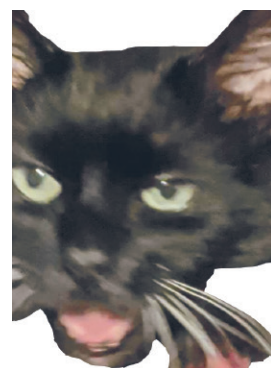


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Late night acceptance letters for Class of 2024

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The incoming University of Connecticut class of 2024 received acceptance emails Friday, Feb. 28, a day earlier than planned.

According to university admissions, an inadvertent email was sent Friday to admitted students providing congratulations and information to access their financial aid award. In order to prevent confusion, admissions opened the applicant portal Friday night and allowed prospective students to access their admission decisions.

“Although the email went out a day earlier than we planned, it didn’t change the outcome for anyone.”

UCONN SPOKESPERSON
STEPHANIE REITZ

Although the information was released earlier than intended, Stephanie Reitz, university spokesperson, said it didn’t affect the outcomes of accepted students.

“Although the email went out a day earlier than we’d planned, it didn’t change the outcome for anyone,” Reitz said. “In fact, it delivered happy news earlier than expected for those admitted students, so — no harm, no foul.”

Claire Manger, a senior from Hamden Hall Country Day School in Hamden, Connecticut, said she was perplexed to receive her UConn acceptance email at 9:37 p.m. Friday.

“I was surprised for sure considering most places I’ve heard from were like 5 to 6 p.m. and I was expecting to hear [from UConn] after March 1.”

CLAIRE MANGER

“I was surprised for sure considering most places I’ve heard from were like 5 to 6 p.m. and I was expecting to hear [from UConn] after March 1, so it was definitely shocking to hear,” Manger said.

Manger said that she was still happy to read that she got accepted to her mother’s alma mater, even if it was at a weird hour.

“I was definitely surprised, but it was a good surprise,” she said.

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 48%

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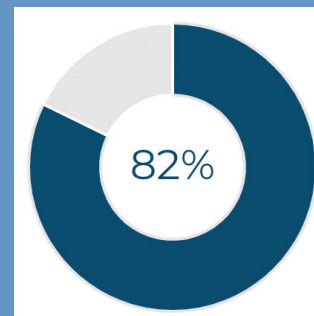
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AVERAGE ANNUAL COST:

\$20,681

GRADUATION RATE:



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Biomedical Entrepreneurship course to be offered fall 2020

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Applications are open for a three-credit Biomedical Entrepreneurship course that will be offered during the Fall 2020 semester. The course, cross-listed as BME 6086-020, BADM 5894-011 and MGMT 5895, will be held on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Hartford, according to the online course description.

“In most cases, we see students creating their own innovation outside of the course and using the information as a launching pad to aid in their development.”

CHEREACE MARCELLIN

According to Chereace Marcellin, CCEI University Specialist and Program Coordinator, students in the course “will learn to identify and address current challenges facing the biomedical field and will receive training in developing a business model, protecting intellectual property, raising capital and business valuation.”

An online description of the course said that students will work in teams on projects “to solve a problem using new innovation in medical technologies.”

Marcellin said that the course helps many students to further develop their own ideas and innovations that



The Arthur B. Bronwell Building, home to the biomedical engineering major. Starting in fall 2020, there will be a graduate-level class in Biomedical Engineering. PHOTO BY MATTHEW PICKETT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

they create outside of the class.

“In most cases, we see students creating their own innovation outside of the course and using the information as a launching pad to aid in their development. Students are also connected to many of CCEI’s venture development programs that provides funding and resources for whatever their entrepreneurial aspirations may be,” she said.

The course is a collaboration between the UConn Schools of

Engineering, Business, Pharmacy and Medicine and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences according to the online description.

Instructors include faculty from several of these schools as well as Scott Kosak, the CEO and Chairman of Rho Renewables.

“Having the course open to variety of schools, colleges and departments not only aligns with our core mission but creates a collaborative effort between these disciplines

in developing new and innovative ventures in life sciences,” Marcellin said. “Each discipline represented in the course contributes unique insights and expertise that is ultimately reflected in the final group project where teams are asked to design a biomedical technology and present a theoretical business model.”

According to the application required for a spot in the course, all UConn students are eligible to apply. Marcellin said the course is not intended

for any specific majors and is accessible to all graduate and high-performing undergraduate students who have an interest in biomedical sciences and entrepreneurship.

The online application asks questions about the student’s interest in entrepreneurship, past relevant experience, mentors, career plans, and requests a copy of their resume. Applications will be accepted until the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester, according to the website.

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Police Blotter

All individuals charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. All information is provided by public records released by the UConn Police Department.

Feb. 25

Orgeest Nazarko, 19, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, was charged with use of drug paraphernalia, sale of a narcotic substance, operation of a drug factory and possession of a controlled substance/more than ½ oz. of cannabis. Police responded to Busby Suites to investigate a narcotics complaint and observed marijuana and packaging materials in plain view upon entering the room. The owner, Nazarko, agreed to return to the room and admitted the narcotics were his. During the search of the room, police found seven ounces of marijuana, various marijuana paraphernalia and pre-rolled marijuana joints. His bond was set at \$25,000, and his court date is March 9.

Feb. 27

Ethan Harvey, 22, of Essex Junction, Vermont, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under

the influence of alcohol and failure to drive in the proper lane. Police arrived at Bolton Road on a report of a motor vehicle accident with the vehicle located off the roadway. Police located Harvey, the operator of the vehicle, and subjected him to various standardized field sobriety tests, which he did not perform to standard. He was later arrested. His bond is set at \$500, and his court date is March 10.

March 1

Zachary Legeyt, 23, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Police observed a running car sitting in a parking spot in W-Lot and noticed the driver was slumped over, unconscious and initially unresponsive. Officers could also smell the odor of alcohol emanating from Legeyt's vehicle and suspected he had been driving under the influence. Legeyt was later subjected to various standardized field sobriety tests, which he failed to perform to standard. He was later arrested. His bond is set at \$500, and his court date is March 9.

U.S. surgeon general urges caution, not panic, on new virus

ROCKY HILL, Conn. (AP) — Surgeon General Jerome Adams called for caution but “not panic” over the spread of the new coronavirus during a stop Monday in Connecticut, where state officials urged the federal government to increase spending on health agencies and preparedness.

Adams and state Public Health Commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell called on the public to take precautions such as washing hands, elbow “bumping” instead of hand shaking, and getting flu shots. Flu shots, they said, would decrease the number of people hospitalized because of flu and free up space, if needed, to treat patients sickened by the new virus.

“Caution, preparedness, but not panic,” Adams said. “That’s how we’re going to successfully navigate this coronavirus situation.”

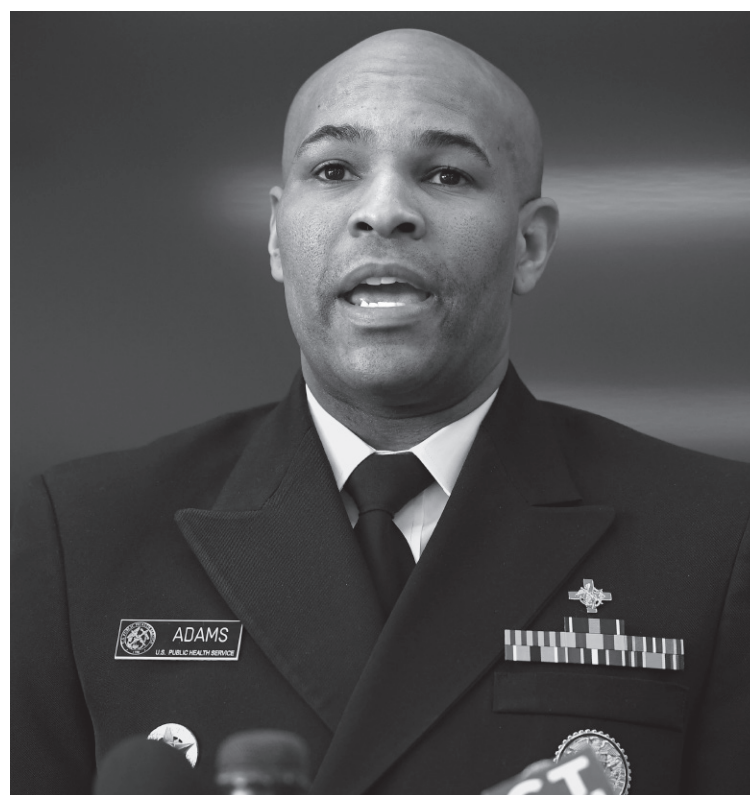
Adams, who was in Connecticut for events unrelated to the virus, spoke while touring the state public health laboratory in Rocky Hill, which recently received federal approval to run diagnostic testing for coronavirus.

“The risk to individuals from the novel coronavirus right now is low. Due to the administration’s aggressive containment strategies, we have done a good job of limiting coronavirus entry into the United States,” Adams said.

Coleman-Mitchell said the state lab did its first two tests for coronavirus over the weekend and both were negative.

Adams and Coleman-Mitchell also cautioned the public against buying surgical masks, saying it could lead to a shortage that could affect medical staff and patients who need them.

There have been no confirmed



U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams speaks to the media during a visit to the Connecticut State Public Health Laboratory, Monday, March 2, 2020, in Rocky Hill, Conn. PHOTO BY JESSICA HILL/AP

cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new virus, in Connecticut. The number of cases in the U.S. has climbed to at least 91, including six deaths, all in Washington state. Worldwide, more than 89,000 people have been infected and more than 3,000 have died.

Adams noted the current flu season in the U.S. is severe and has killed an estimated 18,000 people.

“I would be shocked, I would be absolutely shocked, if we get anywhere near the hospitalizations or deaths from coronavirus that we’ve had for the flu in this coun-

try,” he said.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, toured the lab with Adams on Monday. He said there is bipartisan support for increasing federal government spending to fight and treat the virus.

Blumenthal said he and other members of Congress want to spend much more than the Trump administration’s proposed \$2.5 billion in extra appropriations to combat the virus. He said that there is bipartisan support for at least \$8.5 billion in additional spending that he hopes Congress will pass within the next 10 days.

Man gets 5+ years’ prison for harassing Parkland victims

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A California man who is on the autism spectrum was sentenced Monday to more than five years in prison for cyberstalking families of Parkland, Florida, school shooting victims.

U.S. District Judge Rodolfo Ruiz imposed the sentence on 22-year-old Brandon Fleury of Santa Ana, California, rejecting a request by prosecutors for the maximum 20-year sentence.

Fleury was convicted by a jury in October of three counts of cyberstalking and one count of transmitting a kidnapping threat.

Trial evidence showed that between December 2018 and January 2019, Fleury used several Instagram accounts to threaten and harass families of victims of the Valentine’s Day 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which left 17 dead and 17 wounded.

In some messages, he claimed kinship with and even imperson-

ated shooting defendant Nikolas Cruz. In others, he invoked the names of infamous serial killers such as Ted Bundy.

“I killed your loved ones hahaha,” one message said. “Did you like my Valentines gift? I killed your friends,” said another.

One of his user names was “nikolas.cruz.killed.your.sister,” court records show. One message from that account said this:

“Hahaha she had her whole life ahead of her and I STOLE IT FROM HER,” according to court documents.

