



USG President and Vice President discuss initiatives, reflect on their term

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University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government (USG) President and Vice President Priyanka Thakkar and Emmanuel Chinyumba said they are proud of the work they have done this year and hope to hand over current initiatives to the incoming administration.

"We have been working on making elections as smooth as possible as well as differing ways we can close the initiatives we have been working on," Thakkar said. "With a new administration comes a new executive board. We are hoping they will continue the progress our chairs and personnel have made this semester."

Thakkar said the spring semester is when the USG president and vice president focus on transitioning in the new administration. Despite a new administration coming in, Chinyumba said they still are willing to start new initiatives.

"Just because you won't see something come to fruition, doesn't mean you can't start it," Chinyumba said. "When you see a project from start to finish, you can see how successful it is, and that motivates you to replicate that outcome."

The pair agreed they have had many of those successful moments during their term.

"I'm really proud of the progress USG has made just in this year, we came in with a mission of whatever we do will be for the students, and to make sure that whatever we do goes back to them," Thakkar said.

Thakkar and Chinyumba said they feel fortunate for the good working relationship that they have and hope to see the same in the next administration.

"I would love to see that cohesive and working relationship spillover to senators as well," Chinyumba said.



USG President and Vice President Priyanka Thakkar and Emmanuel Chinyumba reflect on the many initiatives they have started this year. Although spring semester is often a transition period for the next administration, Thakkar and Chinyumba will continue working on initiatives. PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY ANGLISANO

Going forward, Thakkar said they hope to see more policy changes come from USG.

"I think policy changes are something that take a lot of time and help with the continuation of conversation," Thakkar said. "We hope to start the conversation right now and the next administration can continue it."

USG and its different subcommittees have begun and executed many initiatives this semester, including ones in collaboration with other organizations on campus. Thakkar said almost every event USG does, they collaborate with another organization in some sense.

"We know we can't do everything on our own, and USG only has one level of advocacy," Thakkar said. "We want USG to be the best middle ground with administration, students and other organizations to truly collaborate and maximize the quality of the event."

Among initiatives started by Thakkar and Chinyumba are:

The Cultural Appreciation Series,

Tampon Time,

Policy changes within the Student Rec,

Initiatives with CMHS,

Extending dining hall hours during finals week

Thakkar said one significant collaboration was between USG and the cultural centers on campus. USG worked with every cultural center and created a series of events with them, she said. Chinyumba said these events are not limited to a certain time but are often year round.

"We started the Cultural Appreciation series in the fall semester and the concluding event is in April," Chinyumba said.

Mental health has been another topic of focus within USG. Thakkar and Chinyumba said they are looking into short term solutions and things that can be done immediately for students.

"A lot of students find that it can be overwhelming to go to CMHS but then they don't really know the next steps," Chinyumba said. "We're trying to find a way to condense information and consolidate it for the students."

Thakkar said the room for growth provides a lot of opportunities for changes to happen to the mental health services on campus.

"CMHS is understaffed. They don't have a director or an associate director," Thakkar said. "We're all on the same page as far as what work needs to be done, we just need to figure out what is immediate and what can be done in the long term."

Policy changes within the Stu-

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USG PRESIDENT
PRIYANKA THAKKAR

dent Recreation Center are also in the works inside USG, according to Thakkar, surrounding the dress code. She said conversations have been happening, and they hope to have changes before the end of spring.

The president and vice president cited Tampon Time as a success, an initiative that implemented menstrual product dispensers across campus free of charge. Husky Market also was new this semester, as part of a collaboration with CONNPirg to provide students with free groceries.

Another new initiative this semester was the extended dining hall hours during finals week.

"We are really excited to say that dining services will be taking that on as a permanent initiative, to have dining halls open later during finals week," Thakkar said.

USG has also worked on forming faculty luncheons where students can meet with professors in a sit-down setting, working on turning the finals week care packages into something styled like a fair and holding more conversations with transfer students coming from UConn branch campuses.

Athlete Signatures Cover Local Restaurant: Bagel Zone

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Thousands of University of Connecticut athletes' signatures line the walls of Bagel Zone and it's all due to the owner, Susan Green.

Located approximately two miles off of the Storrs campus, Green, who has loved UConn athletics for as long as she can remember, said she wanted a unique way to honor all of the athletes from the nearby university.

"There are numerous signatures on the wall too many to mention, but you can come take a look, for numerous sports teams including men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, football and others," she said.

The signing of the walls began in 2010 when Green opened the restaurant. Now, all of the walls inside of Bagel Zone are covered in signatures and there are too many to count.

"I just wanted a place for them to be proud to come and show their friends 'Hey look I'm on the wall here at Bagel Zone,'" Green said. "It makes me happy to see how proud they are that

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SUSAN GREEN,
OWNER OF BAGEL ZONE

they got to sign the wall."

Green said she does not have any favorite athletes or signatures. She said she just enjoys meeting them and having all the walls inside of Bagel Zone covered in their signatures.

"I love to watch the athletes sign the wall. It's very special to me! I'm not particular about any one athlete, I love them all," she said. "Being here in Mansfield hasn't influenced my love for the kids, I loved them before I moved here from Tolland when

I owned Bagels and More."

She said that when athletes visit, she likes to talk to them and serve them some advice in addition to her breakfast sandwiches.

"I don't have a favorite athlete but I do try to give little pep talks to the football team because I know they have what it takes, they just need more student support," Green said.

When asked if she wants any signatures in particular, Green said no.

"Any athlete that would like to come and try out Bagel Zone and sign the wall would be the next athlete I'd love to meet," she said.

She said that she feels honored to have become part of the legacy for the athletes.

"I'm very proud to hear that we are a tradition for them to come back to after they graduate from UConn," Green said.

The wall of athlete signatures at Bagel Zone. The owner, Susan Green, is a huge fan of UConn athletes.

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News

An interview with Marc D'Amelio, UConn alum and Tik Tok dad

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Marc D'Amelio is the father of 15-year-old Charli D'Amelio and 18-year-old Dixie D'Amelio, two sisters from Norwalk, Connecticut who rose to fame on the app Tik Tok last year and amassed several million followers each. Marc is a University of Connecticut alum and frequents campus for basketball games and visits. Shortly after his daughters went viral, Marc made a Tik Tok account of his own and garnered a large and ever-growing fan base of his own: People now refer to him as the "Dad of Tik Tok" and the "CEO of the D'Amelio Family." Taylor Harton sat down with Marc and his wife Heidi to discuss his experiences at UConn and dealing with newfound internet fame.

TH: What kind of activities were you involved in when you were at UConn?

MD: I graduated from UConn in 1991. I worked at Huskies [Bar] where I was a DJ, I lived in Towers and was in Sigma Phi Epsilon (our fraternity house was on Gilbert Road). I transferred; I was up here for three years. I was a political science major.

TH: Tell me a little bit about your job now. I know you work at Level Four Showroom in New York City. Tell me about your gig there and how you got to that point.

MD: We [Level Four] are what is called a manufacturer's reping agency — we are a sales arm for different clothing companies but we work independently. So different companies hire my company to bring them to retail, so we're not really a distributor, we're more of a middle man. We represent Mitchell & Ness, we

used to represent Adidas and we represent Umbro [a soccer brand] in the United States. We display all licensed sports stuff—so anything from major league baseball to NBA.

TH: Talk to us about Tik Tok and being a "Tik Tok Dad." Like

take off for me, Heidi and Dixie. It's definitely a younger app, but we have a lot of fun with it and I don't take it too seriously.

TH: How do you deal with people on Tik Tok who are mean or creepy, especially with Charli and Dixie? How do you respond

daughters in this kind of industry — how do you protect them but also let them have their freedom?

MD: We step in as parents whether it is, for example, the situation with the Renegade dance, where we said, "Look, let's not hide from this. Let's meet Jalaiah [the creator of the Renegade dance] and her family." We've lived life so we get involved when we have to. We also put a team around us immediately. The kids have a wonderful manager, we signed with United Talent Agency and we have an entertainment attorney who is one of the best attorneys in Beverly Hills. So it's not just us trying to navigate to the next step — we have a great group around us.

HD: Before this Tik Tok stuff happened, the girls already knew the boundaries. They would ask us, even as high schoolers, "Is this okay to post? What do you think about this?" They would always come to us and we always respected that they would do that, so we work together. We let them have their time and freedom to figure it out but we are not far away.

TH: What does the future look like for you guys? I know you are currently cycling between here [Connecticut] and California. Is there a plan for where to go from here? Are the girls still in school?

MD: As far as school goes: Both of them were attending King School in Stamford. Dixie already had enough credits to graduate, so the school basically said, "Do your thing." She was accepted and is ready to go to the University of Alabama. Charli is in a program in conjunction with her school, and it's somewhat of an online curriculum but she also talks directly with her teachers through FaceTime.

HD: Especially when [Charli]

was in California for two weeks straight, we built her working schedule around school and blocked off those times. She's getting through so much faster because she's not sitting in class. She enjoys school.

MD: There's no turning back as far as the notoriety. For us, it's not about the money. It's about happiness and being able to make an impact in the world and in my kids' lives. We're just very cautious on how fame could affect us negatively and that's all we think about: How does it affect our family of four? It's brought us even closer as a family and brought us to a point where we can really depend on each other and look out for each other. But we're just taking it day by day; there's so many cool opportunities.

TH: What are your favorite things about this university? Now and when you were here?

MD: I love where UConn has come from. Going to UConn [at my time] wasn't negative, but you kinda had a reason to go. Mine was that I couldn't afford Syracuse, so I came to UConn. And I've seen it gone from a safety school when I was in high school and now it's not that anymore. I love the fact that I've seen [UConn] grow from this small university in Storrs to just walking around on campus now — it's amazing. You can take that UConn name to any corner of the United States and they know us.

TH: Do you guys have any additional information you want to tell us?

MD: For me, we've gotten calls from CNN, The Wall Street Journal ... This [interview] was the one that I wanted to do. We passed on The Wall Street Journal for The Daily Campus — and that just brings it back to UConn.



The D'Amelio family is pictured here. Marc D'Amelio is a UConn alum. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARC D'AMELIO

Charli said in one of her interviews, you seem to have your own fan base who is not interested in what they [Charli and Dixie] are doing, but solely interested in you. What is that like for you?

MD: It's a lot of fun. It's a balance because you don't want to be a dad on there who is doing exactly the same thing as a bunch of kids are doing, but I originally got on it because Charli started to get popular and I was watching it and noticing positive and negative comments. It started to

to that and put up with it?

MD: It took us a while to block out the negativity. We've talked to a lot of people who have had not only long-term notoriety but also instant fame who have been trained to know it's part of the job. We turn the other cheek on [hate] now. We take the [threatening and creepy comments] more seriously and we have had to go down the road of getting the authorities involved. For the most part, the comments are 90% positive and 10% negative.

TH: On having two young

Justices seem divided over court access for asylum seekers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court appeared divided Monday over whether the government can deport people who fail initial asylum screenings without allowing them to make their case to a federal judge.

The court heard arguments in the case of a man who said he fled persecution as a member of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, but failed to persuade immigration officials that he faced harm if he returned to Sri Lanka. The man was arrested soon after he slipped across the U.S. border from Mexico.

The Trump administration is seeking a sweeping ruling that it could potentially use to deport

millions of people, even those arrested far from the border and who have been in the country for years, said Lee Gelernt, the American Civil Liberties Union lawyer who is representing the man at the Supreme Court.

Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam, 19-161

Three conservative justices questioned whether a ruling in favor of the man, Vijayakumar Thuraissigiam, would clog the courts with a flood of immigration claims. Thuraissigiam was placed in quick deportation pro-

ceedings that prohibit people who fail initial interviews from asking federal courts for much help.

