

UConn kinesiology department ranks #2 in the US

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The University of Connecticut Department of Kinesiology rose in national ranking, placing second in the United States in a recent evaluation of doctoral programs.

The National Academy of Kinesiology conducted nationwide evaluation of doctoral programs, which examined data from 2020 to 2023 and recognized UConn as second overall, boosting the department from its previous third place ranking for its exercise science program.

Laurie Devaney, interim head of kinesiology and co-director of UConn's Institute for Sports Medicine, said the accomplishment is a direct reflection of the hard work coming from dedicated faculty and students.

"I really do think that our faculties' kind of commitment to each other and commitment to the field of exercise science and really trying to keep

people healthy is one of the things that drives us and sets us apart," said Devaney.

Devaney added how the placement of the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources is not typical in other schools but allows the ability to foster collaboration with nutritional sciences and allied health.

Devaney said the department stands out from other schools due to its work in exertional heat related illness, as well as preventing sudden death in athletes through the Corey Stringer Institute.

The Doctoral Program Evaluation looks at student and faculty data, contributing to the final score of the ranking, according to the National Academy of Kinesiology website. Faculty data consists of productivity, funding and visibility of programs. Student data looks at cumulative undergraduate GPA, graduate assistant support and employment following graduation.

Devaney said the depart-

ment has a strong relationship with athletic programs, including UConn Athletics that continues to develop around both performance and health, as well as working with high schools to provide contemporary expertise in athletic training services. She added that their work goes beyond athletics too, focusing on all populations.

"Much of our research revolves around injury prevention in athletes and expanding the knowledge base there. But we also have a big kind of health sciences component that focuses on keeping an aging population healthy, as well as our physical therapy program which focuses on musculoskeletal health across all age bands and population," said Devaney.

The kinesiology department consists of a doctorate in physical therapy, master's in athletic training, graduate and undergraduate programs in exercise science, as well as an exercise prescription program, consisting of a gradu-

ate certificate and an online master's degree.

With a rise in national ranking, Devaney said they have seen tremendous growth in the undergraduate exercise program, specifically.

"It was only about seven years ago we had about 24 students total in the program, when it was just an upper-level major," said Devaney. "Now students enter as freshmen and we actually have somewhere around 175 students, and we are on target to have about 200 students in the undergraduate science program next year," said Devaney.

As for the future, Devaney said they are always looking to further improve on the work they are already doing. They have begun working on expanding and restructuring the undergraduate exercise science program toward an accredited program, which will strengthen faculty and student connections.

They also have plans to build a second heat lab, which will focus on occupational and labor safety.

Additionally, Devaney said they are expanding the Institute for Sports Medicine, which is a joint initiative across UConn and UConn Health, and will be opening a new site at the XL Center in Hartford beginning fall 2024.

"We will be moving into 5000 square feet of space there that will be a clinical research hub for Institute for Sports Medicine, but it'll actually encompass even more than that and help foster other kinesiology research goals as well," Devaney said.

Overall, Devaney said the success of the department is a direct reflection of good leadership from former department head Lindsay DiStefano and others throughout the department and university.

"Good leadership all the way from the department level up through the university makes a big difference in the success of a department like this and in these rankings," said Devaney.

More information about the UConn Department of Kinesiology can be found here.

Congressional leaders sell \$1.2 trillion spending package to members before shutdown deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders from both parties looked to put a positive light on a \$1.2 trillion spending package that lawmakers are working to approve before funding expires at midnight Friday for a host of key government agencies.

Text of the legislation had not been released as of Wednesday afternoon, but lawmakers and aides were expecting an official unveiling later in the day or early Thursday. The package, which is expected to pass, will wrap up Congress' work on spending bills for the year — nearly six months after the fiscal year began.

This year's dozen spending bills were packed into two packages. The first one cleared Congress two weeks ago just hours before a shutdown deadline for the agencies funded through the bills.

Now Congress is focused on the second, larger package, which includes about \$886 billion for defense, about a 3% increase from last year's levels. The bill also funds the Departments of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Labor and others, with non-defense spending expected to be relatively flat compared to the prior year.

Leaders worked to sell the package to members. In a closed-door meeting with GOP lawmakers in the morning, Speaker Mike Johnson described a few of the policy changes that House Republicans were able to secure in the latest negotiations. Those included a prohibition on funding for a United Nations relief program for Palestinian refugees that extends through March 2025. He also noted the bill funds 8,000 additional detention beds for noncitizens awaiting their immigration proceedings or removal from the country.

"The Homeland (Security) piece was the most difficult to negotiate because the two parties have a wide chasm between them," said Johnson at

the GOP leadership's weekly press conference. "I think the final product is something that we were able to achieve a lot of key provisions in, and wins, and it moved in a direction that we want even with our tiny, historically small majority."

The House is expected to vote on the second package on Friday, giving lawmakers more than a day to examine the legislation, but in doing so, leadership is bypassing a House rule that calls for giving lawmakers 72 hours to review major legislation before having to vote on it.

That is riling some House Republicans, but following the rule would surely invite some lapse in federal funding, even if just for a day or so, for several key federal agencies.

Once the bill passes the House, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. said he will put it on the Senate floor.

"Even with bipartisanship, it's going to be a tight squeeze to get this funding package before the weekend deadline," said Schumer.

Democrats celebrated staving off the vast majority of policy mandates Republicans had sought to include in the spending bills, such as restricting access to the abortion pill mifepristone or banning access to gender-affirming health care.

"We're exactly in the position that we knew we were going to end up," said Rep. Pete Aguilar D-Calif. "We knew that House Democrats, Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans and the White House weren't going to tolerate any significant harmful cuts and crazy policy riders."

The spending in the bill largely tracks with an agreement that former Speaker Kevin McCarthy worked out with the White House in May 2023, which restricted spending for two years and suspended the debt ceiling into January 2025 so the federal government could continue paying its bills.

"We have had to stick to some difficult toplines and fight off literally hundreds of Republican poison pills, not to mention some really harsh, almost unthinkable, cuts proposed by House Republicans," said Sen. Patty Murray, the Democratic chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "But now we have a good, bipartisan bill that protects absolutely essential investments in the American people."

McCarthy was ousted from the speaker's role a few months after securing the debt ceiling deal. Eight Republicans ended up joining with Democrats in removing McCarthy as speaker. And some of those unhappy with that debt ceiling deal also expressed misgivings about the latest package.

Johnson is expected to bring the bill up for a vote through a streamlined process that requires two-thirds support for the bill to pass. The earlier spending package passed by a vote of 339-85 with Republicans providing all but two of the no votes.

"If this bill sits out for two weeks, it will get pilloried like a pinata," said Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas. "So they want to jam it through over the next 48 hours."

"I hope there will be some modest wins. Unfortunately, I don't expect that we will get much in the way of significant policy wins based on past history and based on our unwillingness to do use any kind of leverage to force policy wins, meaning a willingness to walk away and say no," said Rep. Bob Good, R-Va.

One of the changes Johnson touted for members was prohibiting — through March 2025 — funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which is the main supplier of food, water and shelter to civilians in Gaza. Republicans are insisting on cutting off funding to the agency after Israel alleged that a dozen employees of the agency were involved in the attack that Hamas conducted in



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and the House Republican leadership meet with reporters as lawmakers work to pass the final set of spending bills to avoid a partial government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, March 20, 2024. PHOTO BY J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Israel on Oct. 7.

The U.S. is the biggest donor to the agency, providing it with about \$364 million in 2022 and \$371 million in 2023. After Israel made its allegations, the Biden administration paused funding for the agency. Republicans seek a more lasting prohibition.

But the prohibition does concern some lawmakers because many relief agencies say there is no way to replace its ability to deliver the humanitarian assistance that the United States and others are trying to send to Gaza, where a quarter of the 2.3 million residents are starving.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., said in a recent speech on the Senate floor that any individual who participated in the Oct. 7 attack must be held responsible. But not innocent civilians.

"Punish the 14. Don't punish 2 million innocent Gazans," said Van Hollen.

But House Republicans are describing the agency as "part of the problem" that Israel is confronting. About three dozen wrote Appropriations

Committee members saying, "in light of UNRWA's record of troublesome allegations and disturbing revelations since Hamas's October 7 terrorist attack on Israel, we believe that going forward no further U.S. taxpayer funds can be given to the agency."

Johnson also touted to colleagues a 6% cut to foreign aid programs and only allowing the American flag to be flown over U.S. diplomatic facilities as wins, according to a Republican congressional aid not authorized to speak publicly. Under the Biden administration, U.S. embassies have been invited to fly the pride flag or light up with rainbow colors in support of the LGBTQ community.

Johnson said that after the spending package passes, the House would next turn its attention to a bill that focuses on aiding Ukraine and Israel, though lawmakers are scheduled to be away from Washington for the next two weeks. The Senate has already approved a \$95.3 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, but Johnson has declined to bring that

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LOOKING TO RESCHEDULE A FINAL? HERE'S HOW

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As the 2023-2024 school year dwindles to an end, finals are approaching quickly for University of Connecticut students. According to the UConn academic calendar, exams are scheduled from Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4.

Although these dates are scheduled by the university, "there are some special circumstances that grant students the ability to request permission to reschedule finals," according to the Dean of Students Office website.

The website states that in order to request permission to reschedule a final, students must fill out the Finals Rescheduling Request Form with the proper documentation depending on their circumstances. Once the request is reviewed, students will be notified via email of the decision from the Dean of Students office.

There are a few reasons why a student may request rescheduling a final according to the Dean of Students Office website. These include bunched finals, extenuating circumstances, immediate illnesses and emergency closing of the university.

A finals schedule is considered "bunched" when a student is scheduled to take three exams in one day, four exams in two days or three consecutive exams, according to the website. If a student has three consecutive finals, which is three finals back-to-back, only the second can be rescheduled. The deadline for requesting a rescheduled exam for bunched finals is April 19.

As for extenuating circumstances, requests become a little



The Office of the Registrar on Oct. 31, 2023. The Office of the Registrar supports the instructional and student progress endeavors of the University and where the Dean of Students office is located.

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more complicated.

According to the website, all requests for extenuating circumstances must include supporting documentation as proof and any requests that fail to include documentation will not be reviewed.

Furthermore, "students with extenuating circumstances that conflict with their scheduled final exams are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students Office to speak to a staff member as soon as possible," the website explains. Students who demonstrate unavoidable circumstances may be approved to reschedule one or more of their final exams." The website also states that there is no deadline for extenuating circumstances requests, as they will be considered through the end of the semester.

A student may also reschedule an exam if they contract an illness that prevents them from taking their exam. In response, students should visit Student Health & Wellness "for verification of illness," so that Student Health & Wellness can then contact the Dean of Students office, according to the website.

