



## SHaW offers students an informal way to seek mental health services

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For University of Connecticut students seeking mental health resources who don't know where to start, UConn Student Health and Wellness services are here to help. UConn SHaW is hosting a Let's Talk event, open to any interested students. The event is located in

room 416A in the Student Union and will run weekly through the week of April 22, their webpage said. The event is free and allows students to seek informal and confidential consultations with SHaW therapists. Students will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. However, the program is not solely offered on Mondays. Several sessions are available to students per week,

with the dates, times and therapists available online. SHaW's website states that this program will benefit students who want help finding mental health resources, those seeking advice for non-clinical issues and students who are unsure if they want to attend formal therapy sessions but are interested in learning more. The Let's Talk program is also a place where con-

cerned friends can seek advice and information on how to help a friend through mental health struggles. The program is available to undergraduate and graduate students at UConn, and a sector of the program is designed specifically for student-athletes. The Let's Talk program is geared toward providing students with support, coaching and tools they may need

to enhance their wellbeing while at UConn. However, the program is not meant to substitute regular therapy sessions and formal counseling. Students having mental health emergencies should seek UConn's crisis support options. SHaW does provide regular therapy services to students who are interested in attending. All of their services are listed and explained on their website.



## AP Decision Notes: What to expect in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, do-over mayoral primary

(AP) — There may be a collective feeling of déjà vu among Democrats in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Tuesday, when they head back to the polls for a court-ordered do-over of a mayoral election they thought they had decided months ago. Last November, a state judge threw out the results of the Sept. 12 Democratic mayoral primary in Bridgeport and ordered a new primary to take its place. At issue was evidence that supporters of Mayor Joe Ganim had stuffed multiple absentee ballots into outdoor ballot collection boxes. Ganim said these supporters broke the law but denied any knowledge or involvement in the scheme.



**John Gomes, a Democratic candidate for Bridgeport Mayor, speaks to supporters at his election night headquarters in Bridgeport, Conn. Nov. 7, 2023. Last November, a state judge threw out the results of the Sept. 12 Democratic mayoral primary in Bridgeport and ordered a new primary to take its place. At issue was evidence that supporters of Mayor Joe Ganim had stuffed multiple absentee ballots into outdoor ballot collection boxes. Ganim said these supporters broke the law but denied any knowledge or involvement in the scheme.**

In the September primary, Ganim defeated challenger John Gomes by 251 votes out of 8,173 cast. The Gomes campaign later sued the city, demanding a new primary after obtaining video surveillance evidence of the ballot box stuffing. The Nov. 7 general election went ahead as scheduled, and Ganim once again prevailed in a close race over Gomes, who ran as an independent, and two other candidates. But the judge's order rendered that election moot as well, and now Ganim and Gomes will face off for the third time in four months. The winner will once again face Republican David Herz and independent candidate Lamond Daniels in a do-over of the general election scheduled for Feb. 27. Ganim is seeking an eighth term as mayor. He previously served from 1991 to 2003 before spending seven years in federal prison for corruption and extortion charges stemming from his time in City Hall. Voters returned him to office in 2015 and 2019. Gomes served in Ganim's second administration as the city's acting chief administrative officer until he was demoted in 2016 and later as an assistant chief administrative officer until his termination in

July 2022. Gomes has suggested publicly that his ouster was in retaliation for being a possible mayoral hopeful. Ganim previously faced a primary challenge in his 2019 reelection bid, when he narrowly defeated state Sen. Marilyn Moore by 270 votes. That result was also challenged in the courts, but a judge ultimately upheld the victory. Bridgeport, the state's largest city, is a Democratic stronghold. President Joe Biden carried the city in 2020 with 79% of the vote. Here's a look at what to expect on election night:  
**PRIMARY DAY, PART 2**  
The special do-over Democratic primary for mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, will be held on Tuesday. Polls close at 8 p.m. ET.  
**WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT**  
The Associated Press will provide coverage for the special Democratic mayoral primary in Bridgeport.  
**WHO GETS TO VOTE**  
Connecticut has a closed primary system, meaning that only registered Democrats may participate in Tuesday's special pri-

mary. The deadline to register is Friday by noon ET.  
**DECISION NOTES**  
Turnout for regularly scheduled mayoral primaries in Bridgeport has been relatively modest. It was 17% of registered party members in the Sept. 12 Democratic primary, down from 21% in the 2019 primary. As a late addition to the election calendar, Tuesday's do-over primary may be a particularly low-turnout event, especially considering voters already weighed in on this contest just four months ago. As with any low-turnout election, a competitive race could hinge on just a handful of votes, which would slow down the race-calling process. Ganim eked out his disputed win in the September primary with 51.5% of the vote, compared with 48.5% for Gomes. Gomes was the vote leader on primary night, but Ganim pulled ahead once the absentee votes were counted. The same pattern held true for the November general election. The AP did not call a winner for the general, since the special primary had already been ordered by that point.

Given that both the primary and the general election were extremely competitive and that absentee votes lie at the center of this drama, it's very possible that there won't be a race call until the absentee ballots are taken into account. The AP does not make projections and will declare a winner only when it's determined there is no scenario that would allow a trailing candidate to close the gap. If a race has not been called, the AP will continue to cover any newsworthy developments, such as candidate concessions or declarations of victory. In doing so, the AP will make clear that it has not yet declared a winner and explain why. Connecticut law requires an automatic recount if the margin is less than 0.5% of the total votes cast or fewer than 20 votes but not more than 1,000 votes. The AP may declare a winner in a race that is eligible for a recount if it can determine the lead is too large for a recount or legal challenge to change the outcome.  
**WHAT DO TURNOUT AND ADVANCE VOTE LOOK LIKE**  
As of Oct. 31, there were al-

most 49,000 registered Democrats in Bridgeport. Turnout for the first Democratic mayoral primary on Sept. 12 was about 17% of registered Democrats in Bridgeport. In the 2019 Democratic primary, it was about 21%. In the Sept. 12 primary, 28% of all ballots were cast before Election Day. That was up from 13% in the 2019 Democratic primary. As of Wednesday, 756 ballots for the special primary had already been cast.  
**HOW LONG DOES VOTE-COUNTING USUALLY TAKE?**  
In the 2022 midterm primary in Bridgeport, the AP first reported results in Bridgeport at 8:13 p.m. ET. The election night tabulation ended at 12:17 a.m. ET with all the votes counted. In the 2022 midterm general election, the AP first reported results at 8:28 p.m. ET. The election night tabulation ended at 4:50 a.m. ET with about 87% of total votes counted.

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Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim addresses the media in Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 7, 2023. Last November, a state judge threw out the results of the Sept. 12 Democratic mayoral primary in Bridgeport and ordered a new primary to take its place. At issue was evidence that supporters of Mayor Joe Ganim had stuffed multiple absentee ballots into outdoor ballot collection boxes. Ganim said these supporters broke the law but denied any knowledge or involvement in the scheme. FILE PHOTO/AP

# Extreme cold still happens in a warming world – in fact climate instability may be disrupting the polar vortex

**CORRECTION:** The article published on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, entitled “Four GSS E-Board members resign amid tensions” requires the following corrections:

- (1) The headline should have stated “Three GSS E-Board members, one office assistant resign amid tensions.”
- (2) Nicole Nelson was named as “not directly affiliated with GSS,” but she is an alternate senator.
- (3) Nelson was described as saying “the entire E-Board” should resign, but was not referring to the former president and current president.
- (4) The Daily Campus is adding a quote from the former president’s resignation email to the digital version of the article.
- (5) The Daily Campus is adding more details regarding the former president’s summer work to the digital version of the article.

AP - (The Conversation is an independent and nonprofit source of news, analysis and commentary from academic experts.)

(THE CONVERSATION) Extremely cold Arctic air and severe winter weather swept southward into much of the U.S. in mid-January 2024, breaking daily low temperature records from Montana to Texas. Tens of millions of people were affected by dangerously cold temperatures, and heavy lake-effect snow and snow squalls have had severe effects across the Great Lakes and Northeast regions.

These severe cold events occur when the polar jet stream – the familiar jet stream of winter that runs along the boundary between Arctic and more temperate air – dips deeply southward, bringing the cold Arctic air to regions that don’t often experience it.

An interesting aspect of these events is that they often occur in association with changes to another river of air even higher above the jet stream: the stratospheric polar vortex, a great stream of air moving around the North Pole in the middle of the stratosphere.