“The victims lived in constant fear that the individual bombarding them” with the messages would follow in Cruz’s footsteps, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ajay Alexander said in court papers. “The victims deserve justice. They deserve to live in peace and with the belief that they are safe and secure.”

On Fleury’s electronic devices, authorities also found thousands of saved images of Bundy, im-

ages of the targeted victims and screenshots of the messages that he had sent the victims.

“The danger that Fleury poses is clear and if given the opportunity, there is a real danger that he will attempt to follow in the footsteps of the very mass murderers and serial killers that he idolizes,” Alexander said.

There was ample testimony at Fleury’s trial that he is autistic, although several mental health experts said he did understand right from wrong.

Yet his attorney, Sabrina Puglisi, said she had hoped the judge would give greater weight to his mental issues in imposing a sentence.

“I think that it’s a high sentence given Brandon’s background and other similarly situated cases, but I believe that the judge felt the need to have the sentence send a message to others that are out there on the internet doing this bad behavior,” Puglisi said.



In this Feb. 15, 2018 photo, law enforcement officers block off the entrance to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., following a deadly shooting at the school. A California man was sentenced Monday, March 2, 2020, to more than five years in prison for cyberstalking families of Parkland, Florida, school shooting victims. PHOTO BY WILFREDO LEE/AP

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Pence tells governors money for coronavirus costs is coming



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks about the COVID-19 virus during a news conference at the Florida Department of Health on Monday, March 2, 2020, in Miami. Florida officials are trying to reassure residents that the risk posed by a new strain of coronavirus remains low, despite revelations that two people have become the first in the state to be confirmed to have the virus.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

MIAMI (AP) — The Trump administration on Monday reassured governors that they will be reimbursed for at least some of the costs of responding to the spread of the coronavirus, as several states began setting aside millions of dollars to head off a public health crisis.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Vice President Mike Pence addressed state needs for equipment and funding to fight the spread of the coronavirus during a call with governors. He told them the administration would find the money to reimburse them.

“What the vice president is envisioning as a former governor is ‘Look, you guys need to be able to combat this thing. So you guys do what you’ve got to do. We will appropriate money and then simply reimburse you on the back end,’” DeSantis, a Republican, said at a news conference in Miami after confirming two people had been tested positive in Florida.

Coronavirus cases have topped 100 in the U.S. and have spread to nearly a dozen states. Of those, six cases have been fatal, all in Washington state.

In Congress, bipartisan negotiations are nearly complete on \$7 billion to \$8 billion in emergency funding to battle the virus, 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 affected by coronavirus concerns.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat from Connecticut, said he hopes Congress will pass the measure within the next 10 days.

“We are going to fight for the money that is necessary to be effective and stop this disease from becoming a pandemic,” he said.

State officials say they need the money for a wide array of expenses, including protective gear, housing and transporting those under quarantine, overtime for medical workers performing lab tests and public information campaigns.

Health officials in Washington state say they have already spent \$3.5 million in response. The state’s Secretary of Health John Wiesman asked state lawmakers Monday for an additional \$100 million for the budget year that ends in July 2021 so that the state’s public health system can adequately respond to the number of cases of coronavirus in the state.

“We want to mount a response that is the right response for Washington and one where I’m not worried about ‘Do I have the money to actually mount the response we need,’” Wiesman told state lawmakers.

Meanwhile, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he will ask lawmakers to approve \$40 million to respond to the threat, including hiring additional health care workers and buying supplies. Cuomo said he wants to ensure the state’s public health laboratory could handle up to 1,000 cases of coronavirus a day. The state Assembly was scheduled to consider the request Monday night.

In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom said he will ask the Legislature to allocate up to \$20 million toward the virus response. The state had 43 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of Monday, more than half of which were related to federal repatriation flights.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige has requested \$10.5 million from the Legislature to pay for coronavirus response efforts over the next four months. In Alaska, Gov. Mike Dunleavy is asking lawmakers to provide more than \$4 million as part of the state’s efforts to prepare for the virus. His budget request also would include allowing the state to receive up to \$9 million in federal money.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican who chairs the National Governors Association and was present for Monday’s call, is submitting a \$10 million supplemental budget to the Maryland Legislature.

“They’re doing a similar thing at the federal level, but they did address that they realize that they’re going to be having to reimburse states for some of the expenses that we incur,” Hogan said. “Nobody knows at this point exactly what those expenses are going to be. It’s just in anticipation of the potential that the crisis could escalate and get much worse.”

The governors said Pence, who Trump tapped to lead the U.S. response, also assured them they would have access to appropriate medical supplies such as masks, gowns and respirators if needed.

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SUPER TUESDAY TALLY: BIDEN WINS 5 STATES, SANDERS TAKES 2

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden scored a series of Super Tuesday victories in key Southern states, building on momentum that has swiftly revived his Democratic presidential campaign in recent days. Bernie Sanders countered with wins in his home state of Vermont and in Colorado, as the race began to shift west, where some polls were starting to close.

Biden took Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee and the battleground states of North Carolina and Virginia, a strong start as 14 states went to the polls across the nation. Still, voting was ongoing in the two top prizes, Texas and California — meaning the night’s biggest winner remained unclear.

The victories in heavily African American states complemented the former vice president’s resounding win in last weekend’s South Carolina primary. Virginia was especially key because Sanders, a Vermont senator, and billionaire former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg heavily contested it over the past week.

A once-jumbled race arrived at the most pivotal night of the primary as an increasingly well-defined battle between leftist Democrats who back the likes of Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and centrists preferring Biden. A wild card was Bloomberg, who skipped the primary’s first four states but poured more than \$500 million of his personal fortune into TV advertising in Super Tuesday states and was hoping to prove it had been worth it.

Super Tuesday may intensify pressure on Warren and Bloomberg to rethink their campaigns and may ultimately result in the race winnowing to Biden and Sanders, two white men in their



Supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., cheer as they watch voting returns at a primary night election rally in Essex Junction, Vt., Tuesday, March 3, 2020. PHOTO BY MATT ROURKE/AP

late 70s. That’s a dramatic evolution for a Democratic field once celebrated for so many women and candidates of color.

A measure of good news for Bloomberg came in the U.S. territory of American Samoa, where he took five of its six delegates. The final one went to U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii.

The former mayor was already looking beyond the primary to the November election against Trump, who racked up easy victories in lightly contested Republican primaries across the country.

“We have the resources to beat Trump in swing states that Democrats lost in 2016,” he said Tuesday night while campaigning in Florida.

Two other moderates, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and

Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, both left the race in the run-up to Super Tuesday, then endorsed Biden on Monday. That helped unify moderates behind the former vice president, whose campaign risked collapsing until South Carolina.

Biden’s continued turnaround would be all the more surprising because Super Tuesday was supposed to be about monster fundraising and strong political organization across such a large swath of the country. Biden largely had neither and yet still looked to be having a strong night. Sanders, an avowed democratic socialist, argued that the party’s elders were scrambling to block him from a nomination it appeared just last week he could run away with.

Trump says he spoke to a Taliban leader, had ‘good talk’



President Donald Trump speaks to the media as he leaves the White House, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Washington, to visit the National Institutes of Health’s Vaccine Research Center in Bethesda, Md. PHOTO BY MANUEL BALCE GENETA/AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump confirmed Tuesday that he spoke on the phone to a Taliban leader, making him the first U.S. president believed to have ever spoken directly with the militant group responsible for the deaths of thousands of U.S. troops in nearly 19 years of fighting in Afghanistan.

Trump said the United States has a shared interest with the Taliban, which harbored al-Qaida before the 9/11 attacks.

“We had a very good conversation with the leader of the Taliban today, and they’re looking to get this ended, and we’re looking to get it ended. I think we all have a very common interest,” Trump said. “We had, actually, a very good talk with the leader of the Taliban.”

The United States and the Taliban signed an agreement last Saturday calling for the withdrawal of American troops, allowing Trump to

make progress on a key campaign pledge to extract the U.S. from what he calls “endless wars” and paving the way for all-Afghan talks to begin on Tuesday.

Trump suggested the phone call, which the Taliban said lasted 35 minutes, was not his first. Asked if Tuesday was his first conversation with a leader of the Taliban, Trump said, “I don’t want to say that.”

Earlier, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid tweeted that the president had spoken on the phone with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, a co-founder of the Taliban and head of their political office in Qatar.

“The relationship is very good that I have with the mullah,” Trump said. “We had a good long conversation today and, you know, they want to cease the violence. They’d like to cease violence also.”

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo witnessed the agree-

ment, which was signed last Saturday in Doha, Qatar, by chief negotiators from the two sides. According to the deal, all 13,000 U.S. troops will leave Afghanistan within 14 months if the Taliban meet their obligations to America. Those promises are tied to fighting terrorism, preventing Afghanistan from becoming a haven for terrorists, denouncing terrorist groups, severing past links with the likes of al-Qaida and helping fight the Islamic State group affiliate.

It also envisioned talks between Afghans on both sides of the conflict starting March 10, most likely in Oslo, Norway. But so far there’s no confirmation that important next step will take place. The U.S. withdrawal is not tied to Afghanistan’s warring sides figuring out how to talk to each other, let alone coming to an agreement on what peace among them will look like.



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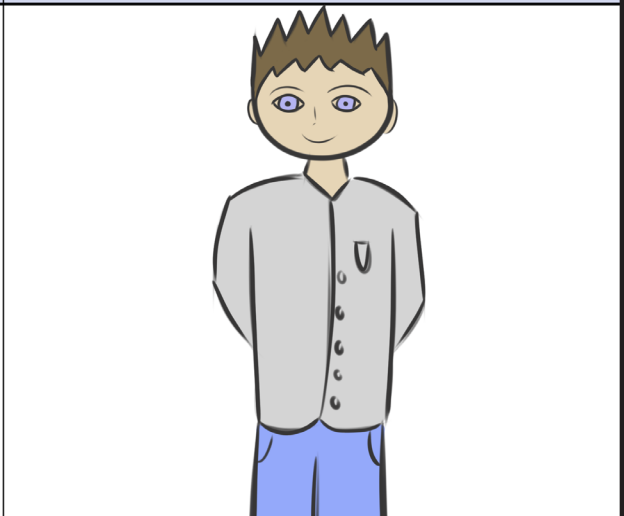
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Coronavirus is here — stay safe with this advice

Coronavirus will arrive in Connecticut soon enough. Cases have been reported in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, all of our neighboring states. Just recently, all UConn students studying abroad in Italy were recalled from their trips. As the public’s awareness of the disease continues to rise and panic sets in, it’s important to remember the basics. Here are some tips and tricks for staying safe:

1. Let’s not be racist, folks. Many media outlets have been called out in the past week or two for using images of East Asian — usually Chinese — people wearing masks for their coronavirus stories. In times of crisis, we should be supporting our global brothers and sisters in China, not resorting to crude stereotypes. It shouldn’t have to be said, but don’t be racist! And if you see your friends or peers engaging in this behavior, stand up to them.

2. Wash your hands! The Center for Disease Control advises washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty seconds.

3. Avoid touching your eyes and mouth.

4. Cover your mouth when you sneeze and cough.

5. If you have the symptoms of coronavirus — primarily fever, cough or shortness of breath — go get tested immediately! We recommend visiting UConn Urgent Care in Storrs Center or UConn Student Health Services.

