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## USG partially suspends student fee funding until further notice

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The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government (USG) will be partially suspending student fee funding and requests for Tier II funding after rising concerns about the spread of COVID-19, according to a letter sent Tuesday night.

“Due to concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019), the Undergraduate Student Government, based on guidance from State and University Officials, is partially suspending student fee funding, effective immediately, until further notice,” USG Comptroller Fabio R. Saccomanno said.

The letter identified travel and registration for events outside of Connecticut, as well as funding for events involving off-campus travelers, as categories that will be impacted by this suspension.

“We will continue to process funding requests for unaffected categories for as long as we are able,” Saccomanno said. “We will do our best to notify you of such changes quickly.”

Regarding Tier-II funding, requests for purchase orders that have already been issued will be funded as normal. Requests for funding in affected categories that remain in the re-



The Undergraduate Student Government office, located in the UConn Student Union. USG will no longer fund student travel in the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

view process or for which a payment or purchase order has not been issued are suspended, the letter said.

“If you have already paid (partially or fully) for suspended expenses that you are expecting reimbursements for, please get in contact with me by email immediately,” Saccomanno said.

“I encourage you to attempt to recover any funds that you have personally paid.”

USG will consider reimbursement for fees as a result of travel cancellations on a case by case basis, according to the letter.

Sacomanno said all groups are encouraged to cancel trips or events that may be affected by

the funding suspension, regardless of whether or not payment has been made. The steps necessary to receive reimbursement from USG are listed in the letter.

Students can continue to send in funding requests for unaffected categories, but should note that approval for these requests may be suspended for the

remainder of the semester, the letter said.

“I will be holding extra office hours this week from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Friday in addition to my normal office hours,” Saccomanno said. “Please see me in person with any urgent matters.”

## USG bill proposes merging executive positions



A meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government. USG plans on merging some positions and cutting others in order to save costs for the 2020-2021 school year. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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A revised University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government bill written by School of Business Senator and Internal Affairs Vice Chair Luis Toscano and Deputy Comptroller Stuart Allen would merge the two existing Chief of Staffs as well as the Operations and Risk Manager into one, new role: Executive Chief of Staff.

According to the bill, the Executive Chief of Staff would provide “oversight of members of the Office of the President” and plan and executive USG initiatives. These would be the two “compensable functions specific to the position.”

Walter Dodson is the current Chief of Staff to President Priyanka Thakkar. Brady Harman is the current Chief of Staff to Vice President Manny Chinyumba. Grace Brangwynne is the current Operations and Risk Manager.

The bill was first introduced and passed in the spring of 2019, according to current USG President Priyanka Thakkar.

“The document which was passed last year was inadequate and the senate took this past year to reflect on missing pieces and essentials,” Thakkar said.

The bill is an overall update to member compensation. If passed, positions available for pay would be: President, Vice President, Comptroller,

Speaker of the Senate, Primary Committee Chairperson, Funding Student Staff Supervisor, Chief Justice, Executive Chief of Staff, Inventory Director, Public Relations Director, Elections Oversight Commissioner, a member of the Funding Student Staff, a member of the Student Organization Center Staff and a member of the Public Relations Team.

Thakkar expressed concerns about the potential changes, namely to the new role of Executive Chief of Staff.

“I am hesitant (about) combining what took three positions (President of Chief of Staff, Vice President Chief of Staff and Operations and Risk Manager) this year into now, one position,” Thakkar said. “It’ll be up for the next chief of staff to see how they can effectively organize and maneuver all duties which are needed.”

The bill was sponsored by Towers Senator Palakjot Bedi. The Executive Chief of Staff would be paid at “Median of Class III” status.

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## News

# UConn Student Opener applications are available

by Rachel Phillipson

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University of Connecticut students can apply to be one of UCONNIC's two student performers until March 11 at noon, said Ross Bodington, Student Union Board Of Governors music relations chair and a sixth-semester management major.

Any UConn student or group with original music can apply, Bodington said. The online application said "any student musician, DJ, rapper, band, singer and anyone in between is welcome to apply."

"We think that it is important to showcase the talent and skill that our fellow classmates

here at UConn have," Bodington said. "We also found that not only is this a great platform for students to shine, but it also affords much more flexibility to us as organizers."

Students can apply by filling out the online application which can be found on the UCONNIC and SUBOG Instagram bio lines, Bodington



Nick Smeriglio, lead singer and one of the guitarists for Kids That Fly performing at UCONNIC. Student groups will again have the opportunity to audition for a spot in SUBOG's annual spring concert. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

ton said. Their handles are @uconnmusicfest and @subogatuconn.

The only qualifications required are that the group be only UConn students and that they have around 15 minutes of original music, Bodington said. The groups can be of any musical genre.

Once applications close, the concert committee will have a preliminary selection to determine the top five groups, Bodington said. These groups will perform at a live event. The crowd reaction and committee member thoughts will determine the two groups.

By having two student performers, Bodington said it helps round out the music festival atmosphere.

"We actually have had two performers and a house DJ for the past two years," he said. "We just found that this is a perfect balance of helping to create the 'music festival' vibe with a larger lineup, while still keeping the focus on the headliner and the later acts."

The date for UCONNIC 2020 has yet to be determined.

## Lamont declares health and civil emergency over coronavirus

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut's governor declared both a public health and civil preparedness emergency Tuesday in response to the coronavirus, similar to actions taken during hurricanes.

Gov. Ned Lamont said the move will allow him to take faster action to protect public health and safety, including suspending certain laws and regulations. Most notably, he said it helps the state ramp up its testing capacity faster.

The move comes after a second person tested positive for the virus in Connecticut.

For most people, the virus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

Here is a look at some of the steps taken in Connecticut on Tuesday.

### EMERGENCY

The emergencies declared by Lamont will ease regulations to allow additional entities to conduct testing. The action also allowed Lamont to authorize the state's public health commissioner to let lower level officials declare and manage isolation and quarantine orders, if need be. Additionally, a state law



Fans use a hand sanitizer dispenser at the entrance to Mohegan Sun Arena prior to an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, March 9, 2020, in Uncasville, Conn. PHOTO BY JESSICA HILL/AP

prohibiting profiteering during emergencies is triggered.

Administration officials said so far 56 people have been tested, with two testing positive for the virus. There are currently 19 cases awaiting test results

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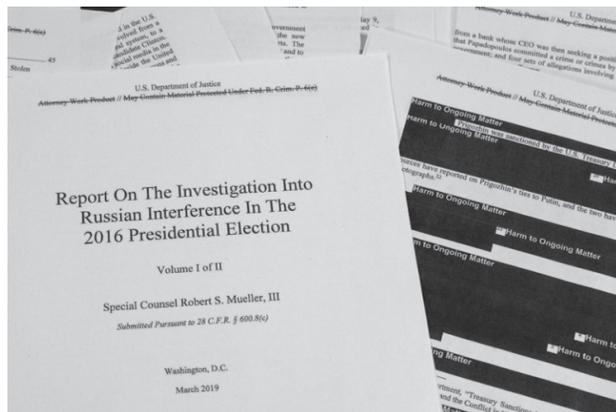
A regional school district that includes Bethlehem and Woodbury is shutting down from Wednesday through March 15 for disinfecting because a student came in contact with the state's second virus

patient. A local daycare is also closing.

The district's superintendent said the student and their family are showing no signs of the illness and self-monitoring at their home for 14 days.

A school in Stratford is closed for cleaning after a person connected to the school may have been in contact with the virus while classes are canceled in Norwalk on Thursday so teachers can prepare lesson plans in case students need to learn at home.

## Court: House entitled to Mueller probe grand jury testimony



In this April 18, 2019, file photo, special counsel Robert Mueller's redacted report on Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election is photographed in Washington. The Justice Department must give to Congress secret grand jury testimony from Mueller's Russia investigation, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday, March 10, 2020. PHOTO BY JON ELSWICK/AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department must give Congress secret grand jury testimony from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday, giving the House a significant win in a separation-of-powers clash with the Trump administration.

The three-judge panel said in a 2-1 opinion that the House Judiciary Committee's need for the material in its investigations of President Donald Trump outweighed the Justice Department's interests in keeping the testimony secret. The opinion authorizes

access to information that Democrats have sought since the conclusion of Mueller's investigation, enabling lawmakers to review previously undisclosed details from the two-year Russia probe.

Writing for the majority, Judge Judith Rogers said that with Mueller himself having "stopped short" of reaching conclusions about Trump's conduct to avoid stepping on the House's impeachment power, the committee was able to persuasively argue that it needed access to the underlying grand jury material to make its own determinations.

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# Police Blotter

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

March 2

Kyle Tran, 21, of Danbury, Connecticut, was charged with sixth-degree larceny. Police responded to UConn's bookstore on a report that an individual had shoplifted. Tran was identified on video surveillance and was observed taking and concealing three boxes of hand sanitizer which cost a total of \$36. Tran was later located and admitted to taking the items without intent to pay for them. His bond was set at \$500, and his court date is March 11.

