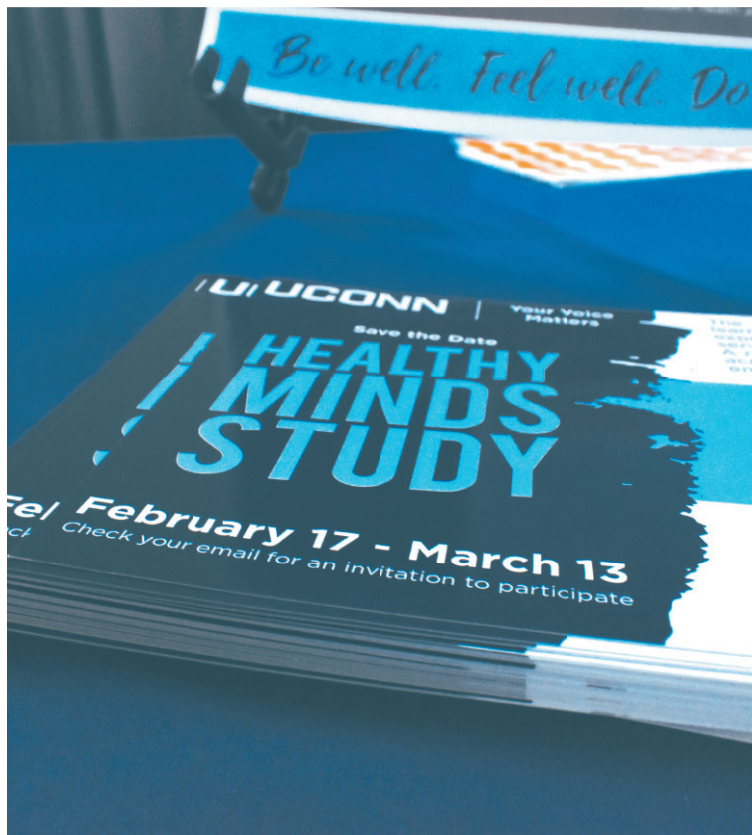




## SHaW, USG hold mental health workshop



USG hosts a Mental Health Town Hall workshop in the Wilbur Cross Building Monday night. The goal was to encourage students to have a dialogue with UConn Mental Health Services and to voice concerns. PHOTO BY ALEX LEO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The University of Connecticut's Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) department and the Undergraduate Student Government held a mental health workshop to meet with students.

"It's about the impactful conversations that we have during it and I'm really happy that people are taking their time to talk to the staff and get to know them, then come over to us, that's the point," Becky Feldman, sixth-semester civil engineering major and member of the mental health and wellness subcommittee of USG, said. "We want to be transparent. We're not trying to be friends, but we're trying to get that link connected."

After President Thomas Katsoleas announced a partnership with the JED Foundation and the hiring of six new mental health clinicians last week, SHaW and USG met with interested students to establish a link between the department and the audience they service.

"Students feel that our mental health resources are not meeting, what I would call, the evolving needs of our student population," Executive Director of SHaW Suzanne Onorato said.

Among the concerns of the students, according to Onorato, is the access to mental health care, wait times, which resources would be useful to the students and how to come together to create change.

"Accessibility and finding creative ways to be accessible, so maybe looking at different technologies, or different ways or different modalities to make sure that students get to us at the right time that they need," Dr. Jennifer Petro, Assistant Director of SHaW, said Monday. "A lot of the things that we've built in to be accessible, it's made us think about how we market that and be creative about helping people know that we're available and also meeting students where they're at."

Their ultimate goal, according to Onorato, is to move forward with a more connected front from administration, USG and JED.

"What I got most out of this is that UConn is trying, UConn administration is giving mental health on campus their attention," Michael Monaco,

sixth-semester environmental engineering student, said. "I'm glad that they see there is a major problem and they're taking this seriously."

Lori Masters of SHaW also outlined what the future alongside the JED Foundation will look like. She said it was a four-step process where they will evaluate the policies and procedures in place as well as the current mental health climate on campus. Then they will conduct a survey, which came out Monday.

They are to come in April to review their findings and tour campus, they will also speak to a USG designated group of students. Finally, they will meet with administration and come up with a strategic plan for new policies and share student feedback.

"We all need to be evaluated," Feldman said. "Our professors need to be evaluated. The school of course should be evaluated. I'm so happy there's this third party and that is a partnership between USG, SHaW and the university."

While called a town hall, the format wasn't quite the usual one speaker to large audience, it was an open form discussion with representatives at table for students to walk up to. There were multiple representatives from SHaW and USG available to discuss with students.

"One of the biggest things about creating this space, specifically the town hall forum, was to give students an opportunity to directly interact with the administration of SHaW mental health and furthermore, to give them the opportunity to have their voices heard," Abhishek Gupta, eighth-semester biology and sociology double major, said. Feldman mentioned that they intend to keep reaching out to students in different ways in the future, including some tabling events and further town hall-type events.

Gupta also mentioned they will also be presenting the Board of Trustees with a list of questions about their opinions on the future of mental health on campus.

"These are our lives, and this is our health," Feldman said. "We are here for a holistic education, we're here to be a real, whole person and you can't be without our mental health in check."

## Preview: Dr. Edward Damiano and 'The Bionic Pancreas'

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On Feb. 26 in the Student Union Theatre, Dr. Edward Damiano will be giving a talk as part of the UConn Leadership Legacy Experience about his research and innovations in the way Type 1 diabetes and other glycemic dysregulation conditions can be managed and the bionic pancreas device that he and his company have in the works.

According to the Legacy Office, the Legacy Experience brings in scholars who are exploring new programs and technologies.

"The Leadership Legacy Experience is the university's most prestigious leadership development program; through lectures, discussions and presentations, the Leadership Legacy Speaker Series offers the campus community access to renowned scholars and leaders who explore critical issues of the day," the press release said.

Dr. Damiano is a biomedical engineering professor at Boston University, as well as the co-founder, CEO and president of Beta Bionics, a Massachusetts-based public benefit corporation dedicated to the mission of creating a bionic pancreas for commercial use, according to Beta Bionics.

The insulin regulation business is a personal one for Dr. Damiano, as his son was born with Type 1 diabetes, and keeping his condition under control has been a cause of worry ever since.

As Dr. Damiano explained in his 2015 TED Talk, Type 1 diabetics constantly have to monitor their condition and self-administer the correct insulin dose for however high or low their blood sugar is. Mistakes can lead to decline in health and in severe cases can even be fatal. The goal of Beta Bionics is to take the managing responsibilities out of the hands of the patient and completely automate the process using a wearable, handheld sized bionic pancreas that administers the correct doses of insulin without the wearer constantly having to think about it.

The product is called the iLet™. Dr. Damiano has been working on bionic pancreas technology for over a decade. The first prototype was hooked up to a laptop, then streamlined into an iPhone compatible machine. Now, the current iLet™ is completely independent of another device and removes some of the worry for diabetic patients. A clinical trial made up of 440 Type 1 diabetics (adult and child) is planned for later this year, and the goal is to have the iLet™ hit shelves within the next 18 months, according to the official press release from Veronica Jacobs, the leadership programs coordinator.

For more information on Dr. Damiano's talk or about the Leadership Legacy Speaker Series as a whole, visit leadershiplegacy.uconn.edu, for the Corporation's website, visit betabionics.com.

## UConn students petition against proposed budget cuts

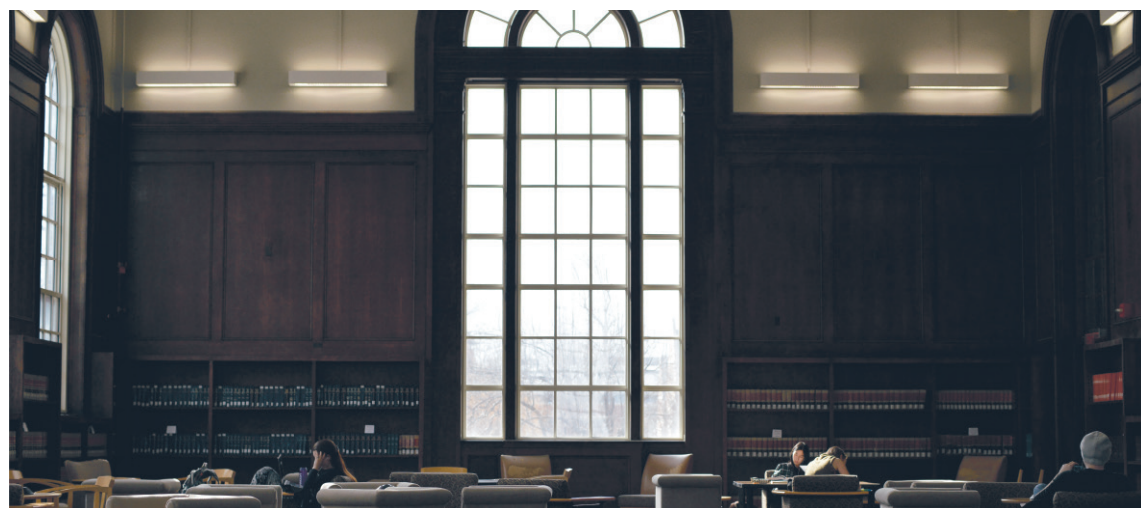
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Students at the University of Connecticut started a petition against Governor Ned Lamont's recent proposal to decrease UConn's budget for Fiscal Year 2021. The petition is led by Zoe Jensen, an eighth-semester psychological sciences major and the external affairs chair for the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at UConn.

Gov. Lamont's newest proposal decreases UConn's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 by \$2.6 million from its anticipated value.

In an email to the student body, USG President Priyanka Thakkar explained that this latest cut is part of a larger trend of budget decreases from the state.

"Last week, the Office of Governor Lamont decided to decrease the University of



Zoe Jensen, an eighth-semester psychological science major, is leading a petition against Governor Ned Lamont's recent proposal to decrease UConn's budget for Fiscal Year 2021. FILE PHOTO

Connecticut's proposed budget of \$211 million dollars, down to \$208 million," Thakkar wrote. "After cuts of \$40 million since FY16, it's vital to our university that we urge our representatives to not decrease our budget."