"SHaW will provide information to the Dean of Students office who will then inform the instructor of permission to re-

schedule the final. Students who are ill and were seen by Student Health and Wellness do not need to also visit the Dean of Students office." If a student were to receive treatment outside of UConn, the medical provider would wvhave to email the Dean of Students office to request permission to reschedule an exam. The student would then be contacted by a staff member of the office to show proof of their illness.

The Dean of Students office website states that "supporting documentation will be required and must verify the date(s) of illness, without medical details. Documentation may be emailed or faxed to 860-486-1972."

If there was an instance where UConn closed due to an emergency or weather, finals would be rescheduled by the Office of the Registrar, not students.

As for UConn students at regional campuses looking to reschedule their finals, they should contact the student services staff at their respective campuses.

The Dean of Students office website notes that not all students will be approved to reschedule a final, as submitting an online rescheduling request does not guarantee approval.

Mansfield hosts annual Maple Festival

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The town of Mansfield hosted the annual Eastern Connecticut Maple Festival for the first time in the festival's history on March 9 and 10.

The event had over 100 vendors and 14 food trucks according to Diane Nadeau, the president and CEO of the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce, which organized the festival. She said that an estimated 2,000 people attended the festival across the two days.

In an email, Nadeau said that the highlight of the event was the variety of maple-based food available.

Food vendors at the Maple Festival are always required to have at least one maple-based menu item. Nadeau listed maple coffees and lattes, maple bacon donuts, maple cotton candy and maple chicken empanadas among many other examples of the food offered at the festival.

"This year was also the first year that we had someone at the event making maple syrup," said Nadeau.

The University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources taught people how to make maple syrup at home and the America Museum of Wilimantic presented a history of maple syrup and a syrup tasting.

The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce had organized the Hebron Maple Festival but moved to a new location when the festival's size outgrew the town. According to Nadeau, the downtown began to expand with more residences and businesses as the years went on, and the festival eventually started to congest the Hebron downtown area.

This was the first year that a town other than Hebron hosted the Maple Festival. Hebron continued

to host their own event on March 16 and 17 that highlighted Hebron businesses and history. The Hebron event also included a tractor parade, a 5K run and local businesses as vendors and sponsors of the celebration.

Nadeau said that the cold weather presented a challenge for the festival, but attendees stayed warm by drinking maple coffee and lattes.

"Sunday was also very windy and many of our vendors had to take down their booths and close early," said Nadeau. "Those that were able to stay continued to provide great products. Almost all of our maple food vendors were there to the end serving up wonderful treats!"

Nadeau said the festival will return to Mansfield next year and take place on the second weekend in March.

"Our goal is to make sure that UConn students who are not leaving for spring break have the opportunity to come to the festival and have some local fun," said Nadeau. "We are also hoping to reach out to more local organizations, nonprofits and youth groups to be a part of the event."

Nadeau said that because a significant portion of planning for this year's festival included deciding on Mansfield as a host, the chamber of commerce did not have as much time as usual to work with local groups and give them a chance to participate. She encouraged student organizations at UConn to reach out and get involved in the festival.

"It is a great way for clubs or groups to get out a message, showcase a project or raise funds for a cause or their organization," said Nadeau.

Nadeau said anyone interested in participating in the Maple Festival next year can contact her at dianenadeau2000@gmail.com or 860-428-7739.

Reddit poised to make its stock market debut after IPO prices at \$34 per share amid strong demand

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Reddit will enter a new era as a publicly traded company with a market value of \$6.4 billion after the social media platform's initial public offering was priced at \$34 per share.

The price announced late Wednesday came in at the top end of the target range set by Reddit's investment bankers as they spent the past few weeks gauging investor demand for the stock. It sets the stage for Reddit's shares to begin trading Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "RDDT" in a debut likely to spur a flurry of commentary on Reddit's own platform, as well as competing social media outlets.

The interest surrounding Reddit stems largely from a large audience that religiously visits the service to discuss a potpourri of subjects that range from silly memes to existential worries, as well as to get recommendations from like-minded people.

By tech industry's standards though, Reddit remains extraordinarily small for a company that has been around since 2005.

Meta Platforms — whose biggest social media service Facebook was started just 18 months earlier than Reddit — boasts a market value of more than \$1.2 trillion. Meta also generates annual revenue of \$135 billion, while Reddit's remains below \$1 billion.

And then there is this problem: Reddit has never profited

from its broad reach, while piling up cumulative losses of \$717 million. That number has swelled from cumulative losses of \$467 million in December 2021, when the company first filed papers to go public before aborting that attempt.

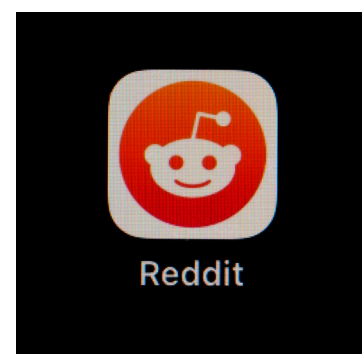
In the documents filed for its revived IPO, Reddit attributed the losses to a fairly recent focus on finding new ways to boost revenue.

But Reddit will now have more money in the bank to finance its ambitions to expand its influence and reel in more revenue in the process.

The IPO raised about \$748 million, including about \$228 million for Reddit shareholders who opted to sell some of their

stock. Another \$519 million is earmarked for Reddit, but the San Francisco-based company won't receive all that money because it still has to pay commissions and other costs associated with the offering. Bankers still have a 30-day window to sell another 3.3 million shares that would raise an additional \$112 million, before deducting commissions and fees.

Reddit set aside up to 1.76 million of the 15.3 million shares being offered in the IPO for users of its platform. Per the usual IPO custom, the remaining shares were bought primarily by mutual funds and other institutional investors betting Reddit is ready for prime time in finance.



The Reddit app icon is seen on a smartphone, Feb. 28, 2023, in Marple Township, Pa. Reddit is due to begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday, March 21, 2024.

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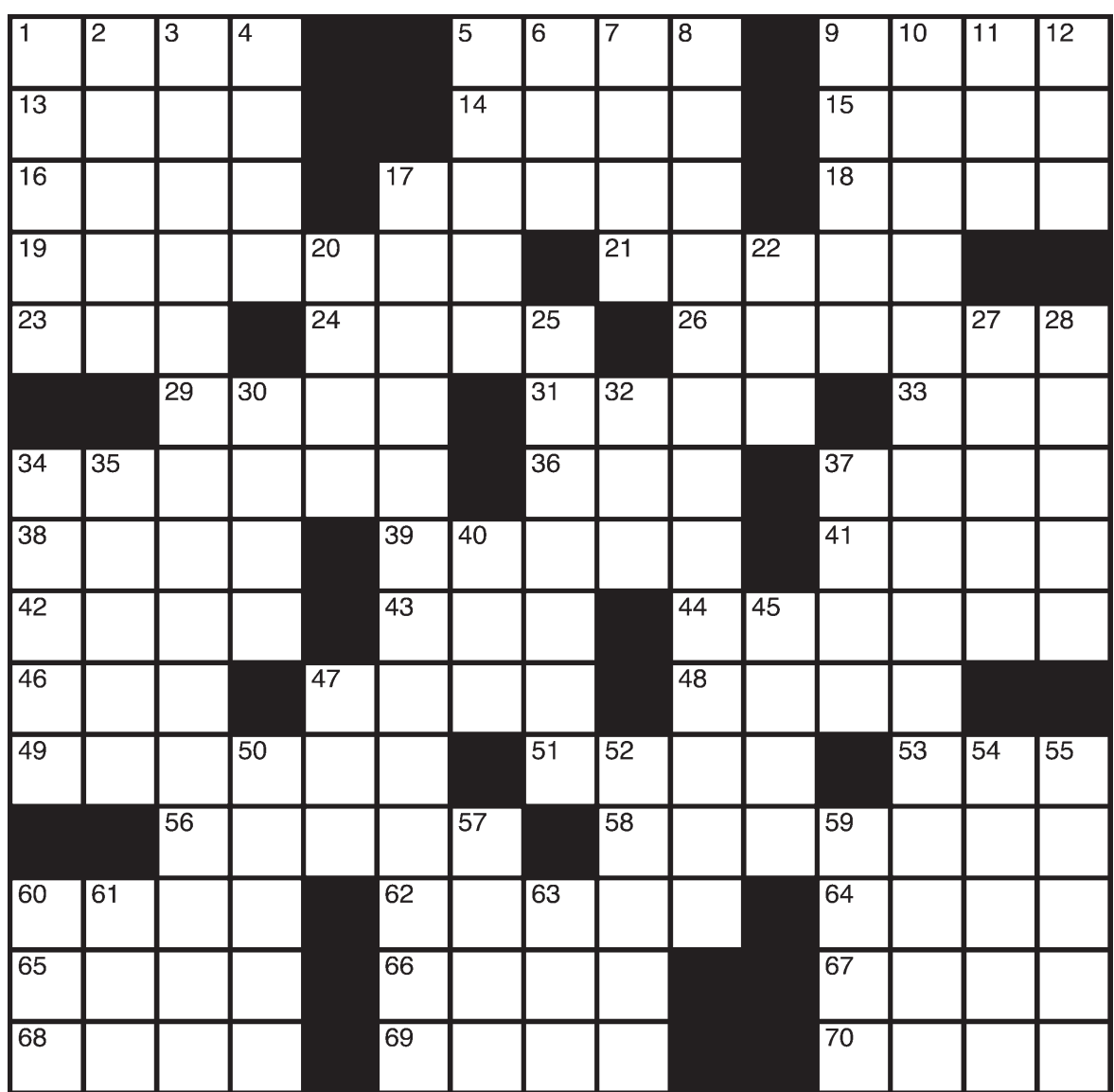
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In this day and age where police procedurals and other crime dramas pervade modern television, we need to remember the pioneers that elevated the genre to the heights it now reaches. Dick Wolf, creator of the tried-and-true "Law & Order," has constantly been experimenting with new intellectual properties based in different areas of the United States, such as Chicago. Evidently, he is willing to try new styles for his productions, considering this new series "Homicide: New York" consists of documentaries with testimonials from former and active members of the New York Police Department.

Setting a crime show in New York in 2001 demands an expectation for 9/11 to play a role in the story, which it later does. However, the focus of the first episode, "Carnegie Deli Massacre," is on the months preceding the attack, when three individuals were killed above a deli neighboring the theater of "The Tonight Show." Weirdly enough, one of the slain victims bore a striking resemblance to author Stephen King, possessing the same name and glasses, establishing cognitive dissonance as to whether the author was murdered or still alive. Nevertheless, it is horrifying for anyone to have been bound and shot in the head. Thankfully, two victims survived this treatment, one of which was dramatically introduced through the common technique of walking to the interview chair instead of already being sat down.

