



UNIVERSITY RESPONDS TO MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS, STUDENT GROUPS LAUNCH INITIATIVES

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University of Connecticut President Thomas Katsouleas announced in a campus-wide email Wednesday afternoon that the university has hired more full-time clinical positions, who will perform an assessment of mental health at UConn and hopes to change the culture surrounding mental health on campus.

Beginning Feb. 17, 12,000 UConn students will receive a Healthy Minds Study, according to Katsouleas, administered by the university to assess students' attitudes, behaviors and awareness of mental health issues on campus.

UConn Student Health and Wellness partnered with the JED Foundation in the fall. The JED Foundation helps universities create prevention and intervention strategies and advises on mental health policies, programs and services, according to its website.

"The findings from the study will enable UConn and the JED Foundation to create a strategic plan that will be implemented over the next three years," Katsouleas said. "UConn will agree to adopt a public health approach to promoting emotional well-being, preventing suicide and understanding the impact of substance use on student health and well-being."

In response to the demands to increase mental health services, UConn has hired six additional full-time clinical positions, according to Katsouleas, as well as launched a case management model for each of the regional campuses.

"It is important to note that the student mental health crisis is not a challenge that colleges and universities can simply hire our way out of," Katsouleas said. "Equally important is the culture we must create around mental health and well-being on our campuses."

Kanu Caplash, the USG Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee co-chair, said the UConn Mental Health Coalition has started many initiatives and compiled a list of questions for the administration to try and spark change across campus, and as a result has been in contact with Student Health and Wellness in agreement to work with the coalition.

"Students want long-term help, an accessible education system, better advertising and more resources," Caplash said. "They want it so when they're in trouble and they need help, they have access to adequate help."

Initiatives of the UConn Mental Health Coalition include revamping education, mandatory mental health education, K-12 mental health resources, local mental health clinics shuttles and more. According to Caplash, some of the initiatives still need leaders, and anyone can get involved with any of them.

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The UConn Mental Health Coalition's list of questions to the university are broken into four parts: accessibility, availability, acceptability and quality. The coalition brings up questions regarding diversity in mental health services, access to therapists on campus, university collaborations with cultural centers and Residential Life and overall facilities surrounding student health and wellness.

Katsouleas also announced the initiation of the President's Task Force on Student Mental Health and Well-being, and members of the force will be named in the coming days.

Derek Pan, the former Student Services Committee chairperson for the Undergraduate Student Government, said it took over a year to bring the JED Campus Initiative to UConn.

"After spearheading UConn's first campus-wide Mental Illness Awareness week, [Dennis Mema, the former USG Mental Health & Wellness Subcommittee Chairperson] and I were contacted by Dr. Nance Roy, the Chief Clinical Officer of the JED Foundation, to consider bringing the JED Campus Initiative to UConn," Pan said.

After working with administration in UConn Counseling and Mental Health and Student Health and Wellness, as well as the Dean of Students and the then-USG President, Pan and Memas were able to iron out the logistics of the JED program in December 2018.

"Total financial cost was \$21,000," Pan said. "Because this was one of the first student-led efforts to establish JED Campus at a university, a generous \$7,000 grant was provided. The remaining cost was split evenly between USG and Student Health & Wellness."

Pan explained the \$21,000 for the four-year partnership between the university and the JED Foundation includes data collection and campus assessments and reports, which help plan improvements. There is also a final assessment in the fourth year of the partnership that qualifies the impact made surrounding mental health on campus.

Katsouleas said the demand for mental health services has grown across the college-age population, and different students have different needs based on their circumstances and history.

"UConn recognizes that many of our students face significant mental health and wellness challenges," Katsouleas said. "We are committed to doing all we can to support you."

UConn Budget to Decrease in FY 2021 UConn Health allocated \$33 million

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Gov. Ned Lamont has made a recent proposal to decrease the budget allocated to the University of Connecticut in FY 2021 by \$2,602,599.

In Lamont's new plan, the funding UConn receives from the state would decrease from \$211,250,337 of the previous fiscal year to the new value of \$208,647,738. Stephanie Reitz, University Spokesperson, said she is thankful for continued governmental support despite the budget cut.

"This support will help us to continue to provide a high-quality education at a competitive economic value to Connecticut students, conduct vital research, deliver the very best patient care and support the state's workforce and economic development needs," Reitz said.

With Lamont's new budget, UConn Health will receive an allocation of \$33.2 million of funding, a substantial amount, but a value that Reitz recognizes will not completely cover the expenses of the program.

"We are also thankful that the proposal includes \$33.2 million to help cover the bur-

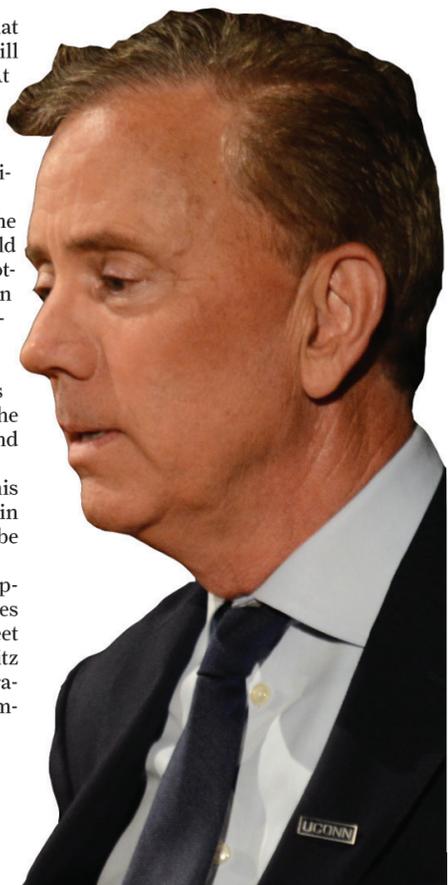
den of the state's unfunded legacy costs that are charged to UConn Health, which will total \$52.3 million in FY 21," Reitz said. "At the same time, the \$19.1 million shortfall in funding that remains will pose a serious challenge to UConn Health's ability to end FY 2021 without a significant deficit."

Reitz said UConn Health deserves the extra funding, and the extra funding would help the program maintain a positive bottom line. She pointed out that UConn Health as a program not only helps UConn, but also positively impacts Connecticut as a whole.

"The reality is that UConn Health is a vibrant, high-performing asset for the state and can continue to succeed, grow and thrive," Reitz said.

Despite the budget falling short in this area, Reitz said that the plan is not set in stone. The UConn administration will be working to try to cover this difference.

"We are hopeful that the state will apply additional funding as the budget moves through the legislative process to meet these legacy costs in the year ahead," Reitz said. "We will work with the administration and the General Assembly in the coming months in an effort to achieve this."



Gov. Ned Lamont. Lamont proposed to cut UConn's state funding by \$2 million. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR RUNS CATALOG COVER PHOTO CONTEST

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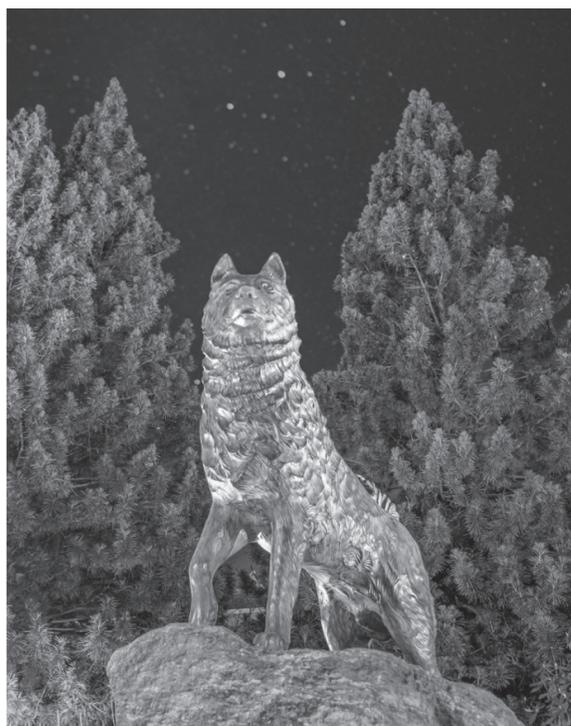
For the second year in a row, the Office of the Registrar at the University of Connecticut will run a contest to select two student-submitted photos to be on the covers of the undergraduate and graduate student catalogs, Marc Hatfield, the assistant registrar in the curriculum services department, said.

"For years, the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog cover photos were chosen from the photo library maintained by University Communications," Hatfield said. "Last year we thought that it would be more fun to use photos taken by UConn students. Given that the students are the whole reason we publish our catalogs in the first place, it seemed fitting to include them in the process."

According to the Registrar's website, two winning entries will be chosen and will appear as the main home page image on both catalogs' webpages, as well as appear on all printed copies of the catalogs.

The photos will be picked by a panel of judges from the Registrar's office, according to the website.

"The photos are chosen by the curriculum services section of the Registrar's office, the same team that maintains and publishes the catalogs each year," Hatfield said.



This photo of Jonathan at night is on the current undergraduate catalog. Jack Baumgartel took this photo for the contest last year.

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The Registrar's website lists rules and guidelines regarding submission to the contest, including the deadline for submission, what can and cannot be seen in the photo and where the photo must be taken.

"We encourage submissions that illustrate creativity or innovation or the beauty of the UConn campuses," the website said.

Last year's winning submissions were photos of Gampel Pavilion and the Jonathan the

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Husky statue, seen on both the Graduate and Undergraduate Catalog webpages, respectively.

"For years we had been using photos taken by professional photographers, but last year's student photos are still among our all-time favorites," Hatfield said. "We had a great pool of contestants last year. It took three rounds of voting to select the winners."