Stay safe, friends. With community, we will make it through this.

In times of crisis, we should be supporting our global brothers and sisters in China, not resorting to crude stereotypes.



Does protesting work?



A demonstrator has a face painted with 49-3, referring the article 49-3 of the Constitution to force the bill through Parliament without a vote, during a protest against pension law, in Paris, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPH BY THIBAUT CAMUS/AP PHOTO

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Climate change. Inequity. Nationalism. These are just a taste of the problems we face in front of us. While some bad actors may insist we can work against these in a civil way, it becomes increasingly apparent that radical action is necessary. But with the stakes and tensions rising, are we any closer to fighting our impending doom using current methods?

More importantly, how do our current methods fare in this fight? Marches have seen much attention in recent years, even in the United States. The women’s marches and climate strikes are two recent examples of this, but large-scale initiatives like Black Lives Matter and the Occupy movement have also made waves in the past decade. Of course, this ignores mass action around the world; we will touch back on that later.

The problem is: Are movements like these sufficient in enacting change?

We live in an age of enforced passivity. It is hard to tell where this began, or where it continues to fester, but it has been visible for a while in the United States. This prevents flash protesting and short-lived movements from

spinning up into actual, systemic change.

The lack of prolonged action in many marches make it harder for real, long-term change to occur. When a demonstration demands a reaction, it is often because it marks a disruption in the regular order. There’s a threat involved. With marches, it is often a case where the powers that be can wait the outburst out. This is not always the case (see Hong Kong, for example, for prolonged protests), but we have definitely seen this problem materialize before.

In addition, modern-day protests are limited at times by their decentralization. Due to social media, many movements have moved away from a central body or leadership organizing them, instead relying on spreading word through the internet. In some ways, this is good! It really puts the focus on signal boosting problems in society. However, it can be harder for a decentralized movement to stay unified in the face of pushback. If a government threatens the protestors, many may leave because they are not tied to it. If a small concession is made, many may leave the movement because they feel their work is done. This prevents the roots of issues from actually getting dealt with.

That’s not to say protesting is for nothing. Protests are good for mobilizing a large amount of people, showing to others a genuine public interest for action. They are good at raising awareness on underrepresented issues and the plight of the many. They can be a key first step to changing the tides of public opinion and, later, policy. But all forms of mass action have their strengths and limits. So, why have marches in particular been able to germinate so well in our society?

I dislike the term “slacktivism,” but the low commitment of marches contribute to this. More importantly, though, our society has been built up in a way to punish any action more radical than this. Think about how scary the threat of arrest is in America. Imprisonment or even fines can really hurt the average person, and anything on the permanent record can mess you up for years in the future. Also, the police are armed here, and any altercation with them may turn violent or even deadly. That’s not to get into the punishments you may face in your job, especially severe when we have so few safety nets in this country for the unemployed. In America, we are pacified under threat by the state, punished further by the corporate structure.

In addition, companies and government officials have co-opted many protesting efforts to remove the blame from them. Look at Justin Trudeau walking with the Montreal climate strike last year. Perhaps his motives are pure, but he is part of the problem. Yes, it’s good for private and public leaders to make a stand, signaling to others of their stance on the issue. But it may also be lip service, a way to fool people into thinking their message is being heard when it’s really falling on deaf ears.

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DISABILITY DAY OF MOURNING

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On March 1, thousands of people around the world took a moment to grieve. They took a moment out of their busy lives to mourn for people that most of them have never met. But they’re not victims of a disease, or an illness, not people affected by some specific tragedy or crime. March 1 is the date of the yearly Disability Day of Mourning, the day where we mourn for disabled people killed by their siblings, children, partners, parents or other caregivers.

Shockingly, this is not an uncommon occurrence. According to the Disability Day of Mourning website, over 100 disabled people were murdered by caregivers or similar people in 2019. It’s also important to note, as the website does, that they search in English, so there are likely many more cases that simply didn’t get English news coverage. Many of those murdered in 2018 were elderly, people with dementia or mobility issues whose caregivers simply stopped caring. Others were children, especially autistic children, who committed the crime of not being “normal.”

There was Elvis Dry, a disabled veteran who used a wheelchair. He was murdered by his live-in caregiver, burned to death and left in the backyard. There was Mia Edmundson, who had a cardiac defect and no spleen. Her mother didn’t fill the prescriptions she needed or take the girl to the doctor, and she died of pneumonia. There was Vivek Kakadiya, who The Times of India reported had a learning disability. His murderer, his sister-in-law, reportedly confessed to killing him because “she had felt Vivek to be a burden which she would have to carry for the rest of her life.”

It’s that last case in particular that

outlines the reason that many disabled people are murdered. Looking past the cases of neglect or abuse for a moment and simply at the cases that were intentional, many of them were either supposedly due to some belief that the person was suffering and would be better off dead, or because the person was a burden. This isn’t entirely surprising; society perpetuates the belief that disabled people’s lives are worth less because of their disabilities. Society looks at these cases and finds excuses.

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Life

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‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time’: The moving story of one incredible child

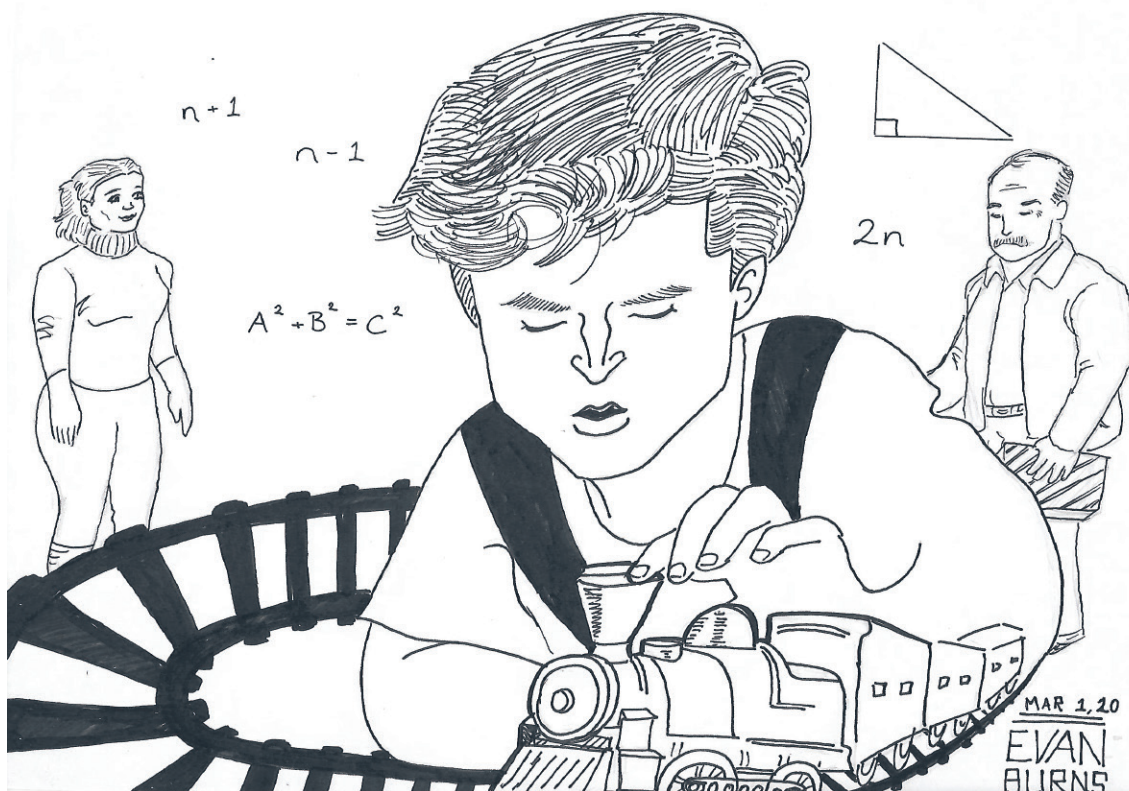
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Having no previous knowledge of the “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” I can honestly say that watching this story unfold was an unforgettable experience. While at times confused and uncertain early on, I was completely hooked by intermission, feeling fully invested in these characters and their struggles.

Based on a 2003 novel by British author Mark Haddon, the play follows Christopher Boone, an intelligent and inquisitive 15-year-old boy with autism spectrum disorder. At first focusing on Christopher’s attempts to unravel a mystery involving his neighbor’s slain dog, the play slowly progresses to become something much deeper and more beautiful, presenting a heart wrenching portrayal of how disability affects both the individual and the family.

The play moves between two distinct styles: a grounded, realistic approach whenever events are shown from the adult point of view and a whimsical stylization reminiscent of children’s television programming whenever from the point of view of Christopher. By seeing the differences between how Christopher perceives his environment and how adults view him, audiences can understand his reactions and his personality.

Despite the minimal set, the show was able to achieve a great feeling of immersion thanks in large part to the outstanding sound design by Mack Gauthier. One of the most impressive elements of Gauthier’s sound design was her ability to convey the sensory overload occasionally experienced by Christopher due to his disability, most notably in the train station sequence. The cacophony of dissonant sounds disorients the audience and helps them see the world the way Christopher does, allowing them to sympathize even more as he struggles to navigate



an often harsh, confusing world while working to overcome the limitations of his condition.

“Christopher really likes video games, so I thought of his adventure as more of a video game almost. I liked a lot of the synthetic sounds that come from video games themselves, so that’s how I started to design,” Gauthier said on her approach to composing all of the sounds herself.

This style worked very well with the aesthetic of the show, further placing you in Christopher’s own perspective and granting the production a unique auditory feel.

Just like the talent behind the scenes, the performers on stage turned out excellent work, each being given a chance to shine in some capacity due to the unique way roles were filled. Outside of the four main leads, the show had a background cast of six actors and actresses who cycled through a variety of parts as the show progressed, often switching roles within the amount of time required to put on an extra sweater or a new shirt. While in-

dividually they all represented multiple characters, they often worked as a collective to bring to life Christopher’s emotions through body language and facial expressions. These scenes were great sources of both drama and comedy, as their presence could double down on the power of any emotionally wrought scenes or could serve to provide terrific physical comedy (in some scenes acting as inanimate objects Christopher interacts with).

Serving as the story’s narrator was Christopher’s special education teacher, Siobhan, played by drama student Thalia Eddy. Siobhan often appears as a sort of conscience to Christopher, a manifestation of Christopher’s desire for validation and comfort. This meant that Eddy had to alternate between playing the real Siobhan in some scenes and Christopher’s internalized version of Siobhan in others.

“One thing I did was I thought about all the people who calm me down. Who are the people you trust the most and can go to and open up about these

things,” Eddy said about her process of finding the character. Some examples she gave were past therapists and social workers, but one which stood out was her aunt, a special education teacher herself.

“I talked with her a lot about what her schedule was like and what her relationship was like with her students and what it was like to form those deep connections. [...] The goal is to be a part of society and learn how to deal with your emotions in a healthy way,” Eddy said.

Apart from Siobhan, the main influences on Christopher are his parents, Ed and Judy, played beautifully by veteran actors Joe Cassidy and Margot White, respectively. Both actors commented on the theme of moral ambiguity in messy family dynamics, remarking that their characters are imperfect but still deeply caring individuals.

“There’s really no sinners or saints in this show. There’s just humans,” Cassidy said. “There’s people doing their best, and they make, sometimes, terrible choices.”

