



## Nutmeg and UCTV looking to increase undergraduate fee for Fall 2021 semester

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Nutmeg Publishing and UCTV have proposed fee increases in the upcoming 2020 Joint Election. Nutmeg is asking for an increase of \$1 per semester, raising the semester fee from \$3 to \$4, while UCTV is asking for a \$2.50 per semester increase, increasing the semester fee from \$5 to \$7.50.

Nutmeg's Editor-in-Chief Madison Busick said the yearbook may not be able to run properly in the future without the fee increase.

"Basically, our organization has looked at our budget for the upcoming years and does not think we will be able to continue all the services we currently provide to students without a fee increase," Busick said. "As a student-run organization, we understand that student budgets are tight and take this decision very seriously."

Due to its growing numbers, UCTV General Manager Ryan Panny said they would use the fee increase to be able to continue paying their employees, so that all UCTV programs could continue to run.

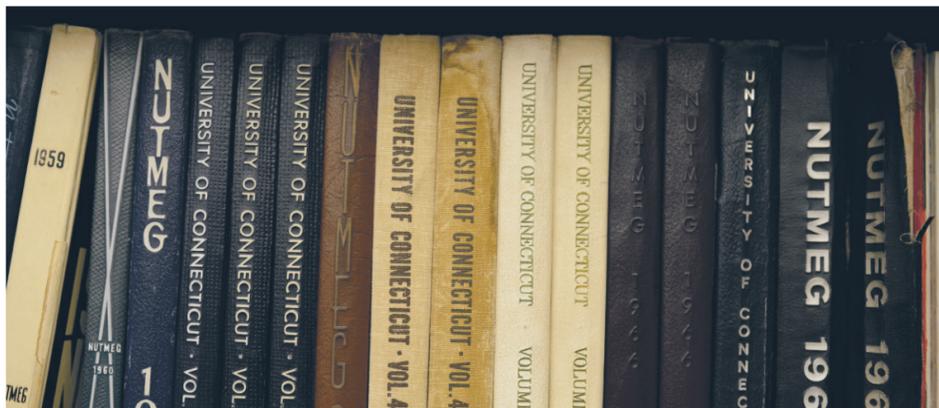
"We want to make our services more accessible to UConn nation

as a whole while also allowing our members to be able to support themselves and make connections that will last past their time at UConn, allowing us to preserve the histories of Huskies for years to come," Panny said.

UCTV was founded in 1991, and is broadcast on channel 14. According to its website, UCTV is a student-run organization that provides "news, event coverage, information and entertainment to its constituents."

Nutmeg's annual yearbook has been published consistently since its founding in 1914, and the organization sends all UConn students a free copy after they graduate. Along with being a memento for each graduate to keep, the yearbook serves as a way to keep record of each year at the university, and copies are sent to all departments and the Dodd center. In 2015, the Nutmeg Magazine was launched, a free magazine that is published online each semester.

The election will take place at noon on March 3-5, and will be accessible online through vote.uconn.edu. If either of the votes pass, the earliest they will go into effect is fall semester 2021. Also on the ballot are USG elections and elections for undergraduate and graduate trustees.



Both Nutmeg, top, and UCTV, bottom, have requested fee increases for the 2021 fall semester. UCTV is asking for a \$2.50 raise to \$7.50 total, Nutmeg is asking for an additional dollar to bring their fee to \$4. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## UConn team wants to 'get wings in Red Bull Challenge



University of Connecticut students Zachary Stone, left, Maura Sanchi, middle, and Maizey MabrySmith drinking the energy drink Red Bull. They are currently in the final round of the the "Red Bull Can You Make It?" challenge. PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACHARY STONE VIA YOUTUBE

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Three University of Connecticut undergraduates are in the final round of the international "Red Bull Can You Make It?" challenge, putting them one step closer to the craziest adventure of a lifetime.

The team is comprised of Maura Sanchi, a fourth-semester environmental science major, Maizey MabrySmith, a fourth-semester environmental science major and Zachary Stone, a sixth-semester electrical engineering major. As of Feb. 24, they are ranked No. 35 in the United States, Sanchi said.

The "Red Bull Can You Make It?" challenge is a seven-day challenge where teams of university students from all over the world travel through a series of checkpoints in Europe to the finish line in Berlin, Sanchi said. The catch is, the only form of currency team members can use is Red Bull.

"Teams have no phones and no currency and instead have to trade cans of Red Bull with the public for food, shelter and transporta-

tion," Sanchi said. "The team that makes it to Berlin with the most points wins."

The team learned about their participation in UConn Outing club, Sanchi said. Their shared love of adventure, and the fact that two of three just got passports, led them to become the only team to apply from UConn.

"Being members of the Outing Club, we're always trying to get out and challenge ourselves, and this is a lot of distance, thousands of kilometers, to cover without many real resources, or any kind of dependable plan," Sanchi said. "We really appreciate the opportunity Red Bull is providing for college students to experience travel in a new way and are excited to possibly put our will to the test."

In order to apply, teams had to make a one minute video capturing what makes them fun and why those should be chosen for the challenge, according to Sanchi. The video — called Team Irrational Decisions — showed the team in togas trying to save a fictional

kingdom by going on a quest with Red Bull and a map. The video appeared on the Red Bull website, and the public had to vote for the team for them to advance.

At the end of the public voting period, the 104 entries with the most votes from the United States become eligible for final team selection, according to the Red Bull website. A panel of judges will then select 15 teams from the United States to compete. Worldwide, it has been narrowed down to 1,237 finalists.

The 15 teams from the United States will be against 185 other teams that come from across the world. Sanchi said their team is hopeful that they will be one of the 15. They will learn if they are partaking in the challenge on March 9.

"The plan is to dive in and enjoy the journey [if we make it to the final stage]," Sanchi said. "Nothing about this challenge is predictable. We're going to study up on some basic language skills, prepare the hitching thumbs and leave it all in the hands of the strangers we meet."

## Study abroad students have option to stay in Italy despite outbreak

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University of Connecticut students studying abroad in Italy can continue their education abroad despite the coronavirus outbreak in the country if they choose to, according to university spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz.

The International Studies Institute in Florence and Umbra Institute in Perugia — the two universities UConn abroad students are attending — have not closed yet.

"The situation is fluid and could change," Reitz said in an email.

According to BBC, there are 400 cases of coronavirus in Italy. The outbreak has killed 12 people in Italy so far.

Reitz said if students decide to stay in Italy, return to the U.S. or their home country, arrangements are in place with the programs which would allow students to finish their coursework either online or remotely for a grade if the universities close.

According to Reitz, 88 UConn students are currently abroad in Italy. They are all safe and healthy.

"UConn is advising students to avoid travel to affected areas where Covid-19 has been problematic, such as the Lombardy and Veneto regions of northern Italy," Reitz said.

Reitz also said students are advised to follow instructions provided by their programs when traveling outside of Italy.

"We also are advising them to closely follow the rules and guidelines of their host program when deciding whether to travel out of Italy on trips, given other countries' decisions on border restrictions," Reitz said.

An email was sent to students abroad in Italy to review the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention websites for further information.

Ellie Willis, a fourth-semester actuarial science major currently in Florence enrolled at the International Studies Institute in Florence (ISI Florence), says students are returning home as a precaution, but she will stay in Florence unless told it is unsafe. Willis said she is not worried about getting the virus but is more concerned about getting quarantined or being unable to leave the country.

"I am not too worried at the moment," Willis said in a Facebook message. "I think that the concerned atmosphere here is driven by hysteria and concerned parents."

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STEPHANIE REITZ

Willis said the cities are still busy, and there is food in the grocery stores. Willis said some people are wearing protective masks around the city. They get email updates at least twice a day.

"Our schools (both UConn and ISI) are telling us to remain calm and continue with our lives as normal- but they want us to pay close attention to our health (washing hands constantly, seeing a doctor as soon as we show symptoms)," Willis said in a Facebook message.

At the time of publication, both universities plan on resuming classes after their breaks, according to Reitz.

Education Abroad did not provide a comment.

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# Virus anxiety triggers biggest 1-day market drop since 2011, Dow Jones down 1,200 points



Traders Peter Tuchman, left, and Michael Urkonis, right, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1,200 points likely due to widespread anxiety over coronavirus. PHOTOGRAPHS BY CRAIG RUTTLE /AP

Worldwide markets plummeted again Thursday, deepening a weeklong rout triggered by growing anxiety that the coronavirus will wreak havoc on the global economy. The sweeping selloff pushed the benchmark S&P 500 down 4.4%, its worst one-day drop since 2011.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled nearly 1,200 points. The S&P 500 has now plunged 12% from the all-time high it set just a week ago. That puts the index in what market watchers call a “correction,” which some analysts have said was long overdue in this bull market, the longest in history.

Stocks are now headed for their worst week since October 2008, during the global financial crisis.

The losses extended a slide that has wiped out the solid gains major indexes posted early this year. Investors came into 2020 feeling confident that the Federal Reserve would keep interest rates at low levels and the U.S.-China trade war posed

less of a threat to company profits after the two sides reached a preliminary agreement in January. Even in the early days of the outbreak, markets took things in stride.

But over the past two weeks, a growing list of major companies issued warnings that profits could suffer as factory shutdowns across China disrupt supply chains and consumers there refrain from shopping. Travel to and from China is severely restricted, and shares of airlines, hotels and cruise operators have been punished in stock markets. As the virus spread beyond China, markets feared the economic issues in China could escalate globally.

One sign of that is the big decline in oil prices, which slumped on expectations that demand will tail off sharply.

“This is a market that’s being driven completely by fear,” said Elaine Stokes, portfolio manager at Loomis Sayles, with market movements following the classic characteristics of a fear

trade: Stocks are down. Commodities are down, and bonds are up.

The Dow dropped 1,190.95 points, its largest one-day point drop in history, bringing its loss for the week to 3,225.77 points, or 11.1%. To put that in perspective, the Dow’s 508-point loss on Oct. 19, 1987, was equal to 22.6%.

Bond prices soared again Thursday as investors fled to safe investments. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell as low as 1.246%, a record low, according to TradeWeb. When yields fall, it’s a sign that investors are feeling less confident about the strength of the economy.

Stokes said the swoon reminded her of the market’s reaction following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

“Eventually we’re going to get to a place where this fear, it’s something that we get used to living with, the same way we got used to living with the threat of living with terrorism,” she said.