Students must fill out an entry form, located on the Registrar's website, in order to submit a photo.

"Our deadline this year is March 6, and we're hoping that more students choose to submit," Hatfield said. "Contest details and the entry form are available on the Registrar's website."

Login with a NetID is required to limit the contest to current students.

Tokyo, IOC officials reiterate that the Olympics are on

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo Olympic organizers reiterated their message on Thursday at the start of two days of meetings with the International Olympic Committee: the Summer Games will not be waylaid by the coronavirus that is spreading from neighboring China.

"I would like to make it clear again that we are not considering a cancellation or postponement of the games. Let me make that clear," Yoshiro Mori, the president of the organizing committee, said, speaking through an interpreter to dozens of top IOC officials who are gathered in Tokyo.

The Olympics open in just over five months, and the torch relay begins next month in Japan — a clear signal the games are almost here.

Although there have been no deaths in Japan attributed to the virus, Tokyo and IOC officials are clearly jittery. Sitting among the officials this time was Dr. Richard Budgett, the IOC's medical and scientific director.

Last week Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the Tokyo organizing committee, said he was "seriously worried that the spread of the infectious disease could throw cold water on the momentum toward the games."

He backed down a day later and said he was confident the games would go forward, which is the message this time.

The virus on Wednesday forced the cancellation of a popular Formula One race in Shanghai, which draws more than 100,000 over a race weekend.

It has wiped the indoor world track and field championships in Nanjing, golf tournaments, soccer matches, and almost all sports in China including Olympic qualifying events. It is also keeping Chinese athletes from traveling to qualify, which could put their presence in Tokyo in jeopardy.

Saburo Kawabuchi, a former Olympian and the so-called mayor of the Olympic Village that will house 11,000 athletes and thousands more staff members, suggested Tokyo's hot and humid summer would stop the virus.

"The biggest concern is the coronavirus and the infection," he said, speaking in Japanese. "Currently we don't have any clue when this issue will be resolved. Based on various pieces of information we receive, it seems that this virus is not as strong as the influenza virus. The virus is susceptible to humidity and heat. In Japan, we have the rainy season which could defeat the virus."

John Coates, an IOC member who heads the regular inspection visits to Tokyo, said he expected to receive reports on the virus from the Japanese government, the Tokyo city government, and local organizers in order to see the "necessary precautions that are being taken."

Iowa Democratic Party chairman resigns after caucus chaos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party announced his resignation Wednesday after a disastrous caucus process beset by technical glitches led to a dayslong delay in reporting the results, inconsistencies in the numbers and no clear winner.

The embarrassing episode also threatened Iowa's cherished status as the first voting contest of the presidential primary season and led both front-runners to request a partial canvass of the results.

"The fact is that Democrats deserved better than what happened on caucus night. As chair of this party, I am deeply sorry for what happened and bear the responsibility for any failures on behalf of the Iowa Democratic Party," Chairman Troy Price wrote in a resignation letter a week and a half after Iowa's caucuses.

"While it is my desire to stay in this role and see this process through to completion, I do believe it is time for the Iowa Democratic Party to begin looking forward, and my presence in my current role makes that more difficult."

Price said his departure would occur as soon as the state party elects a replacement, and

he called an emergency Saturday meeting to do so.

After a breakdown in tallying the results on Feb. 3, it took until Feb. 6 for the state party, which operates the series of roughly 1,700 local meetings statewide, to issue what it said are complete results.

In those figures, released by the party, former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg leads Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders by two state delegate equivalents out of 2,152 counted. That is a margin of 0.09 percentage points.

The Associated Press said it was unable to declare a winner, based on the available information. The results as reported by the Iowa Democratic Party, the AP believes, may not be fully accurate.

Price had called the delays in reporting results "unacceptable." He said the party would conduct a "thorough, transparent and independent examination" of what caused the delays. He apologized for the breakdown in the process.

Both Buttigieg's and Sanders' campaigns requested a partial canvass of the Iowa results, which the Iowa Democratic Party approved. The party says it expects the canvass of more



Iowa Democratic Party chairman Troy Price speaks to members of the media during a news conference, Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa. PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

than 80 precincts to begin on Sunday and last two days. A canvass is not a recount, but a check of the vote count against paper records created by caucus leaders to ensure the counts were reported accurately.

The party has said it will not change mistakes in the math and the only opportunity to correct it would be a recount, which would be the candidates' next option after the canvass is completed.

Price was elected to his second term as chairman of the state party in December 2018. In a statement released after his reelection, he noted that he

was "incredibly proud" of the success that Iowa Democrats had in the 2018 midterms and looked forward to building on it.

"I cannot wait wait to work with them again on what could very well be one of the most consequential Iowa Caucuses of our time," he said.

Price previously was part of several Democratic campaigns in Iowa, including those of former President Barack Obama and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Price also had served as the party's executive director and led One Iowa, an LGBT advocacy group.

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Puerto Rico govt loses \$2.6M in phishing scam

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's government has lost more than \$2.6 million after falling for an email phishing scam, according to a senior official.

The finance director of the island's Industrial Development Company, Rubén Rivera, said in a complaint filed to police Wednesday that the agency sent the money to a fraudulent account.

Rivera said the government agency transferred the money on Jan. 17 after receiving an email that alleged a change to a banking account tied to remittance payments, according to a police statement.

Manuel Laboy, executive director of the agency, told The Associated Press that officials found out about the incident earlier this week and immediately reported it to the FBI.

"This is a very serious situation, extremely serious," he said. "We want it to be investigated until the last consequences."

Laboy declined to say how officials found out about the scam, whether anyone has been dismissed or how the company's operations have been affected by the missing funds. He said an internal investigation is under way to determine whether someone was negligent or did not follow standard procedure, adding that government officials are trying to recover the news.

"I cannot speculate about how these things might happen," he said, addressing heavy criticism from Puerto Ricans who were incredulous upon hearing the news.

Laboy added that his agency takes the management of public funds very seriously. "It's a big responsibility."

Police did not return calls for comment.

The situation comes as the U.S. territory remains mired in a 13-year recession that has in part forced the government to cut back on some services.

POPE AVOIDS QUESTION OF MARRIED PRIESTS IN AMAZON DOCUMENT?

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis refused Wednesday to approve the ordination of married men or women as deacons to address a shortage of priests in the Amazon, sidestepping a fraught issue that has divided the Catholic Church and emboldened his conservative critics.

In an eagerly awaited document, Francis didn't refer to recommendations by Amazonian bishops to consider married priests or women deacons. Rather, the pope urged bishops to pray for more priestly vocations and to send missionaries to a region where faithful Catholics in remote areas can go months or even years without Mass.

The pope's dodge disappointed liberals, who had hoped he would at least put both questions to further study. It outraged progressive Catholic women's groups. And it relieved conservatives who had used the debate over priestly celibacy to heighten their opposition to the pope, and saw his ducking of the issue as a victory.

Francis' document, "Beloved Amazon," is instead a love letter to the Amazonian rain forest and its indigenous peoples from the first Latin American pope. He has long been concerned about the violent exploitation of the Amazon's land, its importance to the global ecosystem and the injustices against its peoples.

Francis had convened bishops from the Amazon's nine countries for a three-week synod in October to debate how the church can help preserve the delicate ecosystem from global warming and better minister to its people.

The Argentine Jesuit has long been sensitive to the plight of the Amazon, where Protestant and Pentecostal churches are making gains in the absence of vibrant Catholic communities where Mass can be regularly celebrated.

According to Catholic doctrine, only a priest can consecrate the Eucharistic hosts distributed at Mass, which the faithful believe are the body of Christ. Given the priest shortage, some remote communities only see a priest and attend a Mass once every few months or years. For Catholic communities in the Amazon, some of which date from the time of the Spanish colonization, the priest shortage coupled with the spread of evangelical churches risks the very Catholic nature of the communities.

In the synod's final document, most of the bishops called for establishing criteria so that "respected" married men in their communities who have already served as permanent deacons can be ordained as priests.

Francis didn't mention either proposal in "Beloved Amazon" and didn't cite the synod's final document in his text or footnotes. But he did say he wanted to "officially present" the syn-

od's work and urged the faithful to read the final document in full, suggesting he valued the input.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, a synod organizer, said its proposals "remain on the table" and have their own "certain moral authority." But the fact the pope didn't expressly approve the final document, and only presented it, means the proposals do not form part of his official teaching, said Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, another organizer.

Francis did echo some of the synod's recommendations, calling for greater lay participation in the life of the church and saying the training of priests in the Amazon must be overhauled so they can better minister to indigenous peoples. He said "every effort should be made" to provide access to Mass.

Dom Erwin Kräutler, an Austrian bishop who has spent the last 55 years in the Brazilian Amazon, said the situation is dire: more than 70% of Catholic communities in the Amazon don't receive a weekly Eucharist, and some have it once or twice a year.

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Conservatives rejoiced that Francis had refused to approve married priests.

"It is a great success, a great success for the faithful," said conservative Austrian activist Alexander Tschuguel, who was so alarmed at the "pagan" proceedings of the synod that he stole three wooden statues of a pregnant woman that were featured in the Vatican meetings and threw them in the Tiber River.

The omission disappointed German Catholics. The issue of married priests is on the official agenda of a new process of dialogue between the German bishops' conference and a powerful lay group, the Central Committee of German Catholics.

"We regret very much that Pope Francis does not dare to move a step forward," said the head of the committee, Thomas Sternberg.

German Bishop Franz-Josef Overbeck of Essen, a progressive who is rumored to be in the running to head the German bishops conference, said he "would have been happy" if Francis had allowed for married

priests. His reluctance to do so, he told the German daily Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger, "is perhaps an expression of the hesitancy of a 2,000-year-old church."

