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HuskyTHON challenges community to raise \$315,000 for Day of Strength

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HuskyTHON Day of Strength will occur on Feb. 21, where the University of Connecticut community will take on the challenge of raising \$315,000 in 24 hours for the patients and families at Connecticut Children's.

According to a press release, all HuskyTHON participants are challenged to raise a minimum of \$137 for the 137,000 patients treated by Connecticut Children's in 2023. The funds raised on Day of Strength will go directly toward HuskyTHON's year-long fundraising effort, which will conclude at the end of the 18-hour dance marathon on March 2 in the Hugh S. Greer Field House.

Corina Massey, graduate curriculum and instruction and elementary education student and vice president of communications for HuskyTHON, said there will be incentives on Day of Strength to encourage participants to raise money.

"For every \$137 you raise, you will be entered to win round-trip tickets through Avelo Airlines to any destination at any airport of your choosing," Massey said.

Massey said participants are also encouraged to go beyond to raise more than \$137 for additional day-only incentives. Massey added that for every \$300 you raise on Day of Strength, you will be entered to win a 10-day, all-inclusive vacation to St. James Club in Antigua. For every \$500, participants will receive a fanny pack; for \$900, they will receive a long-sleeve shirt.

Massey, who has been involved in HuskyTHON for three years, said they also have other incentives for most creative fundraisers for the day to promote fundraising.



HuskyTHON participants in SU 104, the headquarters for the organization's annual Unite as One Day. The HuskyTHON community participates in two major fundraising push days each year, Unite as One in the fall and Day of Strength in the spring.

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"If you post your fundraiser on social media and tag us, you could win floor tickets to UConn this year, and since the tickets haven't gone on sale, it is a great way to guarantee a spot that you get on the floor," Massey said.

Massey said on Feb. 21, they will be in Student Union room 104 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where participants can learn about ways to fundraise, receive incentives, have photo opportunities and purchase

the Day of Strength merchandise collection. There will also be HuskyTHRIFT, where students can make purchases, and a car smash on Fairfield Way, where anyone can smash a car for \$3, with all proceeds going toward HuskyTHON.

Massey added that it is not too late to sign up for HuskyTHON, and if you register on Day of Strength, you will receive a Dunkin' Hot Card.

When asked how HuskyTHON participation is going

this year, Massey said that overall, they have had a record-breaking year of participants, with over 4,000 students so far.

"We are only going to get more, so we really appreciate the community showing up early this year and really coming together under one common purpose," Massey said.

Since 1999, HuskyTHON has raised over 12 million dollars for the patients and families at Connecticut Children's. This year, it celebrates its 25th

anniversary with the campaign "Build the Moment."

"We really have been working every day since June of donor drive opening and will be up until March 2 to build a moment where we can live in a world without childhood illness and build the moment, our moment, which is when we finally can raise that number and see what we can achieve," Massey said.

Although participants can fundraise until March 2, HuskyTHON Day of Strength is the last biggest push for fundraising. Last year, HuskyTHON Day of Strength surpassed its fundraising goal of \$275,000 in 24 hours, contributing to the organization's fundraising total of \$1,480,255.

"I think the biggest thing with Day of Strength is we have all of these awesome people involved in the organization, but we really need everyone to activate and come together and unite as one to really make that number be something magical and leave a mark on the 25th anniversary," Massey said.

Massey said for the first time they will be doing a live in-person reveal of the day's total to build hype and excitement. The next morning, on Feb. 22 at 9 a.m., they will reveal the day amount on the Student Union Terrace.

"This is our biggest day. It really helps us set the tone for the night of and the number we reveal on March 2. So we hope that everyone goes all out and it is a really fun, exciting day. I'm super hyped for it," Massey said.

Online donations can be made by visiting the HuskyTHON website, or you can register for the event by texting "HUSKYTHON" to 51-555.

State governments looking to protect health-related data as it's used in abortion battle

AP - Some state governments and federal regulators were already moving to keep individuals' reproductive health information private when a U.S. senator's report last week offered a new jolt, describing how cellphone location data was used to send millions of anti-abortion ads

to people who visited Planned Parenthood offices.

Federal law bars medical providers from sharing health data without a patient's consent but doesn't prevent digital tech companies from tracking menstrual cycles or an individual's location and selling it to data brokers. Legislation for federal

bans have never gained momentum, largely because of opposition from the tech industry.

Whether that should change has become another political fault line in a nation where most Republican-controlled states have restricted abortion — including 14 with bans in place at every stage of pregnancy —

and most Democratic ones have sought to protect access since the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022 overturned Roe v. Wade.

Abortion rights advocates fear that if such data is not kept private, it could be used not only in targeted ads but also in law enforcement investigations or by abortion op-

ponents looking to harm those who seek to end pregnancies.

"It isn't just sort of creepy," said Washington state Rep. Vandana Slatter, the sponsor of a law her state adopted last year to rein in unauthorized use of health information. "It's actually harmful."

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Supporters of Issue 1, the Right to Reproductive Freedom amendment, attend a rally in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 8, 2023. Some state governments and a federal agency are moving to block companies from selling geolocation data that shows who's been to abortion providers, among other places. JOE MAIORANA/AP

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But so far, there's no evidence of widespread use of this kind of data in law enforcement investigations.

"We're generally talking about a future risk, not something that's happening on the ground yet," said Albert Fox Cahn, executive director of the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project and an advocate of protections.

The report last week from Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, showed the biggest known anti-abortion ad campaign directed to people who had been identified as having visited abortion providers.

Wyden's investigation found that the information gathered by a now-defunct data broker called Near Intelligence was used by ads from The Veritas Society, a non-profit founded by Wisconsin Right to Life. The ads targeted people who visited 600 locations in 48 states from 2019 through 2022. There were more than 14 million ads in Wisconsin alone.

Wyden called on the Fed-

eral Trade Commission to intervene in the bankruptcy case for Near to make sure the location information collected on Americans is destroyed and not sold to another data broker. He's also asking the Securities Exchange Commission to investigate whether the company committed securities fraud by making misleading statements to investors about the senator's investigation.

It's not the first time the issue has come up.

Massachusetts reached a settlement in 2017 with an ad agency that ran a similar campaign nearly a decade ago.

The FTC sued one data broker, Kochava, over similar claims in 2022 in an ongoing case, and settled last month with another, X-Mode Social, and its successor, Outlogic, which the government said sold location data of even users who opted out of such sharing. X-Mode was also found to have sold location data to the U.S. military.

In both cases, the FTC relied on a law against unfair or deceptive practices.

States are also passing or

considering their own laws aimed specifically at protecting sensitive health information.

Washington's Slatter, a Democrat, has worked on digital privacy issues for years, but wasn't able to get a bill with comprehensive protections adopted in her state.

She said things changed when Roe was overturned. She went to a rally in 2022 and heard women talking about deleting period-tracking apps out of fear of how their data could be exploited.

When she introduced a health-specific data privacy bill last year, it wasn't just lawyers and lobbyists testifying; women of all ages and from many walks of life showed up to support it, too.

The measure, which bars selling personal health data without a consumer's consent and prohibits tracking who visits reproductive or sexual health facilities, was adopted with the support of nearly all the state's Democratic lawmakers and opposition from all the Republicans.

Connecticut and Nevada adopted similar laws last year. New York enacted one that bars using tracking around health care facilities.

California and Maryland took another approach, enacting laws that prevent computerized health networks from sharing information about sensitive health care with other providers without consent.

"We're really pushing for-

ward with the free-flowing and seamless exchange of health care data with the intent of having information accessible so that providers can treat the whole person," said Andrea Frey, a lawyer who represents health care providers and digital health systems across. "Conversely, these privacy concerns come into play."