When this stratospheric vortex becomes disrupted or stretched, it can distort the jet stream as well, pushing it southward in some areas and causing cold air outbreaks.

The January 2024 Arctic cold blast fit into this pat-

tern, with the polar vortex stretched so far over the U.S. in the lower stratosphere that it had nearly split in two. There are multiple causes that may have led to this stretching, but it is likely related to high-latitude weather in the prior two weeks.

No, cold doesn’t contradict global warming

After Earth just experienced its hottest year on record, it may seem surprising to set so many cold records. But does this cold snap contradict human-caused global warming? As an atmospheric and climate scientist, I can tell you, absolutely and unequivocally, it does not.

No single weather event can prove or disprove global warming. Many studies have shown that the number of extreme cold events is clearly decreasing with global warming, as predicted and understood from physical reasoning.

Whether global warming may, contrary to expectations, be playing some supporting role in the intensity of these events is an open question. Some research suggests it does.

The February 2021 cold wave that severely disrupted the Texas electric grid was also associated with a stretched stratospheric polar vortex. My colleagues and I have provided evidence suggesting that Arctic changes associated with global

warming have increased the likelihood of such vortex disruptions. The effects of the enhanced high latitude warming known as Arctic amplification on regional snow cover and sea ice may enhance the weather patterns that, in turn, result in a stretched polar vortex.

More recently, we have shown that for large areas of the U.S., Europe and North-east Asia, while the number of these severe cold events is clearly decreasing – as expected with global warming – it does not appear that their intensity is correspondingly decreasing, despite the rapid warming in their Arctic source regions.

So, while the world can expect fewer of these severe cold events in the future, many regions need to remain prepared for exceptional cold when it does occur. A better understanding of the pathways of influence between Arctic surface conditions, the stratospheric polar vortex and mid-latitude winter weather would improve our ability to anticipate these events and their severity.

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- 16 Shoe with little to no heel
- 17 Artistic gymnastics event
- 19 Sample
- 20 Miatas and CX-5s
- 21 Fluff, as hair
- 22 Cough syrup dosage unit, maybe
- 24 Campy musical comedy starring Tim Curry, to fans
- 27 Have a higher position than
- 29 Geologic span
- 30 "Garfield" dog
- 31 Place to observe undercover activity?
- 36 Safari park roarer
- 37 Rolled sandwiches
- 39 Prefix with space
- 40 First picture in a baby book, perhaps
- 42 Historic spans
- 43 Slangy about-face
- 44 Voice range of many a 4-Down
- 47 Cocktails with peach schnapps and orange juice
- 52 Far from strict
- 53 Ram of horoscopes
- 54 Make a priest, say
- 56 Mario Kart units
- 57 Inauspicious beginning, or a feature of 17-, 24, and 47-Across
- 61 Narrow opening
- 62 Like agts. who no longer work for "the company"
- 63 Outback birds
- 64 "¿Cómo \_\_\_ usted?"
- 65 "Stunning!"
- 66 Far from bold

**DOWN**

- 1 AC meas.
- 2 Made a break for it

- 3 Freedom from an obligation
- 4 Opera star
- 5 Hamstring, for one
- 6 Place for a passenger
- 7 Chem lab vessel
- 8 Not within walking distance
- 9 Female sib
- 10 Trying to find
- 11 Wipe away
- 12 Rodeo rope
- 13 Give voice to
- 18 Old Testament book before Nehemiah
- 21 Vocal quality
- 22 Goes from hot to warm
- 23 Broadcast's sound component
- 25 App with reviews
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- 28 Nevada city near Lake Tahoe
- 31 Actor Rockwell
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- 33 Passport info
- 34 Big venue
- 35 Fenway Park team, casually
- 37 Small, chirpy bird
- 38 Disney's "\_\_\_ and the Last Dragon"
- 41 "\_\_\_ Grocery Games": Food Network series also called "Triple G"
- 44 Spanish golfer García who won the 2017 Masters Tournament
- 45 No longer in style
- 46 Educational TV ads
- 47 Untrue
- 48 Range between Europe and Asia
- 49 "Quiet, you!"
- 50 Brand of saltine crackers
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# Life

# OUR helps students find mentors for undergraduate research projects

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On Friday, Jan. 19, the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of Connecticut held an interactive workshop dedicated to helping students in their research project process titled “Finding a Research Mentor.” The office also held a previous workshop titled “Getting Started in Undergraduate Research.”

Melissa Berkey, the assistant director of OUR, was joined by four peer research ambassadors: Darren Lee, majoring in molecular and cell biology; Riley Beckham, majoring in electrical engineering; Fariha Fardin, majoring in molecular and cell biology with a minor in bioinformatics and Krithika Santhanam, who is double majoring in molecular and cell biology and health policy and racial disparities. These workshops aim to “help and support students going through this process,” according to Berkey.

The first part of the session centered around brainstorming goals and interests to help narrow down exactly what type of research students want to get involved with. Berkey asked the audience,

“What are you looking for and why? What type of experience are you ready for?” Things to consider when trying to decide whether a research project is fit for you include the type of project, how much time you can dedicate to it and what you’re trying to gain from the experience.

In regards to the time commitment issue, Fardin said, “Some projects have required amounts of time that you need to complete, some have minimum time requirements. Originally I did about 10 hours a week towards my research and now I average about 15 to 20 hours. It seems like a lot but I am also getting academic credit for it.” Berkey mentioned that students don’t necessarily need to complete their research projects during the academic year. Many students complete them over the summer so that they can prioritize their courses separately, she said.

Deciding why you want to research a specific topic is “the most important part of the process [that] lots of students struggle with,” said Berkey. She noted that she has seen many students go into a project on something they believe they are interested in at the moment, but down the line, they find themselves bored or tired of the research.

It’s crucial for students to ask themselves “What drives you? What motivates you?”

Research projects require a lot of time, commitment and dedication. As Lee mentioned, “This is all you, your interests and your ability to get work done and collaborate.” Following this segment, audience members were given a worksheet to brainstorm ideas and visualize their goals. This included writing out their areas of interest in an academic and a personal lens.

The next step would be to explore your options. This process includes looking at department and lab websites, seeking research centers and using Lincus. Department websites include bios for their faculty, and usually these have links to specific labs or publications that they have worked on. Berkey stated that UConn has 92 interdisciplinary research centers, meaning that there are various options for students to look through when considering what they want to research. She also stated that Lincus is “a tool for UConn students to help identify faculty connected with certain keywords.” By logging in with your NetID and entering certain keywords created through brainstorming, Lincus can highlight specific fac-

ulty members involved with research into these topics. It also allows students to see who they are working with and other keywords that are connected to their projects.

The final step in the workshop was explaining how to reach out to faculty. The main aspect of this is for students to build relationships with their professors and figure out who they’d be comfortable doing their research with. Students must define their goals for reaching out, doing their homework on these professors and reflecting and connecting with them. “Set out to have a conversation to understand more,” Berkey noted. “Our goal is to make a connection, a connection between their research and your interests.”

Another interactive segment of the workshop outlined what students should do when sending emails to these professors. Some things to note are that the email should be concise and focused, should be around two paragraphs, have a clear subject line and mention any times available to have a meeting to discuss it further. Students should remember to remain formal when addressing faculty; unless you know the professor on a deeper level, it’s safer to remain on

a last-name basis with them. When asking to join their research, students should “ask for something easy for faculty to say yes to,” Berkey said. Instead of jumping right in and asking to get hired as an assistant, students should ask more detailed questions to fully understand what their research entails.

When closing the workshop, they highlighted what not to do when looking for a research mentor. Things to remember include that the research is not all about the student; multiple people are involved and everyone is doing their best. Also, do not send generic emails. “If you could insert any faculty name into the email, it’s not strong enough,” Berkey noted. Although OUR provides templates for email, Santhanam emphasized how important it is to personalize the email to yourself. “Don’t copy and paste emails. People can tell, use [the template] as a guide, but put your own voice into it.”