“But right now, people don’t know how or when we’re going to get there, and what people do in that situation is to retrench.”

The virus has now infected more than 82,000 people globally and is worrying governments with its rapid spread beyond the epicenter of China.

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## AP decides not to declare Iowa caucus winner after recount

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iowa Democratic Party on Thursday released updated results of the Iowa caucuses after the completion of a recount requested by the campaigns of Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg.

In the new results, Buttigieg has 562.954 state delegate equivalents and Sanders has 562.021 state delegate equivalents out of 2,151 counted. That is a margin of 0.04 percentage points.

The Associated Press has reviewed the updated results and will not call a winner, given remaining concerns about whether the results as reported by the party are fully accurate. The Feb. 3 caucuses were beset by technical glitches that led to a delay in reporting the results, inconsistencies in the numbers and no clear winner.

The party plans to certify the results on Saturday. At that point, the caucuses will formally end, and no further changes to the results will be made.

Iowa awards 41 national delegates in its caucuses. As it stands, Buttigieg has 13 delegates and Sanders has 12. Elizabeth Warren won eight, Joe Biden won six and Amy Klobuchar won one.

A final delegate will be awarded to Buttigieg as the candidate with the most state delegate equivalents. The AP will update its tally of the national delegates won in Iowa with that final delegate on Saturday, once the Iowa Democratic Party formally votes to certify the results.

Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price resigned after the caucus fiasco, saying that Democrats deserved better and that he bore responsibility for any failures. Iowa Democrats selected Iowa state Rep. Mark Smith as interim chairman after Price’s resignation.

This isn’t the first time the AP has decided against calling a race, though it is rare.

The most notable example was in 2000, when the results of the race between George W. Bush and Al Gore were too close to call at the end of election night. The AP decided not to call the race for either candidate. The ensuing recount dispute eventually reached the Supreme Court, which effectively cleared the way for Bush to become president.

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## 29 Turkish soldiers killed in northeast Syria air strike



Turkish backed Syrian rebels enter the town of Saraqeb, in Idlib province, Syria, Thursday. PHOTOGRAPH BY GHAITH ALSAYED/AP

BEIRUT (AP) — An air strike by Syrian government forces killed 29 Turkish soldiers in northeast Syria, a Turkish official said Friday, marking the largest death toll for Turkey in a single day since it first intervened in Syria in 2016.

The deaths were a serious escalation in the direct conflict between Turkish and Russia-backed Syrian forces that has been waged since early February.

Rahmi Dogan, the governor of Turkey’s Hatay province bordering Syria’s Idlib region, said 29 troops were killed and others were seriously wounded in the attack late Thursday. He said 39 injured were being treated in Turkish hospitals.

Three Turkish soldiers were killed earlier Thursday in Idlib. At least 50 have now been killed in Idlib since the start of February.

U.N. Secretary-General reiterated his call for an immediate cease-fire and expressed serious

concern about the risk to civilians from escalating military actions,” U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

“Without urgent action, the risk of even greater escalation grows by the hour,” Dujarric said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was holding an emergency security meeting in Ankara, state-run Anadolu news agency reported. Meanwhile Turkish Foreign Minister Mevut Cavusoglu spoke to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg by telephone.

Erdogan’s spokesman Ibrahim Kalin, who plays a senior role in foreign affairs, also spoke to U.S. National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien.

The air strike came after a Russian delegation spent two days in Ankara for talks with Turkish officials on the situation in Idlib, where a Syrian government offensive has sent hundreds of thousands of civilians fleeing towards the Turkish border.

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## Government obesity survey released

OVER 40% OF ADULTS OBESE

NEW YORK (AP) — About 4 in 10 American adults are obese, and nearly 1 in 10 is severely so, government researchers said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention findings come from a 2017-18 health survey that measures height and weight. More than 5,000 U.S. adults took part.

The survey found that the obesity rate was 42% — higher than the 40% found in a similar 2015-16 study. The severe obesity rate was more than 9% in the new survey, up from the 8% figure in the previous one.

Those increases aren't considered statistically significant: The survey numbers are small enough that there's a mathematical chance the rates didn't truly rise.

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But it's clear that adult obesity rates are trending up, said the CDC's Cynthia Ogden, one of the report's authors.

A half-century ago, about 1 in 100 American adults were severely obese. Now it's 10 times more common.

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The findings suggest that more Americans will get diabetes, heart disease and cancer, said Dr. William Dietz, a George Washington University obesity expert.

It also will be increasingly difficult for doctors to care for so many severely obese people, Dietz said. He has estimated that on average, every primary care doctor treating adults has about 100 severely obese patients.

“How's a provider going to do that? Severe obesity really requires very intensive therapy,” he said.

The CDC did not report new obesity numbers for kids and teens. That may come out later this year, Ogden said. In 2015-16, 18.5% of kids and teens were obese and just under 6% were severely obese.

Dietz faulted the government for not pushing for more measures to promote physical activity and better eating. Building more sidewalks and passing a national tax on sugary beverages could make a big difference, he said.

Obesity — which means not merely overweight, but seriously overweight — is considered one of the nation's leading public health problems.

It is measured by the body mass index, or BMI, a figure calculated from a person's weight and height. A BMI of 25 or greater is considered overweight, a BMI of 30 and above is obese, and a BMI of 40 or above is severely obese.

## US finds failures in USC's treatment of gynecologist claims

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. Department of Education said Thursday it found systemic failures in the University of Southern California's treatment of allegations of sexual abuse by a longtime campus gynecologist and ordered the school to overhaul its procedures for preventing sex discrimination and to conduct a formal review of how employees responded.

“This total and complete failure to protect students is heart-breaking and inexcusable,” Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement.

Dr. George Tyndall, who treated USC students for nearly three decades, has pleaded not guilty to criminal charges filed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office regarding 16 patients. Civil litigation involves thousands of former patients.

“What we have found at USC is shocking and reprehensible,” said Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Kenneth L. Marcus. “No student should ever have to face the disgusting behavior that USC students had to deal with.”

The Education Department said its Office of Civil Rights and the university have entered into an agreement calling for sweeping changes in its enforcement of Title IX, the law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs that receive federal funding.

Those changes include ensuring that USC's Title IX coordinator and office have independent authority to respond to reports of sex discrimination, track every complaint or report of potential sex discrimination, and provide documentation of such reports and complaints.

Among other measures, the university must also make efforts to contact current and former patients as well as former employees who may require remedies to sex discrimination, and a review must be conducted to determine whether current and former employees took appropriate action when there were complaints about Tyndall.

Also, students, employees and trustees must be trained about sex discrimination, and health center employees must receive specialized training. The university must allow compliance monitoring for three years, according to the agreement.

“There is no higher priority for me than protecting the health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and patients,” USC President Carol Folt said in a statement. “I will continue to work diligently to restore trust in this institution and build a strong foundation of integrity and accountability.”

She also said the school wants to foster a campus environment free from discrimination and harassment.

Tyndall resigned from USC in 2017 and allegations against him became public in 2018 through a Los Angeles Times investigation.

## Grandfather, Navy vet among 5 victims of Wisconsin shooting

The five men who were killed by a co-worker at a Milwaukee brewery include an electrician, a Navy veteran, a father of two small children, a fisherman and a grandfather who is being remembered as someone who “always put his family's needs before his own.”

Authorities said the five men were working at Molson Coors Brewing Co. on Wednesday when they were killed by a co-worker, who then turned his gun on himself. Milwaukee police Chief Alfonso Morales identified the victims on Thursday as Jesus Valle Jr., 33, of Milwaukee; Genady Levshetz, 61, of Mequon; Trevor Wetselaar, 33, of Milwaukee; Dana Walk, 57, of Delafield; and Dale Hudson, 60, of Waukesha.

The gunman, 51-year-old Anthony Ferrill, was also identified Thursday. He was an electrician at Molson Coors and his motive remains a mystery. Police say the case is still under investigation, and they have yet to release details about how the shooting unfolded.

Molson Coors chief executive officer Gavin Hattersley said employees were grieving for the five who were lost.

“They were powerhouse operators, they were machinists and they were electricians,” he said. “But more important, they were husbands, they were fathers and they were friends.

They were part of the fabric of our company and our community and we will miss them terribly.”

Some family members of victims reached by The Associated Press did not wish to comment for this story, but some details about their loved ones' lives were starting to emerge in online death notices and social media pages.

Walk was an avid fisherman and Green Bay Packers fan who loved spending time with his family at a nearby lake, according to a death notice. A Facebook page that may belong to Walk contains numerous pictures of fishing — including ice fishing — as well as photos of sailing and riding an all-terrain vehicle.

Walk is survived by his wife of 35 years, as well as a son and two daughters.

“He was always listening to his music while working on his hobbies, home projects and anything he could do to help others,” his death notice said. A funeral Mass will be held Friday in Pewaukee.

Hudson had been an electrician at Miller Coors since 2008, according to his LinkedIn page. Hudson's page also said he attended MATC Milwaukee, WCTC Pewaukee and the University of Phoenix, but did not graduate. His Facebook profile said he is married, and lists that he attended Elkhorn Area High School. His Face-

book page also lists several hunting photos.

A woman who answered a phone number for Hudson had no comment when reached by The Associated Press.

A LinkedIn page that may belong to Wetselaar says he has worked as an engine room operator with Miller Coors since June 2018, and before that he was a nuclear reactor operator with the U.S. Navy. It also says he was a submarine qualified leading petty officer of a reactor control division on board a U.S. Navy submarine.

A Wisconsin alumni magazine class update published in 2012 confirmed that Wetselaar graduated from the university in 2009 and was serving in the Navy.

Levshetz's death notice said he was married and is survived by two children and two grandchildren. It said he would be remembered as a “kind, caring, and giving person who always put his family's needs before his own.” His funeral was scheduled for March 1.

Levshetz's neighbor, Martha Siegman, described him as quiet and peaceful, and someone who would use his snowblower to help out others and wave every time he left the driveway. Siegman said Levshetz was also particular about his yard and loved to run his lawnmower. She said she called him “Grandpa.”



The Molson Coors facility Thursday, in Milwaukee. An employee at the historic Molson Coors facility shot and killed five co-workers Wednesday afternoon and then turned the gun on himself. PHOTO BY MORRY GASH/AP

## Washington approves banning 'gay panic' defense of homicide

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A measure prohibiting homicide defendants from claiming a defense based on panic over a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity has been passed by lawmakers in Washington state.