Immediately, the NYPD staff expressed how this case shook them to their cores. Barbara Butcher, who was ironically a

death investigator, lamented having to witness a person, who was living and breathing hours before police arrived, mangled into a disfigured corpse. Bill McNeely, a former detective, recalled the displeasure of telling families that someone near and dear to them had passed away. Therefore, this heavy emotional burden was eased when the two murderers were caught and tried using camera footage and DNA evidence. Roger Parrino, a lieutenant at the time, mentioned that there is a melancholy that is hard to alleviate from dealing with a case like this, although the relief of attaining justice was felt around the department.

To further feed our morbid curiosities for true crime, it appears the crimes chosen for analysis in "Homicide: New York" were picked for their brutality, both in their scale of lives lost and the ways in which the victims were murdered. The setting also played a part, as the first two episodes covered crimes in central areas of Manhattan — quite literally in "Central Park Slaying." As the NYPD explains, one's age must be disregarded when identifying a killer, because kids younger than college students have murdered before.

One fascination of the true crime crowd revolves around how young adults can commit heinous crimes that are thought to only be committed by grown adults, but "Central Park Slaying" disproves that belief. As with many young killers, it was a collaborative effort perpetrated by two 15-year-old outcasts who bonded over their hatred of people and withdrawal from society. This led them to beating and stabbing a man, 30 years their senior, to death. Differing from commentary on the

previous case, a defense attorney, or a devil's advocate, was brought in to explain the legal aspects of charging someone with a crime when there is inadequate evidence.

Richard Plansky, once an assistant defense attorney, had been assigned to the case as his second case on the job, referring to it as "a baptism by fire." Despite his disdain for the crime, he could not point fingers until evidence could describe the killers' intentions and actions "beyond a reasonable doubt." Finding evidence to illustrate the crime is often placed under time constraints to keep the court proceedings moving along, so time is the NYPD's greatest obstacle that can prevent them from prosecuting criminals and sending them to the slammer.

According to Butcher, times were tough when the department had to handle roughly 2,500 homicides per year, which became more chaotic when problems arose between NYPD branches that were both pivotal and trivial to fix. Extracting stories from discombobulated killers, or victims if they are still alive, can lead to workplace feuds, along with detectives simply sporting improper attire on the job.

Parrino was punished by the police commissioner for wearing a T-shirt and shorts to the murder scene above Carnegie Deli, and DA Plansky called out another detective for rocking a Grateful Dead lapel pin in court. The latter detective, Rob Mooney, stood by his accessory, as it was one of his defining features that humanized him. His defiance proved to show his strength of character, resulting in this anecdote that provided a much-needed excursion from the heavy topics at hand, and an eventual friendship between Plansky and Mooney.

"Blue Bloods," a police procedural on CBS, parallels the real NYPD in an uncanny fashion. Irma Rivera, a retired detective, must have been an inspiration to detective Maria Baez in that show, given their similar appearance and interrogation techniques of using their own personal lives to help connect them to the suspects. Barbara Coleman, a friend of one of the Carnegie victims, shared a similar sentiment when the real NYPD came to her, noting: "They looked like they were off of a set of 'NYPD Blue.'"

"Homicide..." uses an aspect ratio of 2.35:1, a common format for films to portray the magnitude of these crimes, as well as using 3D graphics to present the size of Manhattan to conceptualize how much misfortune the NYPD has the potential of dealing with. The runtimes of each episode averages 50 minutes, giving a strong synopsis of the murder to the prosecution, but these shows always miss in representing the meticulous nature of solving a crime, like the hours of interrogations and uncertainty of prosecution that may last for years if the case goes cold. There were points, even in a linear case such as the Carnegie murders, where the police were lost and frustrated with certain leads, yet we only see the outcome of that struggle. Additionally, the episodes finish with a trailer for the next episode, a powerful tactic to make it difficult for the audience to stop watching until completing the five episodes currently in circulation.

The subject matter may be wrought with wrongdoing, but you cannot go wrong when viewing true crime shows, especially if they are produced by Wolf Entertainment.

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A legacy of care among Black Americans

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The University of Connecticut's Humanities Institute held a fellows talk titled "Familial Archives and a Black American Legacy of Care" by Martine Granby on Wednesday. Granby is an assistant professor of journalism and has worked as a filmmaker. The fellow's talk showcased her documentary "Ten Seconds of Sugar," a film "chronicling a legacy of caretaking, motherhood and silence of Black women's mental health," according to the UConn Events calendar.

The documentary is still in development, but Granby described the contents as centering around various women in her family. The stories involve her grandmother, Shirley Ford, her mother, Felita Granby and herself. Her grandmother worked as a nurse and her mother currently works as a therapist. Granby commented, "I come from a long line of caregivers."

Yet Granby noticed a trend in her family and other Black American families: their mental health was largely ignored or managed differently. In a clip from the documentary, Ford described her way of coping with hardships as through prayer for all parties involved. This differs for both Granby and her mother, who she says also uses "denial as a coping mechanism."

Originally, the documentary wasn't centered around her own family.

Granby stated that she originally followed the stories of three other families located around the United States. She came to find that when interviewing them and trying to understand their stories, she would recount her own tales and experiences with mental health in the Black community. Over time, she realized that the type of story she was trying to convey would have been better suited as a personal narrative.

She mentioned a film titled "When My Sleeping Dragon Woke" when recounting the emotional toll that the documentary took on her and her family. "One scene from that movie felt like a gut punch," stated Granby. From this, she "began making this film as a form of intervention for [her] and [her] mother."

Granby expressed that the goal of her documentary is to "give ourselves permission to envision what it's like to ask for care for ourselves. Mothering and care are woven throughout this film." Creating this movie has allowed Granby to see her family in a different light — to see how generational trauma has affected her and her loved ones. "Only recently did I fully realize this: that through years of listening to my mother's stories of her life, I have absorbed not only the stories themselves but something of the manner in which she spoke, something of the urgency that involves the knowledge that her stories — like her life — must be recorded," said Granby.

This is not the only thing to come out of her documentary, Granby also discovered that before becoming a mother and a nurse, her grandmother was a



Martine Granby gives a fellow's talk on "Familial Archives and A Black American Legacy of Care." The event was held on Wednesday, March 20 at the UConn's Humanities Institute.
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member of The Teen-Clefs, a musical girl group during the 1950s. A detail such as this shows how the women in her family transformed to become the caregivers she knows today. "Their chosen profession was to care for other people, but they really didn't know how to do that for themselves," expressed Granby. Unfortunately, Granby said that her grandmother was unwilling to sing for the documentary.

A response came from Dr. Richard Ashby Wilson, a Board of Trustees member and profes-

sor of law at UConn. He asked Granby to further elaborate on the personal hurdles she faced when creating the movie and why she chose the biographical documentary format. As described before, she felt that her family's story was one that needed to be seen by viewers. She also encourages all documentary filmmakers to do a piece that involves themselves. In her time as an interviewer, she said it is important to understand exactly what you are asking these people to do when

they sit in front of a camera. Telling your story can be an intrusive experience, so filmmakers need to understand what is on the line for these people.

Unlike previous research or stories, Granby wanted to not only look at the trauma of these families but how they coped with it. "This film is for many iterations of myself," stated Granby. From every iteration of her as a child all the way to what she will be like in the future.

Celebrating WGSS' 50th anniversary: This week's events

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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies department at the University of Connecticut, there will be multiple events hosted between Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 on the Storrs campus. An event calendar can be found here.

On Thursday, March 21, the Ballard Ballroom in the Graduate Hotel will be hosting multiple events.

At 10 a.m., there will be a celebration opening with WGSS director Sherry Zane and provost Anne D'Alleva.

From 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., writer and activist Alexis De Veaux will speak about Audre Lorde, a self-proclaimed "black, lesbian,

mother, warrior, poet" who delivered the famous speech "The Uses of Anger" at UConn.

From 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., there will be a panel featuring Judith Plaskow, Chela Sandoval and Holly Smith on the uses of anger and the evolution of WGSS in the past based on the previously mentioned Audre Lorde speech.

From 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., there will be an event keynote in the form of a conversation between M. Jacqui Alexander and Beverly Guy-Sheftall.

From 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., there will be another panel featuring V Varun Chaudhry, PJ Di Pietro, Evren Savci, endawnis Spears and Jaimee Swift on the uses of anger and how WGSS can combat racism in the future. It is also inspired by Audre

Lorde's speech. This will be followed by a celebration dinner that is open to "WGSS majors and minors, students interested in becoming majors or minors, WGSS alumni, WGSS faculty, and WGSS@50 event panelists" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

From 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be a presentation by Callas Foundation founder Caroline Peters.

On Friday, March 22, there will be multiple events in various locations.

There will be an undergraduate career roundtable with WGSS alumni moderated by Morgan Keating and Kate Wagner from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the UConn Women's Center program room in the Student Union.

From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., there will be a workshop titled

"The Uses of Anger for BIPOC Poets" by poet and creative non-fiction writer Cecilia Caballero in Susan V. Herbst Hall (formerly known as Oak Hall) room 438. The event is RSVP-only, and the form closed on March 14.

At 11:15 a.m., The William Benton Museum of Art will open their exhibit celebrating WGSS' 50th anniversary. From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., two-spirit and transgender musician Bobby Sanchez will perform there in concert.

From 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., University of Pennsylvania's associate professor of WGSS and philosophy Mariana Ortega will give a talk under the title "Ambiguity, Aesthetics, and Resistance: A Lugonesian Approach" at Herbst Hall room 408. It will address the theory-praxis of resistance in the work of philosopher

Maria Lugones. The talk is co-sponsored by the departments of philosophy, political science, WGSS and El Instituto. The Zoom link to attend virtually can be found in the event calendar.

WGSS is a relatively new field of study and department at UConn, but it helps the world become a more hospitable place for all. WGSS is eclectic in its approach, drawing upon psychology, political science, philosophy, history and many other fields with a different lens. These events are to the benefit of all UConn students. Any and all are welcome to celebrate WGSS and the work it's done to strengthen university culture and tolerance.



Life

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Content warning for references to wounds, bleeding and injury.

On Tuesday, March 19, UConn Rescue and Stop the Bleed hosted a workshop with a UConn Rescue basic life support and Stop the Bleed instructor on how to stop life-threatening bleeding in Chemistry Building room T309.

Kathryn Wilkinson, an eighth-semester molecular and cell biology major with an anthropology of global health minor, gave the workshop. Wilkinson began the workshop by giving a brief history of Stop the Bleed. “Stop the Bleed is a national campaign started in October 2015 in Hartford to prepare people for an emergency or life-threatening situations,” she said. She noted that Stop the Bleed was a result of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Wilkinson gave a content warning for the graphic imagery that was shown in the slideshow and videos.