Although the process seems daunting, Fardin stated, “talking to professors can be intimidating, but they know that you are intimidated. They’ll make small talk to make you comfortable.” The biggest takeaway from the workshop is for students to “Just be genuine,” according to Fardin.

how do i find a research mentor?? X

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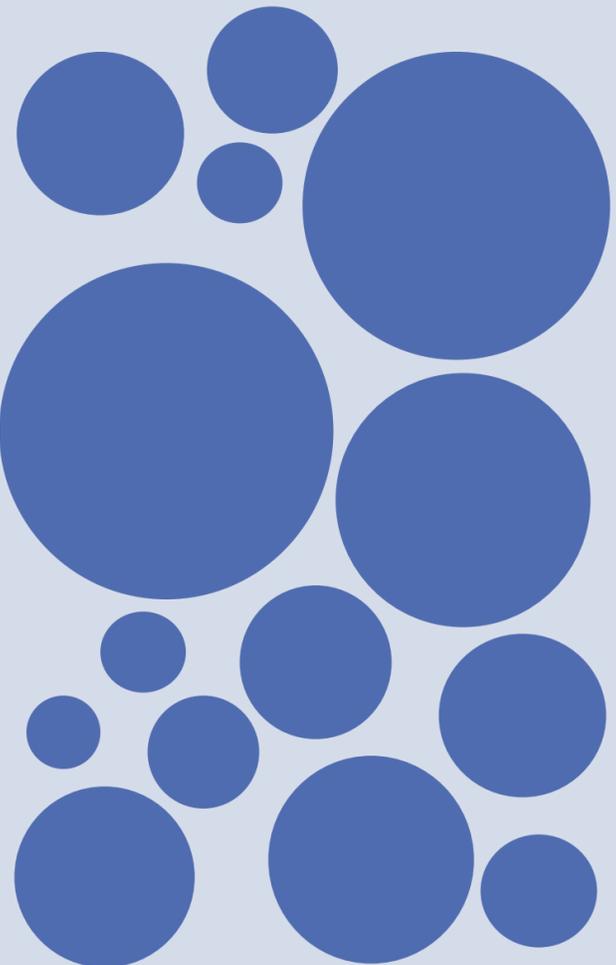




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Hello, and welcome back to This Week in History! You know what, maybe the column should really be titled “This Blisteringly Cold Week in History,” as temperatures in Storrs plummet down into the 20s, and most of North America deals with snow, sleet, rain, or some unpleasant mix of the three.

Despite the poor forecasts, I don’t mean to start off on a dim note. This issue is the first publication of the column for the Spring 2024 semester and, more substantively, the first issue of the new year! It feels good to be back at the helm of this fun history outlet, and I’m excited to think of the many weeks ahead, all dense with historical stories to tell. So, without further ado, let’s jump into this week’s theme: “This week in history.”

You probably read that and thought, “Oh boy, this must be a typo, he just repeated the column name” — and correct you are. I did repeat the column name, but trust me, it’s not a typo.

Over winter break, it’s hard to find out what to do with yourself. Most of the day is spent penned up inside; for me, it was spent trying to leach any warmth I could out of the radiator in my room, but I digress; this winter break, I returned to what got me interested in history in the first place: long winter days watching documentaries that pres-

ent history in a unique and digestible way.

So, I wish to treat this issue as an ode to those who have mastered the art of accurately presenting historical events on the anniversary of their happening — the concept of “this (day, week, month) in history” serving as a starting point. In that regard, this week, we’re exploring two fantastic YouTube channels.

This week in history, on Jan. 22, 2015, the YouTube channel “The Great War” uploaded the video: “Zeppelins Over England - New Inventions For The Modern War I | THE GREAT WAR Week 26.”

Upon clicking play on this seemingly random video, show host and writer Indiana “Indy” Neidell greets you from behind a large rustic table. Looming behind him is a political map of Europe in 1914 — a visualization of the time the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires dominated Europe.

Neidell begins with this acute line: “When most people think of the First World War, they think most often of either the Western Front and the trenches and flying aces, and possibly the Italian or Eastern fronts, but the war was by no means confined to mainland Europe, and this week we really see that it was a world war, with battles taking place on three continents.”

Notice how Neidell says, “This week...” — kind of similar to this column, right? When that video aired, Neidell and a team of talented researchers and producers were 26 weeks into covering World War I in its entirety, week-by-week. Their efforts produced

hundreds of videos, with their first arriving on July 28, 2014, and they continue with sporadic uploads even today. Some historians reading may have perked up upon seeing the date of their commencement; it just so happens that it was released exactly 100 years after the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand, considered by many to be a catalyst for the outbreak of World War I.

Every week, the team uploaded a video covering monumental moments in the war. Still, they went beyond just a popularized telling of history—those revolving around assassinations of officials and the sinking of passenger ships or focusing on the widely blown-out-of-proportion Zimmerman telegram. No, this telling of history would retell events accurately, in the same time scale as they happened. Consequently, these mundane stretches of time reveal way more about the conflict than an article focused on a famous battle or one singular event.

Each week, the team produces a video that looks beyond describing solely the massive, year-spanning events. Instead, video topics could focus on more precise history, such as studying the inside of the British Mark IV tank, laying out troop deployments that are often glossed over, or like in this week’s video from 2015 — which really covers this week in 1915 — the use of Zeppelins in bombing raids on Britain and the remarkable heroism of a man who decades later would lead a nation into horror: Adolf Hitler.

The coolest thing about these videos is that while they

describe an event happening — like those Zeppelin raids — it can be weeks until the impact of that event becomes clear, and as the viewer, you’re following along a telling of history that is almost portraying it as breaking news.

All of the videos “The Great War” has on YouTube are phenomenal. They show how video documentaries don’t necessarily have to be an hour long to examine a topic in-depth. Instead, the consistent exploration of the small-scale events of a grand historical event is far more useful. I encourage you to dive into their series. It’s true that consistently watching one video a week for four years may sound like a big commitment, but it will undoubtedly put history into a new perspective.

Thankfully, “The Great War” hasn’t uploaded weekly content in some time — in 1918, the war ended, and so did the course of the channel. However, following some management changes, Neidell is back with a new team of producers, including Spartacus Olsson and Astrid Deinhard. Their channel is called “World War Two,” and while not following the events exactly 100 years after the war (they would have to wait another 20 years to do that), the team still covers the war week by week, just as their former show did. This past week in history, “World War Two” uploaded the video “Week 282 - the Red Army Overruns Poland! - WW2 - January 20, 1945” — they’re still not done with the war. It’s remarkable that although we know the wars outcome, every week leaves you wondering

what sort of miracles it would take for an Allied victory. It is certainly worth a watch.

These channels and their videos greatly shape my approach to learning and appreciating history. History is as much the study of powerful and hugely world-altering events as it is the study of the mundane. Each week is history, as is each day, hour and minute. Next time you look up a historical event or browse a telling of history, think about the seconds it takes you to read about something that took years or decades to happen — human history is long, but understanding it would take even longer.

As the year begins, this column will explore more individual events unrelated to the online world or YouTube channels — but I hope this notion of time stays present as you read the column. I would estimate that you’d need just about a million words for every minute of history.

So, thank you for reading through that description of two excellent history channels. I admit I covered these two channels at the expense of other great and timely history; for instance, on Jan. 23, 1937, the infamous Trotsky plot unfolded and backfired and on Jan. 24, 1972, Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi surrendered on Guam after hiding for 28 years on the Island. Yokoi never knew World War II had ended — I guess Indy Neidell and the team have a lot more to cover...

That’s all for This Week in History; we’ll return with some interesting history next week, and we hope to see you there!



# Life

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## “Saviors:”

# Can it save Green Day’s reputation?

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Green Day has always been at the forefront of pop punk, celebrated for their two most popular and highly acclaimed albums: 1994’s “Dookie” and 2004’s “American Idiot.” By many accounts, lead vocalist Billie Joe Armstrong grew stronger as a songwriter during that decade of output, yet this artistic evolution did not last for long. Instead of honing in on the politically charged and meaningful music they once made, they devolved into the most cliché version of themselves throughout the 2010s.

Unrecognizable from their former glory, all hope was lost with the release of “Father of All…” in 2020, which actively defaced the “American Idiot” album cover with a crudely drawn unicorn who ate too many Skittles (it is vomiting rainbows). Fans were not pleased with the highly commercialized sound, littered with generic hand-claps and poor songwriting with basic rhyme schemes. Additionally, it was released on my birthday. Worst gift ever.

Following the formula of a band that is going back to the basics, “Saviors” is packaged in monochrome with red lettering, a possible reference to 1997’s “Nimrod,” and their promotional tour will include performances of both “Dookie” and “American Idiot” in their entirety. Based on this emphasis on their earlier material, one must wonder if this new album can compare or if it is another ad-

dition to the trash heap of their past 15 years of music.

