

UConn to hold second Give A Meal day of the semester

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On Dec. 4, the University of Connecticut will be holding its second Give A Meal day of the semester with 100% of the proceeds going to student food insecurity.

Like the previous Give A Meal day, this program looks to fight food insecurity on UConn's campus. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.

From 4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 4, every dining hall on campus will be accepting flex pass donations. These flex passes will then be converted to a \$2.50 donation that goes directly to the UConn Swipes Initiative. Dennis Pierce, the executive director of Dining Services, said there are three main purposes of this program.

"One, to provide students to donate for their peers that



UConn will be donating 100% of the proceeds from its dining halls on Dec. 4 to fight food insecurity. PHOTO BY MIKE MAVREDAKIS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

are challenged with food insecurity, two let students know that there is a resource in place to assist them in their time of

need and third, provide a clear definition/criteria of the definition of being food insecure," Pierce said.

Since the program's creation, it has donated \$9,815 towards food insecurity for students on campus. This amount has over

doubled with the recent Give A Meal day on Oct. 16, before which the program had only raised \$4,302. Pierce encourages any student with extra flex passes to donate.

Any student who feels they are eligible for the Swipes Initiative is encouraged to visit the Dean of Students Office in Wilbur Cross room 203 to discuss their eligibility. Students can visit from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the week or contact the office through their number 860-486-3426 if they need to schedule a meeting outside of their hours.

Additionally, any student who would like to donate more than a flex pass can visit the Students First Fund donations page. This program was created for students who face unanticipated hardships and challenges. According to Pierce, it is supported by private donations, so any donations enable the University to demonstrate their care and concern for the student body.



Students Werth Tower de-stressing before finals with yoga and hot chocolate. PHOTO BY MOLLY POTTER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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UConn's esports teams deserve recognition. This was the fall 2017 UConn Gaming Club. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Free Husky Printing IN PREPARATION FOR FINALS WEEK

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The University of Connecticut's Undergraduate Student Government will be hosting a free Husky printing week for all Storrs undergraduate students, according to Mansi Chapatwala, Academic Affairs committee chairperson and seventh-semester senior nutritional science major.

The free printing will be available from Dec. 2 to Dec. 6, Chapatwala said. There is a maximum of \$4 worth or 80 black and white pages at all Husky Print Printers, which are located in the Homer Babbidge Library.

"It is the Undergraduate Student Government's way to give back to students directly and save them a few dollars during a stressful time in the semester,"

Chapatwala said.

In order to get the free printing, students have to select the USG free printing tab when they are in the cost center, Chapatwala said.

USG ran a free printing week earlier this semester in October to help with midterms, Chapatwala said. Student feedback was positive, which is why the Academic Affairs Committee decided to have another week for finals.

"This way students can gear up for final exams ahead of time and print anything they may need," she said.

Chapatwala said she hopes the free printing can help students in a stressful time.

"Free printing is something that most students would like to see on campus and although that is an initiative that will take time, we can try and provide free printing during the busiest

weeks of the semester," Chapatwala said. "Printing is an economic burden and if that can be alleviated, why not?"

USG will also be giving out Final Care packages on Dec. 4 at 12 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom that will include a "thermos, emergency final supplies such as gum, pens, highlighters [and] post it notes" as part of their Finals Care Fair, according to USG's Instagram page.

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Congress pushes ahead on Trump impeachment with nation split

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is plunging into a landmark impeachment week, with Democrats who once hoped to sway Republicans now facing the prospect of an ever-hardening partisan split over the question of removing President Donald Trump from office.

Lawmakers were getting their first look at the House Intelligence Committee's impeachment report Monday night behind closed doors. The findings are expected to forcefully make the Democrats' case that Trump engaged in what Chairman Adam Schiff calls impeachable "wrongdoing and misconduct" in pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democrats and Joe Biden while withholding military aid to the

ally.

For Republicans offering an early rebuttal ahead of the report's public release, the proceedings are simply a "hoax," with Trump insisting he did nothing wrong and his GOP allies in line behind him. Trump tweeted his daily complaints about it all and then added a suggestive, if impractical, question: "Can we go to Supreme Court to stop?"

With the Judiciary Committee set to launch its first hearing Wednesday, the impeachment proceedings are presenting a historic test of political judgment in a case that is dividing Congress and the country.

Departing for a NATO meeting in London, Trump criticized the House for pushing forward Monday with proceedings while he was heading overseas, a breach of political decorum that traditionally leaves partisan differences at

the water's edge.

He predicted Republicans would actually benefit from the entire impeachment effort against him, though "it's a disgrace for our country."

For the Democrats, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi faces a critical moment of her leadership as she steers the process ahead after resisting the impeachment inquiry through the summer, warning it was too divisive for the country and required bipartisan support.

Speaking to reporters at the international climate conference in Madrid, Pelosi declined to engage with impeachment questions. "When we travel abroad, we don't talk about the president in a negative way," she said. "We save that for home."

Possible grounds for impeachment are focused on whether Trump abused his office as he pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in a July 25 phone call to launch investigations into Trump's political rivals. At the time, Trump was withholding \$400 million in military aid, jeopardizing key support as Ukraine faced an aggressive Russia at its border.

The report, which the Intelligence panel will vote on Tuesday and make public, also is expected to include evidence the Democrats say suggests obstruction of Congress, based on Trump's instructions for his administration to defy subpoenas for documents and testimony.

The next step comes when the Judiciary Committee gavels open its own hearing with legal experts to assess the findings and consider potential articles of impeachment ahead of a possible vote by the full

House by Christmas. That would presumably send it to the Senate for a trial in January.

The Democratic majority on the Intelligence Committee says its report, compiled after weeks of testimony from current and former diplomats and administration officials, will speak for itself in laying out the president's actions toward Ukraine.

Republicans pre-empted the report's public release with their own 123-page rebuttal.

In it, they claim there's no evidence Trump pressured Zelenskiy. Instead, they say Democrats just want to undo the 2016 election. Republicans dismiss witness testimony of a shadow diplomacy being run by Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, and they rely on the president's insistence that he was merely concerned about "corruption" in Ukraine — though the White House transcript of Trump's phone call with Zelenskiy never mentions the word.

"They are trying to impeach President Trump because some unelected bureaucrats chafed at an elected President's 'outside the beltway' approach to diplomacy," according to the report from Republican Reps. Devin Nunes of California, Jim Jordan of Ohio and Michael McCaul of Texas.

Trump on Monday pointed to Zelenskiy's recent comments as proof he did nothing wrong. The Ukrainian president said in an interview he never talked to Trump "from the position of a quid pro quo," but he didn't say Trump did nothing wrong. In fact, he had strong criticism for Trump's actions in the Time magazine interview.

With Ukraine at war with Russia, he said, its partners "can't go blocking anything for us."

Schiff said the GOP response was intended for an audience of one, Trump, whose actions are "outside the law and constitution."

The finished Intelligence Committee report sets up the week's cascading actions.

Democrats could begin drafting articles of impeachment against the president in a matter of days, with voting in the Judiciary Committee

next week.

Republicans on the committee, led by Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, plan to rely on procedural moves to stall the process and portray the inquiry as a sham.

The White House declined an invitation to participate, with Counsel Pat Cipollone denouncing the proceedings as a "baseless and highly partisan inquiry" in a letter to Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

Trump had previously suggested that he might be willing to offer written testimony under certain conditions, though aides suggested they did not anticipate Democrats would ever agree to them.

Cipollone's letter of nonparticipation applied only to the Wednesday hearing, and he demanded more information from Democrats on how they intended to conduct further hearings before Trump would decide whether to participate.

Nadler said Monday if the president really thought his call with Ukraine was "perfect," as he repeatedly says, he would "provide exculpatory information that refutes the overwhelming evidence of his abuse of power."

House rules provide the president and his attorneys the right to cross-examine witnesses and review evidence before the committee, but little ability to bring forward witnesses of their own.

Asked why not have his lawyers participate, Trump said Monday: "Because the whole thing is a hoax. Everybody knows it."



President Donald Trump speaks with reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before departing, Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, in Washington. PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON/AP PHOTO

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10 wounded in shooting near New Orleans’ French Quarter

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ten people were shot and wounded early Sunday near the French Quarter in New Orleans, a popular spot for tourists. Hours later in another part of town, another shooting killed two men and wounded two others.

Police said both shootings remain under investigation, and authorities did not immediately draw any connection between them.

Two of the 10 people shot on Canal Street near the French Quarter were in critical condition in local hospitals, Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said. No arrests were announced by midday Sunday, and police did not immediately release information about any of the victims.

“What happened in our city overnight was a cowardly and senseless act that we cannot and will not tolerate,” Ferguson said in a statement.

He said New Orleans has seen a significant reduction in violent crime over the past four years.

Ferguson told The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune that a person of interest has been

detained, but it was not immediately clear whether the person had any connection to the shooting.

The first shootings happened about 3:20 a.m. on a busy commercial block of Canal Street that has streetcar tracks and is near many hotels.

Ferguson said police quickly responded to the scene as patrols were heightened for this weekend’s Bayou Classic, the annual Thanksgiving weekend rivalry football game between Grambling State and Southern University at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

“While this investigation is in the very beginning stages, one thing is certain — we will not stop until we identify and arrest those responsible,” Ferguson said in his statement.

New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell also pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice.