Francis dismissed suggestions that ordaining women would serve them or the church. While agreeing that women should have greater decision-making and governance roles, Francis argued that they must find "other forms of service and charisms that are proper to women."

"This post-synodal document is a betrayal of women by denying them the grace of holy orders to do a ministry they are already carrying out," said Miriam Duignan of the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research, a British-based progressive Catholic think tank.

Kate McElwee, executive director of Women's Ordination Conference, concurred.

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What Biden's collapse means for Democrats

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This week, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) surpassed former Vice President Joe Biden in the Real Clear Politics national polling average. This is the first time that Biden has trailed since mid-October — when he was overtaken by Elizabeth Warren momentarily — and only the second time he has fallen behind since entering the race back in April 2019.

The "rise" of Bernie Sanders hasn't actually been an ascension but rather the result of a massive sell-off of support for the Biden campaign, which has dropped precipitously from 29.5% in late January to 19.2% as of yesterday (Sanders has remained steady at 22-23%). Having now lost decisively in both the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, the Biden campaign has unofficially croaked. Here's what this means

for the party that will now likely put up an octogenarian socialist to challenge an incumbent president with a historically strong economy.

Biden was the moderate in the field. He was the familiar, nonthreatening elder statesman who was only half-alive but fully electable. The collapse of his presidential bid has left the Democratic electorate in a terrifying position. Ultimately, the party wanted to harness the energy and enthusiasm of the marginal Sanders support base without actually having to defend his wildly unpopular policies. They played a dangerous game in betting that Sanders would peter out toward the end and bequeath that energy to a more electable candidate who could moderate somewhat in the general. That never happened. Instead, Biden collapsed epically, falling off from a mid-May high of 41% in the RCP average (at which point Sanders stood at 14%).

The fall of Biden marks an odd deviation from the new party line: Beating Donald Trump by any means possible. According to NBC News exit polling data from the New Hampshire primary, 63% of respondents think it is more important for a candidate to be able to beat Trump than to agree with them on policy. It is only now that party leaders seem to be realizing the gravity of the mistake which has been made, particularly as it pertains to those vulnerable Democrats running in purple districts.

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA) called Sanders "about the worst candidate we can put up," warning, "He not only won't likely win the presidency; he puts the House majority at risk."

"I think it would be difficult to have a socialist at the top of the ticket," said Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX). "I think he clarifies it and says 'a democratic socialist,' but a socialist is a socialist."

A potential Sanders nomination should be a hard pill to swallow for Democrats seeking reelection in nine months. Sanders has been a collectivist for his entire political career. In the 1970s, he advocated nationalizing major industry and has not since repudiated that position; he vacationed in the former Soviet Union, drinking and singing before shrines to Lenin, and suggested that it should be illegal for anyone to earn more than they could spend, venturing as far as to actually propose an earnings cap. If you're a Republican, the best part about Sanders is that, by comparison, he makes FDR look like vintage Barry Goldwater.

The party needs to consider more of the full spectrum of possibilities. Certainly, Sanders could upset Trump. As Trump has proved, it is possible for a candidate to take the nomination by repeatedly winning with a third of the vote as the field fails to consolidate moderate support. Sand-

ers could walk the same path but would ultimately have to face an incumbent with a strong economy instead of Hillary Clinton.

On Tuesday, more than 130,000 Republicans showed up to vote for an incumbent in an effectively unchallenged primary — dwarfing the numbers picked up by former Presidents Obama (49,080), Bush (53,962) and Clinton (76,797) in their reelection years. Trump has a uniquely enthusiastic support base, a historic economy and a talent for trench warfare — Sanders' Soviet sympathies will be exploited thoroughly.

Circumstances are subject to change, but there is a very real possibility that Sanders would lose worse than Clinton in 2016 — and the Democrats would lose the House as a result of their all-or-nothing pursuit of the presidency. If Democrats were looking for energy, they found some. If they were looking for a competitive challenger, they probably just sent him packing.

The UConn administration is our landlord

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I share a double room which is 176 square feet. One of the walls is not exactly connected to the others, the paint is completely peeling off and the window will not shut completely. Trust me, it was like this when my roommate and I moved in.

I'm really not trying to complain. I'm actually lucky enough to have one of the largest double rooms a freshman can qualify for. Doubles in Northwest are usually 152.16 square feet. Also, I

really don't mind sharing a room or dealing with the mild annoyances of living in an older, less maintained dorm. What I mind is paying over a thousand dollars monthly for this privilege. According to data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, the UConn administration made \$20 million in revenue from room fees alone in the financial year of 2018. According to US News, 65% of 19,133 undergraduates live in campus-owned housing. Not taking into consideration any grad students who live on campus, in 2018 UConn made approximately \$1500 in housing revenue from each student. This money is what the university collected above and beyond all dorm custodial cleaning, maintenance and repairs: It is unnecessary. The administration is our landlord.

In perfect markets, the prices

of goods and services are determined according to their respective supply and demand. However, any logic normally applied to perfect market commodity pricing is inapplicable here because UConn has a monopoly over housing. Not to mention that UConn owns most land and housing closest to campus, they literally force freshmen to purchase on-campus housing in addition to meal plans. I completely appreciate the benefits of these ideas to campus culture and our social lives and development, but I do not appreciate the university taking advantage of this circumstance to maximize revenue at our expense.

In UConn's defense one might discuss how university housing revenue goes toward other important programs and really has little to do with our housing, but we know this to be untrue. The administration says explicitly that the millions in housing revenue will go to future residence hall expansions. Spoiler alert: Future students will still be charged in accordance with revenue generation. Most of our dorms were constructed and paid for decades ago. Did the revenue collected from students back then pay for the construction of our dorms now? No. we still pay rent over and above the maintenance of our dorms because housing is a perpetual revenue generation scheme for the administration.

Whether or not we want to live in a society where landlords and

rent are tolerated and even promoted is a different, important question. But we have concrete evidence as to how this negatively impacts our quality of life on campus. Many students are already going tens of thousands of dollars into debt for an education here — debt made obviously worse by the high cost of room and board.

As we know well, the administration doesn't need a justification for directing all of its efforts towards revenue collection. However, it is convenient for them that our economic system commodifies every last object, interaction and relationship in our lives. Education and housing are not considered human rights in which we should share, they are considered accessible according to a market and an established hierarchy of wealth. UConn is taking advantage of our expectation that housing and education should be very expensive to justify its antisocial practices. Rent is not an inevitable fact of life, it is something that landlords extort out of tenants who cannot afford to own property on which to exist.

There is a more important cause of the university's behavior, however. The administration charges rent because, like all of its other selfish and unjustified behavior, there is nobody standing in its way. The University of Connecticut is a powerful institution which attempts to maintain and maximize its power. We must remember that we are only helpless in the face of this power to the extent that we fail to organize and sustain mass resistance.

The REVENUE
in RESLIFE

\$20,000,000

The amount of revenue
UConn made from room
fees alone in 2018.

65%

The proportion of
undergraduate students
that live in campus-owned
housing. This totals to
19,133 undergrads.

\$1,500

The profit UConn makes
from an individual
student's room fees,
after paying for cleaning,
maintenance, and repairs.



Life

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Wonderful women and Galentine's Day



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“What’s Galentine’s Day? Oh, it’s only the best day of the year,” Leslie Knope, the protagonist in NBC’s “Parks and Recreation,” said in the titular episode, “Galentine’s Day.”

Even if you haven’t watched “Parks and Rec,” you’ve probably heard of Leslie’s self-proclaimed, female-centric holiday. In the Season 2 episode, Leslie designated Feb. 13 as an unofficial holiday in response to Valentine’s Day to celebrate women and female friendships, even more so than an ordinary day. It is one of the best examples of how Leslie’s feminist outlook manifested in the show and permeated in ways beyond the screen. Even if the series ended a few years ago, Leslie (played by the equally awesome Amy Poehler), would be happy to know that women all

over the world are still carrying on the tradition of cherishing themselves and their female friendships.

“Every February 13th, my lady friends and I leave our husbands and our boyfriends at home, and we just come and kick it, breakfast style,” Leslie says in the episode. This holiday is for all the ladies out there, whether you have a significant other or not.

So how can you, your friends and family celebrate Galentine’s Day? What’s so great about it is that it’s truly up to you. Even if you can’t get together on the actual day, anything in the spirit of ladies celebrating ladies on a day you choose is appropriate. Feel free to customize what you do, where you do it and what you might possibly give for you and your group of women. The more personal, the better!

Because of Leslie’s love for all things breakfast, especially waffles, she and the women in

her life celebrated the holiday over a fun and boozy brunch. If you’re looking for a starting point for your Galentine’s Day, celebrating with food is one of the easiest but also most fun ways to do so. If you and your group enjoy brunch food as much as Leslie, complete with waffles, eggs and drinks, then go for it. Maybe you all want to treat yourselves, dress up and head out to a fancy restaurant. If not, designating your event as a potluck and choosing a food theme, such as desserts or finger foods, makes things easier. If your group decides to do a potluck, every person can bring a food that they like and represents themselves, making it even more special.

If you want to keep the event going after your meal, or maybe your group wasn’t able to get together for one, other activity ideas include getting manicures and pedicures, watching a movie or having a paint night.

Either dress up or keep it casual, whatever you and your group are comfortable with.

“You shut your mouth, you have all the strengths,” Leslie offered as words of encouragement to her best friend, Ann Perkins (Rashida Jones). On Galentine’s Day, be sure to hype one another up and acknowledge each other’s strengths.

