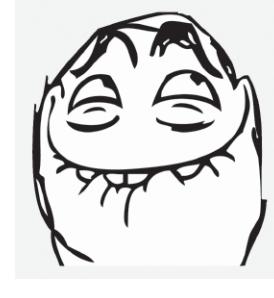


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UConn Recovery Ally Training program set to begin sessions this semester

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This semester, the University of Connecticut Recovery Community will begin training students who want to become more confident recovery allies through hosting 2 hour sessions, according to the Student Health and Wellness website.

"Through an interactive 2 hour session, the Recovery Ally Training program exists to expand awareness, sensitivity and support to any individual on the University of Connecticut campuses in (or seeking) recovery from substance use disorders," the website said.

Training sessions will be led by either Recovery Community Program Coordinator Sandy Valentine or current UConn student and certified recovery coach Zach Green, Valentine said. The sessions will also be co-facilitated by a group of recovery allies from the UConn School of Pharmacy.

Dates, time and locations of training sessions are posted on the website, along with the application, which is available to staff, faculty and students. Additional dates and times will be added based on demand, according to Valentine.

Students of the program will become more aware of resources available to those in recovery, as well as how to be a better friend and supporter for those seeking recovery.



The entrance to the UConn Student Health and Wellness building. The UConn Recovery Community will offer training sessions to help students become more confident allies in the recovery of their peers. Dates, times and locations of the sessions are located on the Student Health and Wellness website. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

"Students should expect to learn how to be a friend, supporter helper, partner and advocate for Huskies in or seeking recovery," Valentine said. "This includes awareness of resources, and how to create a safe space for people in recovery."

Valentine, who is in long-term recovery from alcoholism and is also a certified recovery coach, said that the Recovery

Community chose to start this program because they wanted to teach friends and family of those who are struggling with substance use disorders how to be supportive in the recovery process.

"Friends and family members often wrestle with understanding that addiction is a disease, and not a moral failure," Valentine said. "They are often

unaware of the resources and pathways to recovery."

Students should consider attending the training sessions in order to have more information regarding resources on campus, and in order to become part of a recovery-friendly community on-campus.

"We know that it is usually a friend that a student in recovery or in need of recovery turns to

for understanding," Valentine said. "Allies can help create a recovery-friendly community at UConn, and be a guide to available resources at the moment of need."

Valentine noted that the UConn Recovery Community will also be celebrating its 7th anniversary next week and is planning special events for students in recovery and their allies.

UConn juniors give StudentAdmin a facelift

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Two University of Connecticut juniors decided that StudentAdmin needed a makeover and created an extension (for Google Chrome) for students to download.

"Everyone hates using StudentAdmin. It's a pain to use and it's really outdated," co-creator Andrew Burns said. "You install [the extension] to your Chrome browser and whenever you go to their homepage, it replaces it with a new homepage with the links that actually matter. [Things like] grades, transcripts, schedule builder."

Burns, a sixth-semester computer science major, said it took about two weeks for him and his friend and co-creator Tim Noto, a sixth-semester manufacturing and engineering management major, to develop and test the extension.

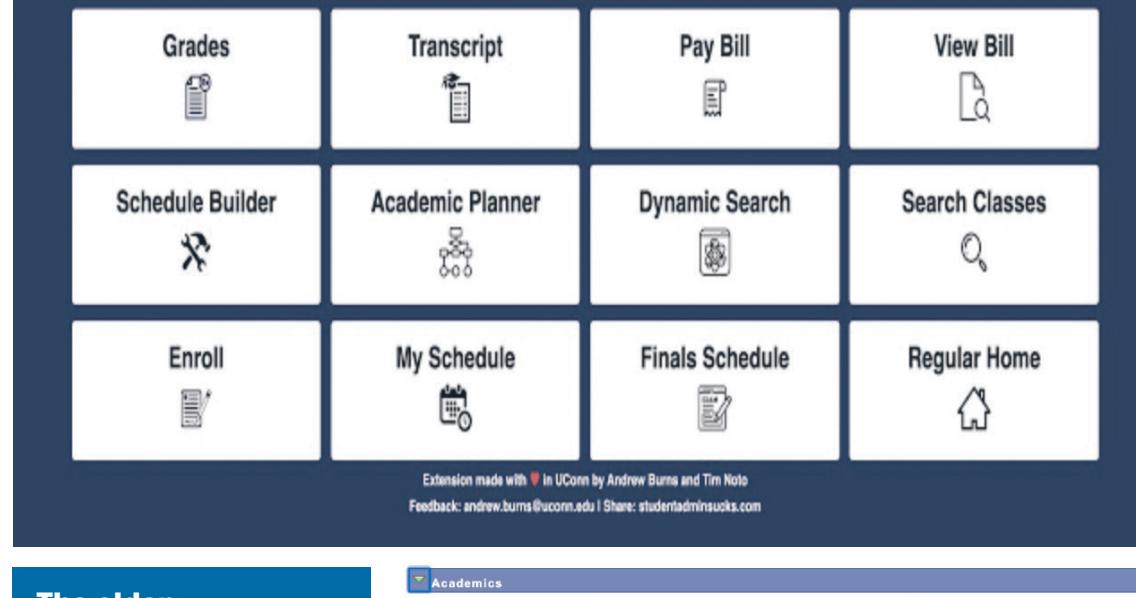
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SHAINA STAMP

To date, about 250 people have downloaded the extension and are taking advantage of the new look to Student Admin, which was first introduced on the UConn Buy or Sell page (top).

"Everyone loves it; they have great things to say," Burns said of the feedback thus far.

"Honestly, so useful, I don't have to spend 10 minutes searching for my transcript anymore," eighth-semester computer science and engi-



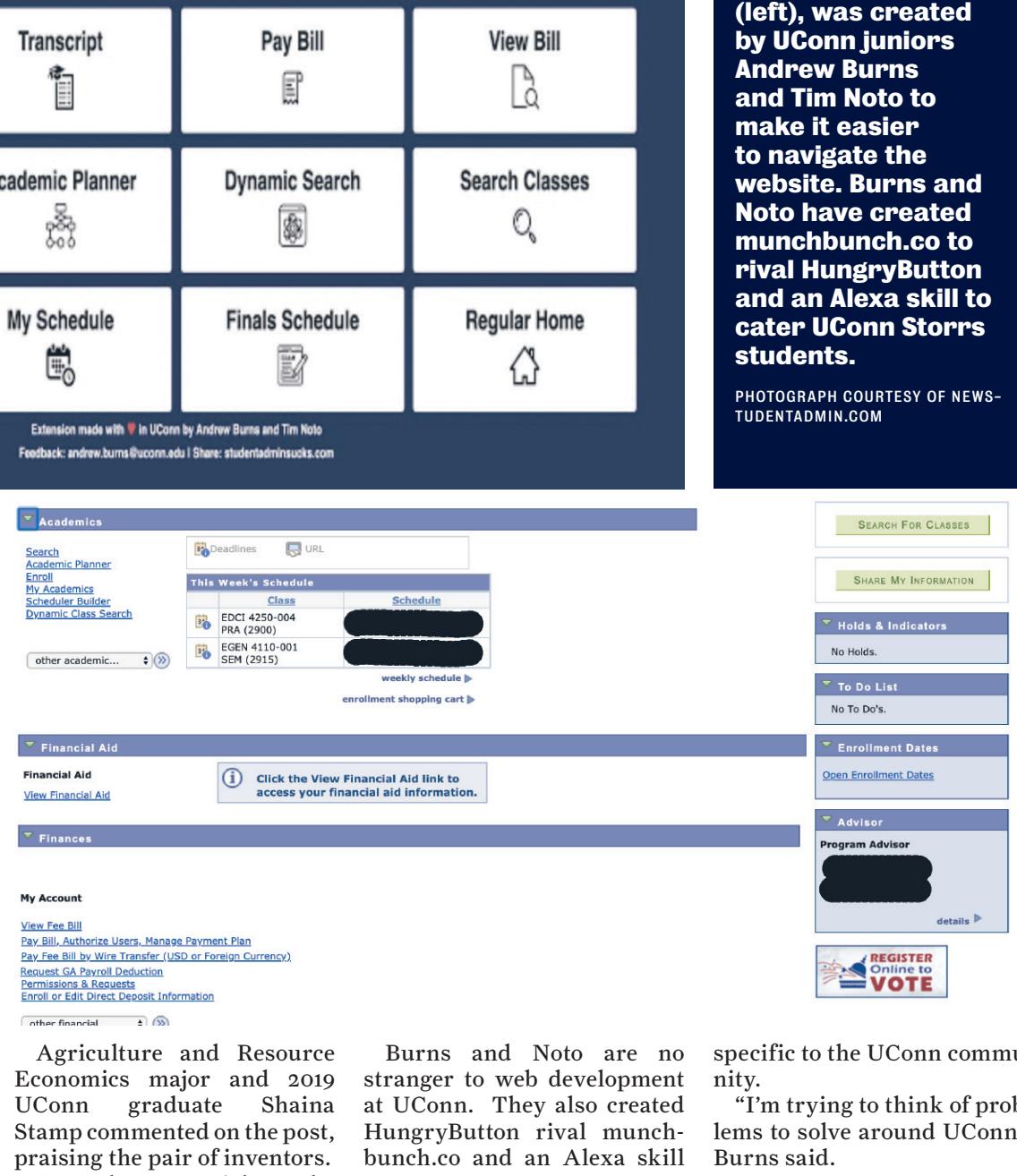
The older StudentAdmin (right), UConn students have frequently noted that the current version of the website is difficult to navigate. Burns and Noto's solution was to create a new version of the website, where the features are streamlined and easier to see at a glance.

PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF STUDENTADMIN

neering major Aakash Balaji commented on Burns' Buy or Sell post.

Burns said he hopes to make another extension for advisors and faculty use. He hopes that UConn will pick up the idea and use it as the standard for Student Admin for all users.

"I really want everyone to use it," Burns said.



The New StudentAdmin, (left), was created by UConn juniors Andrew Burns and Tim Noto to make it easier to navigate the website. Burns and Noto have created [munchbunch.co](#) to rival [HungryButton](#) and an Alexa skill to cater UConn Storrs students.

PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF NEWSSTUDENTADMIN.COM

Agriculture and Resource Economics major and 2019 UConn graduate Shaina Stamp commented on the post, praising the pair of inventors.

"You deserve a job at the university getting paid for this," Stamp wrote. "Your skills and insights are so impressive and useful to the student body!"

Burns and Noto are no stranger to web development at UConn. They also created HungryButton rival [munchbunch.co](#) and an Alexa skill

specific to the UConn community.

"I'm trying to think of problems to solve around UConn," Burns said.

To install the Chrome extension, go to <http://newstudentadmin.com>.

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Back on stand, Weinstein accuser declares: 'He is my rapist'

NEW YORK (AP) — A day after breaking down in tears, a key accuser at Harvey Weinstein's trial returned to the witness stand Tuesday and endured a final day of withering cross-examination focused on the complex nature of their relationship, defiantly telling jurors: "I want the jury to know that he is my rapist."

The woman was back in a New York City courtroom for a third day as Weinstein's lawyers finished an exhaustive review of friendly, sometimes flirtatious emails she sent the film producer after she says he raped her twice in 2013.

**"I WANT THE JURY
TO KNOW THAT HE
IS MY RAPIST."**

**AN ACCUSER OF HARVEY
WEINSTEIN**

They also played a recording she made of herself telling a psychic in April 2014 that Weinstein "had tried to cross boundaries in my life but I don't allow him to."

Weinstein's lawyers contend that evidence points to a consensual relationship and shows that the 34-year-old former actress was a manipulator who grin-and-bared her way through sexual encounters with Weinstein because she enjoyed the perks of knowing him.

"I know the history of my relationship with him," she pushed back. "I know it was complicated and difficult. But that doesn't change the fact that he raped me."

Asked by Weinstein lawyer Donna Rotunno how many times they had consensual sex, the woman responded: "I

only remember intercourse the times that he raped me."

Cross-examination took up most of the woman's time on the witness stand.

She finished up direct testimony back on Friday and prosecutors decided not to ask her any additional questions once Rotunno was finished Tuesday afternoon.

One reason the defense has focused so much attention on the woman is because her allegations that Weinstein raped her at a Manhattan hotel in March 2013 are the basis for some of the most serious charges at issue in his trial.

The woman has alleged Weinstein raped her again several months later at a Beverly Hills hotel, though she said she is not sure if she will pursue charges there.