Jensen explained why the decrease was such a cause for concern.

"The university is trying to increase wages," Jensen said. "We have underfunding of our mental health services. Our library is actually one of the low-

est funded libraries compared to all the surrounding public universities. There are tons of areas that we need to desperately fund, and that extra \$3 million will help us move forward."

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I thought UConn had some bad luck...man UNC might be even unluckier.



## News

## USG passes a statement of position regarding Rare Disease Day



USG has passed a statement regarding Rare Disease Day, which recognizes and supports research and communities influenced by rare diseases. FILE PHOTO

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The University of Connecticut's Undergraduate Student Government (USG) passed a statement of position regarding Rare Disease Day on Feb. 12. This piece of legislation was led by Sarah Hill, a College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources senator, diagnosed with Wolfram Syndrome.

The bill served as not only a recognition of the day by USG and as a representation of the UConn community but also a statement of support for funding research and treatment for rare diseases and for people with rare diseases and rare disease legislation in general.

In advocating for the bill, Hill gave a speech that ended with a standing ovation.

"Honestly, the reaction to the speech and the bill has been more incredible than I ever could have imagined," Hill said.

Hill was diagnosed with Wolfram Syndrome at age 13, but wasn't told about her diagnosis until age 16.

"My parents weren't given enough resources to understand my disease fully, it wasn't until I was 16 and entered a clinic that we were able to further understand the disease I had," Hill said. "Even then I saw it as an opportunity because there are so many people that have it worse than me, so I still consider myself lucky because I am able to actually do what I want to do even with my disease."

However, the senator also said she had to get to a place where she was comfortable talking about her disease.

"I was so anxious going up to it I was even imagining people speaking out against it, but people were just so supportive and became so invested so quickly it was the most incredible experience I ever had," Hill said. "And honestly, when I started talking about my legislation it was the first time I told a room full of people that I have a rare disease, so the response meant a lot to me."

Hill wanted to stress that having a rare disease is normal to her; it's just part of life.

"I have a rare disease but I don't want them to think my abilities are lowered because of that," Hill said. "Yes, I have a rare disease, and that is part of who I am, and I can't change that so I should not hide it. My abilities might be different from others but that doesn't mean I'm any less valid as a person."

Priyanka Thakkar, USG president, gave praise to Hill's works of activism for herself and her fellow students.

"At USG we have a very strong group of members that are true activists for students of all areas of campus and walks of life," Thakkar said. "I commend sena-

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SARAH HILL

tor Hill for not only advocating for herself but for other students who struggle with a rare disease."

One of the sponsors of the bill was Comptroller Fabio Saccomanno who said he appreciated the awareness Hill was bringing. "As a pre-medical student, I feel it is important to recognize and bring awareness to health-related causes like Rare Disease Day," Saccomanno said. "USG should do more to bring awareness to health-related issues so I am grateful to Senators Hill and [others] for initiating this great first step."

But the responses were not just from the bill's sponsors themselves. Deputy Comptroller Stuart Allen was also in attendance despite not having motioning or voting power in the Senate.

"It was a very impactful and grounding moment. When I see people stand up and fight for issues they are passionate about, especially ones that are personal, it renews my faith in the power of students to make change at UConn and beyond," Allen said.

Senator Luis Toscano echoed the thoughts of many senators in the room that night.

"Her speech was very moving. It was so great to hear someone talk so passionately in a way that really touched people, to the point that a lot of people were on the verge of tears," Toscano said.

After her speech, the Senate unanimously passed a vote of extreme confidence.

"We essentially took a session to recognize everything she has put into this piece of legislation," Toscano said.

Hill had three pages going over each aspect of the statement and explained each part of the legislation thoroughly, answering the flood of questions that followed her speech. One of the questions was how to best communicate with a person with a rare disease. Hill said it was difficult to answer.

Her impact was not just on the people in USG. Hill shared her speech with the rare disease community on Facebook with lots of immediate response.

"For the rare disease I have, we're all like one big extended family and it feels like I did this as much for them as I did myself," Hill said. "And honestly I want this to be as effective for every individual with a rare disease or honestly just for every individual out there."

Hill said she has not met another person at UConn with a rare disease, but what she did say is that people with a rare disease have to be comfortable talking about this and comfortable with themselves before the subject can be broached, so it was only when she was comfortable talking about it in public that she was able to write such a statement and give her speech.

Hill said there will be an event about rare diseases on Feb. 28, with more information to come.

## UConn MBA program in top 20 of all U.S. public universities

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The University of Connecticut Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) was recently ranked as one of the top 20 public MBA programs in the United States by the "Financial Times" in their Global MBA 2020 ranking. The UConn program was rated 16th among public colleges in the U.S., 42nd out of all U.S. universities, and 77th in the world.

The ranking is based on 20 criteria evaluated using information from alumni survey responses, data from the schools and a review of academic journals, according to an article on the Financial Times website.

Criteria included average alumni salary, salary increase after earning an MBA, value for money, countries where alumni work, the percentage of faculty with a doctorate and the number of research articles published by faculty.



Pictured is UConn's School of Business, at the Storrs campus. UConn's Master's Degree in Business Administration was ranked in the top 20 programs by the "Financial Times." PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

A post on the UConn School of Business website publicizing the ranking noted the program's high performance in the categories of value for money and alumni salary increase after earning an MBA.

Professor Greg Reilly, head of the management department, said UConn is consistently recognized for its ability to provide a relatively inexpensive MBA program with a promise of a well-paying career.

"As a flagship state university, we enable students to achieve incredible return on investment through reasonable tuition

costs and placement in jobs well above the salaries our students were earning when they arrived," Reilly said in the communications post.

In the "Financial Times" ranking, UConn was considered the fifth best value for money of a public U.S. program and had the 12th highest salary increase out of U.S. public universities.

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The high ranking from the "Financial Times" is not the only that the UConn MBA program has received recently. Compared to other public universities, the UConn program was ranked as 29th best by Bloomberg Businessweek in their 2019-2020 U.S. business school ranking released last year.

Additionally, the recent high ratings from publications have extended to other UConn School of Business programs. Earlier this year, "The Financial Engineer Times" rated UConn's Master's of Science (M.S.) in Business Analytics and Project Management and M.S. in

Financial Risk Management as the 19th and 30th best degrees in their fields, respectively.

"U.S. News and World Report" ranked the UConn M.S. in Accounting program as the ninth best online non-MBA graduate business program in the U.S. in a 2020 ranking.

According to data from the UConn Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, 949 students were enrolled in the UConn MBA program during the fall 2019 semester at the Hartford Graduate Learning Center and Stamford and Waterbury campuses.

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# Students petition against budget cuts

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Along with the petition, Jensen also started a Twitter page called @InvestInUConn which features testimonials from students about why their representatives should oppose Lamont's proposal.

"We want to show the representatives, here are your constituents asking for this," Jensen said. "Ultimately, these representatives want to hear their constituents."

The students on the page list reasons for opposing the budget cuts from sustaining assistance to Student Support Services to wanting more funding for student internships and fellowships. One video on the page that advocates for more backing for the Cultural

Centers has over a thousand views.

Max Reiss, the director of communications for Lamont, refuted the idea that Lamont was reducing UConn's budget excessively.

**The proposed cuts are from \$211 million to \$208 million. This comes from Gov. Ned Lamont.**

"Framing Governor Lamont's support for UConn as anything less than significant is flat wrong," Reiss wrote in a statement from the

Governor's Office. "The state's enacted budget has increased the state's operating support to the school by almost \$23 million in the current year and the block grant was due to increase by another \$10.9 million next fiscal year. Under the Governor's proposed budget for FY21, that \$10.9 million increase is scaled back to \$8.3 million — which would bring the total increase to UConn to more than \$30 million over two years — and does not include the hundreds of millions the state provides for capital projects and fringe benefit assistance."

Reiss explained that UConn wasn't the only place where the budget had to be rearranged.

"The Governor had to make adjustments to the budget that

required a full scale examination of all spending, while also ensuring institutions like UConn have the support they need to be successful," Reiss wrote. "That's exactly what Gov. Lamont's proposed budget adjustments accomplish."

Jensen encouraged students who resonated with the videos on the Twitter page to go to the appropriations committee hearing for the budget. The hearing is on Feb. 18. USG will be providing transportation to the hearing and refreshments after.

"Contact your legislators. Try to show up," Jensen said. "All of those efforts are going to represent our university because although this is in totality an increase, it's not the full proposed budget. If the committee continues get-

**"After cuts of \$40 million since FY16, it's vital to our university that we urge our representatives to not decrease our budget."**

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ting comfortable decreasing our budget, we're not going to be able to fund the initiatives that we desperately need on campus. If you want things to be better at UConn, you have to better fund our university."

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## Construction Beat: Performance Center aims to have 'rolling' open date



Construction continues on Jim Calhoun Way for the new Performance Center and stadiums for soccer, baseball and softball. The roadway between Alumni Drive and Freitas Ice Forum continues to be closed. PHOTO BY AVERY BIKERMAN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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The University of Connecticut's new Performance Center and stadiums for soccer, baseball and softball will have its first opening day at the end of March, Michael Schrier, director of design and STEM projects, said.

Since the center has three main sections, the baseball playing facilities will be opening in March, Schrier said. The soccer playing facilities are aimed to open in August and the softball, student recreation field and Performance Center are slated to be ready in January.

"It will be a rolling opening throughout the next year," Schrier said. "Baseball will be ready for opening day on March 29, 2020, soccer on Aug. 1, 2020, the new Performance Center will be ready for occupancy in January 2021 as well as softball and the student rec field. The building is under construction and will be ready for occupancy in January 2021."

This project will be replacing the "old and outdated" facilities and playing venues, Schrier said.