Illinois, which already had a law limiting how health tracking data — measuring heart rates, steps and others — can be shared, adopted a new one last year that took effect Jan. 1 and that bans providing government license plate reading data to law enforcement in states with abortion bans.

Bills addressing the issue in some form have been introduced in several states this year, including Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, South Carolina and Vermont.

In Virginia, legislation that would prohibit the issuance of search warrants, subpoenas or court orders for electronic or digital menstrual health data recently cleared both chambers of the Democratic-controlled General Assembly.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Favola said she saw the bill as a necessary precaution when Republican politicians, including Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, have sought restrictions on abortion.

"The next step to enforcing an abortion ban could be accessing menstrual health data, which is why I'm trying to protect that data," Favola said in a committee hearing.

Opponents asked whether such data had ever been sought by law enforcement, and Favola responded that she wasn't aware of a particular example.

"It's just in search of a problem that does not exist," said Republican Sen. Mark Peake.

Youngkin's administration made it clear he opposed similar legislation last year, but his press office didn't respond to a request for comment on where he stands on the current version.

Sean O'Brien, founder of the Yale Privacy Lab, says there is a problem with the way health information is being used, but he's not sure laws will be the answer because companies could choose to ignore the potential consequences and continue scooping up and selling sensitive information.

"The software supply chain is extremely polluted with location tracking of individuals," he said.

Mulvihill reported from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Associated Press reporters Frank Bajak in Boston and Sarah Rankin in Richmond, Virginia, contributed to this article.

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This Week In History: Feb. 18 - Feb. 24

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With the rapid bursts of blizzards and winds in Northeastern Connecticut this time of year, the battle against snow seems almost unwinnable. Even armed with a shovel, courage and a lot of caffeine, it's incredibly difficult to clear away snow when it seemingly reappears quicker than you can shovel it away.

Over the past two weeks, snow fell, slowly melted, then once again froze into ice and became hidden under yet more snow. It's certainly an unpleasant time to travel and navigate busy roadways or parking lots, and as a result, the chaos of the weather has led me to cover a very remarkable battle against the snow in a historical setting. This Week in History, we'll uncover what it was like to make a track along the "Road of Life."

First, let's establish a geographic setting — the "Road of Life" was an ice bridge crossing the southern reaches of Lake Ladoga, Europe's largest freshwater lake just east of the Karelian Isthmus. This area is along the border between Finland and Russia, which have both historically occupied territories north and south of the isthmus.

As harsh as they may seem, New England's weather cycles are relatively tame. For several scientific/geological reasons, our occasional snow storms tend to be followed by fairly quick melting cycles, while those in Northeastern Europe linger and are much more intense. Especially considering the large bodies of water — both Lake Ladoga and the Gulf of Finland — which encapsulate the area of Karelia, winds and ice storms are far more powerful.

It goes without saying that every year, snow storms and harsh winters burden on those living in the region. According to Karelia's provincial website, "The mean temperature of the coldest month (February) is -8.8oC, of the warmest month (July) +16.3oC. The lake is normally covered in ice from February to May."

This week in history, Lake Ladoga is frozen over with ice sheets. In the 1940s, that layer of ice would be a lifeline for millions living in the nearby city of Leningrad.

By 1941, the Nazis had commenced Operation Barbarossa, the largest offensive ever conducted in warfare. It is almost unimaginable that over 10,000,000 soldiers — including both Allied and Axis forces — engaged in brutal combat. In the context of a short newspaper column, no words can adequately present the destruction of the conflict, but by this week in history in 1942, the Axis had fought their way to the Karelian Isthmus and, since September, 1941, had been starving the populace living in Leningrad.

Often referred to as the 900 days, the Siege of Leningrad was staggering. Nazi forces wrapped around the east of the city and, in a few months, had severed all train lines that supplied its inhabitants after seizing the railway hub of Tikhvin.

Just as the Germans spread in the southern reaches of the isthmus, the Finnish army battered Soviet lines in the north as they re-engaged in the Continuation War against the Soviets, who had previously been unable to attain a clear victory in the Winter War in 1939. The Red Army was forced to retreat, and civilians had no choice but to face the Axis onslaught.

Leningrad itself was bombarded, decimated by bombing raids, and completely

encircled. For the millions of starving inhabitants, there wasn't any hope of escape, yet there was still hope. As Anne Sorokina, a child when the invasion broke out, stated in an interview with the historian James Clapperton, a harrowing description of spring 1942: "Why? Why do you think there was not an epidemic? Because we cleaned up the streets, and the snowdrifts were full of corpses!"

Aiding in the desperate acts of survival undertaken by children such as Sorokina, one route could perhaps still save Leningrad, the ice on Lake Ladoga, aptly called the "Road of Life."

Officially referred to as "Military Automobile Highway No.101," the ice bridge was a carefully designed route that cut across Lake Ladoga and connected with supply lines along its Eastern shores. It bears mentioning that "Road of Life" is not necessarily a very descriptive title for the road, as Clapperton writes, "In [the testimonies of survivors] the road of life becomes more akin to a road of death, a path to salvation which was blocked all too often by sudden and merciless shelling which rained down from the skies above." Despite the threat of bombing and death due to German raids, even on the lake itself, the horror persisted further.

As individuals left their homes and self-constructed siege defenses their fear only grew. "Evacuees were vulnerable to attack and at the same time experienced a sense of disorientation after they had been removed from the strange yet familiar routines of siege existence," Clapperton adds.

Describing this history is incredibly difficult. I tend to look at the "Road of Life" as



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either a symbol of hope, despair or some messy mix of both. Yet, history itself isn't so clearly defined along moral definitions.

To those who lived through it, such as Zinaida Shishova, it was simply the way life had progressed. She commented to Clapperton, "Now, our world itself has become the blockade. Now our world stretches no further than Leningrad."

This week in history, on Feb. 20, 1942, the "Road of Life" shipped thousands of tons of material resources to Leningrad, supplied communication with the rest of the Soviet Union, shipped enough rations to feed the population, and evacuated as many as possible. The route would operate on the solid ice foundation throughout the remaining weeks of February as Leningrad's lifeline.

And that wraps up This Week in History. It has been a while since I covered an event related to World War II, and although this week didn't mark the founding of the

"Road of Life," it did mark one of its most pivotal weeks in operation. All interview lines within this article are from James Clapperton's work at the University of Edinburgh, "The Siege of Leningrad and the ambivalence of the sacred: Conversations with survivors." Clapperton's work explores so much that I could not cover it here. For those who read in print, the link to the online version of this article at dailycampus.com.

I'd like to conclude with a quote from Aleksandr Cherpukhin, another Leningrad survivor; after traversing "The Road of Life," he recalls, "At the other side, they gave us bread and hot kasha. But I remember people weeping because some of the children died. They began to eat, but their systems could not take it. Of course, this was awful. Guess what the only thing I took from home was? An old gramophone player!" He pulled the record player on a sled behind him until his family reached safety.



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'Code of Affection'

INNOVATIVE WAYS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE

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OPIM Innovate, a research lab located in the School of Business Room 391, hosted an extended celebration of Valentine's Day with their "Code of Affection" event on Thursday, Feb. 15. Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the workshop was complete with delectable snacks from UConn Catering, including chocolate-covered strawberries and marshmallow squares. This was one of their many events organized to introduce newcomers to the abundant resources in the lab and give those who are already technologically inclined some fun ways to enjoy their hobbies and potential career aspirations.