“I have a line myself that ‘I was not a very good mother,’ but at the same time I’m a wonderful mother as best as I know how with circumstances that were unexpected and are not instinctual to me. Any motherly instinct is altered to suit your child, which is I think what parenthood is in general,” White said.

The idea that the show never apologizes for its characters’ behavior was key to Cassidy, as this shows the audience the characters are willing to take ownership for their own actions. The play never tells us who is right and who is wrong, instead presenting us with both sides and giving them equal care and attention.

While all of the performances and technical achievements are impressive in their own right, the linchpin of the entire show is the featured performance by Tyler Nowakowski as Christopher. At first, it was fairly jarring to see a college student in the role of a 15-year-old boy, yet Nowakowski’s performance was so strong that the actor soon fell away completely, and all I could see was Christopher.

In preparing for his role, Nowakowski began by watching the Netflix series “Atypical” and carrying out research online into children with autism. Just like Eddy, he found a great deal of inspiration from the special education classroom.

“I work as a substitute teacher in public schools when I’m on break, so I was able to work in some special education classrooms. I was focused on my job while I was there, but in the back of my mind I was watching and taking note of some things while I observed,” said Nowakowski. “The biggest thing was making sure it was authentic and I was doing justice to people who are on the spectrum. Everyone’s experience is different. Christopher is just one.”

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Women’s Finance Association cultivates leadership in the finance industry

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While there are many business organizations for women and specialized societies at UConn, there aren’t any that are specifically geared toward women in finance, according to Chloe Son, a sixth-semester finance major and founder of the Women’s Finance Association (WFA).

WFA is focused on its intensive programming, which is centered around “specialized learning and development.” WFA will have an educational curriculum which will not only help equip members with a wide range of skills, resources and networks, but also provide members with opportunities to apply their knowledge to real-world experiences.

Son said she founded WFA because she has often been one of few women, and even fewer women of color, involved in financial experiences or programs at UConn which predominantly consist of male students. She believes that women in finance have an unmatched potential to excel in the field but have been historically limited in doing so due to sociological factors.

But the field is changing, according to Son.

“Diversity initiatives are at the forefront of corporate recruiting strategies and mission statements,” Son said. “My intern class at Morgan Stanley was over 50% female, and approximately 25% [minorities]. Finance at UConn is lagging

in that respect, and I felt compelled to push it forward. Candidly speaking, I feel personally connected to the [origin] of WFA. As a woman in finance, and as a woman of color in finance, I have a deep and experiential understanding of the distinct and intersectional barriers that exist in the financial industry.”

Son understands that it isn’t easy navigating a male-dominated industry, but she believes in tackling this issue head-on. She hopes that with the establishment of WFA, more women in finance will join her in this venture.

Son came to UConn in the ACES program, but later in her freshman year decided to pursue finance because of the “fast-paced and intense nature of the industry.”

“My goal for WFA is to create an inclusive and empowering environment that adds pertinent value to women in finance,” Son said. “My objective is to transform the scope of Finance at UConn by bolstering female engagement and cultivating strong leadership. Not to mention, I’m especially focused on engaging more women of color in this field.”

WFA’s general meetings will consist of three different elements: The first element incorporates workshop series that will be focused around teaching members about “financial concepts, technical skills, recruitment/interview processes and related concepts.” The second element is a speaker series that will introduce members to



The executive board of the Women’s Finance Association (WFA) is pictured above. Chloe Son (middle of the bottom row) founded WFA in an effort to provide women in finance with hands-on experience and the skills to succeed in the industry. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHLOE SON

“industry professionals, alumni, students and other organizations to provide color into the distinct segments of finance.” The third and final element is the current events forum which will consist of collaborative presentations from the executive board and members. Son said that these “will be a professional, discussion-based forum where members have the opportunity to develop and share deeper insights.”

WFA also plans on providing larger hands-on learning opportunities for its members

such as stock pitch competitions, case competitions and investment simulations.

Son mentioned the faculty advisor for WFA is professor Yiming Qian, who is renowned for her research in various subjects in corporate finance, such as initial public offerings (IPOs), behavioral finance and emerging markets. Qian also holds the position of Toscano Family Chair in Finance.

“Under her leadership, coupled with the WFA executive board, we’re in a phenomenal position to add value and to

impact women in finance,” Son said.

The organization has 20 prospective members, and it hopes to continue to grow and reach all women in finance at UConn. Son said she plans to continue recruiting members this semester through collaborations with existing organizations, informational meetings and coffee chats.

Anyone who is interested in joining can email WFA at uconnWFA@gmail.com or by following their Instagram @uconnWFA.

Life

'Reframe Rare' for Rare Disease Day

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Leap Day only comes around every four years, but people living with rare diseases have surpassed odds much greater than that. After the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) passed a statement of position to recognize Rare Disease Day on campus, as well as show support for rare disease treatment and those living with a rare disease, they hosted an event in the Student Organization Center (SOC) last Friday to commemorate the day. The legislation and event were led by Sarah Hill, a College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources Senator, who lives with Wolfram Syndrome.

"I think it was important for UConn have Rare Disease Day be recognized because a lot of people, myself included before I was diagnosed with a rare disease, do not know about it and do not know about rare diseases or the impact they can have on individuals' lives," Hill, a sixth-semester environmental studies major, said. "I think, or I hope, the impact will [bring] broader awareness on campus and in our world at large about rare diseases and why this issue matters, so that there is a collective movement to create positive change."

When students entered the room, Hill directed them toward a QR code to take an online quiz about rare diseases, including statistics about those living with a rare disease and how it may affect their lives, such as the decrease in likelihood of receiving a job offer.

"[T]here are a lot of people who do not know the true amount of people who have rare diseases and whose lives are impacted by rare diseases," Anna Pratt, a fourth-semester political science major and CLAS Senator, said. She men-

tioned how she hadn't considered the perspective of the impact of having a family member with a rare disease, which was addressed in one of the quiz questions. "Talking about rare diseases also decreases the stigma that has formed in society around talking about personal matters such as having a rare disease and makes a more inclusive atmosphere for people who have a rare disease or are impacted by rare disease. Having a rare disease should not be a topic that is taboo to discuss but should be called attention to instead."

Once students completed the quiz and were shown the answers, many reported low scores of three or four, and expressed interest in learning more about rare diseases. They then could receive a stuffed zebra or free t-shirt promoting Rare Disease Day.

"The zebra is like the rare disease mascot, [as] zebra is an actual term that has been used in medicine to mean a very unlikely diagnostic possibility," Hill said.

Students were also encouraged to write on a paper cut-out of a hand what rare means to them, relating to this year's theme, "Reframe Rare." The theme seeks to redefine the concept of "rare" in society, especially for those who may not know much about rare diseases.

"To support those with rare diseases, I think it has to be noted that ... they may not feel comfortable telling you and being open about it yet," Hill said. "Or, they also may not know they have a rare disease because it may still be undiagnosed."

Pratt was one of the USG senators who had voted on passing the statement of position for Rare Disease Day.

"As a USG senator, I know Sarah Hill personally and I got

to hear directly from her about why she felt having a Rare Disease Day [at UConn] was important," Pratt said. "Seeing her be so passionate about an event and seeing how much effort went into planning made me want to attend and support her."

Hill addressed what living with a rare disease may mean when dealing with other societal problems, like the state of the nation's healthcare system, referring to the lack of universal healthcare and coverage for preexisting conditions.

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SARAH HILL

"Rare diseases is an issue that is often forgotten about, and we need to make it something that cannot be forgotten about," Hill said, encouraging people to contact their local and state government representatives. "Educate your reps, educate your friends, educate your family, talk about this issue, don't let it stay hidden."

Beyond raising awareness and supporting additional research into rare diseases, Hill reminds people of how else they can easily support those living with one.

"I think it goes back to just being a nice person in general, because you never know what someone is going through," Hill said.

HBO Max aims to change the game for streaming services

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As a long-standing giant when it comes to movies and original content, it was only a matter of time until HBO released its own streaming service. While HBO has always been a subscription-based channel and has had its own stand-alone streaming website and app (HBO Now and HBO Go, respectively), HBO Max looks to ultimately replace those services. HBO Max will have all the same shows and movies as HBO Now, plus a larger catalog of licensed programming and exclusive originals.

HBO first announced plans for a new streaming service in October but started teasing new content in February and hopes to launch HBO Max in May. This is one of the many new streaming services that have been announced within the past six months, a period that media experts are now referring to as "the streaming wars." At \$15 per month (the same cost as the current HBO Now subscription), HBO Max will be the most expensive of those services.

As it stands, Disney+ is \$7 a month, Apple TV users are paying \$5 a month, Netflix has increased to about \$13 a month, Hulu Premium costs \$12 a month, an Amazon Prime student membership is \$60 a year and a basic subscription to NBC's new streaming service, Peacock, will be about \$5 a month. Most of these services offer student deals and other discounts for further price reductions and bundles. HBO Now does not offer any such discounts yet.

So why should we bother with yet another subscription and service? HBO is a heavyweight contender when it comes to original content. "Game of Thrones" made a gross profit of about \$2.28 billion and brought in about 17.4 million viewers at the time of its finale. With that success rate, there's no question the network would want to continue its prosperity. There were rumors of other related original shows after "GoT" wrapped, but now with the release of HBO Max, the network also confirmed a prequel series, "House of the Dragon," tentatively set to premiere in 2022.

But will the distant promise of more George R.R. Martin content be enough to hold over HBO loy-

als and win over skeptics? With other services releasing hits like "The Mandalorian," what will the new sites' claim to fame be?

AT&T, which owns HBO, is investing billions of dollars into original programming as well as making deals to stream popular reruns like "Friends" and "The Big Bang Theory." In the past few weeks, it has been announced that HBO Max will be home to the unscripted "Friends" reunion as well as a mysterious "Gossip Girl" reboot, new titles in the D.C. universe, J.J. Abrams' projects, comedy specials, animated cartoons and documentaries. Some big names already associated with these original programs, currently being dubbed "Max Originals," include Reese Witherspoon, Melissa McCarthy and Gina Rodriguez.

HBO is rumored to be releasing 31 exclusive original programs within its first year, and is already planning to increase that to 50 in the second year, once it's available more internationally. About half of these originals are allegedly geared toward a young adult demographic.

After all the recent drama with Disney+ pulling more diverse, mature content, such as the "Lizzie McGuire" reboot and the "Love, Simon" series, HBO Max might be in an excellent position to gain subscribers. When shows like this are left without a home but with plenty of traction and fans willing to follow actresses like Hilary Duff, viewers may turn to HBO.

Some people who already have an existing subscription to HBO will be able to unlock HBO Max at no extra cost, but not everyone. Subscribers to HBO Now can upgrade to HBO Max free, and HBO subscribers via AT&T can watch for free, too.

It is unclear if HBO Max will be included if you get your HBO through another cable TV provider. When AT&T announced HBO Max at a three-hour presentation in October, the company said it was still in talks with other providers about offering HBO Max to their traditional HBO subscribers.

HBO Max will be compatible with most devices. With over 18,000 movies and all that new content, that \$15 a month doesn't sound so bad. Keep an eye out for new announcements and updates as the May release date approaches.