In that vein, what else is Galentine’s Day good for? Besides catching up on each other’s lives, an acknowledgement of each other’s accomplishments, big and small, is sure to brighten your days. Another idea is to discuss what you admire and love about each other — spread those heartfelt compliments around!

“In your bags you will find a few things ... including a personalized 5,000 word essay on why you’re all so awesome,” Leslie said in the episode. Leslie went above and beyond in showering her loved ones with

gifts; however, it’s not necessary to be as extravagant to share your love. You and your group should decide if you want to give each other gifts and what amount so everybody can be on the same page. Maybe you can decide to keep the gifts cost-free, and the gifts could be even more creative and personalized. Even a card or a specific favor for a friend shows them you care and appreciate them. Or maybe you will all decide to treat yourselves, like Donna and Tom do in the show, and splurge a little. As long as you and your gal pals are on the same page, it will be sure to be a fun time.

And even if you and the women in your life aren’t able to come together to celebrate Galentine’s Day this year, don’t forget to empower them and yourself throughout the year. As Leslie said, “You are the most beautiful, glowing sun goddess ever.”

Cute and quick last-minute date ideas for valentine's day

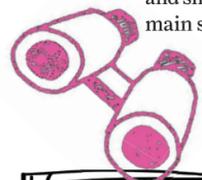
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With Valentine’s Day landing on a Friday this year, there’s no excuse why you and your significant other can’t celebrate if you want to. Even if you didn’t make big plans, you can still enjoy some

of these simple yet exciting date ideas. No matter how you end up celebrating, just remember that it’s always the thought and effort that your date will appreciate when you go out!

explore

If you have a little more time on your hands, head out to the city and just walk around. Spend the whole day together popping into cafes and other shops, walking through parks and maybe even visiting a museum or seeing a performance. Boston and New York are cool, but local cities and even small towns have a lot to offer. Many Connecticut residents don’t think about it, but Hartford and New Haven have a lot to do, and small towns often have bustling main streets you can check out.



find something to do together

The most important thing about celebrating Valentine’s Day is that you spend it with those you love. If you’re spending this year’s holiday with a partner and can’t think of anything to do, just do something together that you’ve never done together before. Maybe one of you is a hardcore gym-goer: Take your partner to a class like yoga or Pilates. If one of you is an artist, introduce your partner to your passion by teaching them how to paint or draw. Your partner will be interested to learn more about you, and the best gift you could ever give someone is your time and attention.



get sweet(s)

Heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are common gifts on Valentine’s Day, but why not indulge your own sweet tooth? Go to a candy store with your significant other and buy your favorites along with something new or interesting to try. If candy’s not your thing, go to a bakery for some cake, cupcakes or other treats. And if that’s not your thing either, go to an ice cream parlor and get their Valentine’s Day-themed sundae or milkshake.



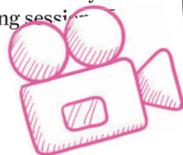
go somewhere and have fun

Taking a little adventure every now and then livens things up. Be spontaneous and do something you’ve never done together. Go bowling, roller skating or ice skating. If you’re more adventurous, try indoor rock climbing or go-karts. There’s even indoor mini golf or arcades that you could visit.



have a movie marathon

If you and your partner are more of the stay-at-home kind of people, spend some time indoors watching your favorite rom-coms or whatever genre you like. Go classic with “When Harry Met Sally”; take the Netflix route with “To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You” or “Always Be My Maybe”; or just laugh at Adam Sandler in “The Wedding Singer.” Alternatively, you can finally catch up on the shows you watch together. Pop some popcorn, pull out boxes of movie theater candy and fill up your soda cups for a long session watching.



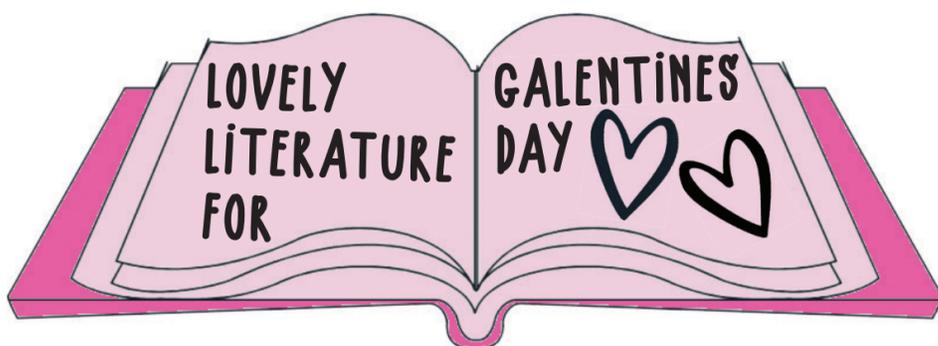
make a home-cooked meal

Nothing is more special than sharing a meal you cooked yourself. If you want to make the day special for your partner, you can make their favorite dish for them. If you want to try something new, you and your partner can cook it together and guide each other through any confusing directions. Once you’ve eaten, you can either follow it up with making some sweets together or heading out for some ice cream or frozen yogurt.



no matter what your style is, enjoy your valentine's day.

Life



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There's a reason why even books that aren't in the romance genre still have love and relationships present in them, in whatever form. Despite what people may grumble and mumble about a disdain for romance in general or some pretentiousness about romantic literature or "chick lit," it's a part of life and books are better for it. There's something so heartwarming about pretty prose, love interests and well-developed relationships, romantic or platonic. I don't read contemporary literature as much as I do the other genres, but when I do, I am reminded of the importance of representation and relatability for readers of all identities. Whether you are looking to commemorate Valentine's Day curled up with a good book or want to celebrate love in the name of friendship and family, here are some Galentine's Day reads. Many of them also have cinematic adaptations that I approve of, so feel free to check those out as well.

"To All the Boys I've Loved Before" Trilogy by Jenny Han

It's not that I'm against contemporary fiction, it's just that I lean more towards the fantasy genre. Basic, I know, but I'm working on expanding my horizons. Anyway, this trilogy remains one of my all-time favorite series in general and probably my top realistic fiction

choice, along with Rainbow Rowell. A mix of nostalgia, sentiment and just good, quality writing contribute to this recommendation. The loveable character of Lara Jean Covey and her relationships with her love interest(s), her family and her friends are what carry this series. Sure, the trope of love letters may seem trite; however, Han's incorporation of Lara Jean's culture as an Asian-American, her emphasis on the importance of her relationship with her sisters and how she portrays her inexperience with romance as a realistic fear elevate the novels. I read the novels in high school, so Lara Jean's relatability to me personally holds some sentiment, especially as she navigates the college decision process alongside my own.

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares

I must admit, I have not finished the series, and I also must admit that I picked up the book after I watched the movie (which I also love). Nonetheless, both the first movie and novel are excellent selections for a Galentine's Day celebration. The story follows four friends that have been together since birth as they spend their first summer away from one another. Another admission: When I first picked it up, I honestly thought it would be a light, fluffy selection. However, "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" does a great job of address-

ing pretty serious and realistic topics, such as depression, divorce and cultural dissonance, while still maintaining the heart of female friendships.

"Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott

Although this novel has been adapted many times before, Greta Gerwig's Academy Award-nominated version allows the story to have its day in the sun for the modern audience. From a coming-of-age story to the dynamic March sisters and their relationships with one another, the timelessness of Alcott's work will make you wonder why you hadn't picked up the book before.

"Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

There's a reason this book is so widely talked about. I'm including it on my list to give you that push to read it if you've pushed it off, like I did before. It has romance, it has angst, it has gay Mexican-American leads, and it has beautiful prose. The inclusion of LGBTQ+ main characters — and Latinx ones to boot — may seem like a decision for token characters, but Sáenz's writing is the real deal. The slow and soft atmosphere that he creates for the two teens, who go from friends to maybe something more, sets the scene for some important topics, but still keeps it light. You want a good, quality read with some well-written representation? This is it.



FROM STORRS TO DISTANT SHORES



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Although studying abroad is all about exploring new cultures, travelling and eating ridiculously good food, it is called "studying" abroad for a reason. Yes, I do go to school here, but school in Florence is completely different from school at UConn for a number of reasons.

First off, school is less rigorous. Many people who study abroad opt to take the bare minimum of classes, so only 12 credits by UConn's standards (other schools ask for more). Students also tend to make one of their classes, usually their hardest or the one they care about the least, pass/fail. Some schools, although unfortunately not UConn, allow all classes taken abroad to be pass/fail or, alternatively, allow students to pick or choose which credits transfer. Coursework is also much easier in general. The staff here understand that students are here to explore Europe and goof off, so homework is incredibly manageable. Italian homework, specifically, consists of a few middle-school-esque workbook problems a night. There are no all-nighters here.

Although classes aren't as hard, they honestly do teach students more than certain UConn courses. Because a lot of classes, like history of Florence and history of food and culture in Italy, aim to teach students more about the city they're staying in, students tend to absorb more of what they're learning and apply it to their day-to-day life as they walk around the city. The Ponte Vecchio takes on a new meaning when you realize it was partially built for Hitler's visit to Florence. Just as bakeries take on a new meaning when you find out they sell delicious things like pan di ramerino and almond biscotti,

after trying them in your history of food class. Italian is the best example of this, since the fact that Florentines are snobby toward anyone who doesn't speak Italian is a great incentive to learn the language. "Vorrei un cappuccino," for instance, has saved the caffeine-supported lives of many UConn students abroad.