Supervised by three members of the lab, Lianne Duran, Elena Mezack and Diego Melendez, the environment was inclusive and welcoming for everyone in attendance. Guests were given the tools to 3D print jewelry pieces, code a Valentine's Day card and experiment with virtual reality. The room is chock-full of devices that can be used to "learn things that you would not hear about in class," according to Duran.

Director Jonathan Moore stated during email correspondence: "Innovate Labs is always looking for creative and fun ways to engage students and get them interested in learning about technology. These skills will be critical for all careers in the future and are relevant for students of all backgrounds and majors."

These sentiments show that one does not need to be a tech wizard to visit the lab, as it is meant to harbor an area "that will foster and grow the next generation of learners, leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators," according to OPIM Innovate's website. Additionally, Duran mentioned she is a pre-med major, and the lab often works with the business department that is centralized in the same building, so there is no need to specialize in a technology-based major to take part.

Regardless of your technological know-how or interests, the room has a cool aesthetic. 3D printers are doing their thing with no human intervention, and the computers are in the center of the room, making collaboration or discussion with one's neighbor easier. The lab members said it is sometimes a study space used for homework and relaxing with friends. All in all, the vibes are immaculate.

3D printing is not always done in a large machine, as the workshop provides multiple 3D pens. Much more complex and less expensive than the Apple Pen, the devices work by melting plastic that funnels out of the pen tip, creating the familiar scent of burning wax in the process. Colors are interchangeable by switching out the plastic rods. Someone more artistically inclined could produce neat and wearable jewelry with this tool, once the plastic cools down, but a small heart was the best I could do.

Although coding a simple card unfortunately still sounds like a massive undertaking in



Pictured is the entrance of the OPIM Innovate Lab located in the School of Business. The entrance was decorated for the Valentine's Day inspired event held on Thursday, Feb. 15. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

the digital age, the instructions for this portion of the workshop make it a breeze. Students either logged in or created an account with Scratch. Like Blockly and other such websites, Scratch makes programming simple by grouping commands into blocks that fit together like puzzle pieces. While appearing basic for college students, the core concepts of coding are there, so useful knowledge can be learned. Trying it out for yourself could compel you to learn a full-fledged programming language, or at the very least, you could code a Valentine's Day card next year. I was not able to participate in the

virtual reality activity, but it can be assumed that it was just as intuitive as everything else.

From the hand-drawn sign at the room's entrance to the catering, much love went into crafting this event, and I am happy to have found another place on campus that encourages everyone to be students and learn about the prospects of modern-day technology. It is often perceived that to learn 3D printing or virtual reality, one must use their funds to purchase that equipment and figure it out on their own, but this is far from the truth.

Even computer-based coding is considered a daunting

task by most people in 2024, which should not be the case, yet, OPIM Innovate is working towards educating people with any initial level of proficiency on how to use and apply technology that is not found in the average classroom or taught at the frequency that it should be. The lab hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday, aside from Wednesdays, when it is closed from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Also, it will be hosting a 20-hour overnight extravaganza called HackUConn in Werth Tower on March 1 and 2. If you are interested, more information is on their website.

'Foreign Policy Seminar' 148: Reflecting on the history of modern Afghanistan's politics

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On Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, professor Elisabeth Leake of Tufts University gave the 148th Foreign Policy Seminar (FPS.) It was open to attend both virtually via Zoom call and in person.

"The FPS is a series launched by now-retired professor Thomas Paterson in 1985. Professor Leake's talk will be the 148th lecture in this series, which is funded by the Department of History and by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences," said Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Frank Costigliola.

Costigliola gave a short history of the FPS, including the fact that this particular FPS had the highest turnout historically thus far. He acknowledged the loyal returners of the FPS series as well as the current students. He then introduced the speaker, Elisabeth Leake. As stated in an email description by Costigliola, "[Leake] was educated at Yale and at Cambridge University in Britain. She has published two books, the second being 'Afghan Crucible,' which is on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the international reaction." Leake's goal is to make complex histories accessible.

Leake began the lecture discussing how the United States ended its invasion of Afghanistan in 2021. Leake acknowledged the phrases "graveyard of empires" and "road-kill of empires" when some refer to Afghanistan. Kevin Baker coined the latter phrase in a 2021 Politico article entitled "The Old Cliché About Afghanistan That Won't Die": a more dismal take on Afghanistan's history and politics. Some people would even consider Afghanistan to be a "failed state" or a state that was "never meant to

be," according to Leake. However, as she argues later in the lecture, Afghanistan is a multiethnic, multireligious, multilingual society despite the harmful stereotypes associated with it abroad.

Afghanistan is often excluded from the historical conversation, but Leake wants to change that. She claims that we can gain a lot of valuable information from understanding Afghanistan's place in global history and events.

Leake then referenced the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan from late 1979 to 1989, later explaining in the Q&A session that it was due to how the Soviet Union desired to support the socialist regime but underestimated the resistance. Leake acknowledged how the Cold War shaped Afghanistan and other third-world countries.

Kabul University hosted students with Marxist-Leninist beliefs. Furthermore, the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) identified as Marxist-Leninist. Leake noted the parallels between the PDPA and other socialist and communist organizations.

There were also the Islamists, a political movement that believes in Islamic fundamentalism and usually opposed socialism and communism. Hezb-e-Islami, an Islamist organization, focused on one-party rule and was one of the most feared and hated resistance groups, according to Leake. On the other hand, Jamiat-e-Islami, another Islamist organization, tried to build a multiethnic coalition.

Leake proposed that the resistance groups looked at the past and the future. Nonetheless, none of the groups wanted a pre-modernist Afghanistan; they wanted a revolution.

Leake then shifted the focus to India, where a lesser-known activist in the Gandhi era by the name

of Abdul Ghaffar Khan was highlighted. Khan formed the Khudai Khudmatgar, a key party of Indian politics focused on equal rights and multiculturalism. He was eventually imprisoned in Pakistan until he became sick, after which he was exiled to Afghanistan. Following the discussion of Khan, Leake took some time to explain how the United Kingdom and the Muslim League (as well as some other organizations) feared the balkanization of South Asia. An example of this can be seen through in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, which led to the independence of Bangladesh.

Leake closed off her lecture by defining decolonization. Leake classifies decolonization as a persistent form of dissent in both belief and practice due to nothing being done in their favor. It is a political transfer of power that is mobilized for the sake of critique. It is worth noting that decolonization evolved to mean something different in the 21st century, according to Leake, as it's used more metaphorically.

In the Q&A session, the audience asked about several topics concerning Leake's presentation. These questions included the topics of women's role in Afghan history, Saudi Arabian and Iranian influence on Afghanistan (Iran and Pakistan give the Islamist political movement money), Afghan national identity, Abdul Ghaffar Khan's legacy (India loved him, Pakistan hated him) and Afghan intellectuals to name a few.

Leake's lecture was incredibly engaging and accessible for historians and people generally interested in history. It doesn't hurt to learn more about foreign policy, although at first, it may seem boring because all human beings are a part of one connected world. If that wasn't enough to convince you; however, the FPS offered a buffet-style dinner after the Q&A session.



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"SEEING CLIMATE CHANGE?" LEAVES GUESTS THINKING ABOUT PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE IMPACTS

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During a walkthrough of the new exhibit, "Seeing Climate Change?" at the William Benton Museum of Art on Friday, Feb. 17, guests were encouraged to think about the past, present and future impacts of climate change. Robert Thorson, a professor of earth sciences at the University of Connecticut, led the walkthrough and carefully explained each exhibit section.

The exhibit featured art in various mediums, including paintings, sketches, an animated video and photographs. It also featured different types of rocks and tools used to measure weather data. Displaying various art pieces and objects helped connect the exhibit's theme.