March 3

Chase Hollis, 19, of West Hartford, Connecticut, was charged with second-degree breach of peace. Police were notified of a physical altercation that had occurred involving a male and female who were in a relationship. Police located the individuals outside of Wade Residence Hall, and it was later determined Hollis had pushed his girlfriend during an earlier verbal argument. His bond was set at \$1,000, and his court date was March 4.

March 4

Hannah Reardon, 19, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under 21 years of age with a BAC of more than .02. Officers responded to a running vehicle parked outside Batterson Hall with two occupants. As officers approached the car, they noticed a significant amount of vomit on the driver-side door as well as on the ground next to the door. Officers identified the driver, Reardon, and suspected she was intoxicated given her slurred speech and strong odor of alcohol. She was subjected to field sobriety tests, which she failed to perform to standard. Her bond was set at \$500, and her court date is March 17.

March 5

Andrew Enriquez, 23, of New York City, New York, Adam Ferrone, 31, of Brooklyn, New York

and Caleb Pressley, 27, of New York City, New York were each charged with first-degree criminal trespassing. Enriquez and Pressley were also charged with resisting arrest. The three patrons had moved from their designated seats at the men's basketball game at Gampel Pavilion to the student section. UConn Athletics staff and security staff requested that they leave and return to the correct section, but they refused. UConn police asked the patrons to leave the student section several times over a period of five minutes, but they refused the lawful order to leave and were subsequently arrested. Their bonds were set at \$1,000 each. Enriquez and Pressley's court date is March 11, and Ferrone's court date is March 16.

March 6

Samuel Boyd, 24, of Bantam, Connecticut, was charged with disorderly conduct and second-degree harassment. UConn police responded to a report of an unwanted guest and later determined Boyd had entered an apartment in an attempt to speak to his ex-girlfriend without her permission. He had attempted to speak to her outside his vehicle, which led to a verbal altercation. Boyd's ex-girlfriend had asked him earlier in the day not to contact her anymore. His bond was set at \$5,000, and his court date was March 9.

March 7

Sam Kruger, 20, of Orange, Connecticut, was charged with resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report that a potentially intoxicated man was lying on the ground in the area of Discovery Drive and later identified Kruger as the man matching the description. Kruger immediately started running when approached by police and ignored orders to stop. His bond was set at \$500, and his court date is March 18.

March 7

Brad Pfaff, 18, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was charged with resisting arrest and second-degree breach of peace. Police responded to a report of a female yelling outside of a residence hall on campus. Upon arrival they could hear a male, identified as

Pfaff, yelling angrily from inside the residence hall. Police entered the second-floor men's bathroom where Pfaff was located and saw him grab onto the victim. While police attempted to arrest him, he resisted. His bond was set at \$2,500, and his court date was March 9.

March 8

Paola Marcelin, 19, of Storrs, Connecticut, was charged with second-degree breach of peace. An individual came to the UConn Police Department claiming Marcelin had approached her in front of Busby Suites and attempted to engage in a physical altercation. Marcelin had also thrown a cup of vinegar at the victim as well as a raw egg. Upon making contact with Marcelin, she confessed she had an altercation with the victim and had thrown the above substances at the victim. Her bond was set at \$500, and her court date is March 18.

March 8

Kimon Pagounes, 21, of Waltham, Massachusetts, was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and operating a vehicle with a crowded front seat. Officers conducted a vehicle stop in the area of Hunting Lodge Road and Carriage House Drive on the report of an overcrowded vehicle. As officers approached, they could smell the odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and located the driver, Pagounes. He did not perform subsequent standardized field sobriety tests to standard and was arrested. His bond was set at \$500, and his court date is March 18.

March 9

Aidan Pangilinan, 19, of Newington, Connecticut and Jonathan Van Horn, 19, of South Windsor, Connecticut were each charged with use of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance or more than a half-ounce of cannabis and fourth-degree criminal mischief. Officers responded to Husky Village on a report of a cannabis odor on the third floor and came into contact with Pangilinan and Van Horn. During the course of the investigation, officers discovered the two had covered their smoke detector with a plastic bag. Officers also discovered several items of drug paraphernalia, which Pangilinan and Van Horn each claimed ownership of. Pangilinan to be in possession of 13.6 grams of marijuana and Van Horn to be in possession of 205.8 grams of marijuana. Their bonds were set at \$2,500, each and their court date is March 18.

# Coachella festival postponed as concerts grapple with virus



This April 13, 2012 file photo shows festivalgoers running toward the main stage at the 2012 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. The Coachella music festival in Southern California has been postponed amid virus concerns. PHOTO BY CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

CALIFORNIA (AP) — The uber-popular Coachella music festival has been postponed from its usual two-weekend-run in April to October due to concerns about the growing coronavirus.

The festival's producer Goldenvoice made the announcement Tuesday, also confirming that Stagecoach, a country music festival, will also be postponed. Coachella, held in Southern California, will now take place on Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 16-18, while Stagecoach will take place Oct. 23-25.

"At the direction of the County of Riverside and local health authorities, we must sadly confirm the rescheduling of Coachella and Stagecoach due to COVID-19 concerns. While this decision comes at a time of universal uncertainty, we take the safety and health of our guests, staff and community very seriously. We urge everyone to follow the guidelines and protocols put forth by public health officials," Goldenvoice said in a statement.

The company said all passes for original dates will be honored for the rescheduled shows, and customers will be notified by Friday on how to obtain a refund if they cannot attend.

Rage Against the Machine, Travis Scott and Frank Ocean were originally announced as headliners of Coachella; Goldenvoice didn't say if the performance lineup would change or stay intact. Others announced to perform include Calvin Harris, Lana Del Rey, Thom Yorke, 21 Savage, Disclosure, Summer Walker, Lil Uzi Vert and FKA twigs.

Riverside County, which has six coronavirus cases, declared a public health emergency on Sunday.

"No doubt it will impact many people, but my top priority is to protect the health of the entire community," said Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneu-

monia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may take three to six weeks to recover. In mainland China, where the virus first exploded, more than 80,000 people have been diagnosed and more than 58,000 have so far recovered.

The move came the same day Carlos Santana, Zac Brown Band and Pentatonix canceled concerts because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Santana said he had canceled the European tour dates of his Miraculous 2020 World Tour and that refunds will be available through point of purchase. The tour was scheduled to start March 17 in Poland.

Pentatonix was also set to launch its world tour in Poland — a day before Santana's show — but posted a statement saying they would have to cancel the European leg of the tour.

"Despite our best efforts and intentions, it is, simply, no longer possible for us to execute this tour the way we want to: safely, confidently and completely," the Grammy-winning vocal group said in a statement.

Zac Brown Band said it was postponing the spring leg of its The Owl Tour, which would have kicked off Thursday in St. Louis.

"This was an extremely difficult decision, but the well-being of our fans is always our top priority," the country group said in a statement. "We ask that our fans retain their tickets as they will be honored on the new dates. At this time, our 'Roar With The Lions' Summer 2020 tour dates (commencing in May) will be performed as planned."

Santana, Zac Brown Band and Pentatonix join a long list of singers who have canceled or postponed shows in the U.S. and outside of the region, including Pearl Jam, Madonna, Ciara, BTS, Khalid, Mariah Carey, Green Day and more. The South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas, has been canceled, and the Ultra electronic dance music festival in Miami has been postponed.

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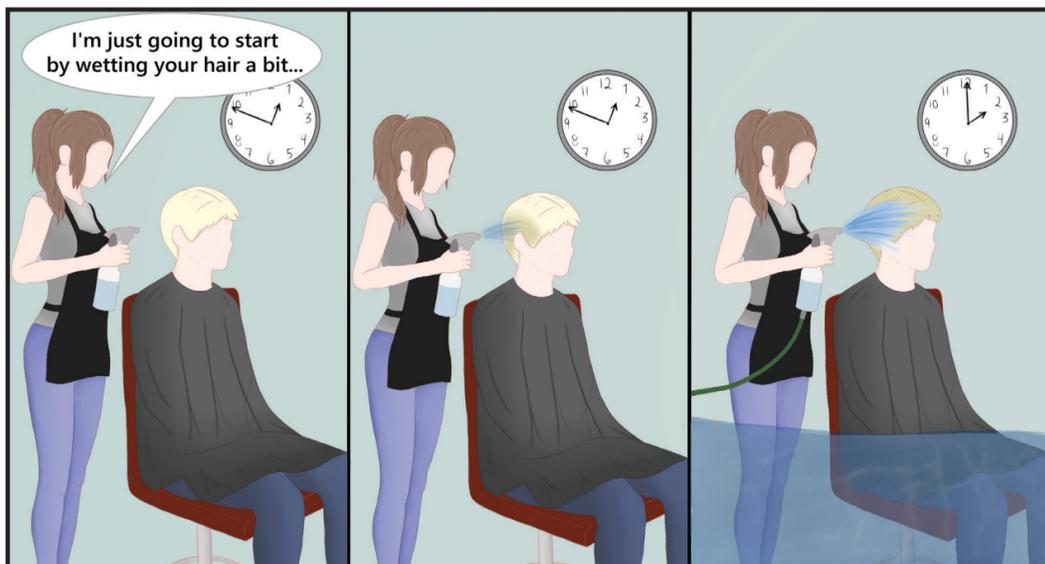
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## On public engagement at UConn

by **Peter Fenteany**

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One of the most common jokes about The Daily Campus is that nobody reads The Daily Campus. As much as we tease about it, though, there's always a sort of a tension in the laughing. Nobody wants to feel like their efforts are in vain, and I'd say we do generally good work. Of course, when a big story breaks, everyone is reading the paper for it. But why do we sometimes have trouble with reaching people?