“The American Dream Is Killing Me” is a promising start, with loud and proud drumming by Tré Cool, nostalgic bass riffs by Mike Dirnt and socially conscious lyrics by Armstrong. The latter is especially welcoming, except for the line: “T i k T o k and taxes,” which is not the only example of out-of-place word choice for these 51-year-olds. Take one look at them and you can tell their fashion choices are so 20 years ago. He fits his aesthetic profile all too well on “Suzie Chapstick” when he asks: “Will I ever see your face again? / Not just photos from an Instagram,” while introspectively commenting later in the song: “Outside my window, there is nothing but a sky / It’s just another vacant, cold, and lonely night.”

There is nothing wrong with observing how the younger gen-

erations are connected through social media platforms, but my problem with Armstrong and any aging artists like him is that he was

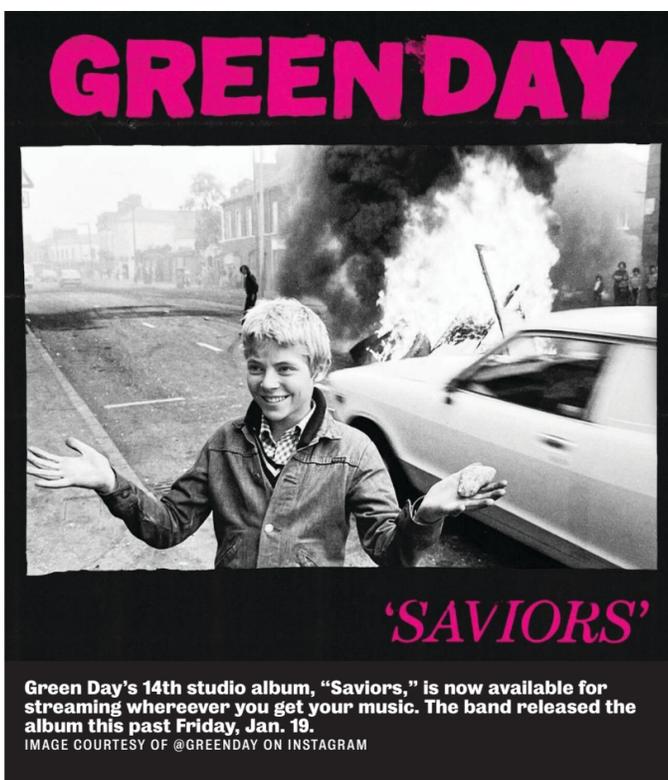
ity on “Bobby Sox” and the tasteful tribute to the late David Bowie on “Strange Days Are Here to Stay.”

The pop-punk instrumentation works well when backing Armstrong’s refrains about substance abuse on “Dilemma,” while “1981” is an energetic capsule of a track sonically and lyrically, with call-backs to the Cold War. Touching on more pressing subjects of gun violence in “Coma City” and “Living in the ‘20s,” with the latter being even more rebellious and visceral, gives this topic the proper urgency to be discussed. The cinematic “Father to a Son” is definitely a takeaway track, featuring long-ing vocals and string arrangements that call back to their rock opera days. It clocks in as the project’s longest song besides the outro “Fancy Sauce.”

The album questioningly concludes with interesting lyrical pairings, such as: “Gonna

join a cult / Do a somersault,” while boasting highlights like: “Watch the evening news ‘cause it’s my favorite cartoon.” Armstrong’s takes throughout the album have been mostly agreeable, but I do not understand the sentiment of this track, which calls society crazy using old tropes of the loony bin, followed by an anthemic chorus discussing death. It is another half-baked foray into a topic that Armstrong finds important, but it nails home the idea that this album has no central theme, instead choosing to package Armstrong’s beliefs into surface-level snippets that, once again, fail to bring anything new to the table. At this point in their careers, Green Day should be overseers of a world gone mad, yet they somehow provide no insight of their own, enforcing their lack of creativity within the last 15 years.

All things considered, I doubt this album will be remembered fondly due to its proximity to “Father of All…” but it re-establishes hope that the boys still have that spark, and this album may be part one of their redemption arc. Only time will tell.



Green Day’s 14th studio album, “Saviors,” is now available for streaming wherever you get your music. The band released the album this past Friday, Jan. 19.

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a trailblazer thirty years ago; he is simply not part of the current generation addicted to social media. Name-dropping TikTok and Instagram does not help him contribute to the conversation of social media consumption at all, and it certainly fails to make him a spokesperson for a group of people he is so far removed from. Nevertheless, I respect his simplistic yet effective efforts at portraying bisexual-

Rating:  
**3/5**  
Stars

# French Comedy Falls Flat: ‘Rachid Badouri: Les fleurs du tapis’

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Rachid Badour, the acclaimed French-Canadian comedian, captivated audiences in Montreal with his Netflix comedy special. Badour’s show, performed in Canadian French, pokes fun at the language and country, particularly at his home city of Laval, Quebec. In his comedy special, “Rachid Badouri: Les fleurs du tapis,” Badouri talks about the pandemic, Islamophobia and life as a father. The comedian utilizes the entire stage and numerous props to enhance his act. With boundless energy, he not only commands the stage but also skillfully engages the audience, overcoming the challenges of connecting with viewers in a special.

Since the special is in the native language of Quebec, Quebecois, viewers unfamiliar with the language relying on subtitles may not understand some of the jokes. However, much of the show is accessible to every audience. He includes jokes that both Canadians and Americans can understand, as he references both Canadian and American politics. Along with that, a lot of his jokes are not specific to one country.

Badouri does what many current comedians do by touching on current events and sharing his opinions through comedy. Often, however, Badouri shares his perspective without a punchline, taking away from

the comedy format and falling flat. An important aspect of comedy is including relevant information, and for many their own opinions and views on generally controversial topics. However, in a comedy show, the most important aspect is to make it funny. People are there to laugh, not to hear about your opinions with no punchline.

While he brought up important conversations throughout the special, Badouri occasionally did so in a non-comedic sense. While I do understand wanting to use your platform to spread awareness about certain issues, you won’t have that platform very long if you advertise yourself as a comedian then use your stage-time to lecture the audience. Although many of his stories drew laughs, it was apparent that some were shared with the priority of forcing a personal story into his show, detracting from the comedy itself.

Badouri also chose to poke fun at other people rather than using self-deprecating humor, which is generally less effective. Since he mostly tells personal stories, one would expect the humor to revolve around himself rather than other disconnected individuals — as a result, the humor feels jarring. I also felt that he could have used more subtle twists to make the jokes less predictable. Along with that, while big comedy can be funny, humor requires some subtlety which he did not utilize in his act. He was very upfront, mostly being loud and constantly making faces and noises.

He also spent nearly 10 minutes rudely speaking on his dislike for his daughter and the unattractiveness of his wife. There were few jokes in that segment, and I found it to be more insulting than funny. It was rather exhausting and I can only imagine the audience, tired of being told when to laugh, was exhausted after having to fake laugh at yet another poor-taste joke about his daughter.

Overall this special was a bit mixed for me. Rachid Badouri is loved by many and very energetic. It’s also good for those who are looking for French media to practice French, specifically Quebecois. A lot of his jokes weren’t for me, but comedy is subjective, so if you like loud, energetic and physical comedy, this special may be enjoyable for you.