“The number one cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding,” Stop the Bleed staff and Wilkinson stated. To put into perspective how common and potentially fatal bleeding could be, Wilkinson screened the YouTube video “Young Skier Saved by STOP THE BLEED Training,” where interviews highlighted how the skier could have

rule. She recommends wearing gloves if you can, but she acknowledged how in an applied scenario, gloves aren’t always available. If you get blood on you, Stop the Bleed says to wash it off thoroughly with soap and water and wait for further instruction from paramedics. Wilkinson emphasized how the wound with the most active bleeding has the priority in treatment to prevent the most blood loss. Some signs of major active bleeding are if the bleeding is continuous, in a large volume, pooling, spurting or spraying. Wilkinson pointed out how clothing could ob-

If the wound is deep, Stop the Bleed recommends packing the wound by stuffing sterile gauze into the wound while also applying pressure. A video was shown demonstrating hemostatic gauze, a special type of packing gauze that promotes faster clotting with a special mineral in it.

Wilkinson moved onto tourniquets. “Commercially made tourniquets (CAT) are the gold standard of tourniquets,” she said.

It was noted that tourniquets are supposed to completely stop the blood flow to the wound. She then addressed makeshift tourniquets by saying: “This course does not endorse using shirts and belts for bleeding if you can hold directly

wound to save time and resources. If you’re applying it to someone who is bleeding, it’s important to never loosen or take off the tourniquet and to talk the person through the process of tightening it to gauge how much the injury hurts. When working with small children, tourniquets may not be small enough to fit them, but direct pressure should be enough to stop the bleeding.

Stop the Bleed kits come with a thermal blanket since blood loss could lead to hypothermia, even in warmer months. It is also important, according to Wilkinson, to remove wet clothing. Stop the Bleed kits also have a chest seal for medically trained bystanders in the case of a chest wound. A video was shown demonstrating the chest seal.

Wilkinson warned against taking out objects that impaled a person because the wound is already clotting on the object and disturbing it would lead to blood loss. She shared a story about a woman who was pinned between a garage door and a car; the car remained where it was so that first responders could apply a tourniquet without the woman bleeding out.

There was then an interactive section where the audience could pack cloth into fake wounds on a rubber log and practice applying a tourniquet on themselves and each other. The part of

‘Stop The Bleed’ training: How to potentially save a life

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died from his wound if he didn’t get the adequate care on the scene, courtesy of Stop the Bleed training.

Wilkinson then introduced the audience to the “ABCs of bleeding.” They are: alert 911, find the source of the bleeding and compress the wound with the cleanest material possible. She noted that the safety of the person who finds the bleeding individual is the top priority because a person cannot help somebody else and if they get hurt too, which also adds more work for the paramedics and hospital staff. If the situation becomes unsafe, Stop the Bleed recommends pausing care, moving to safety and taking the victim with you if you can.

Wilkinson then focused on the bleeding portion of the ABC

secure bleeding, so that is why shears are included in Stop the Bleed kits.

When addressing the compress section of the bleeding ABCs, Wilkinson noted three types of bleeding treatments: direct pressure, packing the wound and tourniquet usage. When applying direct pressure, the person applying the pressure shouldn’t peek and check on the wound but consistently keep the pressure instead. It is best to wear gloves and use a shirt or other clean cloth on hand to absorb the blood.

pressure, but you can try.” It is recommended that when applying a tourniquet, you should ideally apply it two to three inches above the wound so that a second tourniquet can be put on if it needs to be. Wilkinson warned that tourniquets shouldn’t be put on joints. Tourniquets can stay on for approximately two hours, according to Wilkinson, before permanent damage is dealt to the nerve cells. If there is a loss of a limb, one should automatically apply a tourniquet instead of applying pressure and packing the

the tourniquet that squeezes the limb is called a windlass and it has a holder on the tourniquet to keep the pressure on the twist.

Wilkinson shared the Pulse-Point AED app, which shows where AEDs are on the UConn campus. Wilkinson ended the workshop with a quote saying: “The only thing more tragic than a death is a death that could have been prevented.” The audience then scanned two QR codes: one for a certificate form to show that they did this training and the other for a feedback survey.

This is incredibly useful and important information that anybody could benefit from. By learning how to stop life-threatening bleeding, people are learning to save others’ lives.



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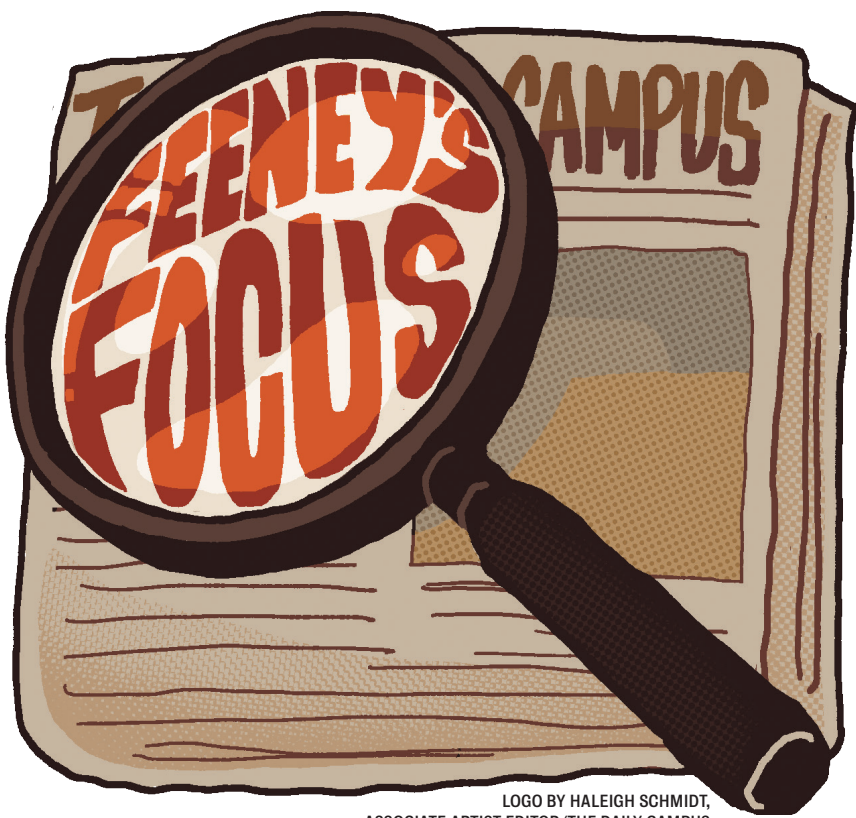
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FEENEY'S FOCUS: ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

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Welcome back from spring break, Huskies! I hope you all had a wonderful time regardless of how you spent the week, be it resting and relaxing with your families or going to a tropical paradise and getting drunk for a week. I wanted to return with a fun and easy topic, so with that being said: Let's talk about the death penalty. As far as punishments for crime go, I must confess, it is not one of my favorites. Recently, it's had a busy few weeks in the news.

In Georgia, the state is set to proceed with the execution of Willie Pye; he was sentenced to die in 1996 for murdering his former girlfriend, Alicia Lynn Yarbrough. However, his conviction raised several red flags — from Pye's low IQ score to his trial attorney's alleged racism toward his own clients.

In Texas, after a prosecutor admitted that his office used false evidence to secure a death sentence of a death row inmate named Areli Escobar, the Supreme Court sent the case back to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. However, in a stunning 6-to-3 decision, Presiding Judge Sharon Keller said that they were not bound by the Supreme Court's decision in her written opinion, clearing the way for Escobar's execution.

These cases are part of a greater overall trend regarding capital punishment in the United States. For years, the use of the death penalty in the U.S. consistently declined; death sentences have fallen by about 90% since their mid-1990s peak, when more than 300 were imposed every year. In 1999, there were almost 100 executions nationwide; 22 years later, there were only 11. However, due to hardline prosecutors and tough-on-crime governors, that downward trend has begun to reverse. The number of executions nationwide jumped 64% in 2022 and increased again in 2023 to a total of 24, the highest in five years.

It's not just prosecutors and governors who are actively reintroducing the death penalty. Perhaps the most crucial player in the death penalty's resurrection has been the U.S. Supreme Court. Under the conservative supermajority put in place by former president Donald Trump, the justices are far more likely to propel an execution forward than intercede to stop it, including in cases where guilt is questionable, or the means of punishment will result in extreme pain and suffering.

But here's the thing: It doesn't have to be this way, nor should it. The death penalty should be outlawed nationally. Taking away life is an ultimate power and I

“TAKING AWAY LIFE IS AN ULTIMATE POWER AND I BELIEVE THAT THE STATE SHOULD HAVE NO RIGHT TO THAT POWER.”

believe that the state should have no right to that power. Alongside my moral disagreement to capital punishment, I have economic objections as well; a study done by the Nevada legislature found the median death penalty case costs \$1.26 million. Cases that did not result in the death penalty were counted through to the end of incarceration and were found to have a median cost of \$740,000. There are also institutions like The United Nations and European Union who support banning capital punishment.

Currently, 27 states have authorized capital punishment in addition to the federal government. In the U.S., the death penalty has long been a part of the 'law and order' movement that took hold in U.S. politics at the state and national levels of government starting in the 1980s. Being against the death penalty has been historically labeled as soft on crime. As a result, abolishing the death penalty has proven to be challenging.