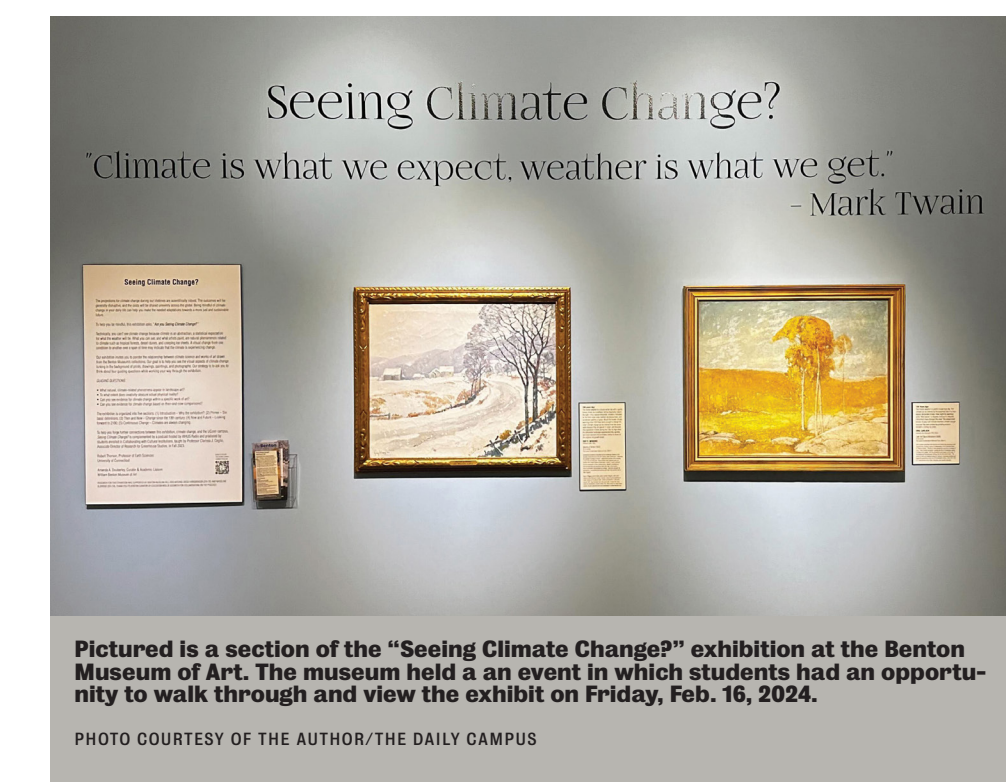
Blanche Serban, a local artist who painted Horsebarn Hill every day for a whole year, inspired Thorson to create the new exhibit. Thorson thought that through the collection of historic paint-

ings The Benton has, people would be able to see the phenological changes of the world around us caused by climate change. By looking at the paintings, modern-day visitors see what the environment looked like around a hundred years ago, "look at the paintings and think, 'can I see climate change in the paintings?'" said Thorson.

Further emphasizing the exhibit's message, in the center gallery above two paintings is a quote from Mark Twain: "Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get." During the walkthrough, Thorson explained that weather is what we feel every day, while climate is a prediction of what the weather will be.

"I think defining terms is important. I think if you walk away just knowing the difference between climate and weather, that's a win," said Amanda Douberly, an assistant curator and liaison for the museum.

An oil on canvas painting titled "The Unfolding Year," created by Carleton Wiggins in 1924, depicts lambs grazing



Pictured is a section of the "Seeing Climate Change?" exhibition at the Benton Museum of Art. The museum held a an event in which students had an opportunity to walk through and view the exhibit on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.

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in a deep green field on a beautiful spring day. The exhibit label for the painting encourages guests to think about what the

painting might look like every day at the same time in the same spot for a year.

In comparison, an animated video installation presents evidence of climate change. Thorson highly encouraged guests to check out the animated video if they walk through the exhibit. The video shows the temperature changes the world has experienced because of climate change throughout the years.

In relation to the exhibit, there is a podcast titled "Seeing Climate Change?" hosted by WHUS. In this eight-episode series, students talk specifically about climate change with various topics such as what scientists think about cows contributing to climate change and "the campus itself," Douberly said.

"I think that it's really not about me or even The Benton; it's about the audience. Are they engaged? Are they thinking about climate? Are they more mindful about how things are changing?

And if the answer is yes... then I'm psyched because ultimately I'm an educator," said Thorson.

As Thorson led the walkthrough, the audience listened attentively, fully immersed in everything Thorson said. Attending an exhibit walkthrough is an excellent way for guests to understand the exhibit on a deeper level. For those who haven't attended, exploring the exhibit still would still have been a great experience but would not have left as significant of an impact.

The walkthrough with Thorson included hearing the story of what inspired the exhibit, who was involved, and how to understand the paintings on a deeper level. If you enjoy learning and questioning the world around you, attending an exhibit walkthrough is a must. For those who want to view the "Seeing Climate Change?" exhibit, guests can view it at The Benton until July 28, 2024.



Pictured is an oil on canvas painting titled, "The Unfolding Year," which can be seen in the Benton Museum of Art. This exhibit will be up until July 28, 2024.

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"CLIMATE IS WHAT WE EXPECT. WEATHER IS WHAT WE GET." - MARK TWAIN

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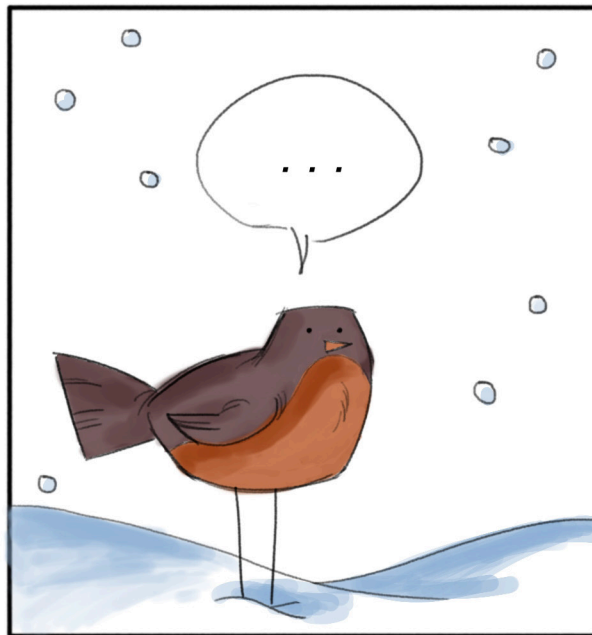
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THE GENDER GAP IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Research is one of the pivotal areas of academia. It is through research we understand and observe the world around us. Through research, we can form a new theory to understand the world that we live in, or, as it is better known, research is used to design new medical procedures and such.

However, when it comes to formulating new medicines or procedures, research has historically not done a good job of including the whole population—specifically including both men and women in trials. Indeed, a study in 2022 of 86 randomly controlled trials found that women comprised only 37% of participants.

The lack of inclusion of both genders in research seems to follow a historical trend of a lack of interest in the medical needs of women along with a lack of understanding that, at some time, they are different from the needs of a man. However, the lack of participation may not necessarily be due to a lack of trying.

Lack of willingness to participate may also contribute to the small number of women participating in experiments. But whatever the reason, it is incredibly vital to understand the limitations of studies that lack gender variety, ultimately neglecting female statistics. In the 2022 study, only three of the studies mentioned the lack of diversity within their trial subjects and its concurrent consequences. There are some differences between men and women

that change the way that certain treatments affect them. For one, there are variations in hormone cycles between men and women. While male hormone cycles have a twenty-four-hour cycle, women have a twenty eight day cycle. And research has found that within various periods of the female hormone cycle, susceptibility to disease increases; moreover, some hormonal fluctuations can change the way drugs work within the body.