Nine states — California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island — have legislatively banned the use of gay or transgender panic as a legal defense.

The Washington measure, passed by the Senate on a bi-

partisan 46-3 vote Wednesday, is named after Nikki Kuhnhausen, a transgender teen who was killed last year, The Columbian reported.

Kuhnhausen, 17, disappeared in early June and her remains were discovered Dec. 7, southeast of Battle Ground. A Vancouver man has been charged with second-degree murder and malicious harassment, which is a hate crime in Washington.

Authorities the Vancouver teenager was strangled after her assailant learned she was transgender. He has pleaded not

guilty. There was no immediate indication if he will attempt to use a “panic” defense.

The bill, which passed the House earlier this month on a 90-5 vote, would block a defendant from using a defense based on discovery or disclosure of the victim's actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation and would prevent a claim of “diminished capacity” because the defendant did not fully comprehend the nature and gravity of the alleged crime.

The legislation now goes to Gov. Jay Inslee for his signature.

## Lamont's chief of staff, architect of toll plan, resigns

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gov. Ned Lamont's chief of staff, who helped develop the governor's ill-fated trucks-only toll plan, has resigned.

Ryan Drajewicz, a former hedge fund executive from Westport's Bridgewater Associates, is stepping down as part of a planned transition, the governor's office said Thursday. When Lamont became governor last year, Drajewicz agreed to serve for one year.

“I appreciate Ryan's dedica-

tion and service to our state,” Lamont said. “He has been an important partner as we began our administration and I thank him for being a partner in our efforts to lead our office.”

Paul Mounds, who has been serving as the state's chief operating officer, will take over as chief of staff. He will be the first African American to serve in that position.

Drajewicz served as the transition director after Lamont was elected in November 2018.

He is credited with helping design the governor's \$19.1 billion transportation plan, which included the proposal to impose tolls on trucks.

Lamont dropped that plan last week, expressing frustration with legislative leaders who delayed a vote on the issue.

Lamont has said he plans for now to generate that money instead through state borrowing to help finance his roughly \$19 billion 2030 transportation improvement plan.

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## New HuskyTHON record should inspire us all

This past weekend, thousands of University of Connecticut community members came together to support Connecticut Children's Medical Center. This year's HuskyTHON raised over \$1.5 million, an all-time record for the event.

This is an amazing achievement. Since its inception in 2000, the dance marathon has grown immensely. Just under \$14,000 was raised back then, nothing to balk at. But since getting off the ground, HuskyTHON has only done better and better, year after year. In 2009, UConn broke \$100,000. Less than 10 years later, we topped \$1 million.

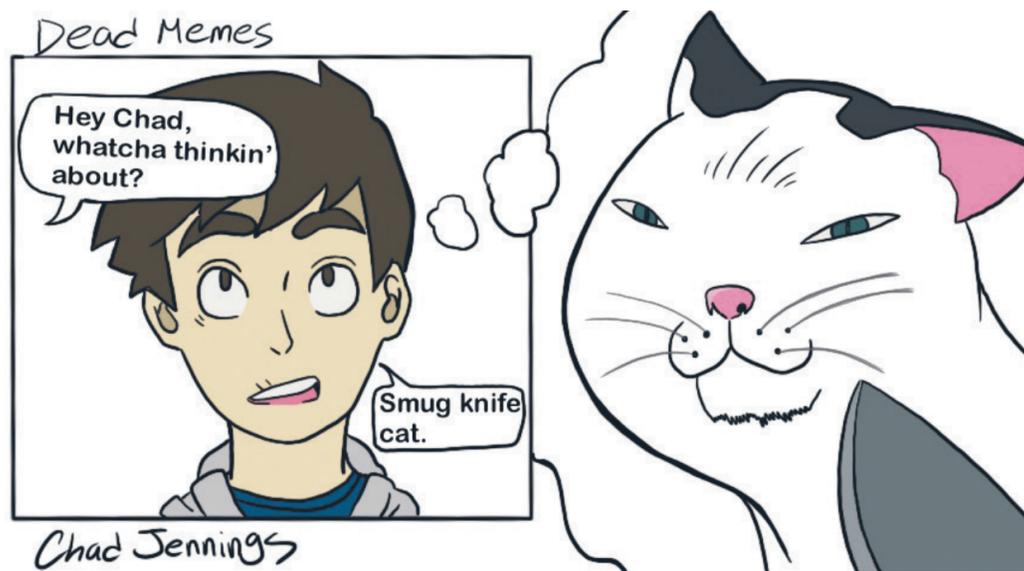
It has not stopped there. The strides we have made in the past couple years are nothing short of incredible. It is inspiring to see the absolute energy leading up to and during the event. When we first broke seven figures, many feared we would be in for disappointment the year after. Instead, it has galvanized the community, encouraging people to give more of their time and money to this cause. Seeing UConn climb to new heights is inspiring.

It's critical to keep in mind that this does not just happen by accident. This is the result of months of dedication by fundraisers, morale captains and organizers. We have not taken the total ever further for the past decade by sitting on our laurels. It is only by the repeated effort of students that we are able to accomplish this. Some day, we may falter just a step, but for now the energy is high.

After such an emotionally taxing fall and winter for the UConn community, it gives a little hope to see us come together to achieve something great. This is a coming together of not only students, not only the organizers, not only UConn as an institution, but of the entire community holding us up. Just as HuskyTHON represents giving back to our community, may we also keep in mind the effort that those around us have put in to get us to where we are.

Dancing for 18 hours in the meantime is some mix of exhilarating and exhausting, but it is the purpose and impact of this event that we may find truly energizing. And so, while those involved sit in the afterglow (or catch up on much-needed sleep), may we all use this as inspiration to work just as hard next year and every day until then.

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SPEAK NOW!

## Trump and Modi's terrifying, autocratic parallels

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President Donald Trump was in India earlier this week in order to meet with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi in order to negotiate trade and security deals. Trump was welcomed to India with a large rally. However, many protests also ensued, with some even turning deadly.

There are certain chilling similarities between Trump and Modi, such as their crackdown on illegal immigration. In addition, Modi and Trump are both clearly anti-Islam, with Modi's legislation targeting Muslims has sparked protests in the capital city of New Delhi.

In December 2019, the Parliament of India passed the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which provided a path to Indian citizenship for illegal immigrants based on religion. The CAA creates a path so that Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians who have fled persecution in their home countries can become citizens of India easily. The amendment most notably does not include Muslims. In conjunction with India's National Register of Citizens — which documents all legal citizens of India — many people fear that quite a few current Indian citizens who are Muslim may be rendered stateless. Supporters of the legislation argue that Muslims in neighboring countries are not marginalized, and so it is a valid law. However, it does not account for the many who do in fact face discrimination and persecution, such as the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar or the Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan.

For the past few years, this kind of discrimination and hatred towards certain groups of people has come to light in many parts of the world. Many people are able to clearly see it in the U.S., but it is also present in

other countries like India. Modi is anti-Islam, and he is creating very strict rules regarding immigration. Sound familiar? It should.

The similarities between Trump and Modi are terrifying. Both have very frightening nationalistic views, display outward anti undocumented-immigrant rhetoric, do not condemn censorship of the press and leave untouched forms of racism that target certain groups.

Like Trump, Modi also has an unwavering group of followers. In 2016, in order to combat corruption, Modi declared that certain currency would not be accepted after a certain period of time. The decision was made very abruptly, and a lot of pandemonium ensued. Despite this, and the fact that this strategy was unable to ultimately combat corruption, Modi's popularity did not waver.

Both Trump and Modi have been likened to leaders of countries in a state of democracy that are gradually turning their rules into autocracies. Their limiting of the press has been likened to the way that President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil threatened the media with regards to the Amazon fires. The nature of the way they rule their respective countries is terrifying.

During his visit to India, Trump claimed that Modi should be called the "Father of India" due to how well he has united the country. However, Modi has clearly not united the country considering the numerous protests regarding legislation that Modi has passed. There have also been major religious tensions, erupting in some far-right Hindus bringing batons and stones into a mosque in New Delhi, attacking and killing many people, most of whom were Muslims. These tensions are escalated by Modi's legislation and the atmosphere that he has created.

Modi was elected to be a democratic leader. However, many of his



## Similarities between Donald Trump and Narendra Modi

- crackdown on illegal immigration
- anti-Islamic policies
- nationalistic attitude
- failure to condemn censorship
- unwavering group of followers

classist, bigoted actions have very autocratic undertones. The way he is leading India is frightening for the entire world.

In his recent episode of "Last Week Tonight," comedian John Oliver pointed out that many are terrified in India, especially with the new laws and the overall atmosphere.

"I'd say that this atmosphere could get someone killed, but the truth is it already has. Since Modi came to power, there has been an overall rise in attacks against minorities," Oliver said.

The dangerous environment that Modi has created is very reminiscent to the one that Trump has created in the U.S. These environments are not even the worst in the world, yet they are still extremely alarming. Everyone around the world must be united in our protests in order to fight what our democracies are turning into.

## Friendships fend off frightful fates

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In such a fast-paced, goal-oriented society, it can be very difficult to make time for yourself, let alone for other people. It is not uncommon to get swept up in school or work or both for days, weeks and even months and neglect your personal relationships along the way. In college, we are surrounded by potential friends at almost every minute, so it is a fairly simple thing to reach out to one to grab lunch or cram for an exam together. But even then, people can become so busy that they do not have the time or energy to spend time with their friends living down the hall. After college, it becomes even harder to stay connected to friends as people move away, start living alone or with family and begin working. However, losing touch with one's friends can be severely detrimental to one's health. In addition to the mental toll of loneliness and disconnectedness, being friendless also seems to have a profound effect on physical health.

Humans are social beings, inclined to make relationships with those around us. For the most

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part, even those who struggle to meet new people and make new friends desire authentic and meaningful friendships. Friendship is a wonderful thing; having just one person that you truly connect with and feel comfortable around can be enough to get you through difficult times. Good friends uplift each other, support one another, and bring joy into each other's lives. Real friends encourage you and challenge you to be your best self. And while it can be easy to take your friends for granted, being separated from true friends can really make you appreciate how important that bond is.

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## We must follow our passions

If the economy can't provide guidance, maybe your interests can.