Chief Justice John Roberts reacted strongly when Gelernt told the court that tourists being prevented from entering the country to visit Disneyland would not try to take their cases to court.

"I don't think the concern is people who want to come to go to Disneyland," Roberts said.

Since a federal appeals court ruled in Thuraissigiam's favor, nearly 10,000 have failed initial asylum proceedings, called credible fear interviews. Of those, only 30 have filed court cases, Gelernt said.

Justice Department lawyer Edwin Kneeder said the number was closer to 100 people and that there was "potential for a flood" if the high court rules

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against the government.

Several liberal justices seemed to be on Thuraissigiam's side. If the government can deport him without a court hearing, court review to see if officials are acting lawfully "would seem fairly seriously undermined, wouldn't it?" Justice Stephen Breyer said,

Kneeder said no one has a right to asylum. The limited review that Congress provided for when it created quick deportation proceedings, or expedited removal, is sufficient, Kneeder said.

A decision in Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam, 19-161, is expected before summer.

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CONNECTICUT NEWS

Connecticut lawmakers hold hearing on marijuana legalization

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut lawmakers held a public hearing Monday to discuss details of a new bill proposed by the governor that would legalize recreational marijuana in the state.

At the meeting inside the Capitol complex in Hartford, legislators on the state's Judiciary Committee heard from representatives of Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont's administration about the bill that would allow adults 21 or older to use and possess recreational marijuana up to 1.5 ounces.

The 108-page bill introduced during Lamont's February State of the State speech would automatically erase convictions of possession of four ounces or less of pot for people convicted before 2015. Those convicted after 2015 can petition the court for erasure.

"We have to recognize the war on drugs has had a tremendously destructive impact on certain communities," said Jonathan Harris, senior adviser to the governor.

He added that nearby states like Massachusetts and Vermont have already legalized marijuana or are on track to legalize it like Rhode Island and the state "can't stick our heads in the sand" anymore.

The efforts to legalize marijuana come after last

year's attempt failed.

Marc Pelka, the governor's top criminal justice aide, said the objective is to help repair the harm that past policies criminalizing possession of marijuana created and to lower the barriers for people with those convictions to get employment, stable housing and education among other things.

"The criminal conviction remains on your record for 110 years after your date of birth, so that means when most people are buried, the work that they've done to atone for the wrongs or to rehabilitate or move forward, that conviction remains on their permanent record," Pelka said.

Lawmakers discussed a July 1 deadline for marijuana to be legal to consume and a timeline of two years before pot would be sold.

After lawmakers talked, the public was able to voice opinions on the proposed legislation.

Rev. Erenestine Holloway, of Meriden, said while she was on the fence with the bill, her problem with it deals with the lack of protection for the youth.

"Decriminalization of marijuana and the selling of marijuana should be a separate issue; this is going to devastate our community," she said. "Where's the education piece to this?"

Police still chasing leads to find missing mother of five

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Police are still chasing leads to find a missing Connecticut mother of five, said the state's top prosecutor.

Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo Jr. said police are still searching for Jennifer Dulos, 50, who was last seen dropping her children off at school on May 24, the Connecticut Post reported on Monday.

Her estranged husband Fotis Dulos was charged with her murder but denied any role in her disappearance.

He died Jan. 30 after attempting suicide two days earlier.

"You never give up," Colangelo said. "If I know these officers, they will never give up looking for her."

Colangelo said he will file Tuesday to dismiss each of the charges against Fotis Dulos. The gag order on police, attorneys and witnesses in the case will likely be lifted after he files. The state will have 13 months to refile the charges or they will be dismissed.

Hit-and-run driver hits 2 Connecticut courthouse marshals

MANCHESTER, Conn. (AP) — A hit-and-run driver struck two judicial marshals outside a Connecticut courthouse Monday, sending both to a hospital. Police were searching for the driver.

Police and court officials said the marshals, who provide courthouse security, were struck in front of Manchester Superior Court shortly before noon.

One of the marshals was given CPR at the scene before both were taken to Hartford Hospital, Judicial Branch officials said. Their conditions were not immediately released.

Police in the area and in

Massachusetts were searching for a suspect they identified as Jose Lopez, 42. Officials said Lopez was driving a white vehicle, possibly with Massachusetts license plates and front-end damage.

Court records show Lopez was due in court Monday on a misdemeanor larceny charge. A man with the same name and birth year was listed in court records as having several felony and misdemeanor theft convictions.

A message seeking comment was left Monday for a public defender who represented Lopez in previous cases.

More testing sheds light on how virus is spreading in US



A person wearing a mask walks past a sign banning visitors at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Wash., near Seattle, Monday, March 2, 2020. Dozens of people associated with the facility are reportedly ill with respiratory symptoms or hospitalized and are being tested for the COVID-19 virus. PHOTO BY TED S. WARREN/AP

SEATTLE (AP) — An increase in testing for the coronavirus began shedding light Monday on how the illness has spread in the United States, including among nursing home residents in one Washington state facility.

New diagnoses in several states pushed the tally of COVID-19 cases past 100, and New Hampshire reported its first case, raising the total of affected states to 11. Seattle officials announced four more deaths, bringing the total in the U.S. to six.

In Seattle, King County Executive Dow Constantine declared an emergency and said the county was buying a hotel to be used as a hospital for patients who need to be isolated. He said the facility should be available by the end of the week.

"We have moved to a new stage in the fight," he said.

Vice President Mike Pence met with the nation's governors and pledged to continue updating them weekly by teleconference. President Donald Trump met with pharmaceutical companies to talk about progress toward a vaccine.

Four of the dead were resi-

positive after release.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said its case count includes 45 infections among people who were on the cruise ship, one more than previously reported. The count includes people who tested positive after returning from travel to outbreak areas in other parts of the world, their close contacts and infections that appear to be from community spread — people who did not travel or have known contact with other infected people.

The CDC recently broadened its guidelines for who should be tested for the new virus to include people with symptoms but without a travel history to virus hot zones.

More testing will bring more confirmed cases, experts said, but they cautioned that does not mean the virus is gaining speed. Instead, the testing is likely to reveal a picture of the virus' spread that was previously invisible.

In Seattle, schools and one skyscraper closed, but health experts cautioned that closures can have downsides.

On Monday, the F5 technol-

ogues have been used during flu outbreaks, and the new coronavirus isn't acting exactly like flu. Moreover, they have downsides.

"Maybe it makes people more likely to stay at home. Maybe it doesn't if people re-congregate elsewhere," Nuzzo said.

Closing schools also leaves health care workers, first responders and others without child care, making it difficult for them to come to work.

Trump and members of his Cabinet met at the White House with executives of 10 pharmaceutical companies to discuss ways to speed the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus.

There are no proven treatments for COVID-19. In China, scientists have been testing a combination of HIV drugs against the new virus, as well as an experimental drug named remdesivir that was in development to fight Ebola. In the U.S., the University of Nebraska Medical Center also began testing remdesivir in some Americans who were found to have COVID-19 after being evacuated from a cruise ship in Japan.

It's not clear how quickly such studies will answer whether any



President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence meet with pharmaceutical executives in the Cabinet Room of the White House, Monday, March 2, 2020, in Washington. PHOTO BY ANDREW HARNIK/AP

dents of a nursing home in Kirkland, Washington, according to King County health authorities. The nursing home cases especially troubled health care experts because of the vulnerability of sick and elderly people to the illness and existing problems in nursing facilities.

"It's going to be a disaster," said Charlene Harrington, who studies nursing homes at the University of California, San Francisco. Infection is already a huge problem in U.S. nursing homes because of a lack of nurses and training.

In Texas, tension between U.S. and local officials brewed over the planned release Monday of more than 120 ex-passengers of the Diamond Princess cruise ship in quarantine in San Antonio. Mayor Ron Nirenberg declared a public safety emergency in an attempt to continue the quarantine. He and other officials in San Antonio called for more lab testing of the passengers after one woman tested

positive for the virus. The employee tested negative, but company spokesman Rob Gruening said the tower was closed as a precaution.

More than 10 schools in the Seattle area were closed for deep cleaning over virus concerns, although the city-county public health department said it was not yet recommending school closures or cancellation of activities.

Closing schools and canceling large gatherings are what's called social distancing, the idea that distancing people will reduce spread.

The evidence for those steps is "not as strong as we would like it to be," Jennifer Nuzzo of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security cautioned Monday during a webinar.

Measures such as school clo-

sure of the drugs help. Many patients recover without needing any treatment. The biggest concern is how to help the fraction who become severely ill.

Pence, who also attended the Monday meeting, said other meetings are being arranged with leaders of airlines and cruise ship operations.

On Capitol Hill, negotiations on a bipartisan, emergency \$7 billion to \$8 billion measure to battle the virus are almost complete, according to both Democratic and GOP aides. The measure appears on track to be unveiled as early as Tuesday, and the hope is to speed it quickly through both House and Senate by the end of the week.

The measure would finance both federal and state response efforts, fund the federal government's drive to develop and produce a vaccine, and offer Small Business Administration disaster loans to help businesses directly affected by the virus crisis.

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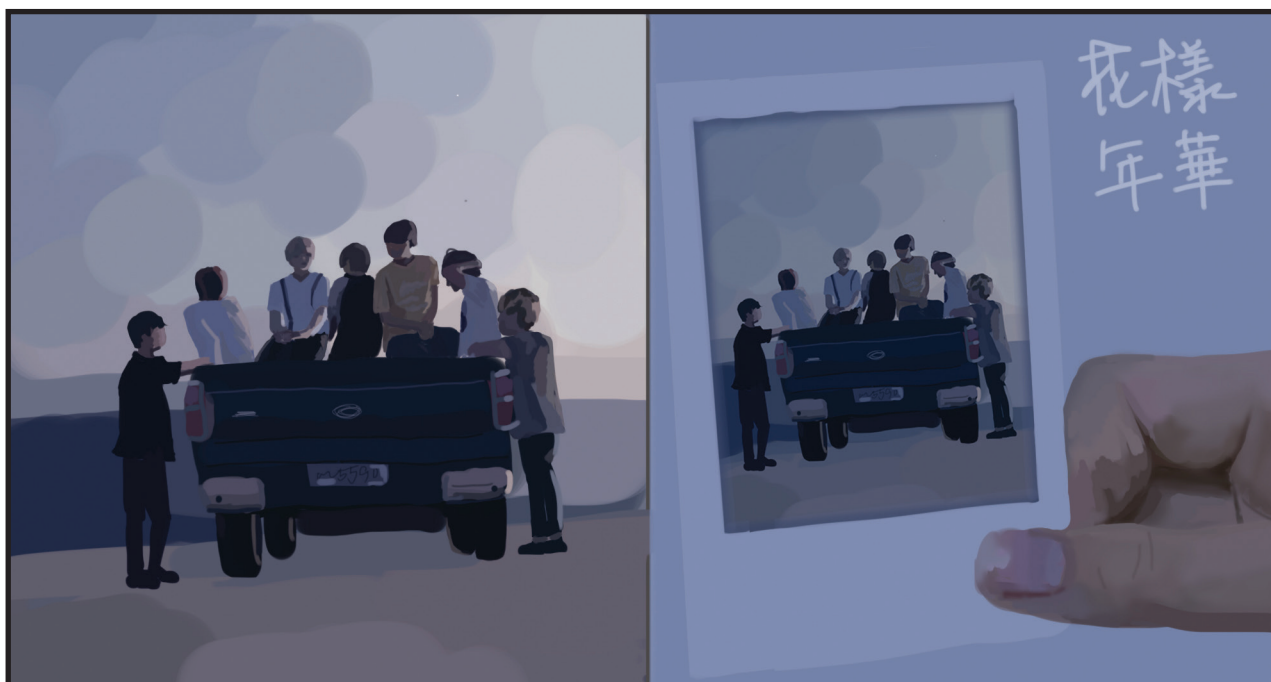
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rapid fire

What is one thing you find to be underrated at UConn?