"The new Performance Center will consist of new team locker rooms for the baseball,

softball soccer and lacrosse teams," Schrier said. "The facility will also include coaches' offices, conference room, a strength and conditioning room, athletic training, therapy, pools, video room, indoor batting facility and associated

*The baseball stadium opens March 29, 2020.*

*The soccer stadium opens August 1, 2020.*

*The new Performance Center, softball stadium and the student rec field will all open January 2021.*

support spaces."

The center is targeted to be LEED Certified, a green building rating certification, he said.

"New construction of a state facility that is [over] five million must comply with standards for high performance buildings that address areas of

concern including energy efficiency, water savings, material selection, sustainable site development strategies such as storm water management, etc," Schrier said. "Complying with these regulations produces facilities that consume less energy, are more comfortable and healthier to work in, are less costly to maintain and conserve natural resources."

A portion of Jim Calhoun Way is going to be closed until summer 2020, Schrier said. Other changes will include no access to core campus from Separatist Road. There will be bus, special event and game traffic routing through Hilltop Apartments when necessary, according to the University Planning, Design and Construction website.

"It will be closed [through] the summer to enable utility work to take place in the road to serve the surrounding facilities," he said.

Schrier said the new facilities will greatly enhance the athletic experience on campus.

"The facilities including the new playing venues, performance center and all site improvements when complete will transform that area of campus enhancing the student athlete and fan experience for all of UConn to enjoy and be proud of," he said.

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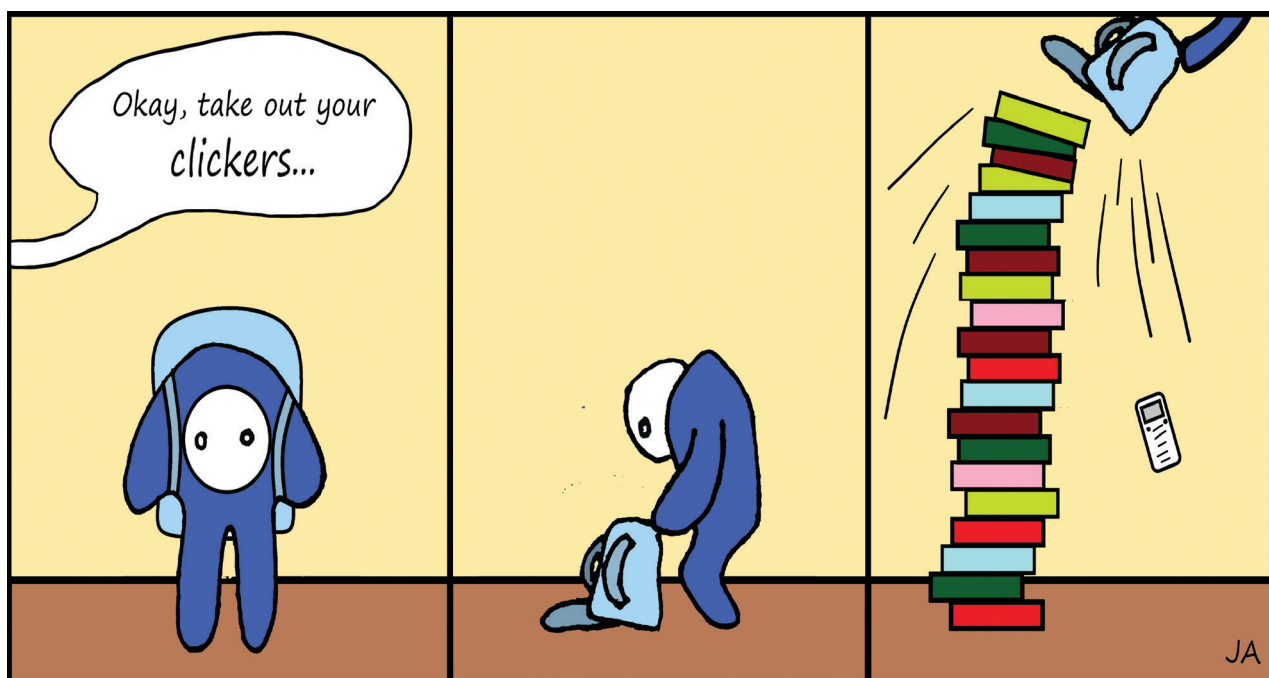
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# Rapid Fire

## What is one thing you would change about UConn?

In the Opinion section, we usually try to work through our convictions thoroughly and completely. It's important that our arguments are strong, decisive and well-founded. But sometimes, you don't have to have a deeper reason to believe in something. Rapid Fire is for those beliefs our writers have that can be explained in just a sentence or two. No more explanation needed.

This time, we asked: What is one thing you would change about the University of Connecticut? Here is what we had to say:

**by Harrison Raskin**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

UConn is contributing greatly to the American epidemic of bad posture and back problems by stocking freshmen dorms with uncomfortable wooden chairs that have no lumbar support. UConn must develop a dorm furnishing policy which respects our spines and our humanity.

**by Carson Swick**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

It's time for the dining halls to up their game on weekends. I would love to see them serve three meals a day, seven days a week. No more breakfast until 4 p.m. in some places!

**by Harry Zehner**  
OPINION EDITOR

UConn must be held on the Great Lawn. Make it free, have some small but fun bands set up on Route 195 and make it a huge lawn party.

**by Anika Veeraraghav**  
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

In the future, I'd really like to see more vegetarian, vegan and other dietary-restriction friendly food in all of the dining halls. As a vegetarian myself, I feel like I'm paying way too much mostly for food that I can't eat.

**by Henry Willis**  
CONTRIBUTOR

As a freshman, I would have liked to get MORE THAN TWO DAYS to goof off and meet people after moving in first semester. Also the rec center should get a waterslide, a hot tub, a sauna and so much more!

**by Liz Collins**  
CONTRIBUTOR

As a club sports athlete, I would really like to see actual care and maintenance of our field at Depot campus. I'm not asking for a whole separate gym and dining hall - all I want is even fields and bus lines that run there on weekends!

**by Michael Katz**  
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I wish that UConn would more directly address the issues that profoundly impact its students (e.g. climate change, mental health and racism). And for goodness sake, start recognizing our student power explicitly!

**by Peter Fenteany**  
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

When people complain about cold winters and annoying parking situations, they are really complaining about the lack of good transit across campus without knowing. Buses should be coming to lots and dorms more often in the mornings and more often in general on weekends especially!

**by Kate Lee**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

I dream of a day when all dining halls have smoothies and the plebeians under the great hill can rest assured that they may enjoy the sweet taste of strawberry and mango without braving the climb to Putnam castle.



## Anxiety 1

Sometimes I refer to myself as just a ball of anxiety, because honestly sometimes I feel like no matter what is going on that is just what my entire being is, just a ton of nervous energy. Even when I'm happy that does not mean the anxiety goes away, it just makes it seem more exciting rather than completely overwhelming. Because I'm doing better than I was, aren't I? I think I am. I'm happy, so does it matter if I really go out much or talk to people much? Sure, I can have a conversation with someone - if they talk to me first - and if it's just one person and not multiple people. If I'm in a room with multiple people - and the only reason I really do that is if I have to - I'm fine to talk to people when they talk to me, but afterwards, once I get out of that situation, I question Every. Single. Social interaction. I had in that room. Not even social interaction, just being there, just how I acted and how people could judge me. But I still do it, I'm still there, I still go, so that's good right? Because I am doing it, so what if I freak out after?

And I am proud of myself. When I actually have a conversation with someone and it's like, wow, that wasn't so terrifying. I am proud of myself. For getting out of my room and going to these places where there's really amazing things happening but where there's also people, just multiple people, many people, more than one person.

It's not my room, so it doesn't feel completely safe. But I do go out, sometimes, when I want to, or when I have to, when I have a commitment. Besides for when things happen around a commitment, things don't really happen too much. I made a commitment to this thing? Okay, I'll go. But, if it's just for fun, if it's just to be social, if there's multiple people in a group? Why am I going to leave the safety of my room where I can watch netflix and read and try to get any work I may have at this point or any point in the future done?

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# Life

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## Tame Impala Does It Again: Space and time explored in 'The Slow Rush'

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With “The Slow Rush,” Tame Impala finally reaches the endpoint of the direction their sound has been headed over the past decade. Although many tracks end up treading similar ground as a result, the cohesiveness, moodiness and pure danceability of the album keep you listening the whole way through.

The opening tracks give a good sense of what is to come. The album is about the looping nature of time, and this is realized on tracks like the opener. “One More Year” speaks of living through the same experiences again and again over a haunting, pounding track.

Tracks like “Posthumous Forgiveness,” “Tomorrow’s Dust,” “Lost in Yesterday” and “It Might Be Time” reiterate this. They all allude to regret for the past, for choices made and not made. Other tracks take a more hopeful stance — take “On Track” as an example, in which Kevin Parker sings about appreciating making progress.

Through it all, though, the album is about reflecting on time spent and lost. It says as much, sure, but more



Dominic Simper of Tame Impala performs as a guitarist. Tame Impala recently released a new album called “The Slow Rush.” PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

importantly it sounds like it. Rhythmic beats underpin most of the songs, marking time through the slower and faster tracks alike. Outros to multiple songs sound as if they are being played on a radio in a dream, reminiscing on days that have never been. Little melodies drift in and out like nostalgia.

What really adds to this effect is the level of detail Parker took on each song. There

are so many little two-second bits that are total earworms. It was hard to get through the album the first time because I wanted to rewind so much to hear those clips again. The best examples of this are “Borderline” and “Breathe Deeper,” both essential album highlights. On each of these songs, you are constantly grooving to the driving beat, but listening a bit deeper gives so much more.

Little synth lines pop up, or the bass comes out for just a second. Things like that really add to the listening experience.

The whole album sounds simultaneously moody and sunny. Even more paradoxically, all of these sounds make you want to move. Piano riffs, basslines and drum loops dig into your ear to nest. When you’re listening to tracks like “Is It True,” you want to dance. When you listen to “It Might Be Time,” you bob your head to the beat. Hours or even days later, you may still be thinking about the tunes you’ve heard.