The woman's return to the witness stand followed an emotional episode Monday, when she sobbed while reading an email passage about being abused earlier in her life. It was part of an email she sent a boyfriend in May 2014 explaining her relationship with Weinstein. The judge halted proceedings when she was unable to continue.

The Associated Press typically does not publish the names of people alleging sexual assault unless they give their consent. The AP is withholding the name of the woman because it isn't clear if she wishes to be identified publicly.

Resuming questioning on Tuesday, Rotunno asked the woman about several times she saw Weinstein after the alleged rapes, including her acceptance of his invitation to a Oscars party in 2015 and her decision to meet him in 2016 in his room at the same Beverly Hills hotel where she alleges he previously

raped her.

After the 2016 hotel encounter, the woman emailed Weinstein saying, "I feel so fabulous and beautiful. Thank you for everything."

She told jurors that Weinstein "was being really nice to me" at that time, but said she couldn't remember if they had sex on that occasion. Weinstein, now 67, was married at the time to fashion designer Georgina Chapman.

At one point, Rotunno asked the woman why she would accept favors from "your rapist." That's when the woman turned to jurors and said: "I want the jury to know that he is my rapist."

While dozens of women have accused Weinstein of sexual assault or harassment, he is on trial in New York for allegations involving just two episodes with two women: the woman testifying Tuesday and a former film and TV production assistant, Mimi Haleyi, who alleges he forcibly performed oral sex on her in 2006. Weinstein's downfall energized the #MeToo movement.

As big a factor as Tuesday's witness is in the case, the defense's painstaking cross-examination, coupled with her emotional reaction on Monday, could run the risk of alienating jurors and making her appear more sympathetic.

Defense lawyer Brian McMonagle found himself navigating the same murky waters on the way to winning a mistrial because of a hung jury in Bill Cosby's first molestation trial in 2017. Cosby was later convicted.

"Of course a lawyer has to go in there and attack credibility and attack inconsistencies," said McMonagle, who's not involved in the Weinstein case. "It's just how you do it. There's a way to do it without being



Harvey Weinstein arrives at court for his rape trial, in New York, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020. PHOTO BY RICHARD DREW/AP PHOTO

despicable."

On Tuesday, the jury was shown a series of nude photos of Weinstein taken by the district attorney's office a few weeks after his arrest, presumably to try to corroborate claims by the woman he's charged with

raping that she noticed "extreme scarring" on his body. She testified last week that along with the scars, she thought he had characteristics of both male and female genitalia.

Jurors also heard from another supporting witness: An actress who testified that she felt pressured into having

an awkward three-way sexual encounter with Weinstein and the woman.

Emanuela Postacchini testified that in February 2013, Weinstein had her meet him and the rape accuser at a Los Angeles-area hotel, where he tried to persuade the women to have sex with him.

Postacchini said during the encounter, Weinstein's accuser went into the bathroom and was "crying in the fetal position on the ground." Postacchini said that while she personally didn't feel forced to do anything, "the situation was forced."

China deaths rise to 490, Japan confirms 10 cases on ship



Japan Coast Guard's patrol boat, left, is brought alongside the cruise ship Diamond Princess to take passengers tested positive for coronavirus to hospitals off Yokohama, south of Tokyo, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020. PHOTO BY HIROKO HARIMA/KYODO NEWS VIA AP

BEIJING (AP) — Deaths from a new virus rose to 490 in mainland China on Wednesday while new cases on a Japanese cruise ship, in Hong Kong and in Thailand showed the increasing spread of the outbreak and renewed attention toward containing it.

Ten people from the cruise ship tested positive and were taken to hospitals, while all 3,700 crew and passengers on the ship will be quarantined on board for up to 14 days, Health Minister Nobukatsu Kato said. More tests are pending.

In Hong Kong, hospitals workers are striking to demand the border with mainland China be shut completely to ward off the virus, but four new cases without known travel to the mainland indicate the illness is spreading locally in the territory.

The growing caseload "indicates significant risk of

community transmission" and could portend a "large-scale" outbreak, said Chuang Shuk-kwan, head of the communicable disease branch at the Center for Health Protection.

Hospitals in Hong Kong said they had to cut some services due to striking workers' absences. More than 7,000 joined the strike Tuesday, according to the Hospital Authority Employees' Alliance, the strike organizer.

The territory's beleaguered leader, Carrie Lam, criticized the strike and said the government was doing all it could to limit the flow of people across the border. Almost all land and sea links have been closed, but the striking workers want it shut completely.

"Important services, critical operations have been affected," Lam told reporters. "So I'm appealing to those who are taking part in this action: Let's

put the interests of the patients and the entire public health system above all other things."

With the epicenter of the outbreak, Wuhan, cut off by rail, air and road to try to contain the virus, the U.S. and other countries were organizing more evacuation flights for their citizens still in the central Chinese city.

The latest mainland China figures showed an increase of 65 deaths from the previous day, all the new deaths from Wuhan. The number of new cases increased to 24,324, a rise of 3,887 from the previous day. Outside mainland China, at least 180 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, one in Hong Kong and another in the Philippines.

To treat the thousands of patients, China rushed to build hospitals and converted a gymnasium, exhibition hall and cultural center in Wuhan.

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What happened in Iowa and what's next after caucus mess



Boxes of voter registration forms are stacked at an unstaffed auxiliary office of the Iowa Democratic Party headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPH BY NATI HARNIK/AP PHOTO

IOWA (AP) — The political universe has been turned upside down by the failure of the Iowa caucuses. Traditionally the event provides the first concrete tally after months of speculation about the presidential primary. But Monday night's Democratic caucuses ended inconclusively as the state party blamed technological problems for preventing it from reporting results. Here are some questions and answers about what happened — and what might come next.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

The Iowa Democratic Party says an app created to compile and report caucus results malfunctioned due to a "coding issue," delaying the count. The party says there are no signs of hacking or other intrusion and that the underlying data is "sound." The problem was that the app only reported partial data when the precinct chairs sent the information to party headquarters.

WERE PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED?

There were some concerns ahead of time. The caucuses were operating under new, complex rules that required the reporting of three different tiers of results, and that appears to have complicated the counting.

The Iowa Democratic Party didn't roll the app out to its 1,678 caucus locations until a few hours before the meetings began Monday night. Party officials had said they would not be sending the new mobile app to precinct chairs for downloading until just before the caucuses to narrow the window for any interference, and there wasn't widespread pretesting by volunteers running the caucus sites.

HOW WILL THE PARTY DETERMINE WHO WON?

The results of each caucus meeting must be tabulated on paper. Party officials are going door-to-door across the state to verify the written results of each caucus meeting and check them against what was reported on the app. This will take time.

WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHO WON?

That's unclear. The Iowa Democratic Party would not say when it would release full results. It did release the tallies of 62% of the state's precincts late Tuesday afternoon, but they were not enough to call the race. The fractional result showed

former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the lead of the contest for State Delegate Equivalents. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar trailed.

WHAT ARE CAMPAIGNS SAYING?

Several campaigns initially jumped into the information void and announced, perhaps unsurprisingly, that according to their own data their candidate did great in Iowa. But in all of these cases the data was incomplete and the same caveats applied as with the party's subsequent release of partial results.

As the day dragged on, Warren questioned why the Iowa party wasn't waiting to release a full tally. Sanders expressed frustration with the delay but counseled patience. And Buttigieg was emotional at a New Hampshire rally as he spoke of being, at least for the time being, in first place.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OTHER STATES?

Attention has already shifted to New Hampshire, which votes in a traditional primary on Feb. 11. Another caucus state — Nevada — said it will not use the same app utilized in Iowa.

Once Nevada votes on Feb. 22, things move fast. South Carolina, the final early state, votes on Feb. 29. Then a mass of 14 states that account for about one-third of the delegates up for grabs votes on March 3, known as Super Tuesday.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR IOWA?

There's no way to know whether one specific candidate benefits from the Iowa mess. The entire primary process was already uncertain, and a new layer of uncertainty has been added without Iowa winnowing the field in its traditional way. It's also sowed new doubts about the reliability of caucuses, which increases the pressure on Nevada, one of the only remaining caucus states. Republicans have been gleefully trying to fan Democratic division by stoking rumors online that the meltdown is a conspiracy to cripple Sanders' insurgent campaign. In the end, though, one thing is clear — the biggest loser is probably Iowa itself, which may forfeit its first-in-the-nation slot over the debacle.

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Senate so far split neatly along party lines on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is so far cleaving neatly along party lines in advance of Wednesday's virtually certain votes to acquit President Donald Trump on two impeachment charges, with just two or three undecided members even considering breaking with their party.

A leading GOP moderate, Susan Collins of Maine, announced she will vote to acquit Trump, leaving Utah Sen. Mitt Romney as the only potential GOP vote to convict Trump of abusing his office and stonewalling Congress.

Collins said "it was wrong" for Trump to ask Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate his political rival, Joe Biden, but that Trump's conduct, however flawed, does not warrant "the extreme step of immediate removal from office." Collins voted to acquit former President Bill Clinton at his trial in 1999.

More typical of the GOP side was Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who again slammed the impeachment drive of House Democrats as "the most rushed, least fair and least thorough" in history and confirmed that he will vote to acquit Trump.

The trial is cruising to impeachment tallies that will fall short of even a majority of the GOP-held Senate, much less the two-thirds required to remove Trump from office and install Vice President Mike Pence.

The final days of the trial have focused attention on a handful of senators in both parties who were viewed as potential votes to break with their party. GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska called the president's actions "shameful and wrong" in a powerful speech late Monday, but she also derided the highly partisan pro-



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, walks from the Senate Floor on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 in Washington. PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON/AP PHOTO

cess. "I cannot vote to convict," she said, though she also sees blame within the Senate.

"We are part of the problem, as an institution that cannot see beyond the blind political polarization," Murkowski told reporters after her speech.

Other Republicans, such as Sens. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rob Portman of Ohio, also say Trump's actions to withhold military aid from Ukraine while pressing Zelenskiy to announce an investigation into Biden and his son Hunter were inappropriate, but fell short of warranting his removal from office, especially in an election year.

"The aid went; the investiga-

tions did not occur," Portman said.

Democrat after Democrat took to the Senate floor to announce they would vote to convict Trump, with senior Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., outraged by the conduct of White House lawyers, who he said performed for an audience of one — meaning Trump — while playing fast and loose with the facts.

"The presentation by White House counsel was characterized by smarminess, smear, elision, outright misstatement, and various dishonest rhetorical tricks that I doubt they would dare to pull before judges," said Whitehouse.

CONNECTICUT NEWS

Former Connecticut teacher donates over \$500,000 to school

WATERBURY, Conn.

(AP) — A former teacher and coach donated over half of a million dollars from his estate to Children's Community School, a nonprofit.

Richard Cobb, 74, retired after 40 years of teaching at Taft School in 2013, and died in January 2019, The Republican American reported Monday.

Director of development at the Children's Community School, Cobb

Lynn Curless, says the money will be used to help the school through an expansion to add middle school grades sixth, seventh and eighth.

Curless said that Cobb often devoted much of his time and money to charitable causes.

Cobb regularly brought Taft students to volunteer at the nonprofit as part of the school's community service program.

Curless said Cobb con-

tinued to donate to the school after his retirement, including a portion of a family trust, and never asked for recognition.

"He just started sending us large checks every year," Curless said.

She did not specify the exact amount but said the bulk of the money exceeds \$500,000.

Curless said Cobb never told her his plan to leave a portion of his estate to the school.

Prosecutors oppose ex-gov's request to end probation early

HARTFORD, Conn.

(AP) — Federal prosecutors in a court filing Tuesday expressed their opposition to a request by former Connecticut governor and convicted felon John G. Rowland to be released early from the probationary period stemming from his most recent conviction so he can devote himself more fully to his job with a prison ministry.

Rowland, 62, is director of development for the Northeast region of Prison Fellowship, a Christian group that ministers to convicts.

Prison Fellowship does

meaningful work, federal prosecutors wrote in their filing, but said Rowland is a high risk of reoffending, the Hartford Court reported.

"The defendant's criminal history has seen him repeatedly reject society's rules in favor of his own ego and financial self-interest and the court should be sufficiently concerned with the possibility of recidivism here that continued supervision is appropriate," prosecutors wrote.

Rowland in his request last month said as long as his three-year probationary term is in effect he

is prevented by security rules in some states from escorting donors and volunteers into prisons, hampering his ability to do his job.

The Republican was Connecticut's governor from 1995 to 2004.