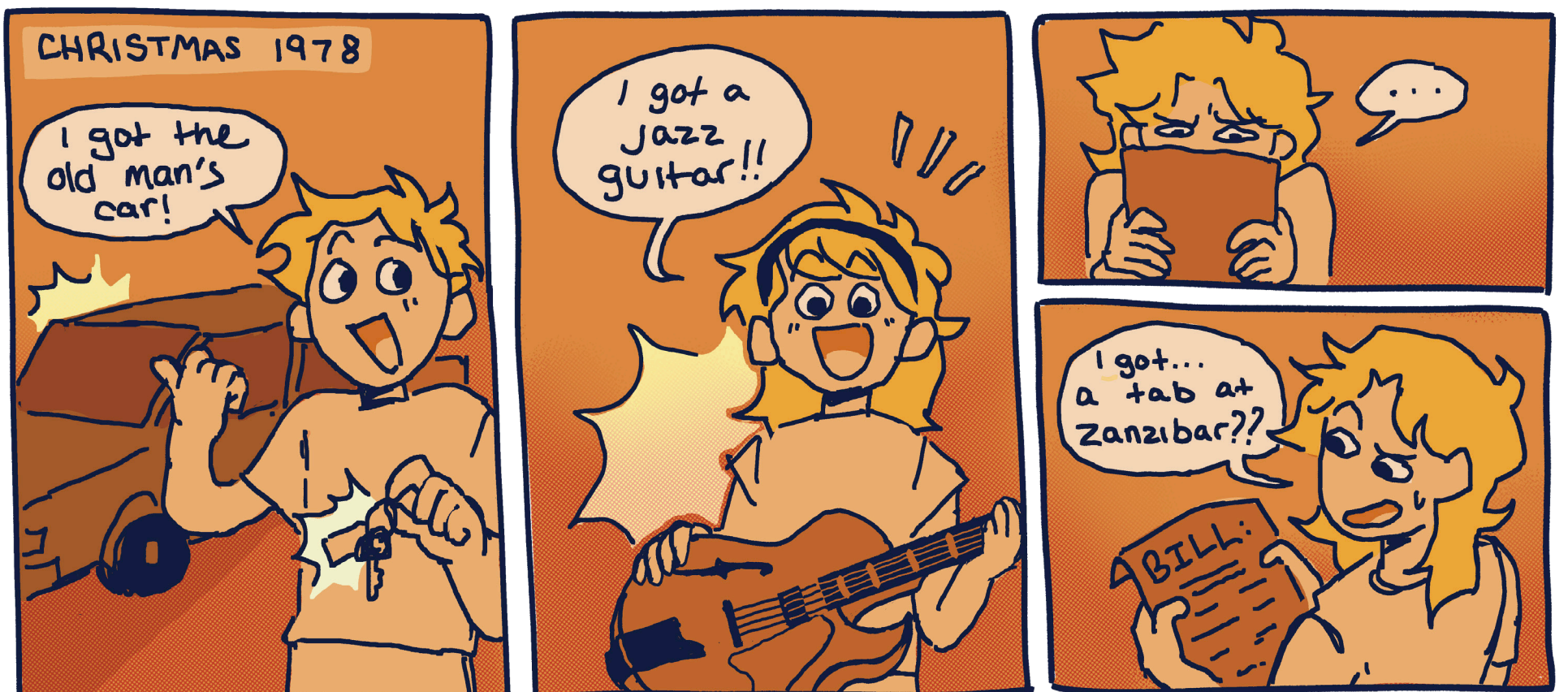
During the 2020 campaign, President Joe Biden promised to seek a federal ban on the death penalty, however he has since balked on this promise. Meanwhile, as the 2024 presidential campaign has begun to heat up former president — and man who wanted his co-worker hanged — Trump has promised

to begin executing drug dealers as a part of his "national crack-down on crime."

However, here is the thing about the argument that the death penalty deters crime: It's a nonsense argument. Nationwide and statewide statistics have shown no connection between the use of the death penalty and an overall reduction in crime. There is some hope though, despite how there has been an increase over two to three years of executions: overall public opinion of the death penalty has decreased. According to Gallup, support for the death penalty has fallen from 80% in 1994 to 53% last year. In a separate poll from November of last year, Gallup found that, for the first time, more Americans believe the death penalty is applied unfairly at 50% to 47%.

I anticipate that public opinion on this expensive, unjust and morally indefensible practice will continue to take a nose-dive. While I am hopeful it will, I am not going to hold my breath on a federal ban anytime soon. We do have an election coming up, which means the inevitable tough on crime rhetoric that has put our country in this position to begin with. Hopefully, the death penalty will die in my lifetime.

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS HAS GONE TOO FAR

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The Dartmouth men's basketball team has voted to unionize. This was made possible because "NLRB regional director Laura Sacks concluded that an employer-employee relationship does exist between the Dartmouth basketball players and the college." This means that athletes should be directly compensated for playing a sport at the university and the formation of a union gives these employees power over Dartmouth. Through this act of

sis on academics, social development and skill development. This is done through classes, clubs and other opportunities that educational institutions provide to their students. It is all ultimately designed to help students develop as human beings, figure out their place in society and grow to be capable of succeeding in the world. This theme applies to college athletics programs. Sports teams help students to physically develop and gain essential skills such as teamwork, time management and perseverance. As an opportunity for students to develop and grow, it makes complete sense for colleges to invest in an athletics program.

program is now as a business, rather than a developmental opportunity. While colleges need money, their primary focus is not to bring in revenue. In that sense, athletics has no place in an institution with the goal to prepare students for the real world.

This argument is based on the root cause of needing an athletics program at an educational institution. If the underlying reasoning is because of the intrinsic value that students get from being a part of it, then it makes no sense to pay students. They are supposed to be the ones benefiting from the program, and as such should not receive compensation. On the other hand, if the reasoning is that college athletics is a business that can generate money, then athletes should be paid. Therefore, if athletes are getting paid, we must question if in-



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unionization, college athletics has taken a new turn and is now outside of the scope of a university's purpose. Athletics was once a way to help student development but is now a business. This new move sets the stage for us to question the point of universities investing in their athletics programs.

We all attend college to become educated and develop as people. That education is meant to be holistic, evident through an empha-

However, once we start to argue that athletes are employees of a university, it is extremely easy to question why we would even need an athletics department. On one hand, athletics programs may help to bring in donors and generate money for the university. However, if that is the primary intent, then the benefit is no longer helping students develop for the sake of student development. The lens with which we view the

stitutes of higher education should be dedicating time and resources to a program not centered around serving students.

The recent changes occurring in the business of college athletics underscore a larger cultural change where college sports are prioritized over academics. UConn, for example, is known as the "Basketball Capital of the World." This title tells you nothing about the school's effectiveness at educating its students and preparing

them for the real world. When society focuses more on a college's athletics programs as compared to everything else that the institution has to offer, it sets a dangerous precedent. UConn is a fantastic university that offers students a great education, conducts high-level research and has a ton of opportunities for students to thrive and develop outside of class. Unfortunately, this reputation seems to matter less than how good our basketball team is.

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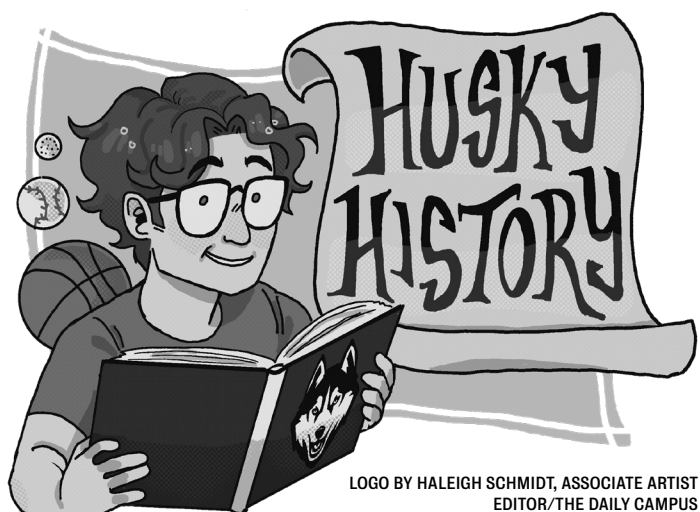


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HUSKY HISTORY: 1995 UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Welcome back to another edition of Husky History. Sticking with the same theme as last week's piece where we highlighted the 2006 UConn men's basketball team that won the Big East regular season title, we're going to highlight another legendary basketball squad from UConn.

As March Madness approaches, this week will focus on the 1994-95 women's basketball team, known as the group that kickstarted this unparalleled college basketball dynasty. In his 10th season as head coach, Hall of Famer Geno Auriemma made history in little old Connecticut.

The season was historical in all aspects. Led by All-American centers in senior Rebecca Lobo and sophomore Kara Wolters, the balance on this team was unmatched as eight women scored 4.6 points or higher per night. The team's 89.5 points per game ranked second in the country, highlighting their offensive dominance.

As previously mentioned, Lobo led this team to success in her final season and established herself as an all-time UConn legend. That season she averaged 17.1 points, 9.8 rebounds and an astonishing 3.5 blocks. She was an all-around threat on the court that was honored with a handful of awards, most notably the AP Player of the Year and the 1995 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player.

The Huskies entered the season with high expectations, ranking fourth in the AP Poll. As they came out of the gates blazing hot and built a winning streak that would never end, they climbed the poll until they reached No. 1. They went on to hold that position for the final nine weeks.

The season the Huskies had was best demonstrated in the drubbing of Morgan State with a score of 107-27. Twelve straight victories were collected following that win, leading up to an important matchup against Tennessee in Gampel Pavilion.

The game against the Lady Volunteers sparked the beginning of what would become one of the most historic sports rivalries in the country. Using the boost provided by the home-court advantage, the Huskies came out victorious 77-66. This meeting was not the last of the season, however.

More and more victories came the Huskies' way as they wrapped up the regular season with a flawless record. They came into the Big East Conference Tournament the clear favorites and did not disappoint. They rattled off three straight wins over Providence, Pittsburgh and Seton Hall, all by an average of 32.3 points.

The 1995 NCAA Tournament was shaping up to be another collision for UConn and Tennessee in the championship game, and that's exactly what happened. The Huskies had a relatively easy path to the final considering all games up to the Elite Eight were held at Gampel Pavilion.

The second edition of the rivalry game between these two impressive programs delivered everything it promised. Ultimately, UConn came out with a 70-64 win, declaring the Huskies and Auriemma first-time national champions.

It came down to the firepower UConn fielded in the final game of the season. In the five player All-Tournament Team, four of the five nominees were Huskies, including Lobo, Wolters and juniors Jennifer Rizzotti and Jamelle Elliott.

Auriemma did what only Texas and head coach Jody Conradt had done before: produce a perfect winning season capped off with a national championship. Like Lobo, he was given his flowers with all the awards he earned, including the Naismith College Coach of the Year honor.

It was truly a special year that will forever be remembered by all UConn supporters. As the best time of the year creeps up for Husky basketball fans, we all hope more hardware can be brought back by the women to its rightful place: Storrs.

SERGEANT'S ORDERS: VILLANOVA BOYS ARE KEY TO KNICKS' SUCCESS IN REGULAR SEASON

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The feeling that New York Knicks fans have at this moment is nothing short of confusing. Jalen Brunson is putting together the best season of any Knick since Carmelo Anthony was on the squad. New York is currently the four seed in the east, giving them a home-court advantage in the first round if the playoffs ended today. While this alone makes the Knicks contenders, there is more than meets the eye. Julius Randle has missed over a month with a dislocated shoulder and has no concrete return date. Last Tuesday, OG Anunoby suited up for the first time after missing all of February, but will

now sit out multiple games with an elbow flare-up. A question Jonathan Groff best posed in Hamilton:

"What comes next for the New York Knicks?"

