with a No. 4 ranking while Maine trails behind at No. 7.

This Friday at 2 p.m., UConn will face Maine at the Toscano Family Ice Forum and will then travel to Durham, N.H. to challenge the Wildcats.

Despite the freezing temperatures in Storrs, the Huskies are ready to bring the heat in the new year.

The UConn women's hockey team took on the Boston College Eagles on Saturday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. The Huskies came back with two goals in the third period tying up the score 2-2.

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The University of Connecticut men's ice hockey team will look to build off of a strong win over No. 7 Maine when they take on the No. 17 University of New Hampshire Wildcats for two matches this weekend.

After squandering a chance at a victory by allowing Maine to go on a run on Friday, the Huskies responded with an impressive 2-0 victory in their subsequent match against the nation's No. 7 team. The Connecticut defense held strong despite Maine outshooting UConn 27-19 throughout the contest. Arsenii Sergeev was superb in the goal for the Ice Bus in what amounted to his first collegiate shutout, amassing 27 saves throughout the match. The game remained scoreless until entering the third period when Tabor Heaslip put the Huskies on the board just 22 seconds following the intermission break. Joey Muldowney extended the lead to two following a steal by teammate Tristen Fraser, a lead that the home team would hang on to as the final buzzer sounded.

The win moved the Huskies to 9-10-2 overall on the season including a 5-7-1 showing against Hockey East opponents. Their 17 points in conference play places Connecticut in fifth place in the conference, one point behind fourth place Providence and one point ahead of sixth place Massachusetts.

"I think that it speaks of the difficulty of our league when you are going from one ranked opponent to the next," UConn head coach Mike Cavanaugh said ahead of the weekend set. "I think that we played really well against Maine ... now we're taking on a very strong New Hampshire team. [UNH head coach] Mike [Souza]'s done an excellent job building that team, so it's going to be quite the task for us."

The Wildcats are coming off of a tough 3-0 loss against No. 2 Boston University in their latest match, but they were on a high beforehand, winning their prior three matchups entering the contest. New Hampshire is

in the midst of an impressive season, going 11-6-1 overall en route to being named the No. 17 program in the nation. The team has gone 4-3-1 in the Hockey East, but finds itself low in the conference standings, having not played as many Hockey East games as the other teams. With 13 points in conference play, UNH is tied with Vermont for seventh place in the Hockey East.

One player to keep tabs on entering the contest will be UConn captain Hudson Schandor. Schandor missed the Huskies' latest victory over Maine due to injury but was effective before getting hurt. He scored a goal in Connecticut's first loss to Maine and had another potential goal erased after the referees determined goalie interference. Statistically, Schandor is tied for the best +/- on the Huskies with Thomas Messineo at +9. With three goals and 10 assists, his 13 points on the campaign also rank third for UConn, with his assist total pacing the squad. His availability heading into the weekend could be a major factor for the Ice Bus given the way that he has produced when available.

It's not difficult to identify who UNH's top statistical performer has been all season, as Ryan Conmy leads his program in just about all of the notable offensive statistics. His +/- of +8 is the best mark for the Wildcats. He's scored 10 goals and has dished out 12 assists on the season, both first on New Hampshire, giving him a whopping 22 points this season. The shut-out loss to BU was just the fifth time this year that Conmy has failed to record a point from either a goal or an assist. A freshman from Alexandria, Virginia, Conmy's performance this season is figured to keep him fixed in the Wildcats' rotation for the foreseeable future.

The Huskies are set to host New Hampshire for the first of the two games at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Connecticut at 7 p.m. on Friday. The two teams will meet for game two at the Whittemore Center at Key Auto Group Complex in Durham, New Hampshire at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Fans at home can catch both games live on NESN.

Men's Hockey: Ice Bus set for two against No. 17 UNH



The UConn Huskies rematch the UMass Lowell River Hawks on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. Goalie Ethan Haider gets a shutout, beating the River Hawks 2-0.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | W Team, W Fans



UConn students show out in all white fits on Wednesday night. Often referred to as the Basketball Capital of the World, UConn takes great pride in both men's and women's teams. PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE: HUSKIES HEAD TO DURHAM FOR FINAL ROAD MEET OF THE SEASON AGAINST NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Coming off the team's recent 167-132 victory over the Seton Hall Pirates, the UConn women's swim and dive team will hit the road for their final road meet of the season against the New Hampshire Wildcats.

