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HuskyTHON reaches new heights “For the Kids”

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The University of Connecticut’s 18-hour dance marathon, HuskyTHON, raised a record-breaking \$1,520,234.98 for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center over the weekend, passing last year’s record of \$1,328,402.19.

More than 3,300 students making up more than 100 teams registered to participate in HuskyTHON this year, according to Marisa Nazzaro, vice president of communications for HuskyTHON.

More than 40 patient families were involved, including the “miracle children” who received treatment from Connecticut Children’s. Each miracle child was paired with one or more student teams to dance and hang out with. Teams made posters and signs for their respective children, greeting them before the opening ceremony.

A large flame lit with smaller candles with HuskyTHON’s “Brighten Tomorrow” slogan was displayed next to the stage inside the Hugh S. Greer Field House. Dancers who raised \$50 during the event lit a candle, brightening the flame.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont sent a video for the event, played

during the opening ceremony, commending students for “making a difference in these kids’ lives.” After the video, organizers read a declaration from Lamont naming Feb. 22, 2020 as HuskyTHON Day in Connecticut.

The HuskyTHON management team led the first morale dance during the opening ceremony, a 10-minute dance number all dancers participated in at the top of every hour.

The dance marathon was also used as a time to remember Cole Montefusco, a student who was actively involved in HuskyTHON as a morale captain. Montefusco died Feb. 1 in a car accident. The first candle on the HuskyTHON flame was lit in his memory. Organizer’s later announced Connecticut Children’s Foundation created a fund in his name. Montefusco was this year’s top student fundraiser.

Sixth-semester nursing major and morale captain Erin Sheridan said morale captains’ job is to get people excited before and during HuskyTHON, and to help dancers learn the morale dance.

Sheridan said she participates in HuskyTHON because kids deserve to live longer. “Kids should know that people care,” Sheridan said. “All kids deserve to be healthy.”

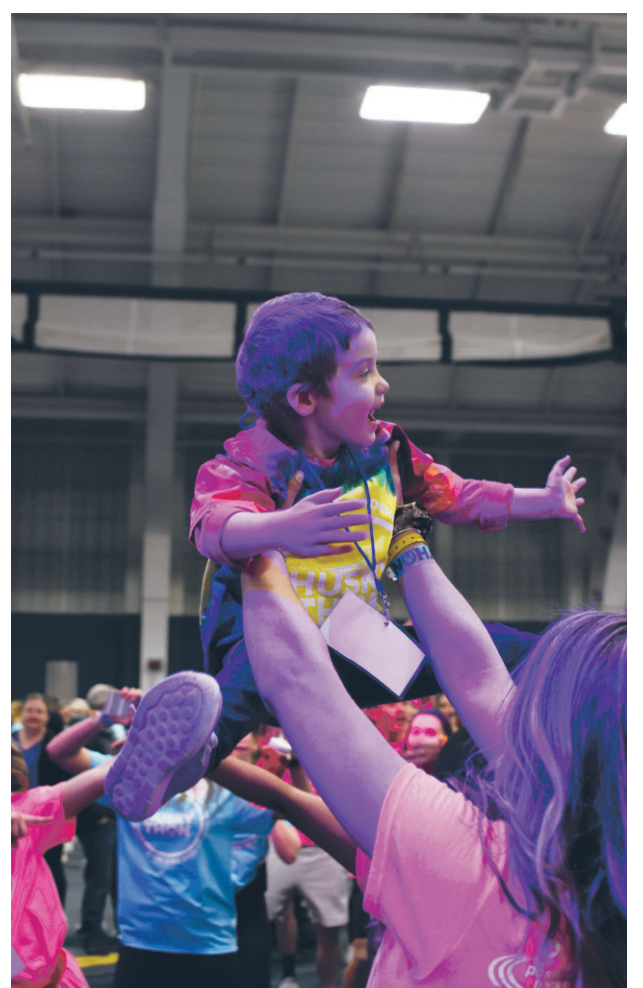
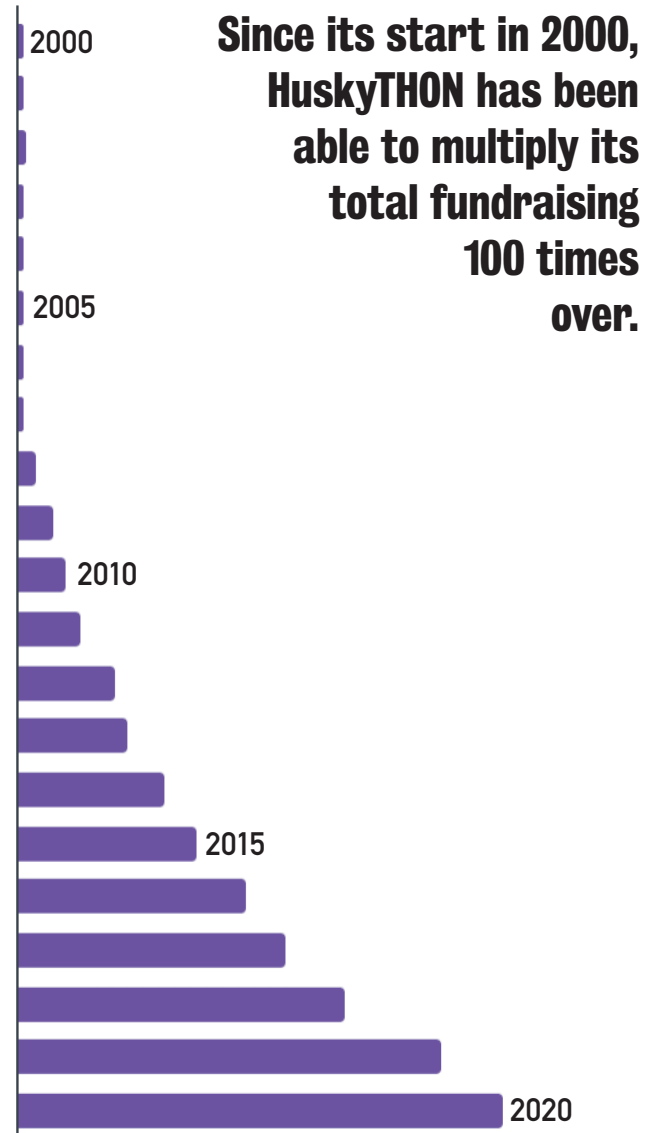
A hallway in the fieldhouse, the “Hall of Inspiration,” was hung with pictures of the miracle children, their age, favorite color and dream job. Families shared their emotional stories on-stage with dancers on how Connecticut Children’s and HuskyTHON has impacted their lives and the lives of others at CCMC.

Activities included inflatable games, basketball and volleyball, a yoga session, Zumba and crafts for the kids. Many students changed outfits to coordinate with designated themes every few hours, like beach and Disney themes.

Some participants donated eight or more inches of hair to Children With Hair Loss. Haircuts were offered on-stage by Headliners Salon and Spa during the marathon. Student musicians, acapella groups and dance groups performed, including the student band Kids That Fly.

Erin Matthews, an eighth-semester biology major and member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi dance team said this was her fourth HuskyTHON, and she plans on donating to HuskyTHON after graduation. She said giving back to the community makes it all worth it.

“It allows me to be a part of something bigger than myself,” Matthews said.



A child is lifted into the air at HuskyTHON. More than 40 patient families were involved, including the “miracle children” who received treatment from Connecticut Children’s. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



A child hits an adult at HuskyTHON. This year, HuskyTHON managed to fundraise more than ever, totalling over \$1.5 million. In addition to dancing, activities included inflatable games, basketball and volleyball, a yoga session, Zumba and crafts for the kids. PHOTO BY MARGARET CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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News

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TODAY

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All Student Life Awards nominations are due today, Feb. 24 at noon for anyone interested in nominating an individual student, faculty member or organization on campus.

The Student Life Awards, designed to recognize exceptional members of the University of Connecticut community, highlight various students, organizations and faculty members for the positive impact that they have on UConn's campuses.

The awards can recognize individuals or organizations that contribute UConn from their commitment to diversity and their representation of UConn pride and spirit to their dedication to major leadership projects. There are currently 22 nominations that can be given to individuals and five designated specifically for organizations.

After nominations for individuals and organizations have been submitted, both nomination acceptance

es and statements of support for the nominees must be submitted by Feb. 28 at noon. Only nominees that have accepted their nominations are considered, so it is critical that anyone or any organization nominated accept their nomination by this deadline.

For any submission to the Student Life Awards nominations, there is at least one essay to accompany it. Those nominating another person or organization must explain how they are familiar with the nominee and provide examples as to how they meet the criteria for the specific awards, while those nominating themselves must explain how they meet the requirements for the award for which they are applying.

Once finalists for each individual award have been selected, they will all gather for the 2020 Student Life Awards in the coming months. At this event, the finalists and recipients will be recognized for their contribution to the UConn community.

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| Students, faculty, staff, organizations

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UConn VP for Research formally inducted as AAAS Fellow

"I have been honored for distinguished contribution to the field of clean energy."

RADENKA MARIC



Dr. Radenka Maric sits for a headshot. Maric was honored by the AAAS for her research in creating fuel cells based on alternative sources of energy. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

"Everyone in manufacturing is working on this technology. I'm just one that is addressing that there is more durability and to make it cheaper."

RADENKA MARIC

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University of Connecticut Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Dr. Radenka Maric has been inducted as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) fellow.

"I have been honored for distinguished contribution to the field of clean energy," Maric said.

Maric has worked since her completion of graduate school to replace traditional internal combustion engines with more energy-efficient alternatives like fuel cells, she said. She was nominated by three of her colleagues to become an AAAS fellow, and was formally inducted earlier this year.

"I [made] the breakthroughs by inventing the nobel synthesis process that helps in [the] reduction of materials and optimizing interfaces to get the higher power out of the fuel cells," Maric said. "So now you have less material and more power so the cost of the fuel cells will go down if you have less noble materials and more power."

Hydrogen fuel cells are one alternative to a traditional internal combustion engine. Similar to how electric cars like Teslas require a charging station to be powered, Maric said a fuel cell vehicle society would require stations to put refill your car with hydrogen.

"The difference from an electric car is the electrical cars needs to be charged," Maric said. "The fuel cell car, the infrastructure is in place when you put the hydrogen in your car."

In addition to vehicles, Maric said the idea can be transferred to power other things, too, which is

being experimented with in Japan.

"It can serve as a generator for your house, a huge benefit that people don't understand," Maric said. "It can replace your diesel or natural gas generator. When you plug it you can generate electricity."

Maric's goal is to make this more affordable and available to everyone in the future.

"These are going to replace the combustion engines in cars," Maric said. "It is an energy converter and energy storage, instead of using fossil fuels ... we are still working on reducing the costs of materials and of the processes to give it more power. For now, it's very expensive. Down the road, like any car, when we have the volume and the material of the technology we can reduce the cost and [the technology can] be applied to scooters and cheaper cars."