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We in higher education are frequently told we should study something that will yield us high pay, stable employment and opportunities for career development. There are frequent debates of which specific studies fulfill this conception of worthwhile job training. But there are many purely practical reasons to disregard this life advice. It implies that the economy is stable, rational and predictable, and that we can determine which jobs will be in high demand decades from now.

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# Life

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## From page to publishing: Jennifer Baker

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The process of getting writing published involves people from all aspects and roles of the industry and readers may have no idea how much they contribute to getting the work out into the world. Last night at Barnes and Noble, Jennifer Baker, a writer and editor at Penguin Random House, provided insight to students who may be interested in pursuing a career in writing and editing.

“I’ve been working in publishing for 17 years,” Baker said. She is the author of “The Pursuit of Happiness” and editor of the anthology “Everyday People: The Color of Life,” which featured authors of color. “I started off in editorial, I moved onto media, then I moved into production, now I’m working in managing editorial in children’s books.”

Sean Forbes, Director of the Creative Writing Program, had been friends with Baker since they attended the same high school and pursued literary pursuits together. He started off the night with a poetry reading of “La Voz del Mano,” while Baker followed off with a reading of two short stories, one of them by Gendaliz Camacho, from the anthology she served as editor of.

“The aim here is to continue what other writers have cobbled together of not only Black voices but Asian/Pacific Islander, Indigenous, and Latinx ones as well,” Baker said in the introduction of “Everyday People,” which she refers to later in her talk. She attributes



Jennifer Baker spoke at UConn’s Barnes and Noble Thursday. Baker prides herself on her inclusive and diverse writing that she hopes continues to grow as time goes on. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

the creation of the anthology to the late Brook Stephenson. “The name of this anthology is not meant to solely focus on the racial composition of the writers or characters but to showcase the larger story and relationships depicted as well as the landscape.”

With her various roles in the publishing world, Baker has been working on increasing and improving the representation of people of color in the industry.

“For the past six years I have been doing more advocacy for representation by marginalized people in the industry,” Baker said. “I think it’s no shocker that it’s not very representative of people in the LGBTQ+

community, the BIPOC [Black and Indigenous People of Color] community, and disabled and religious minorities and

other identities with marginalized experiences in non-dominant matters.”

Many of her efforts, such as creating and hosting the “Minorities in Publishing” podcast, have been done in tandem with her many collaborators.

“Since 2014, we have been pushing for the conversation [about representation] to never leave, but we need to move beyond conversation,” Baker said. “What does action mean? It means being uncomfortable ... but it needs to happen.”

Baker mentioned realizing her place in privilege and the importance of others being aware of how they can use their privilege to

help others.

“What I want to discuss even more in my work is privilege and where that comes from and how we use it,” Baker said. “So when we hear a story like this, it may make you uncomfortable, but that’s the reality.”

To pursue a literary career, Baker offered advice on how to put yourself out there.

“The first thing you’re going to want to do is get an internship,” Baker said. “I am not a fan of those certificate programs or masters programs in publishing. I just don’t believe that they’re necessary to get in there. The main thing that happens is networking. The most important thing is if there’s a particular position you’re interested in, finding work that also assists you in being able to sell yourself on that resume with.”

From discussing the long hours of being an editor to the years it may take to write a short essay, Baker has much experience in her various positions over the past years to impart students with open and helpful advice. She offered detailed information about obtaining a literary agent, making queries and resources to look for as a writer or someone aspiring to work in publishing.

“You want to see how long you’re actually going to stick with it,” Baker said in relation to writing. “Because you might start something, and then two months later, you’re like, ‘This was not a great idea.’ And that’s ok. It’s absolutely okay to start something and then realize you don’t love it enough to stick with it for a long period of time.”

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## TAKE A CHANCE ON BITTERSWEET LOVE IN COIN'S "DREAMLAND"

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American indie-pop band Coin has returned with its third album, “Dreamland,” since “How Will You Know If You Never Try” was released three years ago. Released on Feb. 21, the album is a journal of the trio’s experience over the last few years.

“Dreamland” is more than just an album, it’s a musical journey through uncertainty and hardship in the span of 14 songs. The first track is “Into My Arms,” which opens up listeners to “Dreamland” and what’s to come. Starting with both light- and hard-hitting synths, the vocals come in with a melodic punch. The instrumentation and melodies of this song make for a perfect opening track and perfect example of Coin’s music.

The fourth song of the album, “Crash My Car,” combines a sick bass track with some lyrics that make great use of repetition with frontman Chase Lawrence’s vocals. For example, “All eyes on the golden girl / She’s gonna tell ya, gonna tell ya / Gonna tell ya that you’re too sweet / Swan dive to the concrete floor / The pavement never felt so warm / One look and you already know / She’s gonna cut ya, gonna cut ya / Gonna cut ya, cut ya real deep.” The song builds up and culminates in an anthemic chorus with “You can crash my car tonight / Go out, wasting all my time and money (Money) / I love the way you’re breaking my heart / And I can’t stand to see you leaving lonely.”

“Youuu,” the seventh track off of “Dreamland,” is a melancholic song about a breakup, exploring the anxiety that comes with getting close to someone new after having your heart broken. According to an interview with Billboard, “Youuu,” was the first song that was written for the album and was the song responsible for saving the group from disbanding.

“I was upstairs in one of the other rooms of the house and heard Chase singing, ‘It’s always been you’ while playing the piano,” drummer Ryan Winnen said. “It was instant and familiar. Once in a while, when someone is creating something brand new, someone else comes along and says, ‘What song is that?’ — ‘Youuu’ is one of those songs.”

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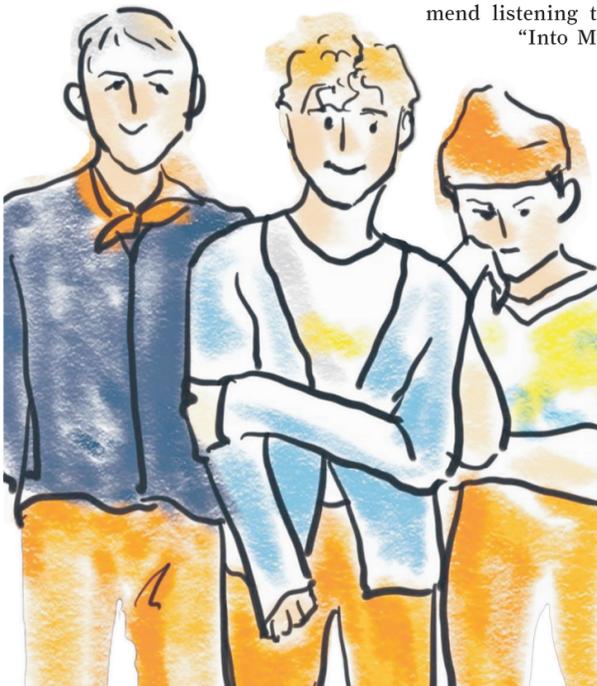
forever song.”

Right after the melodious and bittersweet “Valentine,” “Nobody’s Baby” is an absolute sensation. Everything about this song makes it an absolute anthem and probably one of the best tracks on “Dreamland.” The first line, “Wake up, lying face up / I’m feeling like I found myself,” combined the fast-paced drumming and rhythmic guitar, build up to a bare-bones pre-chorus that peaks in a quick and harmonious chorus. Each pre-chorus, along with the bridge, feels like summiting a mountain once you get to the ecstatic release that comes from the chorus. If there’s just one song you have to listen to from “Dreamland,” it’s this one.

If you’re not entirely sure if Coin’s synth-rock is to your taste, I would recommend listening to “Into My



COIN’s latest album, “Dreamland” spans 14 songs and tells the story of uncertainty and hard times. It is the band’s third album and first major release in three years. PHOTOS BY COIN’S INSTAGRAM @COIN



Arms,” “Nobody’s Baby” and “Never Change” for a sample of what the band is capable of. However, the album is best heard in chronological order due to the transitions and overall structure of the album.

Most of the time, the song order of albums doesn’t matter as much as the content, but for Coin’s “Dreamland,” the structure adds to the journey. It begins with strong synths in “Into My Arms,” “Simple Romance” and “Crash My Car”; then slowing down in “Dreamland Sequence,” “Valentery,” “Youuu” and “Cemetery”; the album picks back up in songs like “Nobody’s Baby” and “Never Change” until it ultimately ends in a calm exhale with “Heaven Hearted” and “Let It All Out (10:05).”

There’s honestly nothing I can critique on this album. You can vibe with every song, and you can tell that there’s a reason for the album to be structured the way it is, beginning with strong momentum from the relentless jam that is “Into My Arms” and ending on the mellow, yet fulfilling, “Let It All Out (10:05).” Coin is back and, as you can see on “Dreamland,” they’re better than ever.





## SUPERPOWERED STORIES FOR YOUR SHELVES

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From the “Avengers” frenzy making global icons out of Spider-Man and Iron Man to the boundary-breaking “Wonder Woman,” superheroes and their stories are timeless staples of the visual and literary entertainment industry. Although comic books and graphic novels are the classic form of superhero stories, their many adaptations have created numerous more creative iterations and have reached vast audiences. There’s definitely something that makes the superpower genre so universal. Its commonality also challenges creators to make their work unique and of high quality. Here are some superhero books to look out for.

### “Vicious” and “Vengeful” by V.E. Schwab

This duology contained two of my favorite reads of the summer and is fittingly titled the “Villains” series. Schwab turns the concept of superheroes on its ear by writing her two main characters as morally gray, at conflict with their own powers and each other. The books are action-packed, yet introspective, easily read, yet some of the most skillful prose and writing I’ve come across.

ExtraOrdinaries are people that were at the brink of death but against all odds managed to survive and also received an extraordinary power suited to their psyche. Eli and Victor are two college students who decided to test the laws of nature and impose this phenomena on themselves. How they navigate their lives and powers post-experiment is an interesting look into the conflicting ideals of morally good and bad.

### “Renegades” trilogy by Marissa Meyer

With “The Lunar Chronicles,” Meyer excelled at creating such a dynamic and cohesive group of main characters while also creating individually well-developed characters. It was an aspect of her writing I had hoped would carry over to her superhero duology-turned trilogy, as a strong “squad”

is a staple of the genre. I’m not sure if I set my standards super high, but it did take me a little bit to warm up to Meyer’s society of the “good” renegades and “bad” anarchists. However, what I did come around to was the series’ exploration of the morally gray conflict between good versus evil. As expected, Meyer shone through with her characters, from their diversity to realistic characterization. When Nova, the main protagonist, was mentioned to be Filipina, my heart was so happy.