This team's best-case scenario is a title run, which is altogether plausible. Donte DiVincenzo has shot the three-ball at a high level this season. The 27-year-old has made 216 shots from beyond the arc, 25 away from passing Evan Fournier for the single-season franchise record. DiVincenzo was originally expected to be a role player who could space the floor and get 10 points a night, 15 if the Knicks were lucky. Regardless, the guard has shattered expectations, averaging 15 points a night, including an excellent February, which saw him contribute nearly 22 points per game. DiVincenzo is a significant question mark for New York heading into the post-season. While he has been thriving as of late, is this success sustainable under the bright lights? While his past playoff struggles with the Bucks and Warriors will raise some skepticism, many factors went into those less efficient numbers. DiVincenzo was never a relied-upon weapon, playing alongside the likes of Giannis Antetokounmpo and Stephen Curry. As a result, the guard was lucky to put up five shots a night and his opportunities from beyond the arc dwindled.

Now, let's consider a high-pressure contest where he was relied on heavily: Villanova's 79-

62 win over Michigan in the 2018 National Championship. While this game seems like it happened eons ago, this matchup perfectly showcases DiVincenzo's clutch gene in extended time on the floor. Despite not starting for the Wildcats, he stole the show at the Alamodome. He finished 37 minutes of work with 31 points on 10-15 shooting, including a 6-10 line from the charity stripe. Contrary to popular belief, DiVincenzo's bag extends beyond the three-point line, and this performance demonstrates those abilities on a high level. While he has not been putting up 31 points a night for

sition to win.

Brunson has played more minutes than any of his teammates, and while the squad needs him more than ever, giving the 27-year-old occasional rest is invaluable. If the Knicks get up big against a lesser opponent, then running Hart for longer makes sense. As crazy as it may sound, the Knicks will need Brunson on the floor for around 40 minutes a night in the playoffs. He is just that good, and in do-or-die situations, he is the player New York needs with the ball in hand.

Randle and Anunoby will most likely return before the playoffs, with Anunoby already making strides towards suiting back up. This duo's return would be massive, a l-

though the only thing New York needs to do at this

point is to hold onto the No. 4 seed. Anything better is possible, with only three games separating them and No. 2 Milwaukee, and on top of that the Knicks have one of the easiest schedules to close out the season.

The Villanova boys have been cooking. If the trio can keep up what they are doing, by the time Randle and Anunoby return, they'll make a convincing case to upset the likes of Boston. The season's final stretch is always nerve-wracking, although Knicks fans shouldn't stress too much. The team is getting healthier by the day and key players have been ramping up their games. The only thing to be nervous about is how Randle and Anunoby look when they return. However, both are NBA veterans, and they have the benefit of Brunson being the first option. This takes pressure off them, letting them play their own games.

Despite it feeling like the sky is falling at times, the Villanova boys have put this Knicks squad in a solid position to compete. When Randle and Anunoby return, the general consensus is that New York is ready to compete for a Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy, even if they're not expected to win.

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the Knicks, the raw talent is there — he just needs a platform to perform. For the first time in his professional career, DiVincenzo will have a chance to showcase his talents, and with the injuries plaguing this team, the Knicks need him to do so.

Another player who has performed well as of late is Josh Hart. While the 29-year-old has not been lighting up the scoreboard, his performance defensively and down-low have been remarkable. Hart was initially recruited to rebound the ball, set his teammates up offensively and play above-average defense, all of which have improved as the season has progressed. Take this month, for instance. Hart is averaging 13 rebounds a game as a 6-foot-4 guard, not unlike UConn All-American guard Tristen Newton. While Hart is not as efficient of a shooter as Newton, he makes up for it with his playmaking ability; in his last 10 games, he leads his squad with six assists per game.

Since Randle and Anunoby went down, Hart has averaged around 40 minutes per game. When the duo returns, Hart will lose playing time and most likely be relegated to the bench, although what he has accomplished puts the squad in an excellent po-

Huskies in the Pros: Brimah breaks G-League blocks record, Dolson signs with Mystics, former Huskies ink one-year deals

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NBA G-League: Former UConn big Brimah breaks all-time G-League blocked shots record

On Friday, former national champion big man Amida Brimah recorded his 345th career blocked shot in the G-League, surpassing Raphael Putney for the most swats in league history. Brimah, a 7-footer from Ghana, played at UConn from 2013-2016 and was an integral part of the 2014 national championship squad. In 133 career games played in Storrs, the prolific rim protector averaged nearly three blocks per game and has the third most blocks in program history.

Brimah has split time with the Grand Rapids Gold and Santa Cruz Warriors this season, hoping to add rim protection to the bench of an NBA team since

going undrafted after the 2016-2017 season.

WNBA: Dolson returns to Mystics on two-year deal

After spending the last two seasons in New York, two-time national champion Stefanie Dolson is returning to the franchise that drafted her sixth overall in 2014.

Dolson, a two-time WNBA All-Star, returns to Washington, D.C. after two seasons with the Liberty and five seasons with Chicago. The 6-foot-5 center has averaged 8.8 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game over her decade-long career, and now looks to emerge as a key piece off the bench in Washington.

NFL: Fatukasi, Peart find new teams ahead of 2024-2025 season

With the carousel of NFL free agency in full rotation, many players, including former Huskies Foley Fatukasi and Matt

Peart, have found new homes.

Fatukasi, drafted in the sixth round of the 2018 NFL Draft, was previously let go by the Jacksonville Jaguars on March 4 (his 29th birthday) and was signed by the Houston Texans to a one-year deal. The former UConn run-stuffer has 163 tackles and 4.5 sacks across his NFL career and will look to add depth to an up-and-coming Texans defensive line.

Peart, a third-rounder in 2020, was inked to a one-year deal by the Denver Broncos after four seasons with the Giants. The former UConn offensive tackle saw little playing time in New York, starting just eight games throughout his rookie contract. Added to a rebuilding Broncos squad, Peart will likely come off the bench for a unit that was a rare bright spot last season.

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UConn beats CCSU on March 19 in Storrs, Conn. 6 runs to 0. They will next face Yale tomorrow, March 20, continuing their series of the Battle for CT.
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE: HUSKIES TORCH COLUMBIA BEHIND CHARRON'S BLISTERING

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If you're familiar with the food chain, you might know that lions tend to be near the top of whatever circles they wander into. They eat zebras and wildebeests, among other large mammals. Rarely though are the lions the ones getting feasted on. On occasion, crocodiles and hyenas will find their way to snack on a lion, but these opportunities don't come all too often. Regardless of what the food chain usually looks like, the UConn Huskies had lion for dinner Wednesday night in their lacrosse-style four course meal.

It's been an up and down season for Connecticut, sitting at an even 4-4 after their dissection of Columbia. But generally, when they win, they beat the breaks off their opponents. They smacked the Lions 17-1, their third victory by 12 or more goals. It's tough to argue that this was the most dominant though, with the Huskies outshooting their visitors 39-9.

Everyone on the homeside played well at a minimum, but the star of the show was Abby Charron. The senior attacker from Canton had an exceedingly good game from a scoring perspective, typically focusing on distribution. Her two assists on the night would have been a normal line along with no goals, but she netted four on Wednesday. That doubles her previous career high of two and

more than doubles her season total on the scoring end.

This performance came out of nowhere, but perhaps this was a regression to the means of sorts. She's tied for the lowest efficiency of the team's top eight contributors on the season, connecting on just 25% of her shots. She was 4/5 against the Lions though, improving her average to 41%. Yes, it's a small sample size, but it's also encouraging for the team as they look to spread the goals across their roster.

Though Charron was the star of the show, the team also enjoyed tremendous contributions from Lauren Barry and Eliza Bowman. Each of the two recorded hat tricks, with Barry only needing a trio of shots to get there. Neither Barry nor Bowman is relied upon for their scoring, though it is a luxury when they can help the cause. They're tied for fifth and sixth in terms of goal scorers on the Huskies, and this could be an excellent confidence boost for them to improve on that.

Barry got the first bite of the meal with a goal in the first minute of action, and Bowman got involved two minutes later with one of her own on the score that ended up being the game-winner. Susan Lafountain and Charron each helped the cause as the Huskies peppered the Lions' helpless goalkeeper. By the time the first course had concluded, it was already 9-0 in favor of the home side.

Barry drilled the back of the net to score one of Connecticut's three in the meal's second course, and they were already starting to get full and slow down. It was a demolition that was completely unrelenting, with Columbia limping towards the finish line.

Fortunately for the Lions, the Huskies let their hors d'oeuvres fill them up. By the time the main course rolled around, UConn wasn't too hungry, notching a trio of goals while letting one in

— the only of the game. Dessert was uneventful as the Huskies were already stuffed, managing just one more goal. The 16-point win they finished with was perfectly indicative of their Thanksgiving-esque devour session, with hardly any mercy shown.

Star Kate Shaffer, who had an outstanding performance in her last game against Marist, deferred to her teammates more this time. She scored just once but dished

out three assists, a piece of her game that's taken a slight hit since last year. It's also of note that team-leading scorer Rayea Davis sat out.

The Huskies get a break from their out of conference action, starting Big East play on Sunday. The games don't get any bigger than this one. They face No. 10 Denver, the team that beat them in the Big East championship last year and has always had their number.



The UConn Huskies and the Georgetown Hoyas women's lacrosse teams battle it out at Morrone Stadium on Tuesday, April 19 during a pride themed game. The game ended with a final score of 13-9, securing a conference win for the Huskies. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Huskies extend win streak to 11 games with clean sweep of Battle for CT over CCSU, Yale

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Spring has begun, which means baseball and softball are back playing in the Northeast. With warmer weather back in Storrs, the Huskies made it known to the rest of the state that they are Connecticut's top team.

The UConn softball team (15-11, 3-0 Big East) took a break from Big East play to face two in-state rivals in the Battle for CT.

On Tuesday, the Huskies faced Central Connecticut State University (12-5, 2-1 Northeast) at Burrell Family Field.

Senior Hallie Siems got her 12th start of the season and was dominant throughout the five innings she pitched. The Stuttgart, Arkansas, native did not

allow a single run and had a season-high ten strikeouts.

Lucky enough for the Huskies, CCSU did not bring out Kaylee Whittaker, the Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Week on Tuesday.

Flawless is the opposite of the Blue Devils' defense early on, as UConn scored their first three runs off errors.

In the second inning, freshman Rayah Snyder scored from third base off a wild pitch.

In the third inning, a throwing error resulted in sophomores Kaitlyn Kibling and Grace Jenkins scoring while in scoring position.

The game became out of reach in the fourth inning, scoring three runs on two hits. The bases were loaded for junior Lexi Hastings as she hit a sacrifice fly to score sophomore Haley Coupal from third base.

Jenkins hit a double, bringing in Kibling and sophomore Savannah Ring, giving Connecticut a 6-0 cushion.

Following Siems' stellar performance, junior Delaney Nagy came in for relief in the sixth inning to make her fourth appearance of the season. The Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, native struck out two batters as she set up closer Meghan O'Neil for the final inning.

