



THE INDEPENDENT VOICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SINCE 1896 • VOLUME CXXVII, NO. 99

Monday, February 26, 2024



win a prize! open from feb. 5th - 29th



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

CLICK HERE

## UConn Foundation lists private jets as one of their top contractors

by **Jenna Outcalt**  
STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
jenna.outcalt@uconn.edu

Financial reports from the University of Connecticut Foundation show that it spent almost \$200,000 on private jets in recent fiscal years.

The UConn Foundation's fiscal report for 2023 shows that it paid Apollo Jets LLC \$193,409. This makes Apollo Jets the fifth largest expense for the foundation in 2021.

Fossil Fuel Free UConn, a student organization at UConn, said in a statement that the use of private jets "cannot legitimately be construed to serve any educational purpose of this university."

According to Jennifer Huber, the foundation's senior director for marketing and communications, the private jets are used to recruit ath-

letes. The UConn Foundation pays for the expenses from donations to the foundation. David Carney, senior vice president and chief financial officer of the UConn Foundation, said in a statement that the costs were covered by donations to the University's athletic program.

Fossil Fuel Free UConn has previously campaigned for the UConn Foundation to disclose its expenses and investments fully. It said in its statement that the foundation needs to be more transparent with how it uses donations.

Considering the current state of UConn's budgetary crisis, with the university deciding whether to cut critical educational programs, eliminate student resources and activities, or raise tuition, it is imperative that the UConn Community have transparency on the decisions being made with its finances. Since the privatization of the UConn Foundation in 2015, how-

ney said in his statement. "These donors' generosity supports the continued excellence of the 11-time NCAA champions women's team and the five-time championship-winning men's team."

The UConn Foundation is a private entity that is separate from the university. It covers expenses through fundraising and donations. According to Carney's statement, the money covering the private jets is allotted based on the donors' priorities.

"The UConn Foundation's mission is to raise money to support students, academics, athletics, faculty and programs. In fulfilling this mission, we look to align the University's needs and priorities with areas where donors feel most passionate and honor the donors' intent for how their gifts are used," Carney said.

from President Maric's office regarding its investment practices, the Foundation has continuously refused to provide any substantive and specific information," their statement said.

"It is unconscionable for a public university to be hiding from ethical considerations regarding its financial practices. Students have a right to know what they are paying for, and the UConn community has a right to confirm that the university's money is being spent in alignment with the school's values as an educational institution," their statement said.

Yancey said in a statement that she was committed to and proud of UConn's vision to address climate change.

"While I am only a little over a month into my role, I'm dedicated to working with my team and the UConn Foundation's

ation, to improve the foundation's accountability under her leadership.

CT company provides accessible experiences to people with disabilities

by **Hallie LeTendre**  
STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
hallie.letendre@uconn.edu

Empowered Together is a tech company that provides accessible and inclusive experiences to customers with disabilities.

Businesses involved with Empowered Together's services are listed on their website's marketplace, allowing for people with disabilities to see what accommodations they can expect before visiting a business.

Non-business-owning users can sign up for free and either recommend a business or leave a review.

Founder and CEO of Empowered Together, Sarah Spear, explained the origins of her company.

"Ten years ago, I welcomed my daughter into this world. She has multiple disabilities caused by a rare genetic disease. I learned pretty quickly that I was going to need the support of a community to help me navigate the educational, medical and therapeutic systems that support my daughter," Spear said.

She further explained how Empowered Together acts as an outlet for communication among members of the disability community that aligns with modern-day technologies.

"Empowered Together began as a way to digitize information that the disability community has historically shared by word of mouth," Spear said. "Empowered Together's mission is to ensure accessible, inclusive consumer experiences for people and families living with disability."

Most recently, the company launched a pilot program in New Haven where Empowered Together staff walk through businesses to identify proper accessibility features and provide recommended additions and upgrades for businesses, a press release said.

"New Haven is a mecca of education and culture in Connecticut," the Chair of the City of New Haven Commission on Disabilities, Billy Huang, said in a press release. "The myriad of businesses reflect that diversity, and it's crucial that such diversity is also reflected in the people who are able to access those businesses."

For those not living in Connecticut, the marketplace extends across the nation.

Spear expressed interest in connecting Empowered Together with college and university disability centers in the future.

"Many disabled young adults are beginning to have buying power as they venture out on their own in college," Spear said. "Empowered Together's marketplace is an opportunity for students to find, rate and review businesses that meet their needs. This is also a tool that colleges' disability services offices would benefit from sharing with the students who use their services."



On Sept. 21, 2023, in New York, NY, Fossil Fuel Free UConn Coalition students participate in the March to End Fossil Fuels. Fossil Fuel Free UConn is condemning the UConn Foundation for their negligence regarding fossil fuels and pollution.

PHOTO COURTESY OF @FOSSIL.FUEL.FREE.UCONN ON INSTAGRAM

letes. The UConn Foundation pays for the expenses from donations to the foundation. David Carney, senior vice president and chief financial officer of the UConn Foundation, said in a statement that the costs were covered by donations to the University's athletic program.

"Alumni and friends who make philanthropic gifts designated for recruitment travel for the men's and women's basketball teams have covered costs associated with travel for recruiting student-athletes, including charter flights, as the coaching staffs deem most impactful," Car-

ever, there has been little accountability to the university regarding how its money has been spent."

The foundation is only obligated to disclose its five highest compensated contractors. In September 2023, Fossil Fuel Free UConn sought full transparency from UConn and the UConn Foundation with a petition signed by over 1,000 UConn community members. According to the organization, sufficient disclosures have not yet happened.

"Despite continued requests from students, the Board of Trustees, and even

In 2018 and 2019, Wheels Up LLC, another company that provides private jets, was in the top five contractors paid by the UConn Foundation. Wheels Up was paid \$208,615 in 2018, making them the foundation's fifth-highest compensated contractor that year. In 2019, the foundation paid Wheels Up \$375,431, making them the second-highest compensated contractor. No private travel contractors were listed in the top five in 2020.

Fossil Fuel Free UConn called on Amy Yancey, the newly appointed president and CEO of the UConn Foundation to advance UConn's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and become an international model of sustainability—as outlined in the University Strategic Plan and the Sustainability Framework Plan," she said in the statement. "This includes reducing our own footprint, fulfilling our commitment to responsible investing, and fundraising to support UConn's climate goals as well as academics and research aimed at developing solutions and a sustainable future."

Board of Directors to advance UConn's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and become an international model of sustainability—as outlined in the University Strategic Plan and the Sustainability Framework Plan," she said in the statement.

"This includes reducing our own footprint, fulfilling our commitment to responsible investing, and fundraising to support UConn's climate goals as well as academics and research aimed at developing solutions and a sustainable future."

For more...

[dailycampus.com](http://dailycampus.com)

 The\_DailyCampus

 The\_DailyCampus

 The Daily Campus



LIFE | PAGE 6

Conversation on children's rights



EDITORIAL | PAGE 7

Support UConn graduate student protests



MEN'S BASKETBALL | PAGE 12

UConn rides fiery second half in huge bounceback win over Nova

Subscribe to...



THE DAILY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

# UCONN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS APPOINTS NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD

by **Sara Bedigian**

STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
ara.bedigian@uconn.edu

Richard Langlois, who has been teaching at the University of Connecticut since 1983, was hired as the new department head of economics in January.

As department head, Langlois said his goal is to get more department resources and improve the experience for students. Langlois said the growing number of students studying economics has led to one of the worst student-to-faculty ratios in the University.

"One of the things that we really need to improve on in this major is getting undergraduates in contact with tenure track faculty," Langlois said. "Many people want to study economics, and our faculty hasn't grown commensurately with the number of students that want to major."

Economics is one of the largest departments at UConn, with over 1100 students,

and is a part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Langlois explained the department used to have large classes with teaching assistants running sections, but now they don't have teaching assistants to do that, resulting in a lot of courses being online.

"We are trying to do more with less," Langlois said. "We are trying to make the experience better for students."

Langlois began teaching the history of economic thought at UConn and eventually taught other classes, including industrial organization and graduate-level courses such as the economics of organization.

Although Langlois has taught economics at UConn for 40 years, he found economics late in his college career. As an undergraduate, he studied physics and English at Williams College, then went to graduate school to get a degree in astronomy at Yale. He said it was then he realized he didn't want to

**[Economics] makes you think broadly about the world and gives you some analytical tools to understand how the world works, which I think is extremely valuable."**

RICHARD LANGLOIS

be an astronomer. Instead, he found an engineering economic system program at Stanford, where he was introduced to economics.

"The first economics course I ever took was in graduate school, and I fell in love with it," Langlois said. "The class explained the world to me in a way that nothing else has, and I think that is true for a lot of people who take economics."

Langlois said if he had one piece of advice for students, it would be to experiment with majors until they find one they are passionate about.

"Economics is a particularly flexible major. So we get a lot of people who come into the major late after having tried other things first. You are not going to find what you want to do necessarily right away," Langlois said.

Langlois said some students come in and know what they want to do, and others don't know because they may not have been exposed to it yet. Langlois,

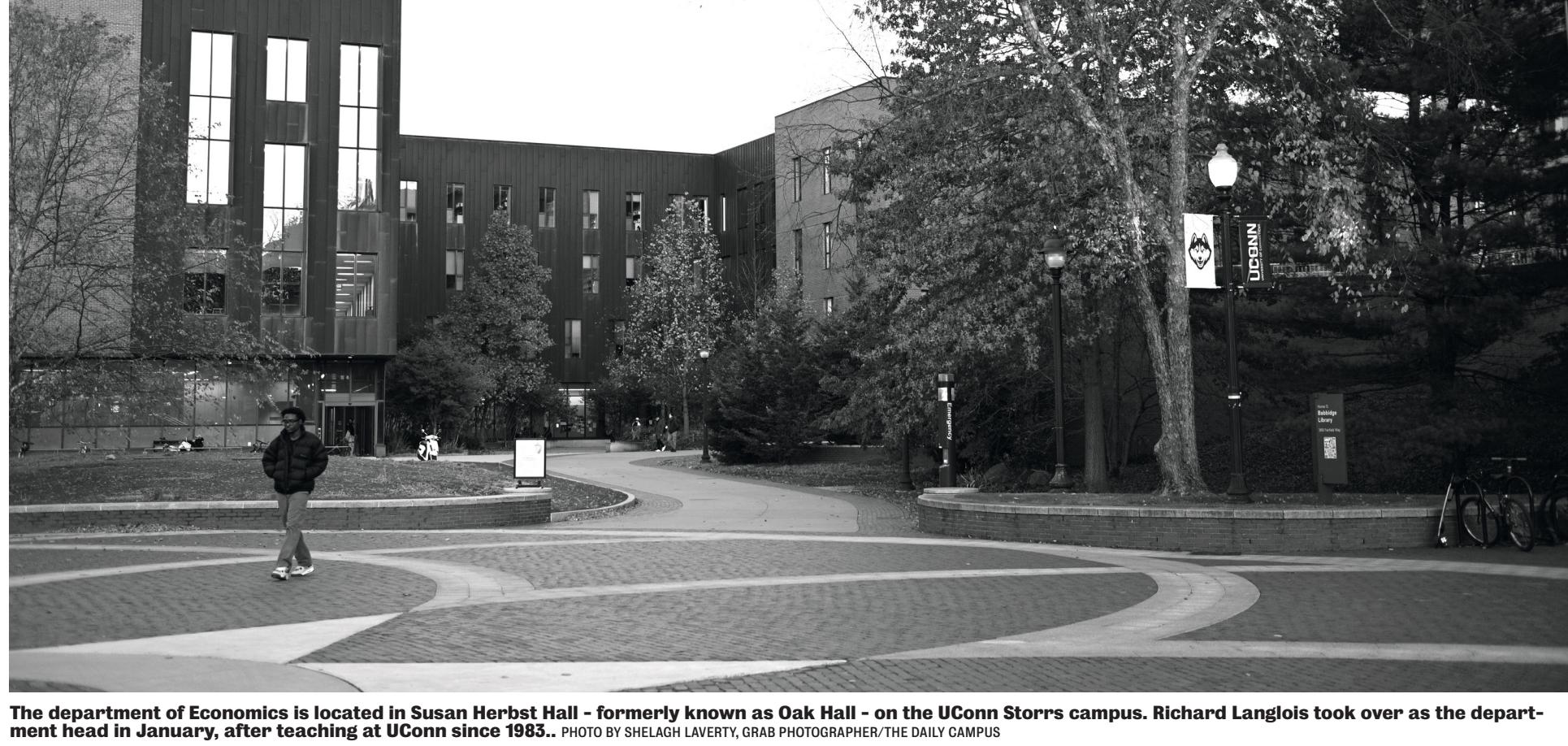
a first-generation student from northeastern Connecticut said he knew about science, but didn't know about all the other things he could do in the world.