Another interesting difference is that you can't exactly pick your own schedule here. At UConn, many students choose specific classes due to a combination of interest and schedule preference. So early birds who like knocking out their school days before lunch and night owls who prefer classes after noon can only get the schedules that suit them best. It's not like that here. When students applied to ISI Florence, they wrote down the classes they were most interested in taking and ISI plopped them down in those classes wherever there was room. This meant that when students arrived here and found out their classes were all way too early or late or scattered across the day, they made monstrous lines trying to fix their schedules at student services. In the end, though, almost everyone ended up getting here weirdly early and leaving as late as 6 p.m. for class every day. In my case, I come here shortly after sunrise and leave here around sunset two days a week. It's not super convenient, but at least we all have Fridays off and little to no homework at night!

So yes, I do go to school in this country. But, honestly, it's more of a nice, refreshing break from the stress of UConn than I expected. For anyone who desperately needs some time off and would like 60 degree weather in February, ISI Florence is definitely the place for you.

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ASIAN BEAT: YAEJI

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I'm back again with another house producer, because these ladies are freaking fire, okay?

Yaeji's psychedelic beats make me feel as if I should be sitting in an exclusive club when I'm really just walking across campus to the Student Union to grab a coffee. Her music seeks to explore cultural identity and self-reflection through house productions, according to her Spotify about section. The 26-year-old Korean-American producer, born Kathy Lee, found her interest in underground electronic music through college radio at Carnegie Mellon University, where she studied fine arts, East Asian studies and communication design. She moved back to her birthplace, Queens, New York, to make her mark on Brooklyn's local dance scene.

Her story is almost characteristic of Asian American youth growing up: a childhood of insecurity followed by a finding of oneself through music.

"In a sense, to fit in, I always had to shut up. I felt I had to sup-

press my true self" she told The Fader about a move to Korea when she was nine, due to her parents' fear she was too Americanized. College gave her an outlet for creative expression.

What I like most about her music — something Peggy Gou also does within her music — is the incorporation of Korean lyrics into her dreamlike tracks. Her music has been described as subliminally seductive by The Fader, and I could not agree more. The underwater-like sounds of songs such as "raingurl" and "drink i'm sippin on" with Korean lyrics woven through make me feel as if I'm a part of The Upside Down in Stranger Things, Yaeji style.

In "raingurl," my personal favorite of her songs, following a mix of Korean and American lyrics, she says, "Mother Russia in my cup / And my glasses foggin' up / Oh yeah hey dog hey what's up," along a beat that would make a whole room rap along. She's set to play at Coachella this year, and I really hope that she plays this song for one of the smoothest incorporations of lyrics and beats I've ever

heard in house music so far.

Speaking of her style, I'm really impressed by how unconcerned she seems when it comes to her style. She seems to dress comfortably, often in sweatpants and a sweatshirt, a grandma chic vibe that's always something I hope to emulate. Check out her Instagram (@kraejijaeji).

Her songs are almost comforting to me in a way, much like her style, especially in tracks such as "passionfruit."

"Listen / Seein' you got ritualistic / Plans in my soul of addiction for now / 'Cause I'm fallin' apart," she croons over top soft tempos. It's almost ASMR-like, but perhaps not as uncomfortable as ASMR is for me.

With the weather being what it has been this week, hazy, rainy and grey, Yaeji's EP "EP2" includes many of the tracks I have mentioned that make a walk around campus both calming, upbeat and at times, pensive.

Three Songs For Your Playlist:
raingurl
drink i'm sippin on
February 2017 (feat. Claire and Yaeji)





thirsty thursday



GALENTINE'S DAY DRINKS

by Daily Campus Life Section

"What's Galentine's Day? Oh, it's only the best day of the year!"

Leslie Knope certainly said it best. Since being introduced by the television series "Parks and Rec," Galentine's Day has been growing in popularity. Simply put, Feb. 13 is a day to celebrate your platonic lady friends, before all the consumerist pomp and circumstance of Valentine's Day. Honoring our non-romantic relationships is often just as important, if not moreso, than cozying up with our significant others. In Leslie Knope tradition, Galentine's is celebrated with a breakfast or brunch, but since this year the date falls on a Thursday, why not show your girls how much they mean to you with a few amazing cocktails? Save the leftovers for your V-day plans, and never forget the code — uterus before duderuses.

Chocolate Covered Strawberry Martini

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 shot Malibu rum
- 1/2 shot peach schnapps
- 1/2 shot vodka
- 3 shots cranberry juice
- 2 chocolate covered strawberries, for garnish
- Sugar to rim the glass

In order to make this martini, gently mix all the liquid ingredients together in a cocktail shaker with ice. Wet the rim of the glass and dip into a plate of sugar (use pink sugar crystals for a fun touch). Cut a plain strawberry into heart shaped slices for garnish. Place a chocolate covered strawberry on the rim before serving.



Cupid's (Platonic) Arrow

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 oz. vodka
- 3/4 oz. blood orange liqueur
- 1 1/2 oz. orange juice
- 1 splash lemon juice
- 5 chopped raspberries and strawberries
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 can lemon lime soda

To make this fruity cocktail, combine the vodka, liqueur, orange juice, lemon juice and sugar in a cocktail shaker over ice. Shake vigorously. Rim the glass in red sugar crystals, and then fill with muddled berries and ice cubes. Add contents of cocktail shaker then soda. Stir gently to mix.



Single Ladies Sangria

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 750 mL bottle rosé
- 1 1/2 cup seltzer
- 1/2 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup vodka
- 1/4 cup raspberry liqueur
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup raspberries

This recipe is such a fun take on a traditional sangria. The rosé makes it perfect for a night out with your girlfriends. To make this sweet pink drink, combine rosé, seltzer, pomegranate juice, vodka and raspberry liqueur in a large pitcher and stir. Add strawberries and raspberries, then refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour. Stir before serving.



Opinion Study Break

Huskytalk | What is the worst chocolate in the Valentine's Day Box?



"Anything with coconut."

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"Any kind of white chocolate."

Nina Haigis
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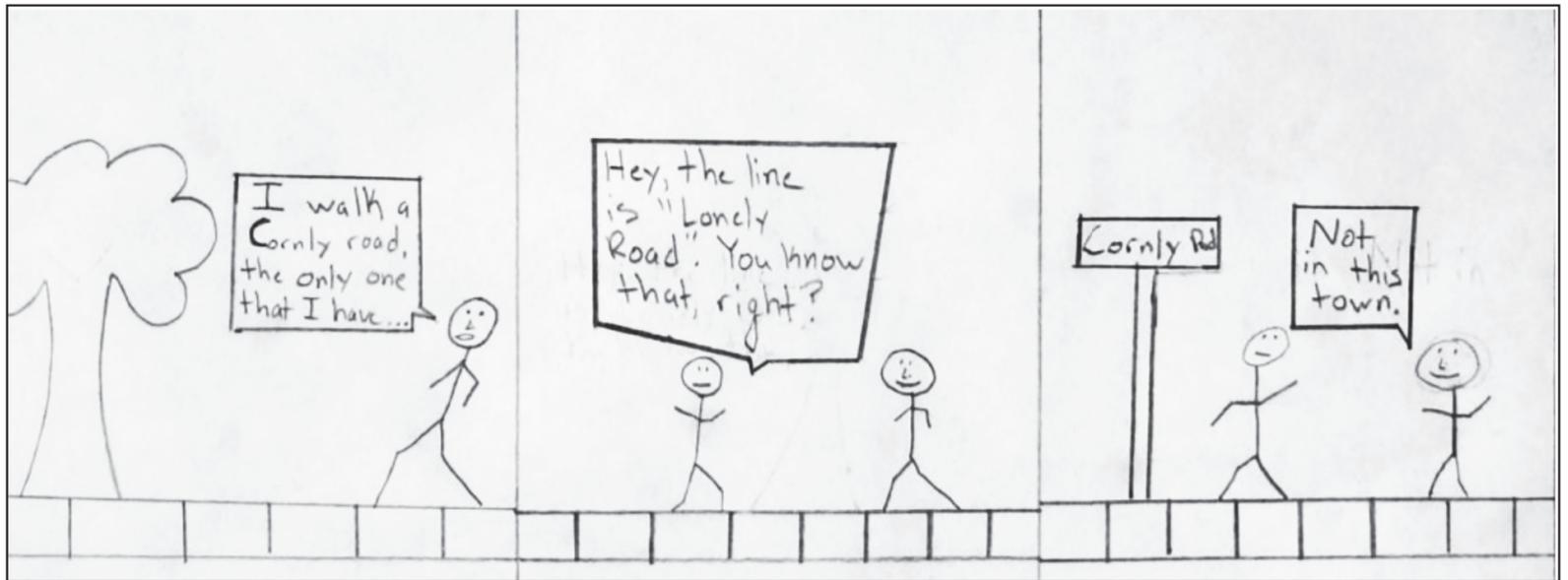
"Easily that raspberry nougat. Worst v-day candy is easily those trash candy hearts"

Caleb White
Digital Media & Design
Fourth Semester



"The ones with the berry filling in them."

Nick Dispenza
Psychology and philosophy
Fourth Semester



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Crossword

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Gilson's Sports Guide: What to make of the Saints QB situation

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Cue "Avatar: The Last Airbender" intro Drew Brees. Teddy Bridgewater. Taysom Hill. Long ago, the three QBs lived together in harmony. But then, everything changed when 2020 free agency hit.

In 2019, the New Orleans Saints were one of the most versatile offensive teams the league has ever seen. They had the best wide receiver in the NFL in Michael Thomas and a one-two punch of receiving back Alvin Kamara and power back Latavius Murray in the backfield. But what really helped them stand out among the rest was their depth at quarterback. Drew Brees, Teddy Bridgewater and wonder boy Taysom Hill created a three-headed monster in the Superdome that left defenses quaking regardless of who was on the field. But with Brees considering retirement and Taysom Hill claiming to be a franchise-level QB (lol), the team has some things to figure out before August.