In other news, the 2020 Joint Elections at the University of Connecticut were last week. Regardless of the way the votes went, it's disappointing to see the low turnout this year: Significantly fewer than 3,000 votes were cast in all. All students have some opinions on the way our campus is run, so why can we not get better turnout here?

It feels so clear to me that it's important to stay informed. We want to know things; we want to have an impact on the world around us. So why is public engagement so difficult to cultivate?

It's important first to note this is not just a problem for us. Over the past decade, the media industry has taken a hit. According to Pew Research, newsroom employment fell by about 25% from 2008 to 2017. We are seeing yet more layoffs in publications around the country. With the Democratic primary season well underway, we are also witnessing plenty of problems related to low turnout. Young people especially are not coming to the polls, but low turnout in primary and general elections have plagued the United States for decades.

We want to know things; we want to have an impact on the world around us. So why is public engagement so difficult to cultivate?

Of course, there is a big part of the issue that just comes down to time. People are busy, and many people don't prioritize things like public engagement. This can be especially difficult at the local level. At UConn, many students are more engaged with both the larger scale — like national or world politics — or the smaller — like their individual clubs and social circles. Our community-wide matters just fall by the wayside naturally.

We will never be able to convince everyone that they should care about local public engagement. This is a pipe dream. But there's still a big space to fill between 100% engagement and the pitiable amount we have now.

Filling this gap means solving the problem of disillusionment. Disillusionment occurs when there is a disconnect between the reported importance of a group or action and the actual effect of that group or action. Distrust of media is at such a level where we elected a president whose method of deflecting criticism involves just claiming, "Fake news!" Through voter suppression, unequal representation and other issues, people don't feel like they have an important role in the political system, either.

At UConn in particular, we have not always done the greatest job at fighting disillusionment. Organizations like the Undergraduate Student Government and The Daily Campus haven't always been the best at following the exact will of the students, or at least have faced derision from students for this being the perception. It's not an easy task — the student body is so fractured and diverse that it never will be — but it is something we must be aware of and work against always.

How do we do this? We must work to make sure students feel heard and listened to. We must act transparently and justifiably. We must take a look at things like outreach and accountability. And we must make sure we are thinking about how we can best serve our diverse constituency.

To be clear, I am not saying groups are not working on this already. But as our society continues its suspicion against media and traditional power structures, so too will our student body become suspicious toward their media and governmental systems. In order to promote trust and public engagement at UConn, we must all reflect on where these thoughts are coming from, whether they are justified and what we can do to fix the important issues.

## The struggles of eating healthy at dining halls

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Everyone knows that college students often live on unhealthy foods. We've heard of the freshman 15, and we've seen our dining halls full of fried foods, desserts and things that are unhealthy. As college students, we are preparing for the rest of our lives by living on our own for the first time. We're learning valuable life skills, like laundry, cleaning and scheduling. But healthy eating, at least for those of us that utilize the dining halls, is not a skill that we can learn.

I think it's important to note that there are some healthy options in

dining halls. Several of the dining halls, such as North and South, offer plain grilled chicken for lunch or dinner. All of the dining halls that I have been to also offer salad and fresh fruits, which is also good for people's efforts to eat healthily. But when we get past that, we see that there are very, very few options to eat healthy food in a dining hall that aren't just a salad. While chicken is offered, it is usually tough and flavorless, which doesn't exactly inspire people to make it a bigger part of their diet.

Even switching up the kinds of chicken that are offered would make healthy eating easier here at UConn. Marinated chicken or

herby chicken or really any chicken that has a taste would make me much more enthusiastic about going to the dining hall and trying to eat healthy food. The same is true of the fruits and vegetables in the dining halls; having more than just the same apples and oranges every day would make it so that people could have a more diverse diet.

Additionally, there is another large problem that I have had with eating at the dining halls: portions. Many foods in the dining hall, such as rice or veggies, have their portions listed as four ounces or six ounces of food.

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The fight for freedom hidden by the coronavirus

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Officials in Hong Kong have taken the COVID-19 epidemic as an opportunity to quash the pro-democracy protests that have been simmering for months. Fears and safety-related issues associated with large gatherings in the face of the outbreak make it likely that the public cannot protest in reaction. Besides, the world's news coverage is largely focused on developments regarding the coronavirus epidemic. Hong Kong's government can act without worry of internal or external opposition.

In June 2019, the whole city of Hong Kong reacted to a bill that would have allowed extradition from Hong Kong to China. Initial peaceful protests turned violent when police responded with tear gas, guns with rubber bullets, pepper spray and baton charges near government headquarters, causing at least 81 casualties. Consequently, focus on the bill morphed into demands for increased democracy and calls against police brutality. The protestors were incredibly effective in altering public opinion. Toward the end of November 2019, local council elections ended with a landslide victory for the pro-democracy movement, leaving 17 of 18 councils now controlled by pro-democracy councilors.

### Hong Kong's government can act without worry of internal or external opposition.

At the end of February, police began detaining activists. Beijing critic Jimmy Lai and Labor Party vice-chairman Lee Cheuk-yan were included among those detained over protests against the extradition bill in August and were later released. It seems clear that officials in Hong Kong are taking advantage of the pressure of the coronavirus outbreak in attempt to weaken the pro-democracy movement. The Hong Kong government denounced such accusations, "reject[ing] the notion that prosecutions are undertaken for any purpose other than to uphold the rule of law in Hong Kong." Hong Kong's denial of their true motivations behind the arrests are unfortunately characteristic. Amnesty International recently called for an inquiry into the Hong Kong government's violent response to the protests. They cite "an alarming pattern of reckless and indiscriminate tactics being employed by the Hong Kong Police Force," including the aforementioned violence and "allegations of sexual harassment." The Hong Kong Justice Department predictably rejected the call for inquiry from Amnesty International. Most of Hong Kong's moves are unfortunately legal due to an outdated and ambiguous law, the Public Order Ordinance, which the government has used to justify their actions.

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# Life

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## 'LOVE IS BLIND'

RAISES INTERESTING TOPICS ON ROMANCE BY BRINGING OUT THE WORST IN RELATIONSHIPS

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On Feb. 13, Netflix released the first five episodes of its newest reality TV series, "Love is Blind," a show that has garnered much attention during the past three weeks. Although reality television is not my usual fare-taking, I was intrigued by the show's concept of love sparked by emotional connection rather than physical attraction. After only getting through the first three episodes, I felt I had already received the answer to their overarching question, "is love really blind?"

My low expectations for the show slowly dissipated after finishing the first episode. I was initially glad to notice how the show operated by questioning the con-formities of dating culture today. Dating apps like Tinder have only emphasized the importance of physical attractiveness by advertising people based on their photos. It was refreshing to see a show like "Love is Blind" work against that stigma by taking away physicality altogether.

The absence of physical presence essentially forces potential couples to talk about themselves, whether it be about their backgrounds or finding things in common. Being unaware of each other's appearance also causes key physical factors to become unacknowledged such as age and race, a concept which was appealing. It's good to highlight how well certain personalities work together since, to me, it's really the most significant factor in maintaining an effective relationship.

I think Lauren puts it in the best way when she describes Mark: "We're different races, we're different ages, but we're definitely cut from the

same cloth."

Despite my increasingly positive feelings toward the show, they soon began to decline as I started to notice some flaws in the experiment. Everyone has their own individual experience with love and it just felt like the show was trying to make it the same for everyone. I don't think adding soft piano music and a slow zoom into their face is going to help differentiate between falling in love versus having a pleasant conversation.

The romanization of love is already common enough in the media.

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frustrating to see how Barnett's hesitation caused Jessica to immediately jump from him to Mark. Under the circumstances of a show like "Love is Blind" when people don't feel their emotions are reciprocated, instead of feeling hurt because they aren't loved, they feel angry because they didn't get chosen.