“The shootings on Canal Street early this morning were an ugly disruption of an otherwise beautiful holiday weekend. We will do everything we can to wrap the victims and their families in our love and support, and to bring the

criminals responsible to justice,” she said via Twitter on Sunday.

Kenneth Culbreth told The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune that he had gone into a CVS pharmacy in the early morning hours to make a quick purchase. Moments later, he walked out to a crime scene.

“On my way out of the CVS, I heard pops,” Culbreth said. “It was so many, I couldn’t keep count.”

Culbreth spent the rest of the morning watching the scene, with law enforcement and several emergency vehicles moving in and out at a rapid pace.

Police initially said 10 people were wounded. They later said 11 were wounded, but the police department then sent a statement saying the correct number was 10.

The shooting on Canal Street happened near the spot where 10 people were shot, one of them fatally, on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter on Nov. 27, 2016. One man was convicted of attempted manslaughter and obstruction of justice, but jurors could not reach a verdict on a second-degree murder charge. Another man awaits trial.



New Orleans police investigate the scene of a shooting Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, on the edge of the city’s famed French Quarter. PHOTO BY MAX BECHERER, AP PHOTO / LOUISIANA BUSINESS INC. OUT (INCLUDING GREATER BATON ROUGE BUSINESS REPORT, 225, 10/12, INREGISTER, LBI CUSTOM)

Dictionary.com chooses ‘existential’ as word of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Climate change, gun violence, the very nature of democracy and an angsty little movie star called Forky helped propel “existential” to Dictionary.com’s word of the year.

The choice reflects months of high-stakes threats and crises, real and pondered, across the news, the world and throughout 2019.

“In our data, it speaks to this sense of grappling with our survival, both literally and figuratively, that defined so much of the discourse,” said John Kelly, senior research editor for the site, ahead of Monday’s announcement.

The word earned top of mind awareness in sustained searches at Dictionary.com in the aftermath of wildfires and Hurricane Dorian, and mass shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand, and El Paso, Texas. It also reared itself in presidential politics and pop culture, including Forky the white plastic spork who was the breakout star of “Toy Story 4.”

The soiled utensil is convinced his destiny is in the trash, until he embraces his purpose as a treasured toy of kindergartener Bonnie.

“Forky underscores how this sense of grappling can also inspire us to ask big questions about who we are, about our purpose,” Kelly told The Associated Press.

Oxford Dictionaries picked “climate emergency” as its word of the year, noting usage evidence that reflects the “ethos, mood, or preoccupations of the passing year,” the company said in a statement.

Dictionary.com crunches lookup and other data to decide which word to anoint each year. The site has been picking a word of the year since 2010.

Among search spikes for “existential” were those that oc-

curred after both Democratic presidential contender Bernie Sanders and 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg characterized climate change as an “existential” crisis, Kelly said.

Another spike occurred when former Vice President Joe Biden, also vying for the Democratic presidential nod, painted President Donald Trump as an “existential threat” to decency.

The word dates to 1685, deriving from Late Latin’s “existentialis.” Dictionary.com defines existential as “of or relating to existence” and “of, relating to, or characteristic of philosophical existentialism; concerned with the nature of human existence as determined by the individual’s freely made choices.”

Enter Martin Heidegger, Karl Jaspers, Gabriel Marcel and Jean-Paul Sartre, thinkers who molded and embraced existentialism, among other movements.

Climate, guns and the impeachment crisis for President Donald Trump were just a few areas that seemed to frame debate in existential terms. So did the Hong Kong protests, the Notre Dame fire, tensions between the United States and China, and Big Tech’s privacy and fake news problems.

“We started to see existential in the dialogue beginning in January and all the way through the year,” said Jennifer Steeves-Kiss, Dictionary.com’s chief executive officer. “This is a consistent theme that we saw in our data, but it also was leveraged across many different important questions of our time.”

As for Forky, his journey from disposable utensil to hand-made toy points to the concept of “agency,” Kelly said, referring to the power to direct our own existences. That, he said, affords us the “opportunity to turn existential threats into existential choices.”

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52 CHARGED WITH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OVER HOLIDAY

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut State Police say they arrested 52 people suspected of driving under the influence and investigated two fatal traffic crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period.

Troopers responded to more than 7,200 calls for service in the five-day period that started at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and ended at 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

They issued 385 speeding tickets and 1,257 citations for other violations including cell-phone usage and unsafe lane changes.

Troopers investigated 593 crashes, including 61 with injuries. The fatal crashes occurred in Plainville and Norwalk.

During the Thanksgiving holiday period last year, state police made 25 DUI arrests and investigated 573 accidents, two of which were fatal.

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RABBI CONVICTED OF SEX ABUSE GETS 12 YEARS IN PRISON

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut rabbi convicted of repeatedly sexually abusing a teenage boy more than a decade ago was sentenced Monday to 12 years in prison.

Superior Court Judge Jon Alander imposed the punishment on Daniel Greer, 79, of New Haven, whose lawyer has said he expects to appeal the convictions. Greer, who denies the allegations, also would have to register as a sex offender for 10 years after the prison time.

Alander said Greer’s sexual abuse was a “monumental betrayal” and “a colossal violation of trust,” the New Haven Register

reported.

“He committed the worst possible crime in the worst possible way,” the judge said.

A New Jersey man, Eliyahu Mirlis, alleged Greer sexually abused him when he attended the Yeshiva of New Haven school in 2002 and 2003. Mirlis, now 32, called Greer a “monster,” in a statement read by a prosecutor. Mirlis attended the sentencing.

“Daniel Greer has never apologized for all he did to me,” the statement said. “Daniel Greer has no remorse. Daniel Greer should be incarcerated immediately to stop him from committing future crimes.”

The Associated Press

generally does not name sexual assault victims, but Mirlis wanted to come forward.

Greer, who founded Yeshiva of New Haven, declined to speak at the sentencing, citing the appeal.

A jury convicted Greer in September of four counts of risk of injury to a minor.

Mirlis said Greer sexually assaulted him on school property, in the bedroom of Greer’s New Haven home and at motels in Branford and in Philadelphia and Paoli, Pennsylvania, among other places.

Mirlis was awarded \$15 million in a federal civil lawsuit against Greer, who is appealing.

STATE TROOPER IN COURT TO FACE DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGES

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut State Police sergeant charged with drinking heavily at a retirement party for a colleague before injuring two women in an off-duty car crash has made his initial court appearance.

John McDonald was released after his arraignment Monday on charges including drunken driving and assault with a motor vehicle.

Neither he nor his attorney, Robert Britt, addressed the allegations

outside of Middletown Superior Court.

Authorities say the 37-year-old McDonald consumed at least eight alcoholic drinks at an Oxford brew pub during the party before the Sept. 25 accident in Southbury.

Troopers say McDonald was driving more than 70 mph and ran a stop sign before crashing into another car, injuring a 52-year-old Middlebury woman and her 19-year-old daughter. They have sued McDonald.

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Tourism is bad for locals and the environment. How do we fix this?

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Who doesn't want a vacation right about now? Especially as the weather gets worse here in Connecticut, jetting away to somewhere livelier and warmer sounds nice. There's just one problem: You have to be a tourist.

The tourism industry is a world of contradictions. It is opulent for those at the top but often leaves the actual destinations destitute. It is beloved by the governments that prosper from it but is often reviled by actual citizens. It can give tourists a more worldly perspective but also contribute to a great deal of injustice. How do we reconcile these problems?

Tourism has been around for a long time — the Seven Wonders of the World were tourist sites for the ancient Greeks and Romans. Historically, the rationale for all this travel has been “just don't think about it too hard.” But just as technological advances have made travel more available for the average person, they have made us more aware of the state of the world. As it turns out, there is a large, dark underbelly to the glamor of tourism.

At its best, the tourism industry allows funds to be redistributed from the wealthy visiting far-off places to the local communities in those places. However, this isn't always the case. The interests of tourists are not always or even often in line with those of the residents. This is especially true in places with unstable or corrupt governments. Perhaps infrastructure upgrades can be helpful to the region, but is it really fair to say that knick-knack shops are a route to actual economic progress? Or how about restaurants catering to tourists that are of little affordability or interest to the residents?

Jobs near tourist destinations too often end up being low-paying and unfulfilling. So, while tourism can be helpful for development, it is not necessarily economically sustainable. This is especially true in the most vulnerable places, as nothing ruins a tourism industry like war or civil unrest.