These hormonal changes have also been linked to why women experience Alzheimer's more often. Without considering these effects, research regarding new treatments may not accurately display the effects of the treatment that would likely be used on everyone, regardless of gender. Only studying the effects of solutions, whether they be in the form of medicine or treatment, on men can create a major lack of knowledge regarding how women experience illness and disease.

Further, without studying the symptoms of certain diseases in both genders, diagnosis can then become a difficult task. An example of this can be found in differences in men's and women's cardiovascular health. Cardiovascular disease is one of the greatest threats to women, and yet only 31% of clinical trial subjects are female. Moreover, symptoms sometimes appear differently in men and women. Women are much more likely to present with atypical symptoms such as shortness of breath or nausea, symptoms that can potentially be misdiagnosed. Without understanding these differences, illnesses may be left untreated and cause great harm when they could be entirely preventable.

As mentioned before, there may be reasons beyond exclusion by researchers that cause a lack of female participants. So, we must begin by first addressing deficits any research may contain. Sometimes, there will be a lack of representation within an experiment, which must be addressed within the piece itself. At the end of the day, as the next generation of researchers, we must all make an active effort to have diversity, and not just with gender, within our research participants so we can properly understand wellness, illness and treatment in all bodies.

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Photo of the Day | Horsebarn sunsets



The sunset warms the sky behind a tree on Horsebarn Hill on Feb. 18, 2024. Recent snowstorms have left New England covered in snow for the last week. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Women's Lacrosse:

Comeback against No. 3 James Madison falls just short

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We're just 12.5% of the way through the season, and No. 24 UConn women's lacrosse has not lived up to the hopes they had coming into the campaign. After dropping a road game to Fairfield in their opener, they suffered another brutal defeat against No. 3 James Madison on Saturday.

The Huskies fell behind early and spent the whole game trying to make it back up. They came

close to coming back but fell just short. It was a well-rounded scoring effort, with three different Huskies notching hat tricks.

Susan Lafountain had a great performance at the head of it. The attacker scored four times and added an assist, doing a lot to keep Connecticut's hopes afloat. While she wasn't big in the comeback, she made plays when nobody else could. Lafountain hasn't come out of nowhere but has been the team's best scorer thus far. Keeping the foot on the pedal as others get up to speed will be critical for

her as UConn looks to get into the win column.

Along with Lafountain, Rayea Davis is another Husky who has been a pleasant surprise. The redshirt sophomore has seven goals through two games, scoring three on Saturday. Davis was projected to step up this year after a great freshman year and has lived up to the billing so far. Her goal in the waning minutes of the matchup put the Huskies in position to tie, but the team couldn't muster another goal. Davis does a great job of peppering shots and

adding pressure, and it would be even better if more of them found the back of the net.

Kate Shaffer, the Big East pre-season player of the year, had another rough outing. After posting one goal in the Fairfield contest, she managed just two against the Dukes. In that pair of games last year, the grad student scored eight. She is the x-factor for Connecticut's success as the go-to offensive option. This team could be in trouble if she's not on every night.

UConn was jumped from the

opening draw, conceding two goals in the first minute and another a few minutes later. They didn't answer back until nearly halfway into the quarter but were able to pick up some momentum. Davis led the Huskies' run of three unanswered as they knotted the score.

Then they fell asleep for the rest of the half. Over 18 minutes, the Dukes poured it on, netting seven shots to the Huskies' one. Facing a six-goal deficit at the break, Connecticut was looking for answers.

Abby Charon and Lafountain contributed to a third-quarter where the Huskies outscored JMU, but they needed more in the fourth. The Dukes' pair of goals to start the final frame was not helpful.

The Huskies came to play for the rest of the contest. Down by six, Lafountain scored a goal that started a 5-1 run, ending with a pair of Shaffer goals. James Madison's Josie Pell scored a massive one to increase their advantage to three with five minutes left.

Giardina gave the Huskies their last chance to win, netting a massive goal in a free position with just two minutes left. Less than 23 seconds later, Davis nailed her own free-position shot. UConn was anxious to tie things, drawing one final free position with 23 seconds left down by one. Lafountain lined up to take it, but it was saved, giving the Huskies another defeat.

They'll get nearly a week to regroup, up next at St. Joseph's this Friday. The team plays their first five games on the road, not home until March 12.



The UConn Huskies and the Georgetown Hoyas women's lacrosse teams battle it out at Morrone Stadium on Tuesday, April 19, 2023 during a pride-themed game. The game ended with a final score of 13-9, securing a conference win for the Huskies.

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Women's Hockey:

UConn sweeps Merrimack in season series and falls in Vermont upset

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Victory tasted even sweeter for the Huskies as they came out on top for a third time this season over the Merrimack Warriors.

In a thrilling 5-1 win, the no. 11 Huskies made the Merrimack ice their own as they made quick work of their victory.

From the Huskies' end, they played an exceptionally clean game, whereas the Warriors penalties allowed UConn to capitalize on the power plays.

Merrimack and UConn appeared to be on an even playing field at the start of the first as they matched each other's shots on goal. Veteran goaltender Tia Chan defended the net with ease as she saved 23 shots throughout the game. Chan is maintaining a .946 save percentage this season and has been a reliable force in the net, with few shots getting past her.

The first power play came just six minutes into the first with an interference call on the Warriors. The Huskies have grown accustomed to taking advantage of the power plays, and this contest was no different. With ease, sophomore Christina Walker found the back of the net on an assist from Ainsley Svetek and Coryn Tormala.

With just a one-point advantage, the Huskies were quick to defend Chan in the net as Merrimack attempted 11 more shots on goal before the period was up.

The trend continued in the second period as the Warriors received their second interference penalty three minutes into gameplay. This time, UConn's



UConn women's hockey team picks up a 2-1 loss against Holy Cross at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. on Feb. 11, 2023. The team's overall record is currently 20-7-5.

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Kathryn Stockdale set the puck flying past the Merrimack goaltender to push UConn into a more comfortable two-point advantage.

Despite UConn having a more comfortable lead, the duo kept the energy up as 10 shots were fired off from the Huskies, and eight were sent from Merrimack. Just before the second period closed out, the Warriors got their name on the board as they nailed the puck past Chan.

With a 2-1 advantage heading into the final period, the Huskies needed to grow their lead.

In the first 10 minutes alone, the Huskies largely outshot the Warriors 14-4. They kept the momentum going as Svetek sailed the puck past the Merrimack defense for a 3-1 UConn lead.

From there, the Huskies had the win in the palm of their hands. Just a minute later, sophomore Megan Woodworth got her fifth goal of the season and carried the team into a dominant 4-1 advantage.

While Merrimack responded with three unsuccessful shots, UConn sealed the deal with a dynamic shot by Brooke Campbell to pick up the fifth of the game. With a final score of 5-1, the Huskies closed out this season's three-game series with Merrimack in a victory sweep.

After a triumphant win in North Andover, the Huskies continued north to Burlington to take on UVM.

In a 3-0 shutout, the No. 7 Catamounts upset the Huskies and handed them their first conference loss since October.

The Catamount offense came out blazing, and although UConn outshot Vermont 10-7 early on, the first goal came just nine minutes into the first period from Vermont. Despite the Huskies' intensity, another Vermont goal came just minutes later to knock the scoreboard 2-0.

The Huskies were forced to play catchup in a drastic change from the previous day's contest.