Langlois added that there are many things that you can do with an economics degree, and it is good preparation for almost any kind of career.

"[Economics] makes you think broadly about the world and gives you some analytical tools to understand how the world works, which I think is extremely valuable, and teaches students the value of thinking rigorously about things," Langlois said.

In addition to helping students with their future career paths, he recently published a book, "The Corporation and the 20th Century," which came out in June 2023 and took him nine years to complete.

More information about Langlois and the economics department can be found on their website.



The department of Economics is located in Susan Herbst Hall - formerly known as Oak Hall - on the UConn Storrs campus. Richard Langlois took over as the department head in January, after teaching at UConn since 1983.. PHOTO BY SHELAGH LAVERTY, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## The Daily Campus

Printing since 1896, The Daily Campus is the oldest and largest independent student publication at the University of Connecticut. The Daily Campus circulates 5,000 newspapers daily and strives to serve the student body by delivering accurate, relevant and timely news and content, both in print and online at DailyCampus.com. Our staff is comprised entirely of students, with roughly 200 undergraduates gaining professional development while contributing to the daily production of the paper, with positions including writers, photographers, copy editors, page layout designers, graphic designers, advertisement representatives, receptionists, delivery drivers and digital producers.

Thanks for reading.

**Want to advertise in print or online?**  
businessmanager@dailycampus.com

**Corrections and Clarifications:**  
Send Corrections to EIC@DailyCampus.com

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
Copy Editors: Sophia Dover, Jordan Candelario, Estelle Jarrett, Nathan Henault

News Designer: Jess Tusa

Life Designer: Karla Perez

Sports Designer: Connor Lafferty

Opinion Designer: Raquel Montelindo and Emily O'Bannon

Photo Producer: Emilia Kwasniak

**Madeline Papcun**, Editor-in-Chief  
**Raquel Montelindo**, Managing Editor  
**Naiiya Patel**, Business Manager  
**Charlotte Chen**, Digital Editor

**Emily O'Bannon**, Associate Managing Editor

**Shannon Hong**, Associate Managing Editor

**Ky'Lynn Monts**, Associate Digital Editor

**Colin Piteo**

News Editor

**Aiza Shaikh**

Associate News Editor

**Stratton Stave**

Sports Editor

**Evan Rodriguez**

Associate Sports Editor

**Skyler Kim**

Photo Editor

**Jordan Arnold**

Associate Photo Editor

**Benjamin Lassy**

Life Editor

**Karla Perez**

Associate Life Editor

**Nell Srinath**

Opinion Editor

**Dan Stark**

Associate Opinion Editor

**Van Nguyen**

Artist Editor

**Haleigh Schmidt**

Associate Artist Editor

**Nell Komorowski**

Outreach/Social Media Coordinator

**Gabriella Margolies**

Associate SMOC

**Maddie Archambeau**

Circulation Manager

**The Daily Campus**

**Prefer to read our content online?**

Check out our newly redesigned website at [dailycampus.com](http://dailycampus.com) and follow us on social media.

Instagram · The DailyCampus

Facebook · The Daily Campus

Twitter · The\_DailyCampus

**Want to write or photograph for The Daily Campus ?**

The Daily Campus welcomes writers and photographers of all backgrounds, interests, majors and levels of experience. To get involved, it's as easy as attending section meetings on Sunday nights, all at the Daily Campus building, (1266 Storrs Road) or reaching out to an email below:

**Opinion (Meetings at 5 p.m.)**

[opinion@dailycampus.com](mailto:opinion@dailycampus.com)

**News (Meetings at 6 p.m.)**

[news@dailycampus.com](mailto:news@dailycampus.com)

**Life (Meetings at 7 p.m.)**

[life@dailycampus.com](mailto:life@dailycampus.com)

**Sports (Meetings at 8 p.m.)**

[sports@dailycampus.com](mailto:sports@dailycampus.com)

**Photo (Meetings at 10 p.m.)**

[photo@dailycampus.com](mailto:photo@dailycampus.com)

**Artists (Meetings at 10 p.m. on discord)**

[artists@dailycampus.com](mailto:artists@dailycampus.com)

For more information about getting involved as an editorial, business or digital employee:

Editorial · [managingeditor@dailycampus.com](mailto:managingeditor@dailycampus.com)

Business · [businessmanager@dailycampus.com](mailto:businessmanager@dailycampus.com)

Digital · [digital@dailycampus.com](mailto:digital@dailycampus.com)

## Study Break

# THE DAILY CAMPUS CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1 "Golly!"  
 5 Infuriated with  
 10 Light on one's feet  
 14 "It's \_\_\_ you": "You decide"  
 15 Justice Kagan of the Supreme Court  
 16 Metals from a mine  
 17 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin  
 18 Piccata ingredient  
 19 Christmas song  
 20 "Focus on the future now"  
 23 Top-notch  
 24 "\_\_\_ you listening?"  
 25 "Never in a million years!"  
 31 Barely lit  
 34 Makes cursed  
 35 Some clip-on accessories  
 36 Game with Skip and Reverse cards  
 37 "Need You Tonight" band  
 38 Cover story  
 40 Pakistani language  
 41 Theater sign on a busy night  
 42 Shortly  
 43 "Delta of Venus" author Nin  
 44 Family  
 45 Easy to set up, as a computer  
 48 Deg. for an exec  
 50 Went by bike  
 51 Equestrian transport vehicles, and what the last words of 20-, 25-, and 45-Across can be  
 57 Desert in southern Mongolia  
 58 Clueless gamers  
 59 Go first  
 61 Surrounded by  
 62 Connecticut Ivy Leaguer  
 63 Spanish "she"  
 64 Brazilian soccer legend  
 65 Book of maps  
 66 Like purple hair

## DOWN

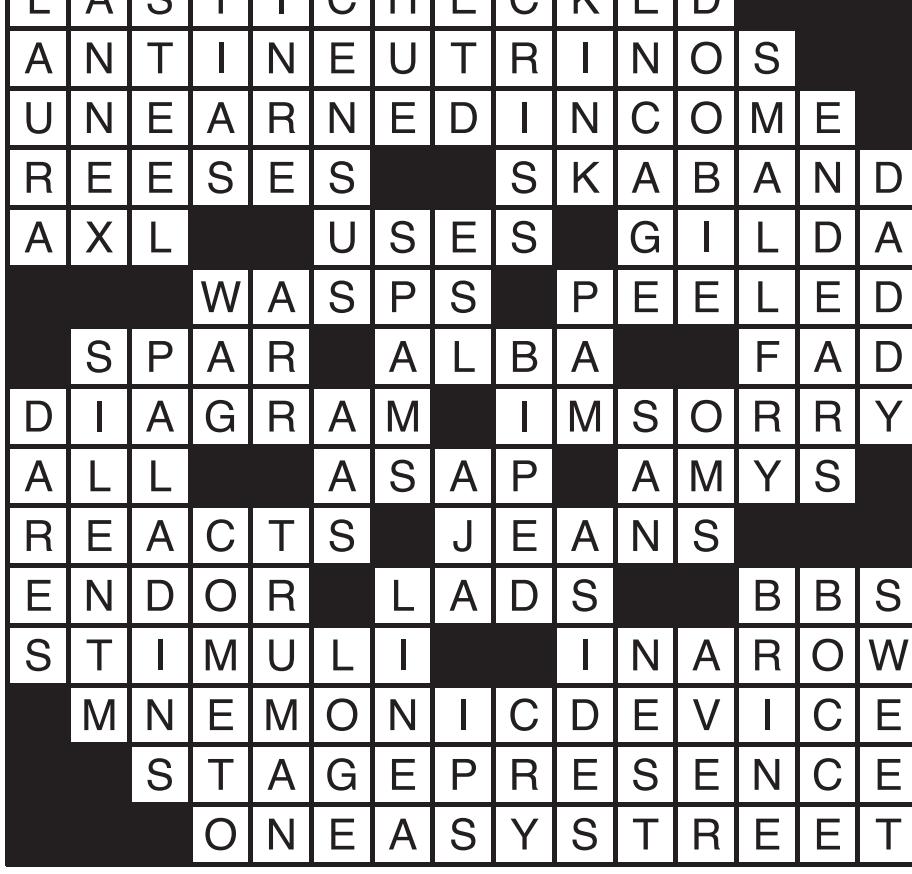
1 Bubble blower's mouthful

2 Go first  
 3 Houston MLBer  
 4 Rush-hour traffic conveniences  
 5 Christopher of "Law & Order: SVU"  
 6 Pub barrel  
 7 "Cool for the Summer" singer Lovato  
 8 "We don't know who wrote this" abbreviation  
 9 Cranberry juice quality  
 10 Sunken ship finder  
 11 Many a TV crime drama  
 12 Assault the nose  
 13 Fashion monogram  
 21 Unwelcome word from a barber  
 22 Large coastal inlets  
 25 Batter blender  
 26 "Three Bathers" painter Matisse  
 27 S&P 100 company that's a descendant of Standard Oil