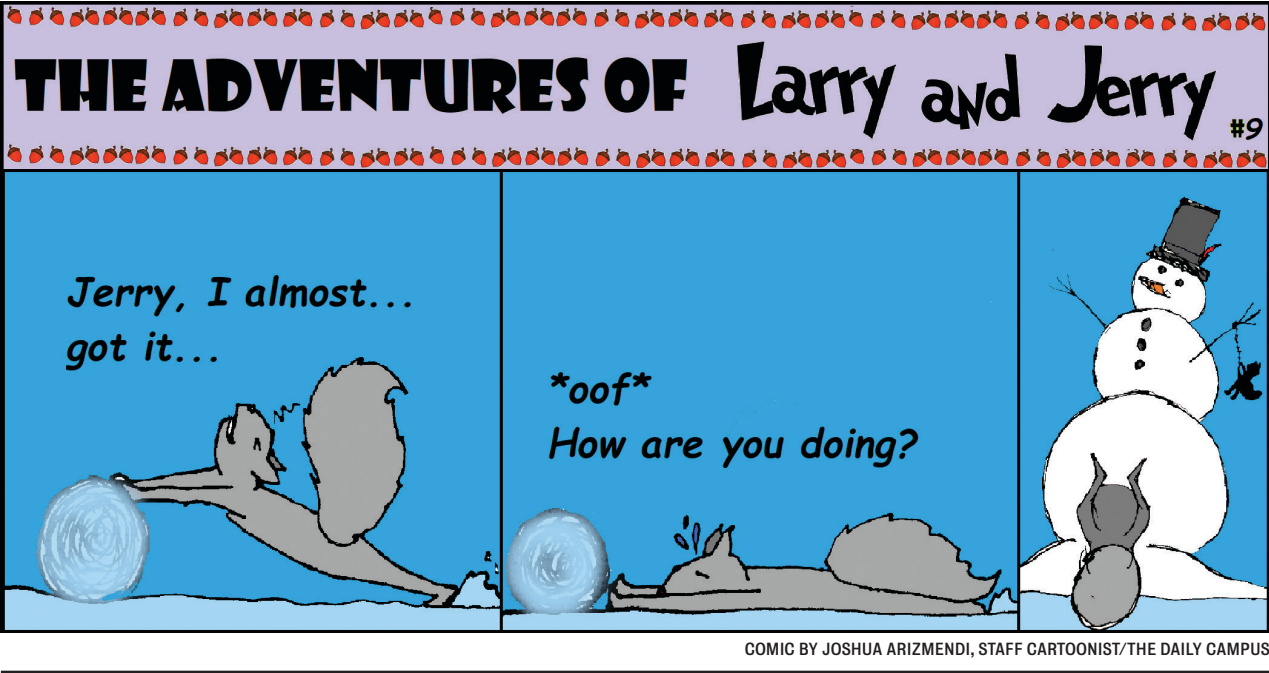
Unsustainable is often the word that comes up when discussing tourism's environmental impact as well. Tourism can be done in a way that is not overly detrimental to the environment, but these ways are less fun and comfortable, or at least are perceived as so. There is no doubt that planes carting travellers all around the world at every moment is not the best for the environment, though. The pampering of much of the tourism industry also results in a lot of waste byproducts. These aren't problems inherent to the tourism industry in particular, but consumerism as a whole is rampant there.

The largest problem with tourism is the ethical grayness of the way in which the industry conducts itself. Ideally, tourism allows for the broadening of perspectives, the understanding of cultures other than your own. Is it successful in this?

Well, that's a loaded question. Many governments around the world are very careful to craft a specific image of themselves to tourists. North Korea is the most stark modern example of this, but every country does it to a certain extent. After all, if a country is making a lot of money off of tourism, keeping a good reputation is necessary to keep people coming. In this way, the industry will try to hide unsavory or unappealing aspects of destination locations. Alternatively, they may exploit poverty in the region to sell an entirely different image, known as “slum tourism.”

Furthermore, what of the tourist attractions themselves? Part of the reason Britain is such a nice tourist destination is all the history there. And nowhere can you get a more worldly view of historical artifacts than the British Museum. The great irony here, though, is that most of the items there are not originally British! Instead, it is a collection of things taken from all around the world. While it is spectacular to see so much, it leaves an uneasy feeling. By going there and supporting British tourism, are we not complicit in centuries of oppression?

Of course, it is impossible to completely quash all of these contradictions. At the end of the day, tourism involves non-residents contributing to the local and national economies. So, when it comes time to budget out this money, sometimes the interests of the tourism industry will run counter to the interests of the local people. At the very least, thoughts should be put into how you travel and visit other places. While we cannot fix all the inherent issues, we can at least hold ourselves accountable to act respectfully, open-mindedly and thoughtfully. We can hold tourist destinations accountable for putting the sustainability and well-being of their own residents first.



How to learn the truth with statistics

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Arguments are sets of statements called premises followed by a conclusion. Arguments are used as a means of rationalizing decision making. It is incumbent upon the populace to evaluate arguments in such a manner as to prevent flawed reasoning resulting in flawed decision making.

In the west, logical analysis is often considered as the best method of determining the propriety of the conclusion of an argument, given true premises. Unfortunately, there are many intuitively compelling argument forms and rhetorical stratagems that fail to properly support the conclusion upon rigorous analysis. If these compelling but faulty forms are commonly encountered, they are collectively called fallacies and given specific names to create shortcuts in analysis through recognition of these fallacies. Despite the bad faith use of these fallacies by politicians and companies, practicing and studying statistics and logic can aid in analyzing arguments.

Before the tricks that exploit intuition can be studied, a discussion of the acceptable methods of argumentation is required. Formal deductive logic is the study of how the form of an argument enables or fails to en-

able the conclusion to follow from the premises.

Critically, formal logic is split into logical analysis and truth value analysis. Logical analysis attempts to determine if the arguments form requires the entailment of the conclusion from the premises. If the form fails to withstand the logical analysis, we call the argument invalid. The politician's syllogism is a formal fallacy, popularly used for arguments regarding emotionally charged subject matter as it proposes action without evaluating whether the proposal actually solves the problem addressed.

Other formal fallacies include denying the antecedent, affirming the consequent and the fallacy of the four terms (also an informal fallacy).

Fallacies need not be restricted to deductive arguments but can also apply to inductive and abductive arguments. Inductive logic and abductive arguments both consist of an argument where the conclusion is more general than the premises but lacks the certainty of a deductive conclusion which does not engage in such generalizations. Induction is the logic of generalizing from observations to reasonable consequences of a generalized form of the observations. Abduction attempts to ascertain the explanation for the observations that requires the least unqualified assumptions. Due to

the means in which humans experience the world, most arguments tend to be inductive or abductive.

Famous inductive and abductive fallacies include probabilistic fallacies and abuse of induction when induction fails, such as assuming all swans are white from a single white swan or that the police must restore stolen items even if it is contraband.

Probabilistic fallacies arise out of statistical innumeracy leading to faulty conclusions. Darell Huff, an American journalist, discusses common statistical tricks utilized to fool the public in his book “How to Lie with Statistics.”

The best guard against such deceptions is an evaluation of the original data which produced the conclusion. An introductory logic or statistics course would hopefully impart the knowledge of the tricks utilized to deceive or mislead the statistically innumerate. However, knowledge of these tricks does not inculcate a reasoner from these fallacies, unless that knowledge is applied. However, without knowledge, it is impossible to defend against these fallacies. As such, to provide the requisite knowledge, I recommend making an introductory logic or statistics course mandatory for students in high school.

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Kamala Harris's attack on patient rights

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On every side of the political spectrum, from elected officials to activists to average people, you will find a concern for mental health. There is a serious deficiency in this country of adequate mental health care coverage, and it is endemic of a range of issues from substance abuse to gun violence. Nearly every Democratic candidate running for president includes some mention of mental health on their campaign websites. Bernie Sanders, for example, includes comprehensive, universal mental healthcare as a part of his Medicare for All plan, while others, such as Joe Biden, include the bare minimum, with little to no explanation on new policy.

Kamala Harris, however, is the only candidate to dedicate an entire section of their campaign website to mental healthcare. She released an entire eight-page policy plan. While this may sound like a bold, progressive step, this policy plan actually represents a full attack on the rights of patients.

First, it should be acknowledged there are certain aspects of Harris's plan that, divorced from context, are good. Her first bullet point is “mental health on demand,” which is a laudable progressive goal. However, this point is a larger part of her “Medicare for All” plan. KamalaC are would include a 10-year transition period, which means any hostile administration elected in 2024 or 2028 could effectively dismantle it before it's even implemented, as well as the further privatization of Medicare and the continuation of private health insurance providers. It is impossible to divorce the potential good within Harris's mental health plan from the complete ineffectiveness of her healthcare plan.

One phrase that shows up repeat-

edly in Harris's plan is “serious mental illnesses” (SMI). There is no hard definition within the plan about what is considered a serious mental illness, beyond “mental, behavioral, or emotional disorders, such as schizophrenia or severe bipolar disorder, that substantially interfere with major life activities.” This phrasing gives healthcare providers and policy makers free range to decide for themselves what is and isn't considered a serious mental illness. On its face, this may seem like a good thing — after all, why shouldn't doctors, who are considered experts in their fields, be able to decide what is and isn't serious. This represents a fundamental misunderstanding of the relationship between doctors and their most marginalized patients.

Kamala Harris's policy plan actually represents a full attack on the rights of patients.

Disabled people frequently struggle to get diagnoses from their healthcare providers and are forced to struggle with debilitating symptoms while doing their own research. For decades, women have suffered from systematic underdiagnosis, and to this day black and indigenous women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy compared to white women. Harris herself acknowledged this as a consequence of systematic bias, however her mental healthcare plan does not recognize how this bias can extend to

those with mental disabilities.

The most concerning aspect of Harris's mental health plan is its complete attack on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). HIPAA, which was passed in 1996, is a government policy which, among other things, guarantees privacy protections for patients. The final section within Harris's plan, titled “Amend HIPAA to ensure family members can adequately support persons with mental illness,” represents an attempt to totally gut those protections for some of America's most vulnerable. This policy would give providers free range to disclose confidential health information without the patient's consent. This policy makes special mention to “permit disclosure of ‘financial’ and ‘treatment and care’ health information to family members that provide housing, case management, and transportation support to loved ones with mental illnesses.” This would be especially devastating for transgender youths seeking medical care without the knowledge of their potentially abusive parents.