Rating:  
**2/5**



Rachid Badouri is a French-Canadian comedian currently celebrating his most recent special, “Les fleurs du tapis,” reaching the top-10 series in Netflix in Canada. This special released on Netflix on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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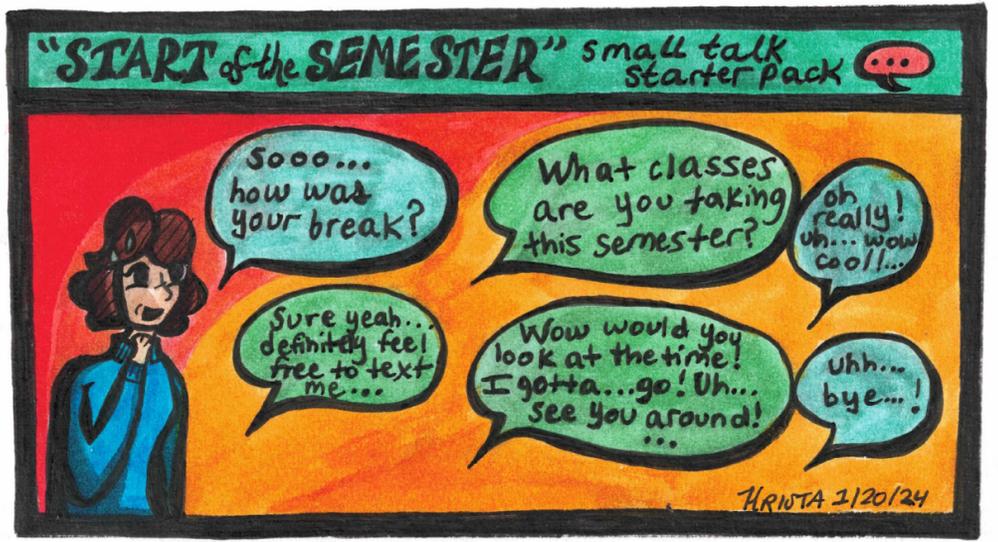
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### ► Editorial

## UCONN'S WELL-BEING COURSE IS GOOD, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH

The University of Connecticut is running a pop-up one-credit UNIV course titled "Feeling Well: The Science and Practice of Well Being" this Spring 2024 semester. The course, created this past fall semester, uses an interdisciplinary approach to help students understand the day-to-day components of happiness and well-being, as well as figure out broader questions of purpose and satisfaction throughout their lives. Survey results from the 600 students who completed it in the fall reveal an overwhelming approval of the course, with many specifically reporting a better ability to improve and regulate their mental state, according to UConn Today.

As mental health is one of the most pressing societal issues of the current day, The Daily Campus Editorial Board supports the intent behind this class to provide a free resource meant to help students develop skills to support themselves in the difficulties and often stressful nature of college life. However, as the Editorial Board has argued before in addressing other forms of societal issues, a one-credit UNIV course is not enough. By focusing on and heavily publicizing this new course, UConn attempts to enlarge the support for these issues and the course itself to an ingenuine point. A short, one-credit pass/fail course taken online consisting of multiple choice quizzes and impersonal videos cannot

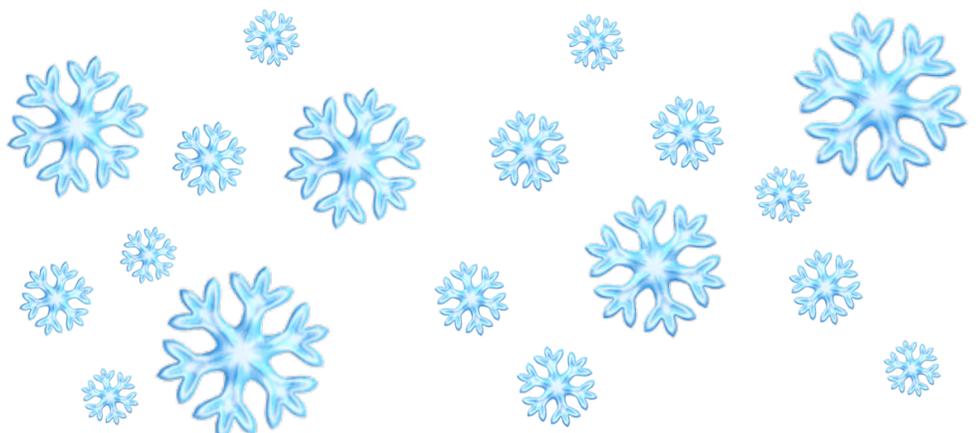
fully explain the complexities of the topics it deals with or properly ensure students engage with it in a meaningful enough way that will have an effect.

There is also the problem of what it focuses on, specifically the personal aspect of emotional well-being. It is crucial to recognize how the environmental factors surrounding a person are much more important in one's mental health; in this sense, UConn is doing little to help its students by raising costs and further complicating the housing process for students. The result of these added stressors for students and families to deal with far outweighs the positives of one single course. It is not enough to place the onus on students but to ease the systemic factors that create the existential difficulties that underlie mental health issues.

UConn needs to adopt a more holistic approach toward student well-being in all areas of student life, not just through one course. The Editorial Board urges that UConn continue to provide more for students in addition to the resources, clinical and otherwise, that already exist. For students struggling with mental health problems, there are resources and people ready to help like, the cultural centers, SHaW individual and group therapy, the Let's Talk program and even weekly pet therapy.

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# RAPID FIRE

With temperatures in the Storrs area dipping as low as 11° Fahrenheit and our beloved wind tunnel of a campus being no help, it's safe to say that it is far from pleasant being out and about during the present cold snap. This week, the Opinion section has been tasked with giving advice the best way we know how: by telling you precisely what not to do.

What's the worst thing to do during a cold snap at UConn?

**Nell Srinath,  
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Holding a protest outside. Not only is confronting our so-called leaders indoors a civil right, a moral imperative and, most importantly, downright more strategically effective than heckling outside, it doesn't come at the risk of rendering all the muscles in your face rigid and useless. What's the point in using a megaphone if the only thing that comes through is "[muffled activist noises]"? Plus, if you want to tear down the system brick by brick, you need circulation in your fingers.

**Dan Stark,  
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Speaking from experience, walking back from the Rec Center in shorts while the temps have been in the teens has not been a wise decision this past week.

**Tomas Hinckley,  
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Going to class (@ professors reading this: please cancel please. I'm begging you, I don't want to go quietly into the cold).

**Luke Feeney,  
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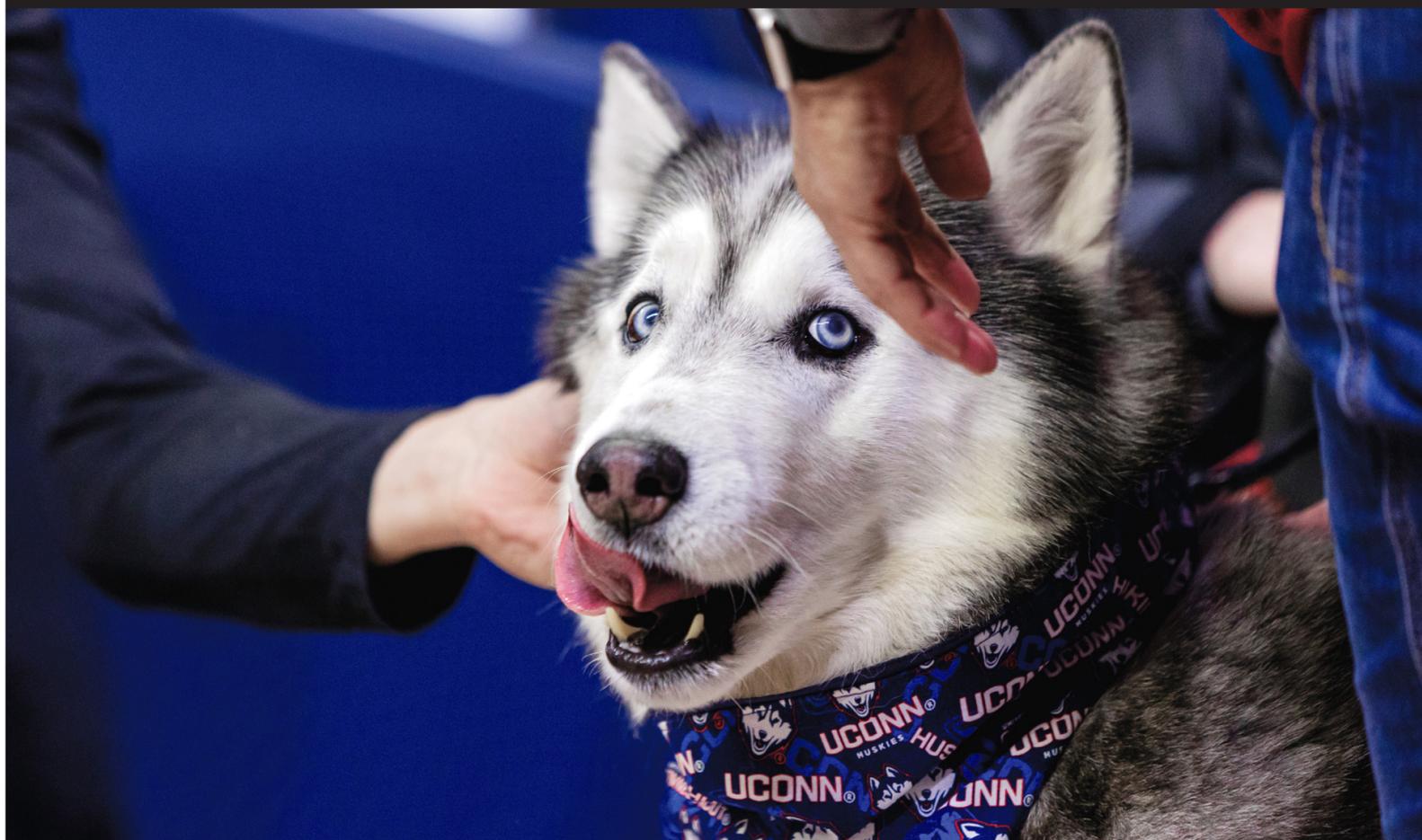
Being swept off your feet by the strongest gust of wind on this side of the Appalachian walking down Fairfield Way on your way to class. You've already almost torn every muscle in your leg twice due to the ice everywhere, but rest assured, when that gust of wind comes at you, any will to live will be swept away in the cold air. Also, I definitely am NOT planning on throwing snowballs at my fellow opinion columnists.