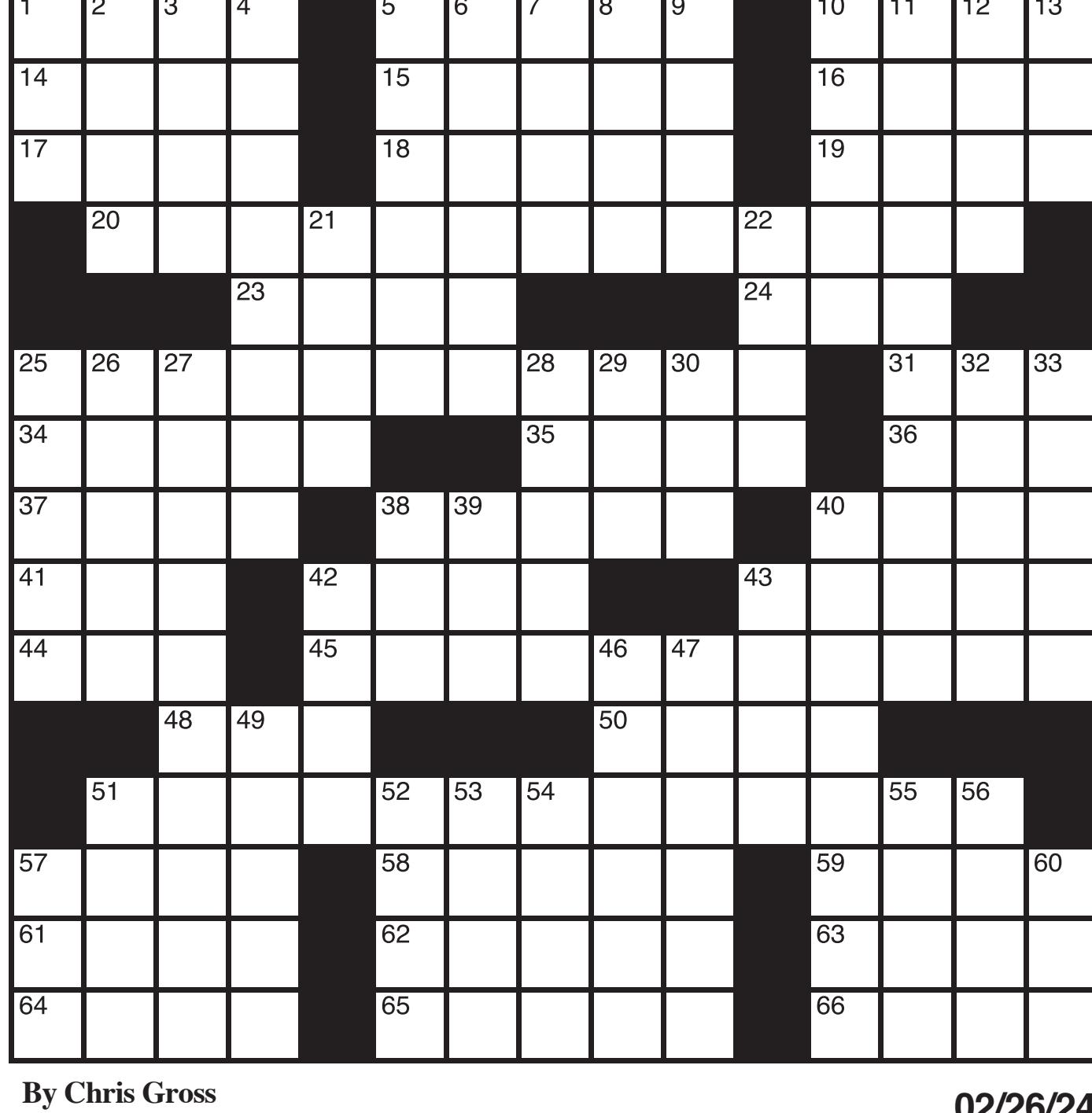
28 On-the-job risk for a beekeeper  
 29 White lie  
 30 Sweet-smelling garland  
 32 Nepal neighbor  
 33 Hardly assertive  
 38 Email pioneer  
 39 Baseball Hall of Famer Gehrig  
 40 Still having a rind  
 42 Health resorts  
 43 Not incl.  
 46 Saudi \_\_\_

47 Beeps and peeps  
 49 Wedding bouquet tosser  
 51 Base runner's goal  
 52 Irish New Age singer  
 53 Precisely  
 54 Tootsie \_\_\_  
 55 Depend (on)  
 56 Cyber Monday event  
 57 Generation \_\_\_  
 60 Family guy

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



02/26/24



By Chris Gross  
 ©2024 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

02/26/24

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Policy:** Classifieds are non-refundable. Credit will be given if an error materially affects the meaning of the ad and only for the first incorrect insertion. Ads will only be printed if they are accompanied by both first and last name as well as telephone number. Names and numbers may be subject to verification. All advertising is subject to acceptance by The Daily Campus, which reserves the right to reject any ad copy at its sole discretion. The Daily Campus does not knowingly accept ads of a fraudulent nature.

# This Week In History: John Tyler's explosive presidency (Feb. 25 - March 2)



FILE ILLUSTRATION/THE DAILY CAMPUS

by Benjamin Lassy

LIFE EDITOR  
HE/HIM/HIS  
benjamin.lassy@uconn.edu

What do you think President Joe Biden is doing as you read this? Is he resting? Eating some lunch? Meeting with his cabinet or other political leaders? It's intriguing to think that just as anyone has moments of dullness, excitement, chaos or peace, so does a person tasked with heading a nation of hundreds of millions.

This week in history, let's step into the shoes of John Tyler, admittedly a hard man to understand. Tyler was born on March 29, 1790, in Virginia. The young Tyler had about as comfortable a childhood as one could in the early years of the country.

His family had a substantial plantation and slave attendants in addition to resources that enabled Tyler to go through schooling. Tyler stayed on the family plantation until he attended the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Ultimately, under the peerage of his father and other academics, Tyler entered into law and rose through the ranks of political positions until he became one of the most prominent Democrats in the political scene.

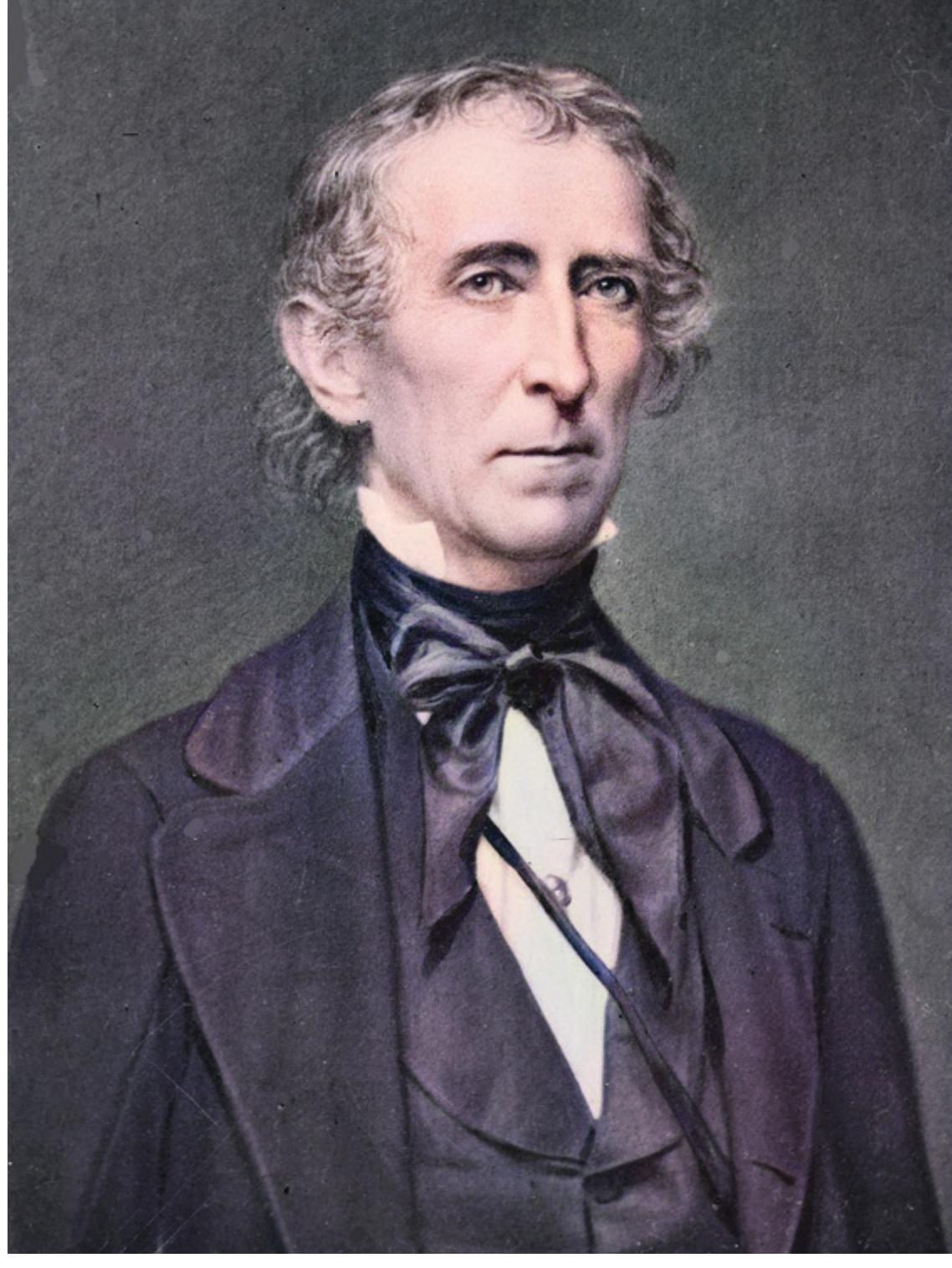
Tyler — like most of his status and upbringing — had enslaved people, who built and ran plantations. There's no doubt that Tyler was a man of agency, but above all, he had faith in his ability to lead an entire country. In 1839, Tyler was the vice presidential candidate under presidential nominee William Henry Harrison. The pair formed the iconic "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" ticket.

In that campaign slogan, one can't help but notice how Tyler was sidelined. Not only was Harrison a Whig party member and Tyler a Democrat, but Tyler seemed to be solely there to get the Southern vote. Harrison would lead the nation, while I suppose Tyler would be there, too.

But the Whig Party's ego — and Harrison's declining health — got the better of the country's figureheads. Harrison became the first president to die in office on April 4, 1841, and as the White House Historical Association biography about Harrison aptly describes, "...with him died the Whig program." Over the next few years in office, the sidelined president would have a chance to make a name for himself.

To many, Tyler's new name coined itself: "His Accidency."

Yet, Tyler's story isn't merely one of political tumult but a story of failed love. In 1842, Tyler's wife, Letitia Christian Tyler, died, leaving the president in a dire situation. Without his first lady, he found himself looking for other relationships. Soon, Tyler became enamored with the daughter of a senator, Julia Gardiner.



The contributions to the country's former president John Tyler in this week in history are remembered and prevalent today. Tyler served as the United States' 10th president from 1841-1845.

IMAGE COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Tyler proposed to Gardiner a few times over the years of his presidency, being turned down once at the White House Masquerade Ball on Feb. 22, 1843. His proposals were always met with rejection — something not uncommon in his presidency either.

Entering 1844, President Tyler endured through the first years of his term and successfully maneuvered the divided politics of the young American republic. While his popularity may have fluctuated — leaving him with relatively few supporters — he had established himself in the innermost circles of the nation despite being labeled an outsider.

# National Alliance on Mental Illness provides free mental health peer support

by **Lilith Rampertab**  
CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT  
SHE/HER/HERS  
lilith.rampertab@uconn.edu

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, is a nationally recognized grassroots organization with chapters across the United States focused on destigmatizing mental illness and creating support systems to help improve people's mental health. NAMI Club is in contact with NAMI's Connecticut chapter to help supply resources for students at the University of Connecticut.

"NAMI is a mental health support club that aims to create a safe and inclusive space so everyone can offer the opportunity for students to discuss their mental health struggles and support each other," Gretl Josselyn, a sixth-semester philosophy and anthropology double major with a women's gender & sexuality studies minor, and President of NAMI Club said.

For the Fall 2023 semester, the NAMI Club attended the annual suicide prevention walk called Out of the Darkness, which the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention hosted. The club also initiated a fundraiser for The Trevor Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the lives of LGBTQ+ people, by decorating the sidewalk outside of the Student Union with affirmations written in chalk. They also tabled in the Student Union for National Mental Health Day and other mental health-related days to promote mental wellbeing.

For the Spring 2024 semester, the NAMI Club meets on

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Rowe 131. The club always starts its meetings with a roundtable on the highs and lows of the past week. The club leaders encourage members to always use their active listening skills and are highly responsive to both the highs and lows. They even celebrate when a club member doesn't have a low in mind, but if they do, they are willing to listen and talk things through. The NAMI Club encourages people to share only what they are comfortable sharing.

