

Pregnancy crisis vans on campus faced with protest

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The presence of pregnancy crisis vans on Fairfield Way at the University of Connecticut have attracted protests against the organization Caring Families Pregnancy Services, Inc.

On Oct. 26, Caring Families Pregnancy Services held a fundraiser in UConn's Rome Ballroom. During the fundraiser, members of Youth for Socialist Action, Socialist Resurgence CT and International Women's Strike CT protested outside the doors of the Rome Ballroom.

Ellie Lott, a fifth-semester psychology major, is part of Socialist Resurgence CT on campus, and helped organize the protest.

"There are stories about how sometimes they'll delay appointments and force women past the pregnancy cutoff so they'll be too far along to get an abortion anywhere," Lott said. "They were having a fundraiser at UConn in the Rome Commons Ballroom, so we were outside the entrance of the ballroom chanting and showing that there is a lot of support for the pro-choice movement still and that we are not going to sit idly by and let this happen on our campus."



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This is not the first time these groups have protested the organization.

"One Friday each month they are on campus in front of the library for several hours at a time," Lott said. "Seeing their vans on campus is very deceiv-

ing. So members of Youth for Socialist Action and International Women's Strike along with Young Democratic Socialists of America have been protesting outside of their van as well to inform students that they don't have to only go there,

and that they're not going to help you."

These clubs want students to make an informed decision before using the services that these vans offer.

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MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Democrats

Ben Shaiken
2,565 votes

Peter Kochenburger
2,460 votes

Samuel Bruder
2,435 votes

Terry Berthelot
2,410 votes

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2,394 votes

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2,385 votes

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David Freudmann
1,069 votes

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1,027 votes

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1,026 votes

Mansfield also passed a referendum to replace its three existing elementary schools with one new school to be built using town and state funds.

UCONN PHYSICS DEPARTMENT HEAD HONORED IN CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S 2019 HALL OF FAME

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Maria Chrysochoou, professor and department head at the University of Connecticut department of physics, was one of 14 women honored at the 26th Annual Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony Monday.

"This year's inductees represent the groundbreaking work that inspires not only us here in Connecticut but on a global scale," CWHF Chair Sandra Vigliotti Senrich said.

The celebration's theme, "Women: A Force for Nature," honors the women chosen for their groundbreaking work in the field of environmental conservation and sustainability.

"I am thrilled and so happy I get to share this moment with my family," Chrysochoou said.

"The most important aspect of this for me is that I get to be a role model for women and young girls."

Maria Chrysochoou



Dr. Maria Chrysochoou introduces and launches the Connecticut Brownfields Initiative in 2017. Chrysochoou was honored at the 26th Annual Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony on Monday. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN TODAY

"We live to fight another day, and I think that a key ingredient to success is persistence. I have never given up on a goal and left something unfinished because of difficulty."

Along with this honor, Chrysochoou is also the first female department head at UConn's school of engineering.

"The most important aspect of all of this to me is that I get to be a role model for our students and young girls," Chrysochoou said. "I always tell them that I didn't see myself as someone who would be the first anything when I was 15 or 20 or 25. If you don't see yourself as leader now, it can happen if you work hard and progressively set goals for yourself."

One of Chrysochoou's successful initiatives, the Connecticut Brownfields Initiative focuses on the remediation of Connecticut brownfields as well as work force deployment and community support.

"I am very proud of what we have accomplished with the CT Brownfields Initiative," Chrysochoou said. "This is a program that empowers students, gives them real life experience and directly helps local communities. The impact is real and I get to see that every day."

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GRAD BEAT

December graduates have a lot to look forward to

Rachel Philipson

STAFF WRITER

University of Connecticut students who will be graduating at the end of the fall 2019 semester, December graduates, should be all set for graduation, Carl Rivers, assistant registrar from the Office of the Registrar, said.

All December graduates should have already applied and submitted their final plans of study, Rivers said. If they have not done so, they can contact the Degree Audit Office to process their application since it is closed in Student Admin.

"As long as they have applied and submitted their plan(s) of study, [they should be] focusing on successfully completing their courses," Rivers said. "Our office is actively reviewing all December graduation candidate records and will send a confirmation email once an audit has been completed. If a student has not heard by the beginning of December, they should contact the Degree Audit Office."

December graduates should double check that their name and address is spelled correctly in Student Admin before the end of the semester, Rivers said. This makes sure that diplomas are printed and mailed correctly.

The only commencement ceremony will be in May, Rivers said. Graduates from summer 2019, fall 2019, spring 2020 and summer 2020 will be invited to attend. Tickets and regalia for graduation are not available yet.

Since there is not a specific commencement for December

graduates, UConn Senior has three big events planned for the end of the semester highlighting these graduates, Jessica Sokol, Student Alumni Association advisor, said.

"Whether it takes seven, eight, nine or more semesters to earn your degree, your college journey is always worth celebrating," Sokol said. "So, we've started offering more December grad-focused events to make sure this group of students understands the importance of what they've accomplished, and that they feel like they're given a true send-off into post-graduate life."

The UConn Senior events are "December Grads Trivia Night," "December Grads Rock Painting" and "December Grads Toast," Sokol said.