Rowland's first sentence stemmed from a public corruption scandal when he was governor, and the second related to a plot to hide political consulting work for two congressional campaigns. He was released on probation in May 2018.

The judge did not indicate when she would rule.



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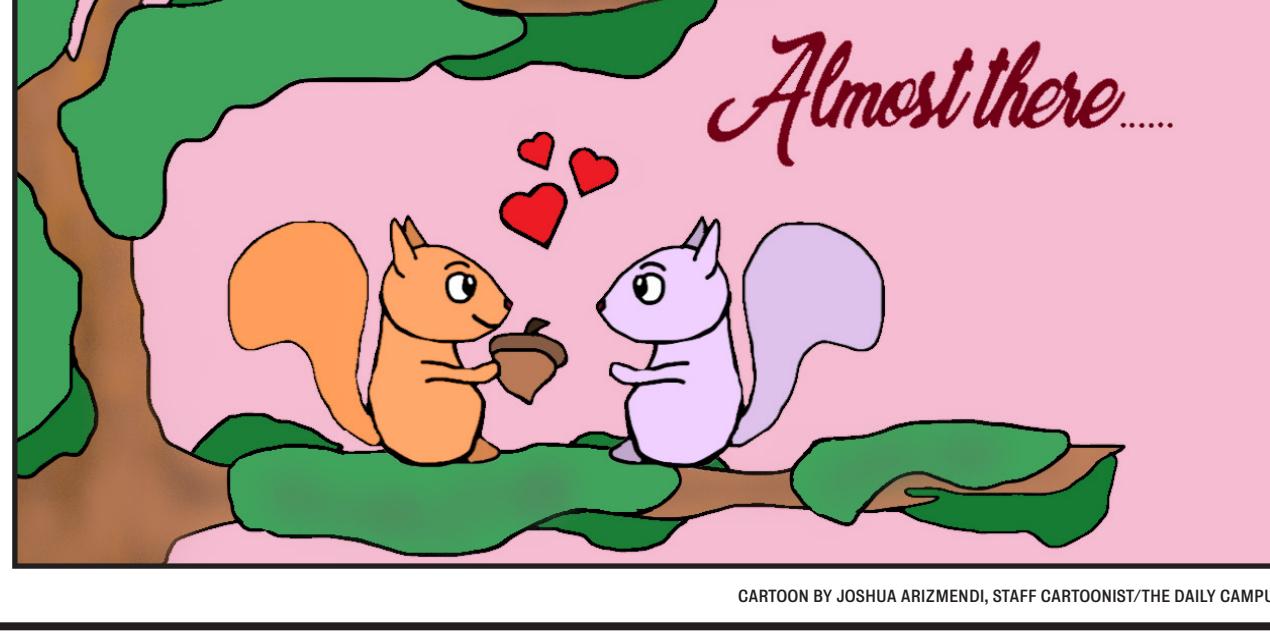
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Fixing UConn's underrepresentation problem

On Jan. 30, The Daily Campus published an article that detailed the racial makeup of the faculty at the University of Connecticut. The results showed that the majority of the faculty is white. Many students, especially those of color, have said that they feel underrepresented.

Of course, UConn should do something to change this; universities in general should make sure that their students feel more represented so that students are able to get the most out of their education. These interventions would have to happen at the hiring level as well as much earlier in students' academic careers.

Part of the reason why certain races — in UConn's case, black and Hispanic — are underrepresented is because often times, there are fewer applicants who are people of color. This goes back to a root cause in many earlier education systems in which many people of color are not encouraged to get a doctoral degree and become professors. The few who do go into the field often face difficulties in their chosen places of work.

These difficulties include being overwhelmed due to having to fill the roles of a professor, researcher and a mentor, as well as the fact that quite a few do experience racial microaggressions from their colleagues and from wherever their work is being published. Often times, these faculty members are overextended, and therefore, overwhelmed.

This goes back to a root cause in many earlier education systems in which many people of color are not encouraged to get a doctoral degree and become professors. The few who do go into the field often face difficulties in their chosen places of work.

UConn should definitely work on hiring more people of color as members of the faculty in order to make students — and the faculty itself — feel more represented. However, it goes beyond this. UConn should also work on creating a better environment where these faculty members feel valued by their colleagues and bosses, and in their environment in general. The atmosphere should be more encouraging and welcoming in order to help with retention.

As for encouraging students — especially students who are black or Hispanic — to get a doctoral degree and become professors, UConn could offer more scholarships to students who wish to pursue this path. With these scholarships, students would be more inclined to perhaps become professors because the financial aspect would not be as much of a problem.

Hiring more faculty members who are people of color is not something UConn can do overnight. However, UConn can work much harder to create a more racially diverse faculty and create a more welcoming work environment for these faculty members.

On Math and Politics: Confronting impersonality

by **Sharon Spaulding**

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Math and politics have a lot in common. Both are languages: Math is the language of science, and politics is the language of collective will. Both are indispensable tools: Math is an indispensable tool in other disciplines for analysis and comparison; politics is the tool of governance and of collective expression.

Another trait math and politics share is that they both can seem remarkably impersonal at times. There is elegance in the arguments, patterns and objects of math, and there is dignity to the structure of these arguments and the ardent stringency of how patterns and objects are examined. Yet the elegance and dignity of math is often veiled by the way math is taught, how it is applied, and cultural perceptions of it.

In politics, too, especially in a democracy, there is elegance and dignity behind the impersonality — in both its purpose as an expression of collective will, and in its capability to be both an instrument and record of the moral growth of society.

Yet the elegance and dignity of the purposes and capabilities of politics are often veiled by reality. Legislation and debate are never perfect representations of collective will.

The rhetoric and dialogue of our political leaders does not always reflect moral growth in our nation, or of an increasing consciousness of the value of human lives and the value of our own landscapes and environment.

Impersonality isn't just in math and politics, though. Impersonality is all around us.

It is in crowds of people who don't talk to each other, remaining strangers — on public transport, in lecture halls and on busy streets.

It is in news reports of immense tragedy and loss that we can read without being profoundly affected. It is in the void of neither scorn nor admiration from the landscapes we invent and are amidst — in tall, hulking, gray buildings and tall, lanky brown trees, in patternless cracks in the pavement and in the absence of variation in a hazy blue sky on a winter's afternoon.

Impersonality is in the infinite and crowded space between us and the chaos we cannot frame. It is in the reductions and simplifications of complexities and synchronicities that we do not understand or that challenge what we think to be valuable and sacred.

Yet as humans, although we often do, we are not conditioned to accept impersonality. Despite the impersonality of our worlds, we remain fundamentally personal

beings. We are inspired and compelled to action by what is personal, by what touches our own lives. We seek affirmation of deeply personal truths in the world and people around us — truths of what has value and importance, truth of the value of our own lives.

So to be inspired to act and to assert the value of what we know to be sacred, whether through political action or in other areas of life, we must look beyond what appears to be impersonal. In impersonal crowds of strangers are puzzling and interesting geometries formed from the intersection of human life that can incite wonder and curiosity. In news reports of tragedy and loss are stories of human lives affected by political, economic, cultural and environmental circumstances that we sometimes have the ability to affect, even if in a small way. The impersonal structures of our landscapes are witness to our lives and wanderings; these structures, then, are privy to the lonesomenesses and joys of the human heart as under gray buildings and brown trees we remember, reflect and learn.

Underneath impersonality there are unforeseeable expressions of truths and beauty. We will only discover them if we look beyond to see the patterns, order, dignity and humanity that are all around us.

I Support Bernie Sanders AND YOU SHOULD TOO

by **Peter Fenteany**

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With the Iowa Caucus this past Monday and New Hampshire primaries this next Tuesday, it is finally time for the ball to drop. Well, as long as the Iowa Democratic Party gets their stuff together and publishes their state's results. While Connecticut is late enough that the candidacy may be all but decided by our primary, I want to make a case for who is by far the most honest, compassionate and progressive Democratic option we have: Bernie Sanders.

Looking purely at policy, there is no contest. Sanders has shown unflinching, dedicated support to issues that would demonstrably benefit the lives of millions of Americans. Sanders is the only candidate who has never watered down his stance on healthcare. From his sponsoring of the Medicare For All Act to his ongoing support for it in the campaign, Sanders has been consistent on wanting universal healthcare in the United States. You may worry about specifics, but you are wrong if you think this should not be our goal.

Sanders has successfully implemented universal healthcare. Implementing Medicare For All would be the single biggest success in American politics in decades, and it is critical for the health of our country that we move towards this.



Not only would this create a more equitable society, lifting up the most destitute among us, but it would also remove much of the confusion and bureaucratic bloat in our current system. This is not a radical idea; it is catching up to the plethora of other countries that

More abstractly, Sanders' repeated support of a Green New Deal and workplace democracy shows where his other political leanings lie. Fighting the ongoing and worsening climate disaster must be a priority if we as a species are to survive in any form. Doing this in a way that does not leave working people in the dust is imperative if we as a country are to survive. Sanders has shown a kind of insight on these issues that no other candidate is brave enough to. We need a leader with this kind of decisive and progressive attitude.

Detractors will say Bernie Sanders will never be able to put in place "radical" ideas like these. But that sort of concession is unhelpful at best and willfully ignorant at worst. Acting as though any progressive legislation can come without a fight is laughable. Saying we cannot have a better, more equitable world because of legislative pushback is defeatist. Thinking that a politician should be counted out for good priorities and strong ambition is wrong. And claiming that these ideas are radical in any way is a lie.

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‘Beyond Duty’ Recognizing foreign heroes in the Holocaust



An exhibition titled “Beyond Duty” resides in the hallway of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. The exhibition tells the stories of people affected by the Holocaust. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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In times of crisis and war, people often do not know if what they are doing is right, and if they are, it may be against the norm at the time. During World War II and the Holocaust, as Jewish people were being persecuted in Germany and all throughout the world, it was through their own bravery and that of others that they managed to survive. From now until March 1, the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life is housing the exhibit “Beyond Duty: Diplomats Recognized as Righteous Among the Nations” in the Dodd Center. The exhibit opened at the end of last month to coincide with the observance of United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27.

The exhibit is a series of posters running down the hallway of the Dodd Center, featuring a timeline of events detailing the effects of the Holocaust on one side. The other side of the hallway features posters dedicated to diplomats that have been “recognized as Righteous Among the Nations” by Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jeru-

salem. The exhibit is put on display by the Consulate General of Israel to New England and the posters produced by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meant to “[showcase] the history of diplomats from around the world who defied the direct orders of their governments during World War II to save the lives of countless Jews from the Nazis,” according to the exhibition’s opening description. “Beyond Duty” is also dedicated to the Holocaust survivors “whose courage and resilience inspire us,” as introduced in the exhibition.

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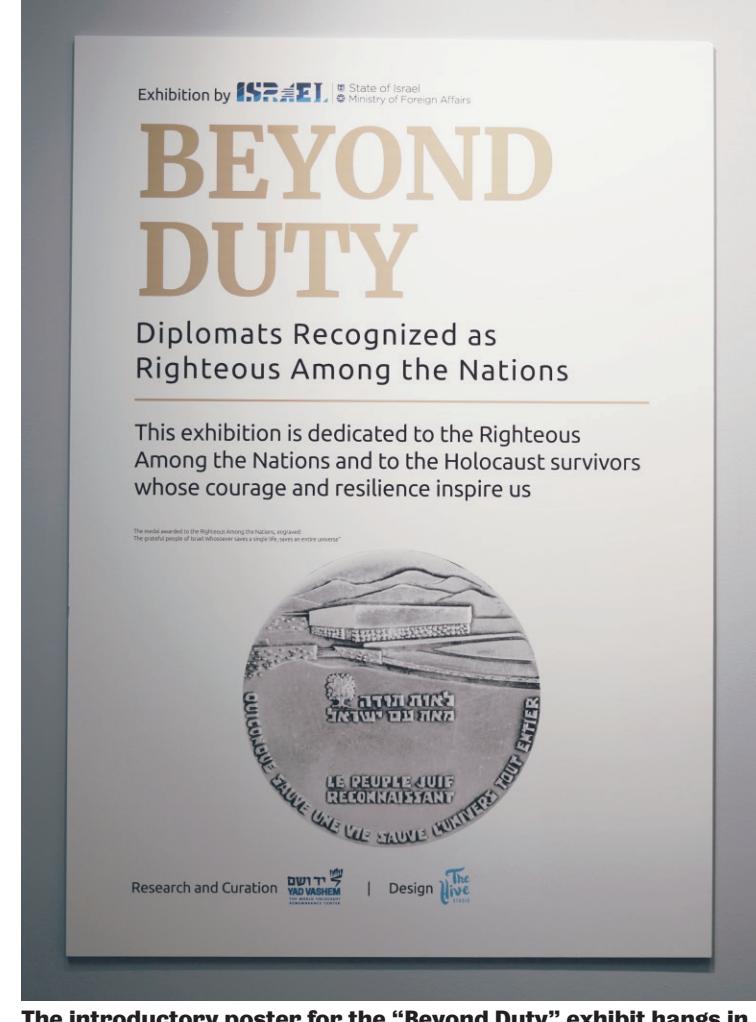
Series of quotes from the honorees accompany their portraits and a description of how they had assisted Jews in their

countries. Many of the diplomats describe a feeling of duty behind their actions, despite uncertainty or fear for their own and others’ safety.