**Athena Brown,  
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Swimming in Mirror Lake.



# Opinion

Photo of the Day | Eye on the prize



Jonathan XIV joins UConn's students in spectating UConn Women's Basketball vs DePaul in Gampel Pavilion on Saturday January 20th, 2024. The Huskies' win on Saturday marked the 12th win in a row for the team.  
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# International Soccer: USMNT starts year with loss to Slovenia

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The U.S. Men's National Team began the calendar year on a disappointing note after being shut out by Slovenia 1-0.

This year marks a crucial one for the United States' journey to the World Cup. In 2024, the U.S. is set to participate in the long-anticipated Copa America, which will see South American powerhouses like Argentina and Brazil compete in the U.S. against Southern and Northern American countries. While the stakes are high for the Stars and Stripes, many argue that the roster that was called up did not match the energy of this new era of the U.S.

The international squad that was called up this window has

successful defensive effort of American Sean Zawadzki. The U.S. were now left needing to answer to their conceded goal. Moments later, in the 30th minute, a cross from American Brian White created a great opportunity, but the Slovenian goalkeeper was able to block the shot.

The rest of the half was quiet until stoppage time. Veteran Miles Robinson attempted a header after a free kick was awarded to the Americans, but it went over the goal post. The half ended with the Stars and Stripes down by one, but the next half was an opportunity for the U.S. to show their capabilities and respond to their one-goal deficit.

While the Stars and Stripes were able to prove their opportunities in the second half, they simply could not finish their plays, and

tarevic got past Slovenia's defense to make it inside the box, but his shot went too high.

The Stars and Stripes offense kept pushing to equalize but seemed to be left scrambling after failing to properly set up any shots due to Slovenia's strong defense. The last chance came through John Tolkin in the 82nd minute, but similar to many of the last few shots from the Americans, it was too wide. The game ended in a loss for the United States, the first loss in the year and the fourth consecutive loss to a European team.

Many will doubt the importance of this international friendly, and for good reason. The match did not occur during the FIFA International Window, adding to an inexperienced squad and an opponent that did not capture fans' excitement. However, one silver



**Michael Bradley running across the pitch during the United States vs Slovenia match in the group stage of the 2010 World Cup. The final score was a tie at 2-2.**  
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been referred to as the "Cupcake Camp" due to the players that were called up. Many wanted to see big names such as Pulisic or McKennie, but this camp was created to develop players that are mainly found in MLS. Seven of the starting 11 earned their fast cap for the National Team to give perspective on how new this squad is. This international friendly was intended to give players experience in the American Club System.

Inexperience in playing on an international level was evident on the defensive end of the Stars and Stripes. In the 26th minute of the match, Slovenian forward Nejc Gradisar made a run in the box and managed to score past the unsus-

Slovenian goalkeeper Igor Vekic was able to save or block attempted shots. One example of this came in the 57th minute when Vekic saved a shot from Shaq Moore. In the 68th minute, the 25-year-old was tested once again as he successfully saved a low shot from Timothy Tillman. Diego Luna was behind setting up these plays with his impressive passing.

However, it wasn't just Slovenia's goalkeeper who had to prove their abilities. American goalkeeper Patrick Schulte kept the Slovenian side from doubling their lead after blocking a well-executed free kick by Danijel Sturm. Later, the U.S. found another chance to equalize the scoreline when Esmir Bajrak-

lining to this international fixture is the development of these young players, which will be key for the U.S. run in the upcoming Summer Olympics. The Olympic squad will consist of the U-23 squad due to Olympic Rules. Having these young players gain the experience and training to go up against senior teams will be great knowledge to take with them to Paris this summer. But this match left fans with a feeling of wanting a real U.S. team, which is set to come in March when the Stars and Stripes will be defending their title as they compete in the CONCACAF Nations League Semi-Final. But, for now, fans must wait in anticipation for the return of the "A" Team.

# Track and Field: Huskies show up big time in Beantown

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The UConn men's and women's track team headed to Boston for the second straight weekend. Some Huskies were there to participate in the Collegiate Showdown at the Track at New Balance, while a smaller subset competed in the Battle in Beantown, hosted by Boston University.

At the Collegiate showdown, Connecticut was up against 12 teams. No team could stop them, as they notched two personal records and two first-place finishes, all adding to their 14 top-five results between the men and women.

The Huskies didn't lose steam at the Battle in Beantown, where the men and women racked up three personal records and four first-place finishes, culminating in 20 top-five finishes.

On the women's side, it was quite the day for the seniors. Senior Jenna Zydanowicz placed third in the mile run at 4:40.08 seconds, breaking her record. Also, senior Jasmine Barrow had a dominant finish in the triple jump with a first-place mark of 12.58

meters. Freshman Anna Connors also achieved her personal best, placing third in the 400-meter with a time of 56.21.

On the men's side, freshman Josh Mooney keeps proving he belongs. He crushed his 60-meter hurdle personal best, finishing in 7.99 seconds. This performance established him well in the top-10 UConn list, and he currently possesses the third-best time in the Big East. Another personal best accomplishment came from graduate student Travis Martin, who flourished in the mile run with a time of 4:01.59.

The former Big East champions are having a scorching start so far to their indoor campaign, and fans should be excited to see where the next few meets take them.

What's next for Connecticut? On Jan. 26 and 27, the team will have another split-squad weekend, with one group heading back to Boston, where Boston University will host the Boston University John Thomas Terrier Classic. The other group will head to the Big Apple to compete at the Dr. Sander Columbia Challenge.

# Women's Swim and Dive: UConn falls short against UNH

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The UConn women's swim and dive team (6-3) lost a close contest to UNH (5-1) this Saturday, taking their first loss in the spring season.

The loss snaps their four meet win streak, all coming on the road. The Wildcats have beaten the Huskies in the last two out of three matchups.

The meet was as close as it could get, with it taking a Wildcat pool record in the 200 free relay, the last event, to clinch the victory. The team composed of Audrey Mahoney, Chiara Maria Pradissitto, Annie Jencova and Abby McKinney broke their own record with a time of 1:35.35. It was a storybook ending for McKinney as she was also honored by the team for senior night.

UNH showcased its top-end talent by winning 11 of the 16 held events, including three wins coming from Ella Guifoil.

UConn's depth did keep them in contention up until the end, specifically in the dives. The Huskies took home the top three spots in the 3M Dive with the help of Julia Pioso, Kate Cooper and Ana Laura Faoro. Cooper and Pioso also

competed in the 1M Dive taking first and third, respectively.

Despite only having a few individual wins, the Huskies had several stellar performances throughout the meet. Most notably, Olivia Hebert took home two individual wins in the 100y Breaststroke and 500y Freestyle. Combined with her second-place finish in the 400y Medley Relay and third-place finish in the 400y IM, she contributed 25 points total.

Kayla Mendonca also made major contributions to keep the Huskies within striking distance, taking second in both the 1000y Freestyle and 200y Backstroke. Ultimately, the Huskies would come up just short of the victory to extend their winning streak.