Campus Couture

What To Pack:

Spring break fashion tips

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Spring break is right around the corner, and that means it's time to brainstorm what to bring with you. Yes, that's right: This is the year of not waiting until the night before to stuff everything you own into a small suitcase. Nothing is worse than lugging some type of real-but-also-metaphorical-stress-baggage to your spring break getaway. Therefore, I've compiled a check list of pieces and articles of clothing essential for a risk and wardrobe malfunction free vacation.

Accessories that will make your vacation

On vacation, the key is to pack light. Therefore it's a bit trickier to pull off an epic outfit without your whole wardrobe in front of you. Accessories don't add too much weight to your carry-on, while turning your outfit from one to 100 real quick. On a bad hair day, use a pair of sunglasses as a sort of headband or hair-clip, to keep yours out of your face while also adding another dimension of "I am the CEO of sunny weather" to your outfit. Use a scarf as a headband as well as another shirt for a hot day or wrapped around your shoulders; Martha Stewart would be proud.



Consider using a bucket bag as a fashionable beach tote for your next venture to the water.

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Swapping Beach and Dinner attire

Spring break is all about letting loose and doing some crazy things while you're on vacation for a change — so why not do the same with your clothes! One way I pack lightly is by using specific clothes for multiple purposes. Packing an oversized collared shirt can be tucked into jeans and loosely buttoned for a "Call Me By Your Name," "I'm chilling in Milan, Italy" vibe, or can be also used as a fashionable cover up! Packing a colorful one-piece can easily be used as a bodysuit under a pair of shorts or pants.

A dress that would make Sophie from Mamma Mia jealous

A long, light and flowy dress is essential to any getaway. Dresses can make any cramped situation comfortable, especially on transportation in-between your day trips. It's also a way to keep cool without having your legs stick to subway seats, as they would with shorts. Dresses can also be layered with an unbuttoned overshirt to make things a little casual and warmer if need be.

Good pair of fancy shoes

Make sure to snag a good pair of sandals, heels or dress shoes before you head off on your adventure. Every vacation has got to have at least one good splurge/dinner night, when these will come in handy. Just make sure they're comfortable to walk in, in case you end up trailing off the beaten path afterwards!

Bucket Bags for all your day-long-venture needs

Something about the bucket bag has made it a timeless, durable and dual-purpose piece that is perfect to drag along on your spring break. Use yours as a makeshift beach tote for chilling by the pool or shore; just make sure you don't bring any sand along with you. At night, the bucket bag is just getting started, as you can bring it along to any fancy dinner or bar-hop.



Accessories are a great way to tie together your any kind of outfit for your next spring break trip.

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Harry Styles has us ‘Falling’ for his new music video

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Since Harry Styles’ newest album debut of “Fine Line” on Dec 13, 2019, he has not disappointed his fans. His most recent music video, for the song “Falling,” depicts heartbreak in a captivating yet simple feeling.

The video starts off with Styles sitting on the floor, drenched, in a Victorian-themed bathroom. The camera shifts to him lying on a piano chair then to him hovering over a drink on top of the grand piano. Viewers soon see that as he begins to play the grand piano, water starts to pour out of it. The water keeps pouring while Styles sings and plays the piano until the room is filled. By the end of the video, Styles is drowning and starts floating in the room. At the very end of the song he floats back onto his piano chair (still underwater) and his eyes look directly toward the camera.

“Falling” was one of my favorites off the album. It expresses heartbreak in its simplest form: The feeling of suffocation. My first impression was that the cinematog-

raphy for the video was stunning. Styles’ outfit choice of his lilac chiffon Gucci dress and trousers really completed the whole aesthetic and was an iconic look that not many can pull off. As the music video starts, you notice the melancholy feeling in the video. The way the director was able to depict the feeling of being overwhelmed with drowning was simple yet got to the point. Styles was literally so devastated that he drowned while playing the piano. The ending of the music video, in my opinion, gives a sense of control as he sits back on the piano and starts to open his eyes directed toward the camera as if he had woken up.

Ultimately the song is written about his past lover who caused a lot of grief. Styles explained in an interview that heartbreaks can make you feel overwhelmed to the point where you feel like drowning. He says that you can feel like you’re drowning when you are writing a song about your ex-lover, but writing the songs can also be what helps you get over them.

Grace Blundon, who has never heard any of Styles’ music, thought that the scen-



Harry Styles performs in a new music video for his song “Falling.” The music video was released on Feb. 28. PHOTO COURTESY OF YOUTUBE

ery was amazing and that the song was really powerful. But she continued to listen, she felt like she heard similarities between Harry Styles’ “Falling” and Pink’s 2017 single “What About Us.”

Jadah Smith, who has been a fan since Styles’ One Direction days explained, “The song and music video alike evoked a lot of emotions because the message and deliverance were executed so simply that it felt personal.”



Spring Has Sprung: Fashion staples for spring 2020

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The weather has officially reached the 50 degree mark, which means we can all celebrate ditching our heavy parkas for something a bit more fashionable. After what always seems like an unbearably long winter, the first warm day of the year marks the instantaneous liberation of jean shorts that have been living under beds for the past six months. While certain clothing items will always be staples, there are some fun ways to spruce up any spring outfit.

My absolute favorite spring item will always be a flowy dress. I’m not the type to look through my closet for an hour deciding what to wear, so a staple dress is always an essential. Not only are you done after one step, you can also choose to layer it if it’s a bit chilly out... or if the notori-

ous UConn wind is acting up. They’re even perfect for super-hot spring days — the ideal amount of ventilation means bye-bye to sweaty armpits.

If a dress isn’t your thing, midi skirts have been appearing everywhere. This retro-inspired look is perfect with any type of shoe; sneakers to dress it down, booties to toughen it up and heels to create a more formal and elegant statement. Forever 21 has a plethora of more affordable options, or if you’re looking for something a bit more high end, head over to Revolve. Midi skirts can be worn for a day running errands in the city, or even as a coverup while out on the beach.

A small way to bring more edge to any outfit is with sunglasses. People often disregard eyewear because they believe nothing will look good on them. How-



ever, when you find the right pair it’s life changing. I recommend investing money into a pair of timeless sunglasses. If you’re buying some because they’re trendy and you most likely won’t wear them for years to come, then steer towards a more affordable option that won’t be as heart-shattering if they end up lost or broken. Speaking from experience, I can assure you the worst feeling is rolling over and hearing the snap of your beloved sunglasses.

Spring fashion isn’t only about what you physically wear. Makeup can play a drastic role in the transition from winter to spring. Winter is full of smoky eyeshadows and darker lip colors, while spring makeup focuses on dewy, glowing skin. One way to achieve

this natural look is through the use of cream products. By applying a creme bronzer, blush and highlight, the skin will appear more dewy and the makeup will become less evident. Creme products are able to blend into the skin far easier than powder products and can be easily blended with a brush or your fingertips. If you tend to have drier skin and are a victim of makeup clinging onto those dry patches, creme is the perfect solution.

It’s easy to forget about fashion during winter. All we want to do is protect ourselves from harsh winds and frostbitten hands, so sweatpants and sweatshirts are most people’s go-to. Now that warm weather is back, take out the storage boxes and pull out your favorite pieces. As costume designer Edith Head once said, “You can have anything you want in life if you dress for it.”

Husky on the Road A Winter Day on the Beach

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The ocean is my comfort place. Walking on the sand, bundled in a thick sweater and coat, hearing nothing but the sound of the waves and the wind. This is where I regain clarity, motivation and peace of mind.

Visiting the beach in winter is nothing like visiting on a warm summer day. The sun isn’t strong, the crowds of matching umbrellas are gone and the water is absolutely freezing. But I have come to find that it serves its own purpose.

On this Sunday afternoon in early March, I visited Penfield Beach in Fairfield, Connecticut. My parents had their wedding reception in the pavilion many years ago, and if I squint hard enough, I can almost see them dancing.

From a young age, I loved the swings, and I still do. Pumping high above the water, into the sky, truly feels like flying. The gulls are still here, curious about my

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presence. They like having the place to themselves. The picnic tables are a great place to do some writing. I brought my journal and a pen, eager to scribble down any inspiration.

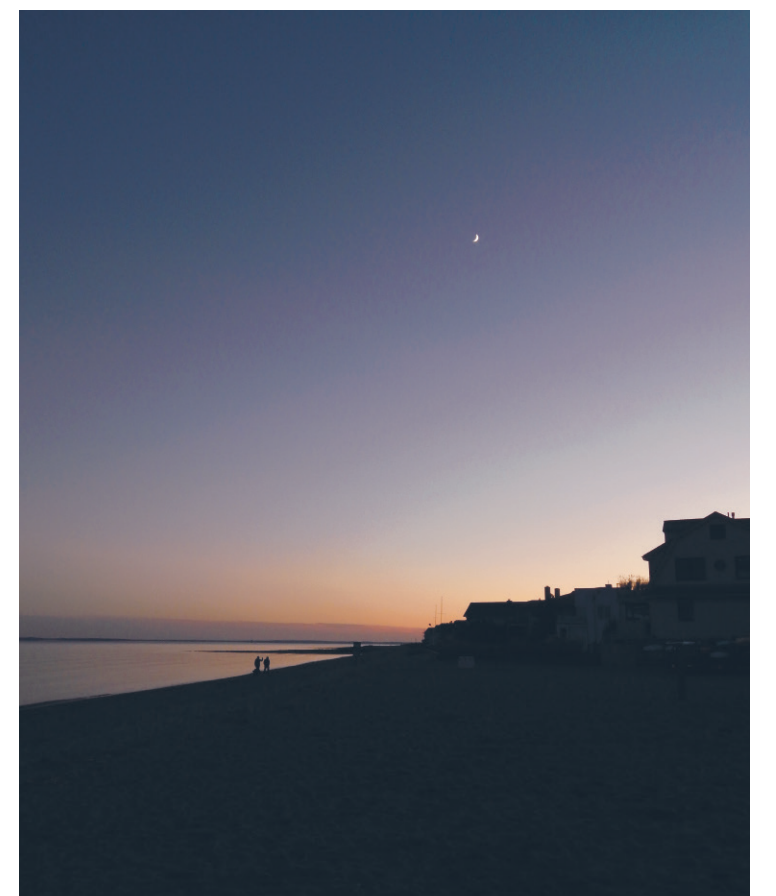
Most of all, I just like walking. The beach appears to go on forever, and I follow the water’s edge until my feet

get tired, fingers numb from collecting jingle shells along the way.

Besides Penfield Beach, there are many other great beaches near Connecticut to visit this winter. A few locations not too far from UConn include Ocean Beach in New London, Connecticut; Watch Hill in Westerly, Rhode Island; and East Wharf Beach in Madison, Connecticut.

Bundle up, as the beach is always windy, which makes it quite chilly! I suggest you bring a blanket if you plan on sitting in the sand. It’s also a fun idea to bring a thermos of hot cocoa! You will definitely have a memorable experience with friends or on your own. The beach is a great place to make memories.

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The beach is Kate Luongo’s comfort place. She visited Penfield Beach in Fairfield, Connecticut this past weekend, where her parents had their wedding reception many years ago. PHOTO BY JANE HARRIS

Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | The ground is effective study habits for midterms



Students embraced the warm weather to slack line between two trees on the union lawn. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

PROTEST

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I will be the first to admit I am not committed to radical action. I have a career plan for myself, and I always feel like I'm on a tight timeline for it. Any delays due to radical action are very hard to justify. They shouldn't stop me, but they do. Look at UC Santa Cruz, where over 50 graduate students were fired for striking for higher pay. Those students are heroes for speaking out, but I'm sure they are very stressed now that they've been, well, fired. Mass action more radical than superficial marching is swiftly punished, and that's scary.