“I’ve taken on this assignment, and I will never be able to return to Stockholm without knowing that I’d done all a man could do to save as many Jews as possible,” Raoul Wallenberg, from Sweden, is quoted saying on his poster. Out of the exhibition, he was awarded the title the earliest, in 1963, for helping the Swedish legislation in Budapest in 1944 with protective passports and visas.

Shortly after being enlisted by the government, Wallenberg began to issue protective letters and even joined his colleagues in following Jews who were being marched to the Austrian border and “freed them by claiming they were under Swedish protection.” However, Wallenberg was taken away by Russian soldiers when they entered the city, and never heard from again.

Other stories like Wallenberg’s cover the walls of the Dodd Center, like Aristides de Sousa Mendes from Portugal, who was posthumously recognized in 1966, after he died penniless in 1954. He was dismissed from the coun-



The introductory poster for the “Beyond Duty” exhibit hangs in the Dodd Center. The exhibit was opened last month to match with the observance of United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

try’s Foreign Office for issuing visas to several thousand refugees, which was against the country’s “explicit instructions.” According to his poster, Portugal’s government only granted him total rehabilitation in 1988.

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CHIUNE SUGIHARA

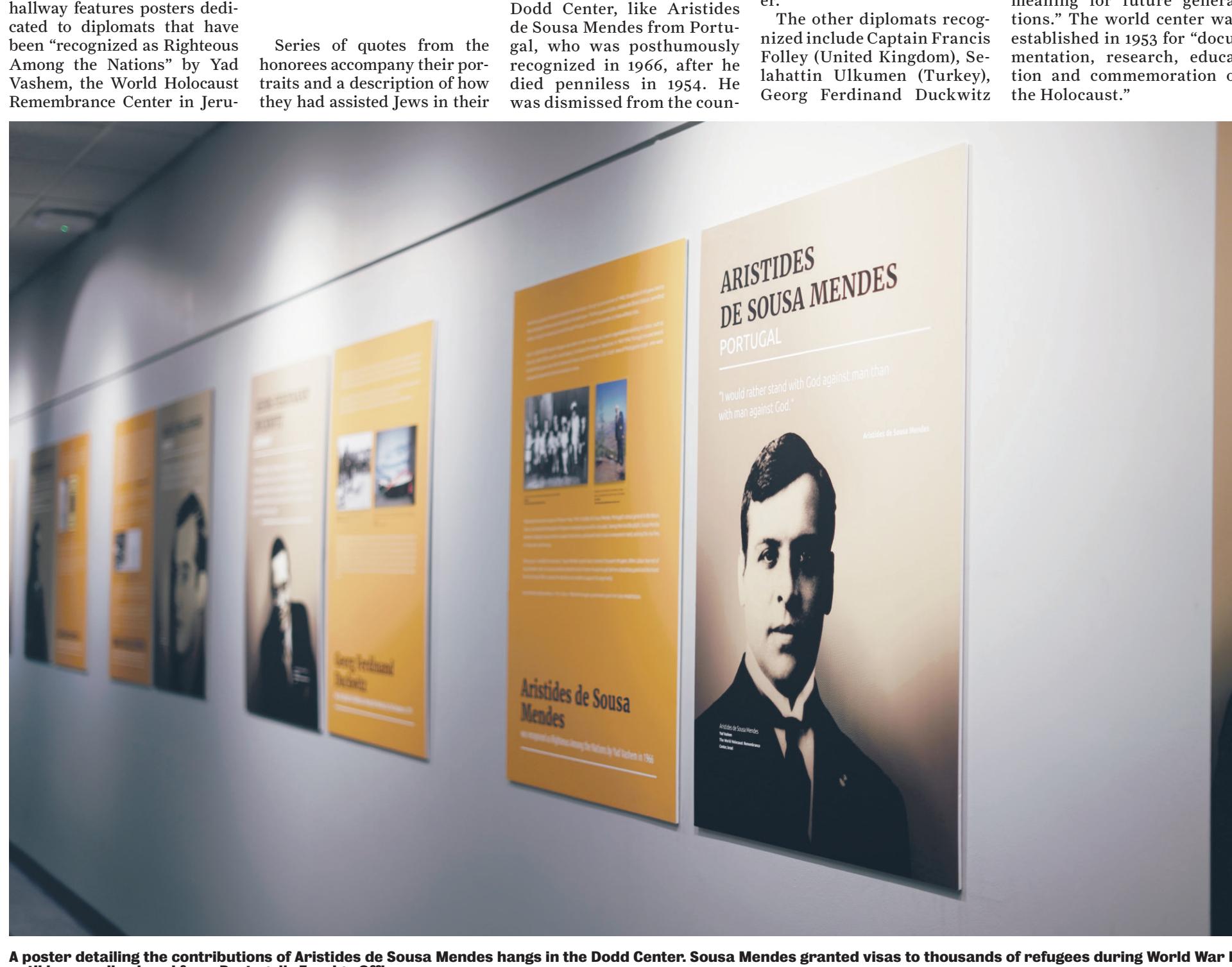
“I would rather stand with God against man than man against God,” reads a quote by Sousa Mendes on his poster.

The other diplomats recognized include Captain Francis Folley (United Kingdom), Selahattin Ulkumen (Turkey), Georg Ferdinand Duckwitz

(Germany), José María Barreto (Peru), Chiune Sugihara (Japan), Sebastián de Romero Radigales (Spain) and Vladimír Vochoč (Czechoslovakia). Only nine diplomats were able to be honored in the Dodd Center, but according to the exhibit, close to 27,000 men and women have been given the title of “Righteous Among the Nations” by the Remembrance Center. The project began in 1963, detailing enriching and amazing stories of human sacrifice.

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According to the introductory poster, Yad Vashem “safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations.” The world center was established in 1953 for “documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust.”



A poster detailing the contributions of Aristides de Sousa Mendes hangs in the Dodd Center. Sousa Mendes granted visas to thousands of refugees during World War II until he was dismissed from Portugal’s Foreign Office. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Reflecting on the importance of National Women Physicians Day

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On Feb. 3, citizens all over America celebrated National Women Physicians Day, which falls on the birthday of Elizabeth Blackwell, who became the first licensed female doctor in America in 1849.

In her mid-20s, Blackwell was deeply affected by a close friend of hers who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and felt embarrassed about going to male doctors. Blackwell later decided to pursue a career in medicine, and in 1847 she was accepted to Geneva Medical College in Upstate New York to make that dream a reality. However, she faced significant backlash: Her fellow students believed she was admitted as a prank and were furious she had been allowed to attend in the first place.

Blackwell studied rigorously during her medical school tenure despite being talked down to by patients and fellow doctors alike, and in 1849 she completed her doctoral thesis on typhus fever and graduated first in her class, becoming the first woman in the United States to attain a medical degree.

Today, women are rein-

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venting their role in medicine. According to a 2017 study by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the number of women enrolled in medical school has now exceeded the number of men. Females accounted for 50.7% of 21,338 students in 2017, compared to 2016's statistic of 49.8%.

Women also dominate certain aspects of the medical field, but lack in others. For example, according to a 2019 study by the American Medical Association, the top fields for women in medicine included obstetrics and gynecology (83.4%), allergy and immunology (73.5%) and pediatrics (72.1%). Men, on the other hand, domi-

nated the fields of orthopedic surgery (84.6%), neurological surgery (82.5%) and interventional radiology (80.8%). Gender balance among medical residents was most prominent in the fields of sleep medicine, preventive medicine, pathology and psychiatry.

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Despite these significant advancements, women still face challenges establishing their role in the medical field. In October, the Association of American Medical Colleges published an article detailing the burnout women face very early in their career from balancing work or studies with family, which results in almost 40% of women going part-time or leaving medicine entirely within six years of completing their residencies.

"When you invest more than a decade of your life to learn a skill and you're willing to walk away from that early in your career, that's more than a red flag. It's a burning fire," Sasha Shillcutt, physician and founder of Brave Enough, an organization aimed at empowering female doctors, told the AAMC last year.

It is often significantly more difficult for women to balance the demands of work and their home lives, especially when pregnancy and children are involved. A 2014 study revealed that women spend on average 8.5 hours more a week on domestic activities than their male counterparts do. Women were also more likely to take time off during issues with child care arrangements than their male partners.

Despite these issues, women still tend to perform better in their fields than men. A February 2017 study revealed patients treated by female

doctors experienced lower mortality rates and readmission rates than those treated by male doctors (11.07% vs. 11.49% and 15.02% vs. 15.57%, respectively).

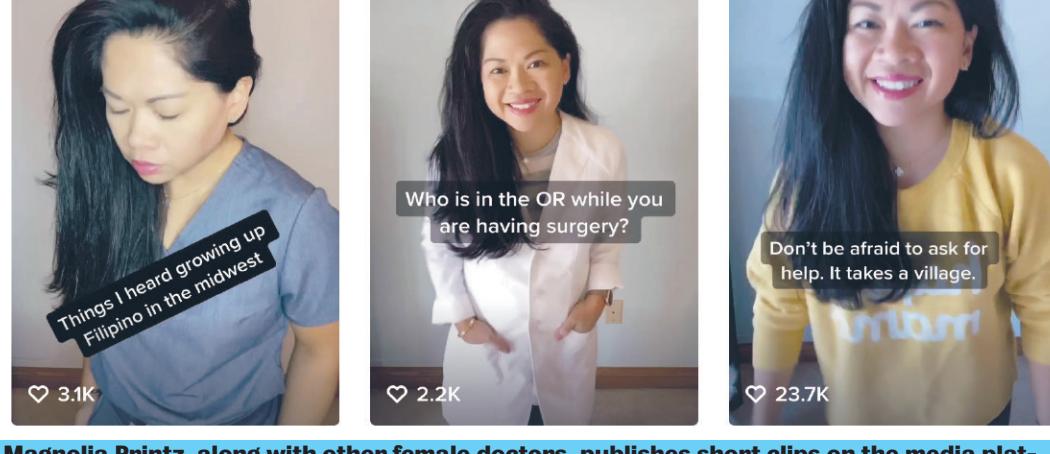
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In 2017, Northeastern University professor Timothy Hoff published an article in Medical Economics describing how women who enter the medical field often soon understand they are at a disadvantage, not because of their skills or training, but because of their sex.

"In my research, I have spoken to many young female doctors who realize during their training and early career that despite having earned their way into the most competitive profession on Earth, they still will likely encounter a fair number of colleagues, employers, and customers that treat them like second-class citizens," Hoff wrote. "For some, this realization starts at the very outset of their careers to drive negative perceptions of their chosen profession as well

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Dr. Magnolia Printz, along with other female doctors, publishes short clips on the media platform, Tik Tok, to educate viewers about her anesthesiology practice and her own residency experiences. PHOTO COURTESY OF TIKTOK

as producing higher rates of negative psychological states like depression."

Besides gender bias, women also face less-obvious obstacles in medicine, such as how they are addressed in the workplace by fellow doctors and patients alike. Many women in medicine are called "sweetie" or "Mrs.," and this seemingly benign terminology can be problematic.

According to a study in the Journal of Women's Health, "To address a female physician as 'Mrs.,' even if she is married, is to imply that despite all her professional accomplishments, her worth is reduced to her marital status. It ignores all the hard work that went into earning the title of 'Doctor,' and denotes, whether intentional or not, that a female physician is somehow less deserving of the title than a male physician."