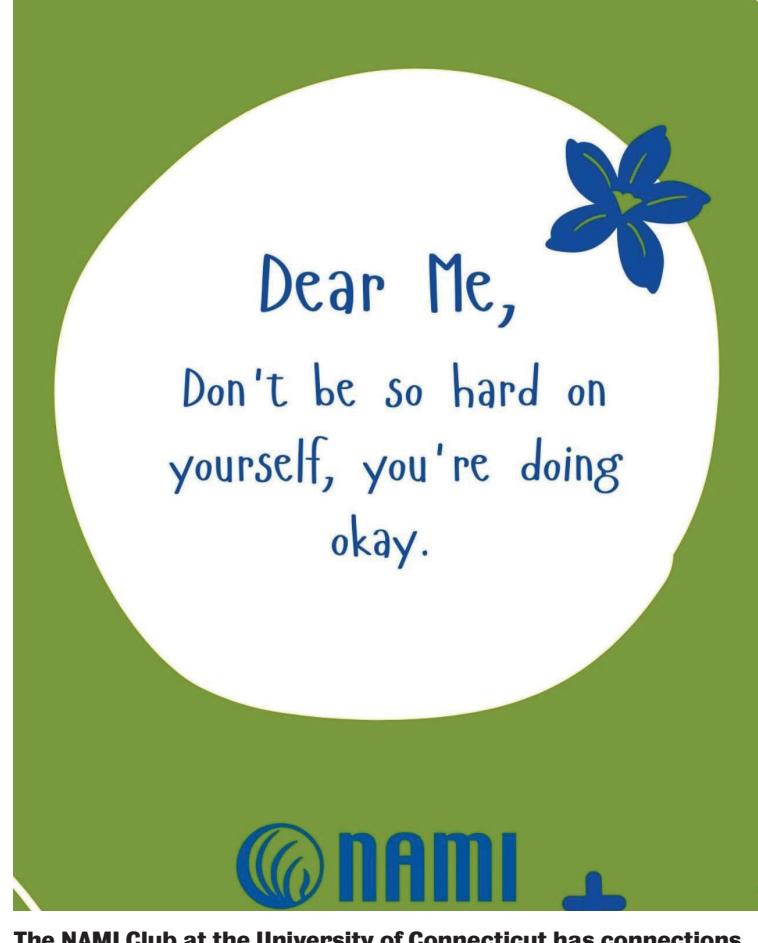
For the first meeting this semester, peer facilitator Carrissa Horton, an eighth-semester natural resources major, compiled a list of the first signs of declining mental health, ways to improve mental health when one starts to notice a decline, what to avoid to benefit mental health, what resources to contact or engage in if mental health doesn't necessarily improve and places to go to that help one to feel safe with other members. The list also included resources within the club, such as members one can go talk to about mental health. One notable member on this list is Camila Porras, an eighth-semester political science major and vice president of the NAMI Club. This list is available on the NAMI Club GroupMe.

According to Josselyn, new members of the NAMI Club can anticipate "upcoming events including a blind book fundraiser... a self-care social collaboration with Protect Our Pack and a de-stress before finals night." A blind book fundraiser is an event at which books have their covers obscured, and only

a description of the book will be provided. It will be held at the Student Union in April. Self-help and mental health-related books will also be available. If anybody would like to donate a book for this event, they can email the NAMI Club at [namiuconn@gmail.org](mailto:namiuconn@gmail.org). The collaboration with Protect Our Pack will be on March 4 from 6-8 p.m. in Rowe 131.

"NAMI is for absolutely everyone! Whether you are personally struggling with your mental health, know someone who is, or just need some sup-

port, you're welcome at NAMI... No matter your identity, you are welcome to come and share your experiences and stressors with no judgment," Josselyn said in a statement. She then stated that she wanted to be the president of the NAMI Club to support those who are struggling with their mental health, as she admits to struggling with mental health herself. Josselyn understands the importance of a support group that talks people through their feelings and gives them a sense of belonging.



The NAMI Club at the University of Connecticut has connections to NAMI's Connecticut chapter, which is located in West Hartford, Conn. The club's next meeting is Monday, Feb. 26.

IMAGE COURTESY OF @NAMICONNECTICUT ON INSTAGRAM

by **Desirae Sin**  
STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
desirae.sin@uconn.edu

The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and the Connecticut Entomological Society hosted a lecture by Dr. David Wagner titled "The Collapse of Nature: Insect Decline in the Anthropocene" on Friday, Feb. 23. Wagner is a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Connecticut and his research "focuses on the biosystematics of Lepidoptera and invertebrate conservation," according to his Entomology Lab website.

Many of the audience members had prior knowledge of entomology and the current situation for invertebrates. To begin, Wagner highlighted a few unsettling facts that have contributed to the decline of insect populations. Some of these included that five million acres of rainforest are cut and lost to agriculture every year, the American West is facing the worst drought in the last 12,000 years and there have been unprecedented fires in Russia, Australia, the Amazon and the United States in recent years. All of these factors have been caused by human activity and impacted

the population of many insect species. "We're in a biodiversity crisis," Wagner stated.

The extinction of insects differs from mammals, not just because of their size but because of their nature. "We know that [insects] are declining, but at a faster rate because they're so specialized, and pesticides that work on them don't work on mammals," Wagner said. Not to mention that insects have shorter lifespans and reproduce quicker, so their decline has been very dramatic compared to animals like bears or wolves.

Wagner displayed how insect biodiversity is measured through biomass, abundance, species richness and range (occupancy). Biomass refers to the organisms' total quantity or weight in a given area. Aspects like abundance and species richness are closely related to this. Range refers to where these insects live or where they are moving to. An example of this that Wagner mentioned is the movement of moths in Great Britain, which are moving north due to climate change. Unfortunately, Wagner warned that none of these indicators directly address how the individual species perform in these areas. "Don't just care about the

rare and endangered species, but also abundant ones," Wagner stated. "It's the abundant species that are important to their ecosystems," he said.

Wagner then moved on to a real-world example of how these measurements can fail. He mentioned the monsoon in southeast Arizona in July 2021. It was the third wettest monsoon in the last 100 years, making barren desert flourish with greenery and life. There were spikes in butterfly sightings in these areas, but Wagner noted that the species found were not native. Instead, the species — like the sleepy orange and cloudless sulphur — had moved up with the rain from Mexico. "Native species are getting wiped out due to long droughts," Wagner said. "This is not just a drought; droughts have ends, we're seeing eradication."

Despite the grim data, Wagner told the audience that more can be done to prevent further declines in insect populations. "The sky is falling, of course, but all we have are solutions," he said. The Lights Out movement and a push for using fewer pesticides do address some of the issues that insects face. Light pollution is a serious problem for moths. Wagner dis-

played photos from a colleague who regularly worked outdoors and had a bug net surrounding him at night. At first, his net was completely covered with moths who were attracted to his light, but as the decades went on, there has been a sharp decrease in the amount of moths he'd see, so much so that he has been unable to collect as many as he did before.

On a larger scale, agriculture has been a major component of insect decline. Even though hundreds of acres of farmland appear green and ecological, Wagner said that "industrial agriculture is a biological desert." For these large plantations, there is only one or a few different crops, making it impossible for insects to thrive or even pass through on their migration routes.

Wagner urges everyone to do their best to encourage biodiversity around their homes and towns, and he stated that the best way to address the decline of insects is through policy. "If we do the right thing, we can bring them back," Wagner said. Even though many believe it's too late to act or that it wouldn't amount to much, Wagner asserted that "insect populations can increase twofold or threefold in only one or a few generations."

# HOW WE CAN PREVENT THE INSECT DECLINE



ILLUSTRATION BY KRISTA MITCHELL, STAFF ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS



# Life

@dailycampuslife

## The Dodd Center for Human Rights opens the floor to talk about children's rights



Annie Watson and Elizabeth Kaletski work with the University of Connecticut's Susan Randolph at the Human Rights Measurement Initiative that Randolph co-founded. Watson and Kaletski gave a presentation on what gaps there are in the measurements of children's rights around the globe on Friday, Feb. 23.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BLAKE SYKES, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

by Karla Perez

ASSOCIATE LIFE EDITOR  
SHE/HER/HERS  
karla.perez@uconn.edu

On Friday, Feb. 23, research partners Annie Watson from Middle Georgia State University and Elizabeth Kaletski from Ithaca College presented their research on how children's rights are upheld and protected around the world at the University of Connecticut's Dodd Center for Human Rights.

Susan Randolph, an Emeritus professor of economics at UConn, first met Kaletski when she was a doctoral student, was at this event. Kaletski is now an affiliate member of UConn's Human Rights Institute's Research Program on Economic and Social Rights. She and Watson work together in the Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HMRI), which was co-founded by Randolph. These connections brought the pair to UConn to talk to students and other professionals in the human rights field.

Kaletski opened the presentation with statistical examples showing how children's rights around the world are not being fully respected despite the improvements that have been made to protect them. These examples included that undernutrition contributes to about three million child deaths per year, approximately 5.3 million children die each year from preventable diseases, about 258 million children were not in school before the pandemic, 500 million children had no access to remote learning during the pandemic, and an additional 10 million children are likely never to return to school even after the pandemic.

She said that country-specific and comparable data is often missing or not reported, making it difficult for researchers to hold governments accountable. The primary goal of researchers is to fill these gaps in data. Kaletski continued the presentation by giving some background on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

The CRC was adopted in 1989 and entered into force in 1990. She described it as very thorough, as there are 41 substantive articles, many of which discuss more than one specific right. For comparative purposes, she and Watson broke the articles

down into four categories of rights: personhood, physical integrity, empowerment and economic and social rights.

Rather than focusing on what has been looked into, the researchers focused on the measurement gaps in the research. The first major gap Kaletski discussed relates to how much coverage the CRC gives certain rights. She said that education and health are "overrepresented" in the research leading to the exclusion of information on children's civil and political rights.

Kaletski discussed the second gap related to a state's ability to maximize resources. There is a gap of information here because different states operate on different resource constraints, therefore holding different states to different standards. Tied into this gap is the concept of progressive realization. This concept explains how certain governments can go through processes to realize their lack of action to rights obligations rather than being held accountable immediately.

A third gap Kaletski discussed was how child participation in all stages of a research process is ideal but is rarely done.

The final gap Kaletski talked about was methodology. "Existing measures are point estimates. Meaning that they're single numbers meant to represent how a country performs in a given year, but they tend to not include anything about uncertainty within the measurement," she said. This skews the perception of the amount and quality of information researchers have available.

The presentation then shifted to Watson, who spoke about how to push forward to fill these gaps. She explained their new approach, which they call Child Rights Scores, which allows them to address some of the gaps in measurements Kaletski mentioned. For example, to address the gap in maximizing resources, the researchers calculated two sets of scores: the enjoyment score and the obligation score.

The enjoyment score measures how much the children in a particular country enjoy the rights in the CRC, and the obligation score measures the extent to which governments meet their obligations

to children's rights given the resources they have.

The presentation then shifted to a Q&A in which attendees could ask the speakers questions about their data and career advice and provide advice as to how the researchers could improve their data. Kayleigh Budnick, a second-semester political science major, asked if the researchers could provide examples of how they will include children's voices more in their studies. "This is probably one of the most difficult parts of this process," Kaletski said.

She said the potential first step to accomplish this would be improving how they communicate their data to people of all ages. If they can understandably present the data, that could create a more inviting environment for children to be involved in. Watson said that another way they could include children is through their contacts at UNICEF and other U.N. bodies that have connections with child groups.

David Richards, an associate professor of political science and human rights at UConn, shared that when he thinks of human rights, he thinks about children's freedom from corporal punishment and the right to play — two rights not mentioned in the original presentation that he encouraged Kaletski and Watson to look into. This opened the door for others, such as Shareen Herpel, a professor of political science and human rights at UConn, to comment on the importance of this area. She spoke about the limitations on children's right to play, specifically seen at the U.S. — Mexico border. These limitations include violence, lack of transportation and lack of chaperones. These limitations contribute to declines in children's health as it has resulted in a spike in type 2 Diabetes.