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

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

Liz Collins

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Not to get too controversial, but USG. We pass a lot more helpful and impactful legislation than you think, and we're not all political science majors with huge egos.

Michael Katz

WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I know that we're always hyping up our basketball teams (and for good reason), but a lot of our other sports teams deserve some love, too. Seriously, baseball, ice hockey and field hockey at UConn aren't too shabby!

Carson Swick

STAFF COLUMNIST

The beauty of this campus itself is underappreciated. UConn has two lakes and a nice mix of old and new buildings, which anyone can appreciate as they walk around outside.

Harry Zehner

OPINION EDITOR

They fixed the buses and they actually run decently well! Now, it would be great if we had a functioning, free regional public transit system — a man can dream.

Peter Fenteany

ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

I appreciate the goals of our university. Public education and research are both vitally important to our society, and UConn generally tries to do the best it can with the resources it has. I feel pride for my university, and that feels good to say.

Anika Veeraraghav

WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I feel like one thing we don't talk about a lot is our clubs. There are so many that it's easy to find at least one that you're passionate about.

Henry Willis

CONTRIBUTOR

As someone who has lived in this town for over a decade, Downtown Storrs is very underrated. We had literally nothing before it.

Connor Rickeremann

STAFF CARTOONIST

Administration. Certainly, not all of their decisions are home runs, but at the end of the day, nobody's ever actively trying to undermine students and their concerns.

Lesly Nerette

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Coming from a smaller campus, I didn't know what to think of the teachers here. After spending a semester, I see that even with a big class most teachers still care for students; they deserve more love.

Lia Higgins

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The diversity and culture, including our international student population. I have learned so much about cultures I had never interacted with before, and have gotten way more in touch with my own asian heritage as well.

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Student workers. Our labor is essential to the function of the campus and we are frequently underpaid.

Fizza Alam

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Commuters. There is no reason for parking to be scarce on a campus so big. Also, why is there only one commuter student fridge?



Bernie is not perfect — but he is the only candidate that practices human solidarity

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I was at Bernie Sanders' comeback rally in Queens in October, a few weeks after he had a heart attack. Despite being a 78 year old democratic socialist who just suffered a major health complication and was being widely written off by the media, 26,000 people showed up to hear him talk in Queensbridge Park.

I recommend going and looking at the pictures — it's truly a staggering amount of people to pack into a park. On that day, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez endorsed him. The Mayor of San Juan, Carmen Yulin Cruz, endorsed him. Then Bernie came on the stage. He went through his familiar stump speech, hammering the billionaire class for their greed and arguing the necessity of economic, racial and environmental justice. Then, he debuted a new line.

Bernie told us to turn to the people next to us. He told us to look around at the multi-racial, multi-generational crowd gathered around us. He looked around as well. He then turned to us once again — and I'll never forget this moment — and asked us:

“Are you willing to fight for that person who you don't even know as much as you're willing to fight for yourself? Are you willing to stand together and fight for those people who are struggling economically in this country? Are you willing to fight for those young people drowning in student debt even if you are not? Are you willing to fight to ensure that every American has healthcare as a human right even if you have good healthcare? Are you willing to fight for frightened immigrant neighbors even if you are native-born? Are you willing to fight for a future for generations of people who have not yet even been born but are entitled to live on a planet that is healthy and habitable?”

I will never be able to properly describe how it felt to be in the crowd. Human is the first word that comes to mind.

Bernie Sanders is not a perfect candidate. I disagree with him on many issues. I wish he would support reparations for black and indigenous Americans. I wish he would go further in condemning the military industrial complex. I wish he would reject capitalism fully rather than simply offering reforms. Hell, I wish the face of America's multi-racial working class movement wasn't an old white dude from Vermont.

But, despite his flaws, Bernie understands what few politicians do: Solidarity is the key to a better society. He understands that unless we fight for the most oppressed groups in our society — the homeless, the imprisoned, black Americans, women, transgender people, the disabled, undocumented immigrants — we will continue to fail to build a just society.

Bernie also understands that solidarity must be organized and harnessed to win material gains. Not only does he frequently argue he will pass his policies through organizing mass movements and pressuring conservative lawmakers — he has a record to back up that claim. Bernie was arrested for protesting racist housing segregation in Chicago in the 1960s. He marched on Washington with Martin Luther King Jr. He stood with indigenous protesters at the Standing Rock Reservation and called for Obama to halt the Dakota Access Pipeline. As he is fond of saying, he has probably walked on more picket lines than all of his rivals combined. During this campaign, he has frequently used his platform to elevate radical working class movements like Moms 4 Housing and the striking UC Santa Cruz graduate workers.

I agree with Bernie on most issues. For the most part, I support his policy vision. But that is not why I support him. Bernie understands that at the core of all progress is organized human solidarity. When he says, “Not me, us” he truly means it. His campaign is not about pinning our hopes for a better world on a single politician — it is about a mass awakening of working class consciousness.

“While there is a lower class, I am in it, while there is a criminal element, I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free,” Eugene Debs, a 20th century American socialist famously said.

Bernie is the only mainstream American politician in my lifetime that embodies this idea — that is why I support him, and why you should too.



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“Womxn’s Health Matters:” Womxn’s Empowerment Fair

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Sunday marked the beginning of Women’s History month, and with that, student organizations on campus have a host of events and initiatives running throughout March to support and honor women who are students at UConn. To kick off the month was the Womxn’s Health and Empowerment Fair in the Student Union Ballroom last night, hosted by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG). At the fair, attendees could peruse the resources and information from groups on- and off-campus organizations about physical, sex and mental health services, as well as sustainability and groups focused on supporting women-identifying students.

“[Michelle and I] saw the need for an event that was centered around the empowerment of womxn at UConn and we thought a fair showcasing all the resources for womxn on campus would be a great idea,” Alexis Jones, a fourth-semester allied health sciences major, said. She serves as Co-Vice Chair of USG’s Student Services Committee, and spearheaded the event with Michelle Smoot, a sixth-semester human development and family studies major. “This was an experience that we never thought was something that we could ever achieve and to have this sort of turnout for our very first event was amazing!”

One of the biggest draw for students were giveaways of menstrual cups from OrganiCup, a Danish company that seeks to make sustainable period products.

“Although giving away free menstrual products, pads and tampons, is important to us, we also recognize the environmental impact those products have over a person’s lifetime,” Jacqueline Seras, a fourth-semester sustainability major, said. She serves as the leader of USG’s Tampon Time Task Force, which has worked on providing free pads and tampons on bathrooms throughout campus. “Partnering with OrganiCup, this has been a really cool experience in bringing sustainability to every part of an undergraduate’s life and a menstrual cup is just one possible way to do that.”

Even though the event had just started, a long line snaked outside the door to the ballroom in wait to receive a free menstrual cup. Students could choose between a regular or mini size, presented in a sustainable cardboard container and cloth bag and were sent instructions on how to care for and use the cup.

“So this pilot program is part of Campus Cup, which is OrganiCup’s commitment to make menstrual cups more commonplace in universities and more known to students,” Seras said. The cup was promoted to be able to replace two years of period products, or 528 tampons.

The Office of Sustainability also worked with OrganiCup to bring them to campus and were tabling at the fair.

“We’re here talking about menstrual waste and the costs associated with buying menstrual products,” Emma MacDonald, a sixth-semester natural resources major and intern at the Office of Sustainability, said. Their table included an activity that had students guess how much each product is worth “to show the most sustainable options are also the most cost-effective and much cheaper.”

Scholars from the BOLD Women’s Leadership Network shared how the program supports leadership projects for women.

“[You can pursue] your own independent project in relation to what it means to be a woman in our society today,” Simran Sehgal, a sixth-semester biomedical engineering major and BOLD Scholar, said. “I’m here to motivate and spread the word that this is a program that other women or women-identifying students can apply for.”

Revolution Against Rape, which is known for leading the March to End

Victim Blaming in the fall, was also present at the fair.

“We’re a club trying to raise awareness on campus about sexual assault and rape cul-



Students with the Women’s Center table at the Empowerment Fair in honor of Women’s History Month. PHOTO BY HOLLIANNE LAO, STAFF WRITER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

ture,” Skyler Trice, an eighth-semester human development and family studies major, and Mira Kale, a sixth-semester ecology and evolutionary biology double major, said. “We do meetings on a lot of different topics, so there’s something for everyone.”

Sabrina Baez, founder and current secretary of Distinguished and Motivated Academic Scholars (DAMAS), discussed the importance of supporting women leaders.

“[DAMAS] was founded by a group of women with intersectional identities to create a brave space where anyone from a diverse background ... can come together to motivate each other and empower each other to reach holistic success,” Baez, a sixth-semester Latino and Latin American studies major, said. She also expressed that

those wishing to be allies can also join the group, which is hosting different events based on monthly themes such as mental health, women’s empowerment, racism and community. “So what that means is not just academic success, but physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing and just being able to feel empowered enough to be successful in any setting.”

Other attending organizations included female police officers from the Division of Public Safety, Women in Business, Mansfield OBGYN, Student Health and Wellness, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Rainbow Center. The Women’s Center was also sharing information about their different initiatives, groups and resources available to students, like the Body Project.

NEW TO NETFLIX: MARCH

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As February came to a close with Leap Day over the weekend and a new month swept in with a cool and blue-skied promise of spring, it is once again time for Netflix, our reliable past-time companion, to prepare to update its collection of our favorite original series, movies and television shows. Beginning as early as March 1, Netflix planned to add major new content that will be sure to please. From major cinematic hits to original comedy specials, films and even some

childhood nostalgia sprinkled into the mix, a new streaming opportunity to pique your interest is never far during the month of March.

Beginning with original content, Netflix will be introducing “Taylor Tomlinson: Quarter-Life Crisis” on March 3. In this hour-long comedy special, 20-something Tomlinson bares all on the expectations and pitfalls of life in your twenties as she ventures through all the relationships, drama, and anxiety of the “best years of your life” while dishing out some thoughtful advice along the way.

If you’re looking for something more thrilling, the Netflix film “Twin Murders: The

Silence of the White City” may appeal to you. In this Spanish crime film coming March 6, the expert detective Unai Lopez de Ayala returns to the city of Vitoria-Gasteiz to look into the surfacing of horrific murders which appear to be the work of a known serial killer. This dramatic, new addition is as exciting and engaging as it is a cultural experience, steeped in Spanish lifestyle and mystery.

Along with these choices, some other new original additions of note are the films “Guilty” and “I Am Jonas,” which will both be featured beginning on March 6, as well the much-anticipated animated short “Sitara: Let Girls Dream” coming on March 8.

Stepping out of the world of Netflix originals and into the realm of more acclaimed streaming, if you’re interested in broadening your horizons on popular film, be sure to check out the classic mob movie “Goodfellas” as well as the drama based on Stephen King’s work “The Shawshank Redemption,” both of which will be introduced March 1.

If you find yourself feeling nostalgic this month, Netflix plans to provide with its addition of the classic half-live action/half-animated “Space Jam” and the second installment of “Kung Fu Panda.” Besides these, “Silver Linings Playbook,” the heart-warming comedy starring Jennifer Law-

rence and Bradley Cooper, will also be making an appearance on March 16.

Unfortunately for many Netflix viewers, the streaming service will be saying goodbye to favorites like Marvel Studios’ “Black Panther,” “Coraline,” “The Dark Knight,” “Paranormal Activity,” “Kill Bill: Vol.1” (in addition to the second installment) and “Men in Black” among some other notable titles. Even as these popular choices will be leaving the service, the incoming titles will certainly set the stage for a host of exciting streaming opportunities to last us through the month and well beyond.

Roundtable: What’s the best Girl Scout Cookie?