This is a double-edged sword for the album, though: At times, it ends up washing together into one big song. This feels intentional at times, like in “Posthumous Forgiveness” into “Breathe Deeper,” which feels really

satisfying to listen to. At other times, though, it speaks to the retreading of too much similar ground. This is a more complete take on many of the sounds Tame Impala was developing in his last album. I mean that as both a compliment and a criticism.

At the end of the day, though, it’s hard to complain about too much of a good thing. While it may be old news, it’s still really good. If you liked the singles that were dropped throughout 2019 or “Currents,” you will like this album a lot. If you weren’t feeling those, it’s unlikely there will be anything different enough here to grab you.

Rating: 3.5/5



Tame Impala members attend the 2016 Grammys. Their newest album, “The Slow Rush” reflects on time and on loss. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

“You scrutinize [your own music] so much, it’s almost impossible to remember the magic. It becomes notes and beats and sounds, to where you can’t appreciate the way that other people hear it.”

KEVIN PARKER



Life

# 'P.S. I Still Love You' delights fans after a long anticipated wait

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This week must have been the most exciting week of 2020 for all Lara Jean lovers. On Feb. 12, the anticipated sequel of "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" was released on Netflix and it was even more amazing than expected. "P.S. I Still Love You" further explores the complex relationship between Lara Jean (Lana Condor), Peter (Noah Centineo) and all the ups and downs of young love.

"P.S. I Still Love You" picks up right where the first film left off. Lara Jean's relationship is full of love, except for Peter's friendship with his beautiful ex-girlfriend Genevieve (Emilia Baranac). She struggles to understand why they're getting caught hugging or why Peter is never able to say no to G. After all, aren't couples supposed to hate each other after they break up?

To make matters worse, John Ambrose McClaren (Jordan

Fisher) finally responds to Lara Jean's love letter. For all you newbies, the plot began when Kitty (Anna Cathcart), Jean's younger, nosy sister sent out five love letters that were written by young Lara Jean to her five first loves. Mortified beyond despair, Lara Jean prayed that her fifth letter would never get a response ... until it did. Her love life quickly spiraled out of control as she's torn between two loves, one that provides security or one that excites her.

I'm always skeptical about films produced by Netflix, but "P.S. I Still Love You" proved me wrong. It's more than a loving rom-com. The audience is taken on a journey that's both modern and realistic. I find myself cringing at romance movies, either they're too staged or so unrealistic where it's comical. "P.S. I Still Love You" reminds me of the romantic troubles we all go through. Whether we want to admit it or not, ex-girlfriends, ex-wives or even ex-flings are always subjects of question within a relationship.

Lara Jean is relatable, and that's what makes the series so successful. For once a relationship is depicted as a working commitment between two people. We see Peter listen to Lara Jean through her doubts and react in a healthy, admirable way that showcases how all young partners should act towards each other.

Before I go further, let me warn you that spoilers will unfortunately lay ahead. There are few aspects of the film that are far different than the novel. To start off, John Ambrose and Lara Jean meet at the beginning of the film, whereas in the book they saw each other in person for the first time towards the end. Throughout the novel, they sent each other an exchange of letters which built anticipation for when they would eventually see each other face-to-face. I found this missing in the film. Manhunt was never even mentioned in the film, as well as Genevieve and Lara Jean never hanging out just them two in the novel. A small part of me wishes the film version had remained more consistent with the book, however I understand the need to remove some things.

"P.S. I Still Love You" is a must-watch if you haven't already. Steal your best friend's Netflix password and start bingeing. I promise, you won't regret it.

Rating: 5/5



Holland Taylor and Lana Condor in 'P.S. I Still Love You.'  
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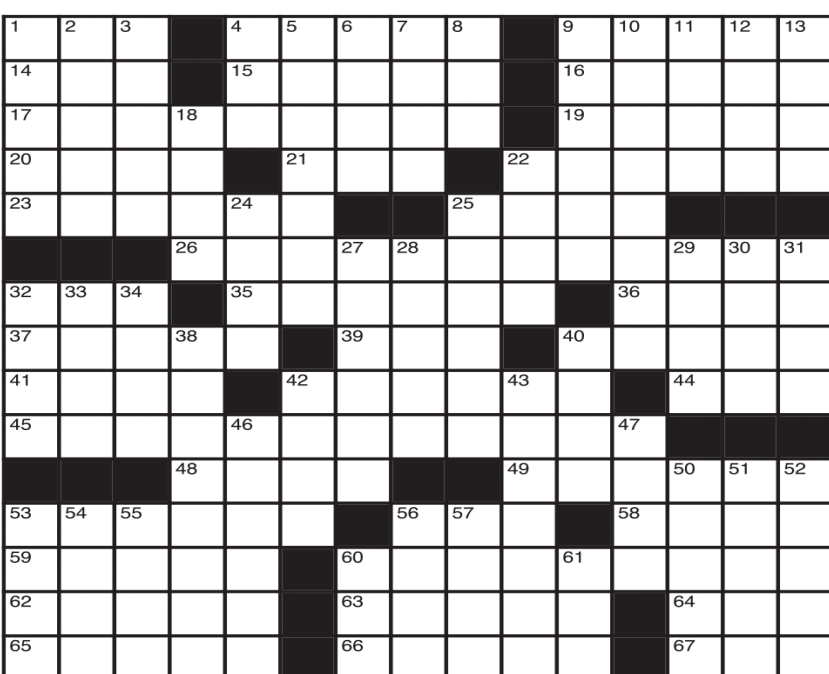
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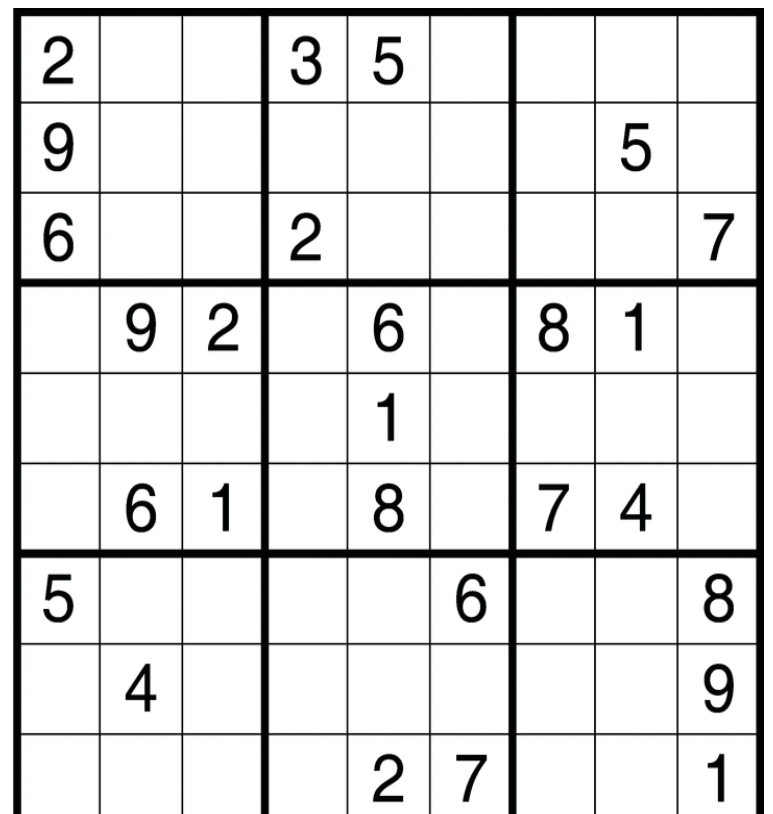
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**FUN FACT:**  
May 29th is officially 'Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day'







## Before

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You know that scene in the climax of Pixar’s “Ratatouille” where Ego, the esteemed and harsh food critic, flashes back to his mom’s childhood cooking from just one bite of the titular meal? As graduation and its associated maturity creeps closer to me, I’ve been having more and more of those moments with music. I’ll walk out of class, throw my headphones on and “It Ends Tonight” by All-American Rejects comes on. It’s not even a song I had saved on my magenta iPod Nano or that I even particularly liked, but sometimes it came on the radio and I couldn’t change it because we were a half-decade before Bluetooth capabilities.

Regardless, “It Ends Tonight” is seared into my permanent memories of being a dumb 10-year old who had no idea what anything really was. I still might not, but I’m pretty sure I know more. I hope I do.

All of this shoots through my mind, and I realize that the song is over and I’m on a slightly different part of campus without really realizing. I was transported.

As this big, vague part of my life titled “childhood” fades and the scarier, vaguer part called “adulthood” comes closer, I have been forcing these out-of-present-time musical flashbacks on purpose. I’m doing it right now as I type this: I searched “2007” on Spotify and clicked the first playlist. It’s fittingly titled “2007 Hits.” I’ve had it on shuffle for about an hour now, and I’ve only typed under 300 words because every other song javelins my soul through time from Homer Babbidge to my childhood bedroom watching pixelated lyrics videos on prehistoric You-

Tube. I don’t have any digital memories of that era, as I wasn’t cool enough to lie to my parents and get Facebook nor was I consistent enough to journal (I still can’t). Most of my memories of that time have to be unlocked through music.

Sometimes the most vivid of those are ones I expected to forget hours after they took place. It must have been the summer of 2007, between third and fourth grade in my first-ring suburb of Philadelphia. My friend Basil and I were dancing around his basement to “Everytime We Touch,” the eurodance classic from German artist Cascada that, I assume, tore up nightclubs that season. But we weren’t grownups drinking grownup drinks at a grown-up place, we were kids running around a basement. And it almost makes me tear up thinking about it. All of these feelings and memories from a song never designed for that purpose at all.

I don’t remember anything else about that day, or anything specific about that summer. Sometimes other songs from that era bring back feelings or foggy memories, but for whatever reason “Everytime We Touch” is the only song that brings back that specific, razor-sharp memory of that day. I have no idea how it happened, but I’m grateful it did. I still talk to Basil, although nowhere close to as much as we did back then, because that’s what growing up is. I’ve been doing a whole lot of that recently.