Sitting at 6-2 on the season, Connecticut opened the 2023 campaign with commanding victories over Southern Conn. State and Georgetown before dropping two straight at the hands of Villanova and Northeastern. Since the loss to Northeastern on Nov 4, the program has rattled off four consecutive victories over Rhode Island, Bucknell, Vermont and Seton Hall.

In their recent victory against the Pirates, Niamh Hofland, Julia Pioso and many others led the way with a handful of standout performances. Hofland, a senior from Great Britain, recorded first-place finishes in the 1000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle for Connecticut. The senior standout's amazing performance was rewarded with the Big East Women's Athlete of the Week award. In the diving events, Pioso led UConn with a third-place finish in the one-meter event and a second-place

finish in the three-meter event. Rising sophomore Ella Epes took first place in the 100-yard butterfly event with a stamp of 58.02, an event in which the Huskies took first, second and third place to add 16 points to their team score.

The Wildcats roll into their Senior Day meet with the Huskies after defeating Rhode Island 166-134 on Jan. 13. With a record of 4-1 on the season, New Hampshire was victorious in their first three meets of the season against Vermont, Central Connecticut State and Siena. The team competed in the Bruno Invitational on Nov. 17 where the Cats took 4th place in the six-team field before suffering their first head-to-head defeat against Northeastern.

New Hampshire is led by star sophomore Ella Guilfoil, who won American East Swimmer of the Week accolades for the third time this season. In her recent race against the Rams, the Fairport, New York native won three individual events in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley. Additionally, Guilfoil led the 200-yard medley relay team that placed first with a time of 1:45.46.

The showdown between these two Northeast programs will take place at 1:00 pm at Swasey Pool. Coverage and results can be found at uconnhuskies.com.

The UConn Huskies swimming and diving team face off against the Georgetown Hoyas on Friday, Oct. 20 in the Nat. Currently, they sit at a 1-0 record prior to the meet.

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AVA'S ANGLE:

THE END OF AN ERA IN AMERICAN SPORTS AND WHAT CHANGES WILL COME

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This past week was a huge week in the sports world, more bittersweet than not. There were multiple huge events that marked the end of eras for different franchises all over sports. Nick Saban retired as the head coach of Alabama Football. Head coach Bill Belichick parted ways with the New England Patriots. Head coach Pete Carroll departed from the Seattle Seahawks. Tiger Woods ended his 27-year contract with Nike.

Now, how will all this breaking news change sports for the coming years?

For some, people this may not seem like a huge deal or anything worth breaking the news. But for sports fans, it means everything. Nick Saban changed the entire camaraderie of college football. His huge emphasis on discipline goes back to some of football's earliest ages, but his biggest accomplishment is the way he built up a masterclass program at Alabama. Multimillion dollar facilities and a year round focus set a standard for programs all across college football. He is the face of coaches in the col-

lege world, and him not being present at the head of Alabama football next season will take some getting used to. In his 26 seasons at Alabama, Saban compiled a monster 274-67-1 overall record, eight SEC Championships with 10 SEC titles to his name and most importantly, seven NCAA national championships. Saban is the image of relentless focus to lead a team to long term success and triumph of CFB.

On the other hand, similar to Saban, Belichick ran the course during his dynasty with the Patriots as head coach for 24 seasons. Generations of football fans knew the Patriots as champions with Belichick at the front. For the two decades he was running the franchise, the Super Bowl ran through New England at the hands of Tom Brady, whom Belichick developed to be the all-time quarterback he is known as. In his time as head coach, Belichick recorded a 266-121 record, 19 consecutive winning seasons, 17 AFC East division titles, nine Super Bowl appearances and six wins. He had a style of coaching to where he shaped the franchise for as long as he did and made it known to everyone watching from the Patriots opponents, fans, referees and his own play-

ers. New England was always looked at as the team to beat with Belichick in charge and it was always with the "Patriot Way." It will be very difficult for another coach to replicate the mannerisms and the way that Belichick coached the Patriots during their dynasty era.