Harris's mental health plan is representative of much larger issues with her campaign, a paternalistic approach that has little faith in the competency of the average person. Rather than empowering those who are living with mental illnesses and disabilities, Harris's plan relegates them to passive observers in their own healthcare as opposed to active participants. Instead of relying on institutions that have historically been deeply harmful and abusive towards the people they have been entrusted to protect, we must first and foremost involve those who would be most affected. We must take steps to improve the ability of people living with mental disabilities to advocate for themselves and to live independently without having to rely on those who might not have their best interests at heart.



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Students practice yoga and make hot chocolate in Werth Tower in order to de-stress before finals.
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‘LIVING WELL’ FOR FINALS WEEK

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A snowstorm scare and the impending stress of the upcoming final exams is a lot for students to handle right out of the gate after Thanksgiving break, but there are definitely some ways for you to prepare yourself academically, mentally and emotionally for the end of the semester. Last night in the Werth Tower Forum, UConn’s Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted “Living Well: A Finals Wellness Event” to provide students with a relaxing space to destress and put themselves in the right mindset for finals. The resources they provided, along with the following study tips at the end of the article should help

you get started on a conducive and productive final exams plan. “We collaborated with USG [Undergraduate Student Government] Student Services, Diversability and Active Minds to provide stress-free activities for students to partake in,” Kailee Heinrich, a fifth-semester political science and American studies double major and president of RHA, said. “We wanted to do this event to give students a space to destress before finals and to come back and relax after Thanksgiving break.” The organizations all had their own tables at the event with members to talk to and provide wellness resources. Along with a trainer-led yoga session, there was a Bigelow tea table with free promotional items

and a buffet of various tea packets and hot water for students to brew their own cups. If that wasn’t students’ cup of tea, there was also free mason jars to fill up with hot cocoa powder and toppings like chocolate chips, marshmallows, candy canes and cinnamon for them to stock up for warm cups in the cold days ahead. “The goal [of this event] was to promote ways to destress, which is especially important as finals are practically upon us, and I feel like we were able to successfully do that,” Kanu Caplash, a fifth-semester biological sciences major and co-chairperson of the USG Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee, said. “Practices like yoga are great for self-care.

Overall it seemed like people really enjoyed the event and we even got some more people to join the Mental Health & Wellness Subcommittee!” Diversability, a student group on campus that “seek[s] to create spaces to discuss ability, disability, access and inclusion” was also available for student support. Group member Justin Claspell, a fifth-semester psychology major, describes the club as “an open place for [them] to come together and talk about and advocate for mental health awareness and disabilities.” “Our meetings are like support groups, almost, where people can come and talk about advocacy and accessibility,” Morgan Wicklen, a seventh-semester human

development and family sciences major, and Jordan Cook, a seventh-semester animal science major, said. “The crazy thing is, 14 % of people on campus have come to talk to the CSD about disabilities, but it’s more likely that around 28% of our student body has a disability and just won’t talk about it.” “We program for the entire on-campus student body,” Heinrich said about RHA. “Some of our upcoming events [include] a welcome back to campus event on the first day of classes next semester and we’re going to be doing a Valentine’s day ice skating event at the ice rink in February. Our big event in the spring, ‘UConnapalooza,’ is during Spring Week-end, so check us out!”

TURKEY DROP

THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING MOVIE FOR COLLEGE KIDS



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When I saw Freeform was debuting a new Thanksgiving movie, I thought it would be a perfect watch for break. I also thought since the movie was on Freeform, it would be filled with annoying teen clichés. Thankfully, the movie had a deeper, relatable meaning that balanced out some of the hackneyed plot devices all too common in teen movies. “Turkey Drop” follows Lucy (Olivia Holt), an Idaho native and freshman at Arizona Vista University, as she returns home for Thanksgiving. It’s the first time she’s been home since the start of the school year, and she’s worried that her high school boyfriend is going to dump her over the break. Though Lucy doesn’t want that to happen, there’s also a new guy in her life: Her brother’s annoying friend turned love interest, Dean (Ben Levin). Audiences watch as Lucy struggles to communicate her feelings and make hard decisions before Thanksgiving. The movie isn’t about Thanksgiving really, but focuses on Lucy’s growth and development as she learns to accept change. Throughout the movie Lucy argues that change isn’t good and only complicates things. By the end of the film, however, Lucy begins to view change as a positive thing that allows people to move forward in their life. The narrative of “Turkey Drop” nicely portrayed this theme of change. Lucy being a college freshman was perfect for the theme, since freshman year of college is possibly the most change-filled year of a person’s life: They’re living in a new place, they’re meeting new people and they’re learning who they are on their own. The juxtaposition of other characters like Dean, the new love interest, with Jordan, Lucy’s

boyfriend of five years, also helped to demonstrate how change can be beneficial. Audiences root for Lucy to like Dean, a guy who cares about and is clearly interested in her, instead of Jordan, who seemed to go MIA when Lucy was away at school in Arizona. Not only does Lucy learn relationships can change, she learns that she herself can change to become better at something she never thought she’d be good at. It was nice to see the confidence boost that Lucy gets from completing the 10k Turkey Trot and even better to see her use this newfound confidence to make a hard decision. “Turkey Drop” was a cute movie overall. Holt played a lovable, insecure Lucy who learned how to get what she wanted. While Holt gave a great performance, Levin’s portrayal of Lucy’s love interest was somewhat stereotypical and bland. Unlike other cinematic love interests, Levin’s Dean didn’t have any interesting personality trait or hobby that really made him stand out to audiences as boyfriend material besides his romantic interest in Lucy. Dean was a one-dimensional character, but his concern for Lucy made him endearing. The movie was a fun watch for Thanksgiving break since it was set during the holidays. Though it wasn’t so much about Thanksgiving and the meaning of the holiday, it was still nice to see a movie set during Turkey Day since it’s often overshadowed by Christmas. Holt’s performance and the theme of “Turkey Drop” made it a good movie to watch for college-aged people. The challenges of growing up and finding one’s own voice that Lucy went through are relevant for any college student, and “Turkey Drop” treats the issues in a way that might just have you rethinking your own ideas about change. **Rating: 4/5**

the undertow

My Five Favorite Albums of the Year

Daniel Cohn
STAFF WRITER

It's the end of the decade, and that's huge! So big in fact, that we're having a wonderful end-of-decade special edition this Friday for our final print of the semester, including a special "decade wrap-up" music column from yours truly. Flip to the Life section at the end of the week to find what will likely be a wrap-up of what made this decade special in music. That or 2,000 words on why Bobby Shmurda is the most significant artist of the past 10 years. It's a coin toss. Here's my five favorite albums of 2019 (through publication).



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The Scary Jokes - "Burn Pygmalion!!! a Better Guide to Romance"

Wrote about them already! In short, this is a lovely third project from New Jersey-based The Scary Jokes. It's theatrical, orchestratic masterfully and combines so much about how music brings creativity out of people. Give it a listen!



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JPEGMAFIA - "All My Heroes Are Cornballs"

Getting ahead of myself here in terms of talking about the decade, but if there's any way that rap (and music, really) has transformed since 2009, it's how the internet transformed the genre. No more is rap contained to one "moment" or one person leading the genre towards the future — it's anyone's game. Baltimore's JPEGMAFIA, for my money, holds the torch in the experimental indie-rap scene right now, and "All My Heroes Are Cornballs" will serve as the moment he lit the flame. Each song on here shows immense vision in production and thought, and sounds nothing like anything you'll here on Billboard right now. "Free the Frail" is a heartfelt anthem that anchors this project as my favorite rap album of the year.

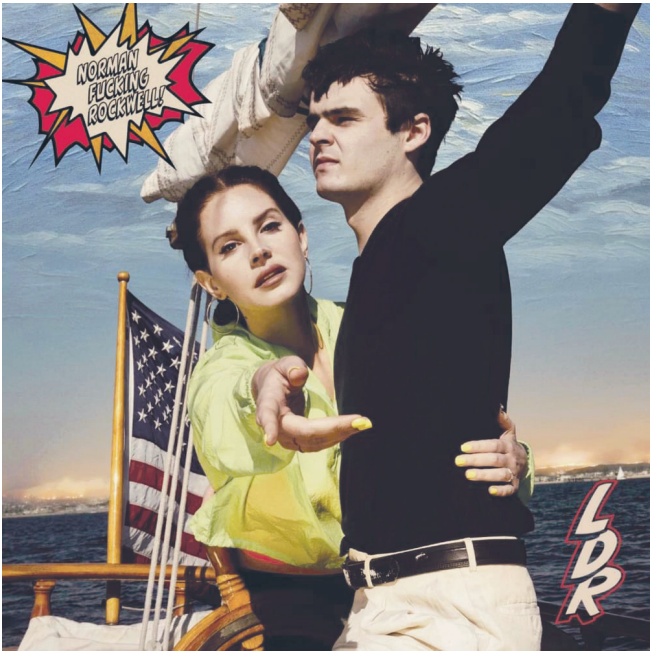


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5. Have a Nice Life - "Sea of Worry"

I'm not a hardcore guy, but this album makes me want to spray anarchy symbols on the side of the Student Union. Have a Nice Life, straight out of Middletown, released their first album in five years and third total last month with "Sea of Worry." Like a baby elephant, it's beautiful and surprisingly heavy if you're not careful. The album ends with "Destinos," one of my favorite tracks of the year, but it's not a track at all. It's a 13+ minute epic that starts with a droning monologue from a pastor about god and hell, with some cacophonous musical background. This album completely caught me off guard, even as someone who appreciates HANL's previous output. Looking forward to spending the 2020s as a post-hardcore groupie!