Starting with Brees, from my biased, football fan's perspective, it would be insane and break my heart if Brees retired. From my journalistic, unbiased perspective, it would be insane and break my heart if Brees retired. Therefore, through the transitive property, he should not, cannot and will not be leaving the NFL this year.

Last year, Brees led the Saints to a 13-3 record and the No. 3 seed in the NFC, throwing for nearly 3,000 yards and 27 touchdowns, with a 74% completion rate in the 11 games he played. He also passed Peyton Manning and Tom Brady to become the all-time leader in passing touchdowns while further separating himself from the pack in all-time com-

pletion percentage and total passing yards, both in which he ranks No. 1. He is one of the greatest of all time, has been on an incredibly efficient offense most of his career and has a ring. What more can you ask for? In the words of DJ Khaled, another one.

Brees has gone on record many times saying he doesn't want to leave the NFL without another Super Bowl. All he has to do is come back for one more season, tell his team not to choke against the Vikings and he'll have a real shot at ring number two. But that can only happen if he re-signs.

For this next part, let's assume Brees does just that. We still have the choice of Bridgewater or Hill to make — one of which Sean Payton has claims to be the future hall-of-famer's "heir apparent" — since they both want bigger roles in 2020.

In the five games Brees missed last season, it was Bridgewater who filled his place. During those starts Bridgewater threw for 1200 yards and nine touchdowns en route to leading the Saints to a perfect 5-0 record, placing them at 6-1 by the time Brees returned. However, these numbers should be taken with a grain of salt since only one of the teams Bridgewater played against finished the season over .500. So, while Teddy obviously deserves credit and has proven to be one of the best backup QBs in the game, if he were to remain on the Saints with Brees' potential re-signing, that is all he would be. So instead of wasting his talents there, it would make much more sense for Bridgewater to attempt to sign elsewhere, on a team that needs a quarterback like the Colts or the Chargers.

This is nothing against Teddy by any means. I think

he's still got plenty of time to make it in the league and prove he is the quarterback many thought he could be after he was drafted in the first round in 2014. He just is not what the Saints need right now. What they do need is that versatility and freedom to mess around with the playbook every now and then to divert teams' attention from the trio of Brees, Kamara and Thomas, and that is exactly what a player like Hill provides.

Taysom Hill is the definition of a five-tool player. He is stellar on special teams and can do just about anything you ask him to do on offense, just look at what he did during the Wild Card game against the Vikings. Hill completed one pass for 50 yards, ran the ball four times for another 50 yards and caught two passes for 25 yards and a score. Simply having him on the field is a mix-up for defenses that opens up plenty more opportunities for Brees and Co. to string together drives with ease.

I'll be one of the first to admit that Hill is by no means a great quarterback, despite calling himself a franchise-level QB, but the last time Brees played less than 15 games aside from last year was back in 2003. He is one of the most durable QBs in the league, meaning Hill would most likely not have to start many — if any — games as the only available QB. His Swiss army knife skill set makes him one of the most unique players in the league, and one the Saints will want to keep alongside Brees if they hope to carry that versatility into more success with Brees' retirement on the horizon.

Re-sign Brees and Hill. Let Bridgewater go. Win the Super Bowl. Simple.



In this Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 file photo, New Orleans Saints quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) throws against the Chicago Bears during the first half of an NFL football game in Chicago. Now that we know Philip Rivers won't be leading the Chargers into SoFi Stadium in September, the muddied waters of NFL quarterbacking have been cleared a bit. Assuming Drew Brees re-signs with New Orleans he's pretty much said he will and Teddy Bridgewater hits the open market, the only unknown in this sector is in Carolina. (AP Photo/Mark Black, File) PHOTO BY MARK BLACK/AP

Mav's Musings: Pre-season awards predictions

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It is finally "MLB beat writers taking videos of pitchers throwing bullpens from far away" season, and that means it's spring training. With pitchers and catchers reporting to Arizona and Florida this week, I want to take a look toward the future and predict the regular season awards. This exercise in trying to guess the future is mainly so I can see how wrong I was come November. These are my way-too-early season awards predictions. Strap in because this is a long one. Let's get weird.

Most Valuable Player

Mike Trout,
Los Angeles Angels

Coming into the offseason, I would have likely said either Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim outfielder Mike Trout or Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman for MVP in the American League.

However, now the Astros have been tossed around the mud amidst a massive cheating scandal, it seems nearly impossible for any Astros player to pick up an award this season. It also doesn't hurt that the best player in baseball plays in the AL, Michael Nelson Trout. He has a career 73.4 fWAR through his eight-year career and he may have a healthy Shohei Ohtani to play alongside of this season. This is the easiest pick of the bunch — book it.

Nolan Arenado,
Colorado Rockies

The National League MVP is where things can get a bit dicey. There are about four real contenders for the award this year: Arenado, 2018 NL MVP Cody Bellinger, 2019 NL MVP Christian Yelich, 2018 AL MVP Mookie Betts.

Yes, Arenado is the only one not to have already won the award, but he is also the best defensive player in the game



Colorado Rockies' Nolan Arenado celebrates as he circles the bases after hitting a walkoff, two-run home run off Arizona Diamondbacks relief pitcher Archie Bradley in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Denver. Arenado is at odds with the team's front office as the Rockies head to spring training for the season ahead. PHOTO BY DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Cy Young

Lucas Giolito,
Chicago White Sox

In 2019 Lucas Giolito did some special things as a 24-year old. He earned his place on a stacked AL All-Star team, led the majors in complete games and shutouts while pitching to the tune of a 3.41 ERA. Now he has a former Cy Young winner in Dallas Keuchel to teach him to be even better. This is the year he takes the next step and clinches the award himself.

Giolito broke out last year after a shaky first year in the bigs

in 2018. Now he has an All-Star catcher to throw to and an even stronger offense to put him at ease on the mound. There is so much value in a starter who can go the full nine innings. Giolito finished 10th in pitcher WAR according to FanGraphs last season, with 5.1. He was also fifth in baseball in k/9 among qualifiers with an 11.62.

The main question here is his health. Giolito missed the last two weeks of the season in 2019 due to a lat strain, a disappointing ending to a rather impressive season. He has also has concerns with his right elbow, which he strained in his senior year of high school.

Jacob deGrom,
New York Mets

The two-time Cy Young is in line for a third straight victory this season, coming off a 2.43 ERA, 7 fWAR year. He has never had a season with an ERA higher than 3.53 in his six-year major league career and has been sub-3 in four-out-of-six years. There is an argument to be made that he's in baseball's top three players.

He has been super-durable the past three seasons, averaging about 207 innings pitched per year, while striking out more than 230 batters in all three seasons. deGrom is a monster, plain and simple. It's his award to lose.

Rookie of the Year

Luis Robert,
Chicago White Sox

Here's where things start to go haywire. Rookie of the Year picks are a complete crapshoot, but I'd like to think the White Sox front office knew what they were doing giving Robert a 6-year, \$50 million extension before he touched a major league field. As a byproduct of this extension, Robert should not have to deal with service time manipulation, thus giving him the maximum amount of plate appearances.

Robert is MLB.com's No. 3 overall prospect, behind Wander Franco and Gavin Lux. In 122 minor league games last season, Robert has posted a 1.022 OPS across three levels. In 47 Triple-A games he hit 16 home runs and swiped seven bags — overall, he was a 30-30 player in the minors last season with 32 bombs and 36 stolen bases. His main concern is a tendency to strikeout, which is not unusual for prospects, but it could be a glaring weakness at the next level.

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Photo of the Day | Women's Lacrosse Gets a Dub



The women's lacrosse team picked up a win in its season opening game against the Fairfield Stags yesterday afternoon. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Roundtable: Who's the second-best player in the MLB?

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Pitchers and catchers are reporting to spring training with position players not too far behind, and baseball season is almost back! For the past few years, Mike Trout has been the undisputed best player in the game and his 2019 MVP campaign only further proved that point. With so many other highly talented players in the league, like Christian Yelich, Cody Bellinger and Mookie Betts, the discussion shifts to who is the second best? The DC Sports staff decided to hash this one out amongst themselves.

Story Salit
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The Red Sox may have just traded away the second-best player in all of baseball this week in outfielder Mookie Betts. There is no real weakness in Betts' game. He's a fantastic contact hitter, he has surprising pop for a guy that stands just 5-foot-9, he has both an outstanding glove and arm and he possesses elite speed and instincts on the basepath. In his 2018 MVP season, Betts was the key in a 108-win and World Series winning campaign as the best leadoff man in the game and one of the clutchest hitters. Sure, Mookie had a bit of a dip in 2019, but his ridiculous hand speed and ability to engage pitchers in long at-bats makes him one of the toughest outs in all of baseball and a guy you really want in your lineup in the biggest moments.

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Christian Yelich is the second-best player in baseball and it is not particularly close, as Yelich is superior to Betts and Bellinger in just about every offensive aspect of the game. Just as a reminder, Betts was not even the best player on his own third-place team last year. All I heard at the beginning of last season was how Yelich's 2018 National League MVP season was a fluke. It turns out that Betts' 2018 American League MVP campaign is the one that is more likely to be an outlier, as he failed to even be a top 10 player in the league last year. Yelich, meanwhile, finished 2019 with a 7.8 fWAR, tied for third in all of baseball. The only two players to finish higher were Trout, a freak of nature, and Alex Bregman, a known cheater. He tied with Bellinger despite playing 26 fewer games. Yelich posted another monster year at the plate, and actually was better than Trout in OPS. To top it off, with 30 stolen bases, Yelich was the only player in that upper ech-

elon to bring a true running game. Betts and Bellinger were lethal in 2018 and 2019 respectively. But unlike them, Yelich was an MVP finalist in both of those seasons.