My point of all of this is if you’re graduating in May, or even anytime soon, search the year you were 10 on Spotify and play the first playlist that comes up. Just like vision, sound can act like a time machine for the tangled messes we call our brains. Before you know it, you won’t be here anymore. You’ll be there.



Cascada’s hit “Everytime We Touch” was released in her 2011 album. PHOTO COURTESY OF OPEN SPOTIFY



In their “Move Along” album, the All-American Rejects released their single “It Ends Tonight.” PHOTO COURTESY OF OPEN SPOTIFY

# Melissa’s Menu

## One Pan Recipes

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One pan recipes are ridiculously easy. All you need to do is prep your ingredients, throw them on a baking sheet and stick them in the oven. There aren’t many other meals that require as little time and effort. These two recipes are the perfect place to start if you’re new to the idea of a one pan meal. They’re super flavorful, delicious and easy to make. The first recipe, one pan chicken and veggies, is a really healthy but satisfying meal. The chicken, paired with sweet potatoes and broccoli, is seasoned perfectly with garlic, rosemary and paprika. The second recipe, one pan parmesan crusted salmon, is super decadent. The salmon is baked in a crispy parmesan crust and pairs wonderfully with the asparagus. The best part of one pan recipes? Virtually no cleanup!

### Ingredients

#### One pan chicken and veggies

- 2 boneless and skinless chicken breasts
- 1 large sweet potato, diced
- 1 head of broccoli, or large bag of broccoli florets
- 4 cloves of minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons of fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon of paprika
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil

#### Parmesan crusted salmon

- 6 ounces of skinless salmon
- 7 ounces of asparagus
- Olive oil, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 egg

#### For parmesan crust

- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- Salt, to taste

### Directions

#### One pan chicken and veggies

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lay out the sweet potato, chicken breasts and broccoli. Evenly distribute the garlic, rosemary, paprika, salt and pepper over the entire pan. Drizzle with olive oil. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the juices from the chicken run clear.

#### Parmesan crusted salmon

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. In a medium bowl, mix the parmesan crust ingredients. In a separate bowl, whisk egg. Dredge the salmon in the egg and then coat it with the parmesan. Place the salmon on a baking sheet. Lay asparagus beside the salmon. Drizzle with olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.



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# Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | UConn's fencing team would defeat a foreign army in battle



The UConn Fencing Club practices at Hawley Armory on Monday night. Members of the club will be attending the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Conference Championships at Vassar College on Feb. 22. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# HOUSING SHOULD BE A SOCIAL GOOD, NOT A PROFIT MACHINE

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In America, half a million people sleep on the streets every night. Almost half of renters are “cost-burdened,” meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on housing. Millions of poor Americans live in a constant state of flux, moving from apartment to apartment as they are evicted and cast onto the streets. Millions more live in substandard housing infested with mold or coated with lead.

This is an unconscionable moral crisis. There is no acceptable level of homelessness and no acceptable level of housing insecurity. Every person needs safe housing in order to prosper, and therefore, the only moral course of action is to eradicate homelessness and guarantee housing for all people, regardless of income, citizenship status or criminal history.

So the question becomes: How? In America, housing is a commodity good which is gambled on by developers and wealthy investors. It is thought of as a financial asset, which for centuries, only upper-class white people have had the privilege of investing in.

The first step is confronting this paradigm. If we are to guarantee housing for all, we must think of housing as a social good to be held in public trust, not an asset to reap profit from.

The second step is confronting the private market, which is by nature exclusionary. The market's profit-motives inherently leave many low-income families — and in some cities, upper-income families as well — behind. After all, it's much more profitable to build a luxury apartment complex than to maintain an affordable complex with razor-thin profit margins. Federal, state and local governments, along with non-

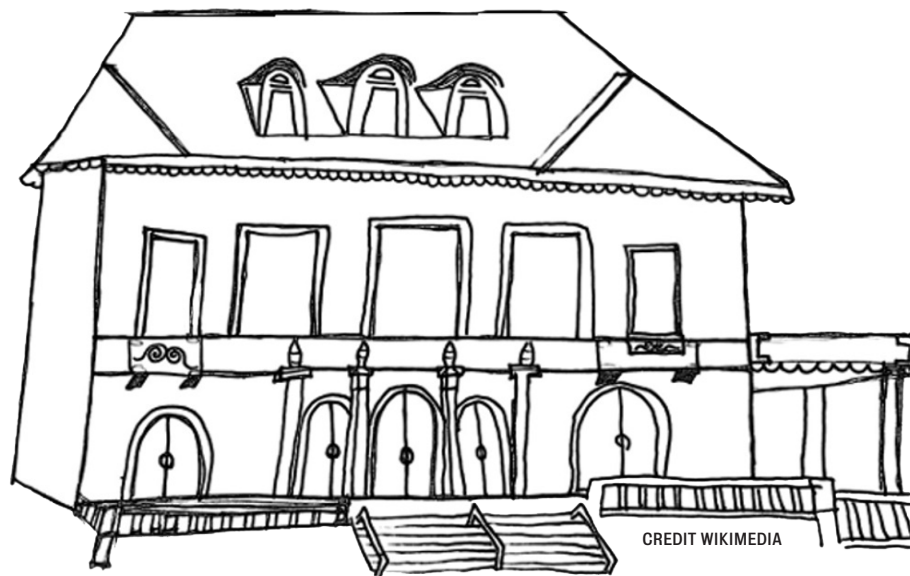
profit groups, try and fail to account for gaps in the market with lackluster housing vouchers and a pitiful amount of public housing. But even for renters who are lucky enough to get into these voucher or public housing programs, American tenants protections are notoriously weak, often leading to evictions for minor infractions.

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Many people — especially “Yes In My Backyarders” or YIMBYs — argue that the private market is failing because of overzealous zoning restrictions which restrict supply. But loosening zoning often leads to more luxury apartments, and eventually, mass gentrification. Only private greed — not a lack of supply — explains why there are more vacant homes than homeless people in places like Oakland and New York City. We can't tackle the problem of insufficient supply without also addressing the equally harmful speculation and greed of the private market.

It is clear that our current system is failing us. Here are some ideas for rectifying the situation.



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First, we can invest in a massive expansion of social housing. This housing should be beautiful, safe, mass transit-oriented, mixed-income and powered by clean energy. The cure to homelessness is housing, so we should provide this housing unconditionally. Perhaps most importantly, social housing must be more than a “last-resort.” People of all incomes should be encouraged to live in social housing — not just low-income renters. Places like Vienna, Finland and Singapore have had incredible success with their social housing models.

We should also dramatically expand protections for those who remain on the private market. To start: When landlords put apartment buildings on the market, tenants should have the right of first refusal to buy their building and run it as a housing co-op or community land trust; tenants should

have a right-to-counsel and be afforded lengthy legal protections from eviction; tenants unions should be supported and encouraged (even in publicly-run social housing), so that tenants can bargain with their landlords on equal terms; and rent control should be universally implemented to cap yearly rent increases in line with inflation. Speculation must also be dealt with. For instance, there should be severe penalties for vacant units (many real-estate speculators buy and hold apartments as assets) and units that are “flipped” within a short time of being bought.

This is a hodgepodge of ideas, but they have a common theme: In a society as productive as ours, no one should be homeless or have to worry about keeping a roof over their head. It's our moral prerogative to decommodify and secure housing as a human right for all people.



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**THE MAJORITY OF CANADA'S POPULATION LIVES SOUTH OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.**

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## No. 1 South Carolina pounds Vandy 95-44 for 19th straight



Vanderbilt forward Mariella Fasoula (34) is fouled attempting a shot against South Carolina forward Laeticia Amihere, right, and Mikiah Herbert Harrigan, left, a game on Monday, Feb. 17 in Columbia, South Carolina. PHOTO BY SEAN RAYFORD/AP

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Freshman Aliyah Boston had 12 points and 14 rebounds and No. 1 South Carolina used its relentless defense for a big run in the first quarter en route to its 19th straight win, 95-44 over Vanderbilt on Monday night.

LeLe Grissett had 14 points to lead the Gamecocks (25-1, 12-0 Southeastern Conference). Tyasha Harris and Destanni Henderson each had 12 points to help South Carolina take control with a swarming defense that triggered its fast-paced attack.

It happened quickly. After the Commodores (13-12, 3-9) hit four shots in a row to draw within 13-10 early on. Vanderbilt could not hold up once the Gamecocks cranked things up.

Harris had five points and LeLe Grissett four in South Carolina's 17-0 run. By the time Henderson hit a short jumper in the final minute, the Gamecocks were up 30-10 and cruised to their 12th straight victory over Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt missed its final

eight shots of the quarter and committed four turnovers during South Carolina's run.

It continued South Carolina's pattern of getting out fast and not looking back. The Gamecocks held No. 6 UConn to just two points in the opening period last Monday on the way to their first-ever victory over the predominant power program in women's college basketball.

On Jan. 30, South Carolina led Mississippi 32-2 at the half.

Once on top of the Commodores, the Gamecocks made sure to stay there.

They had 52 points at halftime, just the second time this season Vanderbilt allowed 50 or more in the first two quarters. South Carolina eventually grew the lead to 51 points — same as the final margin — near the end of the third quarter.

It was the 11th double-double for the 6-foot-5 Boston, who leads South Carolina in scoring and rebounding average and in blocked shots. She had two of her team's 11 blocks against

Vanderbilt.

Mariella Fasoula had 11 points to lead Vanderbilt.

### THE BIG PICTURE

Vanderbilt: The Commodores have had their struggles this season in SEC play, but they've really struggled against South Carolina. They lost at home to the Gamecocks, 93-57, last month before getting blown out on the road.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks have shown a steadiness all season, seemingly unfazed by milestones and achievements. Following the 70-52 win over UConn last week, South Carolina throttled Auburn (79-53) and Vanderbilt its past two outings.