Olivia Hickey, Campus Correspondent

Samoas. They’re delicious. When I was little I would say Tagalongs, but there’s something about the coconut and caramel. The fact that it’s also an option for coffee now makes it easier to enjoy the flavor when my box is empty which is nice and convenient. Tagalongs, specifically frozen Tagalongs, are a close second and still hold a special place in my stomach. My favorite part about the cookies, however, is supporting the Girl Scouts. As a former Scout I learned goal-setting, money management and public speaking skills. So next time you’re at the store and you see scouts selling cookies outside, consider buying a box (or a case) and supporting your local Girl Scouts.

Daniel Cohn, Associate Managing Editor

As our world becomes more and more complicated and distraught, I’ve grown to love simple pleasures. The smell of fresh-washed sheets. Watching videos of lambs taking their first steps. The union of chocolate and mint.

Everyone else above and below me is either naive or lying: There is no better Girl Scout Cookie than the famed Thin Mint.

The Thin Mint works on a wire act: Perfectly balanced. Modern culinary engineering ensures that every bite produces the same perfect, uniform crunch every time. The subtle smack of the chocolate on the inside dances with the punch of mint, the latter of which gives its name to the finished product. Completing the trifecta, the barely-there layer of melted chocolate on the outside wraps it all up, lingering on the tongue after you’ve finished your flavor journey. No other cookie in the Girl Scout catalogue comes close to the satisfaction created by their superior.

To compare Thin Mints to the rest of the Girl Scout Cookies is disrespectful to the art of baking. Have some self-respect and pick the green box.

Lesly Nerette, Campus Correspondent

Do you ever just come home from a long day of excruciating work, longing for something

overbearingly, diabetically sweet? Well, you can look for your pleasures within a Samoa. Best believe I will break the bank every year in March for a box. The shortbread ring is complemented by a layer of caramel, followed by shaved coconut. If you didn’t think that was enough, they top it all off with a chocolate drizzle! Now I don’t know who was going at it in the kitchen, but just know that I love you. No other Girl Scout cookie can compare to the royalty that is the Samoa cookie. Especially not the Thin Mint cookie, which is literally toothpaste coated in chocolate. If you love yourself, don’t even go for the green box, sorry Daniel!

Now, if Samoa wants to be generous and share a sliver of the pedestal, I’d say Girl Scout S’mores are second in line. There are two variations to the cookie, but my favorite is the cookie coated in chocolate, with the interior consisting of marshmallow and shortbread.



Samoas and Thin Mints, as pictured above, are some of the more popular Girl Scout Cookies according to members of the Daily Campus. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLIKR

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Life

'Warrior Women' shows Native American women as leaders

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Native American activist Lakota Harden, a member of Lakota and HoChunk tribes, appeared on screen and in person Monday night in Gentry, discussing her experiences with Indigenous activism alongside a film screening of the documentary "Warrior Women." Harden and the film both highlighted the importance of women in Native American activism.

"Warrior Women" depicted the struggles of Native American women, primarily Harden's relative and an American Indian Movement (AIM) organizer Madonna Thunder Hawk, in prominent Indigenous struggles over the last 50 years. Harden explained that the film's original creator, Elizabeth Castle, wanted to highlight the role of women in Native American activism, when normally men get the activist spotlight.

"We're not intimidated or threatened by women in power," Harden said of Native American culture. "We're matriarchal societies."

The film depicted Thunder Hawk and others, including Harden, participating in Native American occupations of Mount Rushmore, Alcatraz, Standing Rock and Wounded Knee with AIM. Each of these occupations asserted the right of Indigenous peoples to land promised to them in treaties, or attempted to prevent the land from environmental degradation, as in the case of Standing Rock.

The protests at Standing Rock opposed the Dakota Access Pipeline and its plan to cross beneath the Missouri and Missis-

sippi Rivers. This plan inspired fear that the water could become polluted.

"The land is our home and the water is our relative," Harden said, emphasizing the connection Native Americans recognize between their land and the water and their lives.

The film showcased several Native women and activists speaking with children about water as a grounding force and life force for everyone. The theme of education was very prominent in the film.

Thunder Hawk started what she called "Survival School" to educate Native American children from a Native perspective, outside of government-run institutions. Harden was also a member of the Survival School community.

In the 20th century, many Native American children were removed from their families and placed in boarding schools meant to whitewash them and unlearn their culture. An unnamed activist in the film mentioned that the forcible removal of children from their culture to place them in another is listed by the United Nations as a genocidal practice. Education and child welfare has been a long-standing struggle for the Native community.

Thunder Hawk demonstrated her commitment to education and to the next generation throughout the documentary, by emphasizing them as the focus of activism. The land no longer belonged to her, it belonged to her children and to the next generation. They were the ones who needed to be educated on how to steward the land, and continue the activism Thunder Hawk and her peers had start-



Lakota Harden of the Lakota and HoChunk tribes shares her experiences at the screening event of the documentary "Warrior Women" on Monday. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

ed.

Besides looking forward, the film also looked back.

"Anywhere I go, I talk to the ancestors," Harden said, explaining that ancestors don't exist tribe by tribe, but rather everywhere, and for everyone to acknowledge and appreciate.

This was a theme that stuck out to students as well, particularly Sage Phillips, a third-semester political science major and a member of the Native American Cultural Program.

"For me, it's just always about paying respect and giving credit to ancestors," Phillips said. "Paying respect to the women who were the trailblazers in this movement."

The film's focus on women was important for many students in the audience. In the Q&A after the film, one student asked Harden how the movement was different with women at the lead, which Harden answered with a story.

When colonizers came to the Eastern Native tribes and asked to see their leaders, the tribes brought them to the clan mothers. The colonizers, confused, asked again, to see their leaders. So the tribes brought them to the elders. The colonizers were still confused, not seeing the young men that defined leadership in their own patriarchal culture.

According to Harden, women were always the leaders of In-

igenous culture, and it made sense for them to lead in activism.

"The big takeaway was actually learning how in the Native community the women are in charge," second-semester sociology major Edymar De La Cruz said. "That their men are not intimidated by strong women."

Phillips also commented on this, and why this film was important for the Native American Cultural Program to screen.

"The way colonizers' films work is that the men get all the credit," Phillips said. "That's just not the case here. Men shouldn't always get the credit, especially in our culture."

Taylor Swift becomes 'The Man' in critical, complex new music video

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With the release of her music video for "The Man" Thursday, Taylor Swift proved she is just as complex and cool as any male in the industry. The singer's portrayal of the double standards that women face pays testament to how society treats women and men differently and how Swift is fed up with it.

When watching "The Man," it's important to keep in mind how deliberate Swift was with all the decisions she made making the video. Though her behavior might seem exaggerated, every scene demonstrates the issue she takes with society's differing treatment of men and women.

The video begins with a shot of a male corporate executive whose back is turned to the camera as he looks out a window. When he turns around, viewers see a handsome professional. And who is this hunk? It's none other than Swift herself. Cloaked under heavy prosthetics, Swift portrays her bro alter ego Tyler Swift.

This Tyler quickly becomes a representation of the most inconsiderate and egotistical qualities attributed to males. He's made into the worst sort of man to demonstrate Swift's problem with double standards.

Scenes throughout the video express her irritation at typical male behaviors and society's reaction to them. In an allusion to "The Wolf of Wall Street," Tyler strides arrogantly through his corporate office and bosses his staff around, his employees literally applaud his management skills. Later on, when he manspreads on the subway, other passengers notice but fail to call him out on it.

A more personal but espe-

cially symbolic scene is Tyler's stop at 13th Street Station, where he urinates on the side of the walls. Of course, 13 is Swift's favorite number, but there's more to this picture than that. Written in graffiti on the walls are the names of Taylor Swift's previous albums - "Reputation," "1989," "Red," "Speak Now" and "Fearless." A sign to the left reads "Missing: If found return to Taylor Swift" while a sign to the right indicates that no scooters are allowed.

This scene is a nod to Swift's battle with her former record label and her dispute with Scooter Braun, the new owner of her master recordings. Swift has spoken passionately about artists' rights to their own music, and this scene in "The Man" calls out those record executives who've abused these rights. In true Taylor fashion, however, the word "Karma" is graffitied right in the middle of the shot, showing how she's now speaking out about this unfair treatment.

What's more, Tyler's urine spells out "The Man," another symbol of how Swift is taking back power over her work and her image in the music industry.

In other big scenes, Tyler brings his daughter to the park. He's manspreading again as the little girl sits with her legs crossed. He checks out women, makes a call and absentmindedly pats his daughter on the head before a "World's Greatest Dad" sign is erected to congratulate him on seemingly doing the bare minimum.

Swift is here making a point about how mothers and fathers are treated differently by society. Less is expected of males when it comes to parenting, so any "extra" effort they show is often celebrated.

Similarly, Tyler plays a

tennis match and gets mad, smashing his racquet on the ground and throwing balls at the umpire (played by Swift's father) before collapsing and whining on the court. Ball girl Loren Gray rolls her eyes, but no one reprimands Tyler.

Many have analyzed this scene as a reference to when Serena Williams called out an umpire at the 2018 US Open. After the incident, Williams brought attention to sexism in the sport, and here Swift illustrates how men are not punished for certain behavior that would definitely have consequences for women.

Other scenes focus on men's romantic interactions with women. Tyler in one such case is on a yacht with 10 models. This is at the point in the song when Swift sings

"And we would toast to me, oh, let the players play / I'd be just like Leo, in Saint-Tropez." Notable here is Swift's criticism of the media's portrayal of her dating life. While media outlets have called her a player and focus on her string of boyfriends, the same sources don't pay as much attention to the same aspect of male stars' lives, even if they conduct themselves in a more or less similar manner.

Right after this scene, Tyler is seen leaving a one night stand and high-fiving 19 hands as he runs down a hallway. Another critique by Swift, this moment demonstrates



Swift's "The Man" music video was released on February 7th, 2020. The song is the fourth single on her seventh studio album "Lover" (2019). PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB

how society encourages men to pursue their (sexual) desires freely without any ramifications. Additionally, some have suggested the 19 hands stand for the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

As the video comes to an end, it turns out that Swift herself is the director, and Tyler approaches her for comments on his performance (he's voiced by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, by the way). She recommends that Tyler be "sexier, maybe more likeable this time," a suggestion that Swift and other female stars have no doubt often received from directors.

Before the video ends, attributions for writing, directing, starring and ownership all go to Taylor Swift in a powerful statement about her ownership and direction of her own work. Pictures showing her transformation into Tyler also roll.

By the time it's over, there's no doubt Swift aired plenty of her grievances with society's double standards. Her incisive critiques point out inequity between society's treatment of men and women in a creative and compelling manner, and "The Man" as a song and video will remain a testament to this struggle.

the undertow

It's getting hot in here

THREE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

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Winter was my favorite season growing up. Philadelphia has a slightly calmer winter than this fridge we call a state, and it rarely got to what I'd call "aggressively" cold levels. There were always a handful of major snowfalls a year, which weren't nuisances to me yet, outside of the occasional shoveling duty. To this day, there are not many better feelings than being a kid and looking out your window to a blanket of white, knowing you won't have to go to school.

Once I got to UConn, winter melted away to make summer my favorite time of the year, like a normal person. All it really took was three frigid months of walking through the TLS wind tunnel for me to come to my senses. Still, even though my preferences shifted, I still loved walking through campus in the snow. There's a good reason half of UConn's promotional photos are dusted over.

Unfortunately, my last winter here has been an enormous disappointment. The only "sizable" snowfall happened in January during the first weekend of the semester, and that was maybe only four inches. I'm still hope-

ful for a fluke snowstorm later this month, but it really looks like this is it. A winter without snow is one thing, but we had to endure at least 10 days of freezing 35 degree rain. This might be an anomaly in a recent historical perspective, but I'm incredibly worried that it may become the new normal. Here's some songs about climate change!