Kaletski and Watson's advice to those considering a career path in human rights is to look at local organizations and human rights advocacy groups nearby. These organizations always seek people to get involved in programs and research in local communities.

If you have any questions regarding the presentation or this particular field of research, you can contact either ekaletski@ithaca.edu or anie.watson@mga.edu.



## Photo of the Day | Go Huskies!



UConn students line up at dawn in front of Gampel Pavilion Storrs Conn. on Feb. 24, 2024. The proud huskies lined up in the freezing cold to obtain an early access wristband for the long awaited UConn vs. Villanova rivalry basketball game.

PHOTO BY SIHAM NEDLOUSSI, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

When you think of big names in the Democratic Party, you may think of President Biden, Hillary Clinton, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Chuck Schumer, Rep. Ocasio Cortez or Rep. Ilhan Omar. However, it's important to distinguish between the two

to vote, not just fiddle around the edges of policy. Let's look at what happened on the Republican side in 2016. Trump railed against the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership and slammed Hillary Clinton

have blocked progressive change at every turn. In 2016, WikiLeaks published documents that showed that the Democratic National Committee was acting in conjunction with the Clinton campaign. Clinton would have the final

the right to universal quality healthcare" among other provisions. However, it was even more difficult for her to garner support than Bernie Sanders because of meddling by the Democratic establishment: Corporate media didn't

support the measure with 55% and Democrats with 87%. On raising taxes on the rich, 74% of surveyed Republicans supported it versus 92% of Democrats.

The establishment makes every election a nail-biter because the Democrats they support are barely better than the Republican challengers. But if they ran a true progressive, the election wouldn't even be close.

The progressive challenger would sweep their Republican opponent. Just like the Tea Party did to the Republicans by doing a hostile takeover of the party, the Justice Democrats are the answer on the left. The Justice Democrats take no corporate PAC money and only raise funds from individual donations, so they are representative of the people, not special interests.

That is the answer in a world of no-holds-barred politics. People who will use their weight in Congress and the power of the people to fight for legislative change, even if that means drawing the ire of the media and having no friends in Congress. In the midst of mounting challenges in the years ahead, not just from the Republicans but from the world in general, America needs a strong, united left party to put the country on the right path.

## A LETTER TO THE ESTABLISHMENT DEMOCRATS:

STEP ASIDE AND LET A REAL PROGRESSIVE WIN

by James Shiang | CONTRIBUTOR | HE/HIM/HIS | james.shiang@uconn.edu

types of figures in the Democratic Party: the establishment types (the back-slappers, they go along to get along like Pelosi and Schumer,) and the progressive wing (those calling for institutional change like Ocasio-Cortez and Omar). Currently, the establishment Democrats are the party leaders: Schumer is the Senate Majority Leader, while the House Minority Leader is Jeffries. They believe in moderate, center-left policies and are incrementalists. They want to build upon the Affordable Care Act, a system that keeps for-profit health insurance companies in charge, has close ties with corporate donors and largely does not support the Green New Deal.

This way of thinking has to go. In 2024, you need a strong progressive agenda to get the American people to come out

ton for being corrupt, bought by corporate donors, and for voting to go into Iraq. He won the Republican primary because he stood out from the crowd, said whatever came to mind and seemed authentic, and voters rewarded him. He was willing to metaphorically throw down: he said to Jeb Bush's face, "The World Trade Center came down during your brother's reign. Remember that." In 2010, Republicans swept the midterm elections with the rise of the Tea Party, a further right faction of the party that called for limited government and fiscal responsibility. The Republicans of today seem to be staking their position further and further right every day. Why hasn't this happened on the Democratic side?

It hasn't happened because establishment

say on all communications releases and control the party's finances, and the DNC had to consult with her on other logistics. And what did that get her? F\*cking zip. She lost the general election to a racist xenophobe, who was probably the easiest candidate to beat. The establishment would rather lose to a Republican than have a progressive win.

Let's analyze another case study: Marianne Williamson's presidential bid for 2024 (as of this writing, she has dropped out). Williamson, an author and presidential candidate in 2020, ran on reviving Franklin D. Roosevelt's Second Bill of Rights, which included "the right to a job that pays a living wage, the right to a voice in the workplace through a union and collective bargaining, and

mention her as Biden's challenger, blocked her from speaking to high schoolers and the DNC did not plan any debates between the Democratic candidates.

The American people already agree with the progressive agenda. A poll by the McCourtney Institute for Democracy noted that over 90% of Democrats support universal background checks and gun licensing, while 80% and 54% of Republicans support the measures, respectively. On raising the minimum wage, Democrats support raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25/hour to \$12 by 95%, \$17 by 94% and \$20 by 89%. Republicans support the measures by 82%, 60% and 60%, respectively. On legalizing cannabis, Gallup found that Republicans

ANIMATED, cont. from p. 07

the years, evidenced by the comparison between the first "Toy Story" movie and the latest one. This perception may have been fueled by Disney's recent release, "Wish," where the watercolor theme provoked strong reactions from Disney fans, leading some to mistakenly perceive it as poorly made. Whether other factors have contributed to the poor reputation of newly released animated movies remains a subject of debate among the public.

Perhaps if Disney and Pixar were to prioritize original content over sequels and remakes, there would be less controversy. However, the decision ultimately lies in the hands of both the general public and the companies themselves. After all, the animation industry is also a capitalist business as it will try to maximize profits and cater to the preferences of the majority of its target viewers. The more successful a certain movie is, the likelihood that the production studios will try to reach or surpass the success with similar content increases. One thing is certain: current animated movies will never replicate the feeling of ecstasy or nostalgia from pioneering picture animations of the 1960s or the experimental 3D animations of the 2000s. Keep that in mind when assessing or reviewing the animation films you see now.

# FIRST: A BURDEN ON ITS OWN TEAMS

FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is an international nonprofit that provides PreK-12 students with robotics programs. FIRST has three programs: the FIRST Lego League for students PreK through 8th grade, the FIRST Tech Challenge for 7th through 12th grade students and the FIRST Robotics Competition for 9th through 12th grade students. Specifically focusing on the FIRST Robotics Competition, one would find that FIRST itself is one of the largest financial burdens on a team. This is something that FIRST should actively be working to change in order to ensure greater sustainability of teams.

For context, this argument involves two different levels of organizations. FIRST is an international organization that runs its programs and works to give teams the opportunity to compete. However, the individual FIRST Robotics Competition teams are typically a part of a school or local nonprofit. When a team wants to compete in FIRST events and exist as an official team, they need to register through FIRST, where one of the team's biggest burdens lies. To register and be able to participate in events, specifically in the district model, which is what New England has, teams immediately have to pay \$6,000. That's a huge amount of money, especially for teams that aren't backed by a school district. If teams make it to the District Championship, it costs them another \$4,000. Then, if a team makes the world championship, it costs another \$5,750. So, for a team to be successful and make it to worlds, it costs \$15,750, and that's before they begin to pay for the parts and equipment needed to build a robot, pay for travel costs and cover the many other needs of a FIRST Robotics Competition team.

Quite simply, being a FIRST Robotics Competition team is expensive, and a huge amount of money is going directly to FIRST. To an extent, this makes sense. FIRST needs to pay for competitions and staff, as well as cover other costs of their organization; this is one way that they generate income. But on the other hand, FIRST should also want more FIRST Robotics Competition teams and more students involved in their program, so it would make sense for the organization to prioritize lowering the costs that teams have to pay.

If you take a deeper look at FIRST's financials, you can see that over \$30 million comes from registration fees across all of their programs. This is a big chunk of their \$86 million revenue. While I understand that FIRST cannot immediately reduce this number, it should begin to either increase the revenue it gets from other sources or decrease expenses to reduce the

burden it puts on its own teams. If teams have to give less money to FIRST, they can spend that money on other expenses, such as travel, equipment or parts for the team's robot. Teams having to pay less can also help them to be more sustainable from year to year. It also makes it easier to start as less money is needed. While the FIRST Robotics Competition is an amazing program, there are cheaper options, including FIRST's own FIRST Tech Challenge Program.

FIRST Robotics Competition teams are expensive to run, however a large part of that expense is directly because of FIRST as an entity. FIRST should work towards decreasing the financial burden it puts on teams in order to give existing teams more financial stability, help ensure teams can sustain and make it easier to start new teams.

# TRACK AND FIELD

## HUSKIES TAKE HOME THIRD ◆ CONSECUTIVE BIG EAST ◆ CHAMPIONSHIP TO STORRS

by Avery Becker  
CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT  
SHE/HER/HERS  
avery.becker@uconn.edu

This weekend, the UConn women's and men's track and field team won their third straight dual Big East Indoor Track Championship in Chicago at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center.

At the two-day event, the men's team finished with a team score of 237, a new meet record. The women's team finished with a total of 168.

Jasmine Barrow put on a show on the women's side, just as she has throughout the indoor season. The senior took home gold in both the triple and long jump and was named the Most Outstanding Performer in the field events and Co-High Point Performer. After A'liyah Thomas earned this honor last year, this accomplishment puts Barrow as the second Husky in a row to receive an outstanding field

performer for her 13.04-meter finish in the triple jump.

Other Huskies taking gold home to Storrs include Mallory Malz in the pole vault and Alyssa Elliott in the pentathlon.

There were equally impressive performances on the men's side as the group took home seven of the individual events, the most of any of the other teams at the meet.

Kyle Johnson (triple jump), Marc Morrison (long jump), Mawali Osunniyi (high jump), Nicholas Connolly (shot put), Josh Mooney (heptathlon), Travis Snyder (pole vault) and Anish Rajamanickam (400m) all finished with gold in their respective events.

Along with his gold medal, Kyle Johnson notably took home the Most Outstanding Performer in the Field events for his performance in the triple jump.

Kasey Savage also received the High Point Performer at the meet for his gold performance at the triple jump with

a finish of 15.9 meters.

For the men's side, this marks their fifth straight Big East championship win and their 12th championship win in program history. For the women's side, this marks their fifth straight consecutive Big East championship win and their fifth in program history.

This title also marks the sixth matching Big East title for both teams in the program.

The coaches from both the men's and women's teams were honored, receiving the Big East 2024 Coaching Staff of the Year award.

Next up for the Huskies, they hope to continue their winning ways and will compete in the ECAC and IC4A Indoor Championships in Boston, Massachusetts. The meet will commence on Friday, March 1, and conclude on Sunday, March 3, as they look towards the Big East Outdoor Championships, for a third straight matching win and conference sweep.



Kyle Johnson, Marc Morrison and Kasey Savage pose for a photo after their Big East track meet. UConn won this meet in both the Men's and Women's divisions. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNTFXC ON INSTAGRAM

## Baseball: Huskies swept in hard-fought series against Cal

by Evan Rodriguez  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR  
HE/HIM/HIS  
email@uconn.edu

The UConn baseball team gave it their all in a hard-fought series against Cal on the road over the weekend, but unfortunately it wasn't enough as the Golden Bears swept the Huskies.

In Game 1, the Hook C tabbed Gerrit Coe as their starter. Through three innings, the left-hander delivered just what his squad needed, hurling three straight scoreless innings. Meanwhile, on the offensive end, manager Jim Penders got just what he needed from his guys as Jake Studley gave his team a 1-0 lead via a solo shot. Just two innings later, Ryan Daniels had a massive opportunity with the bases loaded and he took advantage, smacking a hit toward the first base gap for a one out double to score two.