To go along with the departures of Saban and Belichick from their known teams, Carroll parted ways with the Seahawks in the same few days. The news was absolutely swamped with football coaching news from college to the NFL. Along with both the college and professional football scenes, Carroll succeeded on both ends. He had an energetic spirit with the Seahawks that is hard to replicate, and it should be interesting to see how the new head coaching position works itself out. In over 14 seasons as head coach, Carroll had a 137-89-1 record, appeared in two Super Bowls and won one in 2013.

Switching gears from football, Woods is another major face in sports who had a huge part of his athletic career come to an end. Considered the greatest golfer of all time, his talents and contributions to the game are undeniable. He has been through multiple eras of the game and transformed into modern day. Nike built Wood's im-

age and the stigma about the way golfers present themselves on the course. He changed the entire style of the game with Nike representing him. The rise of golf came from the Nike attire in commercials and ads with Woods' name. It changed the entire profile of the sport and put Woods on a pedestal on top of his legendary talent of the sport.

All of these iconic faces in sports parting ways with the franchises and brands they have been attached to for decades marks an end to an era of sports that is some of what all current fans know. It will definitely be an adjustment to fans to see someone else running the Crimson Tide on the sidelines other than Saban. It will additionally definitely be a change to have a New England Patriots team without both Belichick and Brady. All of these changes truly show the evolution of sports and how people involved come and go throughout generations. Eventually there is going to be a time where fans look back and see what the game used to be and it will be drastically different in the future. New faces of the team and new fan favorites. It's all just a part of the game and it is truly an amazing thing to see how sports are linked to all different parts of life.

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Men's Basketball: No. 1 Huskies travel to Philly for classic showdown with Villanova

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Fresh off their double-digit victory over Creighton at Gampel Pavilion, it's once again time for the UConn men's basketball team to hit the road for a battle with Villanova at Wells Fargo Arena in Philadelphia on Saturday.

This is certainly an important matchup for both teams, especially Villanova. After surrendering a 13 point loss to Marquette in Milwaukee, they currently sit in third place in the Big East conference. While that certainly isn't a bad spot to be in as a member of one of the most loaded conferences in college basketball, they're also just one loss away from being in a three-way tie with Creighton and St. John's. If they want to continue to remain top three in the Big East, while also creating separation in the standings, they'll need to take care of business at home. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they'll be facing the No. 1 team in the nation.

Looking at the flip side, this is not a game that Connecticut will take lightly either. After dismantling the Blue Jays at home in front of a sold-out crowd, they're now tied with Seton Hall for first place in the conference, who have established themselves as one of the biggest surprises during in-conference play. With the Pirates still being the only Big East loss on the Huskies' schedule, they'll have to wait for revenge and pray that Creighton takes down Seton Hall on Saturday at the Prudential Center, a feat that both Connecticut and Marquette couldn't do. With that being said, if Creighton and UConn walk out of their matchups with a respective win, the reigning national champions will have a firm hold on the No. 1 spot in the Big East.

On top of that, this is another crucial matchup for Donovan Clingan. After dropping

six points and six rebounds in his first minutes since his team's loss to Seton Hall, the Bristol native had a massive impact on both ends of the court. As one of the most impactful players in the country, coach Dan Hurley has often talked about how this lineup is completely different when his star sophomore is in the lineup. If fans needed any reminder of that, Wednesday's blockbuster victory proudly displayed that, especially on the rebounding end where his size helped UConn beat Creighton 21-6 during his minutes for plenty of second-chance scoring opportunities.

But, as many college basketball fans are well aware, it is hard to win on the road in this

sport, especially in the Big East. Villanova fans are certainly going to let the reigning national champions hear them and they'll need all hands on deck to grind out a win in Philadelphia, especially with the talent that the Wildcats have on their roster.

While they weren't able to come out of Marquette with a win, Villanova was able to get back the services of Justin Moore, the second leading scorer on this roster at 11.9 points per contest. He certainly is not at full strength just yet, but that is huge for a roster that could be in great use of his services on the court.