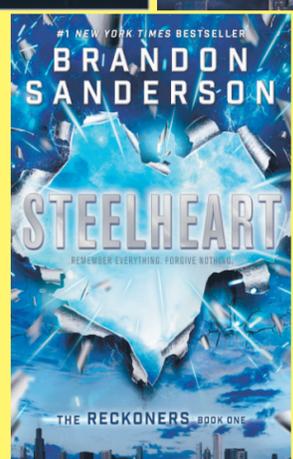
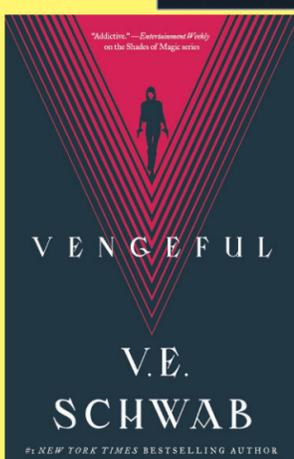
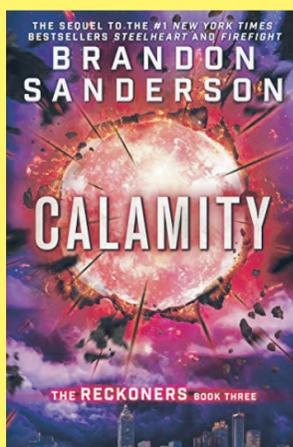
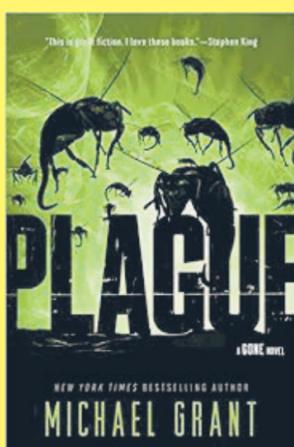
### “The Reckoners” trilogy by Brandon Sanderson

Sanderson is typically known for crafting intricate and masterful high fantasy stories, and his fantastic storytelling translates well to this foray into the Young Adult (YA) genre. From his plotting to his pacing, all three entries in the series are a fun and intense ride. It’s an epic revenge story (if you read the books, you’ll get the pun) as David seeks to apprehend

Steelheart, one of the people that was given superpowers after the “Calamity,” for killing his father. He needs the help of the Reckoners, the only people who seek to fight back against the extraordinarily powered people who have been using their powers for bad less than good.

### “Gone” series by Michale Grant

I’m so glad they revamped the covers of this series because the angsty teenagers staring off into the distance did not do their stories justice. Okay, so maybe these books are a bit younger, with 15-year-old protagonists, but that doesn’t take away from Grant’s gradual improvement in storytelling and worldbuilding as the series progresses. With six books, you would think there would be a dud or lull in the middle, but the sequential and close nature of each of them helps keep the action high. In the world of “Gone,” everyone except the younger age group has disappeared. As they fight for survival, they also have to deal with some teens mutating with supernatural abilities, which is sure to spell out danger.



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## Asian Beat: Yo-Yo Ma



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I decided to switch it up and opt for the classics this week, namely world renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. He’s a superstar in the string industry and for good reason.

When I was deciding in fourth grade which instrument to pick-up, one of my first thoughts was Yo-Yo Ma on the cello. Already at a young age, I was aware of his presence. Even before the tender age of however one is when they’re in fourth grade, Yo-Yo Ma was already performing his first show at the age of five, according to his Spotify bio. He already had me beat. His ability to play so many emotions in one instrument is incredible. His breakthrough came with a collection of Bach cello suites in 1983.

This cellist and songwriter of Chinese descent has a discography of 100 albums with 18 Grammy awards on top of his list of accomplishments, according to his online biography. I could only ever hope to attend the Grammys, much less win an award for one. Fun fact, the most Grammy’s ever won is by orchestral and operatic conductor Sir Georg Solti with the bar set at 31 awards for a wide array of works including Bach.

This Julliard School graduate has an impressive goal when creating music.

“Whether performing new or familiar works from the cello repertoire, collaborating with communities and institutions to explore culture’s role in society, or engaging unexpected musical forms, Yo-Yo strives to foster connections that stimulate the imagination and reinforce our humanity,” according to his biography.

What I admire most about the artist is his intrinsic connection to connect others through music and evoke feeling.

This article could go on and on about the impressive accomplishments of Yo-Yo Ma and how he’s the ultimate fulfillment of an Asian parent’s dream for their child of success in the music industry but it would certainly be too long. Instead, watch NPR’s Tiny Desk Concert featuring Ma and see the personality behind the instrument.

When I watched this video, I could see how he was really feeling the music he was playing, instead of robotically going through the movements. He began his concert with the classic that he might be most known for playing: Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major.

“Believe it or not, this was the very first piece of music I played on the cello when I was four years old. One measure at a time,” Ma said in his Tiny Desk Concert. The video itself exudes his talent and likeable personality.

One of my favorite songs by Ma is his piece he collaborated on in “Memoirs of a Geisha” titled “Sayuri’s Theme.” The movie itself is already a powerful story about a young woman living in brothel before World War II Japan, but Ma’s playing in the soundtrack contributes to the ambiance of the movie.

The haunting strings at the beginning and throughout makes me imagine a lonely young woman, alone in the world but looking to carve out a space and form her own identity. It’s something that I can connect and relate to every time I hear the song.

Of course, whenever I listen to “Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major” the first seconds of strings always has me feeling happy but also melancholy as Ma performs the piece from beginning to end. I’ve listened to the piece many times, but it will never get to the point of white noise for me, as there is so much depth to the piece and every listen is different, much like looking at a piece of art.

As a prominent Asian person in his field, Ma will be a longstanding figure and a role model for young musicians to come. As for me? He’s an essential artist for my non-musical studies.

### Three Songs For Your Playlist:

Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major

Suite for Cello and Orchestra (From “Memoirs of a Geisha”)

Sayuri’s Theme

# Big Brain Energy:

## THE GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL DEBATE SURROUNDING PORNOGRAPHY

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Sex. It's everywhere. In the music that we listen to and the movies we watch. It's on the social media apps we sometimes forget incredibly young children are using — take a 12-year-old on TikTok dancing to the song "BLACKOUT" by Lil Kapow with the lyrics verbatim being, "Pop a perc and I blackout / Fuck it, I'm blowing her back out." A bit unsettling. Now more than ever, children and adults alike have access to explicit content on the internet and no shortage of pornography through mediums like Pornhub and Redtube.

Porn has revolutionized the debate around sexual habits and remains a controversial subject for researchers. Does porn use contribute to sexual violence? Does porn use contribute to erectile dysfunction and delayed orgasm? Does porn use contribute unrealistic sexual expectations that can contribute to the destruction of a relationship? Or are all of these suggested relationships merely correlational and NOT causal? Or do they not even exist at all? Let's delve into the massive controversy regarding porn. Let's talk about sex — or in more specific terms, sex which is set up between two paid actors and is highly edited/exaggerated for the purpose of arousing people across the world through a computer screen.

In 2018, Grant Hilary Brenner, M.D. published an article in Psychology Today highlighting the four mediums by which porn can spell trouble for individuals. Those measures include sexual satisfaction, popular sex, loneliness and divorce. Current research confirms the dose-response related findings that exist within the realm of sexual satisfaction: More frequent porn use is associated with (not caused by, an important distinction) less sexual satisfaction in reality. Also important

to note: In no analysis of the results did researchers find an increased sexual satisfaction as it relates to higher pornography consumption.

There also exists the question of whether or not pornography is more male-centered and if, in response, many young males enter their first sexual experiences lacking expertise or knowledge of methods by which to pleasure their female counterparts. Porn is a business. In all legal respects, it does a great job of appealing to its prospective job market — statistically speaking, men. That's not to say women do not watch porn — but Pornhub data reported in a 2018 Psychology Today article confirmed that the website's demographic is broken down into 75% men and 25% women. The website was able to calculate this information from Google Analytics — a web traffic service that is able to break down site visits and the respective demographics of those visitors in several different ways. What's more — the age cohort that frequents the site the most is 18 to 24 year olds, claiming 30% of the site's total visits.

Do these statistics, as well as the fact that porn is generally more focused on male pleasure and not the female orgasm (which, as agreed upon by the medical community, is incredibly hard to achieve as compared to male orgasm), spell trouble for young, impressionable people who may be attempting to use pornography as sexual education for their first sexual encounters? Dr. Brenner seems to think so. The

curb appeal of porn exists in that it provides highly arousing



images with little background or emotion and suggests that women especially can orgasm from jackhammering penetration alone. Sorry dudes, that is just not the case.

"If porn is taken as a "how-to" manual for sex, it does a bad job, to say the least," Dr. Brenner said. "When it comes to instructing viewers on sexual pleasure, porn is generally inaccurate and likely to lead to low-quality sex and infrequent orgasm, especially for female partners, as well as one-dimensional, likely unsatisfying sex for males."

The third dimension discussed in Dr. Brenner's investigation deals with loneliness as it

pertains to pornography consumption.

The relation is suggested to be bilateral in that in one sense, loneliness can contribute to a heightened attraction to porn and in another sense that increased use of pornography can cause an individual to isolate themselves from reality — including family, work, sexual partners, which as

a whole can contribute to a serious porn addiction.

Porn behaves as a sort of medication, especially for people who may be depressed or anxious. In the same way that social media can provide an escape from our problems, porn essentially provides the same relief: Highly arousing images give individuals a sense of relief and a rush of feel-good chemicals, but the feelings of despair and anxiousness can return with a vengeance once the high passes. In turn, people who are otherwise normal in regards to their mental health can develop emotional issues if pornography becomes too prominent in their lives.

The final dimension has to do with actual romantic relationships and how pornography can cause destruction to marriage. There is a classic debate which exists in this realm: Is watching porn while married harmful, or can it be a good aspect to spicing up their sex lives, especially if we watch it together? A 2016 study titled "Till Porn Do Us Apart" investigates these trends further, and the numbers are staggering: People who started watching porn in their marriages were more likely to get a divorce. For men, that number jumped from 5% to 10%. For women, that number jumped from 6% to 18%. The research-

ers have good reason to believe the relationship is directional in that porn leads to increased divorce rates (as opposed to those in unhappy marriages electing to view more pornography in order to satisfy what they are lacking in reality). The results, especially for women, show significant reversibility: When women stop watching porn, their divorce rates revert back to 6% as opposed to the 18%.