The biggest issue I had didn't really have to do with the show; it was more from being disappointed in the contestants. Even after getting engaged, the majority of couples were still worried

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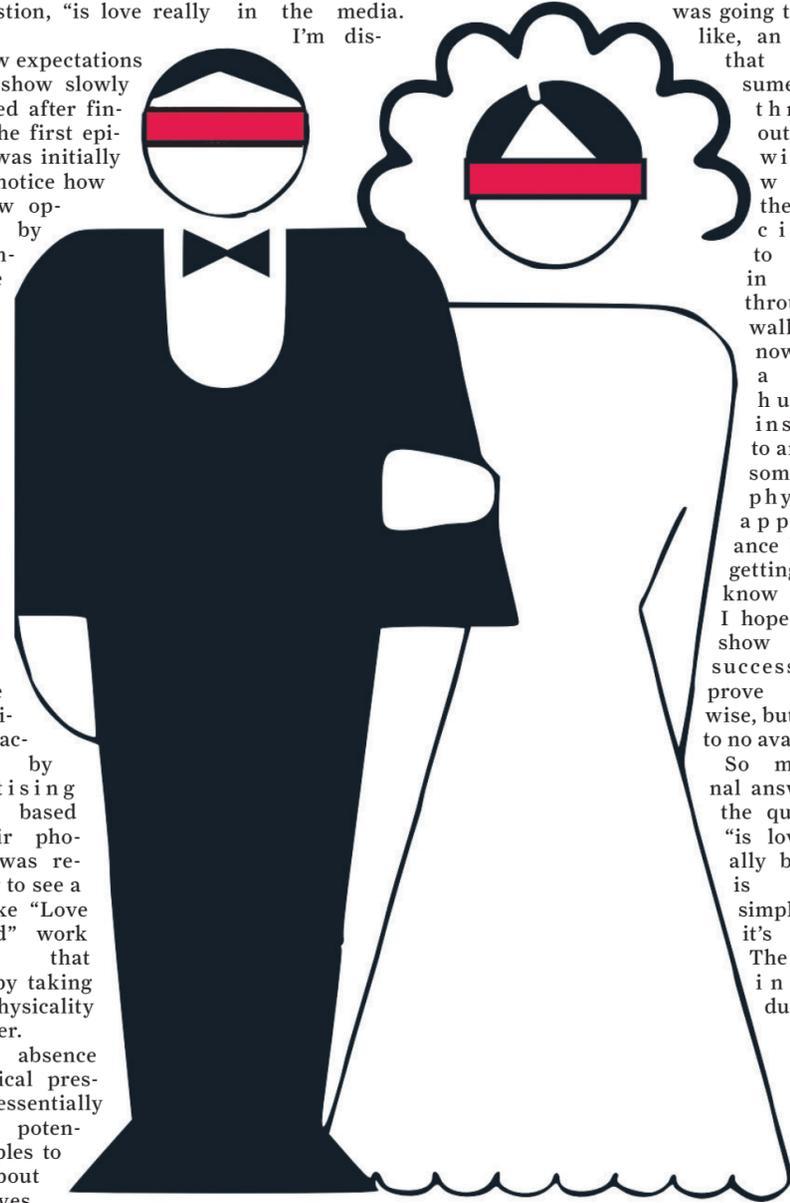
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appointed but not surprised that "Love is Blind" followed through with the same idea.

Another flaw was the fact that contestants were basically choosing who they loved rather than falling in love. The amount of time the show seemed to invest in the whole Jessica-Barnett-Mark love triangle made me realize that these people didn't even know how to discern their own romantic sentiment towards each other.

At one point, Barnett even says, "I don't know how to differentiate feeling good from feeling the L-word." It

thought-provoking concept of love at first talk rather than sight. However, the fatal flaw remains in social tendency. Physical attraction will always play a role in initiating romantic affliction, not to mention the difficulties of adequately getting to know someone through a couple conversations. Unfortunately, "Love is Blind" fails to live up to its name.

**Rating: 2.5/5**

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By now it's a basic human instinct to analyze someone's physical appearance before getting to know them. I hoped this show would successfully prove otherwise, but it did to no avail.

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# UZI RETURNS TO RAP GAME WITH VIGOR ON 'ETERNAL ATAKE'

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Lil Uzi Vert doesn't rap for you.

He raps for the up-and-coming rapper, telling them that they can get to his level if they grind hard enough but will never have the cars and women he's amassed. His return to the music game after a near three-year absence since his last album, 2017's "Luv Is Rage 2," features a charcuterie of whips and women, all organized into the 16-track "Eternal Atake," and it shows the Philly rapper at his best.

Many rap albums are about things like this. Rarely does a Lil Dicky rise up and make rap for the common people, and no one really wants that anyway. There's a reason Ferraris cost more than Fords: The genre has always been aspirational. "Atake" rises above the ever-growing field of modern melodic-rap projects for two reasons.

For one, Uzi's sophomore effort is constructed like an hour-long alien abduction. That isn't a really obscure musical reference, it's literal; in the intros and outros of many of the tracks on here, Uzi is being sucked into an extraterrestrial spaceship. For a genre that has always encouraged creativity, it's great to see one of the faces of rap continue to push forward into this new decade. The structure of "Atake" goes beyond its out-of-this-world concept — every track on here fits between three and four minutes, which isn't impressive in itself, but in a time when quick runtimes can mean big paychecks in the streaming

world, hearing fleshed out and finished songs is a breath of fresh air.

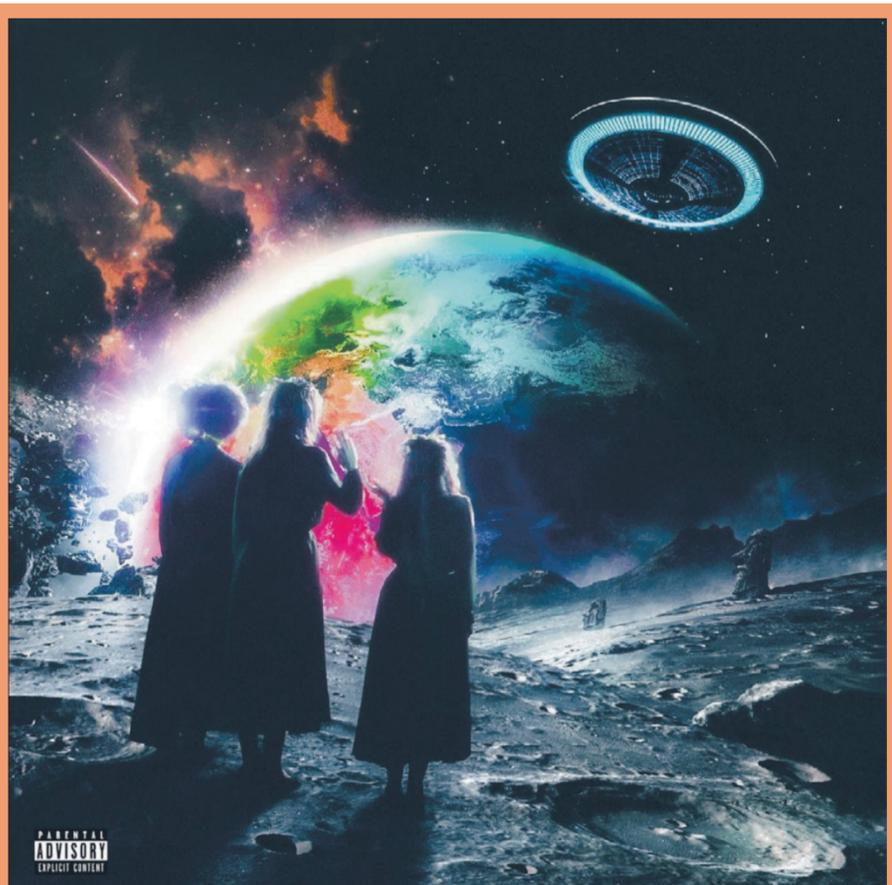
Second, it's just Uzi. It's unprofessional for me to be unable to describe a quality as a music journalist, but it's just Uzi. His pure energy pushes this album beyond its already killer samples and production and just presses it to a different level through his pure and uncut vigor. It's almost like he needed three

years to charge up for this thing, because some of these songs sound like he was fired out of a cannon on Broad Street. It's mightily impressive. "Celebration Station" shows Uzi at his finest, refusing to step off his hyper-speed rhythm, landing like a gymnast on a feverish hook. It's the exact zeitgeist of where we are right now in music, and it's remarkably impressive for someone who ruminated in the background as that shifted at a rapid pace. Three years is an eon in

modern music. Designer's whole career fit in that span. It shows to Uzi's staying potential that he may come out of this era at a higher level than when he left his last. As someone who always walks the tightrope between singing and rapping in most of his songs — his earlier songs like 2017's "XO Tour Llif3" were largely the former — Uzi raps better on here than he ever has. There's simply no other way to put it: This is explicitly hip-hop, and undeniably Uzi.

**Rating: 4.25/5**

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Lil Uzi Vert's newest album tackles common ideas but in a unique way. Being the rapper's second album, it was released on March 6, three years after his first album. PHOTO AND GRAPHIC COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM @LILUZIVERT

# Campus Couture

## Ugly Is The New Cool: A theory

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In the past few years, I've noticed the tide of fashion shift from a calm lapping to a wacky, wavy whirlpool. Your normal outfit formula was based on prior trends or styles, with classic pieces strung into it. Nowadays, celebrities and others mix and match different patterns and styles together to create something that quite frankly looks ... ugly. From turning biker shorts into a daily (and wearable) occurrence to the famous chunky Fila sneakers, many are choosing to create their own style with out-of-the-box pieces that would have been shunned 10 years ago. Many believe this "anti-fashion" movement is in response to the decades of oversexualized women's fashion or as a way to stand out in a world of influencers. Today, we'll strip apart the "ugly fashion" trends to finally understand what makes it tick.