This season, UConn has had a couple of close losses, most notably to Big East rival Villanova. It should only prepare them for facing adversity in a championship setting down the line.

The Huskies will look to bounce back quickly with the regular season soon coming to an end and the Big East Championships approaching. They will move on to face Central Connecticut in the Wolff-Zackin Natatorium on Feb. 2 for their first home meet since Oct. 21.

**The UConn Huskies face the SCSU Owls on Thursday night at the Nat on Oct. 12, 2023. UConn ends up on top with a final score of 163-90.**

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## Sports

Photo of the Day | Skating around these icy sidewalks



Christina Walker, Number 11, and Alexa Pongo, Number 26 for UConn. UConn Women's Hockey wins the game against UMaine 3 to 1 at the Toscano Ice Forum, on Jan. 19, 2024. PHOTO BY MERCER FERGUSON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY:

### No. 11 UConn takes back first place in Hockey East standings

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This weekend, the Connecticut Huskies faced off with two Hockey East opponents, hoping to earn back the top spot in the conference standings.

After a tough matchup to start the year, taking on Minnesota on the road in back-to-back days, UConn settled back into the mode they were in before winter break. In their next two games, the Huskies took down Brown University and Merrimack, pushing their overall win total to 14 for the year. Having regained this momentum, the Huskies headed into the weekend, still battling for the top spot among the Hockey East standings. Here's how the weekend went:

The Huskies went right to work in their game against the Maine Black Bears Friday night. Just under three minutes into the game, the Huskies had already found the

lead. After Jordan Mattison blocked Negan Woodworth's shot, Brianna Ware put the rebound into the back of the net for her third goal of the year.

Around 10 minutes later, the Huskies would build upon that off a strike from their leading scorer. The sequence started with a pass from Riley Grimley to Ashley Allard in the corner. Allard then centered the puck to Jada Habisch, who, with a nice chip, scored her 12th goal to double the Huskies' lead.

Maine responded with a goal of their own a few minutes later, and the Black Bears entered the first break down a score.

Both teams traded blows for the next period and a half without any scores until just under five minutes to go. Grimley, who earned an assist on the Huskies' second goal, got a chance to score herself and took advantage. Jada Habisch took a shot that deflected off Mattison again,

allowing Grimley to score off the rebound for her sixth goal of the season, also her third in four games.

Tia Chan started in goal for UConn, making 20 saves, including 11 in the final period. On the other side of the ice, Mattison made 23 saves but allowed all three. Their win against Maine completes the season sweep over the Black Bears for Connecticut, having swept them back on the road in November.

Game two of the weekend took place Sunday afternoon, with the Huskies paying a visit to the New Hampshire Wildcats. What followed was an offensive onslaught by UConn.

In the first period alone, the Huskies scored three times, the first coming off a power play opportunity for UConn. Kathryn Stockdale notched her sixth goal on the year off a great pass from Claire Peterson. Stockdale had also scored in one of these teams' previous meetings back in October.

Captain Coryn Tormala extended the lead several minutes later, coming right out of the penalty box and scoring off the pads of goalie Sedona Blair.

UConn would strike again on another power play opportunity in the first period, this time from a wide-open Ainsley Svetek. With goals from Stockdale, Tormala and Svetek, three out of four of UConn's captains scored in the first period.

In the third period, Megan Woodworth padded the lead even more off a spectacular pass from Stockdale, and the Huskies walked out of Durham, New Hampshire with a 4-0 win.

Megan Warrenner started in goal for the Huskies, making 20 saves in her fourth shut-out performance of the season and second against New Hampshire.

The win gives UConn a one-point advantage over Boston College as the top team in the

Hockey East standings, also extending the win streak to five straight. It also extends a streak of 14 straight games against conference opponents without a loss, going 13-0-1 over that stretch.

Looking at what's ahead for Connecticut, the Huskies will take on the Vermont Catamounts, a team that's been struggling as of late. Vermont extended their losing streak to six with a series loss against Boston University this weekend. What bodes well for UConn is the Catamount's road record of 2-8-0, where both of those wins came on the same weekend back in October when the team took two from Merrimack. UConn gets two shots at them at home this coming weekend (Friday and Saturday) and looks to keep their winning streaks alive.

As previously mentioned, the games will take place this weekend at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs. They can also be streamed on ESPN+.

## MEN'S HOCKEY: Ice Bus spilt the weekend with No. 17 New Hampshire

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Coming off of a dominant win over No. 17 Maine last weekend, the Huskies were set for a two-game series against No. 17 New Hampshire. However, the weekend did not have the start that UConn wished for. The Huskies started off the series against New Hampshire at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, where they dropped the opening game 5-0. Ethan Haider made the start in the net for the Huskies and finished with 35 saves.

It was a battle from the puck drop between the Huskies and the Wildcats. Both teams generated scoring chances from the get-go, but New Hampshire was able to capitalize. The Wildcats were the first on the board as a pass from New Hampshire forward Ryan Conny deflected off senior Andrew Lucas into the back of the net for the goal. The Huskies did not find an answer to knot the game at one. The Wildcats goal-

minder Jakob Hellsten saved all nine scoring attempts from the Huskies in the first period. New Hampshire held the 1-0 lead at the period break.

The second period was scoreless for both teams, which resulted in the Wildcats maintaining their 1-0 lead going into the last frame of regulation. The Huskies came into the third period with energy, generating multiple scoring opportunities in an attempt to open their scoring. However, they were never successful. Three minutes into the period, New Hampshire extended the lead with back-to-back goals, giving them a three-goal lead in the third period. But New Hampshire was not finished, as just about a minute later, they found the net again to increase their lead to four goals over the Huskies. Late into the game, a penalty was called on UConn, which gave New Hampshire the man advantage, and they generated another goal on the power play. New Hampshire showed complete dominance over the Huskies, scoring four un-

answered goals in the third period to seal the 5-0 victory to open the series. The loss made UConn fall to 5-8-2 in conference action in Hockey East and 9-11-2 overall.

"We had a chance to win a hockey game in the third, and we got thoroughly outplayed in the third, and I can't remember the last time that something like that's happened," said Head Coach Mike Cavanaugh following the loss. "We got thoroughly outplayed, physically; yeah, New Hampshire was way better in the third period than we were tonight."

To wrap up the series, the Huskies traveled up to New Hampshire for a Sunday afternoon game. UConn desperately needed to rebound after Friday night's series opener, and they did just that.

The first period was very physical between both teams, as six penalties were called. UConn was forced to make adjustments as senior captain Hudson Schandor was called for a five-minute major and game misconduct for kneeling. After five minutes, the

Huskies successfully killed off the major penalty on Schandor and two more penalties following that back-to-back. Through all the penalty time, UConn and New Hampshire had opportunities to score at the net, but both goaltenders kept the game at zero.

The second period was when the Huskies struck. Sophomore Ryan Tattle gave the Huskies the lead and scored the team's first goal since they defeated Maine last weekend. Sophomore Matthew Wood left Tattle the puck in the middle of the ice, and after beating the defender, he fired the puck past the New Hampshire goaltender. Later in the period, the Huskies extended their lead as sophomore Tristan Fraser made a no-look pass to junior Chase Bradley for the one-time goal. UConn stayed tight on defense for the remainder of the period and went into the break with a two-goal lead over New Hampshire.

The Wildcats came out pressuring the Huskies in the third period. With under six minutes

left in the game, New Hampshire forward Kristaps Skrastins cut the Huskies lead to just one with a goal. Late in the game, the Wildcats pulled the goalie in favor of an extra skater in hopes of tying the game before regulation time ended. UConn looked to close out the game with an empty net goal but came up empty twice as they hit the goal post instead. UConn was heavily tested in these final minutes of the game, but UConn goaltender Arsenii Sergeev was one of the driving forces keeping the Wildcats from scoring the equalizer goal. The clock ran out, and New Hampshire was unable to score, resulting in the Huskies locking in the win. Sergeev made 43 saves in the road victory.

With the win, UConn improves to a 10-11-2 overall record and 6-8-1 in Hockey East play. The Huskies will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 26, to open up the CT Ice Tournament, where they will host at the XL Center against Sacred Heart. The puck drop is scheduled for 4 p.m. and will be broadcast on SNY.