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3. Weyes Blood - "Titanic Rising"

With "Titanic Rising," Weyes Blood arose from the endless indie landscape and planted her flag as one of the best artists on the rise out there right now. "Movies" is a transcendent synth-driven ballad that may end up by favorite track of the year. The oscillating pattern behind Weyes Blood's soothing vocals push the song forward through the near six-minute runtime, and you lose yourself in her words. I have it on right now, and it's hard to write and not just swirl around my room like a scarf in a blizzard. This entire album is an aural massage.

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1. Lana Del Rey - "Norman Fucking Rockwell!"

One of the biggest comeback albums of the decade, let alone the year. I, as well as much of the greater pop community, wrote Lana off an album or two ago, as she refused to evolve and insisted on retreating into familiar territory. This album slapped me in the face for thinking that for a second. "NFR!" puts Lana's always phenomenal vocals on her most stunning and glamorous production yet, making for a listening experience that hasn't dulled in the slightest in the months since its release. I cannot pick a favorite song on this album, it's just that good. It's almost harder to pick a least favorite song, as this is one of the cohesive pop projects I've heard in quite some time. The tracks flow from one to another more like an opera than a modern pop project, yet they can stand on their own as must-haves to your next playlist. This is easily the album of the year.



Melissa's Menu

Holiday 'trash' cookies

Melissa Scrivani
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The holidays have always been my favorite time to bake. For as long as I can remember, I've helped my mom bake tons of Christmas cookies every December, and now any kind of baking around this time is special and sentimental for me. I find baking fun and comforting, and there's nothing better than sharing freshly baked treats with friends and family. This week I'm sharing the perfect recipe to try out this holiday season: Holiday "trash" cookies. Don't be turned away by the name — they are called "trash" cookies because they're loaded with snacks you might already have in the kitchen. They are similar to chocolate chip cookies but have pretzels, potato chips and sprinkles added into the dough. The result is a cookie that's not too overwhelming and has the perfect balance of salty and sweet. This recipe is easy to make and can be modified to include any other ingredients you want to add, such as caramel chews or M&Ms.

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup of unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup of granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon of kosher salt
- 1/3 cup of crushed potato chips
- 1/3 cup of crushed pretzels
- 1/3 cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons of red and green sprinkles
- Flaky sea salt, for garnish

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a large bowl, mix together butter and sugar with a hand mixer until light and fluffy, for about three to four minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla until combined. In another large bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt until combined. Add dry ingredients to the wet mixture and mix until smooth (the dough will be thick).

Gently fold in potato chips, pretzels, chocolate chips and sprinkles. Scoop tablespoon-sized balls of dough and transfer them onto the prepared baking sheets. Slightly press them down onto baking sheets and sprinkle with sea salt. Bake until edges are just starting to get golden, for about seven to eight minutes. Remove from the oven and let them cool for about two or three minutes, then transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.



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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Chances of a snowday tomorrow?



A bundled-up student walks around a newly snow-covered campus on Monday, Dec. 2. The snow began on Sunday and continued into Monday. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS,

Crossword

ACROSS

1 "If I may interject ..."

5 Stops to smell the roses

11 Briquette's fate

14 Passed

15 Potassium hydroxide, e.g.

16 Siete menos seis

17 Threat to the queen's cotton?

19 Water source

20 Hersey's "A Bell for ..."

21 Wind dir.

22 Call forth

24 Help for a sad BFF

26 Subject of the first picture in Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition"

27 Satan's broadcaster?

34 Physical, e.g.

35 On the move

36 Plane compartment

37 Told, as an elaborate tale

38 Repeating rhythmic pattern used in Cuban music

39 Balderdash

40 39-Down carrier

41 Deli equipment

42 Protected at sea

43 Really unpopular fish?

46 Rushed

47 Mauna ____

48 Expert

49 "____ Kapital"

52 Make whole

56 First woman to land a triple axel in competition

57 1958 Orson Welles film noir ... and a hint to 17-, 27- and 43-Across

60 Revival prefix

61 Overshoot

62 Bear's cry

63 Philosophy

64 Trinket

65 Town near Padua

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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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PEA PESOS LEXUS

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33 They're often bent

39 About 125 million people

41 Not objective

44 Halogen suffix

45 High hair style

48 Revealing apparel

49 Household glue brand

50 Served very well

51 ____ butter

53 "Variations on 'America'" composer

54 List

55 How she looks in Paris?

58 Good Grips kitchenware brand

59 "They say there is divinity in ____ numbers": Falstaff

The truth of statistics

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Furthermore, there are informal fallacies which distract from the analysis through irrelevant objections or personal attacks. These include the infamous slippery slope fallacy, nirvana fallacy, ad hominem, genetic fallacy, red herring, Gish gallop, argumentum ad populum and begging the question. Another extremely pernicious fallacy is the fallacy fallacy, where one argues that a conclusion is false due to the invalid argument used to support it. These all rely on specious claims and often involve attacking reputation or soundness rather than validity. All informal fallacies disregard the analysis and potential alternative arguments that could support the conclusion.

Why do we commit such errors in reasoning? Firstly, as demonstrated by the Wason selection task, most people are unaware of proper logical forms. This test asks participants to select which "cards" would enable them to determine the truth of a given conditional rule, but 75 to 80% of people fail to apply the valid form of material implication and instead follow intuitions about how to falsify the conditional.

Psychologists Leda Cosmides and John Tooby argue that an overreliance on heuristics and specific problems explains these failures of logical reasoning.

These heuristics may not generalize to other contexts, especially as natural languages have significant extra-logical components that reasoners may have difficulty in decoupling from the arguments. Secondly, for many politicians, their proposals may not stand up to truth and logical analysis; therefore it is useful for such politicians to prevent such analysis from occurring. Even those with law degrees, which

should inculcate a politician from these fallacies, does not ensure that a politician will not exploit the public's lack of knowledge for political or commercial gain. If well-reasoned

policy is not the goal of a politician, but rather personal or ideological success in enacting bills, the compelling nature of these faulty arguments would convince all but the most scrupulous politicians from indulging in these forms in order to persuade those who lack awareness of these fallacies.

As one can see, fallacious arguments are common in political discourse. This can arise out of a lack of knowledge of these fallacies or a lack of will to apply such knowledge. The lack of knowledge is most likely rectified by requiring introductory logic and statistics courses for students. These courses may not succeed in preventing the use of such fallacies, but will resign such fallacies to a failure to apply knowledge of the fallacies or bad

Arguments are sets of statements called premises followed by a conclusion.

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THERE IS NO BUTTER IN BUTTERMILK.

Brazil is named after a tree.

A GROUP OF WHALES IS CALLED A POD.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

Sudoku

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Questions with Mr. Koalawala

Should I use the force today?

Time to Bill-ieve? Buffalo in thick of AFC playoff race

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — It was only a few weeks ago when the Bills had a 7-3 record, and quarterback Josh Allen acknowledged he and his teammates had taken a peek at the playoff picture.

“I wouldn’t say we’ve started talking about it, but you do want to keep an eye on what everybody else is doing,” the second-year starter responded, before making a cautious projection. “At the end of the day, I think you need at least 10 wins to get in.”

Two weeks and two wins later, the question for Allen now might be why stop there?

Returning from an extended weekend off following their convincing 26-15 win at Dallas on Thanksgiving Day, the Bills are in the thick of the AFC playoff race.

At 9-3, the Bills will play the two teams ahead of them in the standings over the next three weeks, starting with the conference-leading Baltimore Ravens (10-2) coming to town Sunday, and Buffalo playing at New England (10-2) on Dec. 21.

Coach Sean McDermott on Monday promptly cooled talk of having any AFC East title aspirations by saying he’s solely focused on the immediate challenge ahead and noting how the dynamic Lamar Jackson-led Ravens might well be the league’s best team.

“They just can beat you in so

many different ways,” McDermott said of the Ravens, who have won eight straight and had outscored their previous five opponents by a combined margin of 202-62 before eking out a 20-17 win over San Francisco on Sunday. “I don’t think there’s really been a defense that’s cracked the code to this point, so to speak.”

And yet, McDermott appreciates the national attention the Bills are suddenly generating in having matched the team’s best record through 12 games in 23 years.

The latest sign of respect came Sunday, when the NFL flexed Buffalo into its most prestigious TV spot by moving the Bills’ game at Pittsburgh from a 1 p.m. start to prime time on Dec. 15. It will mark the first time Buffalo has played on Sunday night since a 56-10 loss to New England in 2007.

“We talk a lot about things being earned, and the guys have earned that. So, I don’t think we shy away from that standpoint,” McDermott said. “But we also know there’s a lot of work ahead of us, a lot of runway to go yet.”

Buffalo might still have much to prove, especially considering how it built much of its record by taking advantage of a soft early season schedule.

The perception toward the Bills, however, is beginning to change

based on the dominance they’ve shown in winning three straight.

Allen, selected seventh overall in the 2018 draft and 25 spots ahead of Jackson, is finding his rhythm. He’s overseeing an offense that has combined for 1,204 yards and nine touchdowns — seven of them passing — in its past three.

The uptick in production coincides with coordinator Brian Daboll introducing a no-huddle dimension.

And Buffalo’s defense has added a more attacking element by combining for 15 sacks over the past three games after managing just 22 in its first nine.