What is the way out of this? I am not sure. Around the world, though, people are increasingly having different

and more radical attitudes than the prevailing thought of America. In Chile, protestors are braving violence and arrests to call out their laissez-faire government. In France, the yellow vest protests against rising cost of living have been pointed and sometimes violent. Civil disobedience in Lebanon has managed to force the prime minister to resign and are still ongoing. Even without making any value judgment on these protests, it can't be denied that the prolonged action in these examples is more radical and effective than some of the efforts we have seen in America.

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Honoring those with disabilities

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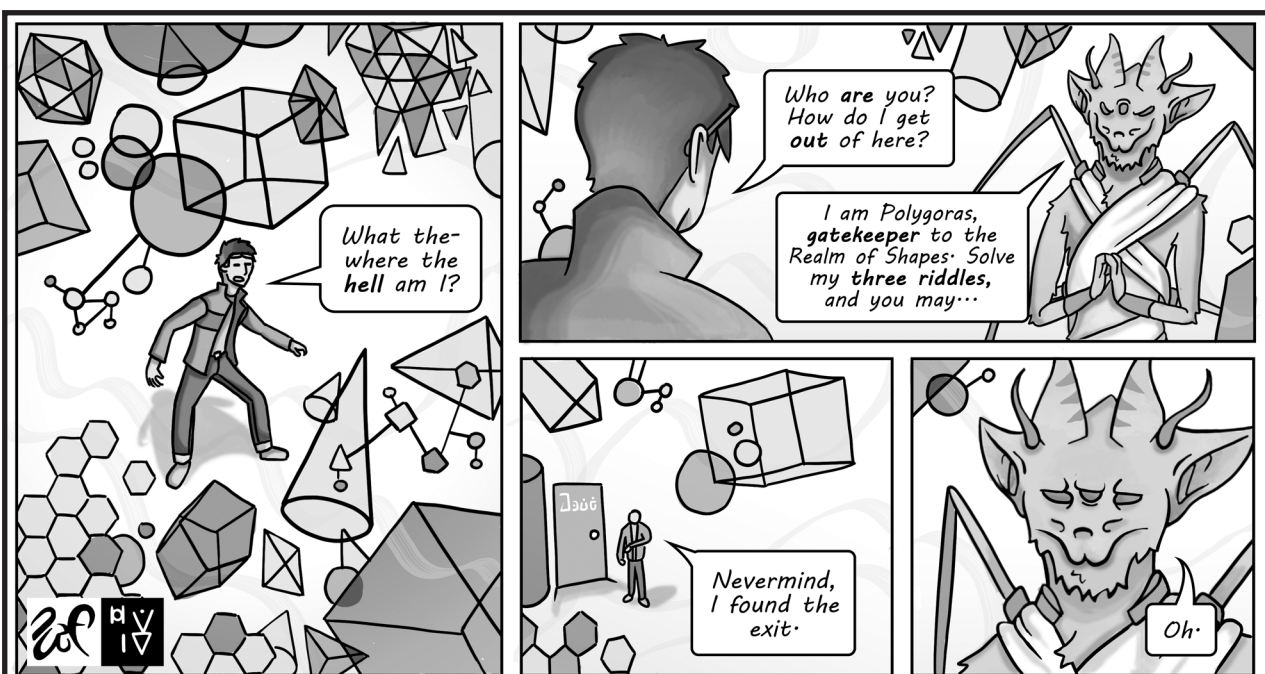
This was never more clear than in a case that happened towards the end of last year. Alma Shaver, a woman who had dementia, was murdered by her husband Richard in what many in the media described as a mercy killing. The New York Times wrote an article effectively romanticizing the murder, talking about how they had been soulmates. They decided that it didn't matter that her husband had murdered her. She was disabled and he was in pain because she was so that made it understandable. That made it somehow more okay than if you or I walked down the street and shot a random person.

Often, the media focuses on the caregivers in these cases. They look at the husbands and the wives and the parents and say oh, but see, it was

so hard to take care of their relative/partner/friend. Look how much of a burden they were on their families, on society, on their friends. They deserved to die for that, see? Society and people say yes. In 2014, Dr. Phil had a guest on his show named Kelli Stapleton. Stapleton attempted to murder her autistic 14-year-old daughter. Dr. Phil recommended "In Kelli's case...I don't think that serving time behind bars is the best solution." For attempting to murder a 14-year-old child, jail was going to be too harsh?

In 2019, 113 people were murdered by their caregivers. At least that many, because there are without question more whose deaths did not get enough media coverage to be noticed. Innocent people, many of whose lives were cut short at least in part because people who were supposed to care about them decided that their lives would be easier if they were dead.

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DYK?

CHEETAHS CAN'T ROAR, BUT THEY CAN MEOW LIKE HOUSE CATS.

FACT VIA /R/ASKREDDIT

Judge, Stanton likely to start on IL; Sale elbow hurting



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws during spring training baseball camp Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, in Sarasota, Fla. PHOTO BY JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

(AP) Injured New York Yankees outfielders Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton are likely to miss New York's opener at Baltimore on March 26.

Judge is having more tests to determine the cause of soreness in the right pectoral area near his shoulder. Judge has not hit on the field since spring training started, and the right fielder felt discomfort Friday when he took batting practice for the second straight day in an indoor cage.

"He feels it more now in the pec," general manager Brian Cashman said Tuesday. "It's moved down toward the pec. We're just trying to figure it out and determine what's bothering him. In the meantime, I can just tell you he is feeling better in the last 48 hours."

Stanton strained his right calf on Feb. 26 during defensive drills. Cashman thinks Stanton will be back in April.

"For the time frame, obviously, we've got to get the healing component done for a Grade 1 strain and then rehab it," Cashman said. "With arguably, what, 3 1/2 weeks to go before opening day I think we'd rather be safe than sorry."

CHRIS SALE

Boston Red Sox ace Chris Sale has soreness in his throwing elbow and has undergone an MRI.

Manager Ron Roenicke said Sale felt the soreness in his elbow Monday morning, the day after his 18-pitch batting practice session. Team doctors reviewed the MRI results and sent them to Dr. James Andrews.

Sale's batting practice session Sunday was the first time he faced hitters since he gave up five runs over 6 2/3 innings in a win at Cleveland on Aug. 13. He went on the injured list with elbow inflammation, finishing 6-11 with a 4.40 ERA in 25 starts — his fewest wins and starts and highest ERA in a full season since 2012.

YANKEES 9, RED SOX 1

Masahiro Tanaka struck out five over three perfect innings in his second start, and DJ LeMahieu had a two-run single in a six-run first inning off Martin Pérez. Gio Urshela

hit his first home run, a solo shot. Five of the six runs off Pérez were unearned. He allowed four hits and a walk, retiring two batters. Rafael Devers hit his second home run, among just two hits for the Red Sox.

CARDINALS 6, ASTROS 3
Paul Goldschmidt homered off Justin Verlander, who allowed three runs — two earned — three hits and a walk in 2 2/3 innings. Matt Wieters also homered for St. Louis. Dakota Hudson allowed one run and two hits in four innings.

NATIONALS 5, ORIOLES 3
Max Scherzer allowed two runs and five hits over 3 1/3 innings with five strikeouts in his second start. Andrew Stevenson and Howie Kendrick had RBI singles, Juan Soto hit a two-run double and Asdrúbal Cabrera added a sacrifice fly in a five-run fifth inning. Pedro Severino had an RBI triple, Mason Williams singled in a run and Chris Davis had a sacrifice fly for Baltimore, giving him seven RBIs in six games.

MARLINS 6, METS 1

Noah Syndergaard gave up three runs — two earned — and two in five innings with five strikeouts. Garret Cooper had a solo home run and Chad Wallach, the son of former MLB player Tim Wallach, added an RBI single off Syndergaard. Jeff McNeil led off the Mets' first inning with his first home run. Jordan Yamamoto yielded one run and four hits in three innings.

RAYS 5, BRAVES 2

Brandon Lowe singled and walked twice. Austin Riley hit a two-run homer for Atlanta and Ronald Acuña Jr. went 0-for-3, dropping his average to .105. Ozzie Albies had two hits and is hitting .444 in 18 at-bats.

TWINS 5, TIGERS 1

Marwin González hit his first home run and had a two-run double, and Miguel Sanó hit his first homer. Randy Dobnak, in line for the fifth spot in the rotation, allowed one hit in three shutout innings. Closer Taylor Rogers struck out two in a scoreless inning. Kody Clemens, a son of Roger Clemens, hit his first

homer for Detroit.

ANGELS 11, INDIANS 7
Michael Hermosillo had a three-run homer and RBI single for the Angels. Andrew Heaney allowed two runs and three hits in three innings. Cleveland's Franmil Reyes hit his third home run. César Hernández also hit a two-run homer and Carlos Santana had a solo shot. Carlos Carrasco allowed two runs and three hits over two innings in his first start.

RANGERS 6, GIANTS 5

Wilmer Flores hit his first home run and Buster Posey added an RBI single for San Francisco. Logan Webb, in line for the fifth spot in the rotation, allowed one run and three hits in 2 1/3 innings. Texas started Jordan Lyles yielded three runs and three hits in three innings. Isiah Kiner-Falefa hit his third home run. Joey Gallo went 0 for 3 with two strikeouts and is hitting .188.

CUBS 10, ROCKIES 10

Nolan Arenado hit his second home run, a two-run drive. Ian Happ led off the game with a home run and added an RBI single. Willson Contreras had a two-run single for Chicago. Carlos Quintana gave up three runs and in two innings.

PADRES 9, BREWERS 0

Garrett Richards, who struggled in three September starts last season after recovering from Tommy John surgery in July 2018, allowed one hit over two scoreless innings in his first spring training start. Abraham Almonte hit a grand slam in a seven-run third inning and Trent Grisham had two hits. Milwaukee starter Shelby Miller walked two with three strikeouts in two scoreless innings. Logan Morrison had the Brewers' only hit.

ATHLETICS 6, WHITE SOX 5

Top five prospect Jorge Mateo had three singles, stole his third base and drove in two runs. Ryan Goins had a two-run single. Nicky Delmonico singled and hit his first home run for Chicago. White Sox starter Reynaldo López allowed one run, three hits and three walks in three innings.



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge runs during a spring training baseball workout Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, in Tampa, Fla. PHOTO BY FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

LeVert scores 51 points, Nets stun Celtics 129-120 in OT

BOSTON (AP) — Caris LeVert scored 37 of his career-high 51 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to help the Brooklyn Nets erase a 21-point, second-half deficit and beat the Boston Celtics 129-120 on Tuesday night.

It was a stunning end to a four-game losing streak for Brooklyn, which is trying to hold onto the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Boston has lost two straight.

LeVert had all of Brooklyn's 11 points in the extra period, finishing just three points shy

season was 43 points in the fourth against Charlotte on Nov. 16. The franchise record is 48 points in the fourth quarter on March 9, 1980, against Detroit. ... Nets guard Garrett Temple, who sprained his right shoulder in Saturday's loss at Miami, played 22 minutes.