Despite all of this information, science still has a long way to go in assessing how dangerous porn can be, what it means for individuals and their sexual relationships as well as how to possibly harness its popularity for good (if at all possible). As the divorce study author and sociologist Samuel Perry said, these findings merely should contribute to a more open conversation about porn use and its implications in the many avenues of life.

"My colleague and I are trying to report what we think are interesting and relevant results, and [we] are not trying to contribute to a moral crusade against porn use," Perry told Science Magazine in 2016. "Information is a positive thing, and [we] hope we can contribute in that way."

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# Opinion

## BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS WILL LEAD TO A HAPPIER HEALTHIER LIFE

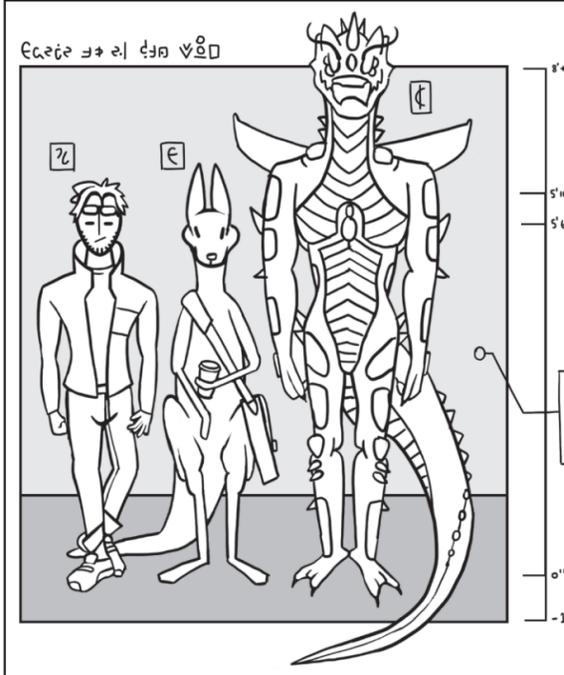
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People who lack robust and fulfilling social lives appear to have a higher likelihood of developing physical and mental health conditions. Friendlessness has been linked to lowered immunity, worsened cardiovascular health and increased rates of depression. One study even found that loneliness has the same damaging effect on health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. On the other hand, having good friendships can lead to lower stress levels and healthier habits such as eating good diets and exercising.

This does not mean that you need to have a huge circle of friends to protect you from the dangers of being alone. What matters is having at least a few true friends on whom you can fully rely. It is better to have only a handful of friends who love and support you than to have many superficial friends or toxic friends that drag you down.

Having just one good friend can make a tremendous difference in your life. The people you keep close to you are the ones who have the potential to make the greatest impact on your life, so it is important to surround yourself with people who lift you up. Seek out people who brighten your day and motivate you to be better. By the same token, if you meet someone who seems like they need a friend, do your best to be the positive influence that they need. Building strong networks of friends will help to combat the growing loneliness epidemic and lead to a healthier and happier society.

## Cartoon



### WANTED

Police are looking for anyone with information about the following three criminals and their whereabouts:

**Connor** Man aged 19, student at UCONN. Last seen at McMahon, eating the same lunch he has had every day for the last decade. Wanted for making a series of bad Werth tower puns. He should have known that it wasn't worth the risk.

**Pepper** Anthropomorphic kangaroo, age unknown. Wanted for existing. Authorities believe him to be the result of an underground genetic modification "experiment" and reckon that, in lieu of being able to punish those responsible, he should be held accountable for being born the wrong race, because that's how the American justice system works, and @#%& you.

**Sekrion** Dragon? Oversized lizard? Alien? We don't really know. Wanted for a few dozen counts of arson or something, but explosions in the news are exciting, so no rush on this one.

CARTOON BY CONNER RICKERMANN, STAFF CARTOONIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## If a high paying career is a myth, why not do what you love?

PASSIONS, cont. from p. 4

We live in particularly perilous times. The threat of devastating nuclear annihilation remains over half a century after the cold war. Environmental destruction and resource scarcity could lead to social collapse in the next few decades. And the smallest instability could trigger a global recession at any moment. In the midst of these factors, we are unable to predict which jobs will be secure and well compensated any amount of time in the future.

In addition to the futility of choosing a secure line of employment, we have to consider the ethics of limiting our education choice criteria to expected compensation. Our wages as educated workers are determined by a (complex) market. As in all markets, the price is set by the supply and demand for a given commodity. Like in most other markets, the demand for labor is determined undemocratically because wealth is unevenly distributed. This is to say that the best paid jobs are not necessarily such because they are the most valuable to society.

There are many examples of jobs being compensated inverse

to their social value. For example, emergency medical technicians have a median salary of about \$16 per hour, barely a living wage. By comparison, corporate lawyers make a median salary of over \$55 per hour. Nobody would argue that society should prioritize defending corporations before giving people emergency medical transportation.

This incongruence exists because most buyers in the market for educated labor — employers — are either corporate or government representatives, groups which in the United States mainly exist to serve the wealthy. Most of the time, we're being paid based upon how our labor furthers their agenda, not the value it provides to society. If we blindly give ourselves to this system of compensation, we sacrifice our dignity as workers and human beings, possibly compromising our values in the process.

Furthermore, we must recognize that this economic system is not immutable. It changes over time and has the potential to be replaced entirely. Years from now, there may be a completely different method of compensating workers, should we be imaginative enough to de-

velop another one. When that time comes, we will thank ourselves for not simply choosing well paid or secure employment under our current economic model.

So if we can't successfully look for a high paying and secure career, what should we study? There are plenty of times it seems we are unable to do both the most fulfilling and well compensated work simultaneously. But we must reject the notion that there is a simple choice between the two options.

Education should be about pursuing one's own interests in an autonomous manner. We face enough barriers to this being forced to earn basic necessities through wages and taking upon a lifetime of debt simply to participate in higher education. In spite of these, we have an opportunity now to develop ourselves intellectually and creatively as human beings, and we have a responsibility to rise above the demands of the status quo and our expected financial gain. We must study the subjects we enjoy which will develop ourselves personally, and which we expect to prepare us for rewarding, fulfilling work regardless of how well compensated it may be today.

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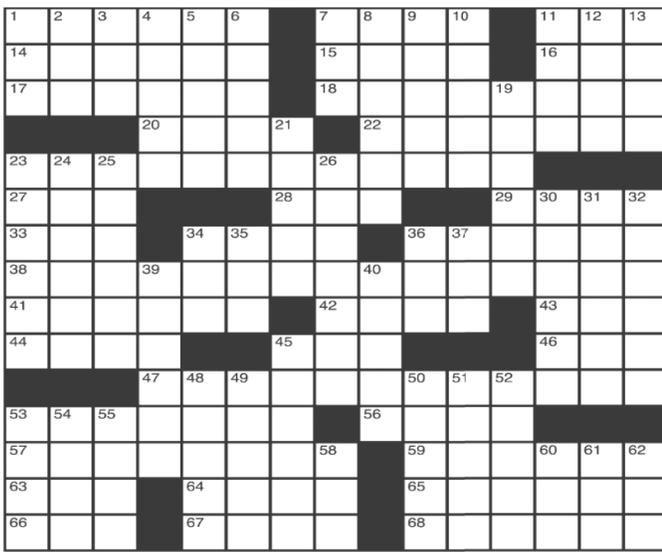
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By Mark MacLachlan 2/28/20

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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## Games

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## Fun facts

- Snakes can help predict earthquakes.
- The oldest "your mom" joke was discovered on a 3,500 year old Babylonian tablet.
- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.

# Men's Hockey: Huskies face toughest task of the year against No. 8 UMass Amherst

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Last week, the UConn men's hockey team took on a top-20 opponent in Boston University. They showed resilience, drive and commitment en route to two big wins, and have now moved to the No. 4 spot in the Hockey East Conference. But even with just three games remaining, nothing is guaranteed for the Huskies, and their path to the playoffs does not get any easier from here.

This weekend, UConn (14-13-4, 11-8-2 Hockey East) is set to face off against No. 8 UMass Amherst in a home-and-away series that will have major implications for the upcoming Hockey East playoffs. This will be the first meeting between the teams this season, and it could not come at a bigger time for either.

The Huskies are one of the hottest teams in college hockey at the moment, having won seven of their last eight games against conference foes, including big wins against No. 13 Maine, No. 15 Northeastern and the aforementioned BU Terriers. And while last weekend in particular it was the seniors who stepped up big, it has been a complete team effort for UConn during this stretch, with goals coming from 12 different players, leading to an average of over four goals a game.

Leading the pack for the Huskies has been forward Ben Freeman, over his last four games he has racked up three goals along with an impressive seven assists to move up to a team-leading 19 on the season, and performance last week against BU — two goals and five helpers — was good enough to earn him the No. 2 spot in the NCAA's Stars of the Week. His play on the ice has made it easy for the other guys to start putting up some ridiculous numbers of their own, including Sasha Payusov, Carter Turnbull and Vladislav Firstov, who have all eclipsed 10 goals on the season. But offense is not the only thing that wins hockey games.

UConn's defense, spearhead-

ed by the likes of Wyatt Newpower and Adam Karashik have done their best impression of a brick wall, allowing just over two goals per game over that same span against some of the top offenses in the conference. They've blocked countless shots and limited the shots opponents get off incredibly well, but even for those few that get by their defense, keeper Tomas Vomacka has looked great as well, making some key saves left and right to keep the Huskies close. It seems the Huskies can do no wrong as of late, and they will need to keep it that way facing off against the Minutemen this weekend.

UMass (19-10-2, 12-7-2 Hockey East) meanwhile, is on a similar stretch as UConn, winning three of their last four and currently sitting at No. 2 in the conference standings. The Minutemen are No. 2 in the conference in goals, scoring 3.23 per game while ranking No. 1 in goals allowed, letting in under two per game.