Though there is still much work to do in acknowledging the value of women in medicine, it is clear that women have revolutionized the industry and are making a new legacy for themselves through the patients they treat as well as their footprints elsewhere. Take the Tik Tok "Hype Hospital," for example, which is a play on the "Hype House," a group of viral teenagers who make dance videos in their

mansion in Encino, California. The physicians involved in the Hype Hospital include Dr. Magnolia Printz, Dr. Jessica Andrade and several other female and male doctors of all specialties.

The group has virtually revolutionized modern medicine communication while maintaining the human side of their lives. Dr. Printz, for example, publishes short clips about how her anesthesiology practice functions as well as videos about her residency experiences and how to balance work life with a family. Dr. Andrade, who is in her second year of pediatric residency, publishes similar content as well as motivational videos about how she pushed through the majority of medical school despite people doubting her and telling her she could never do it.

These two women only represent a small fraction of the amazing female doctors around the United States and the world who not only save lives and make meaningful connections, but pass their wisdom on to future doctors and those who are exasperated about learning the practice of medicine. It is time we acknowledge these powerful women and the legacy they leave on the ever growing field of medicine.



National Women Physicians Day falls on the birthday of Elizabeth Blackwell. Blackwell became the first licensed female doctor in America in 1849. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



Women make up over 50% of students enrolled in medical school. The top fields for women in medicine are gynecology, allergy and immunology and pediatrics. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

Husky on the Road

Treasure hunting in CT

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With the new year well underway, I have felt a renewed urge to spruce up my dorm room and wardrobe for the spring months ahead. I absolutely love floral fabrics, pastel accessories and bright colors. I also happen to be a junior in college with very little extra funds to spend. As college students, many of you are most likely facing a similar financial hardship, so I figured I would take you along with me to some of the best thrift stores, flea markets, and antique stores in Connecticut. The great part about “treasure hunting” is that you can find really cool things at a great price, which are often not available at retail stores.

1) Bethlehem Flea Market

Don't be alarmed when you first turn down the road and see what appears to be an oversized garage. Follow the signs that read “Enter here” and you are in for a big surprise. This indoor flea market is located in a sprawling space with an incredible variety of goods. From one dollar books and movies, to pineapple lamps and baskets of every shape and size there is a lot to see. Look up and you will find a massive collection of chairs along the high ceiling. Paintings, wall decor, clothing and records are just a few of the many items found in Bethlehem Flea Market.

2) Fashion Exchange, Newtown

This thrift store located in a historic 18th-century pink house in Newtown, Connecticut is truly one of a kind. Featuring vintage clothing, shoes and accessories, this is

the perfect place to find unique pieces. The selection features fancy dresses, jewelry, outerwear and purses. They also offer used designer items such as Gucci and Prada. This is a great way to feel luxurious at an affordable price.

3) Plato's Closet, South Windsor

Plato's Closet is a great stop to shop for lightly-used modern fashion. Organized by color, type and brand, the racks are easy to navigate. Some of the featured brands I've found include Free People, Madewell, Anthropologie and Lululemon. They will also buy your gently worn clothes; what better way is there to go shopping and make money!

4) Elephants Trunk, New Milford

Even though the Elephant Trunk outdoor flea market is closed for the season, I had to include it in the list. Opening again in the spring, every weekend will feature different vendors, so there are always new treasures to be found. This is a great place to look for unique apartment furniture and decor at great prices before moving in next fall!

5) Farmhouse Antiques, Woodbury

Woodbury, CT is known for its vast variety of antique stores and makes for a great day trip destination. One of my favorites is Farmhouse Antiques. I love the cute and original home decor, like their collection of old rolling pins. I also enjoyed looking through the books, decorative storage crates, and embroidered pillows. It's like stepping back in time!

5). The Book Barn, Niantic

If you love to read or know someone who does, you should definitely check out The Book Barn. Home to over 500,000 used books spread across three historic and charming barns, the New Haven Advocate named it the “Best Used Bookstore to Get Lost In.” They also offer complimentary tea, coffee and cookies for hungry book hunters. Be sure to stop and say hello to the resident animals: Three cats and goats!

Before you head out on your treasure hunt, remember to keep a budget in mind and a list of the exact items you are looking for. It can be overwhelming when faced with such a variety of good deals and it helps to stay focused. Also, have fun! You are in for an exciting, unique shopping experience.



A cat naps on top of a shelf of books at The Book Barn in Niantic, Conn. Spread across three separate barns, The Book Barn sells used books and offers complimentary tea, coffee and cookies to its customers. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR



Stacks of records and entertainment devices sit within the Bethlehem Indoor Flea Market in Bethlehem, CT. The flea market holds a wide variety of good at very cheap prices. PHOTO COURTESY OF BETHLEHEMCTFLEAMARKET.COM

Neo-thrifting is in, saving the planet is out

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It feels as though every time we spot a friend, acquaintance or stranger with an interesting clothing piece, they always announce it's from the same place: “I got it at Urban!”

Shops such as Urban Outfitters are every anachronist's dream: a vast land of everything vintage but at an expensive price and exclusive connotation to it. Urban carries everything everyone and their mother wore in times past, from scrunchies and head scarves to paper bag pants and bell-bottoms.

Almost as a shortcut to the good old-fashioned thrift shop, shoppers graze for that vintage style at double the price. However, this cheap and easy neo-thrifting is unknowingly pushing a narrative that not only impacts consumers but also the planet.

The fashion industry is the world's second largest polluter in the world, according to sustainyourstyle.org, and its impacts touch almost every facet of our planet. Before even being put on a shelf, waste is created from untreated toxic dyes and chemicals. In most countries where “fast fashion” garments are produced, those chemicals are dumped directly into rivers, harming aquatic life and affecting the lives of millions of people relying on those river banks for water.

As online shopping becomes more and more popular, the problem then stems from its packaging. According

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to earthday.org, plastic packaging was 42% of all non-fiber plastic produced in 2015, and it also made up 52% of plastics thrown away.

Once bought, every time we wash a synthetic garment about 1,900 individual microfibers are released into the water in your laundry, which then make its way to the ocean, according to sustainyourstyle.org. This then introduces microplastics to the microorganisms and fish in our food chain.

After wearing these clothes,

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Aside from researching your favorite brand's policies to see if their practices are ethical, thrift shopping from hand-me-down stores is one of the most ethically responsible choices for the planet in regards to fashion.

Thrift shopping taps into reducing the demand for creating more “fast fashion” clothes of the same style and silhouette, as many brands regularly recreate the same “vintage” pieces from the past. Thrifting also encourages reusing pieces one may have originally bought and no longer has use for: one man's trash is another man's treasure!

Brands know their consumers' love for a “vintage” style and are feeding on the connotation that thrifting can sometimes be seen as “dirty” or “unflattering,” as these clothes have already been worn by others. By creating identical pieces that are brand-spanking new and double the price, this brings the thrifting movement back two steps, at the expense of

the health of the planet and accelerating the problems already stated above.

Although shop windows may be a shiny and groovy haze of old-fangled pieces, thrifting is an authentic way to embrace the styles of the past that is worth having to “earn;” nothing is more fulfilling than a great thrift find. Mother nature is now “in,” and spoon-fed thrifting is “out.”

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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Flannels in February with no coat? Bold



The UConn Dance Company featured ten dances at their Winter Showcase in the Jorgensen Performing Arts Center. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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LET'S TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE

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Healthcare has been an increasingly common area of debate since the Trump administration announced cuts to Medicaid. My goal is to present the arguments made by both sides to allow for critical yet informed opinions to form regarding this issue. Many of us listen to what the media mentions and debates because reading through entire pieces of healthcare legislation is tedious and time consuming. Critically assessing both approaches to healthcare will always provide more useful information than the media.

Medicaid, created in 1965, is a public health insurance program that covers low income families, children and individuals. It is funded by both the federal and state governments. The federal government pays states for a share of program expenditures, called the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). 74 million people are covered by this program, and 600,000 more have been covered since the expansion of Medicaid. There are arguments made by both Democrats and Republicans regarding the effects of Medicaid. In order to formulate a holistic opinion about this issue, it is necessary to understand the logic behind both arguments. There has been a lot of debate on the economic effects of Medicaid spending. One point of view is that "this increased spending will result in more than 39,000 jobs in 2016 and 30,000 jobs in 2021, with two-thirds of these jobs outside the health care sector." This is because this spending contributes to the physical ability of individuals to work. Many view the health benefits of these programs to increase labor participation which in turn increases income and spending, so health contributes to economic booms. The Trump administration mentions the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as a negative element of public health insurance because in providing more government subsidies and programs that will increase enrollment and eligibility, it has caused premiums ("the amount you pay for your health insurance every month") healthcare.gov/glossary/premium/ to increase. This means that less people will be able to afford health insurance and will therefore be dependent on public healthcare.

In essence, what Trump and his team are trying to do is omit regulations on health insurance that drive up premiums, to create more affordable health insurance and a lower dependence on Medicaid. This is drastically different from what we have seen in the Obama administration with the ACA, which increased government subsidies to widen the scope of public coverage. The Trump administration has challenged this approach, claiming it leads to higher premiums and taxes. "Each state has its own FMAP based on per capita income and other criteria." The decrease in spending on Medicaid would lower taxes for income earners and even firms, allowing for more disposable income for consumers and disposable revenue for firms to use on hiring. With the undeniable decrease in unemployment, it is possible to shift more coverage from the public sector, government provided insurance, to the private sector, employer provided insurance. With more employed workers, it is possible that Trump is expecting employers to cover those people rather than Medicaid. This could very well be the explanation to scaling down Medicaid.

Many employers, while expanding hiring, may not provide employees with health benefits. With this plan, the Trump administration is overlooking a population group that is employed yet not insured. For instance, a minimum wage worker could be making enough money to lose qualification for Medicaid now that it is shrinking, and is not provided with health insurance benefits and will lose coverage completely. Bringing in Obama-era elements into this Trump-era plan allows for an approach that addresses multiple points of view. Perhaps there should be regulations and increased government involvement with firms that require them to provide employees with health insurance before reducing Medicaid funding. Doing this would decrease dependence on public health insurance, and save taxpayer dollars, but would also ensure that there is no group of individuals who are overlooked by both private and public health insurance, to provide everyone with affordable insurance.

In order to come up with a health insurance plan that works well for the majority of Americans, it is crucial to look at the goals and strategies of both Democrats and Republicans regarding healthcare. Doing so will bridge the tension growing between the parties and allow us to look past a politician's party affiliation and learn about an issue from multiple perspectives.

What it looks like when you lean back in a chair by accident:



What it feels like:



Letter to the Editor

Dear Students,

The UConn community has suffered loss too often this academic year. This is a time when each of you may be enjoying college, making friends, participating in traditions, and experimenting with all the University has to offer. Instead, our joys are increasingly shadowed by the grief we feel over the untimely deaths of several of our students.

I believe it's important to celebrate life and the great privilege our health provides while cherishing those who are lost too soon. But I also know there's no road map to help us achieve this delicate balance.

Where do we go when the hurt is so great? How will we live on when a cherished friend is absent? What comes next?

In my family, we celebrate life, even when it is lost. The traditional Irish wake we held for my brother involved my father greeting guests at the door, sharing a glass of wine, and endless re-telling of stories of his life. We shared his successes, the

frustration he caused (sometimes) and the pranks he pulled -- yet we were always mindful he was no longer in the room with us to roll his eyes, sigh, or laugh along.

This is the emptiness that I know many of us are feeling right now as we mourn Nathan, Justin, Skyine, and Cole -- and other people dear to each of us, too, since we recognize that this pain can revive the grief we've experienced from other deaths among our families and friends.

Over my years at UConn, I have learned what it means to be a Husky. As Huskies, we care for one another. We laugh, we cry, we celebrate our victories, and we are never alone. I am thankful for the spirit of compassion and care that so clearly exists among all of us.

I am also deeply indebted to the UConn faculty and staff who demonstrate care in the classroom, in the clinical setting, and while on call in the early hours of the morning. These colleagues surround the students with a web

of care that is so deeply appreciated by myself and UConn.

I'm equally grateful to the student leaders who share our commitment to the health and well-being of their fellow students and our UConn community. Our partnerships with USG and other advocacy groups have always led to better care, and student voices will continue to be a critical and priceless part of conversations in how best to unite in support for one another.

As the semester continues and spring approaches, I know that we will continue to care for one another. I know that we will hold close the memories of those who are no longer with us. I also know that we will grow in mind and spirit through the love and support we provide each other.

Remember, you are not alone. You are a Husky, and together we thrive.