### Breaking the rules

It seems as though the entire team at Man Repeller has this down to a science: mix-matching clothes and making them work. I swear, they're all wizards. I'm talking cheetah patterns with plaid, or pairing workout leggings with business attire. These days, everywhere you look you can see others taking a leap and working with bright colors to create outfits that look fun as a way to freshen up fashion for the new era.

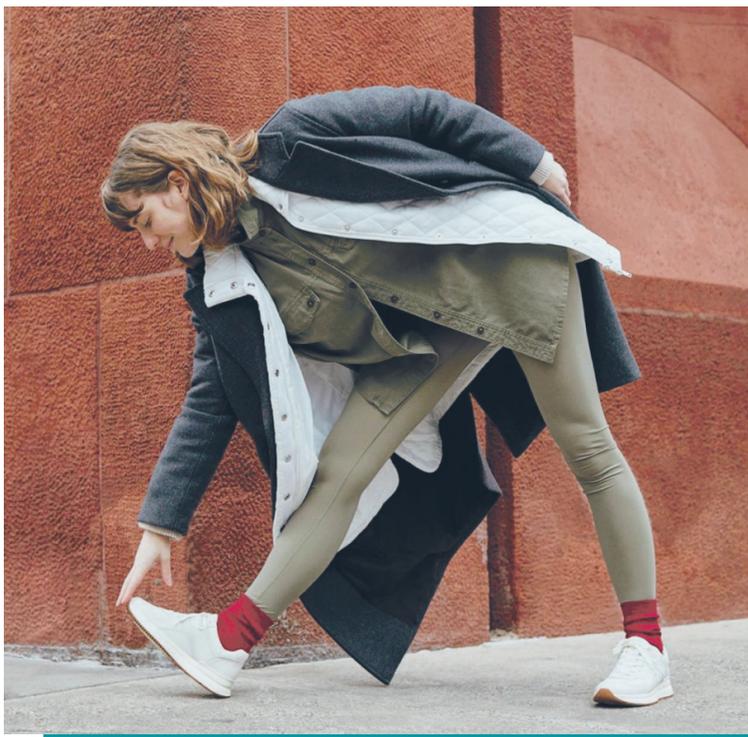
### The "Window" Jeans

Many probably remember the viral internet trend of 2017, "window jeans," a pair of plain mom-jeans with a plastic cut out at the knee. Created by Topshop, these jeans not only let your knees look out into the world but was almost a way to poke fun at the many oversexualized "cut-outs" in women's clothing.



### Chunky Filas

Known as the most ambivalent shoe of recent years (aside from Crocks), the Fila Disruptor II is a trend that not many people understand. Released in 1996, the chunky sneaker recently made a comeback amid a rush of '90s nostalgia in fashion. Alongside this trend, copycats such as Sketchers, K-Swiss and even Balenciaga jumped on the chunky-white sneaker bandwagon as well. These sneakers show a resistance to conformity, as earlier sneakers such as Converse or Vans sported very thin soles. Many also love the irony of wearing the same silhouette as Nike's or New Balance's "dad shoes."



The team at Man Repeller mix and match their outfits in unthinkable ways. Next time you're picking out an outfit, don't be afraid to take a risk and wear the least expected matches.

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### Baggy Fashion

In the recent months, many designer brands started loosening the fits on their clothing. Popularized by singer Billie Eilish, many are seen sporting high-price, designer sweatshirts, basketball shorts and shirts that are "800 sizes bigger," as Eilish told Huffington Post in an interview on March 10. Along with being a trend-setter, Eilish also noted her reasons for dressing in baggy clothing stem from a deeper issue: Her clothes serve as a way to avoid body-shaming.

Billie Eilish wears baggy clothing as a way to avoid body-shaming. Eilish has popularized this fashion trend with the use of oversized sweatshirts and basketball shorts.

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# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Golden hour



An ecstatic dog named Simba enjoying the nice weather recently. PHOTO BY ALEX LEO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Fords and Chevys
- 6 Trick
- 10 Electric guitarist's need
- 13 "When \_\_\_ we three meet again": "Macbeth" opening line
- 14 Baseball card transaction
- 15 "You think I did it?!"
- 16 Sweetened, as something harsh to hear
- 18 Had a bite
- 19 Culturally pretentious
- 20 Coffee container
- 21 \_\_\_ nerve
- 23 Daisy \_\_\_; Li'l Abner's wife
- 24 Variety, idiomatically, with "the"
- 27 Amazes
- 29 "A," in pilot shorthand
- 30 Bulova competitor
- 32 Give a hoot
- 34 Credit in a footnote
- 38 Loaded bakery item
- 41 Surrender, as land
- 42 "Star \_\_\_: The Rise of Skywalker"
- 43 Molecule parts
- 44 Recipe instruction
- 46 Aid in crime
- 47 "Don't make any sudden moves"
- 52 "No more sharing," briefly
- 55 Island in "Jaws"
- 56 Bethesda research org.
- 57 Mythical man-goat
- 58 Cacophony
- 59 What the starts of 16-, 24-, 38- and 47-Across make?
- 63 Ltd., across the pond
- 64 Sooner State natives
- 65 Jump for joy
- 66 In the past

### DOWN

- 1 Black tea from India
- 2 "Star Trek" lieutenant
- 3 Worked closely with a partner on a task
- 4 Skin care brand
- 5 Camera initials
- 6 Old Paris coin
- 7 Horse morsel
- 8 Shelley's "\_\_\_ to the West Wind"
- 9 Batted first
- 10 Stradivari's tutor
- 11 Central idea
- 12 Cake serving
- 14 Singer Amos
- 17 Pair in a pint
- 22 Appease
- 24 Hot
- 25 Makes on the job
- 26 Cassini of fashion
- 28 "No more for us"
- 30 Noir sleuth
- 31 "\_\_\_ been wrong before"
- 32 Zin cousin
- 33 Broadcast

- 35 "Time for me to split"
- 36 President pro \_\_\_
- 37 Hallelujah trio?
- 39 Bed size
- 40 Life-changing household arrival
- 45 Pop star Swift
- 46 Tennis great Arthur
- 47 First name in 1970s gymnastics
- 48 Cyberchatting

- 49 \_\_\_ de Mayo
- 50 Oversized keyboard key
- 51 Feels poorly
- 53 Thinks (over)
- 54 Photo-sharing website, familiarly
- 57 Prix \_\_\_ menu
- 60 '50s presidential nickname
- 61 Aunt in Acapulco
- 62 Great fielding play, say

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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# HONG KONG

## HONG KONG, cont. from p. 4

One of the critical and often overlooked aspects of the historical cycle that propagates the abuse of human rights is the notion of social consciousness. In our increasingly globalizing society, the burden of that social consciousness becomes worldwide. Unfortunately, in the sensationalization of the coronavirus, news of the pro-democracy movement and Hong Kong's government has become lost. Awareness is the first step toward creating a social consciousness about the events in Hong Kong. Given the difficult circumstances, productive individual action would unfortunately be impossible. Instead, focus should be on learning more and spreading information to those who can indeed create change — in this case, the British government.

Britain has not only a moral obligation but also a legal responsibility to protect human rights in Hong Kong, especially considering that the situation in Hong Kong

is largely legally justified from the colonial-era Public Order Ordinance. The Sino-British Joint Declaration, an international treaty registered with the United Nations, was supposed to maintain Hong Kong's relative autonomy until 2047. China has declared the treaty null on several occasions, but Britain has confirmed its dedication to upholding it as recently as 2017.

So, where is British intervention now? Given the devastating impact of the coronavirus on world economies, economic sanction would be, while likely impactful, unrealistic. However, there are other options. Calling for reform of the Public Order Ordinance, for example, would cripple the Hong Kong government's legal defense of their actions, perhaps finally forcing them to acknowledge their abuses. Any action, even clumsy ones, are better than nothing. The success of protests in Hong Kong can no longer be considered a localized issue; their fight for freedom should be on all of our minds.

# DINING SERVICES

## DINING, cont. from p. 4

While I appreciate the fact that they list portions and nutrition details at all, hearing that I should be eating four ounces of broccoli doesn't help me because I have absolutely no idea how much broccoli is four ounces. Is it five pieces? Ten? Two?

Those issues make it difficult for me to know if I am eating healthy portions of food. If I want a serving of french fries, I have to try and determine what four ounces of french fries are. That's not something that I can reasonably determine just by looking at the fries, which makes it a lot harder for me to judge if I am eating a proper portion of food, which is an important part of trying to eat healthier.

In the end, I would love to see a more accessible, wider selection of healthy options for students. While many college students enjoy eating unhealthy meals all or a lot of the time, there are those

who are looking to improve their diets or continue to eat healthily, and options are often incredibly minimal. By offering a wider variety of healthy food items, such as offering more than one Smart Check food per meal, students who did want to eat healthily would be able to have more diverse diets.

While I think that a wider selection of food would be ideal, it is still not the most important change Dining Services could make. I think either changing descriptions from things like four ounces into "X amount of food," or having both ounces and physical amounts, would be ideal for most foods at the dining hall. While I understand that this is not possible for every food, as finding a new measurement for things like soup would be impossible, for most foods this would be a positive step forward for UConn students who are doing their best to attain a healthy diet in a system of food that is full of very unhealthy choices.