Bills players note there is also a difference between this year’s team and the one that sneaked into the playoffs on the final day of the 2017 season by clinching the AFC’s final wild-card berth only after Baltimore was eliminated by giving up a last-minute touchdown in a loss to Cincinnati.

“That was a whole different team,” safety Micah Hyde recently said, noting how the roster was already in transition following the arrival of McDermott and general manager Brandon Beane earlier that year.

“It was kind of one of those seasons where we didn’t know what to expect,” said Hyde, one of 12 remaining holdovers. “I think



Buffalo Bills’ Trent Murphy (93) and Kurt Coleman (28) celebrate a Dallas Cowboys fumble recovered by Murphy in the first half of a game in Arlington, Texas on Thursday, Nov. 28. PHOTO BY MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP PHOTO

going into this year, we expected to do something great. And that’s still where our mindset is.”

A win over Baltimore would have the Bills matching their best record through 13 games since 1991, which also happens to be the year Daboll turned 16 while growing up as a Bills fan in suburban Buffalo.

“Look, it’s good to play mean-

ingful games in December. That’s our goal and that’s where we’re at,” Daboll said. “But again, I can’t stress enough how it’s a week-to-week proposition and against the best team in football right now.”

He shrugged when asked what he was doing in 1991.

“I have no idea,” Daboll said, before allowing a smile. “Cheering these guys on, I know that.”

Patriots have much to clean up with Chiefs up next



Houston Texans wide receiver Kenny Stills (12) pulls in a pass in front of New England Patriots cornerback Jonathan Jones (31) for a touchdown on Sunday, Dec. 1 in Houston. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP PHOTO

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Issues on offense have been a recurring theme for the Patriots this season.

The saving grace has been a defense that put up historic numbers in guiding New England to an 8-0 start.

But for the second time in four games an opponent found a way to score points against that once imposing unit.

The latest setback, a 28-22 loss to Houston on Sunday, cost New England its place as the sole leader atop the AFC. It’s left the Patriots with much to clean up on both sides of the ball as they prepare to host Kansas City in a rematch of last season’s AFC championship game.

New England’s defense entered Sunday allowing a league-low 10.6 points per game and leading the NFL with 29 total takeaways. It had also allowed only four passing touchdowns through 11 games.

The Patriots (10-2) didn’t force a turnover on Sunday, while the Texans accounted for four passing scores. The passing TDs were the most that New England has given up since it surrendered three in a Week 14 loss at Miami last season.

Meanwhile, the Patriots are going through their roughest stretch this season on offense.

The Jets, Dolphins, Broncos rank in the bottom five in points per game in 2019 but are all averaging more points

than New England (18 ppg) since the start of November. Quarterback Tom Brady’s 88.2 passer rating is his lowest since 2013.

The Patriots remain in first place in the AFC East and are tied with Baltimore for the conference’s best record. But if both teams end the season with the same record, the Ravens would get the top seed in the playoffs by virtue of their win over New England on Nov. 3.

Safety Devin McCourty liked the fight the team showed late against Houston after finding itself trailing 21-3 in the third quarter. But he said it means nothing without a victory.

“Now, playing the good teams, you got to execute,” he said. “It’s not about just fighting and playing hard. You got to execute.”

During his weekly appearance on WEEI radio on Monday, Brady acknowledged that there must be better consistency on offense but said expectations must also be realistic for a group that’s already faced a lot of adversity.

“We not 2-10. We’re 10-2,” Brady said. “The expectations for our team often are at a very high level and I understand that. But at the same time, I think there’s realistic expectations with our circumstances, incorporating different elements and players and injuries. And we’re just trying to do the best that we can do.”

WHAT’S WORKING

New England got some help from a passive Texans defense in the fourth quarter, but the Patriots did look good in their final two offensive drives of the night. Despite starting with the ball on the 25- and 6-yardline, Brady led New England to a pair of touchdowns to give the Patriots a chance at a comeback.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The Patriots younger receivers were guilty of poor route running on multiple occasions, causing Brady to openly display his frustration on the sideline. With teams now using double teams on receiver Julian Edelman and running back James White, better precision by younger players like Phillip Dorsett, Jakobi Meyers and N’Keal Harry will be imperative for Brady to be able to spread the ball around.

STOCK UP

While White was well-covered for most of the night, he managed to lead the team with eight catches for 98 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for a team high 79 yards on 14 carries. The 177 scrimmage yards is a new career high.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady kneels on the turf after a play during a game against the Houston Texans on Sunday, Dec. 1 in Houston. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP PHOTO

NHL horror story

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Former player, Akim Aliu, via Twitter, expressed Calgary Flames coach Bill Peters used racial slurs against him multiple times because he did not like the rap music he was playing. At the time, about 10 years ago, Peters was Aliu’s coach for the Chicago Blackhawks AHL affiliate, the Rockford IceHogs. Aliu, who was born in Nigeria, could not speak out about his coach, especially as a minor leaguer who could jeopardize his career by publicizing the event. Aliu was eventually traded out of the Blackhawks organization after multiple heated incidents with Peters, and was never able to gain much traction in the NHL. Although it will never be known if Aliu could have made it to hockey’s big stage, the troubles he had playing for the IceHogs certainly hindered his chances.

Peters was removed from the Flames bench after the report and resigned later that week. Since then, multiple players have confirmed Aliu’s account, and others have told their own stories about Peters physically assaulting players during games when he was coach of the Carolina Hurricanes.

Aliu’s story provided players with a pathway to tell stories about coaching abuse prevalent in hockey. With it has come a riddance of at least some of the despicable practices evident in the hockey world.

Yet fans of the game must realize that, even in 2019 when everything makes its way into the social media world, there is still plenty happening behind closed doors the public will never see. Although it would be comforting to think all of the horrible coaching actions in hockey eventually will come to light, many have not and never will. Players, especially ones on the fringe of the NHL and the minors, have no choice but to remain quiet about what goes on beyond the public eye. When front offices support coaches acting terribly, the locker room becomes a dangerous place for players.

Luckily, the reports of the past couple of weeks help remove the stench existent in the league. While times like these may make it seem like all coaches are horrible, it is important not to forget that for every bad leader there are multiple tremendous ones.

Photo of the Day | Face off with the Friars



Junior forward Brian Rigali faces off against a Providence College opponent during a game on Friday, Nov. 22 at the XL Center. The Huskies ended the game tied with the Friars, 3-3.

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DB’s Weekly Take: The top 5 moments in Boston sports in the 2010s

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As we wrap up another decade (scary, I know), I thought I would write my final column of the 2010s on some of my favorite sports moments that happened in the last 10 years.

Being a Boston sports fan in the 2010s was exciting. All four major sports teams (Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics) were consistently in the playoffs and competing for championships. This decade was a continuation of the previous decade’s success. The Patriots brought home three more Super Bowls, the Red Sox won two more World Series titles and the Bruins added a Stanley Cup in 2011.

And speaking of the Bruins, cue No. 5 please.

5. Chara raises the Cup

It is exciting any time a team breaks a long championship drought, and the Bruins’ 2011 championship run was no different. They had not won the Stanley Cup since 1972 and hadn’t even made it to the finals since 1990. But all that changed with the remarkable run fueled by Zdeno Chara, David Krejci, Patrice Bergeron, Tim Thomas and a young Brad Marchand.

Nothing came easy in those playoffs. The Bruins had to win three overtime games in the opening round against the Montreal Canadiens, including Game 7. Then in the Eastern Conference Finals, it took seven games to defeat the Tampa Bay Lightning. So, there would be no other way for the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals to unfold than a down-to-the-wire, seven-game thriller.

That series between the Bruins and the Vancouver Canucks is still considered one of the best Stanley Cups of all time. It was a back-and-forth series with a lot of fights and some spectacular performances, none better than the Conn Smythe winner, Thomas, who played out of his mind in net throughout the playoffs.

The series culminated with a 4-0 Bruins win in Game 7 on Vancouver’s home ice. That game literally drove the city of Vancouver into a riot, but the only riot happening on the ice was the Bruins’ celebration. I still remember Zdeno Chara receiving the Cup and raising it higher than it had ever been raised before (Chara is the tallest player in NHL history). His scream of pure joy is one of the most incredible moments of the decade for me, and it definitely earns a spot on this list.

4. Isaiah Thomas scores 53 for his sister

Mention to any Celtics fan the “Isaiah Thomas season,” and they know exactly what you’re talking about. Thomas took the league by storm in 2016-17 with an MVP-caliber season that made the Celtics relevant on the national stage again.

His greatest moment in his short-but-valuable time in Boston came in the playoffs that season against the Washington Wizards, when he scored 53 points on what would have been his late sister Chyna’s 23rd birthday.

Before the Celtics’ first-round series against the Chicago Bulls, Chyna was killed in a car accident in Tacoma, Washington. Thomas didn’t miss a single game, and with a heavy heart, he led the Celtics to a series win while averaging 23 points per game.

Then, after attending Chyna’s funeral, Thomas lost a tooth in Game 1 against the Wizards. He had to undergo hours of dental surgery to be ready for Game 2, where he played arguably the best game of his career. He scored a career-high 53 points and led the Celtics to a 129-119 overtime victory. After the game, he dedicated that incredible performance to Chyna on her birthday.