Headed into the fourth, Connecticut had a 3-0 lead and plenty of momentum, yet that would all vanish in the blink of an eye. With Coe still pitching, Cal would explode for four runs, highlighted by two big home runs by Rodney Green Jr. and Peyton Schulze respectively. That offensive surge from the Golden Bears in the bottom of the fourth would be the difference-maker in just one game of an incredibly eventful series.

Despite a Matt Garbowski solo shot in the top of the fifth, it was Cal that was once again able to crack the formula of Coe, grabbing an additional two runs off the bat off Seth Gwynn with two outs in the bottom of the inning.

Thanks to some additional insurance runs in the late stretch of game one and some insurance runs off a fourth home run from Ryan Tayman, that would be all she wrote for the Hook C as the home squad grabbed the win to start the weekend.

Remarkably, this game paled in comparison to games two and three of the series.

Game two had Ian Cooke taking the mound and while Coe was able to pitch efficiently through three innings in game one, the 6-1 junior was unable to make it through just two innings. After surrendering five runs to the Golden Bears, Connecticut headed to the bullpen and replaced Coe with Ben Schild. Following another run from Cal, UConn now had an eight-run deficit to overcome, but the program was not ready to go down without a heroic effort.

That surge in effort started with catcher Matt Malcom, who drilled a ball to left field for Connecticut's first run of the game. Shortly after, outfielder Caleb Shpur added some extra offense with a sacrifice fly, bringing in Korey Morton for two runs on the day. Following another RBI from Malcom, the deficit was cut to five for the Huskies.

Yet Cal answered right back with four runs of their own, pushing the deficit back up to a sizable nine point lead. All hope felt lost for the Hook C, yet just when things seemed at their lowest, Connecticut's offense started to roar.

Led by the play of Morton, the Huskies plated eight total runs in the fifth and sixth innings. The senior outfielder would be responsible for half of those runs, highlighted by a monster three-run bomb that cut the deficit to just one. A scoreless bottom of the sixth set up a situation for Studley to make it a tied ball game and with two outs in the inning, the graduate transfer mimicked his teammate in the outfield with a solo shot to set the at 12 a piece.

Unfortunately for UConn, the squad would be unable to gain an edge in the final innings, giving up three total runs to surrender the momentum they'd built for themselves and the game. Just like that, Cal had taken two games in a row for the series and were looking for more.

Amazingly enough, Sunday's contest may have been more

heartbreaking than Saturday's thriller. While the Huskies weren't able to get the pitching they wanted throughout the weekend, the final game of the series was finally a breath of fresh air, courtesy of the play of Stephen Quigley. Through six innings, the former First-Team All-Big East member was solid, giving up just two runs through his start.

Unfortunately for Quigley and Connecticut, the offense couldn't quite break through. That was until very late in the game as the Golden Bears held a very narrow one-run lead. It would be Tyler Minick who tied the game with an RBI single to bring in Morton. Suddenly the Huskies had life, and they weren't done just yet.

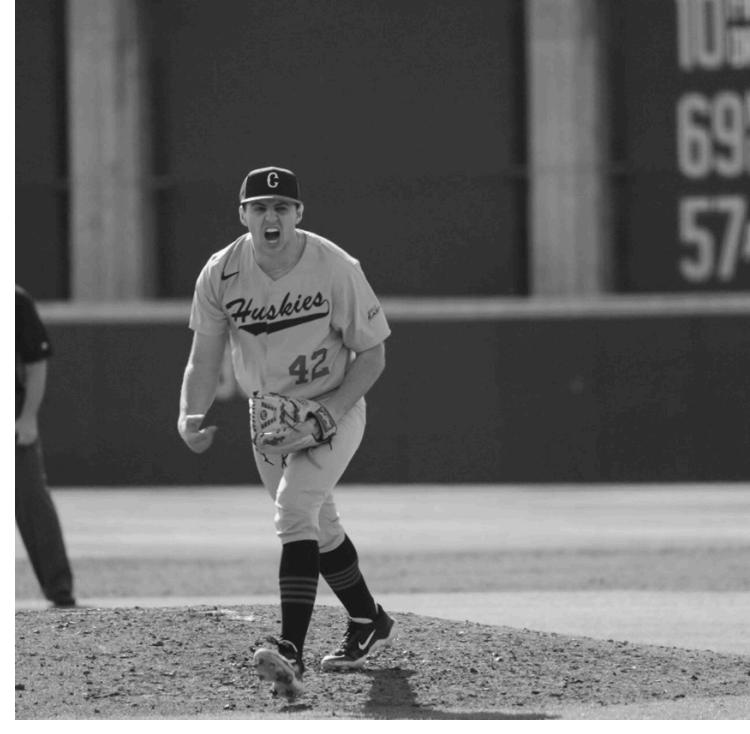
Sophomore Ryan Daniels secured another single to bring in Drew Kron and give the team the lead. Unfortunately though, in the

top of the seventh, Cal was able to plate two more runs via a three run dinger from Caleb Lovita. Suddenly, Connecticut was in a difficult spot and the program needed two additional runs to have a shot at not getting swept.

Those two runs would come soon after from catcher Matt Garbowski, who got his squad back in the game with a two run bomb to also score Maddix Dalena. However, it would be the Golden Bears that would have the last laugh.

With Brady Afthim on the mound and one out, Rodney Green Jr. would play hero ball and bat a single to bring in Jack Johnston, winning the game and officially securing a sweep of UConn.

As the tough weekend passes them by, the Hook C will look to bounce back next weekend against Auburn in Alabama.



Stephen Quigley celebrating a strike-out while pitching for the Huskies. UConn men's baseball has a record of 2-3 this season. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNBSB ON INSTAGRAM

## Sports



## Women's Tennis

HUSKIES SPLIT WEEKEND WITH A LOSS AGAINST DEPAUL AND A WIN OVER BUTLER

by Avery Becker  
CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT  
SHE/HER/HERS  
avery.becker@uconn.edu

After splitting last weekend with a win against Stony Brook and a loss against Rutgers, the UConn women's tennis team hoped to notch two wins against Big East foes DePaul and Butler on the road this weekend.

Unfortunately for the team, those hopes of a sweep were squashed against DePaul on Friday in Chicago, IL.

Starting with the singles competition, junior Olivia Wright was defeated by Eleanor Nobbs from DePaul, 10-2. It was a slow decline from that point, as DePaul notched six consecutive singles points.

The Huskies did put up a fight in the doubles competition, though. After being awarded Big East doubles team of the week, Wright and her partner Maria Constantinou put up a good rally but lost 6-4. After that, doubles partners Caroline Hinshaw and Isabel Petri Bere also lost their match 6-4, giving the Blue Demons the doubles point.

After the doubles competition, the Blue Demons secured their shutout of the Huskies, 7-0.

As Connecticut faced the Butler Bulldogs in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Saturday, they hoped to flip the script and bring a win back home to Storrs, CT.

Lucky enough for Husky fans, that's exactly what the team did, and it was quite the win.

Starting with the singles competition, Wright notched the first point after defeating Butler's Natalie Boesing, 6-2, 6-0. After that, Constantinou was defeated by Butler's Delaney Schurhamer, 6-0, 6-3 in second singles. Then, the Huskies were able to notch three more singles wins, taking the four singles points.

Even though Butler took the three doubles points, it still didn't match up to UConn's strong and consistent performance in their singles play. The Huskies finished the match 4-3.

With the weekend ending with a win and loss, they split the weekend in terms of consistency in their singles and doubles play. In the match against the Blue Demons, they proved to have strong doubles play, and in the match against the Bulldogs, they had excellent singles play.

As the Huskies look to be the team atop the Big East, they need to combine these efforts in future matches to as they will face stronger and stronger opponents as the season progresses.

Next up, the Huskies will return home for a match against the Sacred Heart Pioneers. The first serve is set for 1 p.m. at Magic Lincer Tennis Academy in Manchester, Connecticut on Thursday, Feb. 29.



CARTOONS COURTESY OF CREAZILLA

Photo of the Day | Line up those midterms then knock em' down.



UConn men's hockey takes on Boston University at the Toscano Ice Forum on Feb. 23, 2024. After a long-fought game UConn lost 6-1.

PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# HOCKEY

## Men's: Huskies get swept by No. 2 Boston University

by Ava Inesta

STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
ava.inesta@uconn.edu

The UConn men's hockey team was set for a tall task, facing the No. 2 team in the country at Boston University this weekend. In their home-and-home series, UConn dropped both games to BU.

On Friday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, the Huskies did not have the best start, which allowed Boston University to get ahead early. The Terriers capitalized on two odd-man rushes to jump to a 2-0 lead in the first period. UConn attempted to respond late in the period as they created multiple offensive changes. However, BU goaltender Mathieu Caron kept the Huskies scoreless in the first period.

In the second period, the Huskies cut the Terriers lead to one. Sophomore Samu Salminen scored a goal off the rebound of a shot by sophomore Jake Percival. Not too long after, Boston University scored on two power-play

goals to take a three-goal lead going into the period break 4-1.

The third period was full of penalties. Both teams combined for 11 total penalties in the one period alone. The Huskies struggled on offense for the rest of the game and could not find the net again. On the other hand, Boston University did not slow and went on to score two more goals in the period. The Terriers took the 6-1 lead. Boston University added pressure and blanked the Huskies in the game's final period. The Terriers came away with the 6-1 victory in Storrs.

The Ice Bus would have a quick turnaround to go play the No. 2 Terriers in Boston for the last game of their home-and-home series. The first period between UConn and Boston University was a battle. Early in the first period, the Terriers found the back of the net, but the Huskies would win a coach's challenge, and the referee overturned the goal for an offside call. But towards the end of the

period, Boston University was the first to hit the scoreboard with a goal on a wrap-around attempt by senior Luke Tuch to give them the 1-0 lead. UConn headed into the period breaking down one goal.

Boston University extended their lead in the second period. Sophomore Jeremy Wilmer was able to skate from the blue line to launch a shot past senior goaltender Ethan Haider. UConn had many chances to get on the board and cut the Terrier's lead in the second period, but goaltender Mathieu Caron blanked them. Boston University headed into the period break with a 2-0 lead over UConn.

In the third period, the Terriers put the game out of reach for the Huskies. Freshman Macklin Celebrini, sophomore Quinn Huston and senior Nick Zabaneh all scored in the period to give Boston University the 5-0 lead. UConn made a goal change to substitute senior Matt Pasquale for Haider with six minutes remaining in the game. The Terriers went on to seal the 6-0 win and the sweep of the

Huskies in their home and home series.

After this weekend's series, the Huskies record fell to 12-17-2 overall and 7-13-1 in conference play. UConn will be back in action next weekend to kick off a home-and-home series against Hockey East opponent Northeastern University. They will

start in Boston, Massachusetts for a 7 p.m. matchup on Friday, March 1. The matchup can be streamed on NESN. The Huskies will then return home to wrap up the series at Toscano Family Ice Forum for Senior Day. The puck drop is scheduled for 3 p.m. and will be available to stream on ESPN+.



UConn men's hockey takes on Boston University at Toscano Ice Forum on Feb. 23, 2024. After a long-fought game UConn lost 6-1.

PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Women's: No. 11 Huskies win first-ever Hockey East regular season championship

by Sam Calhoun

STAFF WRITER  
HE/HIM/HIS  
samuel.calhoun@uconn.edu

On Friday night in Boston, the No. 11 UConn women's ice hockey team (22-7-5, 19-4-4 Hockey East) made history, winning the program's first Hockey East regular season title in the first game of a home-and-home series with the Boston University Terriers (14-13-3, 12-14-1 Hockey East).