Aside from Moore, this roster has plenty of differences from previous Villanova teams, while also having some familiar faces. Eric Dixon has been a massive

part of this roster as a veteran leader and its leading scorer. The Huskies have certainly gotten to see plenty of Dixon during his time with the Cats and they know that they'll need to keep their eye on the 6-foot-8 big man as one of Villanova's top weapons.

But, there are two players that this Huskies team hasn't been able to see with the Wildcats: TJ Bamba and Tyler Burton. While Villanova's starting small forward has been one of their preferred scoring options, Burton has been a force as the team's leading rebounder at the four spot. It will be interesting to see how both attack this Huskies roster, especially with more size thanks to the return of Clingan.

The key for this Connecticut roster is not letting their op-

ponents get to the free throw line. While an average of 20 free throw opportunities a game isn't the most bizarre mark for a team in college basketball, the efficiency from Kyle Neptune's squad at the line definitely is. The Wildcats own an 81.8% mark from the free throw stripe, good for the top rate in the country. Simply put, everyone from UConn needs to limit the fouling to have a great shot in this one.

While the NFL playoffs may be on, don't let this game slip past your radar. With high stakes on the line for both teams, this should certainly be another exciting showcase of Big East Basketball. It will all go down at 8 p.m. and will be broadcast on Fox Sports One.

UConn secures victory over Creighton with a final score of 62-48. The Huskies dominated the court in a thrilling matchup, showcasing their prowess and skill throughout the game.

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Track & Field: Huskies travel to Boston for the Collegiate Showdown

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The UConn track & field teams look to continue their blistering hot start to the 2023-24 season this upcoming Saturday when they travel to Boston to compete in the Collegiate Showcase.

The Huskies, though two meets this season, have seen multiple school records broken. Senior Jenna Zydanowicz broke the indoor school record in the 1000-meter run, recording a time of 2:46.47 seconds. Sophomores Zachary Barry, Anish Rajamanickam, Megan

Perrotta and Caroline Rice captured the indoor school record in the mixed relay, running a time of 3:38.20 seconds.

Along with that, both the men's and women's athletes have been setting personal records left and right. If the Huskies aren't winning an event, they're still making their mark throughout the top 10. Just recently, even though no Connecticut runners finished in first place in the 200-meter dash, there were still seven Huskies who finished inside the top 10. They have been dominant.

Thus far, the teams have dominated the two meets they participated in, winning all but four

events at their first meet, Husky Challenge, and 13 of 31 events in their second, the Suffolk Invitational, totaling 38 for the season.

The Collegiate Showdown kicks off Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and will take place at the Track at New Balance. The two events to kick off the day are the women's high jump, in the south pit, and the men's high jump, in the middle pit. They'll end the day at 3:30 p.m. with the women's 4 x 400 Relay.

The Huskies go into this weekend with high hopes and are looking to continue their domination and keep their strong start to the 2023-24 indoor season rolling.



Sports

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 9 CONNECTICUT RETURNS TO STORRS FOR DUEL WITH DEPAUL

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Five games and almost three full weeks into the 2024 calendar year, the No. 9 UConn women's basketball team has been on the road four times. Their lone home contest on Jan. 10 took place at the XL Center in Hartford. For the first time since Dec. 6, UConn plays on their campus when they host the DePaul Blue Demons on Saturday.

Since they last competed in Storrs, the Huskies have thrived under head coach Geno Auremma's new lineup combination featuring three first-year guards with key roles. From the rotation's debut 44 days ago to now, Connecticut has scored 80+ points in all but one of their 11 games and won by 25+ all but three times.

Redshirt junior Paige Bueckers is at the forefront of the Huskies' potent offense, which has averaged 88.6 points versus Big East foes. Bueckers' 21.0 points per night in conference play rank second only to Villanova's Lucy Olsen, who averages 21.7. On top of her role as an offensive weapon, the redshirt junior has steadily developed the defensive capabilities of a power forward approach because of the team's injury woes.