### UP NEXT

Vanderbilt returns home to play Missouri on Thursday night.

South Carolina closes a four-game homestand against LSU on Thursday night.

## MLB stars hammer Manfred over 'piece of metal' trophy



In this Oct. 30, 2019 file photo, Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer celebrates with the trophy after Game 7 of the World Series against the Houston Astros in Houston. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Players who have won a World Series — and those who have come up short — seethed Monday at Commissioner Rob Manfred's reference to the sport's championship trophy as merely a "piece of metal," saying that comment reflected a disconnect between baseball's boss and those who produce the product on the field.

"It bothered me, man. I hated it. It made him sound really out of touch," said reliever Sean Doolittle, a member of the 2019 title-winning Washington Nationals. "That's the holy grail of our sport. That's what we show up for in the beginning of February, thinking about and working towards."

Added Doolittle: "I just can't believe how out of touch that is. You're the commissioner of our game. You're the steward of this game. That's a really special thing. It's an iconic symbol of our game. Please don't say that, even off-hand, even tongue-in-cheek."

As with so many things being talked about around the majors as spring training gets started, this all stems from the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scam in 2017 and 2018.

There have been calls for players involved to be punished in some way; MLB gave them immunity in exchange for cooperating with the investigation.

"I'm sure a lot of people were mad," three-time AL MVP Mike Trout said at Los Angeles Angels camp in Tempe, Arizona. "They think the punishment should be more or something."

Some think the Astros should be stripped of their 2017 championship, but Manfred said this on Sunday in an interview with ESPN: "The idea of an asterisk or asking for a piece of metal back seems like a futile act."

That phrasing did not sit well.

Doolittle and other players noted that the official name of the hardware itself is The Commissioner's Trophy.

"For him to devalue it the way he did yesterday just tells me how out of touch he is with the players in this game. At this point, the only thing devaluing that trophy is that it says 'commissioner' on it," said Justin Turner, whose Los Angeles Dodgers lost to the Astros in the 2017 Series.

"It's pretty obvious what everyone thinks should happen. I mean, no one in this clubhouse or in this room is asking for a trophy to be handed us, by any means. ... But at the same time, we understand how difficult it is to win a World Series. It's hard. It's really hard. And it's something that you have to earn," Turner said at LA's camp in Glendale, Arizona. "It's pretty evident to me that it wasn't earned and it's not something that a banner should be hung in their stadium (or) a trophy should be put up wherever their trophies go."

Like Turner, Evan Longoria has been to a World Series but not won one.

And as with Turner, Longoria was bothered by Manfred's words.

"Well, there's a couple of pieces of metal, right? You get a ring, too. That's a big piece of metal," Longoria said Monday after the San Francisco Giants' first full-squad workout in Scottsdale, Arizona. "I think everybody that plays the game knows it's not just a 'piece of metal.' It's the blood, sweat and tears that go into the, whatever, 175 games or whatever it is that it takes to win a World Series. The sacrifices. I don't know if he said that to make a funny or what, but it's obviously representative of something much bigger than that."

Joe Musgrove, currently with the Pittsburgh Pirates, pitched for the 2017 Astros and said he gets others' frustration with Manfred's comments.

"They don't just hand those out; there's a lot of work that goes into getting one of those. So I can understand why they're upset about it," Musgrove said in Bradenton, Florida. "For me, personally, I think the ring is something that everyone takes with them and that's a special piece you can carry with you forever. There's only one trophy that gets made. That might be more important to the manager than anybody. But at the end of the season, as a team, getting to hold that thing up is pretty special. I understand where their frustration comes in."

Doolittle spoke Monday about the feeling of first holding the trophy Washington won by beating Houston in Game 7 in October.

"There were tears, man. ... It's hard to put into words what it is like to actually hold that trophy above your head for the first time," Doolittle said. "We saw how much that 'piece of metal' meant to the fans, going up and down the streets of D.C. We all know what it means to guys who have spent their whole career in the league, grinding, and they finally got to hold that thing."

Manfred gets to take another swing at the topic when he holds a news conference in Arizona on Tuesday.

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EVAN LONGORIA

## Rainbow Six Siege tournament recap



A competitor watches the screen intensely during a Rainbow Six Siege tournament on Sept. 12, 2016. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

### RAINBOW, cont. from p. 11

The crowd overwhelmingly seemed to back Space Station, even as the team faltered going into the second map.

It's also worth noting that in Rainbow Six's Invitational, unlike in some esports, there is another benefit besides more rest time to finishing in the Upper Bracket. The Upper Bracket team, in this case, Spacestation Gaming, begins with a 1-0 lead at The Invitational. That means that they only needed to win two maps of their best-of-five

against NIP, while NIP had to win three. Despite this handicap, NIP began the series well, claiming the first map 7-3 and the second map 7-2.

But it was the next map where everything began to fall apart. Despite a 4-0 early lead from NIP, they faltered. It was almost a moment where you can see it all start to fall apart. In rounds five and six, NIP crumbled. It felt like in those two rounds, every ounce of momentum for the team was gone, and Spacestation was firmly back in control. They claimed seven of the eight rounds after

NIP's four, finishing the map 7-5.

Going into Map Five, Ninjas in Pajamas looked defeated. They fought hard, but Spacestation refused to give up the momentum they so abruptly claimed and pulled across the finish line victoriously.

This win was an incredible moment for Space Station, and for North American Rainbow Six as a whole. As G2's dynasty fell apart around them, Spacestation Gaming secured North America's place as the kings of Rainbow Six Siege for now.



## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Eyes on the prize



A member of the UConn women's ice hockey team keeps an eye on Merrimack opponents during a game on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Mark Edwards Freitas Ice Forum. The Huskies suffered a 1-2 loss to the Warriors.

PHOTOGRAPH BY AVERY BIKERMAN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Column: Money can't buy wins, Penny



Memphis head coach Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, left, talks with Tyler Harris, right, during a game against UConn on Sunday, Feb. 16 at the XL Center. PHOTO BY JESSICA HILL/AP

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Memphis basketball is falling apart. They're currently on a three-game losing streak, and all three losses have come to teams they beat earlier in the season. After starting the year 11-1, they've sputtered out in conference play, going just 6-6 and finding themselves in sixth place in the conference.

Going into the season, they had one of – if not the – best recruiting classes in all of college basketball. Not only did they secure the No. 1 overall recruit in James Wiseman, but they also brought in a second five-star recruit, Precious Achiuwa. On top of that, they got five more four-star recruits: Boogie Ellis, DJ Jeffries, Lester Quinones, Malcolm Dandridge and Darnion Baugh.

It was by far the highest-rated class in the American Conference and edged out Kentucky and Duke for the No. 1 spot in the country.

Wiseman played three games at Memphis, but according to ESPN after it was discovered that head coach Penny Hardaway made a payment to his mother of almost \$12,000, he was suspended for 12 games and then eventually withdrew.

Still, with one five star re-

cruit and five four stars, this team should be at the very least ranked and easily the best team in the American. There were just 15 schools that managed to snag a five-star recruit and of the ones that didn't, just five managed to get four four-star guys. Memphis has both.

They shouldn't be getting doubled up by Tulsa as they did less than a month ago when they lost 80-40.

This Memphis team is set up to be the biggest disappointment in college basketball this season.

In an article in The Athletic from October, Penny Hardaway is quoted saying that this Memphis team is going to win the National Championship.

"I know when I have something special," Hardaway said. "When I see this group in action, see their abilities, I know what's at stake and I know what's out there. The teams like Michigan State, Duke, Kentucky, Kansas, all the usual suspects. I've studied the film. I know who they are, but when I look at this group, I just say to myself, 'We're going to win a national championship.'"

Now, it's going to be virtually impossible to get an at-large bid, and they look like a long-shot to win the American Athletic Conference tournament.

On top of that, their recruiting class for next season is looking like a flat out dud. By dud, I mean they haven't locked up a single recruit for next year. With Wiseman already out the door and Achiuwa likely to follow at the end of the season, this team that's already extremely under-achieving.

It just goes to show that raw talent can be easily wasted with bad coaching and development.

There are 350 Division I college basketball programs. Of them, Memphis is ranked No. 342 in turnovers per game, giving away just under 17 possessions per game. They have a clear lead in the American, with the 11-14 and 4-8 in the conference USF Bulls coming in at No. 301 with 14.9 turnovers per game. In the national standings, Memphis ranks right behind St. Peter's University and right ahead of Houston Baptist.

They're sloppy, and they're a waste of talent.

Of the top-six recruiting classes according to 247 Sports, five of them are currently ranked. No. 1 Memphis is the only one that isn't, and they're not even close.

Money can't buy wins Penny, and it certainly can't buy national championships. You still have to coach them, and that's if you don't get found out.

## Men's Basketball: Forward Akok Akok out for remainder of season



Christian Vital, Akok Akok and James Bouknight wait to enter a game against Tulsa on Sunday, Jan. 26 at the XL Center. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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However, I think Akok is a special case. First of all, he is younger than any of the other guys on that list were when they got hurt. Also, Akok isn't even close to his peak yet, so I really don't think this injury will have a catastrophic effect on his career like it did to other players. But it's still a terrible injury and a scary situation.

To be honest, I wasn't thinking of Akok as a basketball player when I saw him hobbling off the court on Sunday. I thought of him as a person. He's a college student just like me, who has to get up for classes every day and has assignments and other obligations beyond basketball. It's much easier to brush off this kind of injury when it happens to someone like Durant, who will continue to make millions of dollars during his recovery time. Akok doesn't have that luxury, which is why it is so much more of a relatable situation.

There is no doubt in my mind that if he adds some size to fill out his lanky frame and becomes a little bit more versatile on the offensive end, Akok will be a certain NBA Draft prospect. But more importantly than that, he's a great person and teammate.

I've had the opportunity to interview Akok a couple of times, and he was always very receptive to questions and very pleas-

ant to talk to. He's quiet, but you can tell he really cares about getting better every day for his team.