In the first period in Friday's game at Walter Brown Arena, UConn got on the board first after a hard-fought first 20 minutes. With less than a minute left in the

first period, defenseman Camryn Wong set up a pass to forward Brianna Ware at center ice. After Ware caught up to the puck, the junior from Pointe-Claire, Quebec fired a quick pass to forward Kyla Josifovic.

On the left side of the net, the junior from Burlington, Ontario fired a shot at point-blank range, with the puck passing the left shoulder of Boston University goaltender Callie Shanahan. It was Josifovic's fourth career goal and her first since a 5-2 win against the Terriers on Jan. 13.

Despite the 1-0 advantage for Connecticut after the first period, Boston University outshot the Huskies on goal 9-5.

Josifovic's last-second goal in the first period proved to bring momentum into the second period. After winning a faceoff in their attacking zone, forward Jada Habisch got the puck on the stick of senior Kathryn Stockdale, who set up a one-timer goal for Ware, who scored her fourth goal of the season and her seventh of her collegiate career. It ended a nine-game drought without a goal, with her last goal coming in a 3-1 win over the University of Maine on Jan. 19.

The Huskies saw a test approach with the Terriers going on the power play following a holding penalty by Stockdale. However, UConn's penalty-killing unit was effective enough to keep the score 2-0 in favor of Connecticut after 40 minutes of action.

UConn was given back-to-back advantages in the third period due to a slashing penalty by Boston University defenseman Andi Calderone and a cross-checking penalty by forward Christina Vote. However, the Terriers were able to kill both penalties, keeping their deficit at two goals.

With both teams at full strength, Habisch intercepted a pass deep in Boston University's zone. The senior from Buffalo, Minnesota fired a shot at the net, ricocheting off of Shanahan. However, that set up an opportunity for forward Riley Grimley to get the puck in

the back of the net. When she was unsuccessful, forward Brooke Campbell tried herself.

The third time was successful as Habisch snuck the puck past Shanahan's right-leg guard. It was Habisch's 12th goal of the season and 30th in her career. It was her first goal since scoring two in a 3-0 win against the University of Vermont on Jan. 26.

Nearly seven minutes later, forward Megan Woodworth scored her sixth goal of the season, giving her nine in her career. The sophomore from Berwick, Nova Scotia found the back of the net three times in February.

UConn clinched the regular season title by a score of 4-0. Ware and Habisch led the way with two points each, while junior goaltender Tia Chan recorded her seventh shutout of the season with 26 saves.

The Huskies hosted the Terriers at Toscano Family Ice Forum on Saturday afternoon to complete their regular season.

With the game scoreless through the first period, UConn took advantage of an interference penalty by Boston University defenseman Maeve Kelly. UConn defenseman Maya Serdachny fed Grimley, who set up a cross-ice pass to Wong. The Vancouver, British Columbia native buried a wrist shot on an open net, scoring her fourth goal of the season.

Chan started in both games, recording 32 saves to cap off a tremendous regular season between her and junior Megan Warrener as a dynamic goalie duo.

In front of a crowd of 1,238 people at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, the Huskies honored their seniors as they played their final regular season game at home. UConn honored Wong, Stockdale, Habisch, forward Coryn Tormala and defensemen Claire Peterson and Ainsley Svetek.

Thanks to Wong's goal and five penalty kills, Connecticut ended the regular season with a weekend sweep of Boston University, the second game ending in a 1-0 win.

UConn's record against the Terriers improved to 18-31-9, with a three-game winning streak.

The Huskies clinched the No. 1 seed in the Hockey East Tournament and will host their quarterfinal game on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Toscano Family Ice Forum. It will be available to watch on NESN+. The opponent will be determined after the opening-round games are completed on Wednesday, with Connecticut receiving the lowest remaining seed.

Boston University will play in the opening round against the College of Holy Cross on Wednesday at 6 p.m. on ESPN+.

The other matchup on Wednesday night is Merrimack College at Maine, which will begin at the same time.



Women's ice hockey faces off with Boston University at Toscano Family Ice Forum on Feb. 24, 2024. UConn celebrated senior day with a 1-0 win.

PHOTO BY EMMA MEIDINGER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# HUSKIES END UP WINLESS IN THE CLEMSON CLASSIC

by Noah Reed  
STAFF WRITER  
HE/HIM/HIS  
noah.reed@uconn.edu

The Connecticut Huskies ended up on the wrong end of each of their four games this past weekend on their visit to Clemson, South Carolina. This weekend's invitational, the Clemson Classic, featured the Huskies alongside Ole Miss and Miami (Ohio), hosted by No. 9 Clemson. Entering the weekend at 4-7, the Huskies hoped to change their fortunes but just could not right the ship.

#### UConn 1 Ole Miss 2

UConn started the weekend against the Ole Miss Rebels in what became a pitching duel. Hallie Siems, a transfer from Memphis, started for Connecticut, while Aynslie Furbush started for the Rebels. Ole Miss came into the matchup hot, riding a nine-game winning streak before clashing with the Huskies, and it was UConn that struck first. After a pitch hit Rosie Garcia in the fourth, Hope Jenkins scored with a double, driving in Garcia and tallying the game's first hit for the Huskies. However, Ole Miss responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning off back-to-back hits by catcher Jamie Mackay and Furbush, giving the Rebels the lead. Siems pitched 3.2 innings, picking up the loss while allowing two earned runs. Meghan O'Neil finished off the final 2.1 innings while allowing just one hit.

#### Miami 6 UConn 3

Game two had UConn play yet another team on a long winning streak, with the Huskies playing the Miami RedHawks. Miami came in on a seven-game winning streak, scoring double digits in six games. While UConn's Payton Kinney got out their first two batters, the RedHawks' third baseman, Karli Spaid, smacked a solo home run to bring Miami in front early. Miami padded their lead a few innings later with a Chloe Parks single that brought in two, giving the RedHawks a 3-0 advantage over the Huskies. UConn's Taylor Zatyk put the Huskies on the board with an RBI single in the fourth to break into the deficit, but a Jenna Golembiewski homer gave Miami that run back in the fifth. Connecticut fought back to bring the game within one off Jana Sanden's fourth home run of the year, a two-run shot, but the RedHawks added two runs of their own off singles from Chloe Parks and Hadley Parisien to take the 6-3 lead. Madilyn Reeves made the start for Miami, notching her second win of the year with 5.0 innings and just three earned runs. Kinney gets the loss for the Huskies, throwing four runs and giving up three as well.

#### UConn 2 Clemson (No. 9) 3

Game three had the Huskies take on their first ranked opponent of the year, the Clemson Tigers, on their home field. Both teams held each other scoreless

until Maddie Moore of Clemson singled to start the bottom of the fourth. She proceeded to steal second and advance to third on a wild pitch, getting in scoring position for Alia Logoleo. The shortstop drove her in with a single to bring the Tigers out in front 1-0. UConn was forced yet again into a situation where they needed to respond and did just that, jumping out in front of Clemson in the sixth. Connecticut's lead came off the bat of Jana Sanden, who roped a two-run double to right center field, bringing in Lexi Hastings and Savannah Ring for her fourth RBIs of the weekend. In the bottom of the seventh, Clemson was down to their final two outs of the game but had a runner in scoring position. McKenzie Clark worked a full-count walk against Meghan O'Neil to load the bases for Valerie Cagle. Cagle flew a ball to Kaitlyn Kibling in center field, deep enough to drive across the run and tie the game. O'Neil forced a groundout to be third to end the inning, sending the game to extras, where Clemson eventually walked off the game on a two-out eighth-inning single from defensive replacement Lindsey Garcia.

#### Miami 7 UConn 6

UConn's final game came with a ton of fireworks, facing off with the RedHawks one last time. Miami jumped out to an early lead, backed by Karli Spaid, whose two-run homer and RBI double gave them a 3-0 lead at the end

of the second. Sami Bedwick added to the offensive onslaught with another homer for Miami, increasing their lead to four in the third. UConn's Hope Jenkins cut the lead in half with a two-run blast, her second of the year, to bring the Huskies within two, but the RedHawks were relentless. Catcher Allie Cummins hit the third home run of the afternoon off Hallie Siems to increase Miami's lead to 5-2. Now down three in the fifth, UConn's offense was finally woken up thanks to the Jenkins sisters. With Hastings and Ring on first and second, Grace Jenkins smoked the ball to deep center field to bring in the two runners. Hope Jenkins ended up bringing in her sister with an RBI groundout, tying the game at 5-5. In the sixth, Grace would give the Huskies the lead off an RBI single, scoring Haley Coupal. But once again, UConn lost in heartbreaking fashion. Miami's Kate Kobayashi secured the RedHawks' fourth home run of the game in the sixth, while Holly Blaska delivered the final blow in the seventh. After the first two batters of the inning got on base, Blaska singled to drive in the winning run, UConn's second straight game being walked off.

With four losses, UConn's record now sits at 4-11. The team gets some time off before heading to Honolulu, Hawaii to play in the Rainbow Wahine Classic. There, they're set to play Cleveland State, New Mexico and Hawaii, but that won't start until March 7.

# Women's Lacrosse: Huskies fall just short of Saint Joseph in third road loss

by Bridget Bronsdon  
STAFF WRITER  
SHE/HER/HERS  
bridget.bronsdon@uconn.edu

Despite a dominant offensive performance, the UConn women's lacrosse squad faced their third straight road loss this past weekend at Saint Joseph's.

While opening the season with a 0-3 record, the Huskies' loss-margin has never risen above two. Luckily, the contest in Philadelphia was no different, as the Hawks barely came out on top with an 11-10 finish.

The first quarter started with a bang from Saint Joseph's as they immediately nailed two goals in the first three minutes of play. Although UConn swiftly responded and fired off

four shots on goal, they could not find the back of the net. The rest of the quarter demonstrated UConn's offensive aggression as they fought to catch up with the Hawks. Although they could not get their names on the board by the end of the first, the Huskies outshot the Hawks 12-8 in a dynamic offensive performance.

The second quarter was an action-packed showing from both sides of the field as both teams demonstrated a hunger for the win. Although the Hawks had the advantage, the Huskies were not deterred and only fought harder.

The Hawks' third goal came early in the second, but the Huskies responded just one minute later. Senior team leader Susan

Lafountain was the first Husky to fire off a shot and get UConn's name on the board. Lafountain has been a dominant player this season and will round out her senior year with an impressive resume.

The Hawks, unswayed by UConn's slow and steady game of catch-up, fought to maintain their advantage and pushed the Huskies back further to secure a 4-1 lead. Just moments later, another goal from the Hawks forced UConn into a four-point deficit, the largest they've faced so far this season.

Quickly following Saint Joseph's goal, UConn took a timeout. Undoubtedly, the brief break was all the Huskies needed to get their head in the

game as they came out with a goal from graduate student Kate Shaffer. Just two minutes later, UConn's Lauren Barry got her name on the board for the first time this season as she cut the UConn deficit to 3-5.

The Huskies didn't stop there and played with the most intensity so far this season. With the advantage of a free position shot, Shaffer put the Huskies back into the game as the score turned 4-5. A final goal by the Hawks with just 10 seconds left before the half rounded out the second quarter.

The third was yet another dynamic performance from the offensive lines as the Huskies put up three points in the quarter.

The first three goals came

from the Hawks, as the Huskies were a bit quieter than usual. However, with a 9-4 deficit, it was time for the Huskies to be strategic with their offensive plays. A free position shot from Lafountain was the Huskies' first scoring opportunity of the third and slowly caught UConn up 9-5.

Just moments later, Saint Joseph's doubled their scoring margin to 10-5. The Huskies were quick to respond as red-shirt sophomore Rayea Davis put up two goals for the Huskies in a swift offensive showing.