Elly Daugherty

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Bernie Sanders for President

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Even aside from achieving the exact specifics of his campaign, a Sanders administration will help push the narrative of American politics to the left. Even if Sanders is unable to eliminate medical debt or make college free, his presidency will empower the working class and help spur on future change.

Policy is the most important metric towards whether a candidate should be supported or not. It is a shame that the old guard in America has tried to obfuscate this with arguments of electability. However, even playing that game, Sanders comes up ahead. As a grassroots campaign, Sanders' has seen unprecedented success. He has had some of the best success in fundraising ever, largely on the

back of small-money donations.

His rallies consistently attract large and enthusiastic crowds. He is running a campaign focused on underrepresented voters, getting those who did not vote before to start. He is polling well, very well. Sanders and his policies have massive support across the United States, and there is not a doubt in my mind that he would win the presidency given candidacy in the general election.

As a politician, Sanders just comes across as an honest, authentic person. He has shown his commitment to bettering the lives of others many times over. His record on anti-interventionism isn't perfect, nor is his history with LGBTQ+ rights, but both are far better than most in the field. He shows an

openness to self-improvement and introspection that I fail to see in many other candidates. He does not have to cover his tracks or stumble through explanations on his past actions because he can stand by his history with confidence. This sort of apparent transparency and continued effort is necessary in a time where trust in the political system is at an all-time low.

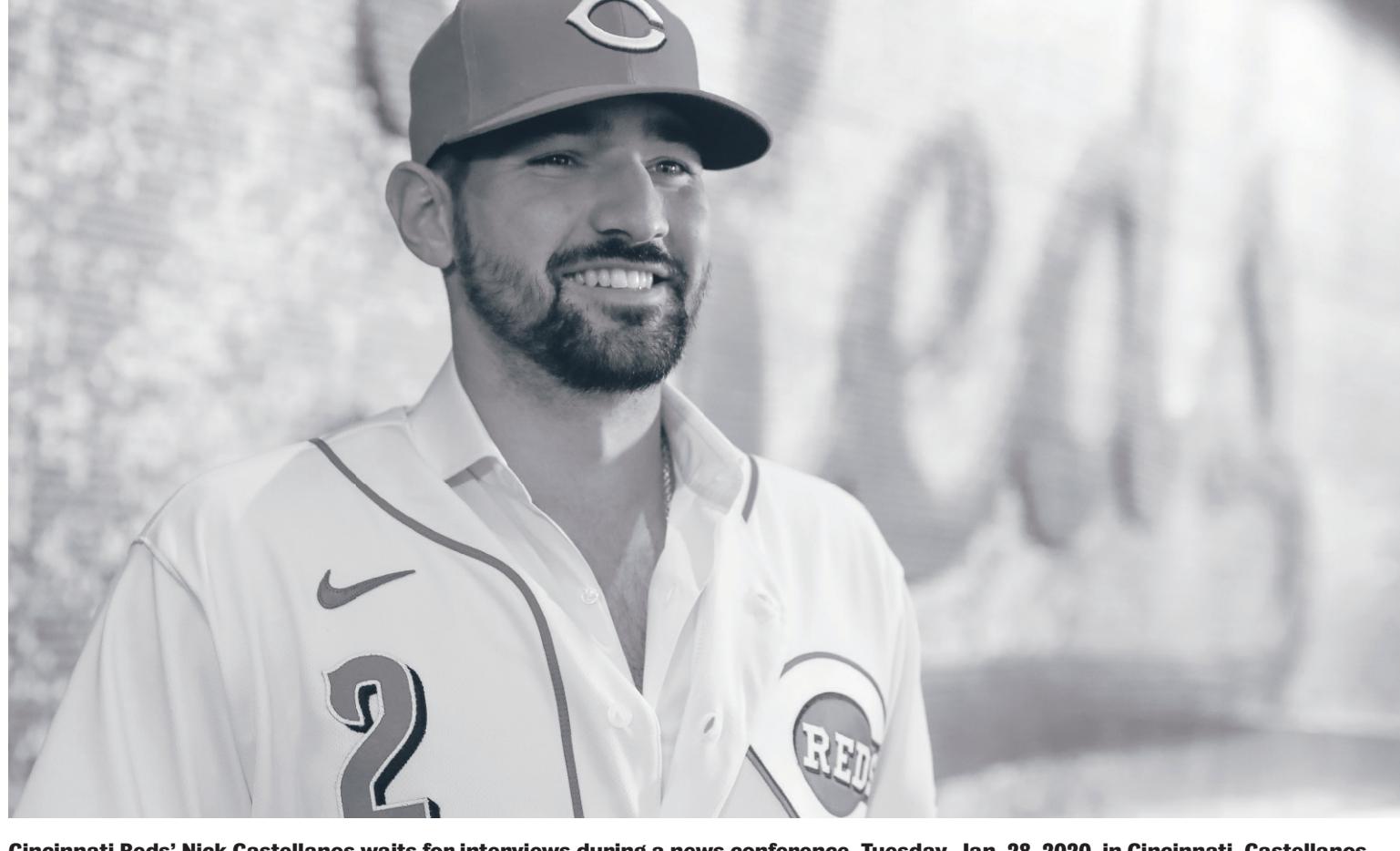
When Bernie Sanders was asked what he would like to be known for in one word, he responded, "Compassion." When voting in this primary election, or even later on in the general, I encourage you to keep that response in mind. We need to move toward a society where virtue and empathy are valued, and it starts with our leaders. As such, we must vote with — and for — compassion.

Reds and Pirates have opposite offseasons

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Cincinnati Reds

The Reds are one of the more exciting teams this season, going big this offseason in an effort to become competitive in a division that, while competitive, has no clear best team. If I'm making a bold prediction list, the Reds winning the Central is one of the ones highest up there. They've made a bunch of really good under-the-radar signings, poaching Moustakas from the Brewers and Nick Castellanos from the Cubs, the latter of whom teams oddly didn't seem to have much interest in. They're on identical four-year, \$64 million deals with \$20 million options for a fifth year and should slide right into the heart of the Reds lineup. They also signed Japanese star outfielder Shogo Akiyama to a manageable three-year, \$21 million deal. They added Wade Miley to the back end of what has become a very solid rotation with Luis Castillo, Trevor Bauer, Sonny Gray and Anthony DeSclafani. Joey Votto still has a lot left in the tank, Eugenio Suárez keeps getting better and Jesse Winkler should be another solid bat in their lineup. The bullpen also should be solid, especially with the recent acquisition of Pedro Strop. The Reds are an interesting breakout contender for 2020, keep your eyes on them.



Cincinnati Reds' Nick Castellanos waits for interviews during a news conference, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, in Cincinnati. Castellanos signed a \$64 million, four-year deal with the baseball club. PHOTO BY JOHN MINCHILLO, AP

Pittsburgh Pirates

And then there's the Pirates. There's always one. Pittsburgh is the one team in the division that's decided they're not even going to try to be competitive in 2020, with the final straw being the trading of Starling Marte to the Di-

amonds a few weeks ago. In doing so, they've dropped their total 2020 payroll down to just \$48 million, which is somehow still the third least in the league, ahead of the Orioles and Marlins. The Pirates right now epitomize what is one of the biggest problems in

the MLB right now, and that is the full-fledged tank. The Pirates' payroll is just over one-third of the league average and about one-fifth of the largest payroll in the league. Sure, you can be realistic and recognize that you probably won't compete this sea-

son, but what the Pirates and teams like them are doing is committing to multiple years of last-place finishes in lieu of spending money to try to improve the team through free agency. Pirates fans, sorry, but don't get your hopes up. Blame ownership.

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio retiring after 13 seasons

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — From "pride comes before the fall" to Little Giants, Mark Dantonio leaves Michigan State fans with an abundance of fond memories after bringing the Spartans to heights they hadn't reached in decades.

Dantonio announced his retirement Tuesday, ending a 13-year run in which his teams won three Big Ten titles and he became the school's winningest coach. The 63-year-old Dantonio called his decision a difficult one while noting the non-stop demands of the job.

"I just found myself never having the opportunity to come up for air, and that can wear on you," he said Tuesday night at a news conference.

Dantonio went 114-57 as Michigan State's coach and won Big Ten titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015. The last of those three seasons included a trip to the College Football Playoff, but the Spartans declined after that. They went 7-6 this past season.

Defensive coordinator Mike Tressel will be the acting head coach while Michigan State seeks a replacement for Dantonio, who said qualified candidates would be willing to crawl to campus for the job.

Michigan State athletic director Bill Beekman said he will seek Dantonio's input on the search for his successor. Dantonio plans to have a role within the athletic department.

Beekman acknowledged the timing isn't ideal to search for a new football coach.

"There are times that are better than other times," he said. "But I think when you've won 114 games, you're our all-time winningest coach, and you've taken us to the places Mark has taken us and you've set the bar where Mark set it, I was comfortable operating on his timeline whatever that would be."

"We'll find a very good coach."

The Spartans have fallen from the Big Ten's elite in recent years, but only after Dantonio brought Michigan State to the top echelon of the league — and the nation — during a terrific stretch from 2010-15. He won at least 11 games five times in that six-year span — the first time a Big Ten coach had done that.

A turning point in his tenure occurred in 2010, when the Spartans memorably beat Notre Dame on a fake field goal



In this Nov. 16, 2019, file photo, Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio watches in the first half of an game against Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. Dantonio announced his retirement Tuesday, ending a 13-year run in which he guided the Spartans to heights they hadn't reached in decades. PHOTOGRAPH BY PAUL SANCYA, AP

in overtime. The trick play was called "Little Giants" — and Dantonio had a heart attack in the immediate aftermath of that victory. He returned to coach his team soon after and led Michigan State to a share of the Big Ten title.

The Spartans went to the conference title game three of the next five years after that, winning it twice.

Michigan State also dominated its heated rivalry with Michigan for much of Dantonio's tenure. In 2007, his first season at the helm, the Spartans lost to the Wolverines. Afterward, Michigan's Mike Hart referred to Michigan State as a little brother. Dantonio responded by warning the Wolverines that "pride comes before the fall" — and the Spartans won four straight meetings after that.

Even after losing to Michigan the last two seasons, Dantonio ended up going 8-5 against the Wolverines.

The Spartans went just 27-24 in the four seasons since their playoff appearance, and Dantonio's future was the topic of

speculation in 2019. He seemed to put some of that to rest in November, when he said he planned to be back next season.

Then came Tuesday's news.

"Every February since 2007, I have reset this program in preparation for the next year's challenges. After much reflection and discussion with my family, I feel that it is now time for change as we enter into a new decade of Michigan State football," he said in a statement earlier in the day. "I have told our players on many occasions that 'Michigan State is bigger than any one person. Someday there will be someone else here talking to you from this podium.' That day has come."

Beekman became athletic director in 2018. Mark Hollis, the previous AD, had retired following the sex abuse scandal involving Larry Nassar, a former Michigan State sports doctor who also worked for USA Gymnastics. Hollis' departure came just before ESPN reported allegations of sexual assault and violence against women in

involving Michigan State football and basketball players. The report questioned how the athletic department handled those cases.

In 2017, four players were dismissed from the football team after criminal sexual conduct charges were brought against them.

A report from an external law firm found no evidence that Dantonio violated school policy on handling sexual misconduct claims, but the off-field issues damaged the program's reputation.

Curtis Blackwell, a former Michigan State football employee, filed a lawsuit claiming his employment agreement was violated when he was disciplined while the school addressed sexual assault allegations against players in 2017. Dantonio was named as a defendant in the suit and recently gave a lengthy deposition.

Dantonio said the deposition and potential fallout from the lawsuit had "zero" to do with his decision to retire.

"No relevance whatsoever," he said.

TOKYO OLYMPICS CEO: "I'M SERIOUSLY WORRIED" OVER CHINA VIRUS

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo Olympics organizers on Wednesday said they are increasingly concerned about the disruption the fast-spreading virus in China is causing ahead of the games, which open in just under six months.

Chief Executive Officer Toshiro Muto sounded a grave note speaking at a meeting with officials of the International Paralympic Committee.

"I am seriously worried that the spread of the infectious disease could throw cold water on the momentum toward the games," Muto said, speaking in Japanese. "I hope that it will be stamped out as soon as possible."

Saburo Kawabuchi, the mayor of the Athletes Village where 11,000 Olympians will stay, showed his apprehension.

"I truly hope that the infectious disease will die down somehow so that we will be able to operate the Paralympics and Olympics smoothly," he said. "In the worst case — we will do our utmost for the athletes so that they will be able to concentrate on performing their best."