Weyes Blood - "A Lot's Gonna Change"

The opening song to one of 2019's best pop triumphs, "A Lot's Gonna Change" is a gorgeous, serene anthem about nostalgia and evolution, but a single lyric from its second verse brings in a new perspective. "Born in a century lost to memories/Falling trees, get off your knees." As some of my friends and I lurch closer to graduation this May, we're all dealing with waves of nostalgia. Weyes Blood weaves this sense of looking back to simpler times with the very real knowledge that things were better when

we didn't know that there's a chance we have a worse chance of dying of age-related illness than our parents. As the world gets worse, nostalgia becomes inseparable from the uncon-

environment doesn't just exist (despite what so many want you to believe), it's something that needs to shift en masse in order to ensure the survival of humanity. Joni Mitchell knew this years

prior to our modern understanding of climate change, as told in her 1970 song later covered by Counting Crows.

"They paved paradise/And put up a parking lot," Mitchell sings. "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

Although the chorus's refrain might be famous, the song's third verse is particularly powerful in its own right, bringing in animal rights in the fray of environmental consciousness.

"Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DDT now/Give me the birds and the bees, please," Mitchell pleads.

Samsa - "anthropocene"

Samsa's 2017 bop features a cute drawing of Earth on fire as its album cover, and its lyrics fit its art. By playing tune to the "Hey Ya" model of "a song that sounds cheerful from a melodic standpoint but is actually about something sad," the Queens rapper spits bars about spending the impending climate apocalypse with your boo. "Yeah, our climate's fucked/We might as well enjoy the weather/Our time is up/And I'd be satisfied if we died together," the chorus rings. Samsa's impressive wordplay finds light at the end of humanity's tunnel, as he shares romantic date ideas for the end of days. "We could linger on the boardwalk, watch tsunamis from the turf shore," he spits, or perhaps, "We could sing a Christmas carol like a little chorus choir. By a thousand Christmas trees lit up from a forest fire." At the end of the day, there is some existential nihilism involved with climate change, especially for young people like me and Samsa. Those in power seem hesitant at best in terms of mass action, and we're running out of time to do something. Unfortunately, there's no other option than to rage against the dying of the light, and so we must. At least we have a soundtrack for it.



Joni Mitchell's 1995 single "Big Yellow Taxi" has "become the environmental anthem" according to Financial Times. PHOTOCOURTESY OF DISCOGS

nable realities we have to deal with now as all-but-adults.

Joni Mitchell - "Big Yellow Taxi"

The relationship between continued industrialization and the destruction of the global

spots on my apples/But leave me the birds and the bees, please," Mitchell pleads.

Samsa - "anthropocene"

Samsa's 2017 bop features a cute drawing of Earth on fire as its album cover, and its lyrics

Melissa's Menu

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Meal-prep chicken burrito bowls

If you're a college student with a kitchen and you don't meal prep, you're doing something wrong. I've said it before and I'll say it again: Meal prepping is a life-saver. It's so easy, time efficient and there are so many amazing meals you can make. It doesn't have to be boring, there are plenty of delicious and versatile meals out there. This week's Melissa's Menu offers a great place to start if you're looking to get into meal prep: Chicken burrito bowls. This recipe is super flavorful and can last for up to four days.

Ingredients

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 bell peppers, sliced
- 1 large red onion, sliced
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 tablespoon of taco seasoning
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 jar of salsa
- 3 cups of brown rice, cooked
- 1 can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can of corn
- 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 lime, sliced into wedges
- 2 tablespoons fresh of cilantro, to garnish



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Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with foil. Place the chicken, peppers and onions onto the baking sheet and drizzle with oil. Sprinkle the taco seasoning evenly over both sides of the chicken breasts. Sprinkle salt and pepper on the bell peppers and onions, tossing to coat. Top each chicken breast with a generous pour of salsa. Bake in a preheated oven for 25 minutes. Rest chicken for 10 minutes before slicing into strips. Add a base of brown rice to four food storage containers. Top each with a scoop of black beans, corn, additional salsa, cheddar cheese, cooked bell peppers, onions and sliced chicken. Garnish with fresh cilantro and a lime wedge. Store in the refrigerator for up to four days.

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | You know Putnam is a ten-minute walk away, right?



Students line up to be admitted into South Dining Hall for lunch on Monday, March 2. The dreaded line extended beyond the foyer and out into the sunny outdoors. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

IT'S TIME FOR DONALD TRUMP'S SUPPORTERS TO FORGIVE JEFF SESSIONS

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If you were to ask me what my biggest issue with the president is, I would answer that it's his expectation of blind, almost fanatical loyalty from his staff. Jeff Sessions' campaign to reclaim his position as the senator from Alabama has consisted of little policy discussion and lots of apologies for crossing President Trump, even though that's the only thing he really did "wrong." Sessions' Republican primary opponents know they can't beat him on policy, so they resort to attacking him and painting him as "Anti-Trump." The truth is that Sessions was Trump before Trump, and, without Sessions, the Donald Trump presidency would be nothing but a punchline for late night television.

Amidst the hotly contested Democratic presidential race, the Alabama Republican primary has slipped under the national radar. I've been paying attention to the aforementioned senate seat since Roy Moore lost it in December 2017. Sen. Doug Jones is easily the most vulnerable senator up for reelection, and this time, he likely won't be up against the only Republican that could lose the seat. If no Republican candidate gets 50% of the vote tonight, the top two candidates will advance to a runoff. Polling suggests this will be the case, and that Sessions and former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville will advance to the second round. The tired phrase "referendum on Trump" in mind, the election will be an interesting metric of whether it is loyalty to Trump, or loyalty to Trump's policies that Republican voters want in their representatives.

In Feb. 2016, when his colleagues still thought "President Trump" sounded as ridiculous as pineapple on pizza, Sessions

endorsed Trump's candidacy. This was incredibly valuable, as it gave credibility to Trump's populist, conservative platform. Many people didn't believe Trump was serious about anything, let alone stemming illegal, and sometimes legal, immigration. An endorsement from Sessions, who the right-wing National Review labeled "Amnesty's worst enemy," legitimized his platform. Long before Trump entered the fray, Sessions decried the elites, the so called "masters of the universe," who were so far removed from working class America they saw no problem with driving the working American's wages down with amnesty for the sake of their own bottom line.

Without the support of Sessions, a figure with a record of victories for the Trump agenda before it was even

conceived, there would not be a President Donald Trump. I hope President Trump keeps that in mind when he's deciding which candidate to endorse.

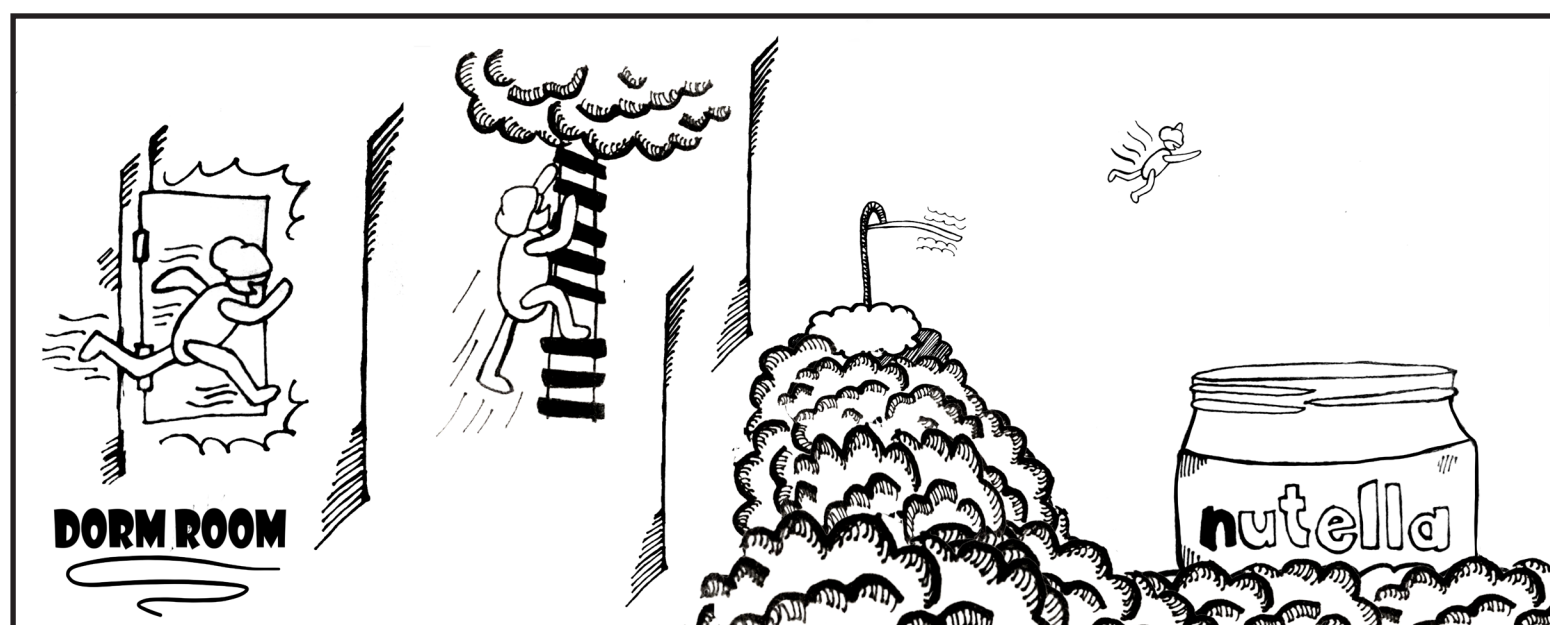
Unfortunately, I don't expect the president to make the right call this time. He spent the entirety of Sessions' tenure as attorney general trashing him for doing nothing wrong. It would have been against Department of Justice rules for Sessions to participate in any criminal investigation involving the president because of his close relationship with him on the campaign trail.

Meanwhile, Tuberville, the likely runoff opponent for Sessions, was recorded supporting the amnesty that Trump and Sessions believe hurts the American worker. Trump's advisors have likely

told him to stay quiet for now. He's shown uncharacteristic restraint in not attacking Sessions, and the last time he got involved in an Alabama Senate race, both of his supported candidates lost. Nonetheless, Tuberville's attacks on Sessions caused the Alabama Senate race to devolve into a search for the president's greatest admirer.

Supporters of the populist agenda should support Sessions. Although the president doesn't seem to like him, he has a proven record of winning the president's policy battles, connections to and support of established Senate Republicans and a consistent principled history. Even if the president won't admit he was wrong about Sessions, it is the responsibility of the voters to return him to the Senate, where he never should have left.

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Navi Stuns at IEM Katowice



Competitors in the 2018 IEM Katowice prepare to play on February 24, 2018. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

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On January 24, Natus Vincere, usually called Navi, benched legendary awper Guardian following a series of sub-par performances from the team and signed a rookie, Perfecto, from the tier two Syman Gaming to be his replacement. 37 days later, they raised the IEM Katowice Trophy.

It wasn't an easy road to the title for Navi. The new lineup had a shaky start to the tournament, scraping out a victory 2-1 over the powerhouse international roster of Faze Clan, before being dropped into the lower bracket by Fnatic. Despite being at risk of elimination, Navi battled back, dominating the Ninjas In Pajamas 2-0 and scraping out another close win versus Faze Clan to make it through to the quarterfinals on the backs of rifler Electronic and in-game leader Boomb14.

Despite their rough start, once they hit the playoffs, Navi was unstoppable. In the quarterfinals, Navi started to show

their skill. They beat Team Liquid, a team who they had struggled against for years, 2-0 in a 16-11 Dust2 and a 16-13 Mirage. The star of the series was Navi's best player, last year's second-best player in the world, Simple. On Dust2, Navi began the first half down early. In Round 6, the scoreline was 1-4 as Simple found himself caught in a one versus four. Not backing down from the challenge, Simple retreated to the corner of long and managed to take down all four with an incredibly difficult series of shots, winning his team the round. Momentum now firmly in their favor, Navi would end the half 10-5.