He proved that yesterday when instead of going straight to the hospital, he came back to the bench in a boot to cheer his teammates onto victory, even jumping up and down on one foot during the James Bouknight dunk that nearly brought the house down.

And that's why an injury like this hurts so much. That's why Dan Hurley teared up in his postgame press conference. That's why the Huskies will likely play the rest of their season for Akok.

Because with all the value he brings on the court as one of the best shot blockers in the country, he's even more valuable as a teammate.

I know he's going to come back and be great once again, but it's heartbreaking to see this kind of injury happen to anyone, especially a hard-working, humble college student who isn't getting paid and is truly playing for the love of the game.

Seeing Akok in tears on the bench almost brought tears to my own eyes. I could tell how much pain he was in – both the pain in his leg and the pain of not being able to be on the court playing the game he loves. Well, UConn Nation feels pain as well, and we will all be behind Akok every step of the way to his recovery.



# Column: Is it time for baseball to have a new commissioner?

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The fallout of Houston's cheating scandal grows worse by the day, and Rob Manfred seems powerless to stop it.

Last month, Manfred and league investigators found the Houston Astros guilty of a cheating scandal involving stealing the catcher's signs through a camera and relaying them live to the person at bat. This discovery caused waves across the baseball community and irreversibly damaged baseball and its integrity.

In response to this scandal, a public cry for punishment was raised against the Astros. MLB responded by suspending Astros manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow for a year, as well as stripping them of their first- and second-round draft picks for 2020 and 2021. Additionally, they fined the Astros \$5 million, the maximum amount allowed by the MLB constitution. The Astros immediately responded to these punishments with the firing of Hinch and Luhnow.

While these punishments were historic for baseball, many fans and players still criticize the punishments as a slap on the wrist. No players involved received any kind of punishment, and no World Series titles won by cheating were revoked.

"I understand when people say the players should've been punished. I understand why they feel that way," Commissioner Manfred said about the lack of player punishment. "If I was in a world where I could've found all the facts without granting immunity, I would've done that."

In his statement to NBC Sports, Manfred admitted that he was unable to piece together a sound investigation without



MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred answers questions at a press conference during MLB owners meetings on Thursday, Feb. 6 in Orlando, Florida. PHOTO BY JOHN RAOUX/AP

granting cheating players immunity to hear their stories. However, the major reason Manfred did not dole out suspensions was to avoid a conflict with the MLBPA.

"We're talking to the MLBPA about ... what should be done about these sorts of issues on a go-forward basis, and exactly how we should deal with players in these types of situations, so yes, I could envision it being different in the future," Manfred said in his statement.

So, to summarize: Manfred is unwilling to punish players out of fear of MLBPA retaliation. He is unwilling to rescind the World Series titles because "[To] ask for the trophy back I don't think makes that much of a difference." Manfred was able to fine the Astros \$5 million but this sum pales to the record player bonuses that were earned by the cheating Astros players in

2017. However, if you were worried that the cheating players got off scot-free, Manfred had another comment.

"I think if you watch the players, watch their faces when they have to deal with this issue publicly, they have paid a price. To think that they're skipping down the road into spring training happy, that's just a mischaracterization of where we are," Manfred said.

The actions taken by the commissioner to address this major scandal were nothing other than weak. Houston's sign-stealing was reportedly an open secret around the league for years, a secret that MLB only took seriously after sports journalists and a whistleblower brought the scandal to public attention. After exposing the cheating, Manfred failed to punish the players or the organization in any mean-

ingful way, creating the dangerous precedent that cheating is okay as long as you can stomach it.

However, Manfred's handling of the sign-stealing scandal has not been the only thing drawing criticism as of late. In the heat of the Astros' scandal, Manfred decided to propose a new playoff format to baseball, to almost universal dislike.

This new proposal would allow seven teams in each league to reach the postseason, with the division winners being able to pick their wildcard opponent, in game show-like fashion.

Trevor Bauer, an outspoken pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, responded to this proposal by calling out Manfred on Twitter.

"[Manfred], your proposal is absurd for too many reasons to type on Twitter and proves you have absolutely no clue about baseball. You're a joke," Bauer

posted. Didi Gregorius, Phillies' shortstop, chimed in as well, remarking on Twitter, "Why are we changing this loveable sport so much?"

In addition to being disliked by the players, the fans of baseball also took time to voice their dislike. Major complaints stemmed from the game show-style opponent selection, which felt out of style with every other sport, and the expansion of more teams into the postseason. With 162 games a season, adding more teams into the postseason would make a great deal of regular season games meaningless.

Finally, to top-off Manfred's resume of mis-management, this past year MLB proposed a plan to cut 42 minor league teams, among them the Daytona Tortugas, home of the park where Jackie Robinson first took the field as a professional player. The teams and communities affected have sworn to fight the proposition, even spawning a letter from 106 congresspeople to protest the matter.

Calling for someone to be fired is always extreme, but in this case players and fans believe that Manfred has taken actions against baseball's interest at every turn. A league rampant with cheating threatens to turn away a whole new generation of baseball fans, of whom there is already a recession. Changing the baseball tradition can be acceptable at times, but devaluing the regular season with an expanded playoff pool and destroying minor league teams across the country is a good way to alienate your existing fanbase. Baseball is in a modern decline and it will take the strong, decisive actions of a good commissioner to breathe new life into it. It remains to be seen if Rob Manfred is up for the job.

# NHL Column: Player safety guessing game

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The NHL boasts that it wants to keep its players safe and remove dangerous checks from the game, threatening lengthy suspensions and hefty fines to players who are the assailants of dangerous checks or plays. The job of keeping the players safe belongs to the league's Department of Player Safety, headed by former NHL enforcer George Parros.

This season especially, Parros and his crew failed miserably at getting calls right. Rather, the inconsistencies in punishment created confusion and anger among many fans and players.

Last week, San Jose Sharks forward Evander Kane was dealt a three-game suspension for elbowing Neal Pionk in the head. For Kane, a repeat offender, this punishment was the last straw. The punishment was not unfair, as the hit was blatantly reckless. But while Kane receives discipline repeatedly, other incidents go entirely unnoticed by the league.

Kane took to social media, releasing a statement expressing his grievances with the league's disciplinary process. It was the first instance of a player having the courage to publicly criticize the department, which has been broken for many years.

He called for a dismantlement of the NHL's centralized Department of Player Safety, and a transition to a third party source to make disciplinary decisions. Kane explained that outsourcing would remove bias from the process.

Ironically, Kane, who is known to be one of the more vicious players in the league, makes a great point on how the league can improve player safety. Having a former player lead the way on making suspension choices can be rather



San Jose Sharks' Evander Kane (9) and Edmonton Oilers' Oscar Klefbom (77) vie for the puck during a game on Thursday, Feb. 6 in Edmonton, Alberta. Kane recently called for a dismantlement of the NHL's Department of Player Safety. PHOTO BY JASON FRANSON/AP

problematic. Parros played with and against players all across the league. It would not be surprising, considering his ties, if he favored some players to others.

Moving to a third party decision-making body would also allow the league to overhaul the entire disciplinary process, and make it more transparent to fans. As it stands currently, it is rather uncertain what goes into deciding punishment for players.

We know players are usually offered a hearing to discuss any incident, and players with a history of dangerous behavior are prone to receive stiffer penalties. Besides that, fans and even players are in the dark about how the process works.

How does the department decide if an incident is worthy of a fine versus a suspension? What warrants a three-game suspension instead of a one-game suspension? No one

knows.

The Department of Player Safety essentially gets together and randomly decides how long a player will sit as a result of their action. It does not appear that precedent is taken into account. It is like they spin a wheel to determine each suspension's length by chance.

The league needs to adopt a systematic process that explicitly says what actions warrant which disciplines. It cannot be a system where the opinions of a few individuals determine the outcome.

Kane's anger was backed specifically on recent incidents that occurred around the same time as his illegal check. He referenced Zdeno Chara's nasty cross check to the neck of Brendan Gallagher that only received a fine. He also pointed to a Lawson Crouse elbow to the head of Charlie McAvoy, a play that went entirely unpunished.

The hit was nearly identical to the one Kane received a three-game booking for.

The stark inconsistencies in punishments leave players uncertain of what they can get away with on the ice, ultimately leaving the game as unsafe as ever. Certain players receive a label as a "dirty player" and get suspended for everything they do. Meanwhile, other players who do not have such a bad rap can do whatever they want, sometimes without even a minor penalty call.

Kane deserves the suspensions and fines he gets, but Parros seems to forget about the rest of the league as he zones in on a few select players with bad reputations. Instead of truly keeping the game safe, they try to set an example of a few individuals.

While Kane may act recklessly on the ice, he knows exactly how to make hockey safer.

# RAINBOW SIX SIEGE INVITATIONAL RECAP

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On Sunday, Spacestation Gaming battled Ninjas In Pajamas at the biggest Rainbow Six Siege tournament of the year, the Six Invitational. The tournament boasted storied rosters and incredible plays across two weeks of competition, including G2's stunning elimination in the first round of the lower bracket and NIP's near-miraculous run to the grand finale.

The Ninjas battled through the lower bracket after a quarterfinals loss to TSM. They beat the back-to-back invitational winners, G2, one of the best North American teams in the world in DarkZero, and French powerhouse BDS Esports to earn another shot at TSM, this time in the lower bracket finals. This time the Ninjas didn't falter. They dominated TSM in two short, bloody games that saw them win 7-5 on Consulate and 7-3 on Clubhouse.

The Ninjas dominant victory over TSM was bolstered by two of their star players, Pino and Kamikaze. Pino finished the series with 22 kills and 16 deaths, while Kamikaze came in second with 15 kills and 11 deaths. On the TSM side, their star player Beaulo did everything he could to keep his team alive, going an incredible 27 kills and 18 deaths. Unfortunately for Beaulo, only one other player on his team, Geoo, even managed to top 10 kills, leading to TSM's exit from the tournament in third place.