Tokyo organizers have repeatedly said there are no plans to cancel the Olympics. That position has been repeated by the Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee.

But the problems deepen with each passing day. Some Olympic qualifying events have been cancelled, or relocated. Travel restrictions will add more confusion, and traveling fans are sure to be fearful.

Japan has not reported any deaths from the virus. But deaths in mainland China rose to 490 on Wednesday.

"In Japan, we are facing all sorts of problems including coronavirus infections, cyber security and transportation systems," Toshiaki Endo, an organizing committee vice president, said on Tuesday at a news conference.

"The IOC is satisfied with our preparations," he added.

Craig Spence, a spokesman for the Paralympic committee, tried to be reassuring.

"We have full confidence that the relevant authorities, in particular here in Japan and the World Health Organization, will take all the necessary measures to address the situation."

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was asked Monday in the national legislature about the viral outbreak and the impact on the Olympics. He brushed aside worries.

Photo of the Day | Up high!



UConn senior Crystal Dangerfield (middle) and freshman Aubrey Griffin (right) high five while junior Megan Walker (left) claps during Monday's women's basketball game versus the Oregon Ducks. The Huskies lost to the ducks 74-56, with Dangerfield, Walker and Griffin scoring 19, eight and three points respectively.

PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Premier League transfer window winners and losers

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The fact that Chelsea's transfer ban was lifted and they didn't make a single signing is shocking, and will likely hurt the club in terms of where they'll stand in the Premier League table. For those unaware, Chelsea were originally banned from the 2019 summer and January windows for signing players under the age of 18.

Lampard's Chelsea were in dire need of a striker this window, as they wanted a replacement for 33-year-old Olivier Giroud. Despite rumors of them getting Edinson Cavani or Dries Mertens, they were not able to get anyone, which meant they could not sell Giroud.

This can be detrimental simply because of how young Lampard's squad is. Because of their ban, Lampard had to resort to Chelsea's youth players. That isn't to say Chelsea have a poor youth system — just take a look at Tammy Abraham and Mason Mount, for instance.

As they currently sit in fourth with 41 points, they are treading water for Champions League qualification as Tottenham Hotspur sit below them with 37



Tottenham's manager Jose Mourinho reacts during the English Premier League soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Norwich City at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, England, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020.

PHOTO BY MATT DUNHAM, AP

points. The Blues play their next Premier League match against Manchester United on Feb. 17, and should they lose before their London derby against the Lilywhites they could maintain fifth place and go back to the Europa League.

Honorable Mention: Steven Bergwijn (PSV to Tottenham Hotspur)

I know this may seem a bit biased, but if you knew the kind of player Steven Bergwijn was like at PSV, then you knew it was imminent that he would make an

impact for Tottenham, and at the time of writing he already has.

There isn't much to say about the Dutch player since he's only played one game, but after their 2-0 victory against Manchester City, Bergwijn said fans haven't yet seen what he can truly produce. As a Spurs fan, that has me excited since I've seen his performance from PSV highlights and because of the possible chemistry on the field with him and other new Spurs signings: Giovani Lo Celso, Tanguy Ndombélé and,

hopefully soon, Ryan Sessegnon.

Jose "The Special One" Mourinho is starting to show his magic.

As clubs throughout the rest of the season will look at who to bring in the summer, they will have the power to change how the future transfer windows will function.

On Thursday, Premier League clubs will have a meeting and be given three options for transfer deadlines: keep the current deadline, or closing the window before the season starts, closing the window at the end of August, or closing the domestic window before the start of the season and close the international window at the end of August.

Many clubs agree that the last

option is the greatest option out of the three and for good reason.

It would make sense to pick this

option since it's a hybrid of the

first two with the inclusion of the

international window closing.

However, because England seceded from the European Union on Jan. 31, this will mean that

Premier League clubs will only be

able to sign international players

18 or older.

LEAGUE BREAKDOWN

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That's the momentum they'll need for their matches this week against Flyquest and Dignitas, but if they come out of those 2-0, there'll be no argument left that Cloud9 isn't the best team in North America.

On the other hand, Dignitas

signed their top laner Huni to a controversial deal that ESPN

reports has him making over a

million dollars a year. They cre-

ated a starting lineup around

midlaner Froggen and rookie

bot laner Johnsun, a lineup

where Huni is the only member

of last year's team to remain.

This is remarkable when you

consider that last year's Clutch

Gaming, who was bought by

Dignitas, made Worlds. Many

thought the moves were a bad

choice, but Dignitas has start-

ed the season 3-1, only losing a

game to Flyquest, a team which

is also 3-1. While it's too early

to tell if this new Dignitas will

better the accomplishments of

the past, they've at least proven

the staff made the right calls.

MLB Offseason Outlook: NL Central

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The NL Central is poised to be one of the most interesting divisional races all season, with four teams realistically having a shot at the playoffs. They sent two to the postseason last year, with the Cardinals winning the division and the Brewers capturing the second wild card, and they very well could do the same if not more in 2020. I wouldn't be all that surprised if by the end of the season, places one through four have done a complete swap with all of them finished above .500, so let's get started.

St. Louis Cardinals

The Cardinals are in a very interesting spot right now after an offseason where they lost more than they gained. Being in one of the most competitive divisions in baseball, there's a very good chance that they could lose control of the Central this season to any of the top four teams. The big loss was outfielder Marcell Ozuna, signed with the Braves on a one-year deal, betting on himself much like Yasmani Grandal and Mike Moustakas did last season. They also lost starter Michael Wacha to the New York Mets, which is not a huge loss but a loss nonetheless. Their biggest moves have been resigning soon-to-be 33-year-old



In this Aug. 10, 2019, file photo, Chicago Cubs' Kris Bryant (17) sits in the dugout during a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds in Cincinnati. The All-Star third baseman has lost his service-time grievance against the Cubs, two people with direct knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020. PHOTO BY AARON DOSTER, AP

Matt Wieters and 38-year-old Adam Wainwright, or in other words their fourth or fifth starter and backup catcher. They still have a really strong team, anchored by stud first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and breakout starter Jack Flaherty, but coming off a season in which they won their division by just two games, they don't look like they're in any rush to make sure they repeat in 2020.

Milwaukee Brewers

The Brewers are poised to compete for the top of the

division all season long, but they too lost some significant pieces. Moustakas left after just one year in Milwaukee, where he had a rather productive season, and even though they did replace him with a serviceable replacement in Eric Sogard, it's still a noticeable downgrade. Gio González, Jordan Lyles and Drew Pomeranz also bolted in free agency, and while they all had varying levels of success the Brewers still lost three major league arms. However, most importantly, they lost star

catcher Yasmani Grandal to the White Sox. Replacement Omar Narváez was fine in Seattle last season but there's really no replacing what Grandal brought to the team. They still have a great outfield which is led by bona fide star Christian Yelich, a solid infield and bullpen and a fine rotation but one that lacks a true ace. The NL Central will be competitive, and I wouldn't be surprised if in the end, it's the Brewers who come out on top.

Chicago Cubs

The Cubs offseason has been overtaken by one main storyline: Kris Bryant. Bryant filed a grievance this offseason in an attempt to counteract the Cubs' service time manipulation, but as expected it didn't change anything. Therefore, there has been a lot of speculation about the Cubs possibly shipping Bryant off. While Bryant might not be dealt before the season begins, there's a very good chance that if the Cubs falter early and the playoffs look like a longshot, he could be one of if not probably the biggest piece moved at the deadline. That said, the Cubs should be able to seriously compete for the division. When fully healthy, which hasn't happened much the past couple of seasons, they have the talent to be one of the best teams in the National League. The core of their line-

up — Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Javy Baez and Wilson Contreras — is really good, and their pitching staff — Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks and Yu Darvish, anchored by Craig Kimbrel in the pen — is also really solid. Really, a lot of their season hinges on Bryant and whether or not they keep him, and if they don't, whether the return will be good enough to keep them competitive.

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Hey Seanny J: What were the best Super Bowl commercials?

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Maybe you used the breaks in action to use the bathroom, get more food or scroll social media for buzz around the game. For whatever reason, you may have missed a portion of those classic Super Bowl commercials your friends will talk about for the next week or so. As someone who was glued to his seat the entire time, I will filter out all of the duds and just give you the highlights from Sunday evening. Here are the top 10:

The Tide Trilogy

Charlie Day, best known as lovable idiot Charlie Kelly in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," starred in three commercials that aired periodically throughout the big game. The commercial started with Charlie's friend Emily Hampshire accidentally rubbing a stain on Charlie's shirt. Charlie wanted to take care of the stain immediately, but couldn't because the game was on. This ironically could've been solved with Tide to Go, but whatever. During the second quarter, he traveled back in time, where he got ridiculed by the Bud Light Knight. Then in the fourth, as an old man and finally with a clean shirt, he ran into his old friend Emily who went to congratulate Charlie with a pat on the shoulder. And guess what ... she stains his jacket. Classic!



Post Malone trashes a gas station

In this one, Post Malone goes to the gas station for a cold, refreshing brew. It probably isn't uncommon to run into your favorite rapper at the gas station refrigerator. Anyway, the new product Bud Light Seltzer catches his eye, and the well-dressed, yet hilariously tattooed people in his brain controlling his actions decide to try it. You know, because it's totally acceptable to crack open a gas station beer and drink before paying for it. His taste buds love it, and the two people in control of the big movement lever fight over whether to get the seltzer or classic Bud Light, which results in Malone flinging his body all over the gas station, knocking down shelves and effectively destroying the place. That's when another person in his brain points out that Post is rich and hits the "Get Both" button that the only the extremely wealthy must have.



Bryan Cranston does the Dew

Personally, I thought this one was hilarious. The only alternative is to think it's super weird. Cranston parodies the iconic "Here's Johnny" scene from "The Shining," but while pushing Mountain Dew Zero Sugar on Wendy. When Wendy accepts the soda through the busted bathroom door, Cranston gives a hilarious smile and nod reminiscent of his days as Hal in Malcolm in the Middle. The commercial ends with quick cuts of Mountain Dew flooding the halls of the Overlook Hotel and Cranston's face on the twin girls. Disturbing, yet jarringly funny.



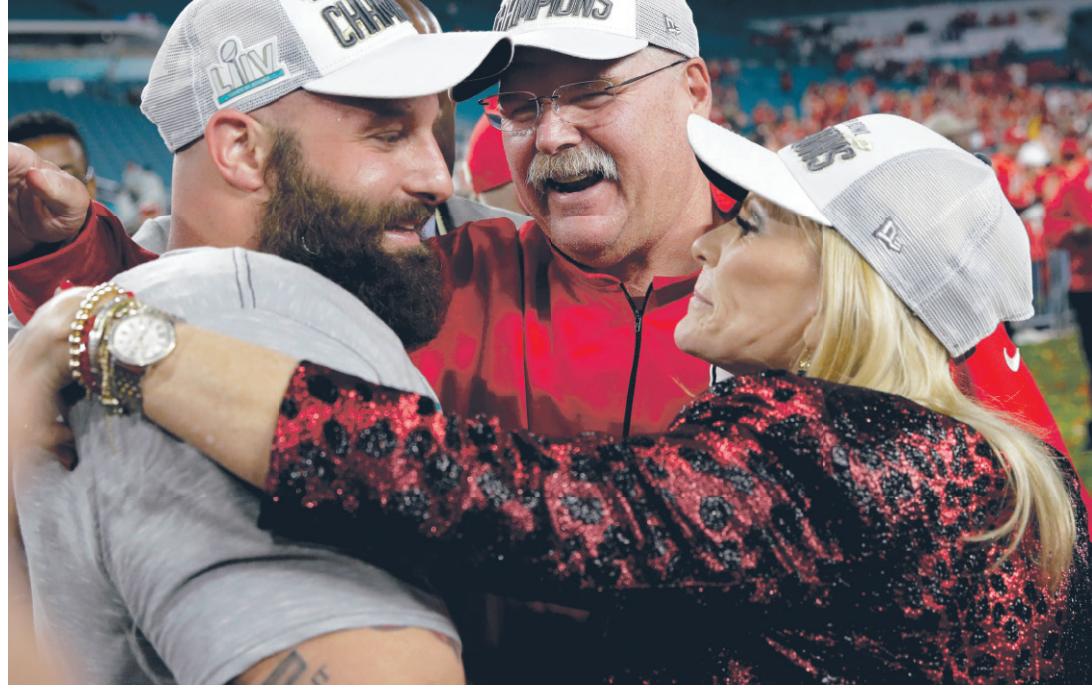
Remember Loretta

Google decided to switch gears from the typical humor or excitement that Super Bowl commercials usually try to invoke and went straight for the heart. All jokes aside, this one was a tear-jerker. An elderly man, seemingly with impaired memory, is typing and speaking to Google asking about faded memories he has of his late wife Loretta. Old photos of man and woman throughout the years fade onto and away from the screen, as the man remembers things like how Loretta laughed and the things she loved. Not many companies can execute the emotional route, but Google did it well.