Maric received funding from both the United States Department of Energy and the private sector to complete this project, she said.

"We already work on the technology transfer agreement so if we are successful they are going to license the technology from UConn," Maric said.

While this area of research is common, Maric said she is working on advancing it even further.

"Everyone in manufacturing is working on this technology," Maric said. "I'm just one that is addressing that there is more durability and to make it cheaper."

Researchers must be "scientifically or socially distinguished" in their field and be a continuous member of the society for four years leading up to the nomination in order to be eligible for the fellowship, according to the AAAS website.

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MODERATES HUSTLE TO BLUNT SANDERS' MOMENTUM AFTER NEVADA WIN

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Bernie Sanders' commanding Nevada caucus victory made him a top target for his Democratic rivals and a growing source of anxiety for establishment Democrats worried that the nomination of an avowed democratic socialist could cost the party in November.

The win solidified Sanders' front-runner status as the race turned to Saturday's presidential primary in South Carolina. The Vermont senator was trounced in the state by more than 40 percentage points in 2016, but he is hoping that his success in diverse Nevada will prove to black voters in South Carolina that his campaign has broad appeal.

Any momentum that Sanders gains in South Carolina could be devastating to former Vice President Joe Biden, who is looking to the state for a commanding victory that can keep his candidacy alive through Super Tuesday. The March 3 contests will unfold in 14 states and award one-third of the delegates needed for the Democratic nomination.

With time running short, moderate Democrats grew increasingly nervous Sunday that Sanders' call for a political "revolution" would drive voters away from the party, both in the matchup against President Donald Trump and in House and Senate races.

"I think it would be a real burden for us in these states or congressional districts that we have to do well in," South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn, the House majority whip and the top-rank-

ing black Democrat in Congress, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Prominent Democrats expect Clyburn will endorse Biden this week. The congressman said he'll back a candidate on Wednesday — after the next Democratic debate — and pointed to the impact a Sanders nomination would have on House districts Democrats flipped to take control of the House in 2018.

"In those districts, it's going to be tough to hold on to these jobs if you have to make the case for accepting a self-proclaimed democratic socialist," he said.

Sanders' campaign argued he will bring in new and infrequent voters — largely progressives, young people and voters of color — who have been alienated from the process and seek a drastic overhaul of Washington, not merely trying to oust Trump.

He successfully relied on that coalition Saturday to dominate his Democratic rivals in Nevada, pulling far ahead of Biden, the second-place finisher, and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who came in third. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren landed in fourth, while Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and California billionaire Tom Steyer were in a close race for fifth as the Nevada Democratic Party continued to tabulate results.

Sanders celebrated the win in Texas, a top Super Tuesday prize and a state that Democrats see trending their way thanks to a growing Hispanic population and opposition to Trump in the suburbs.

Sounding like a candidate who had already secured the nomination, Sanders told thousands of cheering sup-

porters who filled a basketball arena on the campus of the University of Houston that he would win in the state both next month and next fall.

"If working people and young people of this city, black and white and Latino, gay or straight, if our people stand together, come out to vote, we're going to win here in Texas," he said.

Sanders was announcing a plan to provide universal, government-funded child care until age 3 and universal pre-kindergarten programs after that. In an interview with "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday night, he said he'd pay for it using part of the proceeds from his previously announced wealth tax, which would be levied annually on fortunes worth more than \$32 million.

Sanders' new status was clear as most of his rivals sharpened their focus on him.

On Sunday, Buttigieg ripped Sanders' for his massive and often combative online following, saying the nominee's job "is to call people into our tent, not to call them names online."

Speaking to a crowd of thousands gathered in a high school football field in Arlington, Virginia, Buttigieg said Democrats should nominate someone who will focus on "mobilizing, not polarizing the American majority."

"Politics will be fierce sometimes, but it is not just combat," he said.

But some Democrats were worried that the new focus on Sanders may be too little, too late. For months, as several Democrats jockeyed to become the chief alternative to Sanders, they largely

attacked each other on debate stages and in ads while taking relatively few punches at the Vermont senator.

Indeed, even after Sanders' strong finish in Nevada, Warren avoided launching a direct hit at Sanders even when asked directly whether a Sanders nomination would be a risk for the Democratic Party. The Massachusetts senator is aligned with Sanders on a number of key policies and competing with the Vermont senator for many of the same progressive voters.

Speaking to reporters in Denver, Warren instead continued her attacks on rival Mike Bloomberg, calling him the "riskiest candidate standing on that stage because of his history of hiding his taxes, his history of harassment of women and his history of defending racist policies."

Party leaders have been reluctant to appear to be putting their thumb on the scale, so as not to rile Sanders voters and further divide the party. It was not clear Sunday that there was any new strategy to try to knock Sanders off course or consolidate support behind a single moderate.

"We gotta hope that some of these candidates develop political skills quickly," said James Carville, a Democratic strategist and one of the noisiest anti-Sanders voices in the party. "The risk in losing the election is deep and profound. We just gotta pray."

Dan Pfeiffer, a former adviser to former President Barack Obama, said if no candidates drop out before Super Tuesday and the moderates continue to split

has a lock on the nomination.

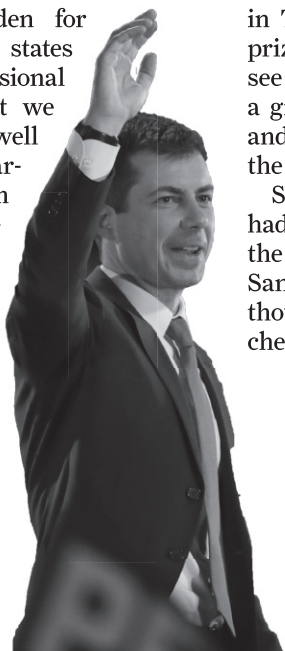
"It's just simple math," Pfeiffer said, noting that he's not advocating that any candidates drop out to stop Sanders, and that he doesn't ascribe to the belief among some Democrats that Sanders can't win.

"Each of these campaigns have a legitimate rationale for staying in the race," he said of Sanders' opponents.

On Sunday, those Sanders opponents pledged to stay in the race through South Carolina, and several signaled they would stay in through Super Tuesday.

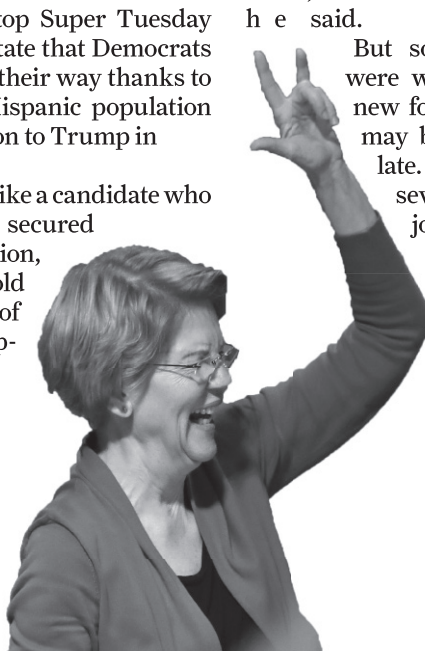
Klobuchar rallied supporters near the North Dakota-Minnesota border, speaking to voters in her home state, which votes on March 3, followed by North Dakota on March 10. Warren campaigned in Colorado, also a Super Tuesday state.

Biden was in South Carolina, the state his campaign hoped would revive his candidacy after poor showings in Iowa and New Hampshire and only modest improvement in Nevada. The former vice president resisted predicting victory in South Carolina and said he isn't banking on Clyburn's endorsement, a blessing that could help Biden shore up support with the black voters his campaign has long argued will be the springboard to a nomination. Clyburn said Sunday he had heard from Democrats disappointed in Biden's debate performances.



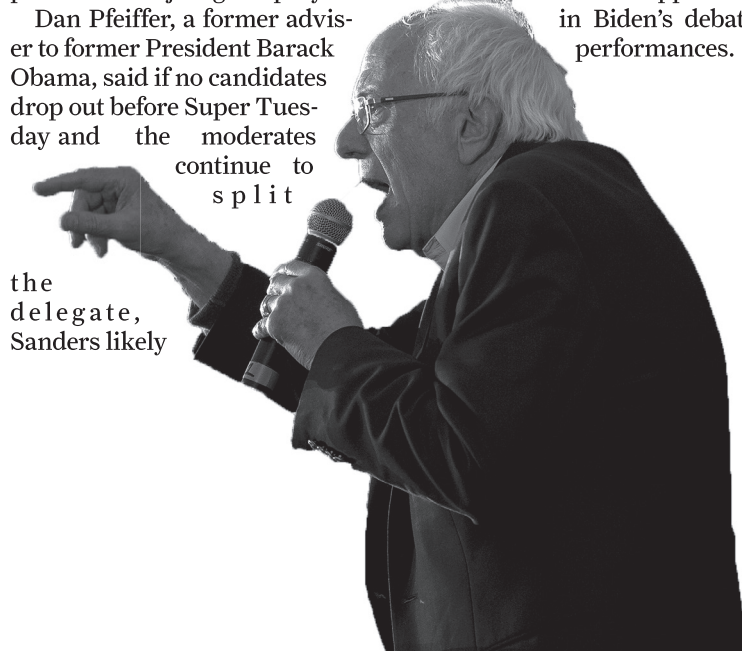
Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg speaks at a campaign rally in Denver.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP



Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., signs "I love you" in American Sign Language as she finishes speaking during a campaign event.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ELAINE THOMPSON/AP



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign event.

PHOTOGRAPH BY NICK WAGNER/AP

SKEPTIC OF WORLD BEING ROUND DIES IN CALIFORNIA ROCKET CRASH

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — A California man who said he wanted to fly to the edge of outer space to see if the world is round has died after his home-built rocket blasted off into the desert sky and plunged back to earth.

"Mad" Mike Hughes was killed on Saturday afternoon after his rocket crashed on private property near Barstow, California.

Waldo Stakes, a colleague who was at the rocket launch, said Hughes, 64, was killed.

The Science Channel said on Twitter it had been chronicling Hughes' journey and that "thoughts & prayers go out to his family & friends during this difficult time."

"It was always his dream to do this launch," the Twitter message said.

Hughes also was a limousine driver, who held the Guinness world record for "longest limousine ramp jump," for jumping 103 feet (31 meters) in a Lincoln Town Car stretch limousine, at a speedway in 2002.

"This thing wants to kill you 10 different ways. This thing will kill you in a heartbeat."

MIKE HUGHES

A video on TMZ.com showed the rocket taking off, with what appears to be a parachute tearing off during the launch. The steam-powered rocket streaks upward, then takes around 10 seconds to fall straight back to earth. Shrieks can be heard as the rocket plows into the desert.

Freelance journalist Justin Chapman, who was at the scene, said the rocket appeared to rub against the launch apparatus, which might have caused the mishap with the parachute.