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It's time to show pitchers some love. He's coming off a completely dominant season, and while his team didn't win the World Series, it's through no fault of his and his relatively new mega-deal. He also currently plays in the biggest market in professional sports, New York. Yes, Jacob deGrom

is the best pitcher — and second-best player — in baseball. Did you think I was talking about someone else? The back-to-back National League Cy Young Award winner has been not only the flat-out best but also the most consistent pitcher in baseball over the past two seasons, combining for an ERA of 2.05 (!!) over 421 (!!) innings pitched. Mike Trout is the best hitter, Jacob deGrom is the best pitcher. These deserve love too. On these lists; they're just as important if not more so than the hitters — as Trout knows all too well. Maybe with Jake on his team, he'd actually make the playoffs.

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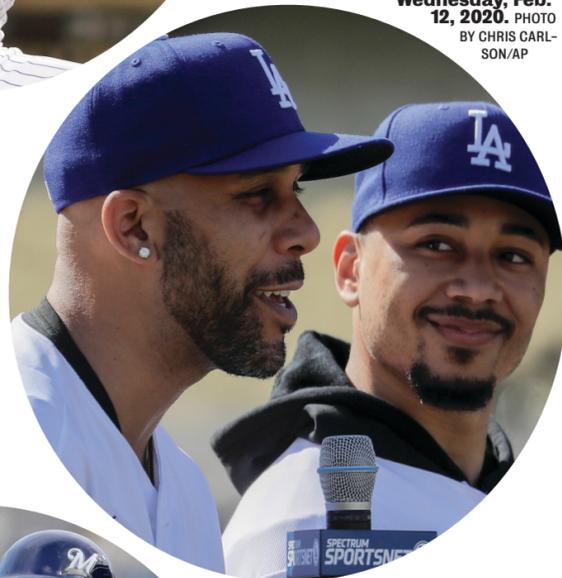
I'm going to have to disagree with Jorge about the value of pitchers. Someone that only participates in 20% of his team's games cannot be valued as much as a player who plays in 140-plus games every season. That is why even the best pitcher in baseball (which may or may not be deGrom) can't have a claim as the second-best player in baseball or even a top five spot. In my mind, there are five players with legitimate claims on that No. 2 spot: Mookie Betts, Christian Yelich, Cody Bellinger, No-

lan Arenado and Jose Altuve. Personally, I feel Betts is the best overall player out of that bunch, but since he's already been mentioned, I'll go with his new teammate. Bellinger is the youngest player out of the group at just 24, which means we may not have even seen the best he can offer yet. If he can improve from his ridiculous 2019 MVP season (.305 BA, 47 home runs, 115 RBI, 1.035 OPS), then we may be looking at one of the best players of this era. Bellinger has an infinitely high ceiling, which gives him my vote as the second-best player in baseball.

In this Sept. 25, 2019, file photo, New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins in New York. The right hander is coming off his second consecutive Cy Young Award PHOTO BY KATHY WILLENS/AP



Los Angeles Dodgers players David Price, left, and Mookie Betts speak during a news conference to announce their acquisition at the Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020. PHOTO BY CHRIS CARLSON/AP



In this Sept. 1, 2019, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers' Cody Bellinger watches the flight of his home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Phoenix. In what's become a familiar refrain, the Dodgers arrive at camp still looking for their first World Series championship since 1988. After losing in two straight World Series, they were ousted by Washington in five games in the NL Division Series last fall. PHOTO BY ROSS D. FRANKLIN, POSITION/AP



In this Monday, Aug. 5, 2019 file photo, Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich rounds third after hitting a solo home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Dario Agrazal during the first inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh. The Milwaukee Brewers have a lot of work to do in spring training. Having Christian Yelich sure helps. Yelich was working on a strong case for his second straight NL MVP award last year when he broke his right kneecap in September, sidelining the All-Star slugger for the rest of the season. PHOTO BY GENE J. PUSKAR/AP



Women's Lacrosse Notebook

Watson scores 6 in season opener

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The women's lacrosse team started off its season with an explosive 19-12 victory at home on Wednesday. Most of the goals came from junior midfielder Sydney Watson, who scored six out of the 19 with only 10 shots taken.

"I wouldn't have gotten [six goals] if it weren't for any of my teammates," Watson said. "I just want to make sure I can set everyone up for success and when they set me up for success, I want to be able to finish it for them."

Watson wasn't the only player with a big contribution from last night's match. Senior midfielder Olivia Miles had the second most goals: four with only six shots taken.

Since the team is filled with younger players, Watson said the team's mentality is "completely different" compared to last season.

"All fall, we had such high energy and positivity, and I believe our captains and our seniors have really brought that energy for us and all of us are able to follow along with them," Watson said.

"Everyone on this team wants to win, wants to keep the energy high, and it's just really great this year."

With their second match of the season coming up on Sunday against James Madison on the road, the Huskies will look to bring high energy going in and out of the game regardless of the scoreboard.

"We know James Madison in the past has been really good," Watson said. "This year we want to ... bring it and hopefully give them a good competition."

It's clear that Watson will



The Women's Lacrosse team defeated Fairfield University 19-12 in the season opener game. Their next game will be against James Madison University at the US Lacrosse Headquarters. PHOTOGRAPH BY AVERY BIKERMAN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

be a key player once more this season and for good reason. She was unanimously selected for the AAC Preseason All-Conference Team after having 39 goals to her name along with 51 points and 92 draw controls last season.

Watson scored her first hat

trick of the season within the first half: The first being at the 16th minute to bring the Huskies up 5-3, the second about 30 seconds later with junior attacker Stephanie Palmucci for the assist, and the third about a minute later after she was given a free position shot

and brought the Huskies up to 7-3. Watson scored her fourth about three minutes into the second half and her fifth shortly after with sophomore Casey O'Grady providing the assist. Watson's last goal of the match came at the 40th minute.

Column: Why the Yankees will be World Series champs this season

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Despite injuries absolutely ravaging the roster all year long, the Yankees won 103 games last season. Despite battling trash cans and hidden buzzers, they took the Astros to six games, losing two (in Houston) in brutally close fashion.

Now, with a mostly unchanged roster plus some huge additions, this is the year the Yanks win their first World Series since 2009. Here's why.

Gerrit Cole is the difference maker

The Yankees had one item circled above all else this offseason: Sign Gerrit Cole. It took a historic chunk out of the wallet to do it, but Brian Cashman and Co. got the job done.

Starting pitching was ultimately the Yankees' biggest weakness during last season's postseason run, lacking Domingo German and forced to rely on banged-up versions of CC Sabathia and Luis Severino. Going quiet at the deadline ultimately turned out to be a mistake, because it certainly felt like the team was one good starting arm away from a World Series berth.

Cole now joins Severino, James Paxton (once he returns from back surgery), Masahiro Tanaka and J.A. Happ to fill out one of the best rotations in baseball. That, paired with the elite bullpen trio of Arldis Chapman, Zach Britton and Adam Ottavino means the offense won't even have to score a lot of runs to win games this season.

The offense will score a lot of runs anyway

A year after plating more runs than any other team in baseball, the Yankees' lineup looks practically identical to last season — and it will hopefully stay healthier this time around. Yes, Giancarlo Stanton is an injury waiting to happen, but there's no way Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez miss a combined 116 games ... right?

Really the only roster departures



New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone, left, smiles as Gerrit Cole tries on a Yankee jersey as he is introduced in New York. The pitcher agreed to a 9-year \$324 million contract. "He's going to be a game changer for us," Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said. "The city's buzzing, and it's continued since the day we signed him." PHOTO BY MARK LENNIHAN/AP

from a year ago are Edwin Encarnacion and Didi Gregorius. As for Edwin, good riddance. And while my heart literally rips in half every time I see Didi Gregorius in a Phillies uniform, there simply wasn't much room for him in the current infield.

DJ LeMahieu will continue to rake. Luke Voit and Gio Urshela will set new career-highs in batting numbers across the board. Judge will be Judge, and Sanchez will return to form. Gleyber Torres is only 23. No one wants to face that order in October.

The AL East (and beyond) is wide open

Shout out to the Red Sox for doing everything in their power to destroy any hopes of being a contender for the foreseeable future. Boston will still be a decent team even without Betts and Price, sure, but the Yankees should have no problem running away with the division this season.

The Orioles remain a free-win machine for AL East rivals. The Blue Jays have some exciting young talent but are still years removed from being a legitimate threat. The

Rays, as always, will find a way to win more games than they should and be in the Wild Card race but aren't near the level of talent in the Bronx.

Looking beyond the division, the Yankees should be the favorites to win the American League pennant. The Twins are good enough to avoid being 4-oed once again, but lacking a true ace still hurts them. Meanwhile, the Astros lost their ace, their manager and their beloved trash receptacle. I would still slate Houston as the Yankees' strongest competition in the AL, but offseason developments have firmly tipped the scales in favor of New York — and with a resurgent Angels team, the AL West should be pretty competitive this year as well.

The Yankees can (and will) beat the Dodgers

Heading into this season, it seems like we're inevitably heading to a matchup between the two biggest markets in the country, in a Yankees-Dodgers World Series. The Dodgers were already the best team in the National League before acquiring Mookie and Price and now are only scarier. They'll likely be the consensus favorite to win it all this season, and with those two joining Bellingar, Seager, Buehler and Kershaw, it's not hard to see why.

In the considerably weaker league, LA won't have to work all that hard to get to the Fall Classic. I think that'll ultimately hurt them, especially when they run into the stacked Bombers in the Series. But even on paper, I'll gladly take the Yankees roster over the Dodgers.