Their next challenge was a semifinal against the Danish team Astralis, a team that has been the best in the world for over a year. Astralis had made it through the upper bracket of the tournament, landing them a spot in the semifinal without having to play in the quarterfinals. Navi were the underdogs coming into the series, but it quickly became clear that they were going to beat the odds. Navi picked the first map, Dust

2, and quickly jumped out to a huge lead. On the back of Simple, who finished the map with an incredible 2.09 rating, they won the first half 14-1 and finished the game 16-5.

On the second map, Nuke, which is historically a favorite of Astralis, Navi didn't slow down. They dominated once again, going 13-2 in the first half and finishing 16-5 as riflers Flamie and Electronic claimed over 20 kills apiece.

The team didn't just win the games, they looked absolutely dominant. Astralis lost badly, but going into Sunday, many fans still doubted that Navi would win. The odds that they could put up another performance like in the Astralis series, where every single member of the team played at their best, were very low.

But from the first round of their best-of-five against G2, it was clear that was exactly what was happening. G2 had had a great tournament, finishing in the upper bracket and solidly beating Fnatic on Saturday. They looked like one of the best teams in the world. But against Navi, G2 looked like a tier three

team at best. In-game leader Boomb14 dominated on Nuke, ending with an incredible 2.58 rating and a 32-11 KDA. Navi demolished G2 on their map choice, winning Nuke with a 16-4 scoreline.

The second map, Dust2, was the only one that was close. G2 had a good first half on the back of huNter. The first half ended seven-to-eight in Navi's favor, and in the second half, on the backs of Simple, Boomb14 and Perfecto, the team managed to haul the game over the finish line with an end score of 16-13 on the back of a one hp 1-v-1 win from Perfecto and a last-minute bomb defusal.

The final map was another Navi favorite: Mirage. This time it was the newest player on the roster, Perfecto, leading the charge. He had a perfect first half, finishing with 14 kills and no deaths. Alongside Flamie, who had a 23-8 KDA on Mirage, and Simple, who boasted a 14-2, G2 never stood a chance. Navi claimed the first big tournament of the season, and all eyes will be on them to see if they can continue that form into the major in May.

WBB: BULLS SUFFER HUGE LOSS TO HUSKIES AT XL CENTER

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"I like to look at it as, 'the goal is to win the league every year.' I don't think we set a goal like, 'let's go undefeated the entire time we're in this league.' It just kind of happened," head coach Geno Auriemma said. "The best way I can describe it is it just happened."

Auriemma, seemingly unamused by the milestone, has accumulated numerous impressive accolades over his 35 years with Connecticut. Add a perfect 136-0 record against the AAC since joining the conference for the 2013-14 season to the list.

"It was like when we won those 111 games in a row. There was never a time when I went to a game and went 'I hope our streak doesn't end today.' You just focus on the next game," Auriemma said. "Then you move on. It happened; it just happened."

Six conference titles (seventh pending) and three National Championships later, and UConn will be returning to the Big East for 2020-21.

"If you're a pessimist, you'll say 'well there really wasn't any competition in your league,' and if you're an optimist you'll say 'wow, you guys must've played really good all of those games,'" Auriemma said.

These aren't mutually exclusive. In reality, both are true.

To be brutally honest, teams in the American didn't even come that close to beating UConn. Tulane came the closest by losing 63-60 in 2017, but that was the only one-possession game. Other than the 7-point win over UCF earlier this season, every other win over this streak has been by double digits. In fact, only 11 AAC opponents avoided getting "21-ed" by the Huskies in 136 tries.

UConn scored 100 or more points 16 times, and hit the 90-mark 56 times. They held teams to under 40 points 35 times, and under 30 in five games. This kind of dominance is unmatched, folks.

But the past is the past, and that seems to be the point that Geno was trying to make. All you can do is focus on what's next, and play the games on your schedule. Looking ahead to this weekend, UConn will look to extend their AAC run into one last conference tournament.

"I think if we play this way, no matter who we play this weekend, we'll come out on top. There's only so many styles of basketball that you can play against us," Crystal Dangerfield said.

Both Dangerfield and Megan Walker are confident in the team's recent play heading in to the tournament.

"That's the goal is for us to have fun out there and win by big amounts," Walker said. "I feel like we've put together a good stretch and this weekend we'll get back to it."

This weekend, UConn will have the No. 1 seed, a first-round bye and home-state advantage. They will play their first game Saturday at 2 p.m. against the winner of East Carolina versus Temple. They beat each opponent earlier this season by 56 and 29, respectively.

If they win Saturday, the Huskies will play their semifinal game Sunday at 4 p.m. The finals will be Monday at 7 p.m. All AAC tournament games will be played at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

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GENO AURIEMMA

Boston's Eovaldi hopes to bounce back from an awful 2019

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) —Nathan Eovaldi hopes to bounce back from an awful 2019.

He helped the Red Sox win the 2018 World Series, throwing 97 pitches over six innings in the 18-inning Game 3 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers. While Eovaldi allowed Max Muncy's game-ending home run, his outing was credited as saving the rest of the bullpen, and Boston won Games 4 and 5 to take the title.

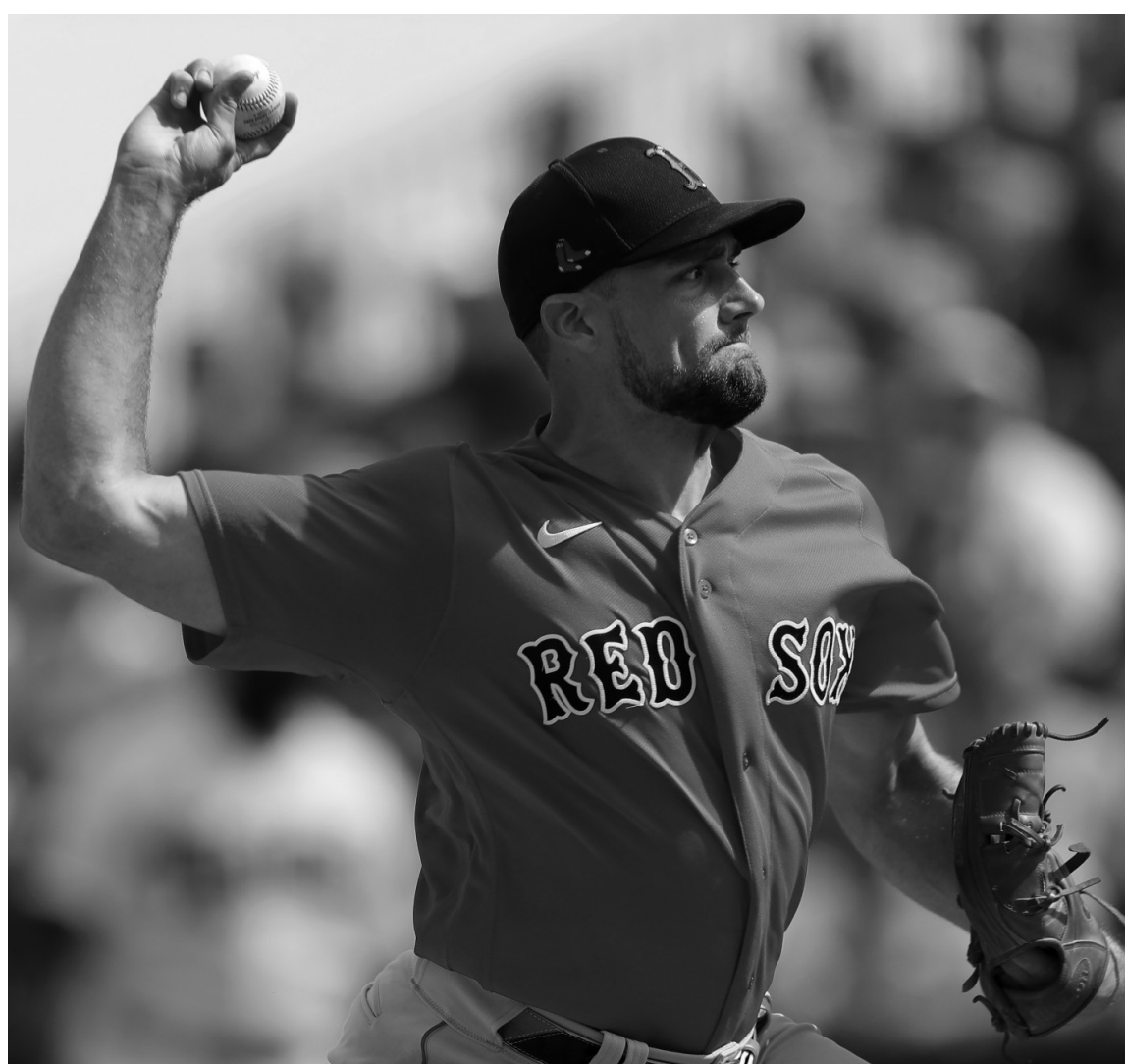
After signing a \$68 million, four-year contract, he slumped to a 2-1 record with a 5.99 ERA in 12 starts and 11 relief appearances last year. He threw just 67 2/3 innings, slowed by arthroscopic elbow surgery on April 23 to remove loose bodies in his right elbow. He didn't return until July 20.

"I feel like I'm coming in with a better idea and a better approach, picking up where I left off last year, what I was working," Eovaldi said. "Had a lot of time to work on it in the offseason and I knew exactly what I wanted to work on."

The 30-year-old right-hander hopes to slot into the rotation behind ace Chris Sale and Eduardo Rodríguez. Sale will start the season in the injured list while building up following pneumonia.

Eovaldi, who has come back from Tommy John surgery in 2007 and 2016, has been reaching 100 mph during spring training.

"If he's healthy, he's a big arm," teammate J.D. Martinez said. "It never hurts when you have a guy like that in your rotation. If he's healthy and



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi (17) works in the first inning of a spring training game against the Minnesota Twins on Monday, Feb. 24 in Fort Myers, Florida.

PHOTO BY JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

he goes out there and stays healthy, he's going to be a big piece.

Eovaldi is 46-54 with a 4.30 ERA in eight big league seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers (2011-12), Miami (2012-14), the New York Yankees (2015-16), Tampa Bay (2018) and Boston.

"He's huge because we need

to keep our starting pitchers healthy, out on the field," Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke said. "When you're always trying to go grab guys from your minor leagues to come up or fill in from your bullpen to try to fill starting spots, you can only do that for so long. If you have one injury, you're usually OK, but you have two

or three of your starters go down and you better be really deep to be able to fill that."

Roenicke attributes much of Eovaldi's disappointing 2019 to injury.

"It starts with that great stuff," Roenicke said. "He starts getting command with it and then all of a sudden you have this great pitcher."

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Senior guard Temi Aiyebusi puts up a shot against a UCF defender during a game on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the XL Center. The Huskies defeated the Knights 84-63.

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NHL Column: March Madness on ice

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It is every sports fan's favorite time of year: March. The madness is upon us, and the magnificent chaos is near. But not only will college basketball bring about beautiful thrills, as March is also the time when hockey begins to heat up.

In the NHL, the plot is thickening in each of the playoff races, as teams fight to secure one of their respective conference's eight tickets to continue playing into the spring. That one overtime loss, one game that gets away could be the difference in whether a team gets the opportunity to play for the Stanley Cup.

Those teams finishing right outside the playoff picture are left with a long summer to dwell on how singular moments could have changed the course of history. March becomes a month of desperation and a glorious

race as teams want to avoid that empty feeling.