To say that the Minnesota native has handled the challenge is an understatement; her 20 blocks and 40 steals are both sixth in the Big East. Despite Bueckers' intimidating pressure on defense, no individual does a better job of taking the ball away than freshman guard KK Arnold. The four-time Big East Freshman of the Week has harnessed her quickness into a fierce transition game; her 46 steals rank third in the conference.

Arnold's fast pace of play complements a defense that has not allowed their opponent to score more than 64 points since UConn's last loss on Dec. 3. Even with graduate forward Aubrey Griffin out for the season after suffering a torn ACL, only one of the Huskies' opponents either scored more than 55 points or shot better than 40% from the field. Both of those performances occurred in separate games.

Senior forward Aaliyah Edwards has played her part as an All-American force in the paint. In Big East play alone, Edwards has had four games with a double-double and a fifth where she finished one board shy of the mark. 110 out of the senior forward's 150 rebounds have been on the defensive end, where she has also rejected 14 shots and forced 26 steals. Wednesday

marked the first time all year that Edwards did not strip the ball, but when she gets going, the Ontario native can be a problem on the defensive end.

With Griffin out, redshirt freshman Ice Brady has the chance to show the nation what made her the No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2022. Brady showcased her potential with a career-best 17 points against the St. John's Red Storm last week, but Connecticut needs that performance replicated consistently, especially with several heavy-weight battles on the horizon.

It starts with the Huskies' upcoming opponent. DePaul experienced significant roster turnover during the 2023 offseason. That included the loss of All-American forward Aneesah Morrow, who transferred to the defending national champion LSU Tigers, and All-Big East guard Darriane Rogers, who left for the Mississippi State Bulldogs. All in all, only five players remain from last year's team.

For the Blue Demons, it has resulted in another up-and-down season. DePaul beat both the Green Bay Phoenix and Loyola-Chicago Ramblers at home but also lost close contests to the then-No. 17 Louisville Cardinals and Miami Hurricanes. Both of the Blue

Demons' Big East victories have come against the Xavier Musketeers, who are currently winless in conference play. The second of those two wins broke a four-game losing streak, but three of those defeats were by single digits.

Graduate guard Anaya Peoples has scored in double figures in each of DePaul's six conference games thus far. Her 17.6 points per game, a slight difference from the 13.5 she averages against Big East foes, ranks fifth in the conference. Beyond being an efficient scorer with a team-leading 129 field goals, Peoples causes headaches for any opposing offense with 50 steals and 17 blocks, the latter of which ranks 10th in the Big East.

Forward Jorie Allen has improved significantly as a graduate student in her fourth season in Chicago. Playing in all 19 games, Allen has gone from averaging 6.8 points and 5.5 boards a night as a senior to 10.7 and 6.5, respectively. The graduate forward's peak of her Blue Demons career came against the then-No. 21 Creighton Bluejays. Despite DePaul's seven-point defeat, Allen scored a career-high 22 points and backed it up with 10 rebounds for her third-career double-double. Both veterans will need to bring their A-game against a scorching team like Connecticut.

Sophomore guard Kate Clarke and graduate guard Michelle Sidor stand out amongst the Blue Demons' eight newcomers. The Michigan transfer has started just seven games but ranks second on the team with 11.1 points a night and has made 38 three-pointers. Sidor, also a former Wolverine, has been a three-point threat of her own. Since getting shutout on Dec. 31, the graduate student has had two 19-point performances, with five triples in both of them and a 13-point game with three assists. Her 47 shots from downtown rank third in the Big East behind Marquette's Mackenzie Hare and St. John's Unique Drake.

Graduate guard Katlyn Gilbert, meanwhile, has made a name for herself in almost all facets of play. Beyond her 8.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per contest, the Missouri transfer controls the entire floor with 57 assists and a conference-leading 56 steals. Do not be surprised if Gilbert's all-around style results in several one-on-one matchups against senior guard Nika Mühl in a defensive-minded Saturday matinee.

Tip-off in the first of four Big East battles at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion this season is slated for 2 p.m. EST on SNY and Fox Sports 97.9 FM.



The UConn women's basketball team played Marquette on Dec. 31 in the XL Center. The Huskies dominated the Golden Eagles, winning the game 95-64.

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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

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