O'Neil closed out UConn's tenth consecutive win, bringing their shut-out count to four.

UConn holds a 36-2 record over Central Connecticut State and has not lost a game against the Blue Devils since 2015.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Yale Bulldogs (6-17, 3-0 Ivy) came into town to face the red-hot Huskies.

Yale collected weekly honors in the Ivy League on Monday. Junior Lauren Perren was named the Ivy League Player of the Week, sophomore Emma Taylor was named the Ivy League Pitcher of the Week and freshman Isabella Fortini was named to the league's weekly honor roll.

UConn sophomore Hope Jenkins was in the circle for her 10th appearance and second start as a pitcher this season. She looked to continue to be a dual threat on Wednesday after being named the Big East Player of the Week on Monday. The Folsom, California, native allowed two runs, walked two batters and recorded one strikeout in 1.1 innings pitched.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, junior Rosie Garcia homered to center field for her fourth of the season, helping the Huskies get out in front early.

Yale took the lead off a two-run home run in the top of the second inning, but Hastings would even the game up at two runs off an error following Grace Jenkins stealing second base. Thanks to a single by senior Jana Sanden, followed by an error that allowed Jenkins to score from third base, UConn took a 3-2 lead after three innings.

Redshirt freshman Sydnee Koosh came into the game for an inning, allowing two earned runs off two hits while throwing a wild pitch in the five batters she faced. Shortly after her brief stint in the circle, O'Neil came in to pitch the rest of the game, striking out three batters.

Following the Bulldogs tying the game at three runs, Connecticut had a monster sixth inning, scoring six runs, including the second career grand slam for Jenkins, extending the Huskies' lead to 9-3.

Yale would score twice in the seventh inning, cutting their deficit to four runs, but would not have enough to get past UConn, now on an 11-game winning streak.

Connecticut is 20-6 against the Bulldogs with a win streak of seven. UConn's last loss to Yale came in 2002.

The Huskies return to Big East play this weekend as they travel to Indianapolis to take on Butler University (13-15, 2-4 Big East), led by sophomore Cate Lehner, who made the Big East Weekly Honor Roll.

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Baseball Recap: Huskies rebound in home opener win over LIU after loss against Rhode

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While the start of the season may have looked bleak for the UConn baseball team, things have certainly started to shift toward a positive note. Despite the group falling to Rhode Island on the road in a matchup at Bill Beck Field, they rebounded nicely in their home opener win over Long Island University.

In the team's loss to the Rams by a score of 4-1, it was another instance of runs failing to come in a key period. While starter Joe Cinnella was able to have a solid outing, giving up just two earned runs in five innings, it wasn't enough to get his guys the win. After the Huskies took the lead in the top of the fourth after an RBI groundout from Matt Malcom to score Paul Tamaro, the opportunity arose for Rhode Island to respond, and they did just that. During the very next offensive opportunity, the program scored two runs off of Cinnella via a home run from Michael Anderson and a sacrifice fly from Nicholas Toro. Just like that, Connecticut was

down by two, a deficit they'd never recover from.

To add insult to injury, Rhode Island grabbed an additional two runs off a bomb from Anthony DePino. With just two hits throughout the entire outing, the Hook C would walk away with a crushing defeat.

But this was simply extra motivation for the team's home opener against the LIU Sharks. With Ben Schild tasked to give his guys some strong pitching, the team walked into Elliot Ballpark on Wednesday looking for their first home victory of the season.

However, things certainly didn't start off on the right foot. After Schild gave up the first run of the game to LIU, the Sharks responded with an additional four runs, a situation that saw the program give up three runs on a throw that sailed out of play.

Yet, unlike Tuesday's loss, the program responded in a big way during the next inning. With R.J. Latkowski on the mound, he struggled against the Hook C offense, initially allowing the program to walk in a run and grab additional support via an RBI

groundout from Drew Kron. Yet, the biggest moment of the game came off the bat of Tamaro. On a 2-2 count with two outs, the right-hander cracked a ball over the left field wall for a grand slam of epic proportions. That would give the Huskies a 6-5 lead and some massive momentum throughout the game.

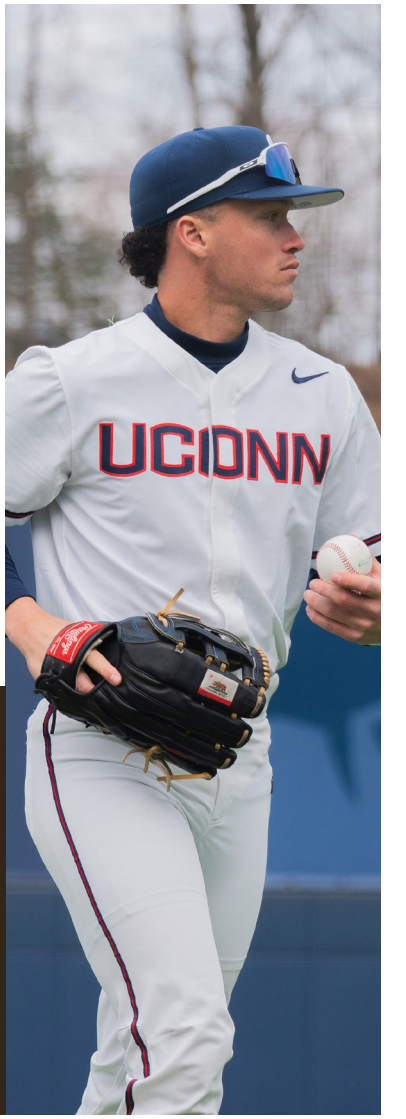
After a run each from both rosters, Connecticut headed into the bottom of the fifth inning up 7-6. To the delight of the many home fans in attendance, things were expected to get a lot better as UConn batted in four more runs to take over the game, 11-6. Following an RBI single from Corey Morton that couldn't quite be fielded by shortstop Benjamin Fierenzi, Luke Broadhurst would help his team out via the long ball, slapping the baseball out to right field for another home run.

But things weren't all said and done for the end decision. The Sharks were able to grab two more runs in the sixth and seventh innings, respectively, to narrow the Hook C lead to three. The pressure was on to secure the game and this time, UConn left no doubt of victory.

With left-hander Kevin Small out of the pen and pitching, he struggled mightily and gave up three runs to offer the Huskies a firm hold of Wednesday's contest. After walking in Morton, Kron would have a two RBI single to bring in Caleb Shpur and Matt Garbowski, giving the outfielder three RBIs on the day.

As Brady Afthim entered to close out the game, he retired the side handily to give the Huskies their eighth win of the season and Cooke his first victory.

With some positive momentum headed into another road trip for the Hook C, Jim Penders and co. will head to New Jersey for a series against Rutgers.



UConn takes down LIU 14-8 to win their home opener. After coming out strong, LIU fell in the second half to a strong UConn offense.

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THE COLEUMN: THE MANY EMOTIONS AND STORYLINES OF THE WOMEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

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Monday, March 11, 2024. The No. 10 UConn women's basketball team, the Big East regular season champions, battled the sixth-seeded Georgetown Hoyas in the Big East Tournament title game. For the second evening in a row, red-shirt junior Paige Bueckers took the opening tip-off for the Huskies. This time around, she went up against Georgetown's six-foot-three center Ariel Jenkins.

Both teams' paths leading up to that tip-off were filled with triumph and tragedy. This is the tale of two of the most emotion-provoking storylines in women's basketball and how they made it to that point.

Injuries have plagued UConn as far back as the 2021-22 season. The initial blow came on Dec. 5, 2021, when Bueckers suffered a non-contact knee injury in the Huskies' double-digit victory over the then-No. 24 Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Gampel Pavilion fell dead silent as she stumbled to the ground.

Connecticut was without Aubrey Griffin or Azzi Fudd in that game, but the woes worsened as that season progressed. Despite dealing with adversity ranging from Griffin's season-ending back surgery to Dorka Juhász's wrist injury in the Elite Eight, however, the Huskies reached their 12th national championship game.

Even though they came up short against the South Carolina Gamecocks, the injury misery carried over. It started when Bueckers tore her ACL in August of 2022. Come the following January, UConn had to postpone a contest due to not having enough healthy bodies. They spent most of the season with fewer than 10 players. Without the 2021 National Player of the Year on the court, the Huskies' campaign ended in heartbreak in the Sweet 16.

Connecticut entered the 2024 Big East Tournament with eight players available. It lasted just 24 minutes as Aaliyah Edwards took an elbow to the face. Edwards wailed in pain on the floor following the contact, her cries resonating across a silenced Mohegan Sun Arena. Without her on the court, the Huskies turned into the juggernaut that had gone undefeated in Big East play.

UConn outscored the ninth-seeded Providence Friars by 27 points in the final 16 minutes. As

if one explosive performance was not enough, the Huskies went wire-to-wire and held the fifth-seeded Marquette Golden Eagles scoreless in the final 14 minutes the following afternoon. Their defense allowed just 47 points across a 56-minute span en route to their 20th consecutive conference tournament championship game appearance.

Meanwhile, the Hoyas had parted ways with former head coach James Howard, who went 66-108 in six seasons following the 2022-23 campaign. Georgetown replaced him with Tasha Butts, who previously served as associate head coach for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Five months after being hired, however, Butts had to step away from the program, doing so to focus on her fight against breast cancer. On Oct. 23, 2023, two weeks before the start of the season, Butts tragically passed away at the age of 41.

Rather than let her passing wreck what she had developed, interim head coach Darnell Haney and the Hoyas built on her foundation with one goal in mind: Make the Big East Championship game. Georgetown went 12-1 versus non-conference foes and 9-9 in Big East play during the regular season, with "Tasha Tough" pins and patches supporting them every step of the way.

Once the Big East Tournament hit, the Hoyas started catching the nation's attention. Georgetown shook up the bracket early when they held the third-seeded St. John's Red Storm to 44 points and 19 total rebounds in the quarterfinals. If that was not enough of a statement, then containing the second-seeded Creighton Bluejays to a season-low 46 points and a 26.3% clip from the floor in the semifinals on March 10 certainly was.

The Hoyas allowed just one Bluejay, Morgan Maly, to score in double figures as they advanced to their first-ever Big East Tournament championship game. It was only poetic that Georgetown made history on what would have been Butts' 42nd birthday.

"She just was a loving, tough-minded, high-spirited woman with a great family," commented Haney afterward. "I am just so proud of these young women for honoring her the way they do."

The championship contest itself was, sadly, anticlimactic. Connecticut controlled the game from the start behind an 11-0 run, winning their 22nd Big East Tournament title in a wire-to-wire 78-42 win.

The emotions did not stop at the final buzzer, however. Following the contest, Big East Coach of the Year Geno Auriemma felt pride and joy in his team's resilience.