CARTOON BY CHAD JENNINGS, CARTOONIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# Mets' Conforto strains oblique muscle, opening day not clear

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Mets outfielder Michael Conforto strained an oblique muscle on his right side, and it's too early to determine whether he will be able to play in New York's opener against World Series champion Washington on March 26.

Conforto was injured Saturday against the Nationals and returned to New York on Monday night to meet with Mets medical director Dr. David Altkhek.

"We're going to back him off here from activities the next couple of days and then reassess him next week," Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said Tuesday.

Conforto, an All-Star in 2017, set career highs last season with 33 homers and 92 RBIs while batting .257 with an .856 OPS in 151 games. He played in 153 games in 2018.

He was hurt while catching a fly ball.

"Awkwardly in the wind, in the sun, he sort of fell to the ground, and he was sore on his right side," Van Wagenen said. "He was feeling better day over day over the course of last couple of days, but we wanted to be smart about it, get an MRI done."

Conforto, who turned 27 on March 1, is slated to be New York's regular right fielder again this season and a middle-of-the-order bat. The Mets have outfield depth on the roster: Brandon Nimmo, Jake Marisnick and Jeff McNeil could all be options in right if Conforto misses time.



In this Feb. 22, 2020, file photo, New York Mets' Michael Conforto bats during a spring training baseball game against the Miami Marlins in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Mets outfielder Michael Conforto was scheduled to be examined by a doctor in New York after tweaking his side while making a catch in a recent spring training game. PHOTO BY VERA NIEUWENHUIS/AP

# Hofstra returns to NCAA Tournament for first time since 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eli Pemberton dreamed since he was 6 years old about playing in the NCAA Tournament.

He'll get to live that dream after helping end the Hofstra Pride's 18-year drought without an appearance.

Pemberton scored 12 of his 19 points in the second half and Hofstra came from behind to beat Northeastern 70-61 Tuesday night to win the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001.

"I knew that I always wanted to be there, and I'm glad that I'm going to be there with my brothers," Pemberton said.

The top-seeded Pride (26-8) clinched the CAA's automatic bid and reached the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in program history. It's Hofstra's first CAA title.

Coach Joe Mihalich's is back in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007, when he was at Niagara. Players sprayed Mihalich with water on stage after receiving the CAA trophy.

Hofstra avenged a 2019 CAA title-game loss to Northeastern.

"It is something to be proud of because we beat a bunch of champions," Mihalich said. "The championship goes through them. They are the defending champions, so to win the championship, you've got to knock out the champ."

Senior Desure Buie scored a game-high 20 points and was named the tournament's most outstanding player. Jalen Ray scored 17 points, and Isaac Kante grabbed 15 rebounds.

"My teammates were telling me to get the ball and make something happen," Buie said. "That is what came from my coaches and teammates believing in me, and that is just what I did."

Hofstra trailed at halftime and used a 17-4 run to pull away. The Pride held conference leading scorer Jordan Roland to just 11 points.

Maxime Boursiquot led Northeastern with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Hofstra was nearly unstoppable during tournament play



Hofstra guard Jalen Ray (20) and others raise the trophy after defeating Northeastern in an NCAA college basketball game for the championship of the Colonial Athletic Association men's tournament Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in Washington. Hofstra won 70-61. PHOTO BY NICK WASS/AP

and delivered an 18-point drubbing of Drexel in the quarterfinals. The Pride scored another double-digit victory against Delaware in the semifinals when they didn't miss a shot for the game's first five minutes.

BIG PICTURE

Northeastern: The Huskies ran out of gas, and their Cinderella run at the CAA Tournament ended with a thud. Northeastern (17-16) upset third-seeded Towson and then beat Elon to reach the tournament championship game.

Hofstra: The Pride are expected to be a No. 13 or 14 seed in the NCAA Tournament and a big underdog in the first round. But the celebration is on in Hempstead, New York, because it has been so long since Hofstra made it.

# Yanks' Gary Sánchez misses batting practice due to flu



New York Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez (24) talks to relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman in the dugout after throwing during a spring training baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Friday, March 6, 2020, in Tampa, Fla. PHOTO BY CARLOS OSORIO/AP

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — New York Yankees catcher Gary Sánchez missed batting practice Tuesday because he has the flu and will be re-evaluated later this week.

Manager Aaron Boone said Sanchez, sidelined since the weekend by a sore back, was examined by team doctors.

"He had the fever last night," Boone said. "They tested him and it was positive for the flu, He'll be away from us for the next couple days, at least. We'll see where he's at that point."

Sánchez is to be evaluated again Friday.

He played consecutive games for the first time this year on Thursday and Friday, then felt back soreness on Saturday and hasn't played since. He took part in catching drills Monday and was scheduled to resume batting practice on Tuesday.

Yankees ace Gerrit Cole missed a couple days last week because of a fever.

Outfielder-designated hitter Giancarlo Stanton, who strained his right calf during defensive drills on Feb. 26, will start running outdoors Wednesday or Thursday. Stanton, expected to be out until sometime in April, has been playing catch and hitting in an indoor cage.

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Champs once again



UConn beat the Cincinnati Bearcats 81-48 at Mohegan Sun Monday evening to win their seventh straight AAC title. The Huskies outplayed and outpaced the Bearcats; UConn had 17 fast breaks to Cincinnati's 4. Junior Megan Walker and sophomore Christyn Williams had 26 and 22 points respectively. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## LCS MVP: Best from the best, or best for their team?

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The League of Legends Championship Series is about to enter its second-to-last week of the spring split, and this means that MVP whisperings have begun. This has revived the age old argument; is a player MVP caliber if they are from the best team, or is it more important that they contribute to their team more than any other player? This week for Point/Counterpoint, we hashed this out.

**Sam Zelin:** I think that it is important to distinguish the fact that the award given out is called "Most Valuable Player," and not "Best Player." If we were looking for the best player in each region, Faker would have over 10 MVP trophies right now. What "most valuable" means is that the value one brings to his team is higher than any other individual player's value to their respective team. As a longtime Cloud9 fan, I am thrilled with their performance so far this split, but I do not think it makes sense to give any of them MVP. If C9 was to replace a spot on their roster with another player, assuming he had the time to assimilate into the team's culture, it is unlikely they would be much worse. However, that is not the case for FlyQuest, where PowerOfEvil is carrying his way to a No. 2 finish this split. While being on a team that was projected to miss playoffs this split, POE is currently topping the midlane charts for average kills, CS per



FlyQuest plays Clutch Gaming during the 2019 LCS Regional Qualifier at the LCS Arena on September 6, 2019 in Los Angeles, Calif. PHOTO BY KEVIN HUABE/RIOT GAMES

minute and Gold per minute. His laning has been fantastic; coming out with a CS advantage 85% of the time at 15 minutes, securing four solo kills and having not been a first blood victim once in 14 games.

**Ashton Stansel:** While I agree that PowerOfEvil has been a fantastic player this split and is carrying his team, I disagree with the idea that the best player on a worse team is more deserving of MVP than a very good player who is also on a very good team. To me, the current clear MVP favorite is Cloud9's bot laner, Zven. Zven's KDA is 19, which is eight and a half higher than that of the second-highest person which is his support, Vulcan. He's been

ahead in CS at 15 minutes in 85% of the games this split, which means he has been behind in just two of the 14 games this season. As of Monday, he's also led Cloud9 to a guaranteed No. 1 this split, and to a 13/14 record, which is considerably better than what POE has managed. While Zven's teammates are certainly having a more successful split than POE's, that doesn't negate Zven's absolute dominance. His team would certainly be less successful if he was replaced with a worse player.

**Sam Zelin:** Zven is having the split of his life and that is undeniable, but something that is important to remember is that so is Vulcan. If you compare C9's 2020 bot lane to Team Liquid's 2019 sum-

mer dynamic duo of Doublelift and CoreJJ, you can see the MVP precedent here. TL was clearly the best team in the LCS last year, and yet Svenskeren, a player who pulled C9 all the way to game 5 in the finals ended up winning the award. MVP votes do not favor teams that have multiple people popping off, as they split the vote among themselves. Secondly, another thing that will factor into the vote is whether the player is valuable to the team, or the other way around. Zven has a history of working well in systems that fit him, such as this C9 roster and the original G2 roster, while PowerOfEvil has a history of being the carry wherever he goes, be it the Misfits roster that took SKT to five

games at Worlds, the Optic Roster that outperformed its low bar last year, or this FlyQuest team that's doing that again. I think the most important thing for MVP voting is the last two weeks, so if POE and FlyQuest can finish strong, he has a solid claim for the title, and while the loss to TSM is certainly a blow, the strongest opponents they have left are the 7-7 Immortals and 100 Thieves teams.

**Ashton Stansel:** While your point about Doublelift isn't bad, I think that you're missing a key fact about Summer: No one was as dominant as Zven is right now. Looking at stats from 2019's Summer Split, Doublelift, who was undeniably good in summer, had only a 5.8 KDA. That's even lower than his support, CoreJJ, who had a six. Sven, by comparison, had a 3.3. And in Cloud9's defeats in summer, he was poor, racking up the deaths. And it's not that Sven didn't deserve MVP, he did. But the best KDA in the whole league in Summer was a 6.4 for Xmithie. This means that while players did play well, no one had a performance as dominant as what Zven is having right now. Zven's performance in spring has been so far above last summer's standard that the best player on the best team this split is the best player overall. While I do agree that there are situations in which an amazing player on not the best team can and should win MVP, such as Sven did last season, I don't think there's anything wrong with the best person on the best team winning if they are genuinely putting up the best performance. Players shouldn't be punished for having the best team.

## League of Legends weekly round-up and news

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## G2 claims sole possession of first place

G2 esports have finally reclaimed sole possession of first place in the LEC. They sit at 11-3, just above the 10-4 Origins and Fnatic following a week in which they beat both of those teams. While neither game was a blowout, G2 won confidently, and they look to be in a good position heading into the last two weeks of the regular season. However, with four games still to play, Fnatic and Origen still have a chance to dethrone last year's second-best team in the world.

## Cloud9 finally falls

Cloud9's undefeated season is no more. The North American squad lost a bloody game to TSM on Saturday after faltering early when faced with Bjergsen's Zilean and Kobbe's Xayah. The loss was the first serious blow to C9, which had looked like the undisputed best

team in North America until that point, and is an exciting sign of things to come. However, on Monday night, C9 did dominate Golden Guardians in a game that ended with a 21-5 kill scoreline, so it's probably not worth it to think that Cloud9 isn't the top team in North America yet. This victory over Golden Guardians also secured first place in the split for Cloud9, so, all in all, it was a pretty good weekend for their first loss.

## Team Liquid's worst-case scenario has happened

Going into Week 7, Team Liquid's spirits were high. They had dominated both 100 Thieves and TSM in Week 6, and announced that due to a lack of motivation for star bot laner Doublelift, academy player Tactical, who played ADC in that 2-0 week six, would be starting in Week 7. For the first time in 2020, it felt like the four-time consecutive LCS winners had a plan to recover from their abysmal start. And then, they played CLG. CLG, the No. 19 team in the league,

had won just two games before they played. It seemed like an easy game for Team Liquid until they actually had to play it. Ex-TL player Pobelter dominated on Syndra, while jungler Wiggly nailed crucial smite after smite to secure objectives for his team. CLG struggled to close the game after nearly half a dozen major objectives, until Pobelter teleported behind Team Liquid and absolutely decimated three players solo to secure the win.

On Monday night, they tried Doublelift again, seemingly not appreciating Tactical's struggles against the worst team in the league. On Monday they played against Immortals, whom they were tied with for No. 6. Immortals showed no mercy to the floundering squad, as the bot lane duo Apollo and Hakuho dominated Doublelift and CoreJJ, leading to an Apollo corekill and a victory for Immortals. This loss dropped Team Liquid to No. 8, which means that next week is going to be absolutely crucial if they look to make playoffs.



During the 2019 League of Legends Championship Series Week 5 at the LCS Arena on July 7, 2019 in Los Angeles, Calif. PHOTO BY TIMOTHY NORRIS/RIOT GAMES

# Hey Seanny J

## Should we take the Raptors seriously in the playoffs?

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Toronto has been the NBA's biggest surprise this season. The top two seeds in the Western Conference are of course the two Los Angeles teams. The Bucks are first in the East, but nobody expected the Raptors to have a firm grasp on the No. 2 seed.

With the departure of Kawhi Leonard, who led Toronto to a championship last season, nobody expected the Raptors to contend for another one this season.

Pascal Siakam has taken a massive leap forward. He made his first All-Star game last year, but this season he earned himself a starting spot. He is essentially replacing the production that Leonard provided last season. But who has stepped into that No. 2

role?

That's a trick question, because the answer is basically everyone else. Kyle Lowry, perhaps the team's most important player, boosted his scoring from 14.2 points per game last season to 19.7 this year, also increasing his percentages in the process.

Fred VanVleet, Norman Powell and Serge Ibaka have also stepped their games up.

They've all increased their scoring outputs by 6.6, 7.8 and 1.0 points per game, respectively. All are over 16 points per game this season.

OG Anunoby played sparingly last season, and got minimal playing time in the playoffs. With Kawhi's departure, he

has been the one that has filled the whole at forward in the starting lineup and has been excellent. He averages 10.7 points per game, shoots great percentages from the field (50.7) and from 3 (38.1) and above all else, plays world-class defense comparable to Leonard's.

When you factor in Marc Gasol, head coach Nick Nurse and of course superfan Drake's impacts, the Raptors are bona fide title contenders. If seeding stays the same come mid April, the Raptors would draw a tough round two matchup with the winner of the Celtics versus 76ers series.

They would be able to match up with either team pretty ideally.

We aren't sure if jumbo-point guard Ben Simmons will be returning this season, but even if he does, the Raptors have enough size to match up with the league's best starting

With Ibaka and Gasol locking down the paint, the Raptors have an abundance of good defensive wings with plenty of length and

defend those skilled wings and that pesky Kemba Walker, too.

Walker is a pro at making slow bigs pay on mismatches, but the Raptors have lineup options that don't include anybody slow. They can run Siakam at the five, and the Celtics don't have any big centers good enough (sorry Enes Kanter) to make them pay for it.

Jayson Tatum may be a worldeater right now, but with any and all of the good defensive wings that the Raptors have, they can keep him off balance with all sorts of different defensive looks.

In a potential conference finals matchup with the Bucks, a

Siakam-versus-Giannis Antetokounmpo will be the center of attention. There aren't many NBA

players equipped with the physical gifts and defensive prowess to defend Da Freak. But if anybody has them, it's Siakam.

Neither Powell (6-foot-3) nor VanVleet (6-foot-1) make a great match up for Middleton (6-foot-9), but Anunoby and Hollis-Jefferson do. With Lowry and Eric Bledsoe matched up, a series between Milwaukee and Toronto would be fantastic.

Man, I can't wait for the playoffs.



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## UConn in the Pros: Napier steps up, Walker comes back

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### Shabazz Napier, PG, Washington Wizards

After the Timberwolves lost 13 consecutive games, they sent Shabazz Napier to Denver and then to D.C. in a very confusing four team trade. This put Napier back to where he started at the beginning of the season: the bench. After seven games coming off the bench for the Wizards, he was able to re-earn a starting spot, filling in for the injured Ish Smith. In the seven games since, he has averaged 11.7 ppg, 4.3 apg and 2.7 rpg. His last performance was stellar, as he scored 27 points along with seven assists and four rebounds in the Wizards' loss to the Heat. The Wizards, at 23-40, are ninth in the East and are five games back from a playoff spot. In order to make a playoff push, Napier and the rest of the team will have to step in up in the home stretch of the season.

### Kemba Walker, PG, Boston Celtics

After a large stretch of games where Walker missed five straight and six of seven, he finally played in two consecutive contests this past week. With a sore left knee, the Celtics have been very cautious in his recovery, keeping him on a minutes restriction. It has been costly, as the formerly 38-16 C's have gone 4-5 with Walker not getting his usual minutes. In his last game, he got the start and shot 4-of-14, totaling 14 points in 30 minutes played. He also dished out five assists and grabbed six rebounds in the home loss to the Thunder. The All-Star is hoping his health returns along with his play as the team hits a crucial point in the season to grab a top seed in the East.

### Andre Drummond, C, Cleveland Cavaliers



Cleveland Cavaliers' Andre Drummond, right, shoots over Indiana Pacers' Myles Turner in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, in Cleveland. PHOTO BY TONY DEJAK/AP

Another player recovering from the injury bug, Drummond returned to play on Sunday against the Spurs. Coming off a calf injury, he had a monster game in the team's win. Drummond finished with 28 points, 17 re-

bounds, three blocks and an assist. In the three-point victory, he had an impressive plus/minus of +18. The combination of Drummond and teammate Kevin Love were a force to be reckoned with, as they became the first Cavs

duo since 2008 to each have 17 rebounds in a game. If he stays healthy, Drummond looks like an excellent trade acquisition for the Cavaliers.

### Rudy Gay, SF, San Antonio Spurs

Rudy Gay continues to be a

positive factor for the Spurs despite his age. Having only started four games this season, he is getting quality minutes off the bench, with 58 total minutes over the last two games. In that span, he has scored 17 ppg, 7.5 rpg, and 1.0 bpg. In his last game, Gay scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds while blocking two shots in the Spurs' loss to the Cavaliers. Gay and the Spurs, 12th in the West, have some work to do if they want to continue their NBA record of 22-consecutive postseason appearances.

### Andre Blake, GK, Philadelphia Union

Our Husky MLS representative had a strong day on Sunday, holding off a tough LAFC offense. Despite LAFC taking 21 shots (11 on goal), having 12 corner kick opportunities and possessing the ball 63% of the time, Blake managed to snag eight saves and only allowed three goals in the Union's 3-3 draw at home. The Union get to 0-1-1 to start the season, and look to improve upon that next week in San Jose.

### UConn MLB Alumni, Various Teams

As we approach the middle of spring training, let's check in on how our alumni have fared recently. Starting pitcher Anthony Kay got the win for Toronto in their 3-1 rout of the Pirates on Monday, racking up four strikeouts and zero earned runs over three innings pitched. Shortstop Nick Ahmed went 1-for-3 with a single in the Diamondbacks' 4-4 draw with the Royals. In his most recent appearance, Red Sox relief pitcher Matt Barnes gave up one hit and three walks with one strikeout over 1.1 innings. Notably, his ERA for spring training remains at zero. Astros outfielder George Springer went 1-for-3 with a walk in a 3-2 victory over the Mets in last Friday's game.



# Sports

## Baseball: UConn extends win streak to 5 with win over Hartford

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UConn beat Hartford 5-2 Tuesday afternoon in their first game in their home state of the season.

The Huskies (8-5) fell behind early, giving up two in the second inning. The inning started rough when starting pitcher Angus Mayock gave up a leadoff walk followed by a double.

The next batter lined out to right, then the next one hit a ground ball to the first baseman. Reggie Crawford made a heads-up play to get the ball to the catcher to cut down the runner. Now with two outs, things started to look better for UConn in the second.

Then the runner on first stole second, and Mayock walked Robert Carmody. With the bases loaded, Hartford's No. 9 hitter Kyle Hawes hit the ball to shortstop, and Zach Bushling threw it away. Two runs came across before Carmody was thrown out at second to end the inning.

This was just one of the five errors that UConn committed this game, but it was the only one that would hurt them in the runs column. Mayock was pulled from the game after two innings of work, giving up two unearned runs on one hit and two walks.

The Huskies pushed a run across in both the fourth and fifth innings to tie the game, then took a three-run lead in the sixth.

Chris Winkel and Paul Gozzo put UConn in the scoring column in the fourth. Winkel reached base on a one-out single to center, then stole both second and third base. Gozzo scored Winkel on a clutch two-out



UConn baseball took down Hartford on Tuesday 5-2, improving to 8-5 on the season and extending their win streak to 5. Paul Gozzo hit a three run homer and Will Lucas was credited with the win after throwing 3.1 innings of no-hit ball in relief. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

single up the middle, then was thrown out trying to steal second to end the inning.

UConn tied the game in the fifth without getting a hit, scoring from an error, a walk, a balk and a wild pitch.

Winkel and Kevin Ferrer opened the sixth with back-to-back leadoff singles. Gozzo put the Huskies up three with one swing of the bat, clearing the fence in left-center for his second home run of the season.

Will Lucas relieved Mayock in

the third and threw the next 3.1 innings. He didn't allow any hits, walked two, struck out one and had one HBP. He recorded the win for the game.

Andrew Marrero, Kenny Haus and Caleb Wurster threw the final 3.2 innings, allowing one hit each, no runs and combined for one walk, one HBP and three strikeouts.

Wurster picked up his second save of the season, coming on the heels of his first win of the season last game, and his very first

save a game before that. In other words, he has pitched the final inning(s) of each of UConn's last three games.

UConn is now on a five-game winning streak, with three of those wins coming in last weekend's sweep of Presbyterian College.

The Huskies will have the next few days off before playing five games in five days down in Virginia. That stretch will begin this Friday against Monmouth University at 10 a.m.

## LOL RECAP: CLOUD9'S UNDEFEATED SEASON COMES TO AN END

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### Mid-season invitational postponed amid coronavirus fears

Riot Games announced early Tuesday morning that the first international tournament of the year has been pushed back two months, from May to July, due to fears about COVID-19. Typically, the mid-season invitational takes place near the beginning of May, following the conclusion of the Spring Split. According to an announcement made by Riot Games, "Shifting the tournament to the summer offers the best chance to see travel restrictions lifted, allowing teams from leagues around the world to travel and compete safely." This change means that the tournament, instead of being between the Spring and Summer Splits, will instead be about halfway through the Summer Split. Summer Splits have been moved up; the first league to restart will be the Oceanic Pro League, or OPL, and the Vietnam Championship Series, or VCS, on May 15.

### The LPL is back

Chinese League of Legends is officially back, following a hiatus since the end of January due first to Chinese New Year and then to the coronavirus outbreaks. The rest of the Spring Split is being played online, and games finally started very early Monday morning. The league will play three best-of-three's a day, except for Tuesdays for now, when there'll be two.

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## Softball: Huskies blank Hofstra 7-0

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All season long for the Huskies, it's been either Marybeth Olson or Meghan O'Neil dominating opposing teams on the mound. Well, on Tuesday afternoon, it was both.

The UConn softball team notched its second shutout in three days with a 7-0 win over the Hofstra Pride on their home field in Hempstead, New York. It was a bit of a homecoming for UConn head coach Laura Valentino, who played on that field for four years when she was a member of Hofstra's softball team from 2008 to 2011.

Olson, O'Neil and the rest of the Huskies (16-5) spoiled Hofstra's (3-15) home opener with another convincing win. The Pride only managed seven baserunners in the entire game against the two UConn aces, and none of them crossed home plate.

Olson started the game and pitched the first four innings, letting up three hits and striking out one. Then O'Neil came in to pitch the final three frames and let up two hits while striking out four batters. Olson got credit for the win, keeping her record perfect at 10-0.

On offense, UConn tagged Hofstra's starter Madison Burns for seven runs on seven hits in just five innings. Burns was also a little wild and walked four UConn players.

The Huskies opened the scoring in the second inning. After Kiwi McDaniel and Olson both drew walks, Carli Cutler brought both of



UConn softball took down Hofstra 7-0 on Tuesday thanks to a home run from Samantha Barnett and a solid tandem performance on the mound from Marybeth Olson and Meghan O'Neil. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

them home with a bloop two-run single to right field to give UConn the early lead.

Samantha Barnett added to the lead with an RBI single in the third inning to make it 3-0. Then, Briana Marcelino broke the game wide open in the fourth with a three-run home run that just cleared the fence in left-center field, making the score 6-0. It was her team-leading fourth home run of the year, and she now leads the team and is second in the conference with 24 RBIs.

Finally, Barnett added a solo home run of her own in the fifth,

her second of the season. It was an absolute bomb to straight away right field that put UConn up 7-0, the eventual final score.

The Huskies made quick work of the Pride, and Valentino notched her first win as a head coach over her alma mater. The two teams will see each other again later this week in the second game of the St. John's Invitational, set to take place in Queens from Friday to Sunday. UConn is set to face St. John's, Hofstra, Holy Cross and Hartford in four games this weekend, looking to continue this red hot start to the 2020 season.

## Women's Lacrosse: Huskies look to bounce back following UMass defeat

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Despite their defeat at home against UMass, UConn will be eager to make a comeback at home against Columbia (0-6) today.

UConn (4-2) is currently No. 3 in The American, trailing East Carolina (5-2).

In their meet-up last year, the Lions defeated the Huskies 13-7. Familiar faces contributed in the game, including attackers Olivia Miles and Lia LaPrise netting a hat trick and a goal, respectively, as well as midfielder Sydney Watson scoring a goal.

It's inevitable that the three will play key roles once more, given their good form so far. Miles has 26 shots this season with an accuracy percentage of .808. As for LaPrise, she is one of the more involved players this season: 14 goals and 20 assists (34 pts), along with 29 shots so far with a .759 accuracy on target. She also leads the team with the most turnovers (16). Watson still proves to be the Huskies' main star with a shot accuracy of .914 to compliment her 24 goals currently.

Looking to the defense, senior Alyssa Conklin leads the team with 13 ground balls recovered while only giving two turnovers and caused eight.

Following their game against UMass (4-1), the Huskies' shot accuracy (.724) was merely greater than that of the Minutewomens' (714). UMass did, however, have the most turnovers of 16 compared to UConn's 13.

Overall the team strong suit so far has been their shots on goal percentage (.825) compared to their opponents who average a percentage of .716. Additionally, the Huskies are successful in receiving ground balls (97) while their opponents so far have gotten 77. Even though they thrive in attacking and ball control, the defensive side doesn't hold up as much. While UConn has 57 caused turnovers, their opponents have fewer (46).

After the UMass defeat, head coach Katie Woods said the Huskies must be able to manage "all different types of pressures" on the offensive side and especially in the transitions when they face Columbia. Woods also said they would be working on draw control drills as UMass constantly won control of the ball.

Looking over to their opponents, their shot on goal percentage is less than UConn's (.74) and their turnovers (118) exceed their opponents' (83). There could be a change to how they play however, as former head coach Andrea Coffin resigned on Monday after five seasons in the program. In their last game against Cornell, the Lions were dominated, losing 20-2. Columbia's leading goal scorer is currently attacker Alexandria Absey with 11 goals and one assist. Columbia is currently at the bottom of the Ivy League standings.

### THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS

**Women's Lacrosse**

vs.

**Wednesday**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Storrs, CT**

**vs. SHU**

**Women's Tennis**  
Manchester, CT

**vs. Tulane**

**Men's Basketball**  
3 p.m.  
Forth Worth, TX

### INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY

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dynamic duo

### TWEETS OF THE DAY

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@NoEscalators  
The start of the first Big East Tournament to include UConn since 2012 will be on the 10-year anniversary of the Cardiac Kemba shot.

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