Despite outshooting the Catamounts in the second, the Huskies could not capitalize on the powerplay that came 10 minutes into the period. Although they could keep any Vermont advances out of the net, UConn could not fire off a shot themselves.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, the third period did not produce a desirable outcome, as

they could not find a way past the Vermont goaltender. Although UConn put up a sincere fight, the Catamounts finalized their win with a third goal.

In the face of defeat, the Huskies were able to maintain their composure and keep their heads up to close out the contest. Despite the loss, the Huskies battled out a clean game and played as a united force on the ice.

Looking ahead, the Huskies will travel to Boston for the final time this season to take on the No. 3 seed, Boston University in a two-game series. Friday's matchup will be on the road, but Saturday's game will feature the Terriers at Toscano.

Puck drop on Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m., while Saturday is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Sports

Photo of the Day | Huddle up. It's time for week 6.



The Huskies in a huddle during a game against Marquette on Feb. 17, 2024 at the XL Center. The Huskies went on to win this game 81-53.
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Softball:

Huskies finish Marucci Classic 2-3 with wins over Elon, Campbell

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Following four losses in UConn softball's (4-7) opening weekend in the Black & Gold Classic in Orlando, Fla., the Huskies looked to bounce back with hopefully a successful weekend in Raleigh, North Carolina, for the Marucci Classic.

UConn began the weekend with a doubleheader on Friday. The first game could not have gone any better for the Huskies as they trounced Elon University (4-4) 9-0.

Senior Hallie Siems earned the start in the circle for Connecticut, pitching for 3.2 scoreless innings. The Stuttgart, Ark. native allowed just two hits and struck out six batters.

UConn was prolific on offense from start to finish.

In the first inning, sophomore Haley Coupal hit a sacrifice grounder to bring junior Lexi Hastings in to score. Later in the inning, senior Jana Sanden hit a sacrifice fly to drive sophomore Grace Jenkins in to score from third base.

The Huskies continued to bring in runs in the second inning, as freshman Caylee De Meo hit a two-run home run to record her first career hit and first career home run, giving Connecticut a 4-0 advantage.

Three more runs would score in the fourth inning, starting with Hastings, who hit a double with two outs to bring in freshman Rayah Snyder to score. Snyder has been used as a pinch runner lately and has scored in all but two games for the Huskies so far. Jenkins hit her first homer of the season as the Folsom, Calif. native's deep shot to dead center put the game out of reach for Elon with a 7-0 lead.

To make matters worse for the Phoenix, UConn scored two more runs in the fifth inning.

Payton Kinney was the Huskies' ace last season, but the All-Big East First Team pitcher did not have her best outing as Connecticut took on Campbell University (1-8) in the second game of Friday's doubleheader.

In her first start of the season, the Bradenton, Fla. native gave up four runs on four hits, forcing head coach Laura Valentino to bring in sophomore Hope Jenkins as a relief. She wouldn't give up runs in the same way as Kinney did, as she gave up two runs with one strikeout through three innings.

UConn's offense would not let

the game get out of hand. In the first inning, Grace Jenkins hit her fourth double of the season to bring Hastings all around the bases from first to cut the Huskies' deficit to three runs.

The Camels scored in the next three innings to give Campbell a 7-1 comfortable lead.

Hope Jenkins was replaced by redshirt freshman Sydnee Koosh, who gave up only one earned run with two strikeouts.

Grace Jenkins continued her strong offensive performance for Connecticut, bringing in two runs on a double in the fifth inning, bringing the score to 7-3. Sanden added a little more hope for the Huskies with her



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first home run of the season to cut the deficit to three runs.

Campbell got their lead back to four runs, but UConn brought it back to three in the bottom of the seventh inning. However, the Huskies would not surmount the lead the Camels had as UConn lost 8-5.

UConn began a tough doubleheader on Saturday by facing North Carolina State University (7-3), the tournament's host.

Siems was back in the circle for the fourth time this season, giving up three runs on four hits with five strikeouts through five innings.

NC State got on the board early with an RBI single in the first inning, followed by a two-run home run in the second to give the Wolfpack a 3-0 lead.

Connecticut's only run scored in the sixth inning as Hastings hit a solo shot to center field, her first of the season. The Huskies did not swing the bat well, only recording one hit through five innings.

In her only inning of work, graduate student Meghan O'Neil pitched a 1-2-3 sixth inning with two strikeouts after replacing Siems.

UConn fell to NC State 3-1 and looked to get revenge on Campbell in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Valentino went back to Siems for her fifth start of the sea-

son. Unlike Friday's pitching against the Camels, the senior did an excellent job, throwing a no-hitter through the first three innings.

However, Campbell's pitching was unhittable for the Huskies, keeping the game at a standstill for the first four innings.

The Camels erupted in the fourth inning, scoring four runs to break the scoreless tie.

O'Neil came into the circle to relieve Siems again in the fifth inning and finished the game with one hit allowed and four strikeouts.

Thanks to the work O'Neil was doing in the circle, UConn's offense took advantage. Sanden hit a two-run shot to left field to put the Huskies on the board, making it back-to-back days with homers. Hope Jenkins made the fifth inning seem like a home run derby as the sophomore hit her first home run of the season.

With a one-run game and momentum swinging towards Connecticut's way, the Huskies exploded in the seventh inning. Hastings hit the go-ahead two-run shot to complete a five-run inning. Sanden, Hope Jenkins and sophomore Savannah Ring all hit RBI singles.

O'Neil closed the game out with a 1-2-3 inning to give UConn an 8-4 revenge win over Campbell.

The final game of the trip came on Sunday morning against North Dakota State University (6-6).

Kinney looked to bounce back after a sour season debut. She did exceptionally well for five innings, allowing no runs, only giving up two hits and striking out five batters.

The pitcher's duel lasted four innings, with Sanden breaking the scoreless tie in the fifth inning with a solo home run to dead center to give UConn a 1-0 lead.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, North Dakota State responded in the sixth inning, scoring three runs to give them a 3-1 lead.

UConn could not get back to scoring as the Bison held onto a 3-1 win.

The Clemson Classic is next on the Huskies' schedule, with Ole Miss, Miami (Ohio) and Clemson waiting. The four-game trip will begin on Friday with a doubleheader against Ole Miss and Miami (Ohio). The Huskies take on the Rebels at 11 a.m.

Track and Field:

Huskies come up short in Terrier DMR Challenge and Alex Wilson Invitational

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After a record-breaking season, the UConn men and women's track and field team came up short this weekend at the Terrier DMR Challenge and the Alex Wilson Invitational.

On Friday, for the Terrier DMR Challenge, hosted by Boston University, the meet consisted of six events both on the men's and women's sides, with teams from all across the country competing. This included the 200, 400 and 800 dashes and meter races, the mile run and the distance medley relay. For the Huskies, in the men's distance medley relay, Travis Martin, Mahamed Sharif, Samuel Geisler and Kevin Cawley came in ninth place with a time of 9:46.07. Then, in the women's mile run, senior Jenna Zydanowicz placed 12th in the mile run with a time of 4:42.66.

On Saturday, at the Alex Wilson Invitational hosted by Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, the meet consisted of 14 events with various teams across the countries competing. This included the 60, 200, 400, 800, 3000 meter dashes and races, the mile run, the 60 hurdles, the distance medley relay, the high jump, the pole vault, the long jump, triple jump, shot put and weight throw. Unfortunately, the

Huskies did not rank in any of these events.

The Huskies look forward to next weekend, hoping to repeat history at the indoor track Big East championships. It will begin on Friday, Feb. 23, and conclude on Saturday, Feb. 24, in Chicago, Illinois, at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center.