This year will be no different as the races are as close as ever. In the Eastern Conference, the New York Rangers, Carolina Hurricanes and Florida Panthers are all on the outside looking in as of now with hopes of stealing playoff life away from either the Columbus Blue Jackets or New York Islanders. Each of those two teams sit at 78 points, holding the two Wild Card spots in the conference. With games at hand on Columbus, each team has a shot to catch up.

The Rangers had been soaring lately, allowing them to storm back into the race, but suffered a major setback this weekend when they dropped consecutive games against the Philadelphia Flyers. Much of their success was on the back of rookie goaltender, Igor Shesterkin, who has been one of the league's best performers since the start of the calendar year.

Their path to the playoffs seemed clear, but a recent injury, suffered by Shesterkin in a car accident, complicates the picture. Alexandar Georgiev has stepped up in his absence, allowing the team's surge to continue up until their past two games against the Flyers. Nonetheless, the injury brings to question whether the team will have enough firepower to push them ahead.

They sit four points behind the final playoff spot, no small margin when only a month of hockey remains. While the momentum is in their favor, the math is not. And if they let their performance in the home and home against the Flyers linger, their playoff hopes will instantly evaporate.

Meanwhile, Carolina, who once seemed like a lock to make it to the playoffs, is now trending out of the picture. The pressure is on after they added Sami Vatanen, Vincent Trocheck and Brady Skjei at the Trade Deadline. Ironically enough two of their big acquisitions came from

the teams they are competing against for those final spots.

Trocheck was acquired from Florida, while Skjei came from the Rangers. The duo will try to assist Carolina in righting the ship as they look to take down their former teams.

The Eastern Conference race should be enticing, but even closer than that race is the one in West. With seven teams separated by only five points in the standings, the finish will be a toss-up. The seven teams are fighting for four playoff spots, two of which are exclusive to second and third place in the Pacific Division.

The three teams currently on the outside looking in are all tied, or within one point of the final Wild Card spot. These three, the Winnipeg Jets, Arizona Coyotes and Minnesota Wild all hope to somehow work their way in.

The uncertainty of it all will create some madness this March. The teams will be flip flopping everyday, and the final

results will likely come down to the final week of the year. If the tumultuous nature of the race persists, it may come down to the final day of the regular season to punch their tickets.

There will not be any busted brackets, crazy upsets or unbelievable buzzer beaters. But there will be plenty of excitement and uncertainty as so many of the league's teams fight for their seasons to live on. Just to add to all of the madness, the NHL's nail biting part of the season is just beginning.

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Column: Who should be the first two in the hall of fame?



Former Manchester United player Ryan Giggs (top) celebrates a goal with a teammate. Montreal Impact head coach Thierry Henry (bottom) celebrates after their round of sixteen victory on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in Montreal. TOP PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS, BOTTOM PHOTO BY PAUL CHIASSON/AP



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It's been an interesting week in the Premier League, from Liverpool (finally) losing to Watford of all teams to controversies with VAR again.

But something was unveiled by the league within the past week and that was the announcement of the Premier League Hall of Fame.

The Premier League will "recognize and celebrate the exceptional skill and talent of players who have graced the competition since its inception in 1992," according to their website. The league also said the first two inductees will be revealed on March 19, with fans being able to vote.

The Premier League has been home to iconic names like Roy Keane, Eric Cantona and Dennis Bergkamp just to name a few. Many soccer fans have since debated who should be the first two in out of the wide range of players possible.

The inductees can't just be any Premier League players, however. According to the Premier League, to qualify the players must be retired and the duration of their time in the league will be considered. Sorry Liverpool fans, unfortunately you can't select Divock Origi or Virgil van Dijk; give it at least another 10 years or so.

It was a difficult choice to only select two players to en-

ter the Hall of Fame, but in today's column I will explain my first two choices along with an honorable mention.

First Entry: Ryan Giggs

One of the more popular choices that a lot of soccer fans agree on is the entry of Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs, and for good reason.

The Welshman is the most decorated player in Premier League history: 13 league titles, four FA Cups and two Champions League trophies just to name a few. Giggs spent his entire career at Old Trafford and rightfully so as he was part of Sir Alex Ferguson's golden generation squads.

If you've seen highlight clips of his time at Fergie's Man United, Giggs' play style was an attention-grabber. While he has over 900 appearances throughout his career, he only has 161 career goals, the majority of them coming from the Premier League (109). He has, however, provided nearly 250 assists with 158 of them in the Premier League, which makes sense given he's a midfielder.

Second Entry: Alan Shearer

Speaking of goals, my second entry to the Hall of Fame is former Newcastle and Blackburn Rovers striker Alan Shearer.

It would be dumb to not

add him along Giggs. Shearer holds the title of the most Premier League goals in history of 260 goals. The only other player to be close to Shearer's record is former Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney of 208 goals.

Unlike Giggs, Alan Shearer only won a single title in 1995 with Blackburn. Besides that, he's won player of the year with both Newcastle and Blackburn and was the top scorer of the 1996 Euros, three different times in the Premier League and back-to-back in the 2003-2005 UEFA Cup.

Honorable Mention: Thierry Henry

Arsenal, back when they were actually decent, held some of the greatest players the world had seen at the time in Highbury. They had the likes of Dennis Bergkamp, Gaël Clichy and Patrick Vieira to name a few. But one player who stood out to the Gunners' frontline was center forward Thierry Henry.

The Frenchman was part of then-manager Arsène Wenger's "invincible squad," where in the 2003/04 Premier League season Arsenal won the entire season without losing, along with 26 wins and 12 draws.

Henry is the sixth-highest goal scorer in the Premier League (176) and is the only other non-English player besides Sergio Agüero to be in the top 10 goal scorers in Premier League history.

DB's Weekly Take: The Big East is great

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In the words of the late great Andy Williams, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Not Christmastime like Williams was talking about, but March, which is the equivalent of Christmas for NCAA hoops fans. The madness will be starting up this week with conference tournaments followed by the National Tournament which will continue into early April.

Here in Storrs, the Huskies are having a decent season, but unless the team makes a 2011-esque run in the conference tournament, they will be watching March Madness from their couches like the rest of us (a NIT bid is certainly possible though).

Speaking of conferences, in case you haven't heard, UConn is in its final days of this basketball purgatory known as the American Athletic Conference, and will be returning to the Big East next season. That

definitely should fill the UConn fanbase with a lot of joy and optimism, given how incredible the Big East has been in basketball this season, while the AAC has been well, let's just say mediocre.

Now, I'm a part of the minority in that I actually don't hate the AAC that much, and I think a lot of UConn's problems in this conference have been self-inflicted. However, it is just no comparison to the Big East, especially in basketball this season.

According to ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi's latest projections, seven Big East teams will be dancing in March, while only three teams from the AAC will get a bid. However, the discrepancy is even larger when you look at the seedings.

In Lunardi's bracket, Seton Hall is projected as a No. 2 seed, Villanova as a No. 3, Creighton as a No. 4, Marquette and Butler both as No. 7's and Providence and Xavier both as No. 9's. Meanwhile, from the AAC, Lunardi has Houston as a No. 7 seed and both Cincinnati and



Top: Seton Hall's Myles Powell (13) shoots past Marquette's Jayce Johnson during a game on Saturday, Feb. 29 in Milwaukee. Seton Hall is projected as No. 2 in Joe Lunardi's bracket. Bottom: Villanova head coach Jay Wright talks to his players during a break in the action in a game against Providence on Saturday, Feb. 29 in Philadelphia.
PHOTO BY AARON GASH (TOP), LAURENCE KESTERSON (BOTTOM)/AP

Wichita State playing in the First Four.

So while all seven of the Big East teams are virtual locks at this point, two out of the three AAC teams are hanging by a thread in the "Last Four In" category. There's still a strong chance that if Houston wins the conference tournament, the AAC could be a one-bid conference, something I know UConn fans would love to see as they board a ship for much broader horizons in the Big East.

Is the Big East today the same Big East that UConn departed in 2013? No. The likes of Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Louisville among others are gone. But even without those teams, the conference has still consistently sent around five or six teams to the National Tournament every season since the realignment took place. And more importantly, it's a much better fit for UConn than the Island of Misfit Toys AAC, both

geographically and in terms of history.

I recently saw a promotion for the Big East Tournament, which takes place annually at Madison Square Garden, and it was showing a bunch of the best highlights from that tournament. So many of the highlights featured UConn, who isn't even in the conference right now, and you just get the feeling that the Big East is where UConn belongs.

I think the reunion between UConn and the Big East will be mutually beneficial for both parties. The conference gets one of its blue bloods back and a really good up-and-coming team, while UConn returns to a more geographically-friendly and basketball-centric conference that fits the culture of the school a million times better.

Fans will now get to pack Gampel and XL to see UConn play teams like Seton Hall, Villanova and Providence instead

of Tulsa, East Carolina and USF. There's just no comparison. The games are going to be a lot more fun, and they're going to mean so much more because of how competitive the conference is. Yesterday, St. John's knocked off No. 10 Creighton and Georgetown pushed Xavier to the brink, and neither one is a tournament team this season. Even the bottom of the conference is scary in the Big East, something that very few conferences can say.

If UConn continues to make strides in Year Three of the Hurley era, the Huskies should be right in the thick of the Big East standings next year and could be tournament bound for the first time since 2016.

Until then, I'm just going to enjoy watching the Big East teams hopefully dominate in the tournament this month with optimistic thoughts for the future of UConn basketball.



New York Jets in the offseason

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First and foremost, the Jets need an offensive line. With pick No. 11, the Jets should take the best of the top-four linemen still available. Whether that's Andrew Thomas, Tristan Wirfs, Mekhi Becton or Jedrick Wills it doesn't overly matter to me right now, just get whoever the team deems best.

However, if all four of them are gone, they should go in another direction. Yes, this offensive line class is deep, but after the top for it doesn't look like there's anyone worth taking that high. They could trade back, but assuming they don't, if all four top linemen are gone then there's a good chance the Jets can land either Jerry Judy, CeeDee Lamb or Henry Ruggs III. Landing any of these wide receivers would give Sam Darnold a serious playmaker to throw to, something he has yet to have in his NFL career. Again, just take whoever they like the best.

In round two, if the Jets landed a lineman at No. 11 they should take a receiver, and vice versa. They should look for another receiver and lineman later in the draft as well and also add a cornerback and edge rusher. But now on to free agency.

According to nj.com, the Jets will have about \$65.3 million to spend in free agency before they make cuts, and if they cut Trumaine Johnson, Brian Winters and Josh Bellamy like they should, it moves that total up to about \$78 million.

And this is who I think they should spend it on.

Jack Conklin, Right Tackle

Pro Football Talk reported that Conklin was expected to sign with the Jets when free agency began, but that report was quickly refuted by ESPN's Adam Schefter. Still, Conklin would be the perfect fit for the Jets and should be on the top of their list. Brandon Shell was maddening to watch last year at right tackle, so replac-

ing him with Conklin would be a huge improvement. Pair him with hopefully one of the rookies at left tackle and all of a sudden both tackle spots are significantly better than last season. Spotrac projects Conklin to get about \$15 million per year, and that should be a no-brainer. Grab him.

Joe Thuney, Guard

Not only should the Jets drop big bucks on one offensive lineman, they should do the same with another. This time though, we're looking inside. Thuney has quietly been one of the best guards in football in his time with the Patriots, and he would be the perfect person to replace the should-be-cut Winters. He might be the most sought after offensive linemen in this year's free-agent crop, but if the Jets are serious about protecting Sam this is a must. Spotrac doesn't have a projected market value for Thuney, but if he gets say, \$17 million per year, which would set the record for a guard by almost \$3 million, it would be well worth the investment.