The Celtics would go on to beat the Wizards in seven games, but after Thomas went down with a hip injury, they lost to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference Finals. Thomas’s moment is the only one on this list that has nothing to do with a championship, but his emotional performance with the crowd at TD Garden rallying around him still resonates with Boston sports fans today.

3. The 28-3 comeback

The only reason this isn’t higher is because this is a greatest moments list, and this really isn’t a moment. It’s a collection of moments leading to the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, and, in my opinion, the game of the decade.

There are a number of moments from Super Bowl LI that, on their own, could vie for a spot on this list: Julian Edelman’s circus catch, Dont’a Hightower’s strip sack and of course James White diving across the goal line to complete the comeback. But I prefer to think of this game as a moment of its own.

You had to watch this entire game to fully appreciate what transpired in Super Bowl LI. The Atlanta Falcons completely outplayed the Patriots for the first 42 minutes of the game, but it’s what happened in the final 18 minutes



Malcolm Butler (21) of the New England Patriots intercepts a pass by Russell Wilson of the Seattle Seahawks intended for Ricardo Lockette (83) late in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1, 2015 in Glendale, Arizona. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

that everyone remembers. All of a sudden, Tom Brady started picking apart the Falcons defense and mounting ridiculous scoring drives with two-point conversions. The defense were finally able to contain the Falcons offense (with some help from really bad play calling, but that’s a story for another time).

After things couldn’t have gone more wrong to start the game, everything finally started going right. And the rest as they say is history. The Patriots erased a 28-3 third-quarter deficit with the most improbable comeback in football history, winning 34-28 in overtime. I thought Brady was the GOAT before this game, but he ended the debate with this performance. He set Super Bowl record in completions (43) and passing yards (466) en route to his fourth Super Bowl MVP. This had to make the list, and it was hard not to put it higher. But as far as moments go, I think there are a couple that outdo this one.

2. Big Papi’s turning point grand slam

Finally, some Red Sox content! When you look back, the Red Sox had a weird decade. They have the two titles in 2013 and 2018, but they also have a bunch of disappointing seasons in the mix.

The 2018 team was definitely the best of the decade, and probably the best Red Sox team ever, winning 119 games and rolling over the playoff competition. However, I feel like most Red Sox fans, myself included, would call the 2013 team their favorite. That team meant so much to the city of Boston after the Boston Marathon bombings in April, and they played with a pur-

pose all season long.

That team was not anything special on paper. It was a bunch of gritty role-players that came together for one of the best runs in team history. I know that team doesn’t win the World Series without the inspiration it had from the bombings.

The moment that defines that season came in Game 2 of the ALCS against the Detroit Tigers. Down 5-1 in the eighth inning in danger of going back to Detroit down 2-0 in the series (all but a death wish against that lethal Tigers rotation), David Ortiz came up with the bases loaded against Joaquin Benoit.

On the first pitch, he hit a bomb into the bullpen that sent Torii Hunter over the wall and Fenway into a frenzy. The game was tied at five and the Red Sox would go on to win the game and the series in six games. They went on to beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, where Ortiz again was the hero, batting .688 in the series and winning the MVP.

Ortiz was already something of a folk hero in Boston sports history before, and this was just another instance of him showing his clutch gene at the perfect time. That grand slam was the turning point of the Red Sox post-season run, and they never really looked back after that. The image of Hunter going over the wall and the bullpen cop celebrating has become one of the most beloved moments in all of Boston sports, so this one was really easy to rank. What could possibly be above it though?

1. Malcom Butler’s interception

Oh, that’s right, just the single greatest moment in all of sports in the last decade (no bias). When you

hear the name Malcom Butler, only one play comes to mind: the interception of Russell Wilson at the goal line to win Super Bowl XLIX.

First, let’s put this play into perspective to fully appreciate it. At the time, the Patriots hadn’t won a Super Bowl in 10 years. They had lost two heartbreaking Super Bowls to the Giants, and another one would surely label the Patriots as chokers.

Tom Brady had played a magnificent game against Seattle’s “Legion of Boom” defense, mounting a 10-point fourth quarter comeback to take a 28-24 lead. Now, all the defense would have to do is make a stop. But Jermaine Kearse decided to make one of the most absurd catches I’ve ever seen when the ball bounced off multiple players and Kearse’s leg before he secured it. It set the Seahawks up at the five-yard line and almost a guaranteed touchdown. As we saw with David Tyree and Mario Manningham, the football gods were against the Patriots once again. Or were they?

After Marshawn Lynch gained four yards on first down, the Seahawks elected not to hand it off to him again. Wilson tried to force a throw to the slant, but Butler cut him off and made the biggest play in the history of the Patriots franchise.

This interception put the Patriots back on top of the football world and set in motion the Dynasty 2.0, which has since featured two more Super Bowl titles. How could this not be No. 1?

Well, I hope you enjoyed the list. If the next decade brings us some moments even half as good as these, we should consider ourselves lucky. This decade was amazing for Boston sports, and so were the moments that defined it.

Keeping the energy high during NBA midseason

MIDSEASON, cont. from p. 12

There is more player movement in free agency and forced-trades today. No star in this league is going to bust their behind in the middle of the season to earn their team an extra draft pick. They aren't even certain if they're going to stick around to see that draft pick develop into an everyday player. Plus, players competing for championships would rather their team fill out the bench with NBA-experienced players, not rookies.

Another route the NBA can take is to try and make the midseason tournament prestigious over time. A midseason championship will obviously never match the importance of an NBA Finals, but maybe over the years it can become something players care about solely because they are competitors.

Silver can give it a cool, catchy name, crank up the pageantry and make a big ol' trophy, but I don't think this would work either. Fans love to compare legacies across eras, and that would become way tougher if we create another "rings" category.

If James ends his career with four Finals championships and two midseason championships, how does that compare to Jordan's six Finals rings? I can already hear the boomers saying, "If Jordan played with midseason championships, he would've won 10 of 'em!"

I understand that this only applies to people like me who love to argue about which players are better than others. A lot of basketball fans just want to watch the game and appreciate when players play well without need for comparison. These fans would love to

watch a tournament just for the competitive nature of it.

But NBA players actually do care about their own legacies. That's why Kevin Durant left the Warriors to win "on his own" instead of "riding Steph Curry's coattails." The public perception of his legacy is important to him.

So why would Kawhi care about a midseason tournament ring when he has two actual rings and would rather save his body for April to compete for more? Even if you offer the winners financial compensation, I don't think that will be enough for the likes of Leonard, Embiid and of course the mega-wealthy LeBron James.

The only way to get superstars to care about a midseason tournament is to make it affect the real playoffs. There are a few ways to do this. The NHL seeds their playoff teams according to a points system. A win (overtime or not) gives a team two points, an overtime loss gives them one point and a loss gives zero points. The NBA uses the classic win-loss format that most leagues use and fans are familiar with. I think if the NBA starts a midseason tournament, that they should change to a points system.

The NBA can score it like this: All losses are zero points, regular season wins are one point and a midseason tournament win grants two points. This makes each and every midseason tournament game, even in the early rounds, important. Depending on the format of the tournament, the NBA can also make it so the last two rounds (the "conference finals" and "finals") are worth three points each, raising the stakes.

A team like this season's Trail Blazers, whose record is



Dallas Mavericks forward Dorian Finney-Smith (10) defends as Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard (2) works for a shot opportunity during a game in Dallas on Tuesday, Nov. 26. PHOTO BY TONY GUTIERREZ/AP PHOTO

far below what they expected with their level of talent, can get themselves back on track with a midseason tournament run. Under this new proposed seeding format, though, timing and scheduling are very important.

If the tournament is too early, a team like the Lakers or Clippers can run the table, get a big lead in the standings in points and then coast into the playoffs by resting Leonard, Paul George, James and Anthony Davis a lot down the stretch. Watching those stars compete in the tournament would be fun, but then

the rest of the regular season drags along.

If the tournament is too late in the season, players can load manage their way up to mid-season in preparation to make a big tourney run and stack points to shoot up the standings. This can be countered by making the tournament single elimination, so it would become risky to bank on getting into the playoffs by stacking points with a tournament run and would encourage players to try getting points earlier on.

Plus, isn't single elimination what makes March Madness so exciting? Anybody can

eliminate anyone on any given day. Leonard would have to play through load management to ensure the Clippers get those precious points.

In short, I propose a league-wide, single-elimination mid-season tournament where early round-wins count as two "wins" and later rounds as three. It would be a fun wrinkle to the NBA season for fans to get excited about, and would discourage players from treating everything but the playoffs as less-important basketball. I did the hard part for you, Mr. Silver. Now make it happen.

Column: Tottenham in turmoil? Nope, they're far from it

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After five and a half years of managing the Lilywhites, Mauricio Pochettino was sacked by Tottenham Hotspur on Nov. 19. As a Spurs fan, I was in complete shock when I first saw the club's statement about the sacking — keep in mind this was the same manager who brought them to their first Champions League final in history. I expected him to be sacked due to the team's mediocre performance in the Premier League and Champions League, but not during the international break. Less than 12 hours after the sacking, Tottenham found his successor: Jose Mourinho. Many fans were skeptical about the appointment, given his toxic relationship with Manchester United as a manager, but so far he is doing everything right at Spurs.

Obviously, it's still early to predict the future of the club under Mourinho, but changes are already visible given their win streak after constant draws and defeats.