There are various athletes on this squad that Husky fans should follow going into next weekend. On the women's side, you have notable names like Jasmine Barrow and Jai-lya Ash. This season, Ash broke UConn's all-time record in the 60m hurdles, notching the fastest time ever in the team's history. Barrow has had multiple record-breaking performances in both the triple and long jump this season. She is currently ranked No. 3 all-time for the team in these events.

On the men's side, Marc Morrison jumped 7.59m in the Crimson Elite, pushing him to win Big East Athlete of the Week. Sprinter Terrel Williams has also had a record-breaking season, breaking the school record he originally set for the 60m dash.

Even after this weekend, you can't deny how much the team has dominated the track during the indoor season, and they should be excited to have an equally record-breaking start to their outdoor season.



Donovan Wright, a hurdler for the Huskies track team at practice during a photoshoot. Wright ran the men's 60 hurdles in 8.20 seconds at his latest meet. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNFXC ON INSTAGRAM

Women's Basketball: No. 15 Huskies celebrate Senior Night, roll Georgetown

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Senior night: The only universal college basketball event where teams honor their seniors who have provided four years of service. With COVID-19 and the transfer portal, senior night looks a little different than it used to. Now, players frequently have not spent all their years with the team and have extra eligibility beyond their four academic years. This was not your typical senior night for the No. 15 University of Connecticut women's basketball team.

For starters, the seniors were honored after the game, unlike the typical pre-game ceremony. The next oddity was that all of the seniors who participated had the option to return for another year. That definitely put the night in a bizarre light. Lastly, the contest wasn't the team's final on-campus game. They still have one more. Aaliyah Edwards, Paige Bueckers, Nika Mühl and injured fifth-year Aubrey Griffin were all honored, with the first three starting, as usual.

As for the actual game that happened, it wasn't much of one at all. The Huskies took on Georgetown on a night more about the seniors. The Hoyas jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the first 80 seconds, but that was as close they got to anything competitive. Bueckers hit a jumper, KK Arnold drilled a three and all of a sudden, Connecticut scored 12 straight.

And they didn't stop there. The seniors and Arnold continued to pour it on, with Mühl's triple at the horn establishing an 18-point lead after a quarter. The second period saw Bueckers score eight points as UConn ballooned their

advantage to 26 points going into the half. That just about ended any question of the matchup's outcome.

The Huskies won by 41 but didn't extend their lead until the fourth quarter. The biggest difference in the stat sheet was on the glass, with Connecticut out-rebounding the Hoyas 45-28. The primary contributor to that total? That would be Edwards.

The All-American forward was electric on a day where she was honored, notching 26 points and 16 boards. And all it took was 16 shots for her to get there. In a game where no one player was essential to the victory, Edwards was clearly the best player on the court.

"I think it's the confidence she's playing with now, the energy she's playing with," coach Geno

Auriemma said of the difference. "There's a different look to her, a different approach. It's hard work in practice. I fully expect she can continue working on this for as long as we go after the regular season."

Bueckers, arguably the most notable senior being honored, didn't have her most efficient game but still managed to steal Edwards' thunder. She scored 21 points on 19 tries and added eight assists. Her senior night speech sent Gampel Pavilion into its loudest roar of the night.

"Unfortunately... this will not be my last senior night here," Bueckers said to the crowd postgame, faking them out initially.

When speaking to the media afterward, she elaborated on her choice.

"I felt like it would be a burden lifted off my shoulders," Bueckers said. "To address the crowd that I love so much, I appreciate so much. These guys are my sisters. I thought it was a great time to do it."

When healthy, Bueckers is one of the most electric UConn players in recent history, so her return is tremendous for the program. And Griffin announced she's coming back, too. That returning firepower is more important than any game outcome.

"To be honest with you, [Bueckers] never said she was leaving, and she never said she was staying," Auriemma said postgame. "It changes the whole dynamic of things. There's a lot of excitement about having a full lineup."

Reflecting on the past few

years, Auriemma discussed what could have been and what's ahead with who is returning.

"With Aubrey, Paige, it's like BYU East out here," he said. "The great unknown is no pandemic, no injuries; what could it have been these past four years. The stars lined up wrong, then all of a sudden, they lined up right. It allows us to take advantage of these unique opportunities. I just want it to work out for them, I really do."

As for the other two, Auriemma sees a return as unlikely but didn't rule anything out.

"I think Nika's looking forward to the next step in her career, from what I gather," he said. "It's weird that all of them have the opportunity to play again. I would be surprised [if she stayed]."

Edwards confirmed that there's no decision coming soon but didn't indicate which way she's leaning.

"I think we're trying to stay present," said Edwards. "We have a lot of basketball to play. There's a time and place for us to decide, and that's at the end of the season."

All said it was a night that went far beyond the 40 minutes of basketball that were played. Fans have renewed hope of an all-time UConn team next year to tide them through the rest of this campaign. But until then, this season's team still has four games plus a postseason to get through.

They won't get much time to rest, playing No. 20 Creighton at noon in Hartford on Monday. The Bluejays lost to the Huskies by 44 at home in the game; Griffin was injured. It likely won't be so uncompetitive, but there's no reason to expect Connecticut to lose until the NCAA tournament.



Nika Mühl dribbling down the court in UConn's game against Georgetown on Feb. 16, 2024. UConn went on to win the game 85-44.

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Pitching propels Huskies to 2-1 weekend in USF Baseball Tournament

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Throughout the 2023 season, the offense served as the UConn baseball team's primary weapon as they made it to the Gainesville Regional. Five different players who appeared in at least 50 games hit over .300, and the team's 78 homers rank third in a single season in program history. 2024 started on a much different note.

The pitching staff had to step up with UConn's offense struggling for most of the weekend—the Hook C batted .168 and stranded 17 runners across three games. UConn's arms did just that. 10 pitchers combined for a 2.08 ERA as the Huskies went 2-1 in the USF Baseball Tournament in Tampa, Fla.

Junior ace Ian Cooke hurled his second-straight season-opening quality start. Cooke allowed three hits across six scoreless innings, walked two and struck out five.

The Louisville Cardinals nearly scored the game's first run in the third inning on shortstop Gavin Kilen's single. Left fielder JT Benson misread the play, stopping at third before heading for home. By the time Benson touched the plate, graduate shortstop Paul Tammaro had tagged Kilen for the third out.

Connecticut had their chances with a runner on base in each of the first four innings. Southpaw Evan Webster held them scoreless every time. It was not until senior left fielder Corey Morton faced righty Kaleb Corbett with the bases empty in the fifth that the Hook C did damage. Morton smoked the first pitch he saw well over the left field wall for a 1-0 advantage.

Louisville responded in the



Maddix Dalena the first baseman for UConn's baseball team fielding a groundball in the Huskies game against Sycamores. UConn went on to lose this game 1-2.

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seventh after UConn's ace exited. Endicott transfer Gabe Van Emon ran into trouble in his Huskies' debut when the Cardinals put two in scoring position. Tufts transfer Cameron Mayer entered and hit the first batter he faced to load the bases; catcher Matt Klein drove in two for a 2-1 Louisville lead.

Infielder Dylan Hoy's RBI single gave the Cardinals a 3-1 advantage and had them threatening for much more.

Enter Ben Schild. The first-year righty came in with runners on the corners and one down. He got out of it with a double play and subsequently struck out the side in the eighth. It provided the spark for Connecticut's offense.

Both Tammaro and Preseason Big East Player of the Year Jake Studley went yard, swiftly turning a two-run hole into a 3-3 ballgame. Fellow Endicott transfer Caleb Shpur pinch-ran for junior catcher Matt Garbowski in the bottom of the ninth, going from first to third on a stolen base and

a groundout. Morton completed the Hook C's 4-3 comeback victory with a walk-off single.