Celtics: WILD FINISH

The Nets trailed by 17 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied to 106-103 with 2:28 to play on a 3-pointer by Chris Chiozza. Walker responded



Brooklyn Nets guard Caris LeVert (22) celebrates with center DeAndre Jordan (6) late in overtime of the team's NBA basketball game against the Boston Celtics, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Boston. PHOTO BY MARY SCHWALM/AP

of the Nets' season high for a player. Kyrie Irving scored 54 points against Chicago on Jan. 31.

LeVert also sent the game to extra frame, getting fouled on a 3-point attempt by Marcus Smart and connecting on all of his free throws with 0.2 seconds left.

That capped a 51-point fourth quarter by the Nets, a franchise record for most points in any period.

Jaylen Brown led Boston with 22 points. Kemba Walker returned to action following a five-game absence with left knee soreness and had 21 points. Smart added 14 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out in overtime.

Boston went just 1 for 6 from the field in overtime.

The Celtics played without Jayson Tatum, who sat out

on the Celtics' next trip with a 3 of his own. LeVert then connected on a jumper on Brooklyn's ensuing trip to make it 109-105.

It was 110-105 when LeVert made another 3. But Walker found Robert Williams under the basket, who was fouled on his dunk and completed the three-point play.

The Nets got it back to 116-112 with less than a minute to play when Brown came up empty on a jumper. LeVert was fouled on Brooklyn's next trip down the floor, but made just one of his two free throws.

Brooklyn got the rebound and LeVert had a great look at a 3, but his shot rattled in an out. Boston's Daniel Theis got the rebound, was fouled and hit both of his free throws.

DeAndre Jordan got a dunk



Brooklyn Nets guard Caris LeVert (22) drives to the basket against Boston Celtics' Daniel Theis during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Boston. PHOTO BY MARY SCHWALM/AP

with an illness. They also lost Gordon Hayward, who left the game at halftime with a bruised right knee. Boston scored 23 points off 21 Brooklyn turnovers and was in control before the Nets rallied behind LeVert and their bench.

Irving, who left the Celtics in free agency this past summer, was sidelined for the Nets' second visit of the season to Boston after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday to relieve a right shoulder impingement. Irving was ruled out for the season in February because of the injury.

His absence didn't stop fans from taunting him with chants of "Where is Kyrie? Where is Kyrie" in the fourth quarter.

TIP-INS

Nets: The Nets' previous highest-scoring period this

with 6.7 seconds left to make it 118-115. The Celtics had trouble getting the ball in bounds and Rodions Kurucs forced a tie up with Walker with 3.6 seconds left. He won the ensuing tip-off and called timeout with 1.4 seconds left.

Brooklyn got the ball into LeVert, who was fouled and calmly sank his three free throws to send it to overtime.

NOT IN MY HOUSE

Smart showed off his leaping ability when he blocked Jarrett Allen's two-handed dunk attempt at the rim in the first quarter. Smart celebrated the denial by running down the court giving a Dikembe Mutombo-esque wag of his finger.

UP NEXT

Nets: Open three-game homestand at Memphis on Wednesday.

Celtics: Visit Cleveland Wednesday.

Sports

Photo of the Day | Raise the roof



UConn beat USF 80-39 in the XL Center Monday evening. Crystal Dangerfield went 5-for-10 from the floor for 13 points while tacking on five assists and four rebounds. The Huskies commanded the court with a very strong first half that led UConn to a resounding win. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

NCAAB Conference Tournament Predictions

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The second midnight struck on Sunday, I swear I heard the all too familiar, sweet sound of the March Madness theme song running through my head. That means it is officially the best month of the year. Most teams around the country have one or two more regular season games left before survive-and-advance time is upon us. About half the field is unofficially “in,” but for the remaining 50%, conference tournament time will make or break their hopes of hearing their name called two Sundays from now. However, everyone is playing for seeding, in hopes of having the easiest path to Atlanta. March is here. Madness is coming. Here’s a preview of what’s going to unfold in the conference tournaments around the country.

Big Ten

The Big Ten once again proved itself as the deepest conference in the country, highlighted by Joe “Brackets” Lunardi’s projection of ten teams making the tournament (next highest has seven). I see eight of these as locks to make the tourney, leaving Rutgers, Indiana and Purdue with work to do. Rutgers has struggled mightily when they play anywhere outside of New Jersey so they need at least one statement tournament win and I don’t see them getting that. It’s March which means Tom Izzo has his team catching fire at the right time, and this year isn’t any different. Four wins out of their last five, including a massive road win against No. 9 Maryland. Cassius Winston is finally getting some with Rocket Watts finally showing why he was so highly rated out of high school. This momentum will set up a in-state rivalry final against Michigan, who will upset a struggling Maryland team on the way. A rematch of last year’s Big Ten Tournament final will have the same result; a victory for the Green and White. Iowa is my sleeper team as I don’t think anybody can guard Luka Garza, who’s dominance can overcome their lack of depth.

Winner: Michigan State

Sleeper: Iowa

Disappointments: Maryland/Rutgers

Pac-12

In my eyes, the Pac-12 is the weakest conference at the top, but its depth gives it a chance to have 5-7 tournament teams. This is shown most evidently



Kansas guard Devon Dotson (1) makes a basket in front of Kansas State guard DaJuan Gordon (3) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Manhattan, Kan., Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020. PHOTO BY ORLIN WAGNER/AP

by UCLA, the team at the top of the conference standings being projected as a 12 seed. Colorado, Oregon and Arizona are the true best three teams in the conference. They all have serious consistency issues and a few bad losses on their resume. Come tournament time that’s all out the window. POY candidate Payton Pritchard and Oregon will meet the freshmen-laden Arizona in the final of the tournament. Oregon swept the season series against the Wildcats with a pair of one point wins, showing how evenly matched these teams are. Arizona has more raw talent than Oregon with their 5 star backcourt of Nico Mannion and Josh Green. Talent doesn’t mean as much in college as it does in the NBA, so the experience of the Ducks, as well as the slight coaching advantage Dana Altman holds over Sean Miller, will give Oregon a third win over Arizona, this time by double digits.

Winner: Oregon

Sleeper: Utah

Disappointment: UCLA

Big-12

The best two teams in the country may reside in Big-12. Kansas and Baylor (Gonzaga, SDSU and Dayton are the others) are two of the only teams who have been consistent throughout the season. After those two, the conference takes a significant dip. West Virginia had an impressive out-of-conference run, racking up wins against Ohio State and URI, but struggled mightily in conference, going 7-9. I don’t question that Bob Huggins have his team ready for March and I could definitely see them upsetting one of the big dogs. They were beating Kansas for 30 minutes on the road back in January before barely falling by seven on garbage time free throws. Nobody wants to see a Shaka Smart team in March, especially with point guard Andrew Jones coming into full form after beating cancer just last year. The Longhorns have

won four straight, including an impressive win over Texas Tech in Lubbock. They’ll be challenged, but the Devon Dotson and Udoka Azubuike led Jayhawks are too stacked to be upset by anyone in this conference.

Winner: Kansas

Sleepers: Texas/West Virginia

Disappointment: Baylor

ACC

In the beginning of the season I dubbed the ACC the best conference in the land, just for UNC, Virginia and Notre Dame to make me look dumb. Virginia is still a good team (21-7), but nowhere near the national powerhouse we’ve seen in past years. It’s a testament to Tony Bennett’s defensive schemes that they’re even this good given the bereft talent and amount of injuries to key players (Braxton Key). The clear top three are Louisville, Florida

State and Duke, all of whom are still vying for a top-two seed. Louisville seemed a lock to be a one seed until they dropped three of their last six, all on the road. They need to find a consistent scorer to complement Jordan Nwora’s 20 a game and they’ll be fine. As they do every year, Duke has proved they can overcome their youth to be one of the best teams in the country. Tre Jones runs an offense nearly as well as any guard in the country, but he’s going to need freshman trio Cassius Stanley, Matthew Hurt and Vernon Carey to produce big time in order for Duke to be a championship team. Ryan McMahon is going to get hot from three and Steve Enoch is going to neutralize the threat of Carey to give Louisville an ACC tournament win.

Winner: Louisville

Sleeper: N.C. State/Notre Dame

Disappointment: Florida State

Big East

Perhaps the most unpredictable and competitive conference in the country, the Big East has seven or eight bids up for grabs. Depaul entered conference play looking like the team to beat with a 12-1 record. In what epitomizes the Big East this year, Depaul sits in last place after going an atrocious 2-14 in conference. No result in this league would be entirely shocking, as everyone has pretty much beaten each other. For people obsessed with transitive wins, you don’t have to go more than two derivations and everyone has literally beaten everyone. My pick to win the conference tournament is Creighton, who has one of the most efficient offenses in the country. Then again they lost by 20 last time out to second-to-last place St. Johns, which I think is more of a testament to the Big East than a detriment against Creighton. Seton Hall, Villanova, Xavier, Butler and Marquette all wouldn’t surprise me if they won the tournament either. Markus Howard and Myles Powell are capable of averaging 35 over the course of a tournament and single-handedly will their teams to victory. This may come down to coaching; in that case the advantage lays with Villanova and Jay Wright. I have no clue with this conference and anyone who says they do is lying.

Winner: Creighton

Sleeper: St. Johns

Disappointment: Marquette/Providence

HEY SEANNY J

ZION WILLIAMSON HAS ARRIVED

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Zion National Park is a magnificent natural phenomenon located in Utah with high red cliffs. Zion Williamson is a magnificent natural phenomenon located in Louisiana with a high vertical leap. Don't get the two mind-bending wonders confused.

Williamson, one of the most anticipated athletes in recent memory, finally played his first NBA game on Jan. 22 against the Spurs, and scored 22 points in 18 minutes.

We weren't surprised by his high shooting efficiency (8-for-11); we figured he could do that. What shocked NBA fans was his Wendy's 4-for-4 from beyond the arc.

Since then he is just 1-for-8 from deep but has instead astounded us with his combination of the vertical of an Olympic high-jumper with the physique of a bodybuilder.

According to Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski, Williamson's vertical was 45 inches in college. This is three or more inches higher than Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Spud Webb, Julius Erving, Dominique Wilkins — need I go on?

Williamson measures in at 6-foot-7 and weighs 285 pounds. This makes him the second-heaviest player in the NBA behind somebody that's 7-foot-3, and to say Zion wears it well would be an understatement.

We watched the anatomical marvel bully his way through college basketball, but after sustaining an injury right before the season started, his NBA debut

was delayed. This raised questions about whether or not a body built like Williamson's can withstand playing in the NBA.

In the 15 games that Zion has played this season, he is averaging 28.9 minutes per game. He started January on a minutes restriction, but then was given more time on the floor in February. He averaged 25 minutes per game in his first month back, then 30.6 the next.

In the March 1 game against the Lakers, Williamson tied his high for minutes played with 33 and set a new high with 35 points. He shot a fantastic 12-for-16, and brought his season scoring average and field goal percentage up to 24.1 points per game and 59.3%.

Williamson is unstoppable in the paint. Whether he's backing down his defender, posting up, muscling his way to the rim or catching a lob, he's already one of the best finishers in the league.

Due to his low volume this season, Williamson doesn't qualify among league leaders. But if he

did, he would be averaging the most attempts and makes within five feet of the basket in the NBA.