"They were committed to [the idea that] we are going to do whatever we have to do to win," stated Auriemma.

Neither Bueckers, the Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player, nor Big East All-Tournament Team selection Nika Mühl displayed much emotion during the championship celebrations. Once they entered the press room, their emotions took a different turn. Mühl and Bueckers' sadness, in Auriemma's eyes, was a culmination of realizing the end was near while considering their impact on the team.

"They [Bueckers and Mühl] are comfortable in their own skin, and everything about them is real. So the emotions are real, the feelings are real," explained Auriemma. "The most passionate people and the most invested people are usually the ones that react like that."

As for the Hoyas, this chapter of their incredible story ended on a high note. Athletic director Lee Reed went into Georgetown's locker room after the game, announcing that the university was in discussion to officially make Haney the head coach.

Graduate student Graceann Bennett, who had been through thick and thin across her five-year collegiate career, made that news public at the postgame press conference.

"I am so elated and overjoyed for the future of the program and just so grateful that I had this opportunity to learn from [coach Haney] for the year," said Bennett.

Basketball, and sports in general, bring out a variety of emotions in all who participate in them. From joy to sadness, there are a wide range of feelings that one can have while playing the game. What transpired in the moments leading up to that Monday night in Uncasville will be remembered by all who witnessed it firsthand.

Spin Cycle: Despite Madness, Big East snubbed ahead of tourney

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In this year's DI NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the Big East conference will be represented by three teams: the UConn Huskies, Marquette Golden Eagles and the Creighton Bluejays.

According to FOX Sports, it is the first time since 1993, and just the second time since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 that only three teams from the Big East will be dancing in March.

"We have great respect for the NCAA men's basketball committee and the time and effort that goes into selecting and seeding the teams for the NCAA Tournament," said Big East commissioner Val Ackerman said in a statement. "It is a very challenging job, and we have been advised that this year's upsets added to the complexity and contributed to the committee's final bracket selections. Given the high level of play in our league, we are understandably very disappointed that some worthy Big East teams were not selected to participate. We will be working closely with our schools in the coming months to best position the Big East next year and to ensure that we continue to be represented in March Madness in a manner befitting our stature as one of the best conferences in college basketball."

In college basketball, the NCAA Evaluation Tool (NET) rankings consider the quality of a win or loss in the different quadrants. Wins and losses in the different quadrants are heavily considered by the Selection Committee when March comes around. Quadrant 1 occurs when a program plays against an opponent ranked 1-30 at home, ranked in the Top 50 at a neutral venue or ranked in the Top 75 at an opponent's venue. Quadrant 2 is similar but considers how teams play at home against opponents ranked 31-75, at a neutral site against teams ranked 51-100, and away against teams ranked 76-135.

At the conclusion of the regular season, here's how the Big East stacked up against the other conferences in Quad 1 and 2 games: 4.55 Q1 wins per team (second); five teams with five or more Q1 wins (second); 8.73 Q1 & Q2 combined wins per team (second); 13.64 Q1 games played per team (second); Most Q1 & Q2 combined games played per team (20.82). The Pomeroy ratings had the Big East listed as the second-toughest conference during the regular season.

All this is to say that the Big East was tough to play in this year. Normally playing well in a tough conference equates to a bid to the Big Dance. However, that wasn't the case for teams like St. John's, Providence and Seton Hall.

St. John's head coach Rick Pitino was vocal about being snubbed from the Tournament and showed support for the other teams that missed out in an X post that has garnered 1.2 million views.

"I believe in getting better, not bitter," wrote Pitino. "I totally believe that six teams from the Big East belonged in the field. I know our players along with Providence are totally disappointed with the decisions made. But not having Seton Hall at 13-7 in BE play with wins over the top teams is flat out wrong!"

The Big East teams didn't exactly have luck on their side heading into Selection Sunday, either. NC State made a comeback against UNC to win the American Coast Conference Tournament while Oregon also went on a run to claim the Pac-12 title. In the American Athletic Conference Tournament, UAB overcame Florida Atlantic to win the conference title while Duquesne won the Atlantic 10 as a six-seed. New Mexico stole a fifth bid by winning the Mountain West Tournament. All those teams, as conference victors, earned automatic bids to March Madness.

Still, as John Fanta so graciously points out in an article for FOX Sports, "How did Virginia, with a 2-7 Quadrant 1 record and a 34-point loss to a Virginia Tech team not included in the field, qualify for the tournament over Seton Hall?"



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2024 MEN'S NCAA BRACKET PREDICTIONS

CHRIS'S COLLEGE

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It's that time of year again: The month when sports bettors sweat out their picks for the 2024 men's NCAA Tournament. Some of your friends might tell you that schools like James Madison, McNeese, Duquesne, Yale or Charleston are lock-upset picks. Meanwhile, others believe that this could be the year Purdue proves everyone wrong and finally breaks through to win the National Championship. Local New Englanders believe UConn has a chance to become the first team since the 2006-07 Florida Gators to win consecutive national titles.

KenPom basketball rankings serve as an essential tool to use for analyzing college basketball team stats. According to Fansided.com, "Since the 2002 NCAA Tournament, nearly every team to cut down the nets at the Final Four has ranked inside the Top-20 in both offensive and defensive efficiency on KenPom." the only time this hasn't happened was the 2014 UConn Huskies, who won the National Championship as a 7-seed. When filling out your bracket, consider teams like Creighton, Marquette, North Carolina or Duke as potential championship contenders.

The upcoming March Madness tournament will be full of top-10 NBA Draft prospects. Among them, Duke's sophomore center

Kyle Filipowski stands out as an intriguing prospect. Throughout the season, the Blue Devils' offense predominantly centered around Filipowski. However, draft experts wonder about his effectiveness when he doesn't have possession of the ball. All season, he's shown excellent shooting capabilities, averaging 17.1 ppg and 8.2 rebounds. Vermont will have their hands full in the Round of 64.

UConn freshman Stephon Castle will be another potential top-10 draft prospect to watch. Castle was named Big East Freshman of the Year and has been a solid defender throughout the season. With Castle averaging 10.8 ppg, he's been a great addition for the Huskies this season alongside Tristen Newton

and Cam Spencer. With UConn's deep bench, teams like Auburn, Iowa State and Illinois need to plan ahead to face UConn.

Kentucky freshman Reed Sheppard averages 2.5 steals per game and shoots 52.5% from three. The electric combo guard has been part of Kentucky's success throughout the season and has slowly risen as the priority for late shots down the stretch in a tight game. Kentucky did lose to Texas A&M early in the SEC Tournament, but with a deep bench consisting of players like Rob Dillingham and Tre Mitchell, be on the lookout for the Wildcats to make noise in the tournament.

Below, I made these picks in the ESPN Tournament Challenge in less than 10 minutes.

ROUND OF 64

EAST

- 1 UConn over 16 Stetson
- 8 Florida Atlantic over 9 Northwestern
- 5 San Diego St over 12 UAB
- 4 Auburn over 13 Yale
- 11 Duquesne over 6 BYU
- 3 Illinois over 14 Morehead St
- 7 Washington St over 10 Drake
- 2 Iowa St over 15 S Dakota St

SOUTH

- 1 Houston over 16 Longwood
- 9 Texas A&M over 8 Nebraska
- 5 Wisconsin over 12 James Madison
- 4 Duke over 13 Vermont
- 11 NC State over 6 Texas Tech
- 3 Kentucky over 14 Oakland
- 10 Bois/Col over 7 Florida
- 2 Marquette over 15 Western KY

WEST

- 1 North Carolina over 16 Wagner
- 8 Mississippi St over 9 Michigan St
- 5 Saint Mary's over 12 Grand Canyon
- 4 Alabama over 13 Charleston
- 11 New Mexico over 6 Clemson
- 3 Baylor over 14 Colgate
- 10 Nevada over 7 Dayton
- 2 Arizona over 15 Long Beach St

MIDWEST

- 1 Purdue over 16 MTST/GRAM
- 9 TCU over 8 Utah State
- 12 McNeese over 5 Gonzaga
- 4 Kansas over 13 Samford
- 6 South Carolina over 11 Oregon
- 3 Creighton over 14 Akron
- 10 UVA/CSU over 7 Texas
- 2 Tennessee over 15 Saint Peter's

ROUND OF 32

EAST

- 1 UConn over 8 FAU
- 4 Auburn over 5 San Diego St
- 3 Illinois over 11 Duquesne
- 7 Washington St over 2 Iowa St

SOUTH

- 1 Houston over 16 Longwood
- 9 Texas A&M over 8 Nebraska
- 5 Wisconsin over 12 James Madison
- 4 Duke over 13 Vermont
- 11 NC State over 6 Texas Tech
- 3 Kentucky over 14 Oakland
- 10 Bois/Col over 7 Florida
- 2 Marquette over 15 Western KY

WEST

- 1 North Carolina over 8 Mississippi St
- 5 Saint Mary's over 4 Alabama
- 11 New Mexico over 3 Baylor
- 2 Arizona over 10 Nevada

MIDWEST

- 1 Purdue over 16 MTST/GRAM
- 9 TCU over 8 Utah State
- 12 McNeese over 5 Gonzaga
- 4 Kansas over 13 Samford
- 6 South Carolina over 11 Oregon
- 3 Creighton over 14 Akron
- 10 UVA/CSU over 7 Texas
- 2 Tennessee over 15 Saint Peter's

SWEET 16

EAST

- 1 UConn over 4 Auburn
- 7 Washington St over 3 Illinois

SOUTH

- 1 Houston over 4 Duke
- 3 Kentucky over 2 Marquette

WEST

- 1 North Carolina over 5 Saint Mary's
- 2 Arizona over 11 New Mexico

MIDWEST

- 12 McNeese over 1 Purdue
- 3 Creighton over 10 CSU

ELITE EIGHT

EAST

- 1 UConn over 7 Washington St

SOUTH

- 3 Kentucky over 1 Houston

WEST

- 1 North Carolina over 2 Arizona

MIDWEST

- 3 Creighton over 12 McNeese

FINAL FOUR

EAST/WEST

- 1 UConn over 1 North Carolina

SOUTH/MIDWEST

- 3 Creighton over 3 Kentucky

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1 UCONN OVER 3 CREIGHTON

A UConn versus Creighton National Championship would be a game for the ages, facing off for a third time this season on April 8. Blue blood schools like Kentucky and North Carolina have the potential to make it to the Final Four but could get outdueled by the Huskies and the Bluejays. Outside of their most embarrassing loss of the season where Creighton could not miss from three, Connecticut has the slight edge. With returning players from last year's championship team, Alex Karaban, Donovan Clingan, Newton and Hassan Diarra should make it tough for veteran head coach Greg McDermott.



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