The third was the first quarter, where the Huskies were outshot by Saint Joseph's 8-11. However, the tides changed in the fourth as UConn outshot Saint Joseph's 14-2.

UConn's Jenna Giardina brought up the Huskies 8-10 in a free position shot, and just moments later, Shaffer found the net for a hat trick and a 9-10 score. Despite this, SJU was not finished and responded to the Huskies with their final goal of the day.

After several more shot attempts from UConn, Shaffer nailed her fourth of the day. With about seven minutes left of gameplay and a one-point deficit, UConn nailed shot after shot through the Hawk's defense but ultimately was not able to find the back of the net and finished 10-11.

Despite just barely falling to SJU, the Huskies demonstrated thrilling offensive plays and were a dominant force from all angles of the field. The Huskies defined the contest by their powerhouse offensive and defensive athletes able to both nail shots on goal and protect their goalkeeper.

Looking ahead, the Huskies will be on the road again to face New Hampshire next Wednesday.



UConn women's lacrosse huddle for a team cheer after their practice on Feb. 15, 2024. The Huskies have won 12 games and lost seven in their current season.

PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNWLAX ON INSTAGRAM



# Sports

# Men's Basketball:

## UConn rides fiery second half in huge bounceback win over Nova

by Evan Rodriguez  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR  
HE/HIM/HIS  
evanrodriguez@uconn.edu

After the UConn men's basketball team's 85-66 loss to Creighton at the Chi Health Center, it was time to regroup for the No. 1 team in the country. With how the program was unable to perform to the standard of play they set out for themselves, Saturday's 78-54 victory over Villanova was a return to those very high expectations.

Naturally, there was certainly some pressure. Not only did ESPN's College Gameday headline the morning for the first time in Storrs since 2014, but legendary Huskies hooper Rip Hamilton would be forever immortalized as his No. 32 headed into the rafters. On top of that, the Wildcats were no slouch, with Connecticut barely squeaking by Kyle Neptune and Co. in the last matchup between these two teams. Sure, UConn would have plenty of advantages in the rematch, such as the second

segment of \$2 beer night, but they still needed to show out.

Initially, things started slow following the 8 p.m. tipoff. Both teams shot the ball poorly, and while the Huskies were certainly holding up their end of the bargain on the defensive end, their usual offensive firepower looked extinguished. They would need to step up to get any sort of advantage in the first half.

It took a bit of time, but Connecticut was finally able to get going, thanks to the incredible shooting of Cam Spencer. "I sucked against Creighton. My defense and my performance pretty much lost us the game, in my opinion, so definitely wanted to respond tonight personally," the Rutgers transfer said following his performance.

While Tristen Newton was the offense's focal point in the team's loss to Creighton, Spencer stole the show with an incredible shooting night. In the first half alone, he registered nine points on 3/5 shooting from the field, making some

truly difficult shots in the process. Whether it was his triple that fueled a 9-0 Huskies run or a tough contested look that gave UConn a 26-17 lead with 3:20 to go, his hands were all over the success of Connecticut in the first half.

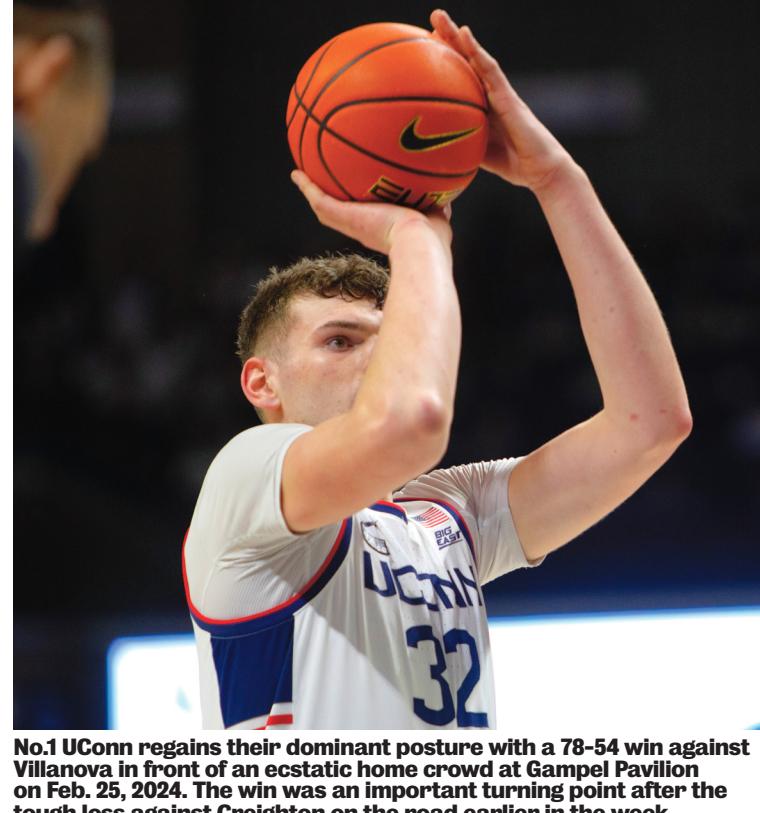
The story of Villanova's struggles was with veteran big man Eric Dixon, who shot 3-11 in the first half. While he did lead his squad in scoring, the redshirt senior did so with a 10 plus-minus and certainly wasn't efficiently helping his squad. That, coupled with some strategic defense from coach Dan Hurley, was key in preventing the Cats from gaining any sort of advantage going into halftime.

With Spencer's superstar shooting it may have been easy to overlook Newton's game in the backcourt. While eight points from the talented guard was impressive, it was the eight rebounds that really stuck out, including seven defensive boards. A double-double was certainly in reach for the East Carolina transfer, but with three assists in the first half, a record fourth triple-double for Newton felt out of reach.

Yet, in the world of college basketball, it is often the case that the unexpected becomes reality.

Throughout the rest of the second half, it looked like Connecticut picked up right where they left off. Spencer was once again a bucket, eclipsing his nine first-half points with a remarkable 16 second-half points on 6/8 shooting, including two more triples. "Killa Cam," as dubbed by broadcaster Gus Johnson, continued to perform efficiently, allowing players like Stephon Castle and Donovan Clingan to get better looks in the paint. With the crowd beaming with energy, Villanova simply had no answer for the response from the Huskies.

Meanwhile, Newton was doing his best impression of former Husky Andre Drummond, accumulating even more boards to finish with a ridiculous mark of 16 on



No. 1 UConn regains their dominant posture with a 78-54 win against Villanova in front of an ecstatic home crowd at Gampel Pavilion on Feb. 25, 2024. The win was an important turning point after the tough loss against Creighton on the road earlier in the week.

PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

the night. The best part for the lead guard? With 5:08 to go in the game, his kick out to Castle for a three gave him nine assists on the night, one shy of a triple-double. The statistical feat was now even more in reach, and yet, the storybook ending to how Newton would achieve the fourth triple-double of his UConn career would be crazy.

Throughout the night, Alex Karaban struggled tremendously, shooting 1-8 from the field and 1-7 from beyond the arc alone. While he was impacting the game on the defensive end with three blocks, his offensive struggles were notable ahead of the final few minutes. That made it even more insane when, with a mere 25 seconds left on the clock, Newton dished it to Karaban for an additional three-point opportunity. Shortly after the redshirt sophomore threw up the shot, the sold-out Gampel Pavilion crowd roared as the basketball swished through the net.

"Glad it came from AK 'cause he's always there for us," said Newton.

With everything that decorated this game, this massive bounce-back performance from the Huskies was huge. The college gameday record of 0-4 when the show came to town was now snapped, and most importantly, Hurley put it simply about how he felt about the effort from his team.

"Championship response from us today. That's my thoughts about the game," said the Connecticut head coach.

The No. 1 team in the nation may have been in a "foul" mood following their loss to No. 15 Creighton, but returning to this team's winning ways will ensure some added positivity as they head into a small break in their season. Following a seven-day rest period for UConn, they'll have another eventful game on March 3 at noon, Senior Day, against Seton Hall.



Hassan Diarra celebrates after scoring a basket in UConn's game against Villanova on Feb. 25, 2024. The Huskies won the game 78-54.

PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# Women's Basketball:

## No. 15 Huskies blow by DePaul in Windy City

by Stratton Stave  
SPORTS EDITOR  
HE/HIM/HIS  
STRATTON@UCONN.EDU

Though the series has been lopsided, UConn and DePaul are two of the signature programs in the history of Big East women's basketball. They've combined for 26 of the conference's 39 tournament titles and the rivalry features two of the greatest coaches in the history of the sport, Geno Auriemma and Doug Bruno. Despite all of the success that both teams have had as the two top teams in the Big East, they've been on very different paths this year.

DePaul is 12-17 and is 10th in the conference, a far cry from the exceptional level of play they displayed over the last handful of decades. As such, this year's matchups were as uncompetitive as they've been in recent campaigns. The first one was an 88-51 beatdown in Storrs, CT. This time? Another 37 point loss right back in Chicago.

It was an offensive masterpiece from the Huskies, who shot 58% from the field and didn't even need solid three point shooting (27%). UConn turned the ball over just 10 times and scored 32 points off DePaul's 18 giveaways. The Huskies also had a nice day on the fastbreak, scoring 24 points. Connecticut did well in drawing 25 fouls, which led to 28 free throws.

Paige Bueckers put together another masterclass, scoring 30 points on an efficient 15 shots. She also nailed 11 of her 13 free throw tries and only needed one three to achieve her total. It was a great display of the guard simply imposing her will inside the arc, not missing any attempts. She either put in a beautiful layup or drew a foul and will need to pour in more games like this as the season winds down.

Also sensational was Aaliyah Edwards, UConn's All-American forward. She notched 23 points and grabbed 17 boards,

also adding four steals. Similar to Bueckers, it only took her 14 shots to get there. Edwards is having a sensational senior season, partially aided by the lack of help at the forward position. She's putting up better numbers than she did in her junior campaign, but hasn't gotten the same recognition nationally for it.

In more extended minutes than she often gets, Ice Brady had a solid outing. In her 22 minutes on the floor, she added 7 points and four rebounds. Those numbers don't look amazing on paper, but she made a few tough

shots and showed some promise. The start of her career hasn't been amazing, but if she can put the pieces together, that'll be huge for the Huskies.

Though she didn't quite have the same huge numbers that her teammates did, Nika Mühl really stuffed the statsheet. The point guard posted 10 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Though she didn't quite flirt with a triple double, her unselfishness played a big role in some of UConn's big runs. Like Brady, Mühl maximizing her role is critical for Connecticut when

the opposition gets tough in the NCAA tournament.

DePaul started out with the game's first four points as the Huskies tried to look for answers early. It didn't take long to find them. KK Arnold and Edwards put through layups to help UConn string together a 9-2 run. They kept on running and by the end of the quarter, they were up by 10.

Throughout the period, it seemed that every bucket the Blue Demons made, the Huskies answered with two or three. DePaul managed just a dozen points on the quarter, as Connecticut closed on a 10-0 run, taking a 24-point advantage.

A solid third quarter from Kate Clarke, who finished with 24 points, helped keep the game from getting out of hand. But then came the Huskies, closing the period out with yet another 9-2 run. And the fourth quarter was no prettier. Over a three minute span, the Huskies scored 18 straight, effectively putting the game to bed.

It was a feel-good effort in a stretch that has been a bit of a slog. It felt like many of their recent games have been a bit closer than fans may have hoped due to the team's fatigue. The six day rest definitely paid off, but they'll have a shorter turnaround for their next one.

The Huskies will come back home for the final time this season, hosting Villanova on Wednesday.



UConn beats Creighton at the XL Center on Feb. 19 73 to 53. UConn will next face off against DePaul on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024.

PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS