

UConn raises almost \$300,000 on HuskyTHON's Day of Strength



At the end of the 18-hour HuskyTHON dance marathon, it's a tradition that the kids cut all of the bracelets of the students who raise funds for them. This young girl is one of many who spark hundreds of students to spend months raising over a \$1 million for Connecticut Children's Hospitals. THE DAILY CAMPUS/FILE PHOTO

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Far exceeding the goal of \$170,000, the University of Connecticut raised a record-breaking \$291,630.79 on Day of Strength 2020, HuskyTHON 2020 Vice President of Communications Marisa Nazzaro said, "blowing all expectations out of the water."

Day of Strength represents using the 24 hours you have to brighten someone's tomorrow, Nazzaro said.

"Day of Strength 2020 was unbelievably successful in comparison to our past years," Nazzaro said. "Day of Strength raised \$158,133 in 2018, which is the first year HuskyTHON's total

surpassed \$1 million. Last year, in 2019, Day of Strength raised \$183,066.70. This year, we made the incredible jump of over \$100,000, which is an unbelievable success for the HuskyTHON community and speaks to the inspiring dedication, passion, and 'All In For The Kids' nature of our participants."

Nazzaro said part of the success can be attributed to a partnership with Foxwoods Resort Casino, where all donations were matched during certain hours of the day, called Day of Strength Power Hours.

According to Nazzaro, top fundraisers for the day were Emma Kryzanski (Executive Director of HuskyTHON 2020) at \$3,555; Madison

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SIXTH SEMESTER ACCOUNTING MAJOR

Chiulli (Morale Captain) at \$2,810; and Sarah Schatz (Morale Captain) at \$2,630.

Top team fundraisers were Delta Sigma Pi at \$14,435, Delta Zeta at \$11,759, and Kappa Alpha Theta at \$8,818.

Sixth-semester accounting major Kayla Sinkevitch participated in the Day of Strength and was more than pleased with the outcome.

"I'm so proud to have been a part of yesterday's historic fundraising efforts," Sinkevitch said. "It's amazing to see how many creative ways people can fundraise for this amazing cause. I'm

beyond excited to see all of our hard work pay off next weekend when we get to see the kids and the grand total."

According to Nazzaro, the 2020 campaign theme is "Brighten Tomorrow." Given the meaning behind the Day of Strength, Nazzaro said she hopes the efforts brighten the tomorrows of all the patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

"With nearly one week left until HuskyTHON 2020, we can't wait to see how many more tomorrows our participants will continue to brighten," Nazzaro said.

UConn reacts to NH primary

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Students at the University of Connecticut said they are not too surprised by Bernie Sanders' victory in the New Hampshire primary earlier this week, beating out young rival Pete Buttigieg by roughly 4,000 votes.

"I was not surprised by the results," Vice President of UConn College Democrats and President of UConn Students for Bernie Charles Perosino said. "Bernie had a really strong ground game in NH and ended up winning the seven largest cities as well as overwhelmingly with younger and non-white voters."

Fourth-semester accounting major Thomas Longo agreed, to an extent.

"I personally thought that if there was a year for him, it was 2016," Longo said. "He ran a great campaign, put up a good fight against Hillary Clinton, and I'll even give him, even though I'm not a supporter of him at all, that he was cheated out of the Democratic nomination in 2016."

UConn political science professors Sam Best and Jeffrey Ladewig visited New Hampshire in the days leading up to the primary, hoping to see as many candidates as possible. Ladewig said the polls were pretty accurate.

"We weren't too surprised [by the results]," Ladewig said.

Longo said Buttigieg's strong performance in Iowa helped him do well in New Hampshire. Perosino agreed.

"Biden's fourth place finish in Iowa was definitely a surprise to many, and I think that a lot of people who supported Vice President Biden because of his electability argument are now considering other candidates, with Pete benefiting from that," Perosino said. "Going forward, I think that Bernie is the frontrunner right now, and his strength with non-white voters is likely to set him apart from Pete in many of the upcoming states."

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FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS

Selling sheep blankets for a cause

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The University of Connecticut's Animal Science Department is working in collaboration with the Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association (CSBA) to sell wool blankets made from the UConn and Connecticut sheep.

Blankets come in four sizes and can be purchased by emailing academic program assistant Michelle Lewis from the Animal Science department.

"This is something we do every year for a number of years," Lewis said. "We pool the wool from our sheep on the farm with wool from other Connecticut sheep that are part of the organization and they make the blankets."

Only one pattern is sold each year and sales are on a first come, first served basis.

"The sheep are typically shaved in the spring, and the pattern changes every year based on the groups decision and what the mill can make but the colors are always the same," Lewis said.

"The CSBA does this so small producers could have what some call a value-added product to their line of things they can sell, and someone who might only have a couple of sheep would complain that their wool sits in their basement or the top of their barn. So we thought including smaller flocks could help breeders move their wool so it doesn't just sit there building up."

SYLVIA MURRAY

All proceeds from blanket sales will benefit the farms these sheep live on.

"Each of the farms put a certain amount of wool into

the project and then they pay for their blankets based on the amount of wool they contribute from their farm and their proceeds go back into their individual farms," Lewis said.

Each blanket comes with its own certificate of authenticity and series number.

"This is a really great piece of history, because they last a really long time and it's a great way to own a product from the UConn and Connecticut sheep that you can't get anywhere else," Lewis said.

Sylvia Murray, blanket inventory coordinator and participant in the CSBA, has been working on the annual project for 18 years.

"We started this back in 2002 and here at Alder Brook Farm we used my daughter's sheep, so they were 4-H and it was always marketed as an exclusive blanket so that was really nice," Murray said.

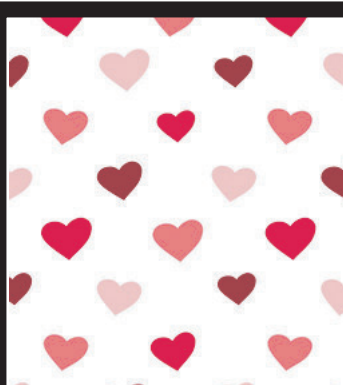
The mission behind the project is to encourage and promote the keeping of sheep in Connecticut, Murray said.

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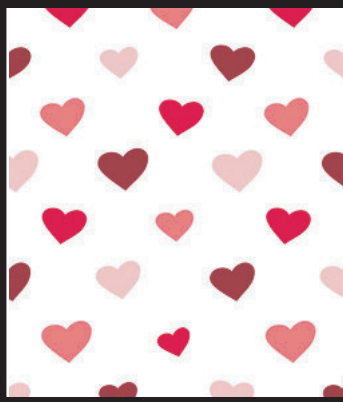
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Dining services responds to Buckley dining hall petition

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Dennis Pierce, executive director of dining services at the University of Connecticut, reiterated the financial reasons for Buckley Dining Hall’s current hours of operation in response to a recent student-led petition to have Buckley Dining Hall reopen on weekends.

Buckley first closed for weekends in 2017 because the investment in weekend hours was not financially viable for dining services, Pierce said. He said that this was not an easy decision to make but a necessary one nonetheless.

“Financially, it was not prudent to be open because of low counts/insufficient income versus the overhead cost,” Pierce said. “As dining is a business, and we have to be good stewards of our finances, we have to make those hard decisions that unfortunately are an inconvenience to our customers.”

This is not the first petition in recent years for Buckley Dining Hall to reopen on weekends, something Pierce feels is likely

founded in student’s aversion to walking in winter weather. He understands this, but said that it does not justify a financial loss for dining services.

Pierce also pointed out that Buckley was not the only area of dining services affected; hours of service have been shortened, a café on campus was closed and staff reductions were made. Pierce said students should keep in mind the fact that dining services is a self-sustaining business.

“Yes, it may be construed to be not convenient because we are living in the Northeast with occasional inclement weather; however, dining sometimes has to make those tough decisions as we remain a business that is self-supporting and is not subsidized by the university,” Pierce said.

There are currently no plans for Buckley to reopen, but Pierce said that it can still be a valuable tool in case of future developments.

“I do think the petition would be worthwhile to review so that we can see the nature of the responses in case in the future if the environment changes,” Pierce said.

Research Spotlight: UConn lab seeks to solve the puzzle of pavement



A collection of clouds sit atop a barren street, which leads into the distance. The Connecticut Transport Institute’s (CTI) Connecticut Advanced Pavement Laboratory is working to optimize the materials in asphalt. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF PEXELS

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Pavement, one of the most ubiquitous materials on the planet, is the focus of one program in the University of Connecticut’s Connecticut Transport Institute (CTI). The Connecticut Advanced Pavement Laboratory (CAP Lab) researches how to optimize asphalt for roads across the state.

The CAP Lab is headed by James Mahoney, who is also the Associate Director of Operations at CTI. Mahoney explained that most of his time is spent researching pavement directly in the lab.

“There is a large component of my day that is spent on research activities,” Mahoney said. “That could be anything from pavement management to different types of materials to construction techniques. We also do a lot of field work. Obviously a lot of the effects on pavement happen out in the field. We can’t simulate that in the lab no matter how hard we try.”

Mahoney said he also spends time working with transporta-

tion agencies to promote best practices for constructing pavement.

Mahoney explained that while pavement may seem insignificant in daily life, it’s a crucial part of how society functions. For example, he said the economy is based on the quality of the pavement around us.

“Our entire economy is built on the assumption that we’re going to be able to effectively transport goods and services around,” Mahoney said. “If that goes away, then all of our assumptions on that are sunk.”

The longevity of pavement also increases safety on the road, which Mahoney said is crucial for saving lives.

“[Pavement] also has the benefit of reducing safety issues for both the motoring public and workers on the roadway,” Mahoney said. “If you don’t have people going in to repair the roads as much, you don’t have as many traffic patterns and things like that. And in work zones, there’s an increased number of crashes that occur.”

According to the World Health Organization, 1.25 million people

die every year in traffic accidents across the globe. It’s also the number one leading cause of death worldwide for people ages 15-29. Mahoney’s work with the CAP Lab helps reduce that number.

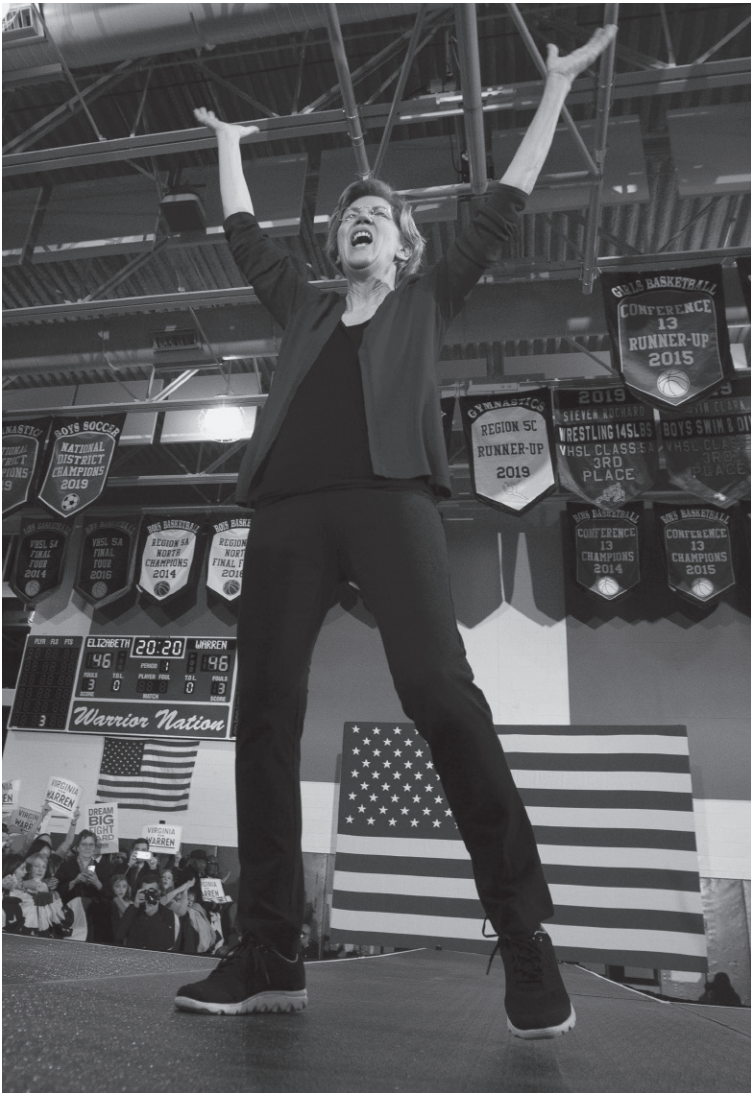
Additionally, Mahoney explained that better pavement is a step to more environmentally-friendly transportation because the stronger pavement is, the less energy is required to replace it. Mahoney also said that pavement is one of the most sustainable materials on Earth.

“The asphalt world is one of the few places where the material can be essentially 100% recycled,” Mahoney said. “You can mill it up, and remove it, and incorporate it back into pavement.”

So next time you find yourself in a car, look at the street beneath you — it has more of an impact than you might think.

“If you’re driving over a road and it’s in good condition, you don’t notice it,” Mahoney said. “It’s only noticed when it’s in bad shape, and then everyone gets upset about that. It’s a much more important material than what most people give it credit for.”

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks to the crowd during a campaign rally in Arlington, Thursday. PHOTO JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

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When I was in high school, there was a group of boys who said they identified as “meninists.” I even saw one of them wearing a t-shirt that proclaimed he was a proud meninist. This bothered me for multiple reasons, especially because most of them were just anti-feminism, and they sincerely believed that feminism was infringing upon their rights.

What these boys – and many people in the world, for that matter – did not realize is that they do not need to be against feminism because feminism was not going to take away their rights. People all around the world need to understand that the point of feminism is not to take away rights from men but instead to make all genders equal.

The actual definition of feminism according to the Encyclopedia Britannica is: “the belief in social, economic and political equality of the sexes.” Feminism is about eradicating sexism, not saying that one gender is more superior than the other; after all, that is the kind of world that we currently live in.

Feminism is not a dirty word

To many people, the real definition of feminism may actually be shocking. Many people all over the world believe feminism is the idea that women want full and complete power of all men and feminists hate men. This is not the truth.

Feminism is not a dirty word, and people should not be afraid of being labeled as feminists. People who are truly feminists want to fight for the rights of all people so that everyone can be equal. Yes, feminists want to advance the right of women, but not by taking away rights from men – feminism supports equality for all people.

The plain truth is that men do have more rights than any other genders. On average, men get paid more than women. Men are usually never denied an education. Generally, men do not have to worry about walking alone in the dark. Men are usually not objectified. In these aspects, they are lucky that for the most part, sexism works in their favor.

I’m not saying that men do not face sexism at all; there are still things like toxic masculinity we must combat. What I am saying is that men do not face sexism nearly as much as other genders. Feminism is just trying to reduce sexism among everyone.

Feminism is simply trying to right the wrongs of sexism and ensure all genders are treated equally under both the eyes of the law and the eyes of society. The point of feminism is not to say all men are evil and to have everyone turn against them – instead, it is to help all genders – regardless of race, religion, sexuality or ability – achieve equality.

To all the meninists out there, from my high school or anywhere else in the world: Stop feeling threatened. You are privileged, and the fact that people just want all genders should be equal should not intimidate you. Feminists want nothing with your rights; we just want to be your equals. Right now, you are not being “meninists,” or whatever you wish to call yourselves – you are just being misogynists.

If you call yourself a meninist because you want to actually challenge social issues regarding men, such as the idea of toxic masculinity, then that is something different altogether. In fact, this would also fall under the umbrella of feminism, because it is advocating for equality among all genders.

Everyone who calls themselves a feminist should feel proud. We are all just trying to make the world a better place by ensuring that everyone all over the world has the same rights.

Do me a SOLID and get rid of those darn modules

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Anyone who runs a club at the University of Connecticut is probably unsurprised that UConn is among the 10 worst colleges for free speech, according to the Foundation of Individual Rights in Education. In relation to clubs, their attitude towards first amendment rights is horrendous. Their approach to free association and allowing meetings on campus is byzantine, bloated and should be abolished. If UConn truly trusts its students to make their own decisions, then why does it insist upon making us go through hours of modules of little to no value?

The University of Connecticut should radically change its approach to clubs on campus and give students significantly more discretion about running organizations. All Student Organization Leaders Intentional Development (SOLID) trainings should be optional, and membership requirements or constitution submissions should not be grounds for a club to be frozen. Without significantly curtailing SOLID, students will waste increasing amounts of time filling out paperwork, and UConn will continue to struggle to create leaders.

After talking to leaders of other organizations, I have grown convinced the University of Connecticut prefers students to not get involved than risk potential liability. It is an open secret that the trainings in place are completely useless and everyone, including SOLID employees know and joke about the idiocy. Even worse, SOLID’s advice is actively counterproductive. My friend from improv told me that SOLID’s approach to harassment is to distract the harasser with a YouTube video while one whisks the victim away to a safe location. That advice sounds like it came out of a bad improv skit. If these kernels of wisdom are what one learns at appointments only offered several times a week, and often during class times, then the system is a failure.

Others have approached me to tell me that getting sanctioned on campus is oftentimes not worthwhile. The emcee of improv told me, “Spice club is an unsanctioned off-the-book club that SOLID never bothered to respond to.” Katie, president of AI club, told me “My club just opened a People’s Bank account instead of dealing with the SABO account because of the red tape.” Turning Point’s president stated that “RSO’s prefer to raise their own funds than deal with funding requests because of the frustrating red tape.” I find it extremely frustrating that as students, we are expected to put the effort of a full-time job into our studies – then, rather than making getting involved easy, we are forced into trainings at inconvenient times, get frozen for months at a time and are told that we can only fill out forms online for paperwork that takes weeks to process.

Furthermore, as a Registered Student Organization (RSO) leader myself, I’ve learned firsthand how bad SOLID is. My personal disdain of SOLID started when I helped form the Young Americans for Liberty chapter on campus. Under the regulations of UConn, groups are not allowed to meet in classrooms, table, hold any events, advertise or recruit until they are recognized. However, one needs at least eight students to be involved in order to create the club, effectively creating a Catch-22. Furthermore, since SOLID takes weeks to respond to people, combines virtual forms and paperwork and mislead students about funding deadlines, the system needs to be burnt to the ground.

While one may be tempted to think that SOLID is only problematic because of an ineffective missive or failed communication, they would be wrong. The truth is that bureaucracy begets bureaucracy and the incentive structure of the heaps of bureaucrats is not the same as ours. Bureaucrats gain power, prestige and wealth as they increase their responsibilities and add to their staff, so they actively look for ways to make themselves essential by documenting nonsense, asking for titles that mean nothing and wasting everyone’s time.

Democrats, division and Don Lemon playing into Trump’s hands

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On January 25th, CNN reporter Don Lemon had Republican strategist Rick Wilson and CNN contributor Wajahat Ali on the show to discuss Trump.

As per usual on CNN, the three soon began to mock Trump, poking fun at his geographical ignorance, joking he wouldn’t be able to find Ukraine on a map. But not stopping at Trump, the men began to wade into dirtier waters. Wilson began to ridicule Trump supporters, calling them “credulous boomer rubes” and adopting a crude Southern accent in imitation, saying ‘Donald Trump’s the smart one, and y’all elitists are dumb!’ among other phrases (Johnson 2020).

Throughout this entire conversation, Lemon broke down into hysterics, until he was practically crying tears of laughter.

Perhaps you are thinking – fair enough. After all, Trump’s actions have endangered immigrants, people of color (POC), the LGBTQ+ community and more. However, the story of his supporters is much more complicated.

For a long time, I committed myself to the popular idea that while a large segment of Trump supporters are hostile to minorities, the overwhelming majority of them are simply economically anxious, mostly rural and suburban voters. I told myself they are willing to look past Trump’s xenophobia or

racism, because he offers change from establishment politicians on both sides who had seemed to forget about them in the last 25 years.

However, after taking a closer look at polling data (Lopez 2016), I began to realize the scary truth that as many as half of Trump supporters do in fact hold anti-immigrant and Islamophobic views. They are in fact racist, and they do mistrust minorities.

Regardless of the polling data, I still couldn’t accept the ‘basket of deplorables’ view. It felt wrong to completely condemn half the country, or laugh at a CNN reporter mocking a southern accent.

So, I began to look at the situation differently. With more historical and sociological research, I began to understand that much of the anti-minority sentiment found in pro-Trump communities has been cultivated and engineered throughout history. While he is a unique and extreme case, at the end of the day Trump is just another individual in power using these sentiments to divide the working class. From Reagan’s demonization of the black single mother “welfare queen” as a justification for cutting social services, to the Virginia Slave Codes of 1705 that made white servants feel superior to black slaves even while they occupied roughly the same economic class, the American ruling class has been dividing people for much longer than Trump has been around.

I now believe that when communicating with, and

attempting to understand Trump voters, a balance must be found.

We must not simply dismiss Trump voters as racist, xenophobic deplorables. This will just divide our country further, confirming their fears that the democratic party does not take them seriously. Don Lemon type mockery will almost definitely lose the Democratic party another election to Trump in 2020.

We must not simply dismiss Trump voters as racist, xenophobic deplorables.

At the same time, we also cannot let his supporters off the proverbial hook as economically anxious voters, who simply want a refreshing change in politics. This approach would excuse unacceptable ideological positions which I believe are fundamentally wrong; we must always condemn any ideologies which are harmful towards vulnerable populations.

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Sports

Baseball: Season kicks off with MLB4 Tournament



FILE - In this June 26, 2019, file photo, Vanderbilt players celebrate after defeating Michigan to win Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Neb. The Commodores won their second national championship since 2014, beating Michigan in the College World Series finals. Vanderbilt's 59 wins set a Southeastern Conference record.

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It's baseball season! While the pros are just starting the month and a half long tease that is Spring Training (it's still better than no baseball), college ball is already playing meaningful games!

The Huskies are kicking their season off with the second annual MLB4 tournament, along with Michigan, Vanderbilt and Cal Poly.

For the Huskies, they are dealing with the losses of multiple of their top hitters, including Anthony Prato and Michael Woodworth who were both taken in the 2019 MLB draft as well as John Toppa who graduated. The three of them led the team in batting average, hitting .324, .325 and .326 respectively.

Catcher Pat Winkel, who hit .318 last season for the Huskies, underwent Tommy John Surgery, as reported by Chip Malafronte of the New Haven Register in December.

Pitchers Jacob Wallace, Mason Feole and CJ Dandeneau were also selected in the draft, and innings leader Jeff Kersten graduated, so the Huskies will need people to step up on both sides of the ball.

Juniors Joe Simeone and Colby Dunlop are slated to make the first two starts of the weekend, with the Game 3 starter still to be determined, the UConn baseball team announced on their Twitter.

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Men's Hockey: Huskies prep for tough road trip

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Last weekend was huge for UConn's men's hockey team, taking two games from conference rival UNH to move to No. 7 in the Hockey East. Their upcoming matchup, however, means even more. The Ice Bus is taking the trip to Maine this weekend to take on the Bears in a pair of away games Friday and Saturday. UConn won the first meeting 3-2 when they met at Webster Bank Arena, but this will be a tougher test in Bears territory, where Maine remains undefeated. With the Huskies as hot as they are though, they could be the team to end the Bears' streak.

UConn (11-12-4, 8-7-2 Hockey East) is coming off their best performance of the season. Not only did they steal two games from a tough UNH team, but they did so in resounding fashion, racking up an insane 14 goals on the weekend. They have had plenty of chances to score throughout the season, but the offense finally clicked against a normally stout Wildcats defense, and the Huskies took advantage.

The big winners from the weekend were freshman Vladislav Firstov and sophomore Jonny Evans, who earned Hockey East Rookie of the Week and Player of the Week respectively. Firstov assisted on four goals over the weekend, also chipping in two of his own, while Evans found the back of the net four times and assisted on two scores. While those two are in the spotlight this week, it was a complete team effort that got the Huskies both wins last time out, and it is what they are going to need against Maine this weekend.

Even with the huge two-game stretch against the Wildcats, UConn still sits at No. 6 in the conference in goals per game with just over three, while Maine allows just 2.43 goals per game, also boasting an impressive 85 penalty kill percentage. With Firstov and Carter Turnbull — both of whom scored against Maine last time out — in double figures for goals this year and five players with 10-plus assists, the Huskies can hurt you in a lot of different ways and will need to do so to break down Maine's stout defense.

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Softball: Another Florida weekend ahead



UConn Softball takes home a 2-1 win against Quinnipiac University. This leaves them at 20-27 for the season. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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After a solid start to the season in Florida last weekend, the UConn softball team returns back to the Sunshine State for another five-game set this weekend.

The Huskies (3-2) will participate in THE Spring Games event in Clermont, Florida, where they will take on Central

Michigan, Stetson and Purdue.

On Friday at 11 a.m., UConn will face Central Michigan for the first of two matchups. This game will be the season opener for the Chippewas, who finished 22-28-1 last season, very comparable to UConn's 21-29 record.

Then, later in the day at 4 p.m., the Huskies will play Stetson, who enters the weekend with an identical 3-2 record. As the host of their event last weekend, the

Hatters beat Sam Houston State and George Mason twice while losing to Boston University twice. Stetson had a rough year last season at 16-31.

On Saturday, the Huskies will face the same two teams but in reverse order, with the Stetson game at 11 a.m. and the Central Michigan game scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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Women's Hockey: UConn looks to be at its best this weekend against Merrimack

Next year the Warriors will bring back Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson to pair with Andrew Wiggins and Draymond Green. And if the Wiggins experiment doesn't work, they now have a number of very valuable draft picks to use or trade for an already-proven NBA player to bring into the mix. Add in promising young players in Jordan Poole and Eric Paschall and the Warriors form what should be one of the NBA's elite teams for the next few years. As bad as it may look now, the 2019-20 season isn't the end of the Warriors dynasty, it's only the intermission.

Baseball: MLB4 Tournament kicks off baseball season



FILE - In this June 8, 2019, file photo, Vanderbilt's Kumar Rocker throws to a Duke batter during the eighth inning of an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game in Nashville, Tenn. The 6-4, 255-pound Rocker was the talk of the NCAA Tournament after throwing a 19-strikeout no-hitter against Duke in super regionals and going 2-0 with a 1.46 ERA to earn Most Outstanding Player at the College World Series. PHOTO BY WADE PAYNE/AP PHOTO

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Someone had a 5.00 ERA in 36 innings pitched last season, including five starts, and Dunlop had a 4.31 ERA in 56.1 innings pitched and 10 starts.

UConn will open the tournament and their season up on Friday at 3 p.m. with Cal Poly, who finished the 2019 season exactly .500. The Mustangs as a team don't hit for much power, slugging just 13 home runs combined last season en route to finishing tied for No. 285 out of 297 in all of Division I baseball. They do retain their top slugger, Tate Samuelson, who had five home runs last year, but not Conagher Sands, who led

the team .328 batting average over 131 at-bats.

Pitchers Michael Clark and Bobby Ay, the team's top two innings leaders who posted ERAs of 2.61 and 3.27 respectively, are also both no longer on the team. The pitching load will likely fall on Darren Nelson, who started the second-most games behind Ay and is one of only two pitchers who threw over 30 innings last season who is still on the roster.

The Huskies will then get to face the defending College World Series champion Vanderbilt Commodores on Saturday at 7 p.m., who are once again expected to be one of – if not the top team in the country. In a stark shift from Cal Poly, Vandy was the No. 1

home run hitting team in the country last season with 100, was in the top-10 in runs, batting average and on-base percentage and was in the top-25 in ERA and WHIP. All of this led them to a 59-12 record last season, and of course, the national championship.

However, they are losing five of their top six batters from last season, including JJ Bleday, who led the nation in Home Runs with 27 – or over twice as many as the entire Cal Poly team had. Bleday was the No. 4 overall selection in the MLB draft, going to the Miami Marlins. Each of the other four were also selected in the draft: Ethan Paul (9th round), Philip Clarke (9th round), Stephen Scott (10th round) and Pat DeMarco.

They were just part of a 13-man class that Vandy had drafted in 2019, including Patrick Raby, who had a 3.05 ERA in almost 80 innings pitched for them last season. They also lost innings leader Drake Fellows, who had a 4.09 ERA in 116.2 innings pitched.

Vanderbilt does retain Austin Martin, who hit .392/.486/.604 last season in a year, and pitchers Mason Hickman and Kumar Rocker who had ERAs of 2.05 and 3.25 respectively in nearly 100 innings apiece.

The third and final team UConn will play is Michigan, the team that lost to Vanderbilt in last year's College World Series. They lose their top bat in Jordan Brewer,

who was taken in the third round of the MLB draft, along with two of their top pitchers, Tommy Henry and Karl Kauffmann, who were both taken in the second round. Pitcher Jack Weisenburger and top home run hitter Jimmy Kerr were also taken, going in the 20th and 33rd round respectively.

They do retain a lot of their lineup, including outfielder Jordan Nwogu who led the team in OPS and pitcher Jeff Criswell who had a 2.72 ERA in over 100 innings.

Following the MLB4 Tournament, the Huskies will play three more games versus Michigan at the New York Mets spring training facility in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Men's Hockey: UConn gets ready for tough road trip

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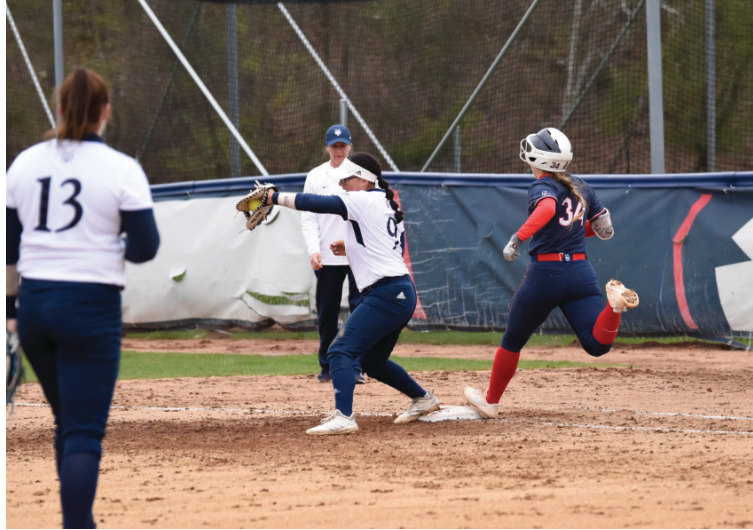
The Bears (15-9-4, 9-7-2 Hockey East), on the other hand, have been a three-headed monster thus far this year, particularly at home. Maine has won seven of their last eight games – their lone loss coming to the Huskies – including three home wins against No. 12 Northeastern and No. 4 Boston College. They're led by a trio of Mitchell Fossier, Tim Doherty and Eduards Tralmaks offensively with each racking up at least 27 points so far this season. Fossier leads the way with seven goals and an impressive 28 assists, good enough for No. 2 in the Hockey East Conference, while Doherty and Tralmaks are often the ones finishing those passes. Both players have scored 13 goals on the season while chipping in 18 and 14 assists respectively, placing them both in the top 15 scorers in the conference this year. UConn's defense will have to narrow in on these three players if they hope to keep the Bears on the defensive and potentially hand them their first home loss of the year.

With the season in its final stretch and just four points separating the No. 8 and No. 2 spot in the conference, these are sure to be some tightly contested games. Puck drop is set for 7:30 Friday before the teams meet again for the third and final time Saturday night.



UConn beats UNH 7-4 in the XI Center Saturday afternoon. Alexander Payusov and Jachym Kondelik each scored two goals, leading the Huskies to decisively win both games against the Wildcats. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Softball: Huskies head down for a weekend in Florida



UConn Softball takes home a 2-1 win against Quinnipiac University. This leaves them at 20-27 for the season. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Finally, UConn faces its toughest opponent in Purdue (5-0) on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The Boilermakers swept away their first weekend with wins over Northern Illinois, Bethune-Cookman, Indiana State and two over the host Florida Atlantic. Purdue had a solid season last year going 34-29 and making it all the way to the National Invitational Softball Championship (NISC) Regional Finals.

UConn doesn't have much of a history with any of these teams. They faced Central Michigan once back in 2014 and lost 6-2. They played Stetson twice in 2010 and won both matchups. The Huskies have played Purdue three times, in 2000, 2017 and 2018. UConn won the first and last game while Purdue won in 2017.

Players to look out for on each team are Shaidan Knapp for Central Michigan, Lizzie Shubert on Stetson and Skye Webb on Purdue. Knapp was first among returners for the Chippewas in hits, batting average and on-base percentage last season. Shubert had a big first weekend for the Hatters with six hits, including a home run and eight RBIs. Webb leads the Boilermakers with a .500 batting average, eight hits and nine RBIs so far this season.

The Huskies got great pitching from Marybeth Olson and Meghan O'Neil last weekend, so they will try to shut these big hitters down this weekend, along with the rest of the UConn pitching staff. Olson earned a spot on the conference honor roll this week for her performance. For offense, UConn will likely lean on Kiwi McDaniel and Briana Marcelino, who combined for nine hits and seven RBIs in last weekend's games.

Column: Why the Cowboys need to pay Dak

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The Cowboys’ offseason plan is, or at least should be, pretty simple. Pay your quarterback.

Drafted in the fourth round with the 135th pick in the 2016 draft, Dak Prescott exceeded his value when he was named Rookie of the Year. He was thrust into the starting role in the preseason that year, has only gotten better since and on the cusp of free agency, has done more than enough to earn an extension in Dallas.

In four years as the starting quarterback, Prescott has been the model of durability, not missing a single snap. The two-time Pro-Bowler has played through small, but nagging injuries en route to a 40-24 career record that does not include his playoff win over the Seahawks in 2018.

Many will be quick to credit those wins to the Cowboys’ top-tier run game. While Ezekiel Elliott is the best running back in football, that is

just not the case. Prescott, despite a dip in 2017, has seen his passing yards increase each year including a career-year in 2019. He threw for 4,902 yards (306.4 per game, another career-best), second best in all of football, and was two yards shy of setting a new franchise record. His 30 touchdowns were also a new career-high and he has never thrown less than 22 in a season. He did all this while his receiving corp lead the NFL in dropped passes (24) which explains his dip in completion percentage from 2018 (65.1).

Still not enough numbers for you? Prescott has a career passer rating of 97, tied for fifth all-time with Tom Brady. Jared Goff and Carson Wentz, the top two picks in that 2016 draft, are a bit further down the list. Wentz has matched Prescott’s career passing touchdowns, but has had some injury problems and has not won a playoff game. Goff, who has only played in one more playoff game than Prescott, has a lower completion percentage and hasn’t

thrown for as many yards. Both have been less consistent than Prescott. Both have long-term deals.

Goff signed a four-year, \$110 million guaranteed deal before the season that is worth up to \$134 million. Wentz signed a similar deal a few months prior that gave him \$137.25 million in new money with the potential of \$153 million overall. Prescott is looking for a bit more than that and deservingly so.

Prescott has not been shy in his request and his confidence in his request to make \$40 million a year. Over five years, Jerry Jones would pay his franchise signal caller \$200 million, but he has yet to feel inclined to do so. Instead, Jones and Prescott’s representatives have gone back and fourth to the point where Prescott turned down a deal worth \$33 million a year before the 2019 season started.

When asked in an interview if he thinks he’s worth that price tag, he responded with three words.

“You tell me.”

The initial offer would have put Prescott in the upper-echelon of NFL quarterbacks, amongst the likes of Russell Wilson, Ben Roethlisberger, Wentz and Goff. His request would make him the highest paid in the league. With Pat Mahomes’ extension on the horizon and a new collective bargaining agreement not too far off — that would include an increased salary cap — the Cowboys will be smart to get this done sooner than later.

Using the franchise tag would secure Prescott for the 2020 season, and pay him north of \$20 million, but would likely end with the team’s leader holding out from OTAs and training camp, a possible nightmare for first-year head coach Mike McCarthy. The Cowboys dealt with this just last season with Elliott before dishing out \$96 million. They even paid fellow 2016 draft class member, linebacker Jaylon Smith, more than \$50 million. All before signing Prescott.

Good news for Cowboys fans is that a deal may be

coming sooner than later.

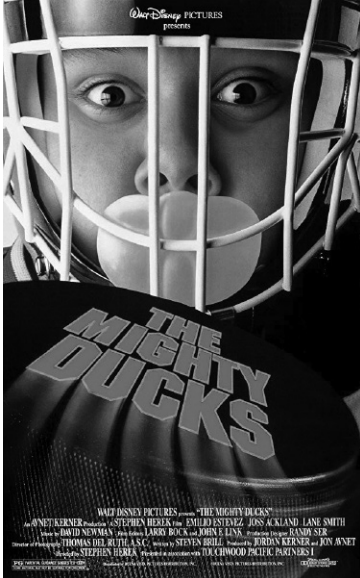
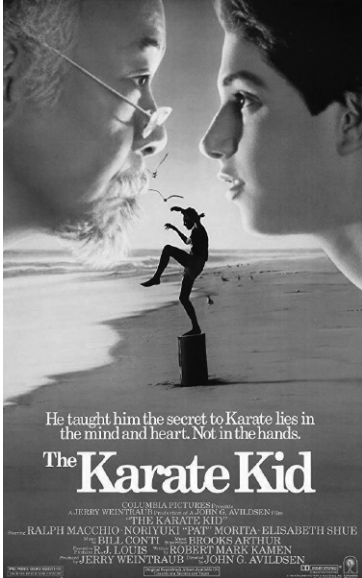
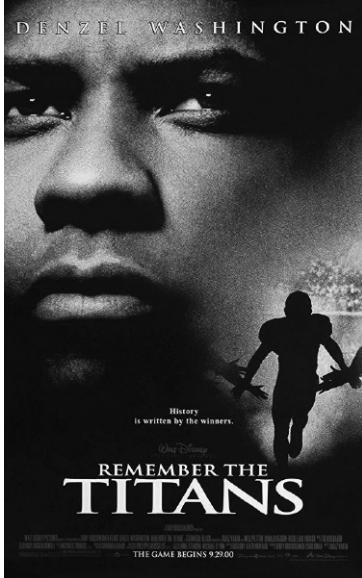
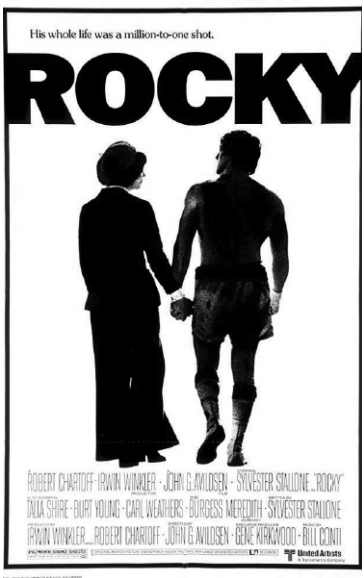
“We want to get this done,” Steven Jones, the team’s vice president, said. “Things are fixing to heat up. We want to put every foot forward and try to grind this out and get a deal done.”

The Cowboys have the capital to get a deal done. Their \$77 million in cap space is top-5 amongst NFL teams and though they have plenty of other needs to address, quarterback should be their top priority. The defensive line needs to be replenished, losing the likes of Robert Quinn and Michael Bennett. Byron Jones, their All-Pro cornerback, is without a contract and so is veteran linebacker Sean Lee. Oh, and stud wide-out Amari Cooper doesn’t have a deal either.

There’s plenty of money for the Cowboys to do this offseason the right way. Someone will have to get the franchise tag. Others may walk. Cooper and Jones should be resigned.

But Prescott needs an extension. Immediately.

DB’s Weekly Take: My top 10 sports movies of all time



Rocky, Space Jam, Remember the Titans, The Karate Kid and The Mighty Ducks were rated as some of the best sports movies of all time. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF IMDB

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Since the Oscars were this past weekend, I decided to dedicate my column this week to the greatest sports stories that cinema has produced. I saw a few people’s rankings last week, and I massively disagreed, so I wanted to put my own list together. It proved harder than I thought because there are way more than 10 movies that I believe should make the list. But I managed.

Keep in mind that this is a completely subjective list. Everyone has their own favorite movies based on where and when they grew up and their own personal tastes. These are the 10 sports movies that I have enjoyed the most — they are not written in stone. However, if you disagree with me so much that you need to express displeasure, my email is at the bottom. Here we go.

10. Happy Gilmore (1996)

With all respect to “Caddyshack,” this is the best golf movie of all time. Adam Sandler is really at his best as the former-hockey-washup-turned-golf-prodigy. He’s hilariously funny, incredibly animated but yet also sensitive regarding his Grandma (Frances Bay). There are countless hilarious scenes and quotes in this movie like, “You eat pieces of shit for breakfast?” Shooter McGavin (Christopher McDonald) is a great villain, Chubbbs (Carl Weathers) plays a great mentor role for Happy and even Ben Stiller has a funny appearance as the sadistic nursing home orderly. There’s a lot of great things in this movie, including the soundtrack, and Happy’s fight with Bob Barker is one of the funniest moments in cinema history. I like a lot of Adam Sandler movies, but this one is definitely my favorite.

9. The Mighty Ducks (1992)

I really love this Disney classic about a dysfunctional pee-

wee hockey team who, under the leadership of new coach Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez), make a run at the championship. As someone who grew up playing hockey, this movie was always one of my favorites. Estevez kills his role as Bombay, who has to face his past in the form of the Hawks, the league’s best team which he played on when he was a kid. We learn more about his past, including his tumultuous relationship with coach Jack Reilly (Lane Smith) that caused him to quit hockey. Bombay is able to rally his team on the notion of having fun, and he learns to love the game again. It’s a cliché underdog story, but it’s a damn good one.

8. Space Jam (1996)

What do you get when you combine the Looney Tunes and basketball legends from the 1990s? Only one of the most iconic movies ever made. During his first retirement, Michael Jordan gets recruited by Bugs Bunny to help the Looney Tunes beat the Monstars in a basketball game. The Monstars, meanwhile, have stolen the talent of some of the NBA’s top players, including Charles Barkley and Patrick Ewing, leaving the league in a panic. This movie is just really fun and showed a new side of MJ, making him more likeable to a general audience. This was one of my favorite movies as a kid and I still will watch it any time it’s on.

7. The Bad News Bears (1976)

The original “Bad News Bears” is awesome. Walter Matthau plays the alcoholic Coach Buttermaker, who inherits a group of misfits for a baseball team. With the help of new additions Amanda (Tatum O’Neal), a pitcher who Buttermaker trained in the past, and Kelly Leak (Jackie Earle Haley), a talented delinquent, the Bears are able to improve throughout the season. They almost take down the cocky and aggressive Yankees in the championship,

but even with the loss, they are able to celebrate the improvements they made. This movie is a perfect mix of funny and serious and is easily one of the best baseball movies ever.

6. Remember the Titans (2000)

Based on the true story of coach Herman Boone and the integration of the T.C. Williams High School football team in 1971, this is about as good of a biographical sports drama as there is. Denzel Washington is amazing in his portrayal of Boone, and Will Patton adds a great role as assistant coach Bill Yoast, who has to figure out along with Boone not only how to unite the team, but how to unite the racially divided community around them. The players initially resist the unification, but they learn to respect and stand up for each other as a team and go on to accomplish a perfect season. The relationship between two of the captains, Julius Campbell (Wood Harris) and Gerry Bertier (Ryan Hurst), who put aside their difference in race and become brothers, is especially moving.

5. Field of Dreams (1989)

Of course there has to be a Kevin Costner movie on here, but it may not be the one you’re expecting. I like “Bull Durham,” but this one really romanticizes the game of baseball in a way no other movie does. It’s a fairytale story of Ray Kinsella (Costner), who builds a baseball field in his Iowa cornfield at the direction of a mysterious voice. His field becomes a haven where the ghosts of the 1919 “Black Sox,” including Ray’s idol Shoeless Joe Jackson (Ray Liotta), and other old players can come and play. Ray continues to hear voices, and they lead him on a journey all over the country with author Terence Mann (James Earl Jones), who also loves baseball. This movie has a terrific ending with Ray getting to play catch with a younger version of his late father. It’s just a spectacu-

lar movie for any baseball fan.

4. The Karate Kid (1984)

Sometimes I forget this is actually a sports movie because I associate it so much with the 80s genre. But nonetheless it definitely deserves a spot in the top five. So many phrases from this movie have become staples in pop culture, like “Wax on, wax off” and “Sweep the leg.” Daniel LaRusso (Ralph Macchio), a bullied teen, learns karate from Mr. Miyagi (Pat Morita) in order to defend himself. He is at first frustrated by Miyagi’s strange training methods, but as he learns more, he becomes very close with Miyagi. Eventually, LaRusso participates in the district tournament, where he takes on his bullies and emerges victorious. Morita is perfect in his role as Miyagi, and the movie has themes of teenage struggles and redemption that still hold up today.

3. Major League (1989)

This is another movie about a misfit baseball team, but unlike “The Bad News Bears,” they aren’t little leaguers, they are the Cleveland Indians. Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger and Wesley Snipes are among the stars in this hilarious, feel-good classic. Even though the team shows little promise early in the season, after learning they are being set up to fail by the owner, the team rallies to win the division. Legendary baseball announcer Bob Uecker appears as the sarcastic announcer Harry Doyle who provides some iconic lines (“Juuuuust a bit outside”). Even Dennis Haysbert, better known now as the Allstate Insurance guy, has a memorable role as Pedro Cerrano, the voodoo-practicing outfielder who can’t hit a curveball. All the characters in this movie are so great. If you haven’t seen this movie, watch it ASAP.

2. The Sandlot (1993)

Few movies have resonated with people my age as much

as “The Sandlot.” I have yet to meet someone who doesn’t like this movie. Personally, I think I could quote it by heart. Scotty Smalls (Tom Guiry) is a geek, but after Benny “The Jet” Rodriguez (Mike Vitar) takes him under his wing, he is able to make friends with a group of kids who play baseball every day at a sandlot field. The movie follows their adventures throughout a particular summer and their quest to get back a Babe Ruth autographed baseball from The Beast, a (supposedly) vicious guard dog who lives beyond the sandlot. This movie is so awesome, and it may be No. 1 on a lot of people’s list, but for me there was only one choice.

1. Rocky (1976)

This is the only position on this list that I was certain about from the start. This is not only the greatest sports movie of all time, it is one of the greatest movies in any genre. “Rocky” is the perfect version of an underdog story ever. It launched a monster of a franchise that consists of eight movies that have made over \$1.6 billion at the box office. This movie made Sylvester Stallone an international star as the title character Rocky Balboa, a club fighter from Philadelphia. Rocky gets a chance at the heavyweight boxing title when Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) sets up what seems to be just a show-fight. However, Rocky trains hard and stuns the world by going the distance with Creed. Talia Shire, Burgess Meredith and Burt Young are all terrific in their supporting roles. The movie also has one of the greatest theme songs ever (You hear it in your head right now, don’t you?). There is just no question to me that this is the greatest sports movie ever made.

Honorable Mentions:

Rookie of the Year, Hoosiers, The Longest Yard (original), Bull Durham, Moneyball, Miracle, 42, A League of Their Own.

Opinion StudyBreak

ALL WE NEED IS LOVE (BECAUSE WE NEED COURAGE)

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Regardless of what he's stood for or how he's voted in the past, Mitt Romney's decision in the impeachment vote last week took courage.

All of us will face moments in our lives when the world asks us who we are and we must respond. For Mitt Romney, the question was asked in the form of a decision between voting with his party, or voting, in his words, to uphold his "promise before God to apply impartial justice."

The question of who we are takes other forms in different contexts, and is asked at different volumes and in different tones. It is asked loudly and painfully in the form of tragedy and loss. It is asked cynically and scornfully in the form of disappointments and setbacks. It is asked quietly but surely in the dialogue and interactions we have with others.

No matter the form of the question, however, our decision — conscious or subconscious — is always between only two possible responses: Courage and cowardice. In the impeachment vote last week, Romney chose courage.

I wonder if I have courage. Perhaps you wonder this about yourself, too. In Cormac McCarthy's brilliantly written novel "All the Pretty Horses," a character recounts a moment in her life when, following a tragic accident, she must decide how to go on in her life. She says: "What I was seeking to discover was a thing I'd always known. That all courage was a form of constancy. That it was always himself that the coward abandoned first. After this all other betrayals came easily."

Courage is not a choice we make instantly in a single moment. Courage is a "form of constancy" — whether constancy of identity, beliefs or values — that enables us to endure and triumph over any and every circumstance.

Love is the basis of that constancy, and I don't say this just because it's Valentine's Day today.

Love is the basis of the constancy vital for courage because love — whether received or given — provides a clarity of vision that is a form of constancy: A clarity of vision to how you see the world (there is great terror and destruction, yes, but if there is love then there must also be beauty; there must also be restoration), and a clarity of vision to how you see yourself (valuable; capable of, conditioned, even, for love and for courage).

In the movie "La La Land," aspiring actress Mia and jazz pianist Sebastian are struggling to believe in the possibility of realizing their dreams when they meet each other. Through their relationship and love for one another, they provide each other with the clarity to see that possibility once again and the courage to continue pursuing their dreams.

In "Jane Eyre," one of my favorite love stories, after discovering a dark secret of Mr. Rochester's past near the middle of the novel, Jane refuses to stay with Rochester, the man she loves, in a moment of great courage on the basis of maintaining constancy in her principles. That constancy is an act of love: In her refusal to stay with Rochester, Jane challenges him — gives him an opportunity — to actually be the good he ardently desires to be yet had given up hope in being. In love, Jane has the clarity to see Rochester not just for what he was but what he can be and in fact wants to be; in love, Jane leaves Rochester knowing that he can only truly become who he desires to be independent of her.

In his speech at the impeachment, Mitt Romney expressed his desire to be constant in his love for his country and God as the bases for his decision, saying, "[My] promise before God to apply impartial justice required that I put my personal feelings and political biases aside ... I love our country. I believe that our Constitution was inspired by Providence ... my vote is an act of conviction."

It is often said that love is blind. Yet as the basis for courage, love is not blind: It is only in love when we can see with constancy what is valuable, even when that value is obscured by circumstance. Love is a kind of wisdom that makes you look up at a black night sky and smile at the recollection of stars — it is that wisdom which gives us courage.

TRUMP WANTS THIS

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So how can those who oppose Trump seek to reconcile and connect with his supporters?

We must understand most Trump supporters are regular citizens. Regular citizens who have been led to believe that our national security is under threat from Muslims, job security is compromised by immigrants and law and order is under attack from POC. Their fears have been manipulated and preyed upon by Trump.

We must be firm, yet accommodating. While fully condemning racism and xenophobia, we must be respectful, and focus on undoing problematic attitudes through education and exposing Trump's manipulative strategies. We must disassociate Trump with his supporters, and demonstrate that their problems are not caused by an immigrant worker, but by the millionaire CEO paying both of them a terrible wage. Their problems are not caused by Muslims, but by the mammoth U.S. military-industrial complex that not only swallows millions of dollars of potential education or healthcare funding, but also incites violence around the world, ultimately leading to actual threats to U.S. national security.

We must focus on building solidarity with Trump supporters, and not further alienating them. While xenophobia or racism currently work to Trump class solidarity, ending the alienation of the Trump-supporting working class, and exposing his manipulative strategies is one of the first steps to uniting us. Because when it comes down to it, the working class is stronger united than divided. And it is this point that is most important, and transcends the debate between Democrats and Republicans; the Democratic party too, is overwhelmingly guilty of elitism and causing division. The working class is fundamentally independent of partisan politics, and held together by a fabric much stronger than that of the Republican or Democratic party. The saturation of party politics may lead us to see otherwise, but our real comrades can be found in fellow members of our class, not our party.



SCIENCE FRIDAY



Facing Humanity in Our Machines

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While the rise of technology has provided humanity with novel questions surrounding ethics, power and privacy, it has also accentuated familiar topics that have plagued humanity since the beginning of civilization. One would like to believe that a machine makes rational, calculated decisions firmly based in facts. However, code is unfortunately only as impartial as its coder. Facial recognition software is laced with racial bias, posing significant challenges to minority groups that threaten to worsen if we are not intentional in recognizing these problems and combating them.

Facial recognition software is increasingly used for everyday tasks such as phone security and ID verification at airports. The use of this technology is also becoming more widespread in police departments as officers scan for a person's face in a database of driver's license photos. This allows them to identify potential suspects or locate witnesses.

In a recent study, federal researchers found evidence of racial bias in almost 200 facial recognition programs. This can allow police to identify two different faces as the same or does not recognize the same face, leading to false positives and negatives that can cause the wrong person to become accused.

The researchers reported that Native Americans had the highest false-positive rates and that Asian

and African American people are "up to 100 times more likely to be misidentified than white men, depending on the particular algorithm and type of search." They also noted that African American women were more likely to be falsely identified in police database searches aiming to pinpoint suspects. These mistakes can not only lead to inconvenient wastes of time and tense law enforcement interactions but can also increase the risk of minorities being arrested independent of the officers' personal beliefs.

The problem is likely even worse than the study portrays. Amazon supplies facial recognition services that is increasing in popularity across police departments. However, Amazon declined to take part in the study, claiming that their algorithms did not adequately fit the experimental methods of the study. Anyone who blindly accepts this answer without further elaboration is gullible to the point of danger, putting many groups in the crossfires of racism due to their indifference.

Many politicians are appropriately alarmed by this study and are urging the Trump administration to take action. President Trump has been planning to increase the use of facial recognition software across the country and along its borders, an immoral and unconstitutional decision in light of this new research. Meanwhile, Sen. Bernie Sanders has promised to eliminate the use of facial recognition in police work, and Senator Elizabeth

Warren has made plans to regulate the technology.

No current regulations exist to monitor facial recognition devices for accuracy before their widespread use. Joy Buolamwini, a researcher who gained fame after her 2018 spoken-word piece "AI, Ain't I a Woman?", spoke before Congress about racial bias in technology and was pleasantly surprised by the politicians' responses. There are supporters for increased regulation in both major parties. However, politicians in general do not have the expertise to review the justness of algorithms. Buolamwini recommends the creation of a committee of experts to review software before it is distributed, similar to how the FDA ensures (in concept) the safety of food products before they are put on the market. It is shocking that high-stakes methodologies used to identify criminals are currently being treated with such negligence, however, this should not paralyze us but rather stir constituents and their elected officials to action.

The future is technology, and the greatest predictor of the future is the past. In order to properly use new devices for the good of society, we must face our problems head-on and remain aware of their influence on all aspects of life, not just in the community we create for ourselves but also in the machines we build to help eliminate human error. Unfortunately, disparities in society reflect themselves in research, enabling the creation of products that further magnify underlying racism.

Drug Free TV

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Actors experiencing rashes, heart pain or fatigue. Cut to smiling elderly people, women dancing through fields, couples holding hands and grandmothers hugging their grandchildren. "May cause rashes, heart pain, fatigue, constipation, diarrhea, headaches, suicidal thoughts, cancer or even death." Throw in a heartwarming song and you have the script for a televised pharmaceutical ad.

Americans have grown as accustomed to viewing advertisements for drugs as for fast food or cars. However, being bombarded with ads for medications is not as common as one might think; in fact, the United States and New Zealand are the only two countries worldwide that permit direct-to-consumer prescription drug advertising.

Proponents of prescription drug advertising claim that these advertisements encourage people to take initiative and have conversations with their doctors about their health. Patients who come to their doctors asking about an antidepressant advertised on television may never have otherwise broached the subject of their worsened mood.

Realistically, pharmaceutical companies are not marketing their drugs to consumers with

the goal of creating an educated, healthier community; at the end of the day, they are simply trying to sell a product. These intentions lead to many problems with the way that prescription drugs are advertised.

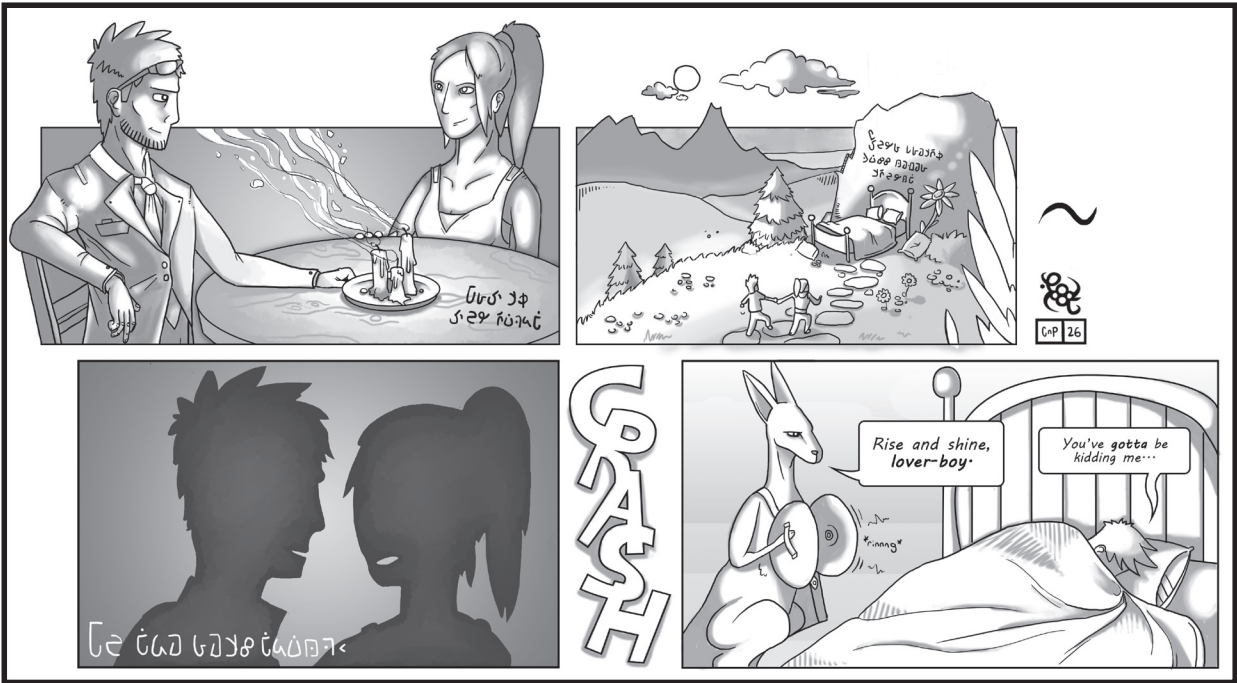
While the FDA does have guidelines for pharmaceutical advertising, these rules are not comprehensive. All advertisements are required to include the drug's name, at least one FDA-approved use and the most significant risks. That's pretty much it. Drug ads do not have to include any information about cost, how the drug works, the effectiveness of the medication or the rarity of the condition being treated. Furthermore, the FDA cannot mandate prior approval of ads, so all ads are reviewed following release to the general public; this means that a misleading advertisement can be aired and viewed by many people before being withdrawn. The FDA does not even have the power to ban the advertisement of drugs with serious side effects.

The way that information is presented in these advertisements can also be misleading. Those happy grandparents and laughing women are meant to draw your attention away from the list of side effects being rattled off. Stating the most severe complications at the end of that list makes many people think those risks are less likely. Further, risks are played off as less serious with terms such as

"may" or "mild." This leads to more people requesting medications they may not actually need and more physicians over-prescribing medications to their patients. While the pharmaceutical companies make money, patients end up taking unnecessary and potentially harmful drugs.

The advertisement of prescription drugs may also be contributing to the rise of healthcare costs. In 2017, over \$6 billion was spent on pharmaceutical advertisements alone; expensive advertising raises the price of medications. These higher drug costs translate to increased insurance premiums and copays for everyone; for the uninsured or people who have to pay out-of-pocket for "specialty" medicine not covered by insurance, medication itself can be incredibly costly.

In most countries, it is the role of the healthcare provider to assess a patient's concerns and decide on the most fitting course of action to treat those problems. Direct-to-consumer drug advertising gets in the way of this process by sending patients to their doctors with a list of medications, begging for a prescription. This should not be how the healthcare system works. Patients should trust their doctor with their health issues and doctors should be able to listen attentively to develop an effective healthcare plan without outside influences.



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Top 5 songs to vibe with for a single's Valentine's Day

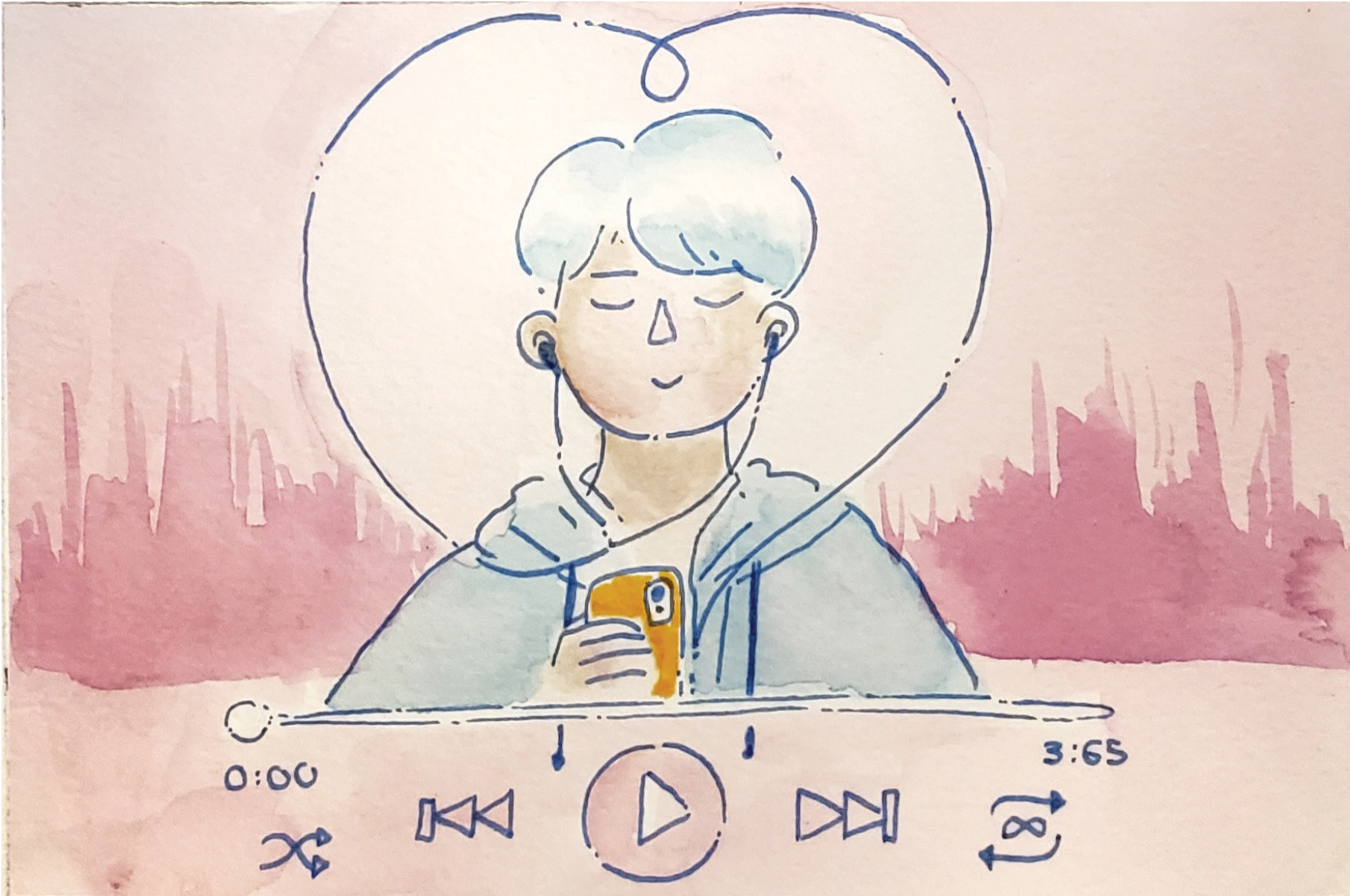


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If the words “Valentine’s Day” makes you physically cringe, then chances are you are most likely single. Don’t worry if you feel like the only one in your social circle who isn’t booped up this holiday. It’s not just you; more than half of Americans aged 18 to 35 were reportedly single last year. Cheer yourself up by hanging out with your single friends or take the day to focus on self-care. If you’re still feeling the single blues, add these songs to your playlist for an instant pick me up. This playlist will have you feeling like a sexy single in no time.

“Good as Hell” by Lizzo
feat. Ariana Grande

This upbeat track is an undeniable mood booster. Lizzo’s feel-good lyrics will have you flipping your hair and checking your nails along with her. The importance of self-love is the key message delivered by these two powerful women. Turn this number on when you feel like celebrating yourself.

“Survivor” by Destiny’s Child

This classic R&B anthem is a playlist staple for feeling like an independent baddie. The girl group defies the notion that you need a partner to be happy, successful and thrive. They sing about how they are wiser, richer and stronger after ending a relationship. It’s the perfect song to hype yourself up.

“NASA” by Ariana Grande

Grande has no problem with being alone in this pop song. “It ain’t nothing wrong with saying I need me time,” croons the pop star. She compares herself to the universe and her lover as NASA, meaning it’s alright to spend time apart to grow individually. It’s okay to focus on yourself and recognize the importance of space in a relationship. Her empowering lyrics and captivating vocals will have you playing this on repeat.

“Diva” by Beyonce

Queen B is guaranteed to channel your inner boss in this catchy R&B/hip-hop track. She spins the image of the high-maintenance, demanding diva into a woman who has control over her life. Beyonce defines the term as a

“female version of a hustla.” Give this song a listen if you immediately want to feel like an empowered individual.

“Confident” by Demi Lovato

This hit is all about feeling comfortable in your skin and embracing your sexuality. Lovato is unapologetic about her star power and isn’t afraid to hide her true self when she sings, “I used to hold my freak back, now I’m letting go.” This inspiring song shows that it’s ok to express your intimacy. Play this iconic bop when you need a boost of self-confidence.

Honorable mentions:

“Single Ladies” by Beyonce

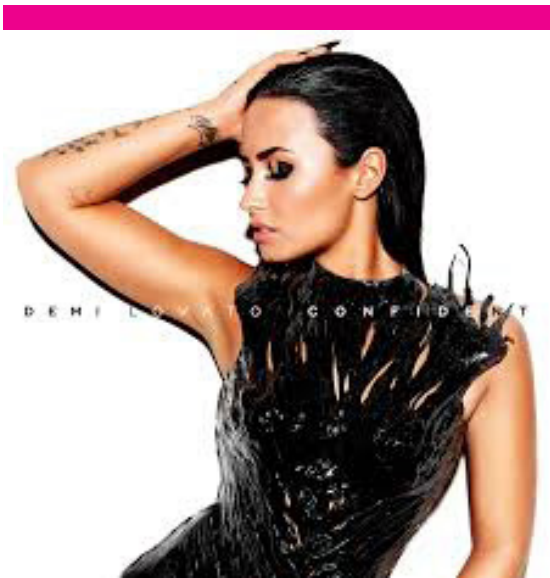
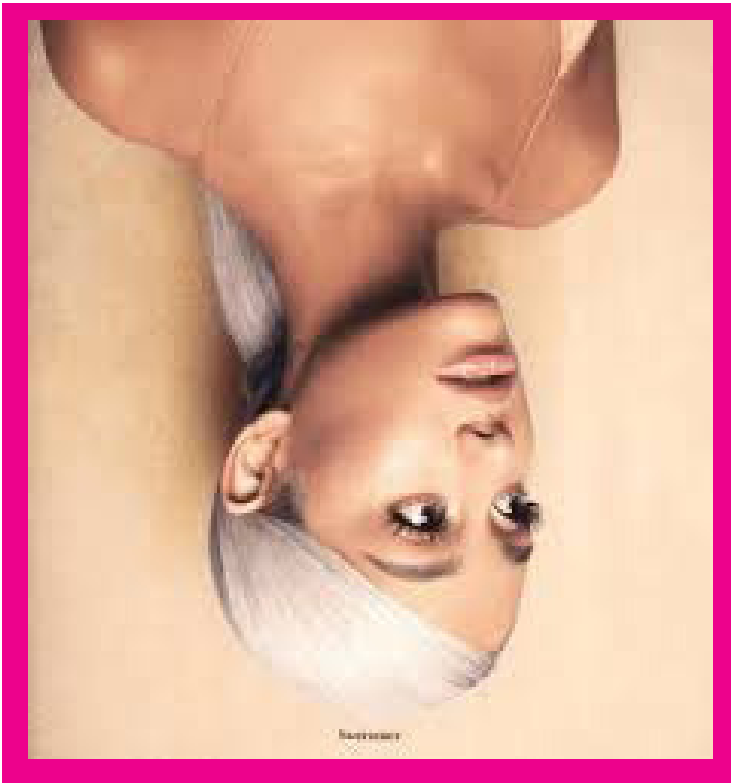
“You Don’t Own Me” by SAYGRACE

“Feeling Myself” by Nicki Minaj and Beyonce

“How to Be a Heartbreaker” by MARINA

“BO\$\$” by Fifth Harmony

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THE INS AND OUTS OF HOOKUP CULTURE IN COLLEGE

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Everytime I try to explain to my 56-year-old mother the concept of hookup culture in college, we debate for an hour who knows best. I tell her how times have changed since she was young. Today, we live in a society where casual sex is acceptable and almost encouraged. By the time many individuals reach college, they no longer view sex as a sacred experience that should be reserved for one person. The truth is, every night many students go home with strangers they meet at the bar, have a one-night stand and leave the next morning with zero regrets.

Sex is constantly in the media. Whether it be a television show you come across while flipping through channels, a movie or even a podcast, the psychological and physical aspects of sex are constantly being talked about. We are exposed to ideas of sex and intimacy from a young age. Take the example of losing your virginity. Society has built up the first time you have sex to be this telling moment. For some people, though, it's just considered sex. This concept explains why hookup culture is so accepted. After all, it's all just sex.

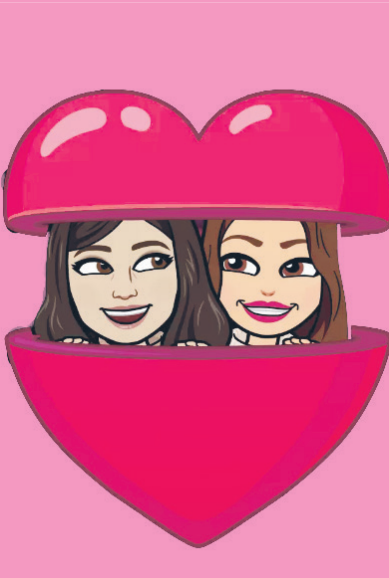
This isn't to say hookup



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culture does not present complications down the road. It takes a specific type of person to be able to successfully engage in hookup culture and stay sane. Are you sad the boy you hooked up with last week didn't text you this Saturday? Is he allowed to hook-up with other girls? Does engaging in hookup culture give someone a bad reputation? These are all questions to consider before engaging in casual sex with different individuals.

Dating apps like Tinder have opened up an entirely new way of connecting people who simply want to hook up.



Although some individuals find long-term partners on Tinder, a survey from PsychologyToday states: "51% said they [respondents] believed Tinder was designed for hooking up." Instead of asking someone face-to-face for sex, individuals can now simply log onto Tinder and find a sexual partner within minutes.

In a college setting, oftentimes alcohol is a catalyzing vessel for hookups. People are aware of the fact that engaging in hookup culture is much easier when you have liquid confidence in your

system. A 2010 study conducted by Fielder and Carey states that "64% of participants reported the presence of alcohol in their hookup encounters." This explains why people often end up engaging in hookup culture after going to a bar, party or date function. It's the same reason why many people order drinks on a first date.

Whether these sexual encounters are positive or negative is up to the individual. Some may believe that engaging in casual sex is detrimental to someone's reputation, or that it's unsanitary. Others view it as a way of owning your sexuality and not letting societal structures shape your life.

Fourth-semester ACES student Jordan Madison believes it's someone's own business whether they want to engage in hookup culture. "I don't see the big deal about it, unless it's destroying someone's mental health," Madison said. "If you can't handle the ups and downs of hooking up with someone, then don't do it. But if you're fine having casual sex, then that's your choice and no one should tell you different."

Hookup culture in college is not a new thing. It's been around for decades; the only difference is that now it's talked about. So, I encourage you to keep the conversation going and to not shy away from "taboo topics." The more it's talked about, the less of a taboo it becomes.

MODERN MARRIAGE: MORE CHOICE MEANS YOUNGER GENERATIONS DONT SAY i DO TOO SOON



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It might be the season of love, but most people our age aren't exactly hearing the chime of wedding bells now — or any time soon for that matter.

The ages at which men and women are getting married are higher than they've ever been, and it all has to do with shifting cultural attitudes and ideas toward the institution. So what exactly do younger generations think of marriage? History professor Dr. Sylvia Schafer sheds some light on how marriage has changed and is currently changing.

The Shift

Marriage today is certainly unlike how humans have known the institution for most of our history. Only a few hundred years ago, marriages were still seen as alliances for power or survival, according to Schafer. Then — some time in the recent past, historians aren't sure exactly when — people began to conceive of marriage as the search for a life companion, for one's best friend.

And even this idea has been enhanced by thought developed during the sexual revolution. As people in the '70s began to look at life as a sort of cultivation of self, they began to demand more of their life partners, seeking not only companions but someone who would help them grow as well.

"And I think the idea also ... is that to be married is to take deep personal satisfaction in marriage, is to find it gratifying, enriching, that marriage is supposed to be — and love — and marriage are supposed to help you grow, affirm you, and these are really new ideas," Schafer said.

Additionally, the easing of morals surrounding sexuality also made it so that women could have sex before marriage but not be "ruined" for marriage. (The idea that someone could have sex before marriage had been around forever, but only now was it "okay.") Coupled with increased access to effective birth control, these thoughts allowed for a new sort of "trying out" stage, as Schafer describes it. Romantic partners could now live together before marriage without risking pregnancy or respectability.

Modern Trends

So, how does this shift affect what we see today?

One change Schafer pointed out is that those who are college-educated are tending to get married later (around 30), whereas those with less education are showing a pattern of not marrying at all. This hasn't always been the case.

Schafer described marriage as "deferred" for many in younger generations. As college-educated men and women begin careers, she said they face a mountain of student debt to pay down, and many desire to marry after they have their life figured out.

"So it's not uncommon — and this is probably really true for your generation — that people are thinking 'Well, I'll get married later, after I go to college, after I've gone to grad school, after I'm more settled,'" Schafer said.

Moreover, divorce rates are dropping. Schafer attributes this to the "trying out" phase of relationships that became common after the sexual revolution. Since people are getting married later and living together before they get married, they're more often marrying the right person. Weak relationships are failing at the living-together stage, allowing more of the strong ones to make it to marriage.

"So it's not that people — millennials — or people in your generation are better at being married," Schafer said. "It's that when they finally marry ... they found the right person. There's been some trying out. And that's a really new thing, historically."

With all these benefits to people marrying later, can there be any risks? Schafer says that one thing she speculates younger generations will have to consider is the relationship between marriage and debt. Now that many people wait to marry until after college, these same people tend to carry a lot of student debt. Once someone marries, they are responsible for their partner's debt, and younger generations have to think about how they want to handle an issue like this wwhen they choose to marry someone.



Love is Love

Schafer says a belief that is taking over now is the idea that "Love makes a family." People are creating unique family dynamics that work for themselves instead of trying to shoehorn their relationships into preformed yet outdated arrangements.

"People are actually making families in lots of different configurations now and ... marriage might be part of it, but there are blended families and extended families," Schafer said. "There are lots of ways that people are finding to embed their partnerships in family structures that are not terribly traditional."

Revision of old paradigms has made more choices in one's relationships socially acceptable, and younger generations value this ability to

choose and decide what's best for them. People in these age groups enjoy this freedom, and though they still like the idea of marriage, they have liberated themselves from many of the institution's traditions.

"I think again like with birth control, procreation, and marriage, and love are-- people can put them together the way that they want to," Schafer said. "And ... that is a great emancipation to be able to do that."



KEEP ON ROLLING EVEN AS A THIRD WHEEL

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One of society's biggest memes about love and relationships is the concept of being a third wheel. Last year for Valentine's Day, I wrote about how it's totally fine to be single and how to be content with that fact. This article is a companion to that. Third wheel syndrome, or spare tire syndrome if you find yourself alone with couples, is more common than you think. And despite what it may imply, you're really not alone.

Whether you feel third wheel syndrome in your family or within your group of friends, you may sometimes notice your single status exacerbated when you are surrounded by couples that are decidedly not single. No matter how much at peace you are with your choice, it's totally normal to still feel at odds when you are spending time with people in relationships. You and your feelings are not any less valid just because you feel vulnerable without a significant other from time to time. You may be a strong, independent single person, but you're also human.

When you feel this way, just remember you're surrounded by people you like who also like you. There's a reason you choose to spend time with them and vice versa. Engage in conversation and make time for yourself. If you're really feeling out of it, text another friend or

family member you might be missing. Don't be rude to the point of being on your phone the whole time, but a quick text from another loved one reminds you there are many people who love you.

For example, not many people in my friend group are in relationships as present. However, both of my sisters are. When I spend time with them and their significant others, I am happy they choose to spend time with me, and I'm lucky to also feel comfortable with their significant others. It's not like they ignore me when we're all together, but, the fact their significant other is automatically included in every situation and I don't have someone who they will

view in a similar way is sometimes disheartening.

When you see others discussing with their significant other or sharing with them, you're bound to notice how you do not specifically have anyone to do that with. No matter how uncouple-y a couple may be acting, the sheer presence of their relationship may be enough for you to feel insecure or just uncomfortable. Nothing is wrong with you, and nothing is wrong with the people you love who also happen to be together. They may not realize they are giving respect, such as leaving you out of a conversation. As annoying as this is, you can't blame them. Just try to redirect some attention back to yourself so you



don't get completely left out. Hopefully, the people you're with get the hint.

In a similar vein, you're bound to be in a situation where you're close ith one person in a couple but not their significant other. That makes it dicey to navigate spending time with said couple. Cut your friend or sibling some slack — they have to juggle paying attention to both of you, while you and their significant other try to get along. And if

the couple is flaunting their relationship? Whether they normally act like that or not, some good ol' communication may come in handy here. Sure, there's nothing wrong with holding hands or a peck on the cheek, but ignoring you or making out is bound to grind anyone's gears. Use your judgment — sometimes, you're going to need to stomach the little things, because people are allowed to live their lives, but if you're really uncomfortable about something, being upfront (but still courteous) about how you feel may alleviate the situation. And if your handsy friends don't lay off a little or just don't understand the problem at all, you may have to reconsider spending as much time with them. As drastic as that may seem, if they are not respecting your comfort (within reasonable limits), then you shouldn't spend so much effort trying to make the situation work.

If anything, change your mindset about third wheeling. Everyone experiences it, and it doesn't always need to be a drag. As long as you understand that it's ok to feel left out sometimes, but still are able to enjoy time with your loved ones, then you're going to be alright.

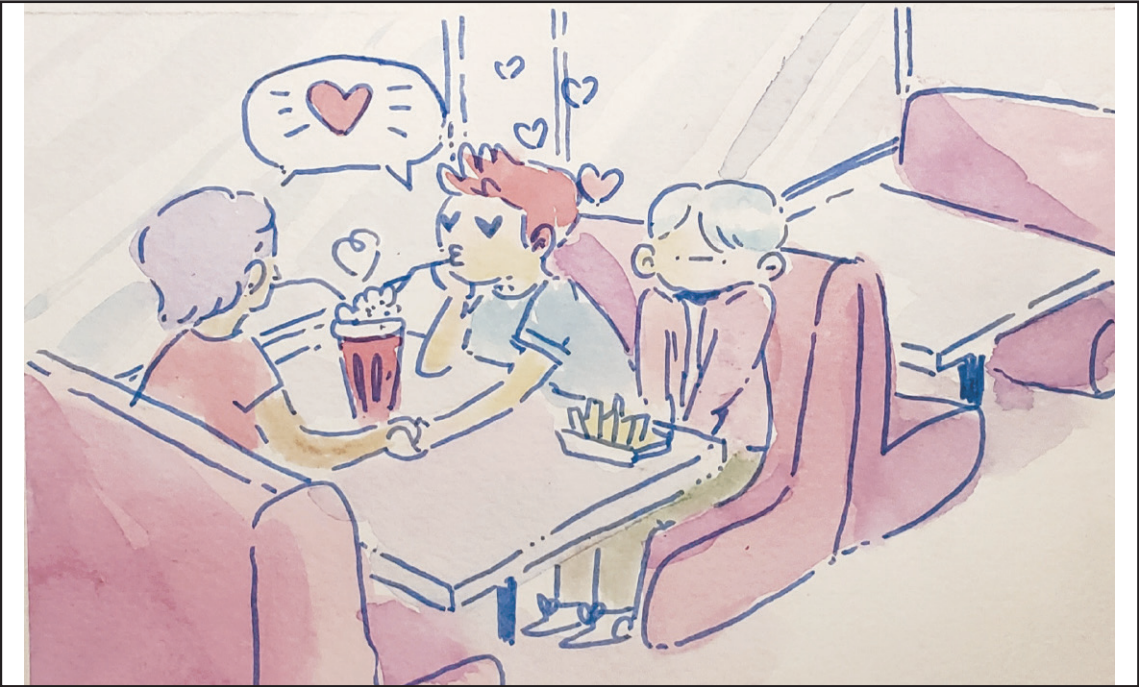


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FELLOW HUSKIES: WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL TYPE?

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When it comes to love and relationships, everyone has a particular image come to mind. The ideal partner, a person who you know doesn't exist but you can't help imagining: Your exact "type." This Valentine's Day, I thought it would be interesting to discuss this topic with four anonymous students, asking about their personal modes of attraction and addressing the ethics behind having certain types. Their responses were as follows:

What is your year, major and pronouns?

- Student 1: Second-semester physiology and neurobiology major, she/her/hers
- Student 2: Second-semester molecular and cell biology major, she/her/hers
- Student 3: Fourth-semester exploratory major, he/him/his
- Student 4: Fourth-semester mechanical engineering major, he/him/his

Have you ever been in a relationship? If so, how many?

- Student 1: I have never been in a long-term one, but I have had a few flings.
- Student 2: Yes, I've been in three.
- Student 3: Yes, I've been in five.
- Student 4: No.

If you were ever to line up your exes, would there be a visible pattern?

- Student 1: No.
- Student 2: They're all similar personality-wise, but definitely different in physical appearance.
- Student 3: Yeah, they've all been Latina.

Do you have a type? If so, what is it?

- Student 1: Yes. They have to be taller than me (sadly I'm

5-foot-8) and have dark hair but eye color doesn't really matter to me. I really like scruff and I would want them to have good music taste and a good sense of humor. Also tattoos and earrings.

Student 2: I like guys who wear bandanas with dark hair, preferably parted in the middle. I would also appreciate it if they have good music taste. They have to be put together, I hate slobs. I also hate box boys. Like guys who are built to the point they look like squares. Basically Roblox men.

Student 3: Curly hair, pretty eyes. Eyes are the first thing I notice about a girl. They don't have to be tall. If they have a cute smile, I'm hooked.

Student 4: I want them to be kind and funny. I'd also like them to be somewhat athletic so they can go to the gym with me.

Are physical attributes more important than personal attributes to you?

Student 1: If I'm not sexually attracted to someone, it would be hard for me to be in a relationship with them. However, I think someone with a really good personality makes them so much more attractive.

Student 2: Personally, I think both matter equally to me. Since I'm more introverted, I would prefer to be with someone who's more extroverted to help bring me out of my comfort zone. There has to be substance to them, it can't just be all looks. Otherwise it won't be fun for either of us.

Student 3: Looks are what I notice first, but personality is what keeps me interested.

Student 4: Looks are definitely what I notice first. Once I get to know them then physicality starts to matter less.

What's your ideal height for a partner?

- Student 1: 5-foot-11 or taller.
- Student 2: I prefer them to be taller than me (I'm 5-foot-7), but I don't mind if we're the same height. However, I don't like it when they're way too tall. It's

uncomfortable to kiss anybody who's 6-foot-4.

Student 3: My ideal height would be around 5-foot-7, but I wouldn't mind dating someone taller than me.

Student 4: 5-foot-7 is my ideal but any height is fine.

Do you have a preferable body type?

Student 1: I don't like skinny guys, but I also don't like super muscular guys. Somewhere in between those two.

Student 2: Lean and muscular.

Student 3: Not really, just average build I guess.

Student 4: Yes, thick.

Is intelligence a turn-on?

Student 1: No, not necessarily. Intelligence doesn't turn me on, but if they have a good work ethic then yes.

Student 2: Yes. If they're smart that's great. Smart but also humble.

Student 3: Yeah. Half the girls I've dated are probably smarter than me.

Student 4: Yes. I feel like smart people have more substance.

Is confidence a turn-on?

Student 1: Yes. I'm not the most confident person so if someone with me is confident then I'd want it to rub off.

Student 2: Yes. It makes me confident if they're confident.

Student 3: Yeah. It translates to energy for me, so if someone is confident it sends good vibes and I feel like that could impact me in a positive way.

Student 4: Yeah, it's just attractive to see a confident woman.

Most favorable body part?

Student 1: Arms and hands. I love calloused hands. Veins are not mandatory but they're nice to look at.

Student 2: Arms. Veiny arms. I don't know, there's just something nice about them.

Student 3: Thick thighs save

lives.

Student 4: T***ies.

Would you ever date someone of a different race than you?

Student 1: Yes, but it would be difficult because a lot of my family is foreign and can't speak English. So it would be harder to communicate with them on a deeper level than surface level conversations. I would not be in a relationship with them if they didn't have a good relationship with my family.

Student 2: I actually am currently, so yes.

Student 3: Yeah, I don't care about that.

Student 4: Yes.

Would you date someone of a different religion?

Student 1: I would date them, but not marry them. It would complicate the family dynamic.

Student 2: I would date them, but I probably wouldn't marry them. My family is very religious so it'd create issues.

Student 3: Yeah. I'm barely Catholic so anything would work.

Student 4: When it comes to dating I don't really care, but I probably wouldn't marry them just because it would cause family issues.

Do you think it's okay for people to have certain types? Would you agree with those who consider it discriminatory?

Student 1: It's 100% okay for people to have certain types and I don't think it's discriminatory at all. It's like saying you're not allowed to have a favorite ice cream flavor so you're stuck eating flavors you don't like.

Student 2: I think it's good to have a type. Everyone is attracted to different things so it's impossible not to have one. It's just freaking natural selection.

Student 3: Not really. We all have types so you'd be pretty hypocritical if you said you didn't.

Student 4: Yeah, I think it's

fine. It's not discriminatory since everyone has their own preference. Some people like sweet, some people like sour.

Would you agree that the term "relationship" has different connotations today than in years past?

Student 1: Yes, absolutely. Relationships now are so much more open and diverse. It's not necessarily a bad thing, but it does make certain things unclear.

Student 2: Hell yeah. My parents got together when they were 16 and they've been together since then. There's such a distinction between relationships now and back then because it's become more difficult to differentiate between an actual relationship and just hooking up. People just don't want to put labels on anything anymore.

Student 3: Yeah, it does. There's so many different types of relationships nowadays and it makes things complicated when you both aren't on the same page.

Student 4: Yeah. Back in the day relationships were more about going on dates at restaurants and movie theaters, but nowadays it seems all about sex.

Do you have a different type when it comes to seeing versus sleeping with someone?

Student 1: Yes.

Student 2: Yeah. When it comes to sleeping with someone, personality doesn't matter as much for obvious reasons.

Student 3: No because the only times I sleep with someone are when I'm with them.

Student 4: No, I don't have any particular preference when it comes to sleeping with someone.

Describe your type in one word.

- Student 1: Complicated.
- Student 2: Crackhead.
- Student 3: Charming.
- Student 4: Confident.

How to understand interracial dating

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Interracial relationships are culturally enriching, opening up a different worldview. In today’s climate, we may need that more than ever. However, an opening of that worldview doesn’t have to mean fetishization or tokenization.

In the age of online dating, 30% of partners who meet online are of different races, much greater than if they were to meet in other ways (23%) according to research done by Reuben J. Thomas, associate professor of sociology at the University of New Mexico. According to the U.S. Census, the percentage of married-couple households that were interracial or interethnic grew across the United States from 7.4% to 10.2% from 2000 to 2016 with Hawaii and Oklahoma, and the District of Columbia increasing by 4.24 percentage points or more. These numbers show that interracial couples are on the rise in the United States, but why is there not more articles or more research when it comes to interracial relationships? Stereotypes and overt racism might still have a large part in why.

There’s not much conversation online or otherwise about modern day interracial dating. Articles that come up with a Google search talk about black-and-white pairs without regard for other ethnicities and cultures. Digging deeper, there’s not much conversation about interracial relationships

within the gay community, for example. In a video created by National Geographic titled “Couples Share the Happiness and Heartache of Interracial Marriage,” an interracial couple within the gay community spoke about reactions to their relationship.

“You would think a group as marginalized as the gay community would be completely comfortable with an interracial couple,” one of the couples had said. They shared how there would be multiple instances of inappropriate statements said in private, such as, “Once you go black, you never go back.”

Another couple in the video described how “Chinese and white ain’t right” was yelled at them by teenagers driving past. The woman who was being labeled as “Chinese” was actually Korean.

Overt signs of racism and snide remarks can discourage those who are in interracial relationships from outwardly expressing they are together. It may even prevent someone from dating another person because of large misconceptions about what it means to date someone from a different race.

Judgments that interracial couples face may come from those closest to them, especially family. Some parents would discourage dating someone of a certain race or ethnicity for fear of their child’s safety or for historical reasons such as war. Reasons for the past shouldn’t discredit a relationship, and it can be said the fear of someone’s safety in their family is



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always a priority, but someone’s background shouldn’t make them seem more “aggressive” than another person.

The idea of assuming someone’s personality and behavior based on their race and ethnicity is problematic. For instance, there is the idea that someone would date an Asian woman for their submissiveness, stemming from popular culture. You might also know it as “yellow fever,” and examples of it are everywhere, like in “Full Metal Jacket” where a Vietnamese woman is sexualized with lines such as, “me love you long time.” Admire

someone for their background, but don’t objectify or sexualize. It’s not fair to someone to be part of a “race” checklist either, something that might be common among college age students trying to “explore.” It’s disrespectful.

Interracial relationships aren’t meant to be a political statement. It’s important to let two people define for themselves what their relationship may be, not being pushed by outside expectations and others to make some kind of statement. By being in an interracial relationship, the healthiest ones may even talk about racism and discrimination. But having a certain amount of interracial relationships won’t solve racism and stereotypes about people, although it can continue to add to the dialogue.

Interracial dating opens up a way of communicating difficult topics, encourages a healthy dialogue and initiates learning about a new culture. It’s unfair to your partner to put on a mindset of being “color blind,” as it dismisses a part of that person’s identity. As with any relationship, it should help you both grow as people and to understand and care for someone on a deeper level.

Great gifts galore

Ideas for what to give that special someone



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During the holiday season, the most popular day for buying gifts is the weekend before Christmas, which is indicative of society’s inclination to wait until the last second for gifts. In a similar vein, if you’re reading this article, you may have not conjured up a gift for your loved one, but still want to show them your love in a tangible way. This is completely understandable, as I’m sure you understand each other’s busy schedules. However, just because something is last-minute doesn’t mean it has to be any less special or sentimental — it’s the thought that counts, which can materialize into a great gift if you’re willing to put in some effort for a creative offering. Here are some easy and creative Valentine’s Day gifts that anyone would be happy to receive.

Couple’s Bucket List

You might have seen those gifts that include date ideas or things you love about your significant other. This idea is a spin-off, with a collective “bucket list” of things you want to try out. The customizability of this gift can help you and your significant other try new things out, like a paint night, or inspire you to do something you said you wanted to do together, like spend a day in the city. If you are more artistic, this might be fun to do with scrapbook paper slips in a jar, or popsicle sticks. If not, just typing the ideas up on a nice piece of paper with accompanying gifts like chocolate or flowers would be nice too.

Shutterfly Gifts

The bevy of personalized items you can order from Shutterfly has expanded beyond calendars and photo albums. It may not seem creative, but if you cater what you choose for what your partner likes, they will appreciate the thought you put

into it. Although it may be a little late for today, you can still order something online and show your significant other that a gift is on the way, or keep the option in mind for future occasions. If you browse their full catalog of items, you’ll be able to find something that would definitely appeal to your partner. Some cool items include keychains, wine glasses, puzzles, blankets and socks.

Tickets or vouchers for experiences

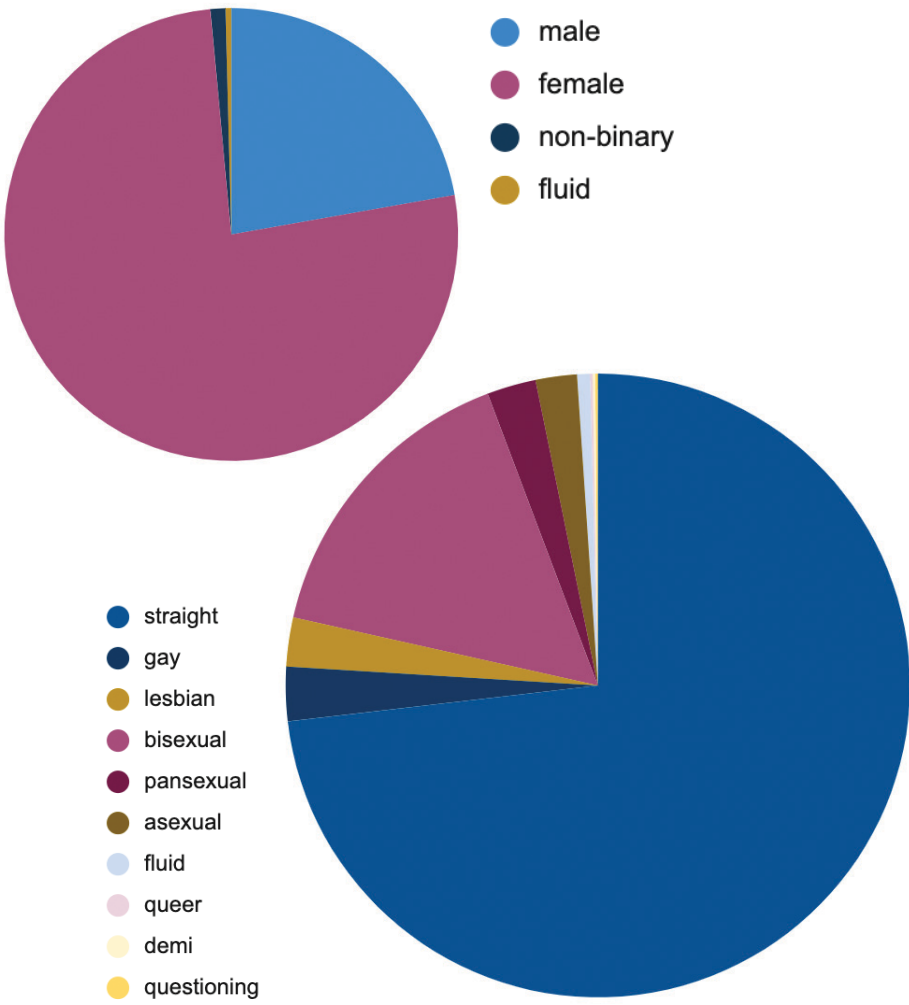
From concerts to musicals to museums, there are a bunch of fun places you can visit with your partner that they’ve probably expressed an interest in. Because of how easy and quick it is nowadays to purchase tickets online, this is a great last-minute, almost no effort idea. So if you’re willing to put a little more money in, this is a great way to pay forward for a future date, to have something to look forward to and to show your significant other that you’re paying attention when they mention they want to go visit the Met.

Care package

Head to any grocery or food retailer, and you can scrape together a personalized and easy gift. Grab a wicker basket for some old-school vibes and toss in items that your partner likes, from snacks to drinks to desserts to even books. You can even choose a theme, like relaxation, and pool together candles, essential oils and face masks. I don’t know about you, but I really enjoy receiving a lot of little things, and it’s great to receive something you know you will use. If you’re feeling crafty, you can decorate the basket with lights or a tablecloth, and your partner can use the items in the future.

The SEX survey

Who we talked to?



Shipping

Are you in a relationship?

- no
- yes

What kind?

- monogamous
- casual
- friends with benefits
- open

Where'd you meet?

- class
- online
- high school
- mutual friend
- bar/party
- extracurriculars
- work

What online sites are people using?

Tinder - 32%
Bumble - 13.8%
Hinge - 4.9%
Grindr - 1.7%
Okupid - 0.9%
Match - 0.1%
Other - 2.3%

Talking about SEX

How often do you do it?

- not sexually active
- everyday
- a few times a week
- once a week
- a few times a month
- once a month
- a few times a year
- never in the past year

How many partners have you had?

- none
- one
- two-five
- six-ten
- eleven-fifteen
- sixteen-nineteen
- 20+

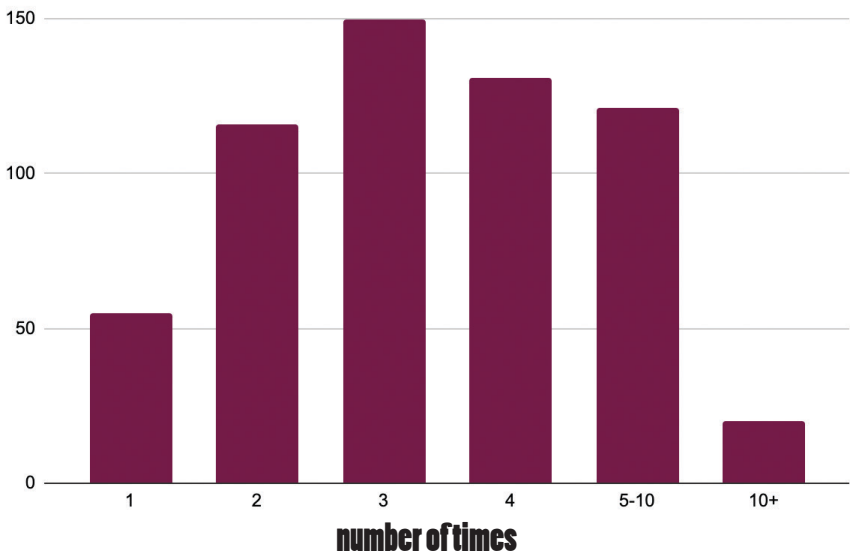
How often do you use protection?

- never
- rarely
- sometimes
- most of the time
- always

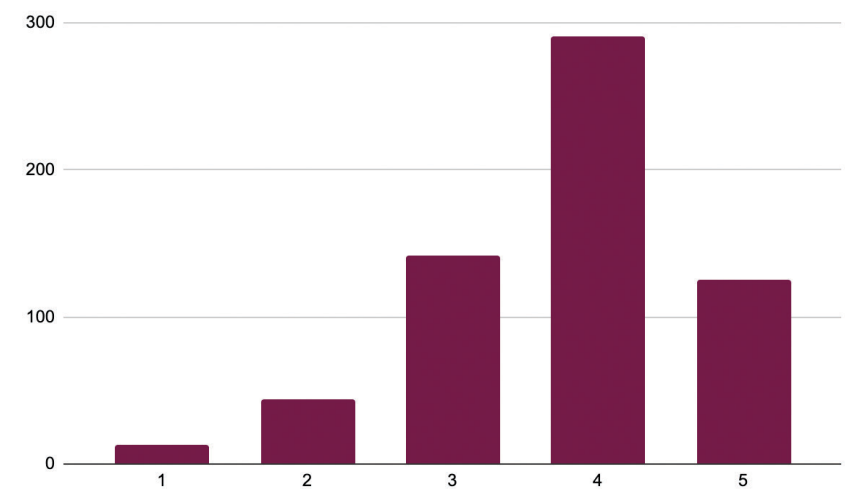
How often do you have sex under the influence of drugs/alcohol?

- always
- never
- sometimes
- most of the time

What is the most you've had sex in a 24-hour period?



How often (on a scale of 1-5) are you satisfied with your sexual experiences?



what you had to say about...

Where we've been

Here are some of the craziest stories you shared with us

I was having sex with this guy and as we were changing positions he grabs his phone and put his flashlight right up my vagina without consent because he wanted to check to make sure there was no shit. He said the last girl he had sex with “had shit between her cheeks and didn’t want the same thing to happen” needless to say I did not stay for much longer.

Been slapped in the face with a penis by accident.

My girlfriend and I had our first date at the Cats movie and we're still together.

In high school my nudes got sent to the iCloud and ended up on my boyfriend's mom's iPad...

I once had sex with a guy outside and right after he finished he got up and ran away into the woods

Hooking up with an ex-girlfriend while on vacation in South America, we met up for a few drinks and when we were done, she asked me what should we do next, and I casually asked if she wanted to relive old times and she agreed. We met up once more a week before I returned. Months later she tells me she is pregnant and at the time I was on my 2nd semester after having gone back to school so I began to panic until she told me that it wasn't mine and that she had been dating someone for the past year and a half.

Once I was having sex with my ex boyfriend in his basement and his mom walked in on us as soon as he was finishing inside me. We were on his grandmothers couch that they got when she passed away

One time I had sex with a guy I met on Bumble and he thanked me afterwards. I didn't know what to say to him.

Once, I was having sex in the Student Union and mid penetration, one of the janitors started to unlock the door (to come in and vacuum). I shushed my hookup and yelled “I'm changing in here please don't come in! No need to clean!” By this point, I had managed to put on some underwear and pushed my hookup to the other side of the room. The janitor opened the door anyways, peered inside, saw me in my underwear (and not my hookup), started frantically apologizing, and closed the door - all without seeing my hookup.

Had a one night stand with a basketball player, and while I was performing oral he started scrolling through twitter. Then justified it by saying “I'd never understand”

Accidental threeway: One time I was showing my dorm neighbor my sex toy collection and one thing led to another and we ended up on the floor completely naked going at it. Then all of a sudden her roommate walks in and I was expecting the most embarrassing moment of my life but then they decided to join! It was my most porn-y experience ever.

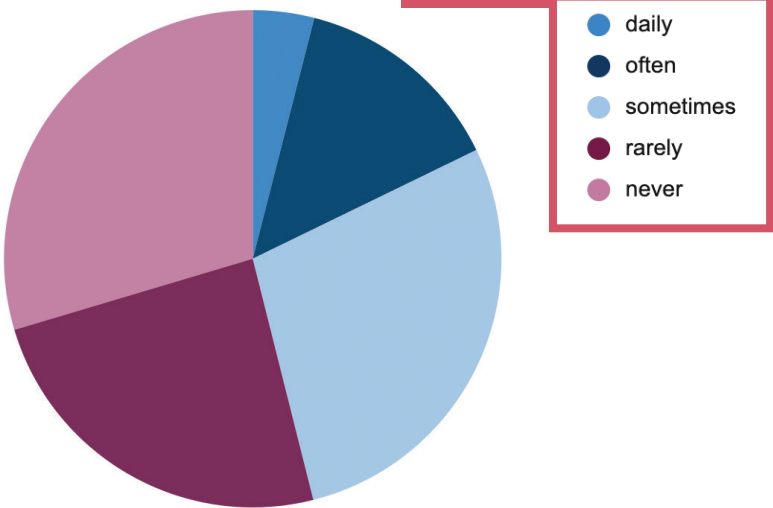
The chefs that work for Dining Services are the WILDEST in bed. The food may be bland but the sex is SPICY.

I accidentally killed this guy's fish, but we still dated for a year after that.

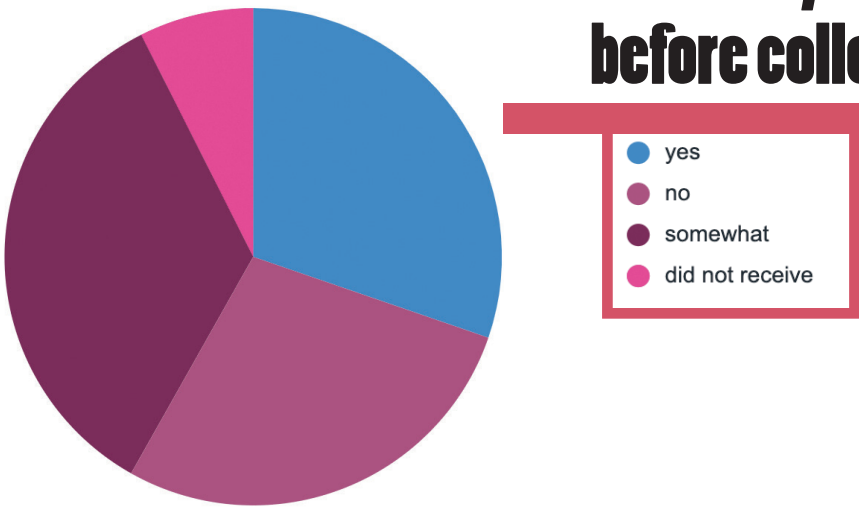
I rented an airbnb with my girlfriend after coming home from school. Needless to say we took full advantage of the bed that was provided. We were so loud that the owners of the airbnb thought we were getting robbed and called the cops.

Hooked up with my middle school ex 4 years after we broke up, best head I've ever had

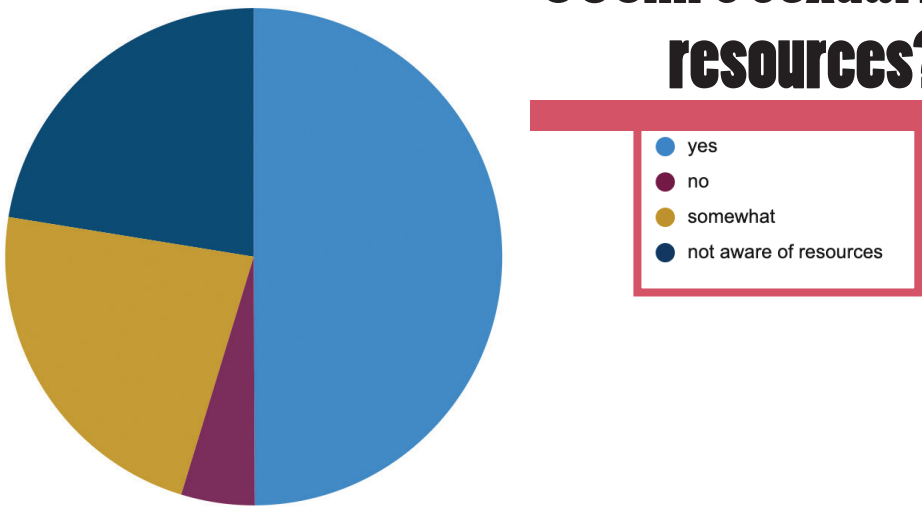
Porn How often do you watch porn?



Sex ed Are you satisfied with the sex education you received before college?



Resources Are you satisfied with UConn's sexual health resources?



What we're into How many people...

Ghosted someone	56%
Cheated on someone	12.5%
Have been cheated on	23.6%
Had an STI	6.1%
Have been caught having sex	30.4%
Slept with a professor	0.5%
Had a threesome	5.2%
Had anal sex	22%
Sent nudes or sexts	69.3%
Have taken a video during sex	15.3%

Thank you to everyone who took our survey and contributed to these pages!



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The SEX survey

Within the next few pages, we will be displaying the results of the survey UConn students have been filling out for the past several weeks. We had 753 respondents to the questions we asked about sex, relationships and love. Read on to see what you had to say.



We asked students where they're having sex on campus. The answer — lots of elevators. Here are some of the other highlights.

- 1 Dorms/Apartments
- 2 Dining halls
- 3 Academic Buildings
- 4 Roof of ITC
- 5 Baseball field
- 6 Huskies Tavern
- 7 Dairy Bar
- 8 St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- 9 Outside of Wings Over
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What is the Valentine's Issue about?

The Life section Valentine's Day issue has been a part of UConn just as long as we have. Now, on it's fourth anniversary, it has easily become one of our favorite days of the year. We try our best to honestly and truthfully represent all forms of sex, love and relationships on campus through our survey, student interviews, confessional stories and personal pieces on mental health and sexuality. We love celebrating this holiday's corny commercialism, too, which is why we also include tips for making the most out of your Feb. 14.

Thank you to each and every one of you that took our sex and relationship survey. Your input was deeply appreciated and your stories made us laugh. Hopefully you all have as much fun reading the responses as we did compiling them.

No matter how you plan to celebrate Valentine's Day, we hope this extended issue provokes thought and sparks important conversations.

Happy Valentine's Day and thanks for reading!

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