# Women's Basketball: No. 9 Huskies suffocate DePaul, force 27 turnovers

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As described by Cooklist, a turnover is a baked good that includes a puff pastry that envelops some type of filling, usually fruit. A common breakfast item in the United States, it's made in various forms and has numerous names worldwide. On Saturday, the DePaul women's basketball team did their best job emulating a bakery with the number of turnovers they produced. The Blue Demons visited the No. 9 UConn Huskies and gave the ball away 27 times, with 18 coming in the opening half of action.

"Some of those [turnovers] we helped, some of those we did on our own," UConn Head Coach Geno Auriemma said. "We struggled in the Seton Hall game. That was a goal of ours—to get more easy opportunities. DePaul is hard to defend, but we put pressure on them."

Their inability to keep the ball killed their chance to even come close. Connecticut dominated their once-rivals 88-51, in a matchup that once would have featured the two best in the Big East.

Besides the turnover deficit, it was also amazing how disciplined the Huskies were. They committed 10 fewer fouls than their visitors and shot 15 more from the charity stripe. UConn also made the most of their chances there, hitting on 96%.

Even with their strong shooting from the line, they didn't connect as well from downtown as they often do. They made up for it inside, with 48 points in the paint and 58% efficiency from inside the arc. The level of resistance was low, but for such a depleted frontcourt, dominating in such a way has to be refreshing.

The headliner was Paige Bueckers, who again poured in a sensational performance.

The star played 24 minutes and made the most of each one with 20 points, five boards, five assists and four steals. It's hard to stuff the stat sheet better than that in such limited playing time. Bueckers continues her streak of excellence, with this performance coming off a 32-point outing against Seton Hall. She must continue to be automatic down the stretch as the Huskies' go-to scoring option.

"There's a huge impact she has on the game," Auriemma noted of Bueckers. "For her, her impact is in so many different ways. The way she plays the game, the way she's grown

as a defensive player. She has a knack for where she's supposed to be. She could get 35 every night if she wanted to, but she's as happy watching her teammates score. There's no part of the game that takes her by surprise."

As Bueckers has thrived in the scoring department, there seems to be an increasing balance between her and Nika Mühl. The former has been focusing more on putting the ball in the hoop, while the latter has rediscovered her passing touch. Mühl dished out seven assists, and the team does better when she's swinging the ball around.

When she gets three or fewer dimes, Connecticut is 3-2. When she has four or more, UConn is 12-1.

Aaliyah Edwards did pretty well herself, notching 18 points and four boards. These numbers are already impressive, but they become more so when considering she scored 16 in the first half. Even more? She shot 10 free throws and went a perfect 10/10. She didn't grab many rebounds as the team didn't crash the glass particularly hard, but they evidently didn't need to with such a large lead.

"I think UConn has her playing to her strengths,"

DePaul coach Bruno said of Edwards. "She's an All-American, and we don't have a lot of size. Not a good matchup for us."

Another Husky who put together a strong afternoon was Ashlynn Shade. Though she took nine more shots than anyone else on the team, she did post 21 points. A freshman who stepped up in a big way this year, Shade needs to keep her jumper on point into the upcoming tough stretch of games.

"We've gotten accustomed to spurts where she does what she does," Auriemma noted of Shade. "That's who she is. We recruited a kid who's a scorer. If you'd have told me she was going to get 19 shots, I'd ask what everyone else is going to do. She wasn't efficient, but I like the fact that she's aggressive."

The Huskies were rough to start. After they led 8-3, DePaul took an 11-10 advantage. It culminated in a mishap on an inbound pass, a play that demonstrated how fast-asleep UConn was. Suffice to say, that sequence was like coffee.

Over the 5:50 that closed out the quarter, the Huskies scored and forced turnovers at an elite level. Their defense created a 20-3 run that effectively put the game to sleep. It didn't help DePaul's comeback efforts that they couldn't stop turning it over. A charge here, a shot clock violation there, they couldn't escape.

That ultimately led to an even weaker second quarter where they managed seven points, a figure Bueckers bested on her own. At halftime, the Blue Demons were down 28 to the tune of 18 turnovers and eight field goals. Not a formula to pick up a top-10 victory on the road. Even with a half to play, DePaul was toast, losing by 37.

UConn should face more of a challenge next time, playing against No. 22 Marquette in Milwaukee, WI, this Tuesday.



UConn Women's basketball returns to a sold-out Gampel Pavilion on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, taking the win against Big East opponent DePaul. This win sets the Huskies at a 12 game win streak and an 8-0 standing vs Big East teams this season. PHOTO BY ZACHARY MOLLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS





# Sports



## MEN'S BASKETBALL:

### Newton, Huskies hold on for 66-65 win to send Villanova home packing

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The UConn men's basketball team has had quite the month so far after being ranked No. 1 in the AP poll and dominating the Big East conference with a 7-1 record. Despite Connecticut's tall task last Saturday night on the road against the Villanova Wildcats, the Huskies got the job done in a game that truly came down to the final minute.

In sports, especially basketball, coaches try to "script" how they want their teams to start a game. Whether running a specific play or trying out a different defense, it is not uncommon to see teams try to change things up to seize momentum early on. The script for the first four-and-a-half minutes for UConn was complete domination. The Huskies put the Cats on the ropes early, jumping out to a quick 11-0 lead and neutralizing the hostile Philadelphia crowd. After a Villanova timeout, everything changed for Head Coach Dan Hurley's squad. A Wildcats 18-5 run put them in the driver's seat and largely left Connecticut stunned, as their massive lead was suddenly in jeopardy.

From there, it was a back-and-forth matchup all night, and despite the multiple double-digit runs that the Huskies went on, Villanova either tied or made it uncomfortably close. UConn went into the halftime break up five. However, the drama was far from over.

The Wildcats wasted no time getting on level terms, and both sides traded buckets, each with ample opportunity to pull away. However, that all changed at the 13-minute mark. The Huskies went on a massive 13-0 run, and



**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 in tonight's basketball game.**  
PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

it appeared they couldn't be stopped. But, just as momentum appeared in UConn's favor, the Cats stormed back to make it a one-point game.

Whether it was Alex Karaban hitting the go-ahead shot from beyond the arc with under three minutes to go or Cam Spencer making big free throws late, the Huskies had plenty of production from their offensive unit. But, while Spencer and Karaban had solid performances, the night belonged to Tristen Newton.

The 22-year-old guard put on a show for the Philadelphia crowd, as his offensive performance was a significant reason why this game finished the way it did. Newton finished with 25 points on 8-17 shooting, grabbing six rebounds. The most

impressive facet of his performance was how he faired at the charity stripe, going 6-7, including two free throws with four seconds left to make it a two-possession game. The magnitude of that moment cannot be understated as Villanova's Mark Armstrong put up a half-court heave that found the net. However, it didn't matter, as UConn held on 66-65 for the tough road win.

To the delight of many Huskies fans, Donovan Clingan performed well, grabbing seven boards in 24 minutes of play. Despite falling six points below Connecticut's expectations, his recent performance is noteworthy, especially considering he is returning from a foot injury that took him out of five games. Whether he was clog-

ging up lanes, contesting shots or crashing the glass, the Bristol native made his presence felt, and UConn fans should be excited for what comes next. The program needed him badly on Saturday night, as Samson Johnson failed to find his mark in 16 minutes of play.

While Spencer's 3-11 line is much more inefficient than Newton's 8-17 shooting, his contributions were crucial to the Huskies winning their seventh game in a row. The Rutgers transfer scored 14 points, including two clutch free throws at the end. Ultimately, his experience was a big part of why the result was what it was. Not to mention, when he did get good looks, he capitalized, going 7-7 from the free-throw line.

Karaban also had a solid day

at the office, scoring 10 points on 3-8 shooting. The 21-year-old also came away with five rebounds, and his defensive presence was a big reason why the game was as close as it was, even if the box score doesn't reflect that. His big moment of the night came with under three minutes of play, hitting the go-ahead three and giving his side the momentum they needed to hold on.

This was a massive win on the road for the UConn men. With the Seton Hall Pirates falling 97-90 to Creighton in a triple OT thriller, the Huskies are firmly atop the Big East conference. With this big game in the rearview mirror, UConn will have an eight-day layover and return to action on Jan. 28 against Xavier at the XL Center.

#### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

#### UConn SCOREBOARD

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**Men's Basketball**  
**Saturday**

#### Upcoming Games

 vs.   
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**Friday, Hartford, Conn.**

 vs.   
**Women's Basketball,**  
**7 p.m. Tuesday**  
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