About an hour after that climactic contest, graduate southpaw Garrett Coe toed the rubber against the South Florida Bulls in his first-weekend start. UConn again drew first blood when sophomore second baseman Ryan Daniels looped an RBI single into shallow centerfield. Studley doubled the Huskies' advantage an inning later with an opposite-field RBI single.

Coe's only blemish in his 5.1 innings came in the fourth. Preseason All-AAC Team selection Bobby Boser belted a payoff pitch deep into the Tampa night with two down, splicing USF's deficit in half.

The Bulls had a chance at tying the game in both the fifth and sixth innings. First baseman John Montes reached second and stole third on an error in the fifth with one down; the graduate lefty escaped the frame unscathed. Right fielder Drew Bratcher's walk knocked

out Coe and brought in redshirt sophomore righthander Thomas Ellisen with one away in the sixth.

Ellisen stood tall with two runners in scoring position, getting out of a jam with a groundout and a strikeout. The redshirt sophomore's 2.2 scoreless innings kept Connecticut ahead by one, even with South Florida's Mink twins dealing for most of the game.

The Hook C offense recorded just four hits in the nightcap, with Studley and Morton having two apiece. Those base knocks were enough as junior closer Brady Athim struck out the side in the bottom of the ninth. His first career save secured UConn's 2-1 win, their second over their former conference foe in three seasons.

The following afternoon, Indiana State Sycamores righthander Jacob Pruitt outdueled Preseason Big East Pitcher of the Year Stephen Quigley. Pruitt struck out nine and allowed two hits in six shutout innings. Quig-

ley struck out five but allowed a run in 5.2 frames.

Both Huskies' base knocks against the sophomore righty came second. Studley and sophomore first baseman Maddix Dalena each singled to the left side to put two runners on with nobody out. However, two quick groundouts got Pruitt out of the jam, and kept Connecticut off the board.

Indiana State made the Hook C pay in the bottom half. Redshirt senior left fielder Dom Listi ripped a double and reached third on a wild pitch. Catcher Grant Magill drove him home on a groundout. UConn put a runner in scoring position in the third and fourth, but the sophomore righty left them empty-handed both times.

Junior righty Joe Carrea relieved fellow junior Braden Quinn in the seventh following Listi's walk. Indiana State moved him around the bases, doubling their advantage on redshirt sophomore Henry Brown's RBI double. Van Emon retired all three batters he faced in the bottom of the eighth, giving the Huskies one final chance to go ahead in the top of the ninth.

Connecticut put runners on the corners with nobody out behind Tammaro's double and Studley's single, knocking righty Simon Gregerson out of the game.

Dalena's RBI groundout cut Connecticut's deficit in half, but it was all they could muster. Michigan State transfer Adam Berghorst got first-year third baseman Tyler Minick and Garbowski to fly out as the Hook C fell short 2-1.

UConn's daunting non-conference slate next takes them to Berkeley, where they will play the California Golden Bears in a three-game set. All three contests will be broadcast on MIXLR.



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Men's Basketball: No. 1 Huskies erupt for 28 point blowout over No. 4 Marquette

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A top-five matchup between two of the best teams in one of the most formidable conferences in college basketball was bound to draw the attention of many. In front of a sold-out crowd at the XL Center, the No. 1 UConn men's basketball team put on one of their best performances in a rout of the Marquette Golden Eagles, 81-53.

But, judging by the way this game started, it certainly felt like things would go down to the final buzzer.

"That first media timeout felt like the first round of heavyweight fight," quipped UConn coach Dan Hurley.

Both teams struggled to find the basket early, with both programs tied at eight points apiece going into that first timeout. However, the biggest issue for the Huskies was in the rebounding department and the Golden Eagles were certainly doing their part with four offensive boards to none from the home team. With how Connecticut has operated, they needed to gain the advantage in that part of their game to create more space on the scoreboard.

The first half remained close until near the 10 minute mark. After Cam Spencer knocked down two free throws at the stripe with 10:26 to go, UConn began to show why it has one of the top offensive units in the nation and went on a 9-0 run. Capped off by an electric Samson Johnson two-hand slam, the score suddenly jumped to a 27-18 lead in favor of the Huskies.

With the crowd's momentum on their side, Connecticut began to look unstoppable, especially with how they stepped up on the defensive end. Marquette may have been getting production from both Kam Jones and Oso Isghadaro, but one of the biggest storylines surrounded Tyler Kolek. Not only did the former Big

East Player of the Year secure just five points in the first half, but he also did it on an inefficient 2-7 from the field. The Huskies may not have looked like a lockdown defensive unit in the first half of their season, but Saturday's win was a big indicator of how far this team has come.

While the Golden Eagles did all they could to narrow a ballooning Connecticut lead, their defense simply had no answer for their opponent's aggressive inside attack. A 36.7 mark from beyond the arc might not be the best, but UConn's ability to improve to 46% shooting from the field is a massive indicator of their success in the

final 10 minutes of the first half. Walking into halftime with a 42-26 lead, it was now the time for Hurley and Co. to capitalize on the momentum they'd built for themselves.

Not only was the No. 1 team in the nation able to do just that, but the closest that Marquette coach Shaka Smart's unit was able to get was 16.

There was plenty to love about the effort on the offensive end for the Huskies, but the real key to their second half success was their relentless defense that stifled any answer from the Golden Eagles. To put into perspective how impressive Connecticut looked in that department,

Kolek responded to his first half woes with a whopping two points on 0-4 shooting and a mere two free throws. Ighodaro may have looked great again with another eight points, but Jones shot just 3-7 from the field and 2-6 from the three. That's certainly nowhere close to getting the job done against a team that's been electric on both ends of the floor.

There are plenty of players to credit for the Saturday afternoon blowout, and many will immediately point to Donovan Clingan for good reason. UConn's man in the middle ended the game with 17 points, 10 rebounds, two steals and seven out of eight shoot-

ing from the field. He not only helped out his squad with easy points in the paint but also assisted on the defensive end, which has taken this team to a whole new level.

"Donovan is one of the most impactful players in the country. We're maybe the best offensive and defensive team in the country on both ends when he gets going," said Hurley.

But the real storyline surrounded the impact of Hassan Diarra, who had 14 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals. Smart said that the UConn guard, "played like a starter." Hurley continued to praise his player during the post-game press conference.

"This was the best game he's played," said the Huskies coach. "He's had some games like this. Last year's team, we had incredible bench play, and that really allowed us to go on runs and separate from people. This was the exact player that when we recruited Has out of the portal; we just thought that he would be the best Big East guard."

Of course, the depth of UConn's roster was once again huge for the program. Sure, Alex Karaban may have struggled with seven points on 2/9 shooting, but Tristen Newton and Spencer flourished. Adding Clingan and Diarra to that list makes this team so hard to guard and gameplan against as a coach. It's a primary reason they've gotten this far and arguably even more dangerous than last year's National Championship-winning roster.

Yet while many teams may be content with the level of effort that the Huskies have exhibited throughout the year, anyone who knows coach Dan Hurley knows that he's always looking for more.

"I can promise you in the leadup to our next game that we're gonna work like 25-2 is never enough," said Hurley.

That means even more when you consider this team's next matchup, a road battle with No. 17 Creighton.



Saturday afternoon the UConn Huskies hosted the Marquette Golden Eagles who hold the No. 2 spot in the Big East at the XL Center. After a pretty evenly matched start, the Huskies eventually were able to pull ahead of the Golden Eagles and finish with a blowout score of 81-53.

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