Dante Fowler Jr., EDGE

The Jets lacked some serious pressure from their edge rushers last season, and Fowler looks to be the best option of those who could correct that. They could still make a trade for Yannick Ngakoue, who the Jaguars just franchise tagged despite him making it clear he has no intention to continue playing for Jacksonville. The same goes for Matthew Judon of the Ravens and Bud Dupree of the Steelers, both of whom were just also tagged (or, should I say planning to be tagged). This leaves Fowler as the best option, and he is by no means a bad one. Fowler had a career year last season with the Rams, recording 11.5 sacks, tied for No. 9 in the league.

The other option would be Jadeveon Clowney, but he's too injury prone for me and his name would likely command more money than Fowler, despite hav-

ing just three sacks in 13 games last season and never once hitting double digits in a season. That's not to say Fowler will be cheap. Spotrac doesn't have an expected market value for him, but it wouldn't be crazy to think he gets around or even more than \$15-18 million per year. Still, throw him on the edge and have Williams, McLendon, Anderson, Phillips and Fatukasi in the inside and it would round out a very solid pass rush. Either way, Jordan Jenkins is a free agent, so they need to replace him with someone.

Byron Jones, Cornerback

The Cowboys have a dilemma right now. Dak Prescott, Amari Cooper and Jones are all set to become free agents, and all are in line for big deals. One of them is probably going to be franchise tagged and another will get a new contract, but it's going to be very difficult financially to keep all three - and I think Jones is the odd man out. Simply put, you can't let your quarterback walk, especially after a season like he just had with nearly 5,000 passing yards, 30 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. As for Cooper, the Cowboys gave up a first-round pick to acquire him from the Raiders during the 2018 season, so I doubt they're too keen on it being a rental. So, Jones becomes a free agent. Spotrac projects him to get about \$14.1 million per year, which is more than a fair price for a corner of his caliber. While it shouldn't be the top position on the Jets' list, it's certainly one of need and Jones would be a great addition.

Yes, the Jets have other positions of need, namely wide receiver. However, the crop of free-agent wide receivers is just not very good this offseason, and I want to avoid overpaying for someone like Robby Anderson. Sure, I'd love to bring Robby back for no more than \$11 million per year, but he's likely going to get more than that. A couple of small moves like bringing back Demaryius Thomas and maybe a vet like Randall Cobb could



Byron Jones runs back an interception at Dallas Cowboys training camp in Oxnard, California, on July 26, 2017. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

suffice, but I expect the Jets to fill this hole mostly through the draft, considering how deep this wide receiver class is. However, if Cooper hits the free-agent market and the Cowboys hold on to Jones instead, I would be very open to making a run at him.

Realistically, I know the Jets aren't going to get all four of these guys (even though they'll have the cap for it). Give me one of them and some mid-tier guys and I'll be content. Give me one of the offensive linemen and one of the defensive guys and I'll be happy. Give me three of them and I'll be ecstatic. Give me all four and I don't even know what I'll be, because it's not going to happen.

The Jets should make their first priority offensive line. Even if they get one of Conklin

or Thuney, they shouldn't stop there. Graham Glasgow, Brandon Scherff, Bryan Bulaga, Connor McGovern and Matt Feiler should all be in play. My ideal offseason would be signing two of the guys mentioned above and getting one of the stud offensive linemen in the draft. These next couple of months need - and I mean NEED - to be about protecting Sam. He's shown flashes of top-tier talent already, so it would be nice to see what he can do when he's not running for his life every play.

If they actually surprise me and get just a couple of the guys I've mentioned in this column, then I can't wait to trick myself into thinking we're contenders again. I'm sure this time they won't let me down.



Sports

Women's Basketball: Huskies trample Bulls in regular season finale



Senior Crystal Dangerfield puts up a basket against a USF defender during a game on Monday, March 2 at the XL Center. The Huskies pulled away with a 80-39 win. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Seven regular seasons, zero losses.

The UConn women's basketball team closed out its final American Athletic Conference regular season with an exclamation point on Monday with an end-to-end rout of USF, 80-39, at the XL Center. The Huskies will leave the conference having never lost a single regular season game in seven years, going a perfect 116-0.

"If you're a pessimist, you'll say, 'Well really, there really wasn't any competition in your league.' If you're an optimist, you say, 'Wow, you guys must've played really, really good all those games,'" head coach Geno Auriemma said when asked about that flawless record after the win. "I like to look at it as, the goal was to win the league every year, not to go undefeated every year. That just kinda happened."

USF played UConn (26-3, 16-0 The American) tight just a few weeks ago, even leading by four at the half. But this feels like a different UConn team, and as especially evident on Monday, the Huskies appear to be finding their groove at the perfect time. Unlike the first meeting, Monday's outcome was never in question, as UConn led by 39 points at halftime, forcing more USF first half turnovers (15) than points allowed (14).

"I don't know about you guys, but that wasn't fun for me," USF head coach Jose Fernandez announced with a smile as he walked into the press conference room after the game. "They played at a totally different pace ... Tampa was completely different."

Junior Megan Walker put on a sharpshooting clinic, drilling five of her seven 3-point attempts to lead the Huskies with 23 points along with seven rebounds and five assists. Crystal Dangerfield, Christyn Williams and Aubrey Griffin each added 13 points in the victory.

"We're playing our best basketball of the season right now," Walker said. "What's led to it is everyone's on the same page — everyone's touching the ball, we're moving, we're cutting ... We're peaking at the right time."

Although UConn went the first two minutes without a point, its defense was near-impenetrable to start the game. USF (18-12, 10-6 The American) had five turnovers before its first made field goal. Once UConn's shots started falling, the Bulls found themselves staring at a 22-4 hole before the first quarter even ended.

"It starts on defense," Dangerfield said after the win. "When we went down there a couple weeks ago, it was a battle in the first half. Tonight, before you could blink, it was 20-4. That's what we wanted and obviously, we've played better in the last couple games."

The defensive clamps only got tighter in the second quarter, in which the Bulls made just one of their 15 field goal attempts. Even in a rare moment of defensive confusion for UConn, a USF player appeared to have an open look only for it to be swatted away by Olivia Nelson-Ododa, one of her three blocks on the night. The Bulls got the offensive board, but Nelson-Ododa was once again there to poke away the entry pass, forcing a shot clock violation.

"They're probably as disciplined offensively as any team that we'll play, so we were trying to disrupt their rhythm," Auriemma said. "We executed it perfectly, especially that first half. That was as good a team defensive performance as we've seen all season long, because they're not an easy team to defend."

By the time USF surpassed the 10-point mark, the Bulls had already coughed it up 13 times — and UConn had 46 points. A 19-0 run in the second quarter all but put the game away before the halftime buzzer sounded, a dramatic turnaround from the last time the teams faced off.

"We certainly have improved.

If you think back to some of the games we played earlier in the season and look at the last three games, we're significantly better," Auriemma said. "It's taken a long time, but we're doing a lot of good things that almost never happened three months ago ... I like where we are."

Defense seems to kickstart the team, but ball movement and transition offense could be the key determinants of whether UConn is fated for the Final Four or an early exit. In the first half, the Huskies had assists on 15 of their 20 field goals, largely thanks to some superb fast breaks and outlet passing. In the third quarter, in which UConn played even with USF, they had just three assists.

"It's really just about moving on offense, we're not standing around as much as we did earlier in the season," Dangerfield said. "When the ball moves, it's a lot easier."

After the massive first half, UConn coasted to the finish line in the second. Walker earned her fourth-straight 20-point game, putting an exclamation point on what her coach believes is an AAC Player of the Year season.

"We've played all the teams, and I haven't seen anybody that's played better more consistently than Megan," Auriemma said. "I don't think it's a very difficult choice."

After the game, Walker smiled at the recognition, but clearly has sights set on a bigger prize.

"It would mean a lot," Walker said on potentially winning the award. "It's another accolade, but at the end of the day, if I get it or if I don't, I'm just focused on what I can do for this team to put us in a better position for the NCAA tournament."

Before the Big Dance, UConn will try to close out its run of perfection in The American with a seventh-straight conference championship, beginning on Saturday at Mohegan Sun Arena.

WBB: HUSKIES FINISH REGULAR SEASON PERFECT IN CONFERENCE FOR 7TH STRAIGHT SEASON



Forward Megan Salker dodges USF defense during a game on Monday, March 2 at the XL Center in Hartford. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

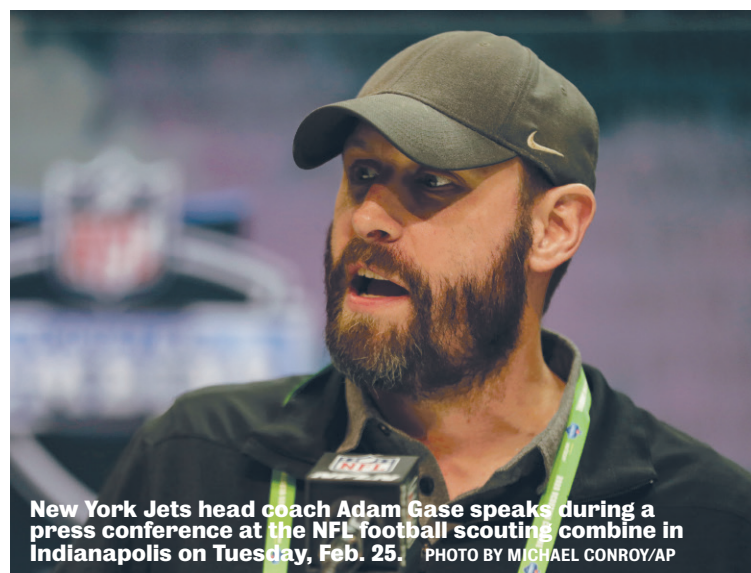
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Monday night proved to be an accurate microcosm for UConn's seven-year stint in the American Athletic Conference. It was complete and utter domination.

The Huskies eviscerated USF 80-39 at the XL Center to close out the regular season. This game marks the final regular season game that UConn will play in the conference before returning home to the Big East.

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COLUMN: WHAT THE JETS SHOULD DO THIS OFFSEASON



New York Jets head coach Adam Gase speaks during a press conference at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis on Tuesday, Feb. 25. PHOTO BY MICHAEL CONROY/AP

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I am in an unhealthy relationship with the New York Jets. They get my hopes up every year and 2019 was no different, signing Le'Veon Bell and C.J. Mosley to big deals in hopes of being game-changers on each side of the ball. Well, Mosley got hurt immediately and after missing just three total games in the first five years of his career he missed — and this is just typical Jets luck — FOURTEEN games in 2019. As for Le'Veon, well, it's hard to find the holes to run through when there are no

holes. Oh, and did I mention our quarterback got mono?

But guess what? New offseason, new hope. The Jets have another draft ahead with an extra third-round pick (thank you, Giants) and a lot of cap space, so it's time to get blinded by hope once again. So let's do this.

Let's start with the draft. I'm not going to sit here and do a mini Jets mock draft where I break down every potential pick almost two months from the draft, but let's just briefly look at the positions of need and how they might be able to fill them.

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THIS WEEK IN UCONN SPORTS

Men's Basketball



vs.



Thursday, 7 p.m.
Gampel Pavilion



vs. SIENA



Friday, 10:30 a.m.
JMU Invitational



vs.



Friday, 2 p.m.
Clinton, South Carolina

NUMBER OF THE DAY

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Zion Williamson has recorded his sixth game with 20+ points in the restricted area. That is the second-most by any rookie since the NBA began tracking shot location in 1996-97. The only rookie with more is Blake Griffin (7).
via @ESPNStatsInfo

TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jon Rothstein
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James Bouknight Watch:
Averaging 18.9 PPG in nine games since February 1st.
Will be one of the best guards in the Big East in 20-21.
UConn is quietly flirting with 20 wins.
Steady progression in Storrs.

Tyler Mills
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Y'all think UConn's head coach ever gets tired of whopping ass every game?

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