In March 2018, Hughes propelled himself about 1,875 feet (570 meters) into the air. He deployed one parachute and then a second one but still had a hard landing in the Mojave Desert in California, and injured his back.

"This thing wants to kill you 10 different ways," Hughes said after that launch. "This thing will kill you in a heartbeat."

He said in a video that his goal was to eventually fly to the edge of outer space to determine for himself whether the world is round.

"I don't want to take anyone else's word for it," he said in the video, posted on the BBC News website. "I don't know if the world is flat or round."

In another video posted on his YouTube site, Hughes said he also wanted "to convince people they can do things that are extraordinary with their lives."

"My story really is incredible," Hughes once told The Associated Press. "It's got a bunch of story lines — the garage-built thing. I'm an older guy. It's out in the middle of nowhere, plus the Flat Earth. The problem is it brings out all the nuts also."



In this Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, 2020, photo "Mad" Mike Hughes rocket climbs his home-built rocket before its launch near Barstow, Calif. Hughes, a California man who said he wanted to fly to the edge of outer space to see if the world is flat or round has died after his home-built rocket blasted off into the desert sky and plunged back to earth. "Mad" Mike Hughes, 64, was killed on Saturday after his rocket crashed.

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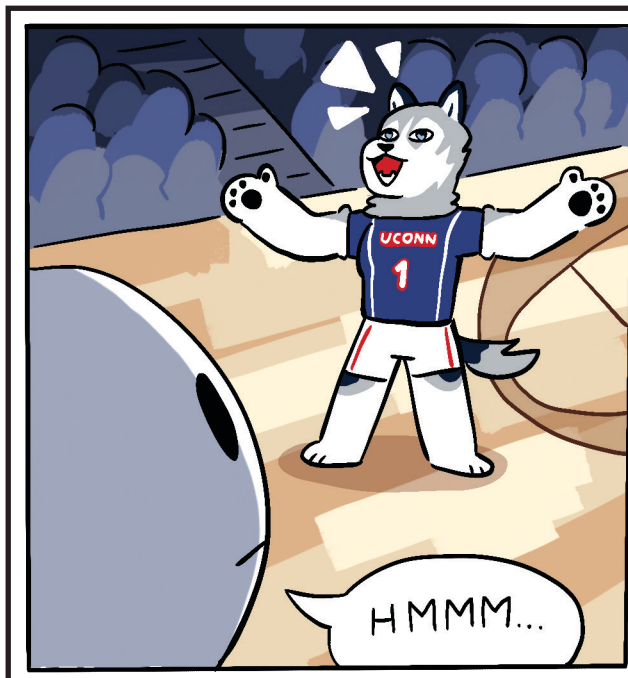
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It's time to do something about the lack of representation in AP classes

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Fairfield County is one of the wealthiest, most educated and most diverse places in the United States and the world over. The city of Stamford in particular is home to thousands of immigrants, some of the world's leading professionals and some of the largest corporations in the world. In fact, Stamford ranks in third place nationally in the Bloomberg Upward Mobility Index, only behind larger cities like San Francisco and San Jose. Coupled together, these statistics make Stamford and Fairfield County one of the most desirable places for families to raise their children. Specifically, the education system has long been a symbol of pride for Stamford families due to its resources, talented professionals and impressive Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings. The clustering of these resources also has its downsides: Fairfield County is one of the most unequal areas in the United States (while Connecticut is the second most unequal state in the country). Unfortunately, this inequality has been reflected in Stamford's public schools. The Advanced Placement program is the most visible example, where classes appear to be divided along socio-economic and racial lines. Stamford must ensure its diversity is represented in the classroom by making AP classes more accessible and changing the profile of what constitutes an AP student.

According to data compiled by Stamford public schools, there is a racial disparity in AP enrollment. Black and Hispanic students enroll at rates that are much lower than Asian or white students. In 2010, Hispanic students enrolled at a rate of 22% while black students enrolled at a rate of 11%. In comparison, white students enrolled at a rate of 75% while Asian students enrolled at a rate of 84%. These numbers have been ameliorated in the past decade in large part due to programs aimed at preparing a more diverse class of students for the rigors of AP classes. In 2018, Hispanic students enrolled at a rate of 42% and black students at a rate of 35%, more than double the 2010 figures. The issue of representation is not unique to Stamford. Across the state, low-income and minority students are underrepresented in AP classes.

When I was a high school student, I witnessed first-hand this lack of representation. In my AP classes, there were rarely more than five students of color in any given class, despite the fact that students of color made up more than half of the student body. Moreover, more than half of all students came from economically disadvantaged homes in some of the poorest neighborhoods in Stamford. From conversations with my classmates in AP classes I realized that almost none of them came from those homes. Most AP students came from North Stamford and other wealthy neighborhoods in Stamford.

The Stamford public school system must continue its efforts to prepare more students for AP classes through summer programs and other institutional means. More importantly, everyone who is invested in Stamford's education must change their perception of the "AP student profile," which has historically been a wealthy and white student. Any motivated student who is willing to work hard should be able to see themselves in a space like an AP class, regardless of whether their background fits the AP student profile.

Even though I did not match the AP student profile, I was able to envision myself as an AP student thanks to the example set by upperclassmen who were also students of color. Now, I am extending this experience to more Stamford students through a social media campaign, funded by the University of Connecticut's Co-Op Legacy Change Grant, that highlights the experiences of AP students of color in Stamford. This will encourage more students of color and low-income students to see themselves as potential AP students and eventually enroll in AP classes. Moreover, this campaign will redefine the AP student profile so it can be more diverse and inclusive.

I urge all members of the Stamford community and beyond to take note of this issue, to believe in a more diverse AP program and to do something about the lack of representation in AP classes. Stamford has always embraced change and diversity, and even though the lack of representation in AP classes is an issue larger than Stamford, we can lead by example.

Michael Bloomberg's identity crisis

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Michael Bloomberg thinks he can reach Donald Trump's supporters. Bloomberg doesn't understand them even slightly. Contrary to Trump's brash, off the cuff brand of politics, Bloomberg at best offers a return to the political status quo. By trying to halfheartedly apologize his past away and buy his way through the Democratic primary, earning the favor of career politicians along the way, he's losing people that very well might have crossed the aisle.

I've always been somewhat critical of Michael Bloomberg — the government apparently has no business telling you who to marry, agreed, but your choice of beverage is fair game. He mirrors the so-called small-government conservatives that grow surprisingly authoritarian if they personally object to something. Bloomberg wants to take firearms out of the hands of law-abiding citizens; even massacre averting heroes such as Jack Wilson from White Settlement, Texas, are doing "the job of law enforcement." Even in former Mayor Bloomberg's New York bubble, which says nothing about comparably underfunded, understaffed communities such as White Settlement, where the difference between life or death is a matter of seconds, the police are just minutes away. Although I have many policy disagreements with Bloomberg, said disagreements don't turn me away from him nearly as much as his insincerity does.

While I won't call myself a supporter, I will say that I once greatly admired Michael Bloomberg. He has the opportunity to take credit for reducing New York City crime by over 30%. His expansion of stop-and-frisk policies removed thousands of illegal weapons, and violent criminals, from the streets. Under Bloomberg, New York became one of the safest cities on Earth. Today, Mayor Bill DeBlasio and his soft on crime policies — stop-and-frisk is nearly extinct, and bail and pretrial detention have been eliminated for felonies such as peddling drugs to children in school — have resulted in less glamorous figures than Bloomberg's, such as a ~32% increase in rape. New York City is markedly less safe today than it was under Bloomberg, yet, instead of touting his accomplishments, he runs from them because the demographics of the Democratic party have forced him to apologize for cutting the murder rate roughly in half and significantly improving the quality of his city.

Contrary to what the above defense might suggest, I do not wholeheartedly support stop-and-frisk; I can recognize its effectiveness without ignoring its unintended consequences. If I wanted to propagandize stop-and-frisk, I could lie by omission and not make clear that there is not a single year in which less than 50% of stops were against African Americans. Despite my attempt to go deeper into the publicly available stop-and-frisk data, there's no honest way to ignore the racial bias employed in the so-called random stops. However, in the early 2000s, New York was ridden with crime, and stop-and-frisk, like virtually any government policy, presented a trade-off. While it's regrettable that stop-and-frisk cultivates racial discrimination and tensions between citizens and law enforcement, it's not entirely unfair to consider the trade-off between discrimination and marked safety.

Michael Bloomberg has defended stop-and-frisk since its conception. With that in mind, I don't believe that he's really sorry for it. As recently as 2015, he definitely wasn't. Unfortunately, in the world of politics, insincerity is all too common. That Donald Trump appeared genuine, whether true or not, was a big part of his 2016 victory, and Bloomberg has shown that he'll be guided by the shifting winds.

There is a universe in which I vote for Michael Bloomberg. Unfortunately for him, it is not the one where he abandons his principles and accomplishments to try and sneak through the Democratic Primary. Today's Michael Bloomberg doesn't remind me of Michael Bloomberg, and that, more than any policy disagreement — I've got plenty of those with all of the candidates I am considering voting for — dissuades me from hearing him out. I'm looking for a reason not to vote for the current President of the United States, but I haven't found one in Michael Bloomberg.

Talent is not an 'unfair advantage'

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Two-time Olympian Caster Semanya has faced challenges outside of track and field. She was only 18 when she won gold during an 800-meter race in Berlin, and was later awarded the Order of Ikhamanga, a recognition of achievement by President Zuma of South Africa. In Zuma's proclamation, Semanya was praised for making "running look like poetry in motion." But, despite these accomplishments on the field, Semanya has faced challenges outside of the track.

Recently, the highest court in international sports, the Court of Arbitration for Sport, ruled that female athletes with raised levels of testosterone are required to take hormone suppressants before competing in certain races. This new regulation applies specifically to Semanya, who has been the center of controversy for years. After winning gold for the first time in 2008, the Olympian was barred from future competitions and subject to sex testing. The testing was requested by the International Association of Athletics Federations, the "governing body of track and field." In response to the testing, Semanya stated, "God made me the way I am, and I accept myself."

The athlete's family also had things to say in regards to this new sex testing. Her father and grandmother told local news media that she was "always raised as a girl."

"God made me the way I am, and I accept myself."

CASTER SEMENYA

Regardless, Semanya was forced to undergo the gender verification test, and the results were leaked not long after. And although the test did reveal Semanya to be born female, it also indicated that she had elevated levels of testosterone. This, however, was not the end of Semanya's tribulations.

Though she was identified as female, the information revealed by the gender verification test was then used to require Semanya to take hormone suppressants before competitions. When she challenged this decision, the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled against her, stating that she had an "unfair advantage." This claim has raised controversy world-wide, and people across the globe have weighed in on the subject. American tennis player Billie Jean King stated that this decision would "prevent Semanya from competing as her authentic self."

And with this frame of mind, it's important to consider other athlete-heroes. Take Usain Bolt, for instance. The "fastest man in history," with world records in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4x100-meter. Bolt has never once been called into question for his advantages on the field. His genetic make-up, arguably, has a hand in his success. Perhaps even he has raised levels of testosterone, relative to males. But this has never been a consideration, and Bolt has never been stripped of his natural-born "advantages."

Semanya should not have her edge taken from her. Being born with talent is not the same as doping. We're all made differently, and that's what makes us unique and special — and able to compete in these contests — so why would anyone want to take that away? How is that fair?



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GRIMES EXPERIMENTS ON 'MISS ANTHROPOCENE,' AT TIMES CONTRADICTING GOOD POP SENSIBILITY

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There is no figure in music more paradoxical right now than Grimes. Consistently, she has shown both a gift for pop sensibilities and a rejection of diving fully into them. With her latest album “Miss Anthropocene,” Grimes continues walking this tight line with a concept album that is simultaneously dark and vulnerable, heartfelt and otherworldly, futuristic and nostalgic. While the high points of “Miss Anthropocene” are born from these contradictions, though, they also hold the album back from the masterpiece she envisioned.

Grimes is undoubtedly trying to ride a new kind of pop star wave, and so it helps to view the album in the context of her image and story. To give some context, Grimes has had a weird path to success. She first caught attention as a DIY producer-singer-mixer on “Visions,” where her vulnerability and quietness gave the album a distinct charm. Even by her follow-up “Art Angels,” we were far away from that. Since then, she entered a relationship with billionaire Elon Musk, one that became contentious after scandals like her defense of union-busting on Twitter and a failed threesome with Azealia Banks. Things became so crazy that she successfully fooled people during a campaign with Adidas into believing she replaced part of her eye with a blue-light-blocking compound she developed.

The point is, she has been beloved for groundedness, reviled for opulence and renowned for eccentricity, all in the past decade. All of this can take a toll on a person, which definitely shows on “Miss Anthropocene.” Filled with moody, spacey, synth songs, the album sounds like it came from a cave — or rather, a lair. The lyrics and vocals sound unconcerned with the personal drama Grimes has surrounded herself with, but the production shows a sort of reveling in villainy.

Instead, many of the lyrics reflect a more existential set of concerns. Themes include mortality and drug addiction on “Delete Forever,” consumerism and fulfillment on “New Gods” and climate change on “Violence.” Grimes sounds like she is giving into the end of the world on many tracks here, dancing and posing for the end times.

Just as this album is grotesque and aloof, though, it is marked by moments of extreme vulnerability. When she strips down the production on “Delete Forever,” you feel

close to her. When she repeats “That’s what the drugs are for” and “You stupid girl” on “My Name is Dark,” you feel concern for her. And when touches of early ‘00s production break through the moodiness here, you feel a bit nostalgic, almost.

The greatest successes of this album are its meshes of opposites, these bits and pieces that make you want to listen again because you doubt your experience the first time around.

However, many of these tensions in the album also serve to bring it down. Some of the songs get a bit lost in Grimes’s purported artistry and end up sounding muddy. “Darkseid” and “Before the Fever” are the worst examples of this — both are almost drowning in their own moodiness. This is the problem with “Miss Anthropocene:” Grimes tries to create pop music without fully respecting its goals and motivations. Pop music wants to lodge itself in your brain with lyrics and sounds you can loop in your head over and over. Grimes at times instead tries to experiment with soundscapes and form. While this is an admirable attempt, it goes too far often on “Miss Anthropocene,” a fact that Grimes herself is aware of. The algorithm mixes she made for the deluxe version seem almost a half measure against this problem, as if she knew some of her original visions wouldn’t match up with conventional taste.

That’s not to say there aren’t singular tracks that escape this trap. The aforementioned “Violence” is brilliant, and “You’ll miss me when I’m not around” is clean. While not on the album proper, “We Appreciate Power” and the bonus tracks all hit hard, as well. But as a whole, these disparate sounds come off a bit directionless. This is in contrast to Grimes’s previous albums, which feel cohesive throughout.

The otherworldliness of “Miss Anthropocene” is enough to keep you enthralled for a time, and the standout tracks are so good that they will demand your attention for long after. Grimes really did manage to create something authentic and bizarre here, and the spectacle of it all merits at least one listen all the way through. It’s just, the contradictions this album presents may prevent it from being more than a spectacle in the long run.

Score: 3/5



STANDOUT TRACKS

- ...Violence
- ...You'll miss me when I'm not around
- ...4 AEM
- ...IDORU

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Members of the HuskyTHON management team at the University of Connecticut hold up signs totaling the amount of money raised by this year-long philanthropic effort to raise funds for Connecticut Children’s on Sunday, Feb. 23 in the field house. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

SOPHIE TURNER AND JOE JONAS ARE EXPECTING



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It has recently been confirmed that the 24-year-old Game of Thrones star and 30-year-old Jonas Brothers lead singer are expecting their first very soon. The two officially started dating back in 2017, have been married since 2019, and are more than happy about the news of their newest family member. Fans have been raging about the happy news even though they've been trying to keep it on the down low. After having been mentioned in new pregnancy rumors, especially after Sophie's been spotted wearing baggier clothes, the newlyweds aren't the only ones looking forward to the due date.

Before they were official, the pair was spotted together in 2016, and fans were curious about how the two they met. Spotted with his arms around the woman who played "Sansa Stark" and "Jean Gray" of the X-Men Dark Phoenix movie at the MTV EMA's, the media became fascinated by the new couple. Later on when Marie Claire was interviewing Turner, she shared that the two had met through mutual friends. Since then they've been inseparable.

Just last Friday, Sophie Turner was celebrating her 24th birthday alongside Joe, his Instagram post in honor of her special day warming the hearts of many fans. Under the photo of her birthday cake that he posted, he captions it "Happy Birthday to the love of my life. Life is better with you."

Though the two had just gotten married twice in 2019, once right after the Billboard Music Awards at a little chapel in Las

Vegas, and again in France with more of a formal ceremony and friends/family invited, they don't feel they are rushing into this. They have been excited for quite a while now.

According to U.S. Weekly, Turner is due in the middle of summer 2020, yet another source mentions something even more exciting to some fans. A separate source from E News! reveals that she's actually already four months along now!

Though they have been looking forward to starting their family for a while now, the Jonas's wanted to plan their pregnancy for a time that wouldn't clash with Joe's tour ending in March 2020. Turner also wanted to have some time in between after their wedding before having kids to get a hold of more acting gigs. The two are thrilled about the timing of their pregnancy.

As of today, Kevin is the only Jonas Brother who has kids, specifically two girls with his wife Danielle. However, now that all three of the brothers are married, some fans are even thinking ahead about Nick and Priyanka's future family. When the music video for "Sucker" featuring the three brothers and their wives came out, many were not only happy about seeing the group back together, but they were also happy to see their wives featured in it. When released on February 28th, 2019, their video amassed more than 2 million views. Today the re-assembled boy band has a total of 4.54 million subscribers on YouTube.

In the meantime, many of us will be looking forward to Sophie and Joe's summer baby. Congratulations to the lovely couple!

HuskyTHON 2020

UConn students raise a record \$1,520,234.98 for Connecticut Children's Medical Center in their annual HuskyTHON dance marathon. The dance marathon lasts 18 hours and is a show of solidarity and support for children affected by long-term illnesses.

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The evolution of the Kent State gun girl

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Last Tuesday, Kaitlin Bennett was trending on Twitter after being met with riots during her visit to Ohio University. While trying to film a segment for her YouTube channel, Liberty Hangout, Bennett was bombarded by Ohio students who made it clear that her presence was unwelcome. With such heavy backlash on Bennett's controversial methods of displaying her political opinions, especially from college students, I thought it would be important to spread awareness of the situation.

You probably know her better as the Kent State Gun Girl. Kaitlin Bennett's media debut was undoubtedly her graduation photoset featuring an AR-

10 rifle strapped to her back. In her YouTube video, "How My Graduation Photo Changed My Life," she explains how her motive for the vexed decision actually came from her brother's idea.

"Since Kent State's policy prohibits students from carrying firearms on campus, but not guests, Justin said I should come back to campus with a rifle after I graduate to show how I couldn't even conceal-carry my handgun as a student, but could come back with an AR-10 and a 30-round magazine strapped to my back later that same day."

Since then, Bennett has changed the structure of her YouTube channel to visiting protests, parades and college campuses to interview pedestrians. Many have criticized the nature of her questions as they are interpreted to help

support her own opinions rather than accepting others'.

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Questions like "What do you think about putting urinals in

the women's restroom?" and "Should we put tampons in the men's restroom?" have become infamously linked to Bennett. Her tendencies to ask questions regarding gender and sexuality have been denounced on social media for her designation to filter out certain answers, only to question or deny those who do not comply.

Bennett's manner of interviewing is not the only thing that has been the topic of such scrutiny. Clips of her saying controversial statements, including claiming to be a woman of color, have circulated online, resulting in even more backlash regarding her defense against protesters. Because of this, students are becoming aware of her campus visits, resulting in events such as Ohio University.

People from both sides have conveyed their thoughts on last week's fiasco on social media.

Many expressed their support for the protesters while others have reprimanded the aggressiveness shown in video clips of the incident, condemning the animalistic actions of the students.

"This is what happens when a Conservative woman named Kaitlin Bennett goes to Ohio University. This what happens when you send your children off to the majority of colleges in this country. They become a bunch of drooling, pitch fork wielding lunatics," a tweet from Kash Jackson reads.

The Kaitlin Bennett situation has generated backlash on extreme ends of the spectrum. Despite the wide uproar that is induced from all media platforms, she makes it clear that she does not plan on stopping any time soon. I can only imagine what it would be like if she came to UConn.

‘The Lodge’ is a chilling **HORROR** experience

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Over the past five years, the world of indie horror has been dominated by A24, a studio best known for hits like “Hereditary” and “The Lighthouse.” That dominance has been challenged however by NEON, a studio known for award winning films such as “Parasite” and “I, Tonya.” With their newest film “The Lodge,” NEON proves they are a competitor in the horror genre.

Directed by Veronika Franz and Severin Fiala, “The Lodge” follows a brother and sister named Aidan (Jaeden Martell) and Mia (Lia McHugh) as they stay in a lodge for a weekend with their soon to be stepmom named Grace (Riley Keough). During the weekend, Grace’s past starts to haunt her and it eventually affects both her and the kids.

There are very few horror films that keep me disturbed throughout the runtime. “The Lodge” not only manages to be disturbing for 108 minutes, but it also has viewers questioning who should be in a child’s life after a parent dies.

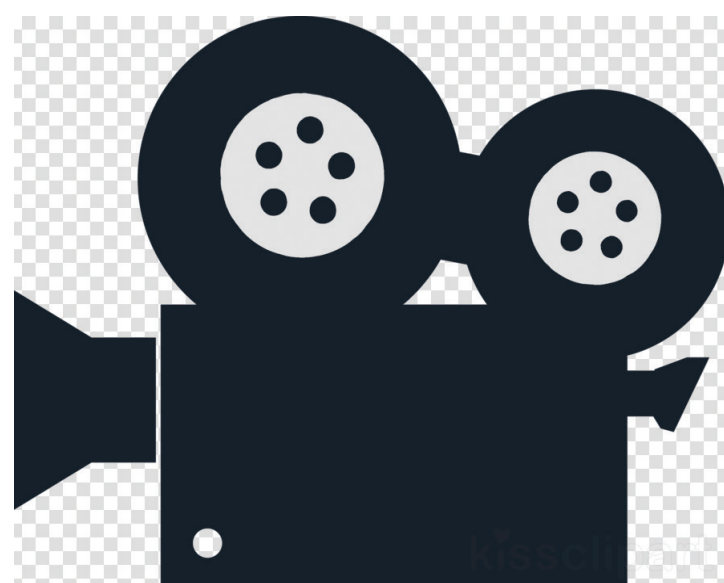
Keough gave a phenomenal performance as a tortured woman who escaped a cult when she was young. Keough seamlessly blended into roles throughout her career. While her roles in “It Comes at Night” and “American Honey” are nothing to brush off, her skill of inhabiting a character is top notch in “The Lodge.” From her breathing to her frantic movements, Keough proves that she is an underrated actress that Hollywood needs to keep an eye on.

The claustrophobic nature of the house where the majority of the film takes place reminds me of “The Shining,” since you have three people trapped inside a building during a snowstorm. However, unlike “The Shining,” there is a religious undertow to the film which is beautifully handled by a strong script. Franz, Fiala and Sergio Casci’s writing doesn’t bog viewers down with long periods of exposition. Instead, the script is concise and filled with turns that are hard to predict. There are points that feel a little derivative of “Hereditary” or “Midsommar,” but those points are few and far between.

What impresses me the most about “The Lodge” is the balance between the spiritual world and reality. Unlike “The Lighthouse” which felt too abstract and focused on being stylish, Franz and Fiala tried to make a film that would be the most realistic interpretation of having people stuck in a house while fighting personal demons. They not only pulled it off well, but there were moments where I thought the film felt real. McHugh’s performance was great as a terrified girl who is trying to move on from her mother’s death. Martell’s performance was good but he could have put more emotion into certain scenes.

“The Lodge” is one of the most intriguing horror films of the past five years. It explores trauma and spirituality in a mature and sensible manner. Despite some similarities to other horror films, Fiala and Franz were able to craft a movie that stands on its own. The only puzzling part of the film is why NEON decided to release it over a year after its 2019 Sundance Film Festival Premiere. Whatever the reason, “The Lodge” is a must see if you are a fan of horror movies.

Rating: 4.75/5



“SCARY AS HELL.
THE NEXT GREAT HORROR FILM IS HERE.”
—Slash Film



THE
LODGE

YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE.



children



dance



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This week in history we’ll take a look at some of the events that have shaped our shared culture and way of life both in the United States and abroad.

On Feb. 24, 1836, 184 years ago, the Battle of the Alamo began as the Texan commander, Colonel William Travis, issued an official call for help. Just 24 hours before, Mexican commander, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana, arrived in San Antonio with 5,000 troops. His mission was to recapture the city from the revolutionaries who were creating trouble in the Mexican state of Texas.

Upon their arrival, the Texan army retreated inside the Alamo, an old Spanish mission that housed the couple hundred rebels. When Santa Ana called for their surrender, the Texans responded by firing a bold canon shot at the approaching Mexican army. Santa Ana enacted a siege that lasted until March 3, 1836, leading to the deaths of all remaining soldiers including legends like John Bowie and Davy Crockett. While the Battle of the Alamo was a loss for Texas, the phrase “Remember the Alamo!” became a battle cry used for the remainder of the war. In May of that same year, Texas be-

came an independent republic.

On Feb. 27, 1827, 193 years ago, the first Mardi Gras festival was celebrated in the streets of New Orleans, Louisiana. While modern day New Orleans is synonymous with its famous Mardi Gras festivities, this was not the case before 1827.

The tradition of Mardi Gras, or Carnival in English, was first brought to the United States in the 1600s by French settlers. The festival was celebrated between Jan. 6, the end of Christmas, and the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, acting as the last chance for devout Catholics to party before the mournful season of Lent. When New Orleans was turned over to the Spanish, the holiday was banned until 1803 when the Louisiana Territory was added to the United States. Although legal to celebrate, Mardi Gras did not come back into fashion until a group of students studying in Paris returned home with elaborate costumes and masks to wear in the streets.

Over time the festival caught on and wealthy plantation owners poured funds into organizations that threw extravagant parties and organized elaborate parades. Mardi Gras is now a staple of New Orleans culture and brings together thousands of

locals and tourists every year. In February of 2006, the first Mardi Gras after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleanians still rallied together for the festivities, taking a large step in the city’s road to recovery.

On Feb. 28, 1953, 67 years ago, scientists Watson and Crick discovered the chemical structure of DNA. While DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is not the easiest concept to grasp, especially for history majors like myself, these two individuals are the reason why every modern biology classroom has a plastic model that looks like a spiral staircase.

At Cambridge University, James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced that DNA, the human gene molecule, was made up of a double helix polymer where two strands of DNA are fused together by alternating nucleotides. According to the duo’s book, “The Double Helix,” Crick ran to the nearest bar, the Eagle Pub, yelling, “we had found the secret of life,” to celebrate their breakthrough. Today, modern science has much to thank for Watson and Crick’s discovery. The understanding of DNA allowed for innovations in prenatal screenings, human bone identification and AIDS research, plus providing evidence in many criminal justice cases.

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Hey, got a light?



A tree (left) and a streetlight (right) share an intimate moment outside of Mirror Lake. PHOTO BY WESLEY NYAMBI, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Letter to the editor

It is my hope that as you had the courage to put in print so much inappropriate information in your Sex Survey article- that you'll have the courage to put in print my response. Needless to say I was shocked, deeply disturbed and dismayed reading your St. Valentine's Day article and how you brought love down to a primal urge. In a way I'm thankful that the article made me and the parish aware of the terrible and sacrilegious acts that have been going on in our church. To think that anyone would do such things in any place of worship is unconscionable. And your making a map and key to all the places on campus indicating where students have gone and go to have intercourse is condoning and glorifying their actions to have done it in a church. St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

has been here for many years to support the University of Connecticut and its students, professors and staff. I would be writing to you no differently if any other place of worship along North Eagleville Road had been mentioned in your article and map. You as a university paper have a responsibility to the university's efforts to educate its students in the ways of respect of and in all things. In that you've failed terribly. For the information of all involved it needs to be made known that steps have been taken and will continue so that St. Thomas Aquinas chapel can no longer be desecrated. Unfortunately many good students have to suffer for a few bad ones because the church can no longer be left unlocked throughout the night. Believe me I am as saddened having to do this as I

am having been made aware of what had gone on in the church. St. Thomas Aquinas was a safe place for students to go to find peace and comfort in God's house regardless of the hour. Now the doors will be locked at the end of the day. Security cameras are installed and more will be added so that every part of the church and basement will have 24 hour surveillance. As important as it is to secure our place of worship, it's also important for our parish to pray for those students who violated our trust, faith and church. Thank you for taking the time to read and publish this response to your Valentine's sex survey article.

Fr. John Antonelle is the pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church located in Storrs, Connecticut.

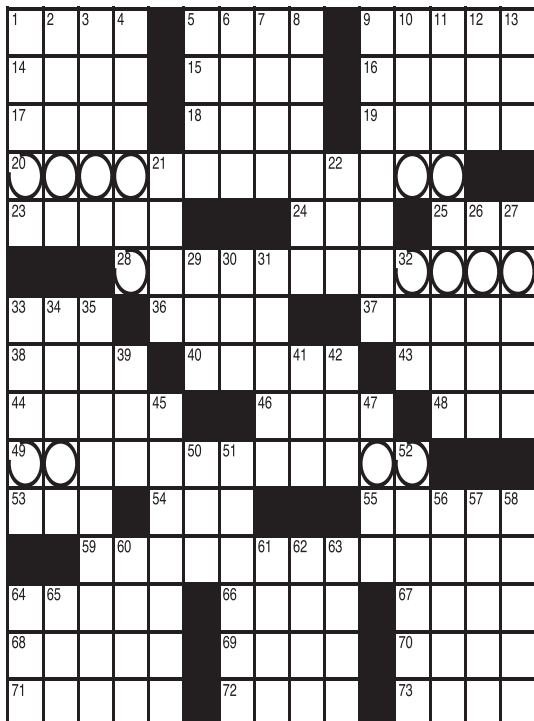
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 - 28 Not kid around
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 - 44 Aimée of "La Dolce Vita"
 - 46 Dmitri's dissent
 - 48 In low spirits
 - 49 Traitorous spies
 - 53 Driver's license info
 - 54 Wayside stop
 - 55 One-up
 - 59 Halloween discards, and what the three sets of circles represent?
 - 64 "Dallas" surname
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 - 71 Enter on a laptop
 - 72 Italian eight
 - 73 Sweetheart

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- 7 "No __, no gain"
- 8 Mall pizza chain
- 9 Goth hairstyles
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- 11 Headpiece for kids in Mickey's TV club
- 12 Filmmaker Brooks
- 13 Biblical beast of burden
- 21 Yarn
- 22 Boating blade
- 26 Sleep concern
- 27 "¿Cómo está ___?"
- 29 Dune buggy, briefly
- 30 "We did it!"
- 31 Throw wildly
- 32 North Pole toymaker
- 33 "Hanging" problems in the 2000 election
- 34 Algonquin transport
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- 41 "Science Guy" Bill
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- 45 Fictional language spoken by Sheldon and Leonard on "The Big Bang Theory"
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- 58 Big name in blenders
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- 62 Breakup
- 63 "Let me add ..."
- 64 Yellowstone grazers
- 65 Misery

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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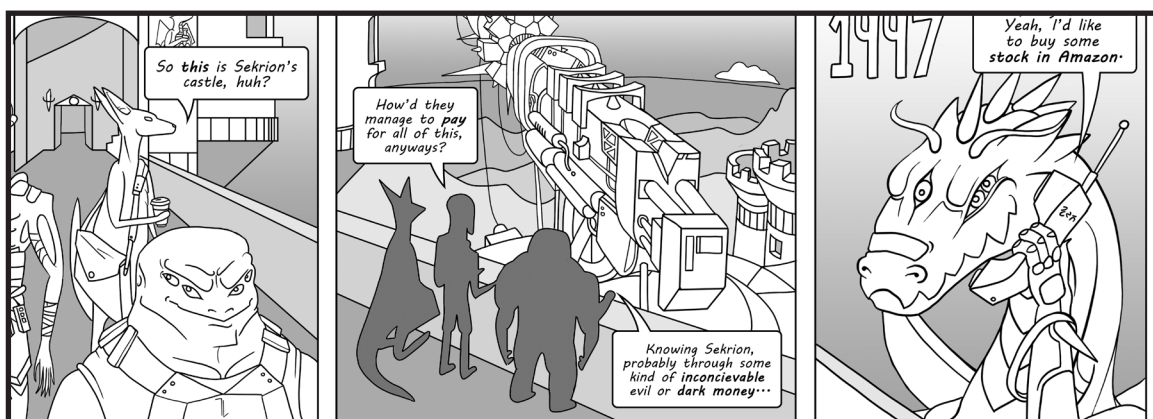
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IN JAPAN, MORE PAPER IS USED TO MAKE MANGA THAN TOILET PAPER.

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Huskies hand No. 1 Michigan 2 L's



The baseball team won 12-4 against the University of Hartford in its first home game of 2019. Michael Woodworth went 2-for-3 with 4 RBIs in the game. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

BASEBALL, cont. from p. 12

"He's got really good stuff, but the most impressive thing about him is his poise," Penders said to Jones Sunday. "After we put up a couple of runs, it looked like he had a different gear. Smelled some blood in the water and had that 1-2-3 inning, his stuff got even sharper. That's a winner right there, I really like watching him work. He's a lot of fun, he has a certain calm. He has a surgeon's mentality too, he knows exactly how to pick apart the zone. He knows what he's doing with it, I like watching him compete."

In their two wins this weekend, they left just 11 men on base combined while scoring 17 runs. Saturday's game, however, they couldn't get the clutch hits they needed, leaving the 11 runners on.

In game one of the weekend, Michigan burst into the lead with a five-spot in the first inning due to some sloppy pitching and heads-up baserunning. UConn grabbed a pair back in the top of the second, though, on the back of a couple wild pitches from pitcher Jeff Criswell and a pair of singles.

Aside from a Jordan Nwogu homer in the bottom of the second, the offense stalled on both sides until the sixth when the Huskies hung a four on the scoreboard to tie it at 6-6.

Zach Bushling led off the sixth with a double and came around to score on a 2-RBI double from Christian Fedko after a Chris Winkel walk. Freshman Reggie Crawford flied to center to bring him home a couple batters later. Michigan let Kevin Ferrer reach and Paul Gozzo score on an error two batters after that, putting the score at 6-6.

Michigan took the lead again in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI single from third basemen Ted Burton. UConn tied it in the

top of the eighth on back-to-back doubles from Crawford and Tyler Fedko to lead off the inning.

Reliever Kenny Haus was able to work through traffic in the eighth to keep the Wolverines at bay in the bottom of the eighth, so that UConn could score the eighth and final run in the top of the ninth - completing a hard-fought comeback 8-7.

"Our guys just kept fighting, coach Hourigan said we're gonna be patient with their starter," Penders said to Jones Friday. "He has a tendency to not throw a ton of strikes in a row and he gets off with Bushling strike two in a heartbeat, but the guys trusted it and we kind of wore him down a little bit."

Game two was entirely different, as starter Colby Dunlop and reliever Max Neilson each gave up six earned runs in their combined 3.1 innings. They gave up a combined nine hits and retired just 10 of the 24 batters they faced.

"I think he may have been tipping some things, and that's something we worked with him on in the pre-season, with Colby," Penders said to Jones Saturday. "Give them credit, I don't want to take anything away from them, they did a heck of a job hitting him."

UConn scored a run in each of the first and second innings, but the offense stalled out after that. Michigan tacked on a couple more throughout the rest of the game en route to a convincing 14-2 win.

Game three was all UConn. After four relatively quiet frames from each team, the Huskies made some two-out noise as Crawford got hit by a pitch and stole second before coming around to score on a Tyler Fedko double. Gozzo followed it up with a double of his own and UConn was up 2-0.

"I think seven of our first eight

runs scored via the 2-out RBI, so those cover up a lot of sins," Penders said Sunday.

Krauth struck out the side in order in the bottom of the fourth, setting the table for UConn's six-run fifth inning. A lead off hit-by-pitch from Ben Maycock started the rally, which included two RBI doubles and a two-run homer from Gozzo.

"All the way up and down our lineup, it's just scary sometimes the way we can drive the ball," Gozzo said to Jones Sunday. "I think in the fifth inning or something, some crazy stat, we had one single and it was Andy [Hague]'s bunt."

UConn shifted into cruise control against the nation's top team from then on, tacking on one more in eighth. They gave up a run in the sixth and the ninth, but it was too late for the Wolverines. UConn had already secured their commanding series victory.

Other than the energizing victories against Michigan, there were some notable performances throughout the weekend.

Across the three-game set, Crawford went 6-for-11 with five double, two RBIs and a pair of runs scored. Tyler Fedko had a multi-hit game in each of three contests, and went 7-for-11 overall.

"I've been seeing a lot of pitches, every one of my at-bats I'm probably seeing three, four or five pitches," Fedko said post-game to Jones. "Just to get like one or two visuals under your belt, and you see it up and just go get it."

Christian Fedko had a heck of a weekend as well, going 5-for-13 with five RBIs and two runs scored.

UConn's schedule gets a bit easier this next week, as they take on New Orleans down in Louisiana for a three-game set next weekend.

Women's Hockey: UConn finishes regular season with losses to Boston University

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UConn will head into the Hockey East Quarterfinals on a three-game losing streak to wrap up the regular season.

UConn (16-16-2) came into the weekend having already locked up a spot in the upcoming Hockey East Quarterfinals. The Huskies had a great chance to get prepared for what competition will look like in the tournament with their matchups against Boston University this weekend. These games also gave the Huskies one last chance to build some momentum and play at a consistent level heading into the tournament.

BU (24-6-4) is one of the best teams in Women's Hockey East. The Terriers went an impressive 18-6-3 in conference play, allowing them to finish in second place in the conference this season. They won all their matchups against the Huskies this year, going 3-0 and pulling off the season sweep.

Game one of the weekend between the teams got off to slow start. Both teams were trading shots early in the first period, but neither team was able to score a goal early. For UConn, scoring early in games has tended to allow the team to settle into the game much quicker and play more freely. The Huskies chances of winning are much better when the team scores at least one goal in the first period. In 11 of the teams 16 wins, they scored at least once in the first period. So, to say that the Huskies need to score early would be an understatement.

The Terriers got the scoring started in game one, scoring their first goal just over eight minutes into the period. The goal was scored by Julia Nearis, and it gave them a 1-0 lead. One minute later, the Terriers struck again to increase their lead to 2-0. Jesse Compher scored the goal. They were not done yet either. BU scored a third time, with around six minutes left in the first. Courtney Correia scored the goal, and the Terriers had a 3-0 lead.

They say bad things come in threes, and that was certainly the case for the Huskies in the early going. There was a bright spot in the first for them however, as Taylor Wabick scored

a goal, her fifth of the season, to cut BU's lead to 3-1. Natalie Snodgrass and Briana Colangelo assisted on the goal. On defense they were able to bend but not break for the rest of the period.

UConn was going to have to play at their best on both sides of the puck if they wanted to have any chance at a comeback. They were testing the Terriers defense with a flurry of quick shots to start the period, and their chances of scoring got even better when they got a power play chance. Unfortunately for the Huskies, they were unable to come away with a goal.

Two seconds after UConn's power play opportunity ended, BU scored their fourth goal of the game. Compher scored the goal, her second of the game and the Terriers had a 4-1 lead. For UConn it was do or die. Another goal from BU would effectively end their chances of a comeback.

The Terriers would not let a Huskies comeback come to be, as they scored their fifth goal of the game and their second of the period, three minutes later to take a 5-1 lead. Sammy Davis came away with the goal.

UConn would score a power play goal in the third period to cut the lead to 5-2. Viki Harkness scored her sixth goal of the season. Nara Elia would score one more goal for Boston University, giving them a 6-2 lead, which would be the final score of the game.

Game 2 took place on Saturday afternoon, with the Huskies looking for better results this time around. Game 2 got off to a quick start, with the Terriers once again striking first. They scored less than a minute into the game. Elia scored the goal, her second of the weekend, to give the Terriers a 1-0 lead.

A little less than a minute later they struck again, to take a quick 2-0 lead less than two minutes into the game. Abby Cook scored the goal. UConn was unable to get anything going on the offensive end. They ended up taking only four shots in the first period, which shows just how hard the Terriers were playing on defense not just in this game, but the entire weekend. BU would score one more goal in the first to move their lead to 3-0. Natasza Tarnowski scored for the Terriers.

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NOTEBOOK CENTRAL

WBB: Nelson-Ododa the key that unlocks UConn's offense



MBB: 3 takeaways from Big Red Day



Both the men's and women's basketball teams picked up big wins at Gampel Pavilion this weekend. The women took down UCF on Senior Day on Saturday 66-53 while the men beat USF 78-71 on Sunday.

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Megan Walker, Crystal Dangerfield and Christyn Williams lead the Huskies in points per game with over 14 each. However, it's Olivia Nelson-Ododa that makes it all possible.

Saturday against UCF, Nelson-Ododa left the game in the early fourth quarter with her nose buried in a blood-soaked towel. UConn made just three field goals after ONO left the game.

After last week's 74-31 win over Tulane, Aureimma said, "There was no one on the floor

that could handle Liv. So, the strategy was, 'Liv, run as fast as you can down to the block, post up and you guys better throw it to her.'"

Having that skilled and intelligent post-presence to get the ball in to collapse the defense is the cornerstone of UConn's offense, and it really always has been.

"That's the strategy we've had for 30 years here. I can probably name you every single player that we've ever had that played four years at Connecticut and I told them, 'Just run from the foul line down to the block and call for the ball,' and they became an All-American," Auriemma said.



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Two weeks after UConn celebrated Gampel Pavilion's 30th birthday with a win over Memphis, it celebrated its biggest fan. Sunday was deemed "Big Red Day" to honor UConn superfan, Tom Emery. Per usual, he led the 9,524 in attendance through the "U-C-O-N-N" chant, arm motions and all and addressed his "second family" at halftime. The UConn men held up on their end of the deal, walking away 78-71 winners over USF. Here are a few key takeaways from the afternoon affair.

Whaley continues to step up

It was nothing short of emotional when redshirt freshman Akok went down with a ruptured Achilles last week. Isaiah Whaley was thrust into starting minutes that were now up for grabs. He posted a career-high six blocks in the effort and has not looked back.

"When your program becomes closely knit, you become a family, when the culture is strong and the character of the team is strong, you also play so hard because you don't wanna let down the guy next to you," head coach Dan Hurley said on Whaley's recent play.

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UConn defeats BU 4-3 in overtime Friday night in the XL Center. Senior Alexander Payusov scored the winning goal 19 seconds into sudden death OT. Goalkeeper Tomas Vomacka had a total of 23 saves, which helped UConn hold the Terriers scoreless during first period. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Huskies sweep Terriers

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BU continued to dominate play for the majority of the third period, sending puck after puck deep into UConn's zone to kill the clock, content with their one-goal lead. As time wound down the Huskies entered desperation mode and pulled Vomacka with just over a minute left in search of the equalizer, and with 56 seconds left, they found it. Jachym Kondelik fired a shot from the left circle that was initially saved, but Freeman was there for the quick rebound to tie the game and send it to overtime, their second game going to OT in a row.

"Last week we lost a very tough overtime game up at Maine and we talked about when we watched the film how we sat back, we were playing for that one point," Cavanaugh said. "We said as a team if we get into overtime again, we're not gonna sit back, we're gonna learn from that."

With momentum now back in their favor and XL on their feet, the Huskies learned from their OT loss against Maine and struck immediately just 19 seconds in. Freeman forced a BU turnover in their zone and immediately found a streaking Payusov right in front of the net for the easy finish and game-winner.

"I think that was some of the chemistry that Sasha and I have created over the years," Freeman said. "I just knew he was gonna be crashing the net, so I tried to get it through the D-man and past the goalie, so it was great that he was there."

Next up for UConn was a trip to Boston for a rematch against the Terriers, with just one point separating the two in the Hockey East standings. BU had won four of their last five at home and were hungry for revenge while the Huskies were coming just one weekend removed from handing Maine their first home loss of the season. This game was the most important of the season for both sides, and they played like it.

UConn struck first again, this time it was Zac Robbins scoring his third goal of the season to give the Huskies the early lead. Robbins got the puck in the neutral zone off a Marc Gatcomb clearance and did the rest, taking the puck into BU's zone and lasering a shot past the Terrier's keeper for the goal. Each side had a

The 4-minute stretch that resulted in a 4-point swing for UConn

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With about three minutes remaining in regulation of Friday's Hockey East showdown between UConn and Boston University, the Huskies had to regroup. After a terrific first period in which they went up 2-0, they had been outplayed significantly in the previous 37 minutes of game time and now trailed 3-2.

"I think we had a little meeting right before, I think at three minutes," Alexander Payusov recalled. "We had the little TV timeout, so we just came back to the bench and said we need to calm down and just stick to our game plan and that's what we did."

After that, UConn changed its approach. The team was able to get opportunities on offense, something it hadn't really done since the first.

"We started to at the end of that third period just throw pucks at the net and try to cre-

ate something," head coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "I thought we were a little too cute and a little too perimeter for a while and some of it was just BU was taking it to us."

The Huskies pulled Tomas Vomacka from net to create a 6-on-5 advantage with about 1:20 remaining, and then the XL Center atmosphere came into play. The crowd had been extremely loud in the first period, but the noise had turned indistinct as they watched UConn fall behind. Maybe it was a sense of desperation, but as the team controlled the puck in BU's zone with the man advantage, the noise level rose again.

"The atmosphere, the fans were standing up, and they were getting us going and that goes a long way," Benjamin Freeman said.

Just 20 seconds later, Jachym Kondelik put a shot on goal, which Sam Tucker saved, but Freeman was right there to knock in the rebound to tie the game with 56 seconds remain-

ing.

"I really wasn't even supposed to be there, but I'm glad I was," Freeman said. "Kind of just tried to get into a soft spot and wait for Jachym to shoot the puck. Fortunately, he had a great shot and it was just laying there and I was fortunate enough to put it home."

The Huskies were not done there, though. After making it through the end of the period, UConn, now with all the momentum, came out swinging in overtime. After getting the puck into the Terriers' zone, Freeman once again came up huge, this time by stealing the puck and finding Payusov streaking toward the net. Payusov, who scored a game-winning goal at the XL Center in overtime against BU last season, just needed to tap the puck in to send the home crowd into a frenzy once again.

"I think that's some of the chemistry that Sasha [Payusov] and I have created over the years," Freeman said. "I just knew he was gonna be

crashing the net, so I tried to get it through the D-man and past the goalie, so it was great that he was there."

Nineteen seconds. That's all it took in overtime to net the game-winner and completely snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Payusov said losing wasn't an option.

"I don't think we ever had a doubt in that game," Payusov said. "Even if we were down, we have a lot of guys that can score a goal. We never thought about losing that game."

After the 1-0 overtime loss to Maine last week, Cavanaugh said the team had a completely different mentality for this overtime period.

"We talked about when we watched the film how we sat back in that overtime," Cavanaugh said. "We were playing for the one point. We said as a team, if we get into overtime again — which we will — we're not gonna sit back. We're gonna learn from that."

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UConn defeats BU in overtime Friday night in the XL Center. Senior Alexander Payusov scored the winning goal 19 seconds into sudden death OT. Payusov would add three more goals the next day in UConn's 6-1 win over BU.

PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

couple more chances in the first, but the period would end with UConn up 1-0 and having outshot BU 15-5.

In the second period, Payusov scored his second of the weekend. Thirteen minutes into the period, Turnbull found Sasha in front of the net, and after his initial shot was saved, he got his own rebound to extend the Huskies lead to two. A goal from BU would cut UConn's lead in half, and the Huskies would enter the third period up 2-1. But the score is never important to Cavanaugh.

"We don't have to scoreboard watch," Cavanaugh said. "We control our own destiny and that's what I want the kids in that room thinking. Don't worry about what other teams are doing, let's worry about what we're doing and how we're playing, and everything will take care of itself."

Just as Cavanaugh mentioned after Game 1, it was the seniors who took over in the third, with the man of the hour, Alexander Payusov, scoring two more goals to complete the hat trick on route to a four-goal weekend and a

now team-leading 12 goals on the season.

His first came 41 seconds in off a feed from Freeman that ended in a one-on-one situation for Sasha, before he scored five minutes later once again with the assist going to Freeman to make the lead 4-1. Two more goals from seniors Freeman and Justin Howell would extend UConn's lead to five, and BU would have no response. Cavanaugh was ecstatic with his team's win and in particular their third period performance.

"I thought that third period

was the best period I've seen a UConn hockey team play since I've been here," Cavanaugh said during a post-game interview with The UConn Blog's Dan Connolly. "I was really proud of their effort and determination all period."

Next up for the Huskies is another tough matchup against UMass Amherst, who sits just two points ahead of UConn in the conference standings. Friday will be the team's senior night at the XL Center before they head back to Massachusetts Saturday to finish off the series.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE: HUSKIES GRAB BACK-TO-BACK WINS

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The UConn women's lacrosse began its two-game win streak by beating UMass Lowell 20-14 on Friday followed by a 21-8 win against UNH on Sunday.

The Huskies hosted UML on Friday at the Sherman Family Complex where, in the first half, the River Hawks gained the lead four and a half minutes into the first period by attacker Natalie Choate. It only took UConn attacker Lia LaPrise a minute later to equalize the game with freshman midfielder Madelyn George. The Huskies scored again in the seventh minute by attacker Stephanie Palmucci followed by midfielder Sydney Watson scoring nearly 15 seconds later due to a free position shot, bringing UConn up 3-1.

UML scored again six seconds into the eighth minute by midfielder Izzy Liquori but UConn put itself in a two-goal lead 40 seconds later by LaPrise with George giving the assist once more. The River Hawks attempted to close the equalizing gap when midfielder Hannah Rose scored with about 21 minutes left in the first period, but freshman midfielder Rylee Brown scored her first goal of the season and maintained UConn's lead. Watson scored once again in the 12th minute with LaPrise providing the assist and claimed her hat trick by scoring in the 14th minute,



The Huskies win against UMass Lowell 20-14 on Friday, Feb. 23. Sydney Watson scored a program record eight goals. They followed that up with a 21-6 win over UNH on Sunday.

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bringing UConn up 7-3.

Despite having a three-goal lead, UML found an opening in UConn's defense and scored a series of goals to bring themselves level.

Attacker Samantha Blair scored with 12:42 left on the clock, with attacker Alex Palermo providing the assist, and scored again half a minute later with defender Kelly Morgan providing the assist. Over two min-

utes later, Liquori scored again for the River Hawks and with nine and a half minutes left in the first half, midfielder Abby McLaughlin scored equalizing the match 7-7.

Watson managed to score in the 22nd minute, giving the Huskies the lead once more; and scored again in the 24th minute. However, Liquori secured her hat trick and brought the River Hawks closer to equalizing the

match. With over a minute left in the match, attacker Cameron McKelvin made the score 9-9. However, Watson managed to give the Huskies the lead going into the end of the first period with 33 seconds left on the clock.

In the second half of the match, UML were quick to equalize again as Liquori scored three minutes in due to a free position shot. The River Hawks

gained the lead when McKelvin scored with the assist of Blair but weren't able to hold it as LaPrise scored a hat trick half a minute later. UConn regained the lead when midfielder Abby Vetsch scored in the 8th minute and 10th minutes of the second period. Midfielder Grace Coon scored her first goal of the season with LaPrise providing her with the assist, followed by Watson scoring once more with 17:31 left in the match. Palmucci scored in the 44th minute due to a free position goal, but UML midfielder Hana Caster scored half a minute later, making the score 12-16.

The Huskies scored three more times to ensure a gap in the score would secure a win. Sydney Watson scored a free position shot with 14:22 left on the clock and the game was goalless for five minutes until midfielder Olivia Miles scored, with attacker Sam McKenna providing the assist, and Vetsch scoring her second goal of the match in the 22nd minute of the second period, with LaPrise giving the assist. With over seven minutes left in the game, Liquori scored again followed by midfielder Lauren Hopsicker scoring UML's last goal of the match with a minute and a half to go. UConn's last goal went to midfielder Sophie Sorenson, who scored nearly a minute later.

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UConn clinches 7th AAC regular season title on Senior Day



UConn women's basketball beats UCF 66-53 on Saturday afternoon. This was the Huskies' senior night and last game at Gampel Pavilion for the season. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Walker led the Huskies in scoring with 20 points 6-of-14 shooting including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc and also added 10 rebounds for her 9th double-double of the season.

UCF, while always one of the more physical teams in the conference, took it up a notch on Saturday. Early in the fourth quarter, Nelson-Ododa took a blow to the nose from the Knights' Masseny Kaba that knocked her out for the remainder of the game. Kaba got hit with an intentional foul, and it would not be the first one the Knights would pick up, as just over a minute later Dangerfield took her own shot to the face from Diamond Battles. Battles also received an intentional foul, and Dangerfield was able to remain in the game.

Then, in the next minute, it looked like UCF was about to get its third intentional foul of the quarter after Walker appeared to also get hit in the face, but no foul was called.

"This team is physical, we knew that coming in, you know it's just one of those things you have to deal with," Walker said. "You can't back down, you have to show them who you are."

The Huskies outscored the Knights 16-4 in the first, and

that proved to be the difference, as in the final three quarters UConn held just a two-point advantage and even lost quarters two and four.