UMass is led by a duo of John Leonard and Mitchell Chaffee on offense. Leonard leads all of college hockey in goals with 24 on the season, while Chaffee has logged an impressive 16 goals and 13 assists in his junior year. They will be the players to keep an eye on if the Huskies hope to stay close in these games. As a team, the Minutemen have the second lowest power player conversion percentage at just over 11% but boast the third best penalty kill percentage — something UConn already struggles to convert on — at 85%. Both teams are known for their strong finishes to games thus far in the year, and that trend will no doubt continue into this one, making each final period all the more exciting.

Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. Friday at the XL Center before the final match of the series takes place Saturday night in Amherst. Friday night's game will also be UConn's senior night, honoring the Huskies' five graduating seniors on the team, and has a "white-out" theme. With the two teams separated by just two points in the conference standings, you won't want to miss these games.



The Huskies defeat the Merrimack Warriors 6-1 Friday evening at UConn. Merrimack scored the first goal 4 minutes into the game; junior Savannah Bouzide scored UConn's first goal on a power play. In addition, Graduate Student Jessie Aney scored her first UConn career goal. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Bradley's career night lifts Cal past No. 21 Colorado 76-62

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Matt Bradley matched his career highs of 26 points and five 3-pointers, and California pulled away in the second half to beat No. 21 Colorado 76-62 on Thursday night.

Kareem South had 19 points and Paris Austin added 12 as the Golden Bears (12-16, 6-9 Pac-12) emphatically ended a five-game losing streak against the Buffaloes and gave first-year coach Mark Fox his most significant win of the season while handing Colorado a stinging setback.

McKinley Wright IV scored 18 points and Tyler Bey had 13 for Colorado.

The Buffaloes (21-8, 10-6) were among a handful of teams who began the night a half-game behind conference-leading Arizona State. The Sun Devils played at UCLA later Thursday.

Cal's win came nearly a year to the day after its previous one over a Top 25 team, a 76-73 victory against No. 25 Washington on Feb. 25, 2019.

The Bears led nearly the entire game and pulled away after the Buffaloes scored the first two buckets of the second half.

Bradley, who appeared to hurt his elbow shortly after the break, spearheaded the surge in nearly every way. He made a shot just inside the 3-point line, then later had a 16-foot fadeaway. Bradley added a 3-pointer, then stole the ball from Evan Batten and sparked a fast break ending in a 3 by Paris Austin that made it 56-40.

Colorado, coming off a 70-63 loss to UCLA, got within 12 with

3½ minutes remaining before Paris Austin scored on a reverse for California.

Colorado trailed until Siewert made back-to-back 3s midway through the first half. Bradley followed with consecutive 3s for Cal, including one that ended in a four-point play after he was fouled by Bey.

### BIG PICTURE

Colorado: The loss to UCLA last week dropped coach Tad Boyle's team three spots in the AP Top 25. This one will almost surely knock the Buffaloes out of the rankings altogether and very well could end any hopes they had of winning the conference title. Colorado had followed its five previous losses with wins but now has back-to-back defeats for the first time since early December.

California: The Bears missed six of their first seven shots to open the second half, then took off and never looked back. Bradley's big game was huge, but South's production might have been more pivotal as he kept Colorado's defense on its heels and took some of the scoring pressure off Bradley.

### FORMER BEAR HONORED

Former Cal star Shareef Abdur-Rahim was given the Pete Newell Career Achievement award during a brief halftime ceremony. The third overall pick in the 1996 draft after winning conference player of the year honors during his one season with the Bears, Abdur-Rahim played 12 seasons in the NBA and currently works as the G League president.

## Column: Why 'Grandma's Cookies' are actually good

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The Daily Campus Sports section has had some fun over the last couple weeks. We've made light of Otto the Orange as the worst mascot in sports and predicted what 'Gods Will' do in honor of Jayson Tatum's latest ink.

But I think it's time to get back to some real, hard-hitting journalism and show my parents where their tuition money has gone.

Grandma's Cookies are actually good and do not deserve the unwarranted hate they often receive.

Alright. Let me preface this with the fact that if you've never had the privilege of eating a media boxed meal at a UConn sporting event, at either the XL Center or Gampel Pavilion, you probably have no idea what I'm talking about and have already lost interest. That's okay. This is mostly for the haters that sit in on our weekly sports meetings anyway.

As a member of the media covering a UConn game at either venue, you are given a boxed meal. They consist of a cold cut sandwich of your choosing, a bag of Cape Cod potato chips, all the mustard packets in the world and a package of two Grandma's Cookies.

No, not YOUR grandma's cookies, but a separate brand.

The first time I got one of

these iconic meals was in my junior year while covering a men's hockey game. I had no idea what to expect from the meal itself, but had little to expectations that the included cookies would be anywhere near good, let alone edible.

To my surprise, they were better than I expected and that was my take. "They're not great, but they're better than I expected," is what I would say anytime they became a topic of discussion. In a room where the majority of people have tried them, they came up in conversations more times than you'd probably guess.

Now, as a senior with only one boxed meal left in my student-media career, my take has slightly shifted. The cookies have gone from "better than expected" to "hey, these are actually pretty good". I'm not saying they're fantastic by any means, but calling them "trash" or straight up "bad" is just wrong.

The best comparison I can make, for those who have not had them, is they are very similar to the chewy version of Chips Ahoy — you know, the red packaging — but not in size. They are actually bigger, maybe double the size or so, with the same consistency and a perfectly normal ratio of cookie to chocolate chip (they come in other flavors, according to my research, but the chocolate chip variety is what is provided with the meal).

If you couldn't tell by now, this is a very polarizing topic

in the Daily Campus sports section. It has caused wars between writers and the feud will likely never end, but I'm giving it my best shot to put it to rest.

While I think the best way to move past this is to recognize each other's differences, I'm not ready to do so just yet. Some of the people I've gotten to know and develop friendships with sit on the opposite end of the spectrum as I. Andrew Morrision, who I share a counter with during weekly meetings and work with to cover the men's basketball team, routinely brings his package of cookies home to give to his roommates instead of eating them himself. Through an inside source on the women's basketball beat, I've learned Sean Janos also feels this way, though I'm not sure how he chooses to discard them. There may be others hiding, but those are the ones I'm aware of.

I'm not saying you have to love them or think they're the best, but at least judge them objectively. At their worst, they're solid. To me, they're good cookies. Heck, once I've had my last boxed meal, I may feel inclined to pick up a pack if I ever see them at the gas station. That's how good I think they are.

If you made it this far, congrats and thank you. You are likely a DC sports writer or my parents. Either way, I hope this made you proud. 'Grandma's Cookies' may not actually be your grandma's cookies, but they're pretty darn good.

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | High-Five Five



The Huskies take another home win, this time against UCF with a final score of 81-65. Christian Vital (1) and Isaiah Whaley (5) leading the team with 18 points each, and James Bouknight (2) with 16 points. Senior night will be week next week on 3/5, played against University of Houston. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF WRITER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# SOFTBALL: HUSKIES HEAD WEST FOR THE WEEKEND

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After a nearly two-week break, the UConn softball team will be back in action this weekend for another five-game set. This time, the Huskies will take their talents to the West Coast to play in the Capital Classic, hosted by UC Davis and Sacramento State.

UConn (8-2) will be looking for a repeat of its performance at the Spring Games, where the team went 5-0 against Stetson, Central Michigan and Purdue. This time, the Huskies will be taking on Santa Clara, UC Davis, St. Mary's and Sacramento State.

The team begins its weekend series with a doubleheader at La Rue Field in Davis, California on Friday. The Huskies will play Santa Clara at noon EST and UC Davis at 2:30 p.m. Then, they will go to Shea Stadium in Sacramento for a doubleheader on Saturday against Santa Clara and St. Mary's at noon and 2:30 p.m. Finally, on Sunday, UConn will play its fifth and final game against Sacramento State on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Shea Stadium.

Santa Clara out of the West Coast Conference enters the weekend with a 7-8 record, most recently losing to San Jose State on Wednesday. UConn has played the Broncos once before, losing 3-0 back in 2016, and that is the only opponent out of the four that UConn has any history with.

Santa Clara is led on offense by Sammy Needham, who is batting .455 with 20 hits in the 15 games so far. Their top pitcher is Regan Dias, who is 3-0 with a 1.35 ERA in 20 innings pitched.

UC Davis from the Big West Conference also has a 7-8 record, although they are 4-1 at home, where the Huskies will be playing them. The Aggies have lost three straight games heading into the weekend.

For the Aggies, Alyse Rojas is the player to watch for, as she's had a scorching hot start to her 2020 season. She's batting .545 with 30 hits, four home runs, 13 RBIs and an astounding 1.474 OPS. She leads a fierce lineup that has scored 89 runs and hit 17

home runs, but UC Davis's pitching hasn't been as great. Their top pitcher is Kenedi Brown, who has a 3.43 ERA in 34.1 innings.

For St. Mary's — another WCC team — it's been a tough season so far. The Gaels sit at just 4-12 and lost three out of four last weekend as the host of their own event. But players like Maddie Gallagher and Halle Sullivan have still had good seasons at the plate. Gallagher leads the team with a .317 batting average and 13 hits, while Sullivan leads St. Mary's with a .882 OPS and 10 RBIs. Both players have hit two home runs.

Finally, Sacramento State out of the Big Sky Conference will likely be the toughest task for the Huskies. The Hornets are 10-6 and have won four straight games, including one over UC Davis on Wednesday.

Sacramento State has the best pitching staff that UConn will face this weekend with a team ERA of just 2.45. All the pitchers except one have ERAs of 3.00 and under, but none have lower than Marissa Bertuccio's 2.15 mark. The Hornets aren't all pitching, though. Haley Hanson, Mo Speith and Alondra Mejia are all dangerous hitters in a lineup that bats .311 as a whole with 85 runs scored. The Hornets are the team most likely to give UConn some trouble.

However, UConn matches up well with all these teams and could very well come home with another weekend sweep. Marybeth Olson and Meghan O'Neil have carried the pitching staff with ridiculous ERAs of 0.76 and 0.95, respectively. It's unrealistic to expect them to continue that level of dominance, but as long as they're providing quality innings, the Huskies should be in good shape.

At the plate, Aziah James has been great out of the lead-off spot, leading the team with a .432 batting average and 16 hits, while Kiwi McDaniel and Briana Marcelino have been key contributors in the middle of the lineup, driving in 16 runs combined.

The Huskies have been really good so far, and they're not facing any teams they can't handle this weekend. So UConn could be set for another dominant weekend.