One of the biggest changes Mourinho has already established is the inclusion of Lucas Moura in the Starting XI, along with Dele Alli, Harry Kane and Heung-Min Son. The Brazilian didn't see enough playing time under Pochettino this season as fans would've liked, given that he scored the game-winning goal last season in the Champions League to send them to the final. Moura's able to create plays and score goals, and he did exactly that in their 3-2 win against West Ham United on Nov. 23.

Another key change? A stronger Alli. If you watched the Premier League this season you know Alli was not performing well before Pochettino's sacking. However, since Mourinho's appointment, Tottenham fans and fans of the Premier League have seen a Alli that hadn't been seen since the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Many will be quick to claim it's just a "honeymoon phase" and



Tottenham's Serge Aurier, left, celebrates his goal with teammate Harry Winks during the Champions League match between Tottenham Hotspur and Olympiakos at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London on Tuesday, Nov. 26. PHOTO BY MATT DUNHAM/AP PHOTO

he's simply trying to impress the new manager, but I personally think Mourinho is already doing wonders to boost the team's confidence, especially Alli's. In his first training session as manager Mourinho even went up to him and asked if he was Dele or Dele's brother, meaning if he was the out-of-form Dele Spurs fans have seen for the past several months or if he was the fit Dele everyone knew him by. Since then, Alli scored twice and had one assist and has received standing ovations when he's subbed off.

In a press conference before their match against West Ham, Mourinho said that Tottenham can't win the league this season, which is a no-brainer given their 20-point difference with No. 1 Liverpool.

"I'm not going to say we will, but we can win it next season," Mourinho said. Coming from the person who has won numerous trophies as a manager, it is probable. After all, Mourinho claimed to be "the special one" when he managed Chelsea in 2004

and won back-to-back Premier League trophies.

One issue Mourinho will face is the team's defending, as in the past two matches they were up 3-0 and ended up conceding two, but Mourinho is a man with ambition and will certainly do wonders for the club, just like Pochettino. Should he bring Tottenham a Premier League trophy for the first time in history he will easily go down as the greatest manager in the club's history, but the work of Pochettino shouldn't go unnoticed. Pochettino helped build the club to where it is today given the small budgets he had for transfer windows and not being able to play in a proper home stadium until earlier this year. From not buying anyone in the winter and summer transfer windows last season to leading Tottenham to their first Champions League final, Pochettino will also be one of the greatest managers Spurs had. Parallel to the Lilywhite's "to dare is to do" motto, Pochettino taught Spurs to dare, and now Mourinho will teach them how to do.



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Sports

Column: UConn should officially recognize its esports teams

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Collegiate esports are a relatively new phenomenon, even in the young esports industry. However, it's a field that's quickly growing in size and popularity. The Big Ten Network is in its third year of a partnership with Riot Games, the makers of the popular game League of Legends, on the BTN League of Legends season. Schools such as Michigan State University, Purdue, Rutgers and more competed this year. Many schools are now giving scholarships to people who participate in esports and the scene is growing rapidly.

Here at the University of Connecticut, though, the scene is bleak. Since the esports teams at UConn are not recognized by the school, they do not have access to funding and resources compared to other sports teams. They also lack a sense of officialness which would be helpful for the teams to be able to participate in certain leagues that require a varsity program.

Currently, UConn's Gaming Club has 12 teams in eight different esports with about 80 players, ranging from Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, a first-person shooter, to Rocket League, a game where you play soccer with fast-moving cars, to Hearthstone, a collectible card game. This variety of games means people with a



Members of the UConn Gaming Club gather at a table in the Student Union in the fall of 2017. Collegiate esports are taking off nationwide, but at UConn they haven't built up a lot of interest.
FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

wide range of interests are able to watch and participate. The Counter-Strike team is probably the busiest out of all the teams. Its five players: -iQi-, Lightly, Ali, Splix and R4Y, compete in three different leagues: ESL's Intermediate division, Starladder's Collegiate division, and the NA Collegiate CS League. The team went 11-5 in its most recent season of Intermediate and is currently 6-0 in Starladder's North-East division. The team's next game is Jan. 11

against UMass's team. UConn's teams compete in leagues run by organizations such as Tespa, which works with Blizzard Entertainment games such as Overwatch and Hearthstone, Starladder, which hosts tournaments for Counter-Strike and Dota 2, and Battlefy, which is running 2020's College League of Legends season. UConn also has teams for Rainbow Six Siege, Team Fortress 2 and Rocket League, though many of these teams are done for the fall.

However, not having an official program through the school has downsides for some teams. The Overwatch team, in particular, is unable to participate in a varsity program because that requires recognition from the school, which these teams do not have. That's why most of the teams are currently connected to the UConn Gaming Club rather than to the school in the way that say basketball teams are, but that doesn't make these programs any less UConn sports teams.

HEY SEANNY J: HOW DOES THE NBA GET PLAYERS TO CARE ABOUT A MIDSEASON TOURNAMENT?

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Adam Silver and the rest of the NBA have been brainstorming how to make a mid-season tournament work to counter the load management movement.

Fans are buying tickets to games to see their favorite players play basketball. Unfortunately, some of the best players in the league, such as Kawhi Leonard and Joel Embiid, don't play every game and scratch themselves from the lineup for "load management."

Boomers argue players are too friendly with each other these days and say the competitive fire is gone. Playing all 82 regular season games used to be a sought-after merit among NBA players, but today it is an overlooked rarity achieved by few stars. Today's players (old-heads' microcosm for "kids these days") are "too soft."

LeBron James, this generation's G.O.A.T. and a model of consistency when it comes to avoiding major injuries, has played all 82 games just once in his career. He has eclipsed the 80-game mark three times total.

With no major injuries on his record, James has a lot of seasons in the 69 to 79 game-range. Those days off with the Heat and Cavaliers (the second time) were few and far between, but they marked the beginning of today's load management craze.

The boomers' G.O.A.T., Michael Jordan, played 80 or more games 11 times, with nine of those seasons being the full 82. Jordan even played all 82 games in his final NBA season at the age of 39.

Today's superstars don't care about winning regular season games to jockey for playoff positioning. The NBA is a business, and the smart business move is to take a few regular season games off to keep yourself healthy for the meaningful basketball come April. Over half the league makes the playoffs under the current format, which the NBA has also proposed to change.

A midseason tournament would give fans a new, fun way to watch a chunk of the regular season. It takes a portion of the calendar and turns it into a tournament bracket, which is objectively more exciting for fans. But will it solve the load management problem?

Recent reports said the NBA is considering awarding victorious teams in the mid-season tournament with supplementary draft picks. That would surely get owners, general managers and coaches to care, but what about the players?

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NHL Column: A hockey horror story



Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock reacts as his team plays the Vegas Golden Knights during a game on Thursday, Nov. 7 in Toronto. PHOTO BY NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP PHOTO

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Over the past couple weeks, the NHL endured a long-overdue catharsis of horrible coaching practices apparent throughout hockey. In today's world, where even what an athlete eats for lunch makes its way to the public, it is almost shocking such actions could continue for so long without notice.

The coaching exorcist began with the Toronto Maple Leafs firing head coach, Mike Babcock, after a disappointing start to a season with lofty expectations.

It became clear Babcock had lost the locker room, one loaded with talent, but barely able to hold down a playoff spot early on. But it was not until after Babcock was relieved of his duties that the depth of his wretchedness was revealed. The dismissal opened the door for a report that said that the coach asked Mitch Marner which of the veterans on the team had the worst work ethic. Marner, only a rookie at the time, obliged with his coaches' request, not wanting to upset the long time bench boss. Babcock took the results and unexpectedly told the players

what Marner said about them. The notion that he may have believed that this could be beneficial for the team shows just how awful of a coach Babcock was. Naturally, this occurrence must have soured the locker room, and maybe even created a divide between the new NHL star and the veterans he was supposed to look up to. Of course, the nasty doings of Babcock likely caused him to lose his players' respect as well. Realizing this happened a couple of years ago, one might wonder what other awful things happen behind closed doors without anyone finding out. Players are

often trapped in terrible situations where revealing the horrors of a locker room can cost them their career. Babcock is just one example of the many bullies throughout hockey and sports, using their authority to demonize young players and destroy the livelihood of a team.

Chris Chellios further alluded to Babcock's methods, speaking about some of the coach's practices during his time with the Detroit Red Wings. He said he saw Babcock verbally assault forward Johan Franzen on the bench, leading to a nervous breakdown in the locker room. If this occurrence was not disgusting enough, the team's front office backed Babcock, saying any player that had a problem with him could come and request a trade. These practices exhibit an ongoing issue in the league and a culture where players do not feel safe to express concern. The problem is rooted in the lack of player power like they have in the NBA and MLB. Speaking out is more likely to harm their career than invoke any real change.

While the news of Babcock's actions were horrifying, it did ignite some change, and a cleansing throughout hockey. For starters, it likely means Babcock, despite being a renowned Stanley Cup winning coach, will never get an NHL coaching job again. Secondly, it inspired others to speak out about unacceptable coaching methods still alive in the modern game.

TWEETS OF THE DAY

Dustin Dopirak
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Miller says he expects UConn to have a big presence at the Garden in the Jimmy V Classic.

UConn is home
@NoEscalators
Miami is beating Illinois (41 in Ken-Pom) 45-20. Imagine how you'd feel if your favorite team pounded by Miami by 25 on a neutral court eight days ago. Why you'd feel like a million bucks you would.

NUMBER OF THE DAY



Lionel Messi won the 2019 Ballon d'Or Award for a record sixth time, breaking a tie with Cristiano Ronaldo.

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