Then, the Ninjas faced another hometown favorite, Spacestation Gaming. The Ninjas in Pajamas, who are a Brazilian team, had already taken down two American rosters in front of the Canadian crowd in Montreal and there was no question as to who the crowd was backing.





# Sports

## Manchester City banned from European club competition for 2 seasons

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The football world was stunned to hear reigning back-to-back Premier League champion Manchester City had been banned by UEFA from European club competition for two seasons.

They were also fined 30 million euros in the process.

In a statement released by the club, they stated to be “disappointed but not surprised” by a decision they labeled “prejudicial” and are set to appeal in The Court of Arbitration for Sport. Moreover, City vehemently criticized the process of the investigation, stating how an independent body should have been sought to “impartially consider the comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence in support of its position.”

The Independent Adjudicatory Chamber of the Club Financial Control Body stated the club had broken the rules by overstating its sponsorship revenue in its accounts and in the break-even information submitted to UEFA between 2012 and 2016. They also added that the club “failed to cooperate in the investigation.”

This year long review stems back to November 2018, when

German newspaper Der Spiegel published leaked documents alleging City inflated the value of a sponsorship deal in order to mislead European Football’s governing body to meet FFP guidelines.

FFP was introduced in 2011 to prevent clubs in UEFA competitions from spending beyond their means. Under the rules, clubs need to balance expenses such as transfers and wages with television, ticket income and revenues raised by commercial departments. Moreover, financial losses are limited and clubs are encouraged to meet payments on time.

Manager Pep Guardiola addressed his squad before training on Saturday, urging them to stay focused, with the Citizens set to face West Ham on Wednesday before traveling to Madrid in what’s set to be a Champions League classic on Feb. 26. If they are not able to beat “los blancos” over the two-leg tie, it could very well be their last participation in the tournament until the end of 2023.

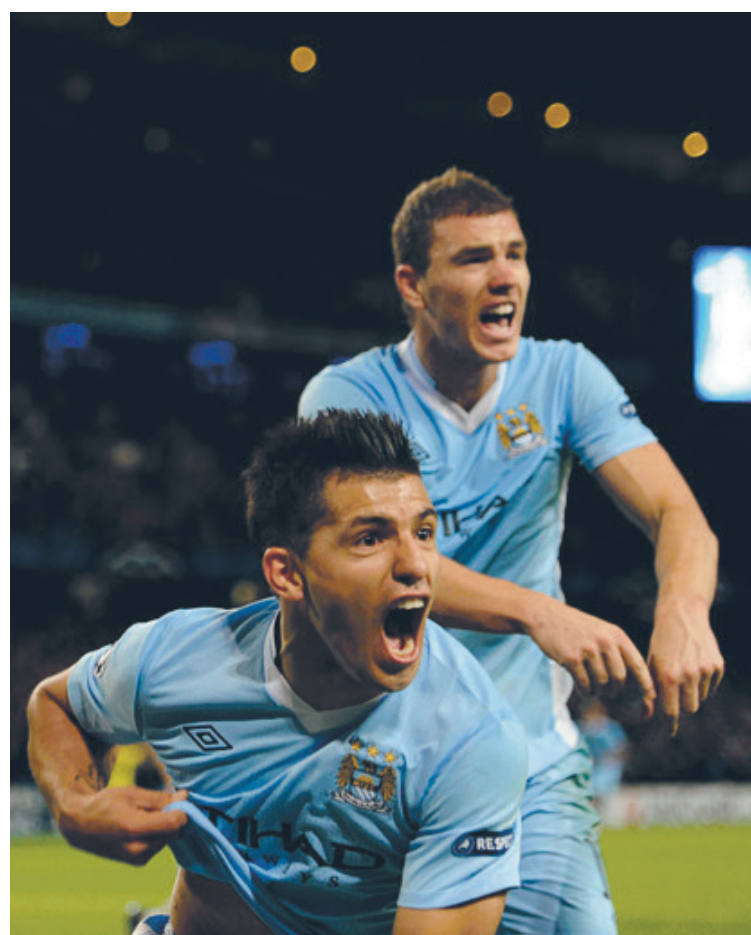
The question of a Premier League sanction still remains. There is talk of the club facing a points deduction due to England’s similar — yet distinct — Financial Fair Play rules. Moreover, there is also the possibility that City will be stripped of their 2014 Premier

League title. As of now, however, those in power in England’s top-flight have yet to comment on the situation.

Guardiola’s future becomes more uncertain. Although the Spaniard ensured he would at least stay with the club until the end of his contract in 2021, the prospect of not playing in what has become the most important competition in the world, the Champions League, is unfathomable for one of the best managers in world football.

Likewise, the future of the club’s stars is gravely uncertain, as time will tell if they are willing to forgo their participation in a competition that is now considered by most more important than any domestic title. Raheem Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva are just some of the world class talents that will attract much attention throughout the European continent. Moreover, three first team players — Sergio Aguero, Fernandinho and Leroy Sané — are set to be out of contract by the end of next season.

If the ban is to be upheld, it will stall the club’s ambitions of joining Europe’s elite and conquering what owner Sheikh Mansour craves: Champions League glory.



Manchester City players react to a play call during a Champions League game against Villarreal on Oct. 19, 2011. Manchester City has recently been banned from UEFA for two seasons.  
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## DB’s Weekly Take: GET WELL SOON AKOK

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My heart sank when I saw Akok Akok grimacing in pain on the ground a minute into Sunday’s marquee matchup between UConn and Memphis.

I knew something was wrong or else he would have gotten back up and at least tried to play. But when he had to be helped to his feet and couldn’t bear any weight on his left leg, that was when I realized how bad the injury must have been. Was it a torn ACL? A broken ankle? A ruptured Achilles?

To be honest, it didn’t really matter which one it was. What matters was that one of the most hard-working and electric young players in college basketball is not going to be able to do what he loves for at least the next several months.

The initial reports were that Akok tore his Achilles tendon in his left leg, a horrific, but unfortunately common, injury for basketball players. It typically requires nine to 12 months of recovery time, which means it is unlikely that Akok will be ready for the start of next season.

Anyone who knows Akok or has seen him play knows that he is going to do everything in his power to get back on the court as soon as possible, but an Achilles tear is one of the most grueling in all of sports. Someone like Akok, who plays with so much explosiveness, may find it particularly difficult to get back to the level he wants to play at.



UConn forward Akok Akok sits on the bench after injuring his Achilles tendon during a game against Tulsa on Sunday, Feb. 16 at XL Center. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

SB Nation did a great article last year after Kevin Durant’s Achilles tear about how basketball players have historically recovered from that injury. With the exception of Dominique Wilkins,

no players ever got back to their pre-injury peak, even if they were able to be productive.

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## Column: Manchester City’s UEFA ban and why it’s not that big of a deal

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While many enjoyed a romantic Valentine’s Day dinner, Manchester City was given the ultimate gift from UEFA: A two-season ban from European competitions like the Champions League and a 30 million euros fine.

The current champions of the Premier League were found to have heavily violated Financial Fair Play and UEFA Club Licensing. Not only will the Citizens miss out on Champions League, but they face possible Premier League point deductions and might get their 2014 title stripped away if a separate investigation in the Premier League finds the club guilty of breaching financial rules.

This took many people by surprise, including Tottenham Hotspur’s Jose Mourinho and Liverpool’s Jürgen Klopp. But to me, seeing the news of their ban made me happy; and not because Tottenham’s chances of qualifying for Champions League increased.

There’s a reason why many Premier League fans call them “Oil Money FC,” and I’m very glad that their extreme funds finally caught up to them. Hell, one can validly argue that if they didn’t get new owners in 2008, they probably wouldn’t have won as many trophies as they have. For instance, at the end of the 2007-08 season, the Citizens finished in ninth and the year before they finished in 14th with the likes of Martin Petrov, Jihai Sun and Joe Hart. Fast forward to the 2013-14 season and you’ll see a difference of being a mid-table side to being Premier League champions with

players such as Fernandinho, Sergio Agüero, Nasri and David Silva among many.

Many say that Manchester City will deal with the two years, but I just think that’s simply wrong. In fact, there’s been rumors that the Citizens will spend about the same amount as their fine on lawyers to appeal the ban, and I do think that is likely to happen. City, as I stated earlier, have more than enough funds to spend on good lawyers, and they will likely argue to lower it to just one year. Similar to Chelsea’s case with FFP, except City’s appeal would work.

Former Manchester United and Sky Sports pundit Gary Neville discussed in an Instagram video how he feels about Financial Fair Play.

“I have a real problem with FFP to start with,” Neville said. “I have ... for seven or eight years. I don’t think it’s the right way to apply it. I think City will beat UEFA. I think UEFA have no faith in them whatsoever; they’re essentially a hopeless organization who will just apply what will be erratic disciplinary sanctions for different things. I think City will beat them in the courts, I think it will get stuck in the courts for some time, but I think City will win in the end.”

Pep Guardiola and Raheem Sterling said they will stay at the club regardless of their ban from European competitions, however this does make soccer fans wonder if players like Agüero or Kevin de Bruyne will do the same or if they will leave the club. Though, who knows, if things don’t go City’s way to the point where they want out, then their statements will come back to bite them.

### THIS WEEK IN UCONN SPORTS

#### Women’s Basketball



Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
XL Center



Men’s Basketball  
Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Men’s Hockey  
Friday, 7:05 p.m.  
XL Center

### NUMBER OF THE DAY



UConn women’s basketball team falls to No. 6 in the AP Poll, ending a streak of 253 consecutive weeks in the top five.  
via @ESPNSStatsInfo

### TWEETS OF THE DAY

**American MBB**  
@American\_MBB  
Averaged 19 points and 5 boards in a 1-1 week for @UConnMBB - James Bouknight is the #AmericanHoops Freshman of the Week!

**Mike Anthony**  
@ManthonyCourant  
Dan Hurley: “What you see is a program that’s developed a character about it. Everyone pooh-pooh’s culture, but most of the people who pooh-pooh culture, they don’t know shit about how to build an organization because they’ve never really been in one.”