UConn Softball takes home a 2-1 win against Quinnipiac University last season.

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## Men's Basketball: UConn make their final trek to face the ECU Pirates



The Huskies took another home win, this time against UCF with a final score of 81-65. James Bouknight (2) scored 16 points in the night's game. Senior night will be next week on 3/5, played against University of Houston. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF WRITER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL, cont. from p. 12

Vital, the lone, true senior on the Huskies' squad has made strides on the court and as a leader of the last month and a half, according to his coach. Now ranked 12th on UConn's all-time scoring list, Vital made a season-high eight shots on 15 attempts against USF and has scored 20 or more points in three of the last four games. Described as more Marcus Smart than Damian Lillard by Hurley, he's averaging 7.5 rebounds and nearly three steals per contest over the same stretch.

"He becomes an example for next year's team and for future guys that I coach here," Hurley said. "The 180 he's made in terms of his leadership, how he's helped bring along the younger players, how he's adjusted his offensive approach. There's more wins out there for us, but his legacy here is not just a guy who accumulated stats, but I think you'll look two, three years down the line when we win a championship and he's going to have his fingerprints on it."

Before that championship comes, the Huskies have a date

with the Pirates (11-18, 5-11 The American) and will look to extend their winning streak to five games over ECU.

UConn sits seventh in the conference and boasts the sixth-best offense. Losers of four of its last five, ECU is only ahead of Tulane in The American standings and scores 68.5 points per contest — 10th best in the conference.

Sophomore Jayden Gardner captains the ship for ECU with 20 points per game and nearly 10 rebounds to match. Tristen Newton, a rookie, dishes out 3.6 assists a game and takes the ball more than once a game (1.2 steals per game) — both stats lead the team.

The Huskies won 82-73 over the Pirates last season on the road. Josh Carlton dropped 20 points and 11 rebounds and could use the familiar backdrop as a spark for a big performance. Carlton hasn't scored double-digit points since Jan. 29 and hasn't eclipsed more than 14 minutes in a game since the win over Memphis almost two weeks ago.

Tipoff is slated for 2 p.m. on Saturday from Minges Coliseum in Greenville, North Carolina and ESPNU will have the televised broadcast.

## Baseball: UConn headed to the New Orleans

### BASEBALL cont. from p. 12

UNO's lineup has been pretty top heavy to start the season. DH Pearce Howard has been the biggest bat in the lineup. He is 10-for-35 with a team-high two home runs and 11 RBIs this season. In their most recent game against city-rivals Tulane, he went 3-for-6 with a double and two RBIs.

The two set-up guys that hit before Howard have done a good job of setting the table for the slugger. Outfielders Jamarian Crain and Gaige Howard bat at the top of UNO's lineup, and have been getting on base a lot this season.

Together they went 5-for-11 in that Tulane game, and hit a combined 12-for-23 in last weekend's series against Arkansas State. They scored 12 runs in those four games alone.

But the highest batting average on the team belongs to the cleanup batter, Luther Woullard. He is batting .324 (12-for-37) with six RBIs and five walks. Woullard, Crain and Howard are a combined 4-for-4 stealing bases this season.

As for UNO's pitching, it's been solid lately. They've only surrendered two crooked numbers in the last five games, with three of

their starters sporting ERAs under 2.00. Brandon Mitchell threw 5.2 shutout innings against Tulane, giving up just three hits. His ERA this season is down to 0.77, and should be available to play against UConn by Saturday.

The other two starters, Bailey Holstein and Chris Turpin, have thrown 11.1 and 11.0 innings this season with ERAs of 1.59 and 1.64, respectively.

In Holstein's most recent start against Arkansas State he threw 6.1 innings, allowing just one run on two hits. He struck out four and

walked two. In Turpin's start against the same opponents, he threw 5.0 innings, giving up two runs on five hits with five strikeouts.

New Orleans certainly isn't up there with the likes of Michigan and Vanderbilt, but they aren't to be taken lightly. UConn will go in with the aspirations of a sweep, but I'm sure they'd be happy taking two of three.

The first game of the series will be Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The second will be Saturday at 3 p.m., and the third and final will be Sunday at 1 p.m.



UConn Baseball takes home a 9-1 win against Central Connecticut State University last season. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Women's Basketball: UConn have last road trip in AAC



For their final game at Gampel Pavilion this season, the UConn women's basketball team celebrates senior day against UCF. They defeated UCF 66-53. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, cont. from p. 12

Take it out on Houston they did, starting the game by outscoring them in the first quarter 25-2. You read that right, they held the Cougars to just two points in the first quarter. It essentially ended the game almost before it began.

Williams herself had a big night, dropping 21 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field, including a perfect 2-for-2 from beyond the arc. However, it was Megan Walker who led the team, outscoring her by just one en route to a 22-point, seven-rebound and four-assist night, all team

highs.

For the Cougars, their top scorer Dorian Branch put up 13 points on 5-of-15 shooting including 3-of-9 from three. Branch, a 5-foot-10 senior forward, is averaging 10.7 points on the season, which is good for No. 4 on the team.

Junior 5-foot-10 guard Julia Blackshell-Fair leads the team in field goal percentage, shooting 47.5% on the season and only taking 13 threes, missing all of them. She scored 10 points on UConn in their last matchup on a really solid 5-for-9 from the field but did have a team-high five turnovers.

Dymond Gladney, the team's leading scorer of her teammates who have played

in at least 20 games, a 5-foot-3 sophomore guard, leads the team with 11.5 points per game despite shooting just 28.1% from three on over 150 shots. She was shut down by UConn in their last matchup, scoring just five points on 2-of-10 shooting from the field and 1-of-6 from three.

As a team, they chuck up a ton of threes despite not being able to knock them down at a high percentage, going 142-519 beyond the arc which works out to a mere 27.4%. If they want to stand a chance at beating UConn on Saturday, they're going to need to shoot well above their averages.

Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. and can be viewed on SNY and ESPN3.



# Sports

## Men's Basketball: Huskies make their final trek to ECU



The Huskies took another home win, this time against UCF with a final score of 81-65. Josh Carlson (25) take the ball to basket. Senior night will be week next week on 3/5, played against University of Houston. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF WRITER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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After losing two starting players to season-ending injuries, the UConn men are in a position that even they weren't sure they could be in: Winners of five of their last seven games. They have an opportunity to extend the trend when they visit the ECU Pirates on Saturday.

"When you lose Tyler [Polley] to the ACL and you start three freshmen, a couple weeks ago we were wondering where the hell we'd win a couple games," head coach Dan Hurley said after Wednesday's win over UCF. "We've shown real progress here and it's the next step that we're taking."

UConn (16-12, 7-8 The American) is playing cohesive basketball and having fun with it. Christian Vital has been in the center of the mix, as expected, but the emergence of veteran forward

Isaiah Whaley and freshman guard James Bouknight has proven crucial to the Huskies' progress.

In the waning moments following Akok Akok's ruptured Achilles tendon against Memphis, Whaley stepped in and proved he could hold down the fort with five points and six blocks. In his three starts since, the Gastonia, North Carolina native has scored a career-high 18 points, twice, recorded two double-doubles and is playing more minutes (35.67) than he has in his career.

"I'm pretty confident right now," Whaley said on his recent play. "I mean the coaches are confident in me, that's what gives me a lot of confidence. I'm just trying to continue to help the team."

Without Akok, Hurley's lineups have been limited in size. UConn is either playing with two bigs on the floor or four guards at any given moment. Most commonly, it's been a combination of Vital,

Bouknight, Whaley, Jalen Gaffney and Brendan Adams. That group has been together for 70 possessions and is shooting 51.1% from the floor, 72.7% at the rim, 45.5% from beyond the arc while turning the ball over just 11% of the time. Stretch those numbers over 100 possessions and you're looking at a tick more than 141 points.

"It's just the game of basketball," Adams said after last Sunday's win over USF. "A lot of times they're playing four guards too so we're just matching up."

Bouknight has been a beneficiary of the small-ball lineup. Though he was limited to 16 minutes thanks to fouls against the Bulls, the young guard is averaging 17 points over the last three games and is making 50% of his three-pointers. UConn has surpassed its scoring average (72 ppg) in each of those three games.

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## Women's Basketball: Huskies have last road trip in AAC



For their final game at Gampel Pavilion this season, the UConn women's basketball team celebrates senior day against UCF. They defeated UCF 66-53. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The time has come. One more game and then they're done. One final trip to somewhere way too far for what a conference game should be.

On Saturday the Huskies will play their final away conference game as a member of the American Athletic Conference, and as an almost appropriate sendoff, they get to ship all the way down to Houston.

As it is with the majority of the teams in the conference, UConn is undefeated all-time in their matchups, most recently beating them 91-51 earlier this season.

When the two teams took the court at the XL Center back on Jan. 11, Houston had the — we'll just say unfortunate — task of trying to beat the UConn team that just suffered their first loss of the season.

Following the Huskies' loss to Baylor just two days prior to their game versus Houston, guard Christyn Williams sent a de facto warning to the Cougars.

"Houston, they just happen to be the team, so all the frustration and that we have, we're taking it out on them," Williams said. "So it sucks for them."

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## Baseball: UConn baseball headed down to the Big Easy



UConn Baseball takes home a 9-1 win against Central Connecticut State University. This leaves them at 27-18 for the season. PHOTO BY BRANDON BARZOLA, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The Huskies are going to New Orleans. No, not for Mardi Gras, but for a three-game series with the University of New Orleans (5-4).

UConn (3-3) is somehow still unranked after taking two of three against the No. 1 Michigan Wolverines last weekend in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The Huskies also took another win against then-No. 8 Michigan the weekend prior in Arizona.

After the first weekend of games, UConn's fielding was their

glaring weakness. They committed 10 errors through three games, and coach Jim Penders described it as "not playing good catch in the infield."

UConn cleaned it up a bit last weekend, committing just four errors through those three games. You give yourself a steeper uphill battle against the top teams like Michigan and Vanderbilt when you're sloppy in the field, but it would be frustrating if that's what costs you the game against someone like New Orleans.

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### THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS

#### Football



Men's Basketball  
Feb 29 at 2 p.m.  
Greenville, NC



Men's Baseball  
Today at 7:30 p.m.  
New Orleans, LA



Women's Baseball  
Feb 29 at 2 p.m.  
Houston, Texas

### INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



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