UConn got strong performances from Dangerfield and Makurat who put up 14 and 17 points respectively, and Nelson-Ododa had eight points and seven rebounds.

Of the five usual starters, it was Christyn Williams who had the worst afternoon, scoring just three points on 1-of-6 shooting including 1-of-5 from three in 37 minutes. She has struggled to find her shooting stroke all season, and with the conference and then national tournaments coming up, it's something the team will need her to find when they play the better teams in the country.

The Huskies have road games at Cincinnati and Houston on Wednesday and Saturday and then are back at the XL Center to host USF to close out the season on Monday, March 2.

"You can't back down, you have to show them who you are"

MEGAN WALKER

Bouknight and Vital stampede Bulls

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"James is, he's the next one, or he's got a chance to be the next one," head coach Dan Hurley. "If he locks in on where he is right now, and just continues to focus on his habits and the details of the game, get into the offseason, working on his body and his basketball understanding. When he puts it all together for us next year, you're looking at potentially, that next one."

In essentially the final quarter of the game, Bouknight scored 16 of his 19 points, highlighted by a rim-shaking put-back dunk off a Vital miss that sent Gampel into a frenzy.

"I had turned the ball over before, and in my head, I was just thinking film, film session," Bouknight said. "He just happened to miss the shot and I just tried to execute on the opportunity, because now he's gonna have to cut that part out just to show the turnover."

Bouknight's dunk came just

over two minutes after Vital similarly sent Gampel into a roar following a highlight steal and tomahawk dunk that forced USF into a timeout.

However, the Bulls stuck around until late on the backs of an absurd 62.1 second-half field goal percentage that included going 6-for-8 from three. But a Vital three with 2:35 left in the game pushed the lead to six and then was followed by five straight points from Bouknight, pushing the UConn lead to 11. It wouldn't get lower than nine until a meaningless USF three with 10 seconds left when the game was all but over.

While it was Vital and then later Bouknight who led the charge on the offensive end, Isaiah Whaley had yet another stellar game in the paint. While he only finished with eight points and five boards, his impact was felt by means of four blocks and two steals, making it 12 blocks over his past three games.

"The light switch coming on

for players, it's like, you can't always predict it," Hurley said. "It's just when they get an understanding of how they can bring the most value to the court. Just understanding that the best thing you can do for your team is bring the best version of yourself to the practice floor every day, bring it to court every day without ego ... he embraces the little things that lead to victory."

Jalen Gaffney and Brendan Adams each also had very good games, contributing ten points apiece on a combined 50% shooting. Alterique Gilbert buried his only shot of the game, a three, but had the same number of points as he did turnovers, and Josh Carlton and Sid Wilson both played sparingly, combining for four points, four rebounds and four fouls in 19 minutes of action.

The Huskies will be in Hartford on Wednesday when they host the UCF Knights in their last trip to the XL Center of the season.

Tennis: Women split road series while the men's struggles continue

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The women's team traveled to Ithaca, New York on Friday to take on Cornell. After UConn (3-4) lost the doubles point, Cornell (2-4) continued their strong play in the singles matches to hand UConn the 6-1 loss. Though the Huskies lost the doubles point, sophomore Luciana Rabines and freshman Denise Lai combined to win their set 7-6. From there, UConn was swept in singles matches, with their lone singles point coming by default.

Though they struggled against Cornell, the women bounced back on Saturday to earn a dominant 7-0 victory against Binghamton. In doubles, the duo of sophomore Mireille Moreau and sopho-

more Julieanne Bou earned a 7-6 win in their set. Additionally, Rabines and Lai won 7-5 to earn UConn the doubles point. Afterwards, UConn won all six singles points over Binghamton (3-9). Bou, Rabines, Lai, Moreau, freshman Caroline Cook and freshman Doga Selen Takunyaci all won their singles sets to win the overall match 7-0.

After the match head coach Glenn Marshall said, "I challenged them going into the singles to pick up the effort and intensity, and they responded with straight set wins in all six singles matches. I am pleased with how they battled through the singles and came through with the win."

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Men's Basketball: Huskies stampede past Bulls



Christian Vital and Isaiah Whaley were huge in UConn's 78-71 win over USF on Sunday. Vital lead the Huskies with 24 points, and Whaley added eight points and eight rebounds. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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In early January, UConn got embarrassed by USF in Tampa. Now, a month and a half later, the Huskies flipped the script.

It was the Christian Vital show Sunday afternoon, scoring 24 points on 8-of-15 shooting including 4-of-9 from beyond the arc. Not only that, but his second three of the game made him the all-time three-point leader in the American Athletic Conference. He currently sits at 224 three-pointers and climbing, just one more mark UConn will leave on the conference long after they are gone.

"That's a nice accomplish-

ment, but I'd rather win more games," Vital said.

It's been a tough season for the Huskies, not only playing and losing so many close games but also having to do so much relying on freshman and sophomores. Season-ending injuries to both Tyler Polley and Akok Akok only made things tougher as it shortened the bench to three, not including the walk-ons, which makes the production and leadership of Vital, a senior, that much more important.

"Coming into the season I kind of knew the situation," Vital said. "Didn't expect a couple of my brothers to go down the way they did, unfortunately, so it just kind of puts a bigger emphasis on not only myself but everyone on the team. But

obviously, as a senior guard at UConn, those are the guys who are expected to step up, so I know I've got to step up."

While it was Vital who brought that consistency throughout the game, it was freshman James Bouknight who sealed things for the Huskies.

Bouknight got into foul trouble early, picking up two under five minutes into the game and then sitting the rest of the first half. He started the second half, but all of seven seconds into the action and he already picked up his third, prompting him to sit until the 11-minute mark when he finally came back into the game - and took over.

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Men's Hockey: Huskies dominate Terriers in weekend sweep

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The UConn men's hockey team wrapped up a huge weekend against Boston University, sweeping the series against the Terriers in convincing fashion to earn a crucial four points. The first game ended in dramatic fashion with the Huskies winning in overtime before UConn completed the sweep with a 6-1 win in enemy territory. The wins catapulted the Huskies to 24 points on the year - a new team-best - and fourth place in the Hockey East, in what was their strongest weekend of the season.

"As long as I've been coaching it's always your seniors that lead the team," head coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "Yes, we have some talented young players that bring a lot of skill and energy to our team, but the guys who drive the bus are our seniors. You need that type of veteran leadership to show these guys when times get tough."

Friday was a perfect example of this, as the Huskies (14-13-4, 11-8-2 Hockey East) needed every bit of help from the older guys they could get to earn the first win. UConn got off to an early lead in the first period with Carter Turnbull making a nice move in front of BU's net and slotting home his 11th goal of the season, tying himself with Vladislav Firsov to lead the team, at least at

the time. The Huskies would strike again with two minutes left to double their lead, this time the goal coming from sophomore Kale Howarth, his first goal since Nov. 15. Firsov fired a shot from center ice, and Howarth was there to finish the rebound and give UConn to 2-0 lead.

The Terriers (12-11-8, 9-7-5 Hockey East) had a couple chances toward the end of the period to cut into the deficit, but a huge clearance from Wyatt Newpower and save from Tomas Vomacka kept one of the best offenses in the conference scoreless after one. As has been the case all season for the Huskies though, the second period could be a volatile one, and things took a turn for the worst.

Five minutes into the period, BU finally found the back of the net off a wrist shot from Case McCarthy that snuck past a screened Vomacka. Two more goals from Jack DeBoer and Cam Crotty gave the Terriers a 3-2 lead, and momentum had completely swung in their favor heading into the third, but that did not deter the Huskies at all.

"We have a lot of character in this locker room, boys just pushed through," Sasha Payusov said. "We were down, and we never thought about losing. We wanted the win and we got it."

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Women's Basketball: UConn hits UCF in the face (figuratively)

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Seven years in the American Athletic Conference and seven conference championships for the Huskies, as with their 66-53 victory over UCF on Saturday, they once again clinched the top spot. Going back earlier than the American, it was UConn's 26th conference title in 32 years.

"We screwed up the other six, huh," Auriemma said. "It is pretty amazing because a whole bunch of those were done in the best conference in the country at the time. So it was something to really be proud of, to be able to win your conference when you're competing against nothing but great teams every week."

These past seven conference titles have come in a, let's just say, less competitive league. In fact, in the seven seasons in the American, UConn has yet to lose a game.

"But regardless of what league we've been in, anytime you start the season, that's goal No. 1," Auriemma said. "Goal No. 1 is try to win the conference championship, regular season. It really is the winner of the conference. You have to prove it over a period of four or five months. You gotta win games. On the road, you

gotta win them at home, so you prove that you're the best team in the league. And then now they have a conference tournament and you have to go do it again over a period of three days, 'cause they're trying to get more teams in the NCAA tournament, they're trying to make a lot of money. They're not trying to prove who the best team in the league is. We just did that, so that's our goal every year. We want to be the best team in the league, and we accomplished our goal."

It was senior day for UConn, so just one of their usual five starters were on the court for tip-off, and that was Crystal Dangerfield. She was joined by Kyla Irwin, who was making her 18th start of the season, along with Molly Bent who was making her third and Batouly Camara and Evelyn Adebayo who were making their first.

The all-senior lineup was on the court for the first 2:30 of the game before Irwin, Bent, Camara and Adebayo were subbed out for Megan Walker, Christyna Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Anna Makurat. They held UCF scoreless in their time on the court while recording two points on an Irwin layup off a Camara assist.

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Baseball takes series against No. 1 Michigan



Caleb Wurster pitches in a 3-1 win over Boston College last season. This weekend, the Huskies took two out of three from No. 1 Michigan. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The UConn baseball team had been given a tall task for the onset of the season: Playing five of their first six games against highly ranked competition. Little did they know that would turn into facing the No. 1 overall team in Baseball America's rankings in all five of those games. They handled it mightily, grabbing three wins against Michigan in the last four games.

"I like the way we competed, a lot of extra base hits today," head coach Jim Penders said to Chris Jones Sunday after the game. "Hit some gaps. The guy's swung the bats, gotta do a little bit better at communicating in the outfield, there were some mistakes, our infield play too, our catching play. Overall, a really solid weekend. Whenever you can win a series over one of the best teams in the country, that's a good weekend any way you slice it."

This weekend, UConn (3-3) took it to No. 1 Michigan (4-

3), winning on Friday 8-7 and Sunday 9-2. The Huskies fell to Michigan Saturday 14-2 as the pitching got hit around and the offense left 11 men on base. They had previously beaten the Wolverines Sunday in the MLB4 tournament in Arizona.

The Huskies have handed Michigan all three of their losses this season behind two strong pitching performances from righty Nick Krauth and some timely hitting from the heart of the order.

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THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS

Baseball



UConn vs. UCF
Men's Basketball
Wednesday 7 p.m.
XL Center

UConn vs. MAINE
Women's Basketball
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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