Turbo Tax dance

I think this has to be the most underrated commercial of the night. This one played all of the greatest hits in terms of what makes a commercial stick in your head in the weeks to come, and with perfect timing. It had the super catchy song, the goofy yet simple dance to go with it and perhaps the most genius part of all, it came just over a week after we all got out W-2s for tax season. Now sing it with me, "All people are tax people!"



Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid, center, celebrates with wife Tammy, right, and former UConn fullback Anthony Sherman after Super Bowl 54 against the San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Chiefs won 31-20. PHOTO BY PATRICK SEMANSKY, AP



Tom Brady has live sports

We're staying in Boston for this one. In case you missed it, Thursday night Brady dropped a cryptic photo of him walking through a dark Gillette Stadium tunnel. Football fans, especially those who root for and against the Patriots, spent the days leading up to Sunday speculating. Is he retiring? Is he staying? Will he sign somewhere else? Saturday, he leaked that we will find out during the Super Bowl, because of course every Super Bowl has to be about Tom freaking Brady. As it turns out, this was just an elaborate ploy to let us know that Hulu doesn't just have live sports, but they have all sorts of other crap, too. I wonder how big the Brink's truck Hulu "pahked" outside Brady's house for this one was.



RIP Mr Peanut

Babies are hot in the streets right now. With the insane popularity of Disney's Baby Yoda, I anticipate brands will all want to get on board the baby train. Planters did so in a big way, by reporting that Mr. Peanut has died, and that his funeral will be a Super Bowl commercial. At the funeral, the Kool Aid man shed a tear (that wasn't even red) on to Mr. Peanut's grave, which created a peanut plant and spawned none other than Baby Nut. This adolescent legume then made dolphin noises for some reason because saying in an adult voice, "Just kidding, I'm back," and the hashtag #BabyNut appeared on screen. I really didn't like the commercial until I saw this absurd hashtag. Now I'm on board, baby (nut).



Old Town dance off

Speaking of trendy, does it get any more trendy than Lil Nas X and "Old Town Road?" It's no surprise that Doritos, who consistently pumps out fire Super Bowl advertising every February, got the hottest song of 2019. In this, Lil Nas rides into a wild west town called "Cool Ranch" for what seemed like a duel with Sam Elliot. The music from "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" then turns into "Old Town Road," and the two have a dance off. It appeared that Nas X won for a nice little dance move he did with his horse, while Elliot's horse refused to dance. However, I think Elliot won with his mustache wave.



Jason Momoa gets comfortable

This one was the best. Ask literally anyone. Rocket Mortgage burst onto the scene with one of the funniest commercials I've ever seen. Notable jacked guy Jason Momoa gets home from a long day of ... well I assume moving worlds, and says home is the one place he can let his guard down. He then proceeds to remove the boots that add six inches, the muscles that qualified him to be Aquaman and his luscious locks. The commercial humorously ends with Momoa struggling to bench press the bar, pathetically screaming for his spotter to "take it, take it, take it!" The ad hilariously humanized the real-life superhero, but I have to admit, I'm still not quite sure what Rocket Mortgage actually does.

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Point/Counterpoint: Did Patrick Mahomes deserve to win Super Bowl MVP?

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On Sunday, the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers to win their first Super Bowl in 50 years, propelled by a fourth-quarter comeback where they outscored the 49ers 21-0. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes was named the game's MVP despite having one of his more shaky performances of the season, so was he really the right choice? Ashton Stansel and Jorge Eckardt debate.

Stansel:

I think Mahomes was the right choice. He definitely had a shaky start to the game, throwing two interceptions and generally failing to get his team off the ground, but that didn't matter when it was important: What mattered at the end of the game was that Mahomes took the ball in the fourth quarter and made magic happen. His offense scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, largely on the back of Mahomes, who was exceptional.

Eckardt:

The quarterback doesn't always have to win the MVP, as we saw last year with Julian Edelman after a rather uninspiring performance from Tom Brady. Yes, Mahomes was the quarterback behind the comeback, but he would not have been able to do so without the excellence of his supporting cast. The big completion to Tyreek Hill on third and long was thanks to a crispy route from Hill that got San Francisco's Jimmie Ward spinning in circles and left him wide open. The big completion to Sammy Watkins on the next



Under a shower of confetti, Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, left, responds to cheering fans with Mickey Mouse during a parade in the team's honor at the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Monday, Feb. 3, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE BURBANK, AP

drive was thanks to Watkins taking advantage of the slower Richard Sherman and beating him off the line of scrimmage. Most of all, Damien Williams was able to do something not many players have been able to do against the 49ers all season, and that's run the ball. San Francisco had given up just 41.5 yards per game in the post-

season; Williams finished the game with 104 yards all by himself. That included two touchdowns: the 38-yard touchdown rush to ice the game and one of Mahomes' two passing touchdowns. Arguments could be made for Hill or Watkins with their two big plays accompanied by overall very solid games, but Williams was the true MVP of

this game. San Francisco dared Kansas City to run the ball to try to prevent Mahomes from beating them, and Williams did a great job of making them pay.

Stansel:

While the plays and routes from receivers like Hill and Watkins were impressive, a lesser quarterback wouldn't have been able to pull them

off. Mahomes came back from a very rough first three quarters and threw good footballs for good plays to good receivers. Given that you can't give the MVP to the whole offense, it seems fitting that Mahomes, who was the centerpiece, receive it. Hill, Watkins and Williams were good all game, but that didn't stop their team from being significantly down in the fourth quarter. And while their routes were good, it was the throws that made the plays happen. What did turn that game around and cause a victory for the Chiefs was Mahomes' resurgence. He was what turned the game around and created openings for the Chiefs to win.

Eckardt:

Mahomes' errors earlier in the game can't be ignored. He threw an absolute duck to Fred Warner about two-thirds of the way through the third quarter and then another pick on a pass that was thrown well behind Hill, causing it to go off his hands and into the hands of Tavarious Moore early in the fourth. The first pick led to seven San Francisco points, and the second one took what would have most likely been three points off the board, seeing as they were already in field goal range. He also fumbled the ball twice, but he was just lucky enough to fall on one and have the other go out of bounds. Mahomes just didn't have a typical Mahomes day. Did he make it work? Yes, but his success was because of the excellent play of the people around him, not the other way around. Mahomes is still the best quarterback in the league, but the credit for Sunday should go to his supporting cast.

Column: Best and worst January transfer in the Premier League

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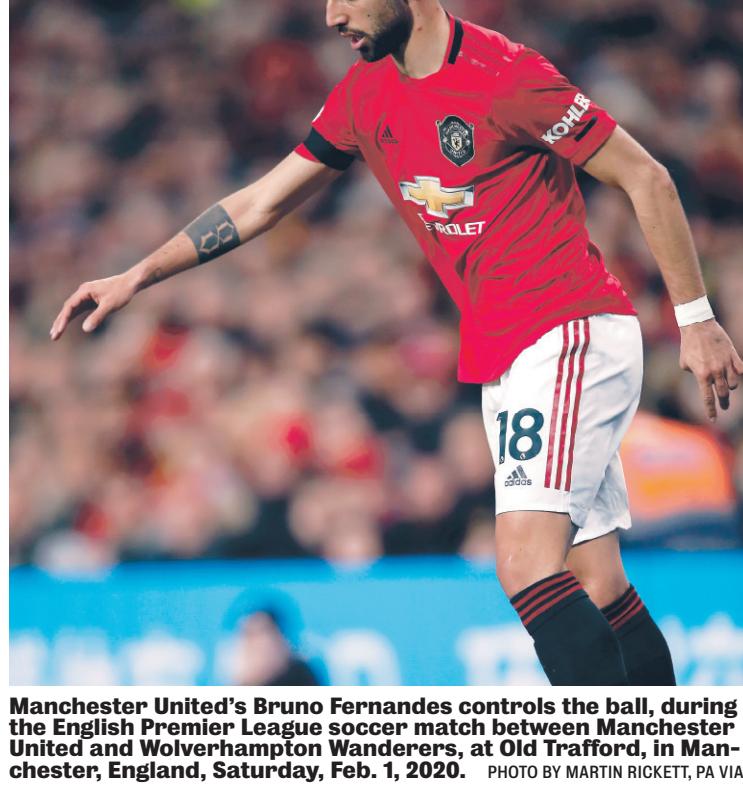
This January was a quiet — some would even say disappointing — transfer window in the Premier League. That isn't to say however there weren't notable transfers that went under the radar. Today, I'll go over what I believe was the best and worst transfer from in and out of England.

Best: Bruno Fernandes (Sporting CP to Manchester United)

I hate to admit it, but United actually had a pretty decent transfer window — mainly because of their purchase of Bruno Fernandes, but I digress.

Fernandes essentially saved United's transfer window, and for good reason: He's incredibly good. Many fans saw how he was performing at Sporting CP, and from his long shots that end up going to the back of the net to his skills on the ball, it's clear why other English clubs wanted him.

While there were rumors of the Portuguese midfielder joining other Premier League clubs like Tottenham Hotspur last transfer window, he ended up signing for the Red Devils for \$60.5 million. Even though he's only



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes controls the ball, during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers, at Old Trafford, in Manchester, England, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. PHOTO BY MARTIN RICKETT, PA VIA AP

played one game under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, I think he'll adapt to the league and will be a key player for Manchester United.

All I will say is, Sporting have given players to United that end up being legends at Old Trafford: Nani and Cris-

tiano Ronaldo, for example. Will history repeat itself? Only time, and Ole's questionable tactics, will tell.

Worst: Chelsea FC (spoiler alert, they didn't sign anyone)

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League of Legends rundown

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LPL delayed

The LPL, China's League of Legends League, which was meant to be restarting on Feb. 5, has been delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak in China. The official LPL English Twitter account tweeted out last week, "We have decided to postpone Week 2 of the LPL until we can ensure the safety and health of our players and fans." No more news has come through in the last week on the questions of what this delay will do to the international schedule, especially since Worlds is supposed to be in China this year.

LCK to start on time

Many were concerned that the LCK, Korea's League of Legends League, would also be postponed. Thankfully, that isn't the case; Riot Korea has announced that LCK will be starting on Feb. 5 as planned. However, until further notice, the matches will be played without an audience due to the risks of coronavirus.

G2 continues dominance, Origen and Fnatic fight for second

Despite only getting second place at Worlds last year, G2 Esports hasn't slowed down. A surprise offseason move that sent Perkz back to midlane and Caps to bot lane seems to be working so far,

and G2's victory over Origen only solidifies their place at the top of the leaderboard in Europe. Fnatic and Origen are battling for second place, though Origen did win their matchup this week. If Fnatic can claim a win versus G2 this week, they'll be solidly back in the conversation, but for now, it seems like Origen, on the backs of Upset and Nukeduck, might get their wish of being the team that gets to challenge G2.

Cloud9 and Dignitas won the offseason

Coming into the season, many people questioned the decisions made by Cloud9 and Dignitas. Cloud9 replaced their botlaner Sneaky, who had been with the team since 2013, with TSM's Zven, and sold MVP jungler Svenskeren and support Zeyzal. To replace them, they promoted Blaber, their academy jungler who had previously subbed in for some games, to full-time jungler and bought talented support Vulcan from Dignitas in a deal that reportedly cost over a million dollars, according to an ESPN report at that time.

Despite concern from fans, Cloud9 has started the season with a strong statement, going 4-0 in their first two weeks including a win against four-time champions Team Liquid.

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THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS

Women's Basketball



Men's Basketball

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Tulsa, OK

Women's Hockey

Friday, 6 p.m.
Burlington, VT

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



@NFL
The pick that sealed #SBLIV for the @chiefs!

TWEETS OF THE DAY



Jeremy Stephner (51)

@whutyearisit

if i wake up and find out steve cohen's just been playing 5D chess this whole time i'll literally never complain about anything ever again. i will never say a mean word toward anyone for as long as i live

Jessica Kleinschmidt

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I'm "Wilmer Flores is now considered a veteran" years-old.

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