On average, Williamson is 8.5-for-13.4 from this range. The next highest in both attempts and makes within five feet is of course Giannis Antetokounmpo with an average of 7.8-for-11. The rim isn't a bad place to operate, as proven with

Antetokounmpo's 2018-19 and soon-to-be 2019-20 NBA MVP awards to show for it.

Now the question on everyone's minds is, "Should Zion win Rookie of the Year?" As great as I think he is, I don't think he should or will.

If Williamson plays the rest of New Orleans' games, he will finish his rookie season with 37 games under his belt. A precedent is already set in the Rookie of the Year race for a player that played great, but missed too much time.

In 2016-17, Joel Embiid played 31 games and averaged 20.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game for the 76ers. Fellow rookie Malcolm Brogdon averaged just 10.2 points and 4.2 assists per game, but beat Embiid because he played 75 games.

We have a similar situation this season with Williamson and Memphis' rookie Ja Morant, but the gap between these two is even smaller than Embiid and Brogdon's. Morant is scoring 17.6 points and dishing seven assists per game, and if he plays out the rest of the season, will play 76 games. These are incredible stats for a rookie, and his Rookie of the Year status is only in question because what Williamson is doing is superhuman.

Morant should, and will win the Rookie of the Year. He will likely be very good for a long time and have a great career. But Zion ... Zion is going to be special.



ZION THROUGH 15 GAMES

24.1 POINTS PER GAME

6.8 REBOUNDS PER GAME

2.1 ASSISTS PER GAME

59.3% FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

41.7% 3-POINT PERCENTAGE

PELICANS WITH ZION 8-7

PELICANS WITHOUT ZION 18-27

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Around the American: Men's Basketball Championship

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The 2020 American Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship is almost upon us and the race for a first round bye is a tight one. The tournament starts on March 12, giving every team in The American just two more games to improve its conference record.

Tulsa and Houston lead off the division with a tie for the best record at 12-4. Cincinnati holds No. 3 with a record of 11-5 and Wichita state holds the last of the bye-week seedings at No. 4 with a 10-6 conference record. Both Tulsa and Houston have guaranteed themselves a first-round bye in the conference tournament, with the other spots still up for grabs.

No. 25 ranked Houston overcame its poor shooting with a solid defensive performance last Sunday, beating the Cincinnati Bearcats 68-55. Marcus Sasser and Nate Hinton stood out offensively with 21 points and 16 points, respectively. Houston shot 36%, ending the first half with a 2-for-19 stretch and finishing the game with 22 offensive rebounds.

"To win by shooting 36% with 22 offensive rebounds, I'd rather shoot 55% with 10 offensive rebounds. Our kids have learned how to win without making shots. That's something we preach from day one ... We needed somebody to step up ... We were getting good shots; we were getting good looks. At some point, we needed to reward ourselves for what we were doing. We were doing just about everything right," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said, via AP Houston.

This win ties Houston for No. 1 in The American, which is now one game ahead of Cincinnati in the standings.

Wichita State recently won a very close game against SMU last Sunday, overcoming a



Houston players, from left, Marcus Sasser (0), Brison Gresham (55), Nate Hinton (11) and Caleb Mills (2) celebrate their win against Cincinnati the the end of the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Sunday, March 1, 2020, in Houston. PHOTO BY MICHAEL WYKE/AP

24-point deficit at the half to win 66-62. Wichita State guard Dexter Dennis had a career-high performance, putting up 25 points. Grant Sheffield made 4-for-5 from 3-point range and finished with 14 points and six assists for Wichita State, and Jamarius Burton added six rebounds. Jaime Echenique had 13 rebounds and four blocks. This win for Wichita State slid them into No. 4 in The American, putting them just one

game above SMU. If Wichita State can finish strong in its last performances of the regular season against Memphis and Tulsa, a first round bye in the conference tournament is theirs for the taking.

With the race for the top seeds of The American Conference being so close, this final week of conference play will determine it all. While Tulsa and Houston have guaranteed themselves the first round bye,

the race is still tight for Cincinnati, Wichita State, SMU and Memphis. Wichita State and Memphis play on Thursday, with the winner poised to take the No. 4 seed. Cincinnati has an easy road to No. 3, having faced USF (6-10 in The American) on Tuesday, and playing Temple (6-10 in The American) on Saturday. SMU has a strong route to the top four as well, playing UCF (5-11 in The American) on Wednesday, and USF

on Saturday. Wichita State has perhaps the most difficult route to the top four, having to hang on against a fellow top-four seed contender in Memphis (9-7 in The American), and finish its season against Tulsa (12-4 in The American). This upcoming week in men's basketball is an important one for teams in The American, and should have ramifications across the tournament and into March Madness.



Sports

Point/Counterpoint: Can UConn win the Hockey East tournament?

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We are nearing the final weekend of the Hockey East regular season, and while we're not sure of the seedings yet, we do know that UConn will be competing and possibly hosting a quarterfinals series in the Hockey East Tournament. After a slow start to the season, the Huskies have had a terrific second half of the season, going 8-2 in their last 10 conference games. This week, we're debating whether or not this team can continue this magical run to win the tournament this season.

Danny Barletta

I really believe this team has what it takes to win the Hockey East Tournament this year. The team has continuously improved throughout the season and has hit its peak at the perfect time. That's what hockey is all about: getting hot at the right time. Look at the Stanley Cup Playoffs every year. Very rarely does the team with the best record win it all. There's always a surprise team that gets hot and shocks the league with a big playoff run. I believe UConn could be that team in Hockey East this year. I have full confidence that the Huskies can beat any team that they will come up against in the tourney. They



Multiple UConn men's hockey players celebrate along the boards after Carter Berger scored UConn's first goal of the game versus UMass on Friday, Feb. 28. PHOTO BY MIKE MAVREDAKIS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

have an extremely deep roster that provides production on every line. More importantly, this team has a chip on its shoulder and something to prove after years of getting no respect in the conference. When I look at the teams they can play, only Boston College stands out as a team that would give UConn any significant trouble, but hockey is one of those sports where anybody can beat anybody. I honestly think that these

UConn players have a mentality that they can beat anyone — even BC — and sometimes that's all it takes, especially in a one-game championship.

Jorge Eckardt

What this team has done in the second half of the year is nothing short of incredible. Going on a 8-2 run in the conference to not only secure a Hockey East tournament bid but also put themselves in position to host a tournament game is an amazing turnaround. While I do believe they can make a run in the tournament, I just don't see them being able to win it all. This is for one reason, and one reason alone — Boston College. The BC Eagles have been nothing short of dominant this season, finding themselves ranked as the No. 4 team in the country by USCHO.com and USA Today. Not only that, but they had the UConn's number from start to finish when the two teams played. The Eagles took Game 1 6-0, but the Huskies did get one back in Game 2. By one, I mean one goal, losing the game 5-1. Yes, that was all the way back in early November, and the team has grown tremendously since then, but it's still hard to believe that it's enough to beat BC, considering the Eagles jumped to the No. 4 spot in the country from the No. 19 spot when they first played.

Barletta

You said it, UConn has grown tremendously since that rough series against BC in November. In fact, that series represented the low point of the season, as the Huskies fell to 2-5-1. Coach Cavanaugh, as well as multiple players, have repeatedly pointed to that series as the wake-up call that the team needed. Since then, the team has done nothing but get consistently better. I feel like this team actually wants

to play BC in the tournament to show how far they've come and to show they're a completely different team now. What better way is there to prove themselves to the rest of the conference than by beating the top team on the way to a championship? I think UConn knows that to show this run was not just a fluke, they'll have to go all the way. So this team is talented enough, deep enough and motivated enough to win the tournament. And after back-to-back weeks with crazy comeback wins in the last minute, I feel like this team is destined for something special.

Eckardt

Yes, they have gotten significantly better — but so has Boston College. As I've mentioned before, when they played the last time, BC was the No. 19-ranked team in the country, which is still very good, but it doesn't compare to being No. 4. One of the biggest reasons UConn could make a run in the tournament is that they're getting hot at the right time, winning eight of their last 10 conference games. But guess what, so has BC, as they are currently riding a six-game conference winning streak that could very well reach eight by the time the tournament comes around, with two games remaining versus the No. 9 UNH Wildcats. They have three of the top-20 players in points per game in the entire country, something that can only also be said for Harvard, as well as a top-10 goalie in goals-against average. Only two other goalies in Hockey East are also in the top 10, and they both hail from UMass — but BC's Spencer Knight has over 800 more minutes in net than both of them. I guess anything can happen, but I'm really hoping that someone else takes care of BC before UConn has to play them.



UConn's Kale Howarth (29) battles for the puck along the boards with UMass' John Leonard (9) and Jack Suter (10). UConn won the Friday, Feb. 28 game 3-2 after scoring two goals in the final 91 seconds of the game. PHOTO BY MIKE MAVREDAKIS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

LCK DELAYED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS

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LPL to return through online play, as LCK goes on indefinite hiatus

Starting on March 9, the League of Legends Pro League, or LPL, which is China's main league, will return to the Spring Split in an online format. The league has been on an indefinite hiatus since its Chinese New Year break, following the coronavirus outbreak, which had led many to wonder if they would have a Spring Split at all. The league, which plays every day of the week, will now be playing three best-of-3s just about every day in order to get all of its games in time, which is an exhausting schedule.

Of course, nothing good can come without negatives. Inven Global reported on Monday that the LCK will soon be on indefinite hiatus. The LCK's delay is not necessarily a surprise; the number of coronavirus cases in South Korea has been rising. However, before this week, it had seemed that the league might manage to keep going. But on Monday, it was announced that the LCK would be indefinitely suspended due to the rising outbreak. The league will finish playing through the March 6 games, which mark the end of the first round robin, before the hiatus. If the situation in Korea does not improve soon, it seems likely that they may have to resort to online games like the LPL is.

Team Liquid bouncing back

When Doublelift tweeted that he would be unable to play this week as he had laryngitis, it seemed like another blow to the already struggling Team Liquid. The team was forced to play their academy bot laner, Tactical, in place of the legendary player. It seemed likely that the week would be another step back for the North American Champions for the last four splits. But following great performances from midlaner Jensen and jungler Broxah, as well as very solid games from the other three players, the team managed to haul themselves to victory over both TSM and 100T.

Going into Week 7, Team Liquid will need to prove that they can keep this form. This is especially true if Doublelift returns to play this week. If he struggles like he has so far this season, many fans might begin to wonder whether it would be smarter for the team to use Tactical. But if Team Liquid, which is currently just two games out of first place, succeeds? They have a clear chance to make playoffs, perhaps even to secure a bye.

Europe remains a tight race

While G2 remains tied for No. 1 in Europe, it continues to be a close contest. G2, Fnatic and Origen remain tied for No. 1 at 9-3, while Misfits has fallen back to 8-4 after a loss to Fnatic. With only three weeks remaining and seven teams in decent position, as the lowest of the top seven Excel boasting a 6-6 record, it seems that it's going to be a fight all the way through the end to determine which six teams are going to make playoffs. As the defending champions of that tournament, G2 is going to want another shot at that trophy, but Fnatic and Origen look to stand in their way.

THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Thursday
7 p.m.
Gampel Pavillion

Men's Hockey
7:15 p.m.
Lowell, Mass.

Softball
Friday, 3 p.m.
JMU Invitational

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Haters, tell me again how playing at Tulsa in 2025 is better than this

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