Ryu is gone, meaning Los Angeles really doesn't have much in the way of a rotation past their top three. The bullpen remains hittable. The offense, while intimidating, isn't as deep as the Yankees' — I mean, we have Miguel Andujar and Clint Frazier coming off the bench.

It was a rough decade for Yankees fans. Fortunately, this new one will start in the best way possible: a 28th world championship.

League of Legends Rundown

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LCK begins

Korea's League of Legends spring split has begun. Afreeca Freecs, DragonX and Geng have taken an early 2-0 lead, which is somewhat unsurprising given that Afreeca won the Kespa Cup back at the end of 2019. DragonX's position at 2-0 is somewhat more surprising; the team made several risky decisions in the off-season, like its decision to have its starting support be 17-year-old Keria and signing coach CVMax, who has faced allegations of verbal and physical harassment of his players. Perhaps more interestingly, last year's No. 1 seed T1, formerly SK Telecom T1, found themselves 1-1 after the first week, beating Damwon Gaming but losing a close match to Hanwha Life Esports.

Cloud9 takes full control of LCS

Through the first third of the season, Cloud9 has looked untouchable. They're 6-0, and most of their games haven't even seemed close. And while there is an asterisk next to their win versus Team Liquid, who was missing their jungler Broxah, they've beaten five out of the six teams below them dominantly. Cloud9's jungler Blaber, in his first season as a full-time starting player, has paired startlingly well with midlaner Nisqy. Licorice's constancy in the top lane and the revamped botlane of Zven and Vulcan has led to one of the best early splits Cloud9 has ever had. The question is if they can keep that up as the season continues.

Broxah is coming!

After four split wins in a row, expectations coming into the split were incredibly high for Team Liquid. Most of their roster stayed the same with one exception: Broxah. Fnatic's former jungler and a former Worlds finalist also happens to be the reason for the asterisk next to their 2-4 start. Visa problems have delayed his arrival in North America, and he only managed to procure his visa just before the Week 3 games. While his arrival will be welcome, it won't come without a thread of concern creeping in for fans, because what happens if Liquid still loses? Liquid has not looked impressive thus far, losing a bloody game to bottom-tier Golden Guardians last week, and only so much of that can be blamed on substitute jungler Shernfire. If Broxah's arrival doesn't mark a turnaround for Team Liquid, they may suffer one of the most shockingly poor splits in history. Also, they really need to stop picking Senna; they've lost all four games with Senna this split, and it's looked incredibly bad.

G2 beats down their opposition, but questions remain

G2 Esports has rushed to a 6-0 start in the LEC, closing out Week 3 with a dominant victory over Fnatic. One-third of the way through the split, the first-place team has once again established themselves as the team to beat, but this time, it's not without difficulty. Their game against Rogue, who has not looked fantastic so far in spring, was much closer than it should've been, and while Caps has been decent, he's yet to completely pop off in a way that makes us think G2 can win Worlds. Despite this, G2 is still without question the favorite to win LEC. Their game against Misfits, the current second-place team, this week will be a good test. If they win, their path to another title seems to be pretty clear, but if they lose, Misfits might have a strong case for first.



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Men's Basketball: Huskies yet again come up just short at SMU



The Huskies suffered their latest tough loss when they fell 79-75 against SMU Wednesday night PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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It could have been a perfect storyline: Alterique Gilbert, amidst a season of outside criticism, inconsistent play and off-the-court hardships, hits the shot to save UConn against SMU. Gilbert did hit the shot, a 3-pointer to bring the Huskies within two points with a minute to go, the closest they'd been since the first half.

But like all night long, the Mustangs answered, going a perfect 4-for-4 from the line in the final minute to hand UConn a 79-75 defeat on Wednesday night. Like all season long, UConn refused to quit, battling back from a 15-point second half deficit, but just couldn't complete the comeback in the final minutes.

"There's no moral victories," head coach Dan Hurley said after the loss, as reported by the New Haven Register's Dave Borges. "We're crushed that we didn't find a way to get a win that would have really catapulted us in the conference standings, with a postseason opportunity for this team. This would have been a big-time win to get."

After Gilbert's shot brought UConn (13-11, 4-7 The American) within a basket, UConn had three chances to tie things up, failing to convert all three. Isaiah Whaley, who again outplayed starter Josh Carlton, missed the front end of a one-and-one with 1:27 to play. With under a minute remaining, Brendan Adams missed an open 3 to take the lead, and James Bouknight's runner with 28 seconds remaining didn't fall.

Although he couldn't be the hero, Bouknight did the heavy lifting for UConn once again, scoring an efficient 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting. Senior Christian Vital had seven assists against zero turnovers along with 10 points. But ultimately, neither performance was enough, as the typically staunch UConn defense allowed SMU (17-6, 7-4 The American) to shoot 55% from the floor and 53% from deep.

"They pass the eye test for me on what an NCAA team looks like," Hurley said about SMU, according to Borges. "They're not necessarily the best team we've played, but they're a pretty good team, hard as heck to guard."

The loss snaps what had been an inspiring two-game win streak against two of the best teams in the conference in Tulsa and Cincinnati. If it seemed like a

corner had been turned, Wednesday's game brought the Huskies crashing back to the norm of excruciating losses. UConn is now just 1-5 in true road games this season, and ends its AAC stint having never won at SMU.

The Huskies simply couldn't stop SMU's Feron Hunt, who set a new career-high in points with 23. Hunt made eight of his nine shots, including a pair of 3s, and was responsible for all four of those clutch free throws in the final minute. Kendrick Davis also had a big game for SMU, going 7-of-11 for 19 points.

UConn jumped out to an 11-4 lead to open the game, but the Mustangs quickly caught fire and UConn didn't extinguish them until late in the second half. Freshman Jalen Gaffney, who finally rediscovered his shot for 13 points (5-for-8, 3-of-5 from deep),

hit a 3-pointer to give UConn a 19-18 lead with 10:19 left in the first half. That would be the last time UConn would see the lead.

SMU led by six at the half and never trailed after the break, leading by as many as 15 with 11:34 left in regulation. The Huskies rallied but fell just short once again, the sixth time this season they've lost by four points or less. If there's a silver lining to these devastating losses, it's that UConn can stay competitive with any team in the conference — if only it could learn how to finish.

"There's no one in the league we can't beat — home, away, neutral court in March," Hurley said, as reported by Borges.

Next up for UConn is a rematch with Memphis after falling prey to the Tigers, 70-63, on Feb. 1. Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday at the XL Center.

Huskies take down Stags in high scoring affair

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With 18:36 left to go in the first half, it looked like the Huskies were going to be in a highly competitive game, as the score was tied at three goals apiece with some great ball movement from both teams.

An early goal from UConn's Olivia Troy set the tone for the game, one filled with 31 total goals. Three quick strikes from Fairfield and two more from UConn came in the five minutes that followed. This game was close.

And then it wasn't. Thirty seconds later, Olivia Miles put one in the back of the net to make it 4-3, Huskies. Three consecutive goals from junior midfielder Sydney Watson (one off of a free-position shot) really put the game away early on this cold but clear afternoon. Watson ended up with six goals total on the day, and the Huskies won 19-12.

One notable play for the Huskies Wednesday came with 16:17 left in regulation. The defense held off the Stags' offensive front for 90 seconds, forcing a shot clock violation. Wasting no time, the Huskies picked up the ball from out of bounds and moved downfield. They had some superb ball movement in the five seconds of possession, capped by Casey O'Grady's assist to Miles to make it 14-8 UConn.

The Huskies were really able to stuff the stat sheet, as nine different players scored for the team on Wednesday. Aside from Watson's six, Miles had four, while Lia Laprise and O'Grady scored two goals each. Assist leaders included Stephanie Palmucci (three), Laprise (two) and O'Grady (two).

On the goalkeeping side, senior co-captain Grace Beshlian got the start for UConn (1-0) and picked up the win and a save, while sophomore Landyn White also got minutes later on, earning four saves.

The team had an extremely accurate day on offense, landing 32 of their 35 shots on goal for a percentage of 91.4. They were also able to keep turnovers to a minimum, giving up possession just 13 times compared to Fairfield's 19. The defense also had some very strong moments, including stopping three free position opportunities within a two-minute span.

Coach Katie Woods was very pleased with the victory, noting the team's ability to continue to compete despite a near blowout score.

"We fought, regardless of what was going on in the game, the highs, the ups-and-downs, we still continued to fight, which was awesome," Woods said. "We just gotta clean [the defense] up a little bit."

The Huskies have a fairly young team, with four sophomores and four juniors getting



The Women's Lacrosse team defeated Fairfield University 19-12 in the season opener game. Their next game will be against James Madison University at the US Lacrosse Headquarters. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

the start Wednesday. Coach Woods is very optimistic about the future of the program, adding that the experience this year is vital for their improvement.

"The hope is they gain a little [experience] every game, little lessons, little positives, so that

with every game they come out more and more confident," Woods said.

This matchup with Fairfield has become an annual tradition for the Huskies, who fell to them 7-13 last year. Woods admitted that the game last year was "tough" but was pleased this

year, saying, "It's always nice to get that revenge game back." Fairfield continues their season with a game at home against Columbia on Wednesday. Meanwhile, UConn travels down to Maryland this weekend for a neutral-site game against James Madison on Sunday at noon.

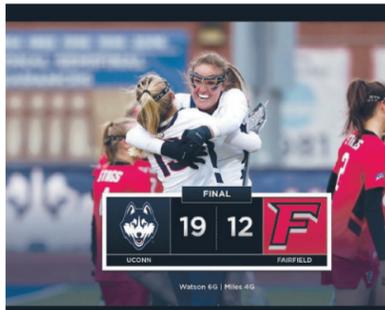
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