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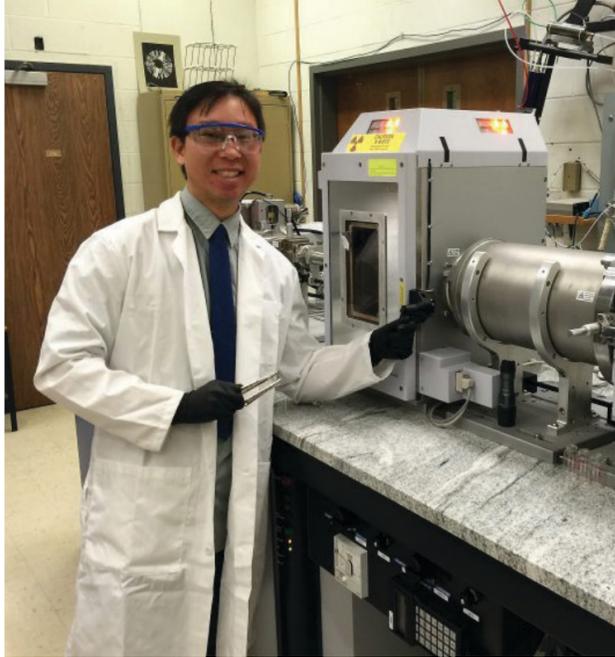
Taking over a position mid-semester is no easy task, but Graduate Student Trustee Justin Fang is looking to meet, even exceed, the requirements of the job.

"It is an exciting time to be at UConn, due to the transition of top leadership," Fang said. "Due to my position as GSS president from 2018-2019, I had the opportunity to observe and learn institutional knowledge about UConn from various figures in President [Susan] Herbst's administration, while refining my own understanding of the mechanisms that allow UConn to function smoothly."

Fang, a doctoral student in biomedical engineering, was formerly the Graduate Student Senate's president before making a run at the trustee job last spring. He's taking over for Samuel Surowitz, who was appointed in spring 2017 but could only serve one year on the Board. Surowitz graduated, leaving the spot open.

"I wanted to run for the rest of Sam's remaining one-year appointment in order to see through the projects and initiatives that we had started together," Fang said.

Fang is planning to use his experience as GSS president and his familiarity with the process



Justin Fang poses in LoTurco Lab in the UConn physiology and neurobiology department. Fang accepted the position of Graduate Student Trustee after Samuel Surowitz left the position earlier this year. PHOTO COURTESY OF LOTURCO LAB

to both ease the transition between former President Herbst's and President Thomas Katsouleas' administration and target a range of issues facing graduate students.

"Now, with the new top leadership settling into their roles, I hope to be a source of institutional knowledge on previous

best practices and to provide feedback wherever possible, while still representing graduate student interests," Fang said.

Fang has made a number of issues a priority. Namely, Fang is targeting visa attainment, for a school made up of 29% international students, according to UConn's website. He is also

looking to increase funding for graduate students, to better fund research and support infrastructure such as CSD and CETL.

Fang has a history in educational government, aside from being the GSS president, Fang also served as the GSS treasurer for the 2017-2018 year. He says it makes him uniquely qualified to serve the interests of graduate students, as he knows how the financial systems at UConn work.

Fang also served on the University Senate last year on the Senate Executive Committee.

"I was able to develop solutions for graduate student issues, ranging from funding to immigration issues," Fang said on his time on the SEC.

Despite pursuing a degree in a hard science, Fang's program overseer is a part of CLAS, which he says has given him greater exposure to different people on campus, thus providing him with greater perspective on what issues matter most to graduate students.

On a lighter note, Fang played intramural softball this summer for the Wild Types and started playing tennis for fun this year.

Fang is representing over 7,000 students when he walks into a Board of Trustees meeting, so it is up to him to hit a home run, not just on the field but at the table.

ELIZABETH WARREN
PROPOSED TO HER
HUSBAND ... IN A UCONN
LECTURE HALL?

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In a recent interview with CNN, Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren said she proposed to her now-husband Bruce Mann in a lecture hall after he finished teaching a law class.

"I'd watched him teach a class ... so I'm sitting in the back of the room while he's teaching and he taught a really good class ... and he walks back in this big empty classroom and he says 'Well, what'd you think?' And I said 'Great, will you marry me?' And he said 'Yes!' And that was it," Warren said.

While Warren doesn't specifically reference UConn as the setting where she popped the question, in a 2016 Facebook post commemorating their anniversary, she explained more of the background behind the proposal.

"It made no sense at all," the post said. "Bruce was teaching in Connecticut, and I was teaching in Houston."

According to the blog Western Mass Politics and Insight, Mann taught for two years at UConn Law before moving to Houston to raise a family with Warren.

"According to Law School archives, the courses Mann taught over two years at the law school, which was then located in West Hartford on Asylum Avenue, included Property, Legal History and Trusts and Estates," the blog said.

Fifth-semester allied health major Rike Tyles said she thinks the proposal is something special for UConn.

"It's neat that she has a Connecticut connection, especially in this unique way," Tyles said.

Mann currently teaches law at Harvard Law School while Warren is on the campaign trail, polling at 17% of the Democratic vote in a recent USA Today/Suffolk poll.

Dining Services offers opportunities for students with dietary restrictions



Whitney Dining Hall offers many vegetarian and vegan options for students. Dining services has offered an individualized system to work with students with dietary restrictions since 2002. PHOTO BY JUDAH SHINGLETON, SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Students with dietary restrictions don't have to struggle to find foods that fit their needs at the University of Connecticut's campus, Michael White, assistant director for Dining Services, and Rob Landolphi, culinary operations manager for Dining Services, said.

Dining Services has a program that allows students with dietary restrictions to work with them towards creating an environment that allows them to feel safe and comfortable in the dining halls they frequent, White said. When they first begin the process, they focus on a particular dining hall.

"We try to meet the student at the dining hall closest to where they eat, or the dining hall they think they're going to frequent the most," White said. "That does not mean that that locks them into that location, but it's just where we think they're going to have a majority of their

meals, so we want to really focus on that building first."

White and Landolphi began working on this program in 2002, and they feel that they've made major strides since then. In particular, Landolphi points out that there's been a major increase in the number of allergies they cover.

"It's interesting because back in 2002, honestly, we probably had half a dozen allergies, and now we probably have around 500 if you look at Martha Sternberg's list," Landolphi said.

In addition to working with students to work out their individual dietary restrictions, White and Landolphi are also working to limit the number of potential allergens in residence hall menus.

"We try to find clean products, we try to find products that are free of allergens," White said. "You know that if you're building from a clean product base, then you're going to build a clean recipe at the end."

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Professor Douglas Brugge studies the effects of in-home air filtration on personal health



Traffic is slowed as fire crews work on extinguishing a grass fire in Lafayette, Calif., on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019. While not usually from wildfires, air pollution can cause harm to people living near highways, as Douglas Brugge has been investigating. PHOTO BY JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO/SAN JOSE MERCURY

Amanda Kilyk
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University of Connecticut Health professor Douglas Brugge is studying the effects of in-home air filtration on personal health after receiving a \$2.5 million grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Brugge is the principle investigator in this grant-aided study of whether in-home air filtration systems installed in homes located close to highways reduce exposure to ultra-fine particles in the air.

A UConn Today article defines ultra-fine air particles as nano-sized molecules that humans breathe in every day, which can then have negative effects after entering lungs or leaching into the bloodstream. The most significant sources of ultra-fines are commonly found to be automobiles and airplanes.

"We are seeking to show whether installing portable air filters in homes next to a highway can both reduce exposure

to pollution arising from the traffic and result in improvements in biomarkers, including blood pressure, that are predictive of cardiovascular risk," Brugge said.

Professor Brugge, who holds a doctoral degree from Harvard University in cellular and developmental biology and an MS in industrial hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health, said that he has been studying traffic-related air pollution and ultra-fine particles from motor vehicles for over a decade. He has published over 50 academic papers on the topic and has conducted many pilot studies prior to starting his grant research in early September 2019.

"The risk of ultra-fine particles from traffic is not well known to public policy makers," Brugge said. "These particles are not regulated despite growing evidence that they are toxic and cause health problems. One of my goals is to raise awareness of this issue."

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A look into UConn's LOA policies

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The Office of the Dean at the University of Connecticut has moved to assert its position on prioritizing students' mental health and wellness. This comes as a response to a report by ABC news that Stanford University was forced to revise its involuntary leave of absence (LOA) policy to better accommodate students facing mental health crises.

Associate Dean of Students Maureen Armstrong said the university's approach to handling students facing mental health crises is holistic.

"The university takes a holistic approach to students who feel they might be unable to continue due to health issues," Armstrong said. "And though the by-laws of the university's senate determines that students need to be in good academic standing to have a leave processed, there are still options for those who might not fit this criteria."

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Convinced you're not a UConn student with a car if you haven't gotten at least one ticket

News

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A look into recent events beyond UConn

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Jeffrey Epstein Death Investigation

A famed forensic pathologist who was hired by the brother of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein claimed on Wednesday that he believes Epstein was murdered, contradicting the findings of the New York City Chief Medical Examiner Barbara Sampson, who ruled Epstein's death as suicide by hanging. Dr. Michael Baden, who was present for Epstein's autopsy, said the amount of fractures in Epstein's neck and the hemorrhages in his eyes are more consistent to death by strangulation than hanging. Epstein was found dead in his cell on Aug. 10 at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York while awaiting trial for sex trafficking charges. Sampson released a statement Wednesday standing by the assertion that Epstein killed himself and said the office will not be opening up a second investigation into his death.

Impeachment Vote

On Thursday, the United State House of Representatives voted 232-196 to approve a resolution on impeachment inquiry ground rules against President Donald Trump. Two Democrats, Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey and Colin Peterson of Minnesota, voted against the resolution. All Republican representatives present voted against the resolution. The resolution explains how the House Intelligence Committee will conduct the hearings and grant Republicans the power to request witnesses and issue subpoenas only with the permission of the chair. House Democrats are hopeful to hold impeachment hearings prior to Thanksgiving and possibly vote on Trump's impeachment by Christmas, though that timeline is subject to change. Trump tweeted Thursday, "The Greatest Witch Hunt in American History!" in response to the proceedings.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi Death

On Monday, President Trump announced that the leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was killed in a suicide attempt during a U.S. raid to capture or kill him on Saturday. Conan, a military K-9 dog, was able to successfully

chase and corner al-Baghdadi in an underground tunnel. Conan was slightly injured when al-Baghdadi detonated his suicide vest, but has since recovered and returned to service. The explosion also killed three of al-Baghdadi's children and caused the tunnel the group was seeking refuge in to collapse. On Thursday, the Islamic State confirmed al-Baghdadi's death and named Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurashi as its new leader. Al-Baghdadi's remains were buried at sea roughly 24 hours after the raid.

Keystone Pipeline Leak

Earlier this week, part of Keystone 1 Pipeline in North Dakota was shut down after a 383,040-gallon oil leak, which has since affected 2,500 square yards of land in a wetland area near Edinburg, North Dakota. An independent party is currently investigating into the cause of the leak, and the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has been monitoring the area for air quality and wildlife changes. The Indigenous Environmental Network, which advocated against the creation of the Keystone XL Pipeline, criticized those in charge of the pipeline, saying they have not done enough to ensure the safety of the network and that it is not a matter of if the pipe will burst, but when.

Black Hole Discovery

In a study published Thursday by the scientific journal Science, astronomers from The Ohio State University claim they have discovered a new class of black holes that are smaller than any that have been documented in the past. While studying a giant red star, the group noticed the celestial body was orbiting something too small to be a black hole, but too large to be classified as a neutron star. That something turned out to be a black hole that measures 3.3 times the mass of the Sun, which is significantly smaller than most classic black holes, which can measure more than 10 times the mass of our Sun. The researchers said the discovery will open doors to new discoveries about the life cycles of stars and which systems will and will not become black holes.

Dining Services working to help students with allergies, restrictions

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Programs like this are important for potential students with dietary restrictions, White explained. He believes that more students are putting weight into the food options available to them at the universities they are considering.

"Is it worth applying if I can't eat safely? Decisions about college were always geared towards academics in the past and finances, they're probably some of the bigger buckets — well now all of a sudden, you have this new category of food, ability to eat," White said.

This issue is one important to both White and Landolphi, and they are constantly aiming to improve their work. Landolphi feels that their work is still far from complete, but they're making major strides.

"I think our goal in the future is really trying to create food that has the least amount of the top 10 allergens if we can, Landolphi said. "That can be a challenge, but I think we've come a long way."

Students who are interested in applying for this program should visit Dining Service's website for an application for an appointment.

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Rob Landolphi



Eggs and hash browns sit in the dining hall. Dining services has attempted to offer allergen-free services catered specifically to affected students. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Can air filters protect against pollution? Dr. Brugge investigates

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He began work on this research in response to concerns from a community partner which wanted help in lowering the risks on personal health in neighborhoods near highway air pollution.

"This work began as a request from one of our community partners, the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership, for technical assistance regarding risks from the highway running through their neighborhoods," Brugge said. "From that starting point it has grown into a series of research and implementation projects, including the newest grant."

Through recent research leading up to the grant, Brugge and a team of researchers were able to show a health benefit of reducing traffic pollution levels for the very first time.

"We have found that we could reduce traffic pollution levels, including ultra-fine particles, in homes, but that it was harder to show that doing so had a benefit on health," Brugge said. "A very recent study that we hope to publish soon overcame the technical difficulties and for us, for the first time, showed a health benefit."

Professor Brugge said that recruiting study participants and retaining them for an entire intervention period can be difficult, but he is fortunate enough to work with good community partners who have helped with this.

"I still anticipate that it will take hard work to succeed," Brugge said.

After transferring here from Tufts University in Boston last spring, he looks to continue to research this topic now in Hartford.

"I am joining a UConn center grant proposal currently that, if funded — always a long shot — would start to do this," Brugge said of continuing his work in the Hartford area.

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Douglas Brugge

Trick-or-treater, 7, critically injured in Chicago shooting

CHICAGO (AP) — A 7-year-old girl out trick-or-treating in a bumblebee outfit was critically injured Thursday night during a shooting on Chicago's West Side.

Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford says the girl was shot in the lower neck area Thursday and was taken by paramedics to Stroger Hospital. Chicago police say a 30-year-old man was shot in the left hand and taken to a nearby hospital in good condition.

The Chicago Tribune reported that police said the girl was dressed as a bumblebee. The girl's father screamed, "My lit-

tle girl's been shot," according to Lalia Lara, who works in a cellphone store.

Lara told the newspaper she held the girl's hand and pressed against her chest to stop the bleeding.

"She was looking at me, and I was calling her name," Lara said. "I have kids — I would go crazy if something happened to my kids."

Authorities say the man and girl were walking along a street in the Little Village neighborhood when a man in a group of males drew a gun and fired at the victims.

In a tweet, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi

says the girl, who was out with her family for Halloween, is believed to be an unintended victim.

"She was looking at me, and I was calling her name."

LALIA LARA

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How UConn's Leave of Absence policies apply to mental health crises

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If a student feels the need to request a leave of absence, the Office of the Dean will honor that and work out the details at a later date, Armstrong said.

"We don't make guarantees of anything, but we certainly work hard to provide students with the support they need to help them get back on track, because ultimately the goal is a degree," Armstrong said.

Following an increase in suicide rates on college campuses nationwide, the office has sought to make students aware of their options if they take a leave of absence.

"There's always an option out, and there's always an option back in," Eleanor Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, said. "There is cancellation before the beginning of the semester, and then there's withdrawal, which is

what applies for LOA requests during the semester."

When students request a leave of absence, a catalogue hold exempts them from needing to fulfill any potentially updated academic requirements upon their return, Armstrong said.

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Eleanor Daugherty

"A great example is the environmental literacy requirement that was required of all students entering the university this year. So a student who took a leave last spring and plans to return next fall will not be held

to that academic requirement," Armstrong said.

The office works closely with the residential team of student health and counseling, acknowledging that some students may not be aware of mental issues affecting them.

"Students' health and wellness is something that the campus is committed to every day and in every way," Daugherty said. "Simply having an appointment for counseling does not resolve the challenges and stresses that we face in college, and that's why we invest in staff that reside in the residence halls."

While there may be challenges for the university to develop protocols that recognize students at a higher risk, the office agrees that UConn's current leave of absence policies reflect its institutional commitment to students' well-being.

"One of our greatest strengths is having a campus that cares about its students," Daugherty said. "Our faculty, our staff

knows that if concerns about a student's health are lingering, then they must bring it to the attention of our campus care team. They are exceptional in their ability to assess the risks a student has, and being able to effectively engage with that student on a human level."

"What we want to be responsive to is your well-being."

Eleanor Daugherty

Under the consideration that students facing mental health issues might jeopardize their academic performance, Daugherty said the office will assist students before it gets to the point of academic hearings.

"You are always responsible for your academic perfor-

mance," Daugherty said. "As an office, what we want to be responsive to is your well-being, and our goal is to get to you before that [academic dismissal]."

Daugherty also noted the bridge between residential life and providing support for students who need it.

"The tools that we have, which are an enormous benefit, is a large residential system. So for example, a student hasn't been out of their room for a while, the residential system is built to flag that for me, so we can provide you support," Daugherty said.

Though the Dean of Students Office specializes in handling these cases, Daugherty said doing so is the general responsibility of the campus.

"If we are structured in a way that we believe one office can solely handle this, then we will fail the students," Daugherty said. "So it's the office's role to give the university all the information they need, so they know how to support students."

Fires, smoke disrupt Halloween fun for many California kids



Children at Washington Elementary in Berkeley, Calif., walk in their annual Halloween costume parade outside on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. The school had considered holding the parade indoors if the air quality was questionable because of a massive wildfire in Northern California's wine country.

PHOTO BY LIZ SCHULTZ/AP

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — For tens of thousands of children in California, the biggest monsters this Halloween are wildfires that have thrown trick-or-treating into disarray.

Nancy Metzger-Carter and her family have been in a San Francisco hotel since Saturday when a blaze in Sonoma County wine country forced them to evacuate their home in the small community of Graton.

Every day, her 11-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son worriedly asked how they would still have Halloween because they left their costumes behind.

"We were like, 'No matter what, you're gonna have a Halloween. We're gonna figure it out,'" Metzger-Carter said Wednesday.

Her son, who was going to be a ninja, settled for a SWAT officer costume they found at Target. Her daughter and her 10-year-old friend, whose family also evacuated, went to the Love on Haight boutique in the city's famed Haight-Ashbury neighborhood to put together hippie costumes.

"The people were so sweet to them. They found pants that will fit them. They were helping to cut them," Metzger-Carter said.

Many families who live in and around wine country north of San Francisco have

no neighborhood to bring their kids to collect candy because they're coming home to destruction, are still under evacuation orders or facing lingering power outages meant to prevent electrical equipment from starting fires in windy weather.

And kids on the other side of San Francisco Bay, southeast of the Sonoma County blaze, are seeing Halloween plans literally go up in smoke.

"Today at work, our lunch conversation was: 'What are you going to do for Halloween if the air is not good?'" said Hillary Sardinas, a field biologist in the Bay Area city of Albany. "It's obviously not the biggest issue with the fires. You care about people being safe. But yeah, it's potentially a lot of disappointed kids."

Some parents like Sardinas thought about throwing a Halloween party instead. She and her husband had planned to host their daughters' preschool classmates with candy, a pinata and a movie if trick-or-treating wasn't an option. But after looking at the air quality Thursday, Sardinas said they would go out without masks.

Smoke and poor air quality became too much for Traci Moren, an acupuncturist who lives in Berkeley. She decided to take her sons, ages 9 and 4, out of school and stay with a friend in Santa Barbara.

Last year, they left town around Thanksgiving because of a wildfire. This time, they left Wednesday to make it in time for trick-or-treating, which is a "much bigger deal" to her oldest son.

"He was pretty upset when I told him we might not be able to trick-or-treat. His best friend already left town," Moren said. "I just want to make sure there's a way to make it happen."

Moren's older son goes to a school with an annual Halloween parade. Around 400 costumed students walk around the playground and then around the block, Washington Elementary Principal Katia Hazen said. It ends with a dance party on the playground.

The school considered having the parade through the hallways and stairs because of smoke but decided to go ahead with the usual outdoor plans Thursday.

The so-called Kincade Fire in Sonoma County has burned 120 square miles (310 square kilometers), destroyed more than 140 homes and forced more than 180,000 people to evacuate at its height. It's more than halfway contained, and most people have returned home. Despite widespread blackouts by the state's largest utility, electrical equipment that wasn't shut off may have ignited the flames last week.

One of Europe's last untamed rivers is threatened by dams

ALONG THE VJOSA RIVER (AP) — Under a broad plane tree near Albania's border with Greece, Jorgji Ilija fills a battered flask from one of the Vjosa River's many springs.

"There is nothing else better than the river," the retired schoolteacher says. "The Vjosa gives beauty to our village."

The Vjosa is temperamental and fickle, changing from translucent cobalt blue to sludge brown to emerald green, from a steady flow to a raging torrent. Nothing holds it back for more than 270 kilometers (170 miles) in its course through the forest-covered slopes of Greece's Pindus mountains to Albania's Adriatic coast.

This is one of Europe's last

wild rivers. But for how long?

Albania's government has set in motion plans to dam the Vjosa and its tributaries to generate much-needed electricity for one of Europe's poorest countries, with the intent to build eight dams along the main river.

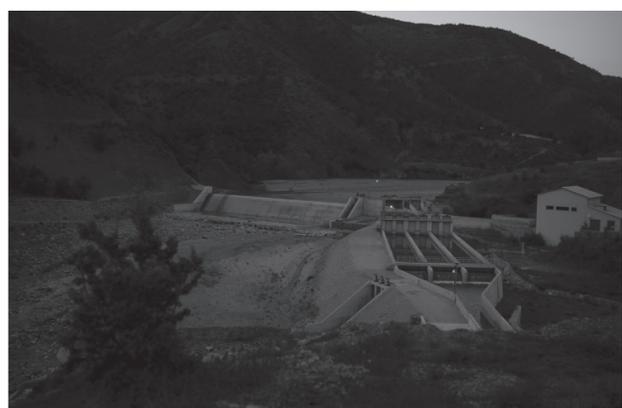
It's part of a world hydropower boom, mainly in Southeast Asia, South America, Africa and less developed parts of Europe. In the Balkans alone, about 2,800 projects to tame rivers are underway or planned — a "dam tsunami," says Olsi Nika of EcoAlbania, a nonprofit that opposes the projects.

Some tout hydropower as a cheap and renewable energy source that helps curb dependence on planet-warming fossil

fuels. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says it has "significant potential" to further reduce emissions.

But some recent studies question hydropower's value in the fight against global warming. Critics such as EcoAlbania say the benefits of hydropower are overstated — and outweighed by the harm dams can do.

About 25 kilometers (16 miles) northwest of Tepelene, the riverbed narrows into another tight, steep gorge teeming with life, where birds swoop from trees anchored precariously in the cliff-face. Just beyond that comes the first sign of how dramatically a dam would affect the river and the life connected to it.



This photo shows the Langarica hydropower plant. As pressure to build dams intensifies in less developed countries, the opposite is happening in the U.S. and western Europe.

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Health care should be a human right

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WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Many of us are lucky to have some of the amenities that we do, especially with regards to health care. The University of Connecticut gives out free flu vaccines, and there are multiple health centers and pharmacies around us. These amenities, however, are not the same in many places around the world.

In Pakistan, there was a recent outbreak of HIV, where over 1,100 people — over 900 of them children — were infected. Government officials have determined that this is due to a pediatrician who was reusing syringes and IV needles, instead of throwing them out with every use.

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Clearly, the pediatrician should not have reused the needles and syringes. However, it has come to light that this occurs in many places in Pakistan due to the poor health care system in place, and the fact that clean needles and syringes are not always readily available.

Health care should not be an amenity, as it is now. Proper health care should be a universal human right, not something that only certain people have access to, depending on their socioeconomic status and the region where they live.

In a plethora of countries around the world — including Pakistan — there is a poor health care system in place. This is, as many have suggested, the only positive outcome from the HIV outbreak in Pakistan: The fact that hopefully now, the system can improve.

Currently, the United Nations World Health Organization is working to improve health care around the world by setting certain goals, including to improve equity in health by increasing access to medical information and health care centers. Although this is a great start, the system must improve immensely.

People all around the world deserve proper health care, regardless of their societal status, income or any other factors. Health care is a human right and should be equal all around the world.

There are many examples of health inequities all around the world, besides the HIV outbreak in Pakistan. Whether there are inaccessible vaccines, a high rate of maternal mortality, poor reproductive health care or something entirely different, health care systems around the world must improve.

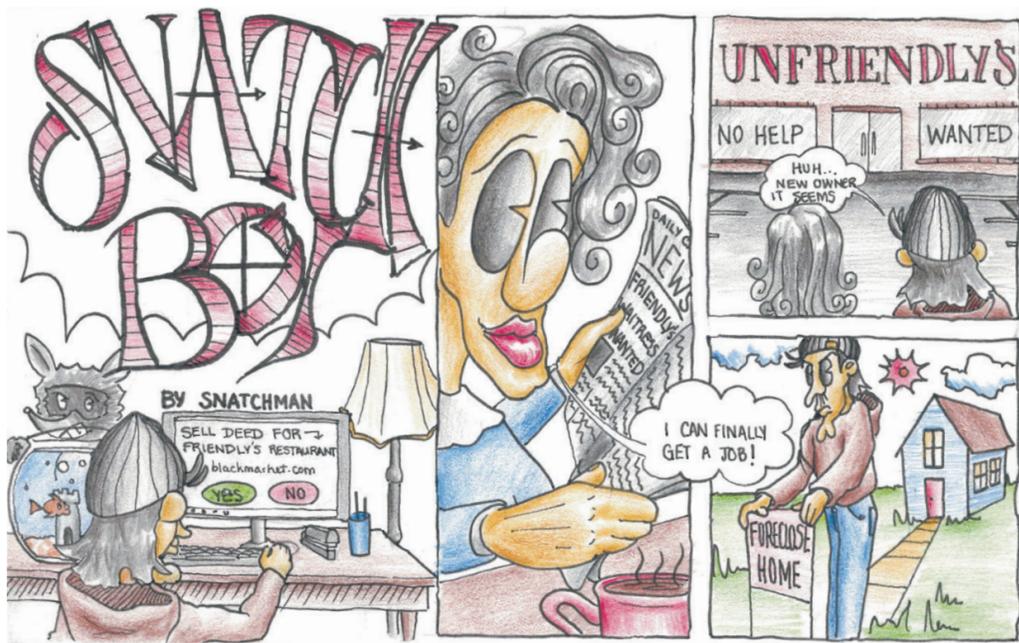
Many countries do not have proper access to vaccines; therefore, the people in these countries suffer because they cannot be properly immunized, and they are at risk for contracting preventable diseases. Especially in developing countries, such as South and Central Asia as well as Sub-Saharan Africa, many people are not vaccinated against diseases such as polio, which most children in the U.S. are vaccinated against by the age of 5.

However, the U.S. is not perfect either. The U.S. has alarmingly high rates of maternal mortality, especially given the fact that it is a developed country. Women in the U.S. have double the chance of dying during childbirth compared to women in Canada.

As for poor reproductive health care, there are many countries around the world in which abortions are illegal. Therefore, oftentimes those who receive abortions in countries where it is illegal must partake in very unsafe methods. The World Health Organization estimated that 97%

of all unsafe abortions occur in developing countries. Evidently, health inequities are prevalent all over the world. With the HIV outbreak in Pakistan, hopefully more and more health and government officials will realize the importance of proper health care, and it will be more accessible to everyone. Health care should be a human right, and proper health care systems should be available in every country, not just a select few.

In the future, hopefully the World Health Organization will fulfill all of its goals, and everyone around the world will have access to proper health care, regardless of where they live or the money that they make.



CRISIS IN CHILE What is happening in Latin America?

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Latin America has rich nations that have been riddled with corruption for many years. Recently, one of the biggest problems among those nations is the social class differences, where the rich are getting richer and the poor, poorer. However, Chile has reached its limit. The protests in Chile are sending an important message to other Latin American countries of not allowing the government to quiet people's voices by repressing them.

On Oct. 6, a fare hike was announced in Chile, and people were not okay with it. Chileans used to pay \$800 Chilean pesos for their subway ticket, but it was suddenly raised to \$830, which is the equivalent to \$1.25. The raise in the price enraged the people, especially the youth — it is always the youth — who almost immediately began to protest, refused to pay the new price and pointed out the fact that the president, Sebastian Piñera, does not even pay for his taxes. The people's discomfort is, in my opinion, perfectly understandable.

Social inequality plays an important role in the situation in Chile. We know about the rich, the poor and the middle class, which often struggles the most; social classes are a division, and that means there is no room for equality.

Such an ideal country might be a reality, but to just a few.

As a Mexican, I remember how my family and friends would refer to Chile as an example to follow, especially among Latin American countries: They have a good subway system, and their education system is also very good, etc. However, such an ideal country might be a reality, but to just a few. This means that not everyone in Chile has lived a happy and prosperous life.

Most of the salaries are not better than Mexico's and their country's subway, water, pension system and universities are privatized, and such privatization has been highly criticized.

Furthermore, the way the Chilean government dealt with this protest is what shocked not only Chile but other countries as well. An an-



Demonstrators are sprayed by a police water cannon during an anti-government protest in Santiago, Chile, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. Chile has been facing days of unrest, triggered by a minor increase in subway fares. PHOTO BY RODRIGO ABD/AP

nouncement by the government stating that refusing to pay the new price of the subway ticket was not a valid protest, and therefore, the government declared a state of emergency in the country and militarized the streets in an attempt to stop the people from protesting. A curfew was ordered as well, and still, the people did not stop the protests. Unfortunately, the government's reaction to the protests brought back bad memories of how the govern-

ment should be present all the time: Empathy. It seems that people these days do not like to share what belongs to them, but I refuse to admit that selfishness will characterize our current and future generations.

I would like to highlight that for a long time, Latin American countries have been looked down upon by their governments, but as mentioned previously, there is an end to everything, and hopefully these countries will eventually get the prosperity they deserve.

It is personally inspiring to see repressed countries use their voices to demand justice. Unfortunately, throughout history, such changes have often been achieved after a series of violent events. I have listened to journalists refer to these uprisings as similar to the beginning of the French Revolution, a historical event that shows what people can do when they have little or nothing to lose. It seems that history is repeating itself, and as much as I would like violence to be avoided, I hope for the outcome to be beneficial for the people and, of course, I will continue writing about topics that matter.

¡Que viva Latinoamérica!

I believe that one characteristic should be present all the time: Empathy.



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The power of the placebo

What if saline could relieve chronic pain?

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The field of biotechnology has made enormous strides.

Climate denial is not the problem

There is an idea currently popular in liberal media that a large portion of the country denies climate change



Life

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So you went trick-or-treating, what now?



Believe it or not, Halloween candy can be a burden in large amounts. Luckily, there are many ways to get rid of it, from eating it to donating it to baking it into a nice treat. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR



Nonprofits like Operation Gratitude provide soldiers with candy donated from citizens around the country. Leftover Halloween candy can be donated to nonprofits like this one. PHOTO COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM @OPGRATITUDE

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So you went trick-or-treating and got a ton of candy, or maybe you bought a huge bag of discount Halloween candy from the local CVS. What do you do with it all now that Halloween is over?

The obvious route is to simply eat it, but it can be hard to practice self-control to make it last until Christmas. Instead, most people either binge it all in one go and end up feeling sick or dump it in the trash to protect their figure. Luckily, there are lots of ways to get rid of or use your candy in a way that won't end in a trash bag or your stomach.

Operation Gratitude sends care packages that include a handful of candy to soldiers to help put a smile on their faces in light of their difficult jobs.

While food banks prefer nutritious foods, there are plenty of places for you to donate your unwanted candy. Operation Gratitude sends care packages that include a handful of candy to soldiers to help put a smile on their faces in light of their difficult jobs. Their website's Halloween Candy Give-Back initiative welcomes candy to be shipped to their facilities, with guidelines. Halloween candy buy-backs, often featured at dentist offices, will buy back your candy in exchange for things like coupons, toothbrushes or even cash. Buy-back locations can be found on the website halloweencandybuy-back.com. You can also give candy to Ronald McDonald

You can also give candy to Ronald McDonald House Charities ... which give candy to severely ill children and their families.



Leftover Halloween candy can be used as toppings for baked goods. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

House Charities, with locations listed on their website, which give candy to severely ill children and their families.

If you'd rather share your candy with those around you, there are plenty of baked goods that can easily incorporate your surplus candy. By chopping up chocolate-based candies like Snickers, Twix, Hershey's or M&Ms, you can replace chocolate chips in any chocolate chip cookie or pancake recipe. This is especially tasty in homemade cookie cakes. Some people also enjoy incorporating non-chocolate candies like Skittles into cookies and as toppings on cakes, kind of like a Halloween twist on a Christmas fruit cake. Any post-Halloween party can be improved by delicious Halloween candy treats, even though the spooky holiday is over.

Candies can also be used as an incentive for games. Maybe you and your friends could play poker with candy instead of cash, especially considering we're all fairly broke college students. Or you could hide your friend's candy and make them go on a convoluted scavenger hunt for it around campus. It can also be used as a sort of preparation for winter as a great replacement for snowballs!

Your roommate can't get mad at you for pelting them with fun-sized candy. It's painful yet delicious!

Worst-case scenario, you can ship your candy to one of your child relatives. It would probably make their November.

So if you're a candy hater, a candy binger or if you just want to have a bit of fun with your candy horde, don't worry! There are tons of fun, creative ways to get rid of your candy stockpile, and you can keep the trick-or-treating going throughout November.

A VERY HUSKY HALLOWEEN

PARKING TICKET

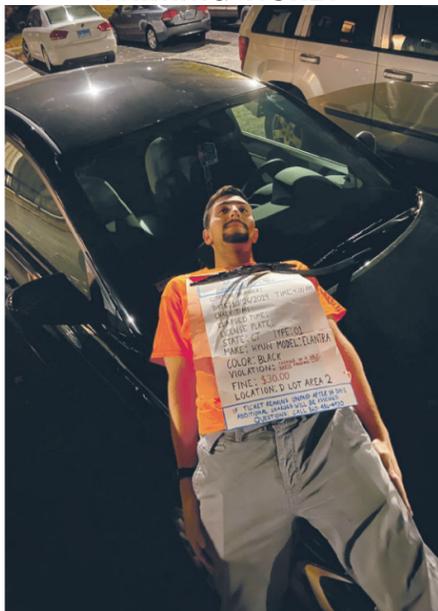


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The Life Section's Favorite Pies

If October is the month of Halloween candy, November is the month of Thanksgiving pies. From apple to pumpkin to unique family recipes, there's a pie for everyone. As we look forward to this month's holiday, the Life Section shares some of their favorite pies.

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At Thanksgiving every year, my mom's side of the family makes a sweet, soupy delicacy called Marjorie's pie, supposedly named after an old relative who first made the pie. It's a combination of Dream Whip, cream cheese and powdered sugar that's poured into a graham cracker crust and topped with cherry pie filling. The pie is almost sickeningly sweet and very sugary, but it is delicious, and you cannot leave the festivities before having a piece — it's a tradition. I say that the pie is soupy because it has a loose consistency and is supposed to be refrigerated for a few hours to set, though it doesn't seem to help. Nevertheless, my family wouldn't have it any other way and will not stand for any changes to the recipe. One year, my aunt bought a different type of cherry pie filling that was organic. When she opened it to pour on the Marjorie's pie, we realized that it had a more jelly-like consistency than the usual soupy, so-processed-it-might-be-fake stuff we normally use, and my family was worried that the pie wouldn't taste the same. Thankfully, my other aunt had a spare can of the regular filling and the pie was saved. My family has since joked that the pie cannot ever be made with organic cherry filling.

Preface/Hot Take: A couple of my colleagues decided to spend a half hour of their precious time on Earth writing about how pecan pie is the best one, and that's truly saddening. Most pecan pies are just a clever way to eat straight sugar. The average pecan pie has, like, a dozen pecans, masking the swimming pool of sludge below. There are good pecan pies, which are, you know, PECAN-BASED, but they're far and few-between, and are still nowhere near the quality of a good fruit pie. Have some self-respect.

Of all the fruit pies, apple sits atop the throne. Pies should be about simplicity, and apple pie is the epitome of it: Butter crust, apples, sugar, spices. That's it. If prepared right, the apples should sauce themselves, and great apples don't need flour-ish. The best apples for apple pie are Jonagold, but you really can't go wrong if you do some research on what flavor profile you're going for. What IS important is the crust, and butter is the only way to go — take your shortening-based crusts back down South, and don't get me started on margarine.

If someone asks you if you want to whip up a pie for your Thanksgiving dessert, you should only have one question:

I've just thought about it and I literally love so many different pies: Apple, pumpkin, chicken pot, shepherd's, chocolate, peach and probably more that I'm forgetting. It makes me sad that despite my love for pie — which I haven't really realized until now — I don't get to eat it often. However, maybe the shortage of pie in my life is what makes it so precious — that, and a delicious pie crust. Now, you might have noticed that I forgot to mention the cream of the crop: Pecan pie. We've got two pecan pie lovers here, so that's a testament to how top-tier it is. I'm not saying other pies aren't as delicious, and I'm not going to waste words barraging others' choice of pie (cough), but pecan pie and its sweet simplicity has a special place in my heart. My mother would buy pecan pie every once in a while when she was at the store because luckily, it was one of the desserts she could eat. (She developed a milk allergy in her late 30s, RIP, so thank goodness for the rise of milk alternatives and vegan-friendly foods.) I used to love eating it, but would actually pick off the pecans because I was a child and sugar is delicious. Now, I'm definitely much more sophisticated and keep those pecans on. The pie is fairly simple itself with just the base and pecans, but the flavors of molasses and brown sugar are some of my favorite and bring such a sense of fall nostalgia. The pecans add a much-needed salt and crunch to the pie, and it's such a unique flavor that I'm glad has not been commercialized into other foods like ice cream or cookies. Keep pecan pie pure, and in all its autumnal, delicious goodness.

This doesn't have much to do with Thanksgiving pies. Instead, these are pies to always be thankful for. When thinking about my favorite pie, I wasn't sure what to pick because there's just so many great flavors. At first I wanted to pick something that tastes great, like pecan pie, but decided to go with something that reminds me of home.

Last winter, I traveled to Hawaii to visit my family. Since it was the holiday season, we decided to try something new by checking out this popular bakery called Hawaiian Pie Company. It's a cute little family-owned bakery, and all of their pies are great. The pie we tried was the Hawaiian Passion Pear Pie, their most famous option. Trust me when I tell you that it was probably one of the best pies I've ever had. It has a nice and flaky crust that encapsulates a filling that combines the sweet flavors of pear with the tangy flavors of lilikoi (passionfruit). To top it off, the pie is covered in their "signature Hawaiian topping," which I think might be coconut-based, making it even better. I loved it, my family loved it, it was a great time to be eating pie and spending time with family.

If you're ever in Honolulu, be sure to check this place out and try some of their amazing pies. It's worth it.

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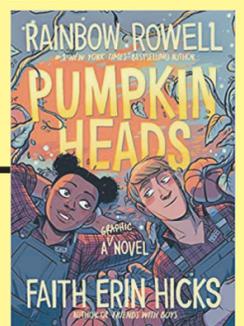
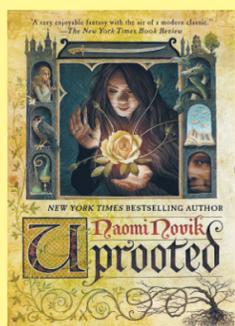


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Fall Favorites



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With all the new novels coming out this month from our favorite authors, we can't forget about those books that get us right in the autumn mood with atmospheric woods, cozy fire-side chats and hanging out with friends. In the lull between mid-terms and finals, try to squeeze in a book or two. Or if you're like me, just squeeze them all in during Thanksgiving break.

"Uprooted" by Naomi Novik

The fairy tale-like structure of this novel and its cozy village setting already gives me fall vibes, but the Wood, the corrupted forest that borders the kingdom, definitely adds to that appeal. A powerful wizard, the Dragon, protects the kingdom

from the malevolence that lurks in the Wood, but isolates himself in a tower and takes a girl from a nearby village for 10 years to live there with him. Sounds creepy, I know, but the mystery that plays out in this book, from the nature of the Wood to how the world's magic works to what the girl's duty entails, is revealed in a way that demonstrates Novik's skill as a storyteller. Agnieska, the feisty and strong-willed heroine, has such a charming love for her home and those who come into her life.

"The Raven Cycle" by Maggie Stiefvater

Alright, I know that I've put this quartet of books on my lists multiple times before, but this is just a sign that you need to read the books. The wholesome friendship between the main characters and the whimsical quirks of the magic in the books, like Blue's clairvoyant family and their trips into the

nearby forest that no doubt has magical properties, elicit the comforting sense of the season. The first book takes place in the fall and starts out in a graveyard waiting for the spirits of people who will die in the coming year, which definitely has some spooky vibes. Stiefvater's lyrical prose is perfect to carry out a fantastical journey of group's search for a dead Welsh king. If any of this sounds like the right amount of strange for you, then get reading.

"The Goose Girl" by Shannon Hale

Another inspired fairy tale, Hale adapts the lesser-known Grimm story to include an interesting system of magic, in which some people are either gifted with the "tongues" of nature, people or animals. Princess Ani becomes overthrown and left for dead by a coup orchestrated by her former handmaiden and is forced to

navigate the unknown kingdom of the prince she was arranged to marry. A kind heart and willingness to adapt, as well as the bonds she forms with the village community that she joins, creates a heartwarming tale that is perfect for fall. I first read this book in elementary school and have reread it multiple times since. Hale's storytelling has a perfect combination of complex characterization and worldbuilding.

"Ninth House" by Leigh Bardugo

Released in early October, I actually haven't gotten around to this book, but since it's written by my fave Leigh Bardugo, I can't help but vouch for it. The fact that it centers around the secret society of Yale University puts it at the top of my list. Bardugo has promised the perfect amount of spookiness and supernatural against the iconic backdrop of New England fall

on a college campus as protagonist Alex Stern is tasked with investigating the occult going-ons of Yale.

"Pumpkinheads" by Rainbow Rowell, illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks

This author and illustrator duo are some of my favorites separately, so when I heard that they were partnering up for this Halloween adventure, I knew this would be a winner. Fall on a high school or college campus has such nostalgia for me, and "seasonal" best friends Deja and Joseph have the most wholesome friendship. They've worked on a pumpkin patch together every fall in high school, and for their senior year, they want to go out with a bang on Halloween. With a pumpkin patch, Halloween antics and high school friends, this graphic novel screams fall.

Tift Pond: The hidden gem of Storrs



Tift Pond is located south of Mansfield Apartments. Year round, Tift Pond provides beautiful views for all visitors. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHOR

Daniel Cohn
STAFF WRITER

You've been in a lecture for two months. You go in, take notes and get out. One day, you're losing focus on the lecture, and you realize a window on the wall. Has that always been there? Was it there the whole time and you just never noticed? You can't focus for the rest of the class because of this mysterious, insignificant thing that you unconsciously glossed over for so long.

What if I told you there's a part of Storrs that's just like that window?

Tift Pond, located just south of Mansfield Apartments on the very bottom of campus, is a glorious piece of nature that no one seems to know exists. Even worse, people DO know it exists and ignore it. Either way, it's something that can't be missed if you go to college here, especially in autumn. It's still great once the leaves are down, but peak

Tift Pond season is right now. There's an entrance on the south end of Mansfield Apartments, and all told it's about a 45 minute to an hour walk around the lake, assuming you don't stop.

But you should! The pathway around the lake provides a handful of gorgeous viewpoints of the lake, one of which that you'll encounter early in your walk even features two benches you can park down on. If you need to take the edge off after a particularly tumultuous midterm season, I'd highly recommend taking one of said benches, putting on a calm album you love and vibing for about an hour, phone in pocket. It's the best medicine you can't get from a pharmacy.

I've talked some on the flora, but there's some fauna to be seen, although less and less as the New England cold bears over our town. It's very common to catch a flock of geese or smaller birds enjoying the relative silence compared to the northerly campus, if they even know

what a campus is. Additionally, deer seem to be more common in different parts of campus, but I have seen a doe or two in my near-weekly walks around the pond.

The water and its non-living inhabitants are stalled in place for the entire season, turning the pond into a massive canvas.

Even as winter approaches, the pond will find its winter purpose: An ice skating rink! Now, let me be clear: I trust you all as (mostly) native New Englanders than me, a lowly Philadelphian,

in terms of knowing when a body of water is "skatable." Don't be an idiot. That said, when you're sure, Tift Pond is a wonderful place to unleash your inner Charlie Brown's Christmas and whirl around, skates or not. Even if you are without skates, walking over the frozen water is beautiful in its own right — the water and its non-living inhabitants are stalled in place for the

entire season, turning the pond into a massive canvas. You can't miss it.

That experience will soon come, but as I said earlier, the best time is now. Before the dead of winter swallows Storrs whole, spend a couple hours down at UConn's hidden gem, Tift Pond.

But not too many of you. You'll disturb the silence.



Upcoming Events on Campus

Today, Nov. 1

Spider-Man: Far From Home
8 p.m. at the Student Union Theatre

Drama Show: The Wolves
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Studio Theater

Saturday, Nov. 2

UConn Worldfest: Worldfest Goes Green!
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom

Spider-Man: Far From Home
8 p.m. at the Student Union Theater

Sunday, Nov. 3

Trombone Choir
Noon - 1:30 p.m. in von der Mehden

Drama Show: The Wolves
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Studio Theater

Pinkalicious the Musical
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Jorgensen

Monday, Nov. 4

"True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality" Screening
Noon - 2 p.m. in Konover Auditorium

From First-Gen Student to First-Gen Professional
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in McHugh Hall 202

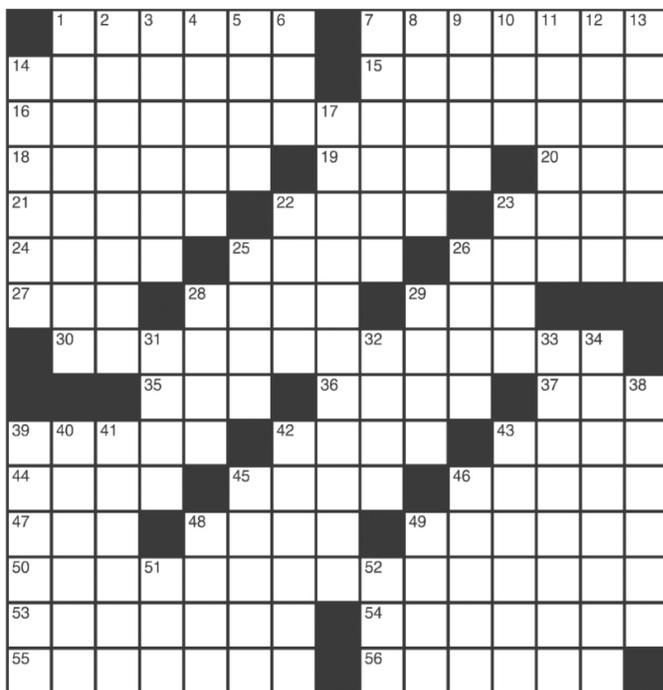
Tuesday, Nov. 5

Illuminating the Path (ft. Rita Moreno)
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Opinion



SCIENCE FRIDAY



Climate denial is not the problem

Harrison Raskin
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There is an idea currently popular in liberal media that a large portion of the country denies climate change and uses its electoral influence to prevent environmentally friendly politicians from coming to office. This line of thinking is both ignorant and unproductive. By pointing the finger at an imaginary group of uneducated working class people, we both ignore systemic causes of these issues and the real sources of power in this country.

Eight out of 10 Americans believe in human-caused climate change, half believe that radical action is necessary to combat it and four out of 10 describe it as a “crisis.”

This majority of America who believes that combating climate change is necessary is not affecting our government because it is not elected democratically.

The very notion that climate denial is an important problem implies that majorities in the United States have a consequential effect on policy outcomes. Majorities, such as the majority believing in climate change, are actually silenced because our government is not a democracy, nor a democratic republic. The United States is an oligarchy where a small number of very

wealthy people enforce their decisions about the government and economy through violence and coercion. These wealthy control fos-

sil fuel companies and design public education curriculums. They control the multinational media corporations which inform the populace, and they control a completely backwards and undemocratic political system which, above all else, prioritizes their wealth in elections. Surprise! The wealthy control everything. These people have every single incentive and ability to limit our belief that climate change is real, to misappropriate blame onto the working class and ultimately to prevent us from changing anything.

These wealthy people are not deniers. The largest fossil fuel companies have hidden knowledge about the disastrous effects of climate change for decades. The Trump administration, an important denier in the minds of liberals, has predicted certain extinction in the following century as a result of carbon emissions. Most importantly, billions upon billions of dollars have been spent by the wealthy trying to convince as many people as possible that climate change is fake. Exxon-Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Chevron, BP and Total alone spent over one billion dollars of shareholder funds in just three years following the Paris Agreement on climate denial propaganda and lobbying. These people, not the poor working class, are those with a monopoly over the resources required to shift away from fossil fuels and save the environment. They deny nothing.

Focusing the blame on those uneducated few who deny climate change further ignores our own failings to address the causes of environmental destruction. We, the majority who demand action

on climate change, still collectively allow these flawed and undemocratic political systems to represent us, even with extinction in the headlights. We go to work, vote and complain about Trump in a completely non-disruptive manner, which assumes our existing institutions will somehow deliver us justice and save us from environmental destruction. Spoiler alert: They won't.

There is an important discussion to be had about whether or not the workers of the world are willing to trade material comforts for environmental justice. But that discussion cannot begin until there is economic and political democracy, free from mass marketing and propaganda in favor of consumerism and against environmentalism.

We cannot make meaningful, democratic electoral decisions. But we can decide not to participate in undemocratic elections. We can decide to voice our dissatisfaction in ways more impactful than complaints and votes. Most importantly, through mass organization we can decide to withhold the labor which the wealthy use to destroy the environment and to maintain their power over us. Extra-systemic direct action offers the only approach to systems designed to control us. To break free from our impending extinction, we must break free from the ideology of the status quo: That we are too ignorant to understand when our own livelihoods are at stake, and that we cannot see beyond compromised political systems.

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Americans believe humans caused climate change

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Americans believe radical action is necessary to combat climate change

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Americans describe climate change as a crisis

THE POWER OF THE PLACEBO

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What if saline could relieve chronic pain? Or sugar could cure your insomnia? While this may sound too good to be true, that is essentially what happens via the placebo effect.

A placebo is a pseudo-treatment such as a sugar pill or saline injection that is administered as if it were a real medication. Placebos were initially created as controls for testing new medications; however, researchers soon observed that the placebos themselves could have the power to relieve symptoms. For unclear reasons, placebos can have a therapeutic effect on physical and mental conditions such as chronic pain, insomnia, dementia, depression and migraine disorders. This realization has led to research on the placebo effect to investigate the power of the mind in the healing process.

The remedial effects of a placebo have been shown to occur when the patient is “blind,” or under the impression that the placebo could actually be a real medication. For example, patients may be told that they will receive one of two identical pills to treat their

high blood pressure: An experimental drug for lowering blood pressure or a sugar pill. Often, improvements will be seen in both the drug and placebo groups. New research suggests that the placebo effect can actually be enhanced if both the physicians and patients are blind. When physicians believe that a placebo is in fact an effective medication, their patients can benefit. This raises an interesting

the medication could help their patients, they expressed fewer pained facial expressions and were perceived by their patients to be more empathetic. These subconscious nonverbal cues translated directly to reduced patient pain levels.

The results of this research support the implementation of a more holistic approach to pain management. In this study, patients were success-

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point concerning the importance of the doctor-patient relationship.

In a recent study on healthcare interactions, a group of undergraduate students were split into two groups: Doctors and patients. The doctor group received two creams to administer to the patients and were told that one cream was a pain reliever and the other a placebo. In reality, however, both creams were a petroleum jelly placebo with no pain-relieving function. To

test the effectiveness of the treatment, the doctors applied a heat stimulus following administration of either cream and then measured the reported pain, facial expressions and autonomic response of the patients.

Remarkably, less pain was observed across all factors for the patients whose doctors believed the placebo was a pain reliever. When the doctors

fully treated without the administration of any real medication. This suggests that treatments which do not involve pharmaceuticals could still be effective in caring for a patient experiencing pain. If there are means to suppress pain besides the prescription of addictive painkillers, which are often and easily abused, these alternative therapies should be explored.

This study also emphasizes the importance of positive social interactions between doctors and patients in effective patient care. It is not enough for physicians to be knowledgeable on the most efficacious treatments and medications. Rather, a physician must also strive to foster an encouraging and hopeful relationship with their patient. Doctors should endeavor to practice patient-centered care, listening and tending to their patients in a way that puts their patients at ease. If patients are able to trust that their doctors truly care about their well-being and the success of their treatment, the patients are more likely to trust in the treatment itself. And as demonstrated by the placebo effect, sometimes simply believing that they are being healed is enough.

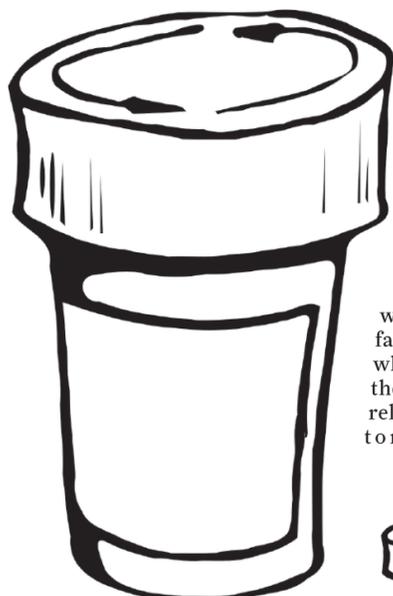


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Gene Editing in its Prime

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The field of biotechnology has made enormous strides as scientists have learned how to efficiently sequence the human genome and, more recently, have begun to venture into the realm of editing the code behind the proteins that make up life on earth. CRISPR-Cas9, a DNA-editing tool invented in 2012, revolutionized clinical research and bioengineering through its ability to make cuts at specific regions in the genome, allowing for the synthesis of novel DNA at the damaged region. However, the technology has several worrying limitations. For example, the Cas9 enzyme cuts through both strands of the target DNA, leaving the cell to repair the ensuing damage and correctly incorporate a modified DNA sequence presented to it without error. Unfortunately, studies have indicated that dangerous mutations often occur and that CRISPR-Cas9 has the tendency to cut other unintended places in the genome as well, leaving it useful for basic scientific research, but as of now unethical for medical applications. However, on Oct. 21, a new gene-editing tool entered the scene that could more safely extend the usage of DNA modification from the laboratory to the clinic.

Prime editing, a technique invented by Dr. David Liu and postdoc Dr. Andrew Anzalone, allows for the cutting of a specific region of DNA while leaving one strand of the DNA double helix intact. The technology involves a complex consisting of Cas9, pegRNA and an enzyme called reverse transcriptase. The pegRNA both targets the complex to a specific section of a DNA strand (where Cas9 cuts) and serves as a template for the creation of a specifically engineered new section of DNA, which is synthesized by reverse transcriptase right into its correct place in the genome. The cell then recognizes the incongruities between the new strand and the unmodified strand and fixes the unaltered strand so it is complementary to the new sequence.

Dr. Liu's lab tested its new technology by performing more than 175 different DNA edits in human and mouse cells. In their experiments, they created and then fixed the mutations that result in Tay-Sachs disease and sickle cell anemia. While previous gene-editing techniques had failed to correct these mutations efficiently, the proper edits appeared in a high percentage of the affected cells with few incorrect changes. According to the team's paper, which was published in Nature, prime editing could “in principle... correct about 89% of known pathogenic human genetic variants.”

Dr. Liu claims that prime editing technology “offer[s] more targeting flexibility and greater editing precision.” He notes that it provides two extra steps in which the DNA must match a piece of the pegRNA, which most likely explains its increased accuracy in experiments over CRISPR-Cas9. In CRISPR-Cas9, the target DNA must pair with the guide RNA. Meanwhile, in prime editing, a part of the guide RNA (referred to as the primer) must also bind to the target site, and the new DNA must bind to the original site on the gene locus. Dr. Liu believes these “three independent pairing events each provide an opportunity to reject off-target sequences.”

The invention of prime editing technology should be lauded as a great advance in science and celebrated for the potential it contains to revolutionize gene therapy in clinical settings. However, while the scientific community has embraced the technique, it is important to remember that there is still a lot of testing and tweaking to be done until genetic disorders can be successfully treated in patients. No experiments have been done in live animals, and it may prove difficult to deliver the large complex of RNA and enzymes into living cells. In addition, prime editors can also cause unintended mutations, albeit much less frequently than other technologies. Only time will tell if prime editing will rise to its challenges and be successfully modified into a safe product, but we appear to be heading in the right direction towards rewriting the futures of millions of people with debilitating genetic disorders without inserting plot twists we did not intend.

Men's Soccer: Huskies prep for final road matchup of the season



The men's soccer team prepares for its final road contest of the season against No. 12 SMU. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The UConn men's soccer team is headed to Texas this weekend to face off against the No. 12 SMU Mustangs in what will be their last road game this year. The Huskies sit at 2-5-1 away from home this season, but off back-to-back close losses against Temple and No. 6 UCF, UConn is hopeful to finally earn that elusive win against another tough opponent.

For the Huskies (4-10-1, 1-4-0 The American), the season has been full of several close matches, very few of which they have been lucky enough to come out on top of. The mental toughness head coach Ray Reid spoke of earlier in the season has been on full display, but the team has been unable to find that final piece of the puzzle, resulting in a record that seems a lot worse than the team has actually played.

Last time out, UConn suffered yet another one-score loss, their eighth loss of the

kind this year, to the Temple Owls. In a game where the Huskies led in shots with nine, the only one that mattered was the game-winner in the 61st minute off a Temple corner. The only shot to even get on target for UConn was their lone goal scored by center back Jake Dengler, the second of his UConn career and second consecutive game with a goal. He will be the player to watch if he can continue his momentum heading into their matchup against SMU, but even more important will be the teams'

performance on the defensive end.

The Mustangs (12-1-1, 3-1-1 The American) currently sit at No. 2 in all D-1 men's soccer in total goals, having scored a combined 12 in their last two matchups against Stetson and conference rival Cincinnati. On the season, SMU have scored 52 through 14 games, putting together an impressive average of just under four goals a game. They are led by senior forward Garrett McLaughlin, who currently ranks No. 3 in D-1 soccer for goals scored (14)

and No. 4 in points (33). But he is not the only one putting up numbers for the team.

Also on the Mustang's roster are sophomore duo Knut Ahlander and Gabriel Costa, who sit at No. 1 and No. 2 in D-1 soccer in assists with 10 and nine, respectively. This offense is as high-powered as they come and will keep UConn's plate full, keeping them out of the back of the net.

Kickoff for this one is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Wescott Field in Texas, with a livestream being broadcast on Pony Up TV.

Column: Where will Gerrit Cole sign?

Kevin Arnold

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The Houston Astros, baseball's most dominant team of 2019, had their season upended by the underdog Washington Nationals in the World Series. They're also about to lose their best pitcher in free agency.

Gerrit Cole, half of the most dangerous starting pitching duo in the game (with Justin Verlander), is set to be a free agent this winter. Thanks to a career-year in Houston, he's also about to become the highest paid pitcher since David Price signed a seven-year deal worth \$217 million with the Red Sox in 2016.

Cole wasn't just good this year, he was dominant. He set a career-best with his 2.50 ERA and topped the league in strikeouts (326) with a 20-5 record. He ended the season with wins in 16-consecutive decisions and is the frontrunner to win the AL Cy Young Award this winter. So why wouldn't the Astros resign him?

I'm sure they want to and will be one of the many teams to extend the right-hander an offer in the offseason, but they may not have the capital to do so. It was estimated by one MLB executive and reported by SNY's Andy Martino that Cole will command at least a seven-year deal in the range of \$33 to \$35 million, or \$231 million.

The Astros took on the responsibility of Zack Grienke's monstrous deal at the trade deadline (\$35 million in 2020) and already have to pay Justin Verlander (\$33 million), Jose Altuve (\$29 million) and Alex Bregman (\$13 million) large paychecks next season. I'm sure they want to lock up the 2017 World Series MVP, George Springer, and stud shortstop Carlos Correa to long-term deals as they prepare for arbitration. They also need to spend on their rotation and bullpen with 13 other players who were on the postseason roster heading into free agency and/or arbitration.

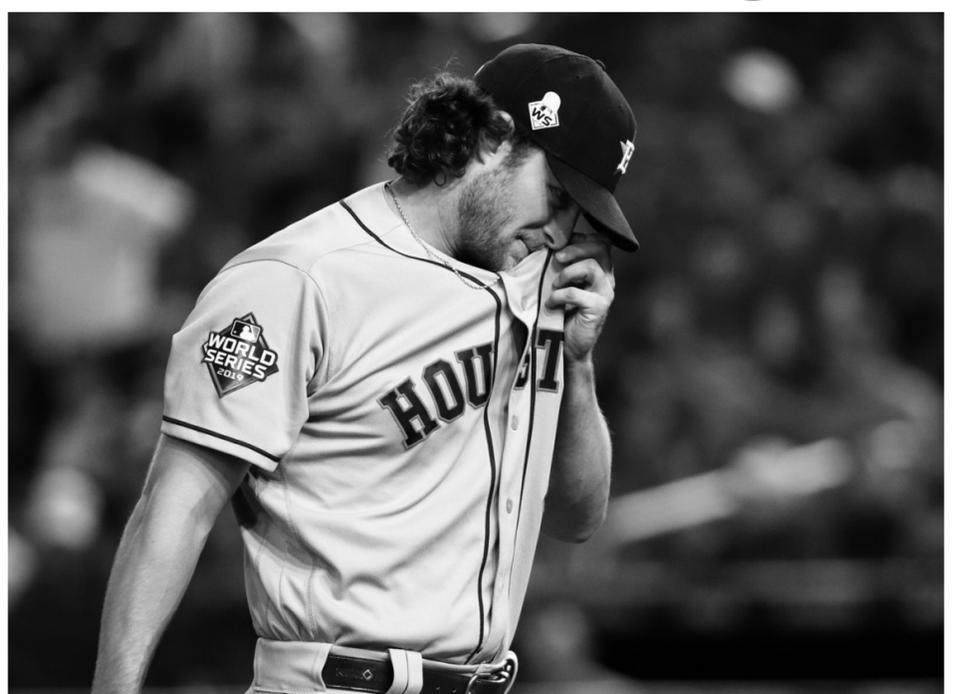
Cole has also all but said goodbye to Houston. Following the Game 7 loss, Cole was asked by an Astros official to talk to the Associated Press, ESPN amongst other media and responded, "I'm not employed by the team." He talked to reporters, but the Scott Boras representee rocked a Boras Corp. hat on his head. He also tweeted out a thank you note to Astros fans, seemingly saying goodbye to his home for the past two seasons.

But none of that answers the question of where he will sign. ESPN insider Buster Olney reported earlier in the season that the Los Angeles Angels will be front runners for Cole, and I tend to agree. It just makes sense.

Cole is a California native and played his high school ball just a rock's throw away from Angel Stadium. They have the cap to do it too, with only six players signed through next season. It would be a big statement from the front office, pairing the AL's top pitcher from 2019 with the Mike Trout, a two-time MVP. A big-time deal for Cole would pair the two for the long haul in an attempt not to waste Trout's prime playing years.

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Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole walks to the dugout after the third inning of Game 5 of the baseball World Series against the Washington Nationals Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Washington. PHOTO BY PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

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To be honest, any team looking to contend for a title in 2020 should be in on Cole. He's that good. (Yes, I'm talking to you @Mets). He's an undoubted ace and can elevate any pitching staff in the league, and starting pitching never goes out of style. Though it may be hard to sway him away from his hometown Angels (if they are indeed the frontrunners), he's going to break the bank no matter where he signs.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Thank you, seniors!



The women's soccer team tied Temple 2-2 on senior night Thursday night, eliminating the Huskies from conference tournament eligibility and bringing an end to their tenure in The American. UConn will join the Big East for next season. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Huskies honor seniors

FIELD HOCKEY, cont. from p. 12

If UConn prevails on Friday evening, it'll wrap up the regular season conference title no matter what second-place Old Dominion (9-6, 5-1 Big East) does this weekend against Villanova. If the Huskies lose and OD wins, they'll share the title, though UConn technically holds the tiebreaker, having beaten the Monarchs 6-2 earlier this season.

Sunday's Senior Day opponent is UMass in what will be the 54th meeting between the programs. UConn currently holds a 37-13-3 advantage in the all-time series, having won the last eight matchups.

The Minutemen (9-8, 5-2 A10) have won five of their last six, fresh off a 2-1 victory over UMass Lowell on Tuesday. Junior Lucy Cooper leads the team with 17 points on six goals and five assists. Junior goalkeeper Marlise van Tonder began the season as a backup but earned the starting role five games in and has started every game since. She has accumulated a .757 save percentage and 56 saves.

Though it'll be an emotional and bittersweet weekend for the Huskies, head coach Nancy Stevens' squad will certainly be focused on the task at hand. Friday's match against Georgetown begins at 6 p.m., Sunday's at 1 p.m., both at the Sherman Family Sports Complex on campus.



Antonia Tiedtke will be one of three seniors honored before Sunday's game. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Men's hockey: UConn kicks off Hockey East against Merrimack



The men's hockey team will open up conference play this weekend against Hockey East rival Merrimack. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Coming out of a two-week long break, the UConn men's hockey team starts conference play this weekend before heading into a month full of action.

First UConn (1-2-1) is facing off with Merrimack this weekend, who they beat 5-0 last year at XL and lost 5-2 away in Andover, Massachusetts. They kick off the series with an away game in Andover Friday before coming back to the XL Center in Hartford Sunday.

Merrimack (1-5, 0-1 Hockey East) has yet to play particularly well this season, losing to every-

one they have faced aside from a 3-1 win over Holy Cross, who finished No. 56 out of 60 in RPI's poll last season.

Merrimack has allowed 29 goals so far this season, but many of them came in an 11-5 loss to No. 15 Wisconsin. Throughout the season they have given up 4.8 goals per game.

They have suffered goals on 23% of power play opportunities, which is notable because they have given up 31 power play opportunities so far this season and they have given up six goals. They do not have a single player with a positive plus/minus this year.

UConn's power plays have been less than stellar so far, as

they have yet to score in 10 opportunities and they have given up three goals in 17.

They have three freshman goalies, who have all struggled this season, sharing the minutes in net. Which has not been kind to Merrimack.

On offense they have been okay, scoring 2.5 goals per game on nearly 26 shots per game.

UConn has to look out for a few players on Merrimack, but in general they spread around the scoring as no player has more than two goals so far.

Merrimack is led in points by Declan Carlile, who has a goal and four assists, and Zach Uens, who has a pair of goals and assists this year.

Merrimack is coming off of a 3-2 OT loss to New Hampshire, in which they lost just 27 seconds into overtime on a Charlie Kelleher goal for the Wildcats.

UConn is well-rested, and they have had the time in practice to get their chemistry working, which has been their biggest concern to this point. They have struggled to string passes together in transition, just missing sticks on forward surges at times.

UConn has a very good opportunity to get conference play off rolling versus Merrimack. However, if they struggle this weekend, it could be very telling of their young roster's chances for the rest of the season.

Football: Sink or swim for Huskies facing off with Navy

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UConn, actually coming off of a win, will face Navy for some Friday night football under the lights of Rentschler Field.

The Huskies (2-6) earned their first win over a BCS opponent in just over two years by taking down UMass on the road. Kevin Mensah ran for a whopping five touchdowns to lead UConn to the 56-35 victory. Edsall had high praise for his workhorse running back after the stellar performance.

“He (Mensah) works extremely hard, and he’s also very prideful in terms of how he plays. He has his own standards and expectations for himself as a football player,” Edsall said. “You know that every day, whether it’s the practice field or it’s game day, he’s going to give his best effort.”

Mensah, humble as ever, gave a lot of credit to the big guys on the offensive line for his performance last Saturday.

“Without them (the offensive line), I wouldn’t have been able to do what I did on Saturday,” Edsall said. “Those five guys are very important to the offense. I try to push them every day.”

With Saturday’s performance, Mensah passed Cornell Brockington for No. 8 on the Huskies’ all-time rushing yards list. With about 2,300 career rushing yards in his time at UConn and one season of eligibility remaining, Mensah will have a shot to catch Donald Brown, who sits at the top of the list with 3,800 career yards.

The air attack also looked solid for the Huskies. True freshman quarterback Jack Zergiotis threw for 198 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Cam Ross led receivers with nine catches for 120 yards and a score.

Weapons such as Mensah, Ross and receiving back Art Thompkins, who also scored on Saturday, seem comfortable working with their young signal caller.

“When you can run the ball and throw the ball well and you have balance, that helps. Hopefully that is something that we’ll be able to continue to do,” Edsall said.

That comfort also goes both ways. Zergiotis is also comfortable with his weapons, particularly Ross, who is also his roommate.

“I have a ton of confidence in Cam [Ross]. I trust him on any throw, and I think he trusts me to get him the ball,” Zergiotis said. “It’s great to have him out there. He’s so quick, it’s great to have a receiver like that.”

As for Navy (6-1), they are on a four-game win streak, with their most recent triumph being a 41-38 win over Tulane. For reference, Tulane beat UConn Oct. 12 by six touchdowns. Edsall had a lot of praise for the Huskies’ foe this Friday.

“This is probably one of the best Navy teams that I can remember,” Edsall said. “I’m very impressed with what they’re doing this year, so it’s going to be a tough ballgame for us.”

Navy is currently just outside of the AP Top 25 rankings. They are the team that has recorded the second-most votes without actually being in the top 25.

Navy’s offense, known for their play action fakes, end arounds, pitch plays and sweeps, will keep UConn’s defense on their toes all game long.

“It’s a combination of what they do and also how well they execute it,” Edsall said. “In terms of how the linemen come off and all of the different fakes, everybody has to be disciplined.”

The focal point of this Navy offense is senior quarterback Malcolm Perry. Perry doesn’t do his damage through the air like traditional quarterbacks, but rather with his legs. Among BCS schools, he currently ranks eighth in rushing yards with 934 and fourth in rushing touchdowns with 14 this season.

Navy isn’t just a purely offensively dangerous team either. Their defense is as creative and destructive as any in all of college football. They are currently No. 10 in total yards allowed this season among BCS schools.

“The thing with Navy is, you don’t know what they’re bringing. They send a lot of blitz packages and there are no tells, so you don’t know who’s coming and who’s dropping,” Zergiotis said.

Zergiotis followed up by saying that preparations for Navy’s unpredictable defense will include “film, preparing for the pressure, knowing when to be hot and knowing when I have time to throw the ball.”

Zergiotis, as young and inexperienced as he may be, was well poised in last Saturday’s victory over UMass. Navy will provide perhaps his most daunting challenge yet.

The Huskies and Midshipmen will play Friday night under the lights of Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field at 8 p.m.



The Huskies are fresh off a road win over UMass as they prepare to host Navy this Friday at 8 p.m. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women’s Soccer Notebook: Seniors recognized on senior night



Regan Schiappa and the other five seniors of the women’s soccer team played their last game as Huskies Thursday night. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Danny Barletta
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Before a heartbreaking and controversial call ended UConn’s season on Thursday, the six seniors on the women’s soccer team were honored for their contributions to the program in a pregame senior night ceremony.

Sofia Leone, Vivien Beil, Alana Moore, Regan Schiappa, Alexa Casimiro and Shay Nakahira all heard their names called and had their careers celebrated with various family members.

Leone is a midfielder from Bay Shore, New York. She originally walked on to the team as a freshman but since has become a vital part of the team, playing in 48 games and making 27 starts. She made two goals and two assists in her UConn career. Both goals have come in her senior season, and her second actually came on Thursday in the 1-1 tie against Temple.

On the other side of that goal was Beil, another senior midfielder, who connected with Leone for her first assist of the season. Beil is a native of Jena, Germany and transferred to UConn from

the University of Maine in 2017. That season, she led the Huskies with six goals and six assists for 18 points and earned a spot on the All-American Athletic Conference Second Team.

Beil missed the entire 2018 season with a torn ACL but came back as a graduate student this season to play out her final year of eligibility as a captain of the Huskies. Overall, in her two seasons at UConn, she started all 32 games she played and registered seven goals and seven assists.

Moore is one of the captains of this UConn team and a native of Oakton, Virginia. She has played in 66 matches and has started 49 of them over her four years. Always a reliable presence and leader on the field, Moore finally recorded her first career point this season with an assist. She was elected to the AAC All-Rookie team in 2016.

Schiappa is a forward from Windermere, Florida, who is one of the few two-sport athletes at UConn. In addition to her prowess on the soccer pitch, she also competes on the women’s track and field team. In her time at UConn, she played in 61 matches with 20 starts. She has recorded two goals

and three assists, with one goal coming this season.

Casimiro didn’t get to play at all this season with a torn ACL, but in her previous three seasons, she played in 52 games with 21 starts. The Prospect, Connecticut native scored four goals in that time, including one against Albany in the 2016 NCAA Tournament. She elected not to redshirt and come back for a fifth year and will graduate with a nursing degree in May.

Finally, Nakahira played the least of any of the six, appearing in 18 games in her four years, including Thursday. However, she was always a solid teammate, both on and off the field. She had a very far journey to UConn, coming all the way from Mililani, Hawaii.

In addition to the six players, senior team manager Kevin Alwell also received recognition before the game. He worked with the team for the last three seasons.

The members of this senior class who were not recognized include midfielder Erin Spillane and goalkeeper Randi Palacios. Both players have used redshirt seasons and will be returning to the field next season for their final years.

Volleyball: UConn has a second chance at Cincinnati, ECU

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This weekend, the Huskies go on the road again, initiating a second round of American Athletic Conference matches against two teams that have already defeated them. On Friday, UConn will again take the stage against ECU. On Sunday, the team will revisit its history with Cincinnati. Both opponents won 3-0, holding off UConn from taking a single set earlier this fall.

UConn (9-13, 3-7 The American) ended its six-match losing streak last Sunday when it came up with a 3-1 victory against Tulsa (13-10, 6-4 The American), a team that was statistically predicted to be a tough matchup for the Huskies. Coming off the win, UConn aims to not let the past repeat itself in these upcoming rematches.

In Greenville, North Carolina this Friday, the Huskies will have a second opportunity to beat the ECU Pirates (16-8, 3-7 The American) after losing 0-3 on Oct. 13. In the last match, UConn was able to keep within five points of ECU, but fell to a 10-point deficit in the third set.

Still leading the pirates in attacks are juniors Sydney Kleinman (outside hitter) and Bri Wood (rightside hitter); both players have just over 300 kills this season. Senior middle blocker Toya Osuegbu leads the team in blocks (85) and redshirt junior libero Brandee Markwith has a total of 415 digs this season. Overall, the Pirates have a season hitting percentage of .239 (UConn: .189). ECU has been more fruitful than UConn in defense this season as well. It has 186 total blocks (UConn: 145.5) and 1462 digs (UConn: 1213).

Later in the weekend, the Huskies will visit Cincinnati, Ohio to try and avenge their loss against

the Cincinnati Bearcats (18-5, 9-1 The American). UConn’s Oct. 11 match against the Bearcats consisted of two 25-14 and one 25-20 set victories by Cincinnati. The Bearcats were clearly the dominant team of the match with an average hitting percentage of .323 compared to UConn’s .155.

Cincinnati’s leader for attacks is redshirt senior right side and outside hitter Jordan Thompson, who has made 510 successful kills this season. Sophomores Maria Mallon (outsider hitter) and Mackenzie Connor (libero) both have 231 digs, and significantly adding to the defensive effort is redshirt sophomore middle blocker Damjana Cabarkapa with 49 total blocks. As a team, Cincinnati has an average hitting percentage of .285 and leads UConn in assists. In terms of total digs, UConn is not far behind. Cincinnati’s 117.5 total blocks make it the weaker blocking team.

UConn, which has had a rough season so far but is still glowing from last Sunday’s victory, is consistently led in both kills and digs by sophomore outside hitter Caylee Parker. Parker can be expected to bring a substantial amount of both skills to every match, regardless of the overall results. Another regularly impressive player is redshirt sophomore setter Courtney Morris (631 assists, 15 service aces). Redshirt junior middle blocker Genna Florig (75 blocks) is set to have a strong defensive presence on the court.

If UConn can summon the same energy it had against Tulsa, it can show once again that statistics do not always predict match outcomes. Now more familiar with the dynamics of competition against ECU and Cincinnati, the Huskies can test how much they have learned in the past three weeks. Friday’s match at ECU begins at 7 p.m. and Sunday’s match at Cincinnati starts at noon.



Sports

Women's Basketball: Huskies to host Jefferson in first exhibition

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Basketball. Is. Back! It's the best time of the year in Storrs, as the 11-time national champions, 12-straight final-four appearing and six-straight American Athletic Conference champions are back on the court.

Sure, these games don't count yet, but they will soon, so what better way is there to get back in the basketball mood than by watching the Huskies beat up a Division II team at 1 p.m. Sunday against Jefferson University at Gampel Pavilion! I mean, I guess there's a chance that the Rams win, but come on, UConn rarely loses to the top Division I teams, so a DII team shouldn't even be a challenge.

On Wednesday, the Huskies were picked No. 5 in the country in the AP Top 25, with 1-4 consisting of Oregon, Baylor, Stanford and Maryland in that order. UConn will face two of those teams this season and will be home for each game, first against Baylor at the XL Center in Hartford on Jan. 9, and then against Oregon in Storrs on Feb. 3.

"We have the kind of schedule that's exciting, it's tough, it's challenging, the one bright spot is they're home, so there's a lot of excitement in a lot of ways," head coach Geno Auriemma said. "But there's also a lot of nervousness. There's times when you have to make sure you build the players up, then you go to practice and you have to



Geno Auriemma and the 2019 Huskies will take the floor for the first time this season when they host Jefferson University for an exhibiton game at Gampel Pavilion. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

temper their expectations when they go, 'Yeah, we've got this.'"

As for the Coaches Poll, UConn was picked No. 4, swapping places with Maryland. In regards to their conference opponents, no other team from the American made the top 25 in either poll. USF received minimal votes in both polls, and UCF appeared in the bottom of the list in the Coaches Poll.

The Huskies are missing two of their top players from last season with the departure of Napheesa Collier and Katie Lou Samuelson, so one thing to look for in this game is who's going to step into their role.

"The interesting thing about when this happens (seniors graduating), you can see that in

a lot of kids' minds last year, I'll bet you, you start every game and you go, 'Phee's got 20, Lou's got 20, so that's 40. Where are we going to fill in to get the other 40?'" Auriemma said. "Now with that 40 points gone, I'll bet you all those guys went, 'I could have got 20 any time I felt like it last night if I had just got more opportunities.' And you kind of smile because now they get all the opportunities they want and they realize, 'Man, it's hard as hell to do what Phee and Lou did.' It looks easy because they made it look easy, but it's hard."

However, Auriemma said that it doesn't need to be someone completely taking over that role and dropping 20 on any given night.

"The good thing about it is they're finding out that not one person has to be superstar material, they just have to rely on each other and be really, really good as a team," Auriemma said.

Guards Crystal Dangerfield and Christyn Williams are likely to be the primary ball-handlers out of the gate, and forwards Megan Walker and Olivia Nelson-Ododa will have the frontcourt duties.

The Huskies will have their second and final exhibition on Wednesday, Nov. 6 against Trevecca Nazarene University, and start their regular season on the following Sunday against Cal.

No. 3 Field Hockey to say farewell to seniors in regular season finale

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Three seniors will play their final regular season games in UConn uniforms this weekend, as the Huskies host Big East opponent Georgetown on Friday and regional rival UMass on Sunday.

Svea Boker, Abby Lucas and Antonia Tiedtke will be honored on Sunday's Senior Day. Lucas, playing behind standout goalkeeper Cheyenne Sprecher, has made three appearances this season after four last year and has allowed just one goal in her collegiate career, recording four saves.

Tiedtke has been an every-game starter since the beginning of her sophomore year, proving to be one of UConn's most reliable defenders and a penalty corner specialist. Last season, Tiedtke led the team in assists with 20, earning NFHCA All-Region Second Team honors. This year, Tiedtke once again leads the way in assists (14) to go along with three goals.

Last but not least is Svea Boker, one of the most decorated forwards in UConn field hockey's storied history. Having started nearly every game since she arrived, Boker was a Second Team All-American last season and is plenty deserving of a First Team spot this year, currently fourth in the country with 41 points on 17 goals and 11 assists.

All three seniors are national champions as members of the 2017 championship team. During their four years, UConn has won every Big East regular season title and all three conference tournaments, and they look to add a fourth next weekend.

First, the Huskies (14-3, 6-0 Big East) have some work to do this weekend. After clinching at least a share of the conference regular season last weekend, UConn has a chance to claim the title outright with a victory over Georgetown on Friday.

The odds will be heavily in UConn's favor, as the Huskies have won 38 straight Big East games, while Georgetown (5-12, 1-5 Big East) has just one conference victory on the season and comes in on a nine-game losing streak. UConn has a 15-0 all-time record against Georgetown.

The wheels have simply come off the wagon for the Hoyas, their last win being over a month ago on Sept. 22. Scoring has been hard to come by, averaging just 1.35 goals per game. Junior Cami Osborne has a team-high six goals this season. No other player has more than four.

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Women's Soccer: Heartbreaker in Hartford ends on controversial offsides call

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STAFF WRITER

After a long season of ups and downs on offense, UConn women's soccer looked like they had done the improbable: Score a double overtime winner with seconds left to go in their season. Then the seemingly impossible happened: The sideline ref raised his flag, waiving the goal off, waiving the Huskies' season off.

The play unfolded in slow motion, with a Temple corner that they pulled their goalie for. After the ball trickled out, forward Kess Elmore snatched it and immediately flipped onto the offensive. She looked up and found a streaking Vivien Beil, on her Senior Night, flying down the left-hand side, gliding on the rain-soaked turf. Beil looked to be on side, and she took the pass in stride.

With the ball at her feet and nothing but green in front of her, Beil slotted home the game winner, or so she thought. The sideline referee held the flag stiffly into the sky as the whole UConn side mobbed Beil at the corner flag.

UConn was crushed. They had done everything they could and showed up when they needed to, and it still wasn't enough.



UConn had its tenure in the American Athletic Conference come to an end in a tie against Temple. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

With the tie to Temple, both of their seasons were officially over after a deflated buzzer sounded in the background.

The game had started with immense potential. The Huskies came out of the gates blistering as Sofia Leone buried a header by Morgan Basileo in the 28th minute after a whole host of chances on goal early. They then conceded with less than four minutes to go in the sec-

ond half, which sent the game to overtime.

UConn controlled the action the whole game, starting off the early minutes with shut down defense from Regan Schiappa, who nicked the ball away from a streaking Temple attacker in the seventh minute right before they got a shot on net. On the following corner, goalkeeper Randi Palacios punched away the service from Temple.

After a bunch of chances on net from the 20th minute on, UConn got what they were after. Leone directed a Vivien Beil service into the net to put UConn up 1-0. The small audience in attendance let the cheers roar, and the whole team gathered near the corner flag to celebrate their triumphant lead.

They would hold such a lead for 59 minutes until UConn gave away a freekick that would lead to the shot that sunk their season. Temple's leading goalscorer Hailey Gutowski swerved a header by Palacios on a free kick pass from Emily Keitel to tie it up 1-1.

They ventured into overtime and traded corners and chances to win, but nothing seemed dangerous until the final play that went for naught.

The call from the referee was technically correct, considering the goalkeeper was out of her goal and Beil was behind just one defender, instead of the required two. In a typical situation, the goalkeeper in net would count as the second and it would require just one more defender to be on side. Since Temple had just one player back, even though the footage revealed Beil to be behind her, she was offside.

This game ends UConn's tenure in The American conference, and in the wildest way possible, they are now onto the Big East.

TWEETS OF THE DAY



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UConn football is on national TV tomorrow. Hide the children.

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@UConn's basketballs Akok Akok has a major upside, defensively and offensively. A high riser with sky's the limit work ethic. Another building block for Dan Hurley's Huskies.

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



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UConn vs. NAVY
Tonight
8 p.m.
Rentschler Field

UConn vs. G
Field Hockey
6 p.m.
George J. Sherman Family Complex

UConn @ Texas Tech
Men's Soccer
7 p.m.
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