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Carl Rivers

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JAMIN
@jamxnimportante
there's no such thing as 4.0 GPA as a UConn STEM Major

bitch

@fratdaddywang
Went to the new UConn gym for the first time and I just audibly grunted so loud bc I tried to leg press 250lbs bc I got the kg and the lbs confused. Proud to say I won't be going back.

News

Physicist Bell Burnell to visit UConn this Friday



Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, pictured above, will be giving a lecture at the University of Connecticut on Friday. Bell Burnell was known for her discovery of pulsars as a graduate student in 1967. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GUARDIAN

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Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, known for her discovery of pulsars as a graduate student at the University of Cambridge in 1967, will be giving a lecture at the University of Connecticut this Friday, Nov. 8.

The lecture is free to all students in the Student Union Theatre at 4 p.m.

"Pulsars are a special type of neutron star, the rotating dense remnant of a massive star. Pulsars have highly magnetic surfaces and emit a beam of electro-

magnetic radiation along their poles," said in an article by Cara Battersby.

In 1974, Bell Burnell's discovery of pulsars received a Nobel Prize in physics but she was excluded from receiving the award herself, Battersby said. Instead, her supervisor Anthony Hewish and astronomer Martin Ryle were awarded the prize.

Last year, Bell Burnell was honored with a Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, an award only given to four others, Battersby said. This 2018 award recognizes her original discovery of pulsars and the lifetime of work she has dedicated to physics.

Caroline Cichocki, program assistant at UConn's department of physics encourages students interested in physics to go see Bell Burnell's lecture.

"Dame Professor Bell Burnell is a powerful figure for women in science, and a source of admiration and inspiration for many in which we hope we can bring to the UConn community by hosting her lecture here this Friday," Cichocki said.

For students that cannot see the lecture on Friday, it will be live streamed and recorded by UCTV and available on their YouTube channel.

Trivia night, rock painting in store for December graduates

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The "December Grads Trivia Night" will be Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Hop Knot Storrs. Trivia teams of two to four people, including at least one December graduate, can compete in UConn-theme trivia for a chance to win a grand prize, Sokol said. Admission is \$10 per person and it is for ages 21 and older.

The "December Grads Rock Painting" will be Friday, Dec. 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Spirit Rock where students can help paint the rock.

The "December Grads Toast" will be Friday, Dec. 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the

Alumni Center. All attendees will get a commemorative UConn Alumni toasting glass with sparkling cider, Sokol said.

Sokol said that these events help the December graduates feel honored for their accomplishments as a community.

"Some offices, organizations and departments recognize their December graduates, but there are no overall events for the entire December graduate community on campus," Sokol said. "These students are just as important as any other graduating student on campus; whether you graduate in May, August or December, you're a Husky forever and a member of our alumni family."



December graduates should have already applied for graduation and submitted their final plans of study. UConn Senior has events planned to celebrate the graduates in the coming weeks. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

CALIFORNIA UTILITY MEETS WITH GOVERNOR AMID BANKRUPTCY CASE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's governor called the chief executive of a troubled utility to his office on Tuesday for a closed-door meeting as the company struggles to emerge from a high-profile bankruptcy while facing criticism for its practice of shutting off power for millions of people to prevent wildfires.

A spokesman for Gov. Gavin Newsom says the first-term governor "spelled out in vivid detail" how the blackouts have prevented people from "refilling lifesaving prescriptions and power breathing machines" and how small businesses and schools were closed for days.

Newsom also reiterated the state would consider a potential takeover of the utility if the bankruptcy is not resolved by June 30.

Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. CEO Bill Johnson defended the company, telling reporters after the meeting that the power shutoffs have been "well planned and executed."

"I came to California with one basic purpose: Let's make sure we don't kill anybody at our operations," said Johnson, who worked for a Tennessee power supplier before joining PG&E in April. "I think we achieved that this year. I understand the hardship, I apologize for it, but for me, safety has to come first."

State and local government leaders disagree, saying PG&E has communicated poorly and often given conflicting accounts about when the lights would go out. In a response to the Public Utilities Commission last week, the company acknowledged "various, and in some cases, extreme, shortcomings."

Last year, strong winds knocked down some of PG&E's power lines, which sparked a series of devastating wildfires. One in Northern California mostly destroyed the town of Paradise, burning down more than 18,000 buildings and killing 85 people. In January of this year, facing potential damages of up to \$30 billion, PG&E filed for bankruptcy.

This year, the company has been aggressive in shutting off power during dry, windy conditions to prevent wildfires. Johnson said Tuesday he believes the company won't have power shutoffs on this scale in 10 years as it works to "sectionalize the system."

"There will be fewer (power shutoffs) every year, and eventually we will get out of it," he said.

Great time for women in science, award winner says

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Moving forward, Chrysochoou said she is excited to work for the next five years on a project using a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"Our department just received a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to transform our programs and embrace neurodiversity, empowering students with different strengths and skill-sets

to make the most of their education and creativity," Chrysochoou said.

For other females studying or hoping to study engineering, Chrysochoou said that now is the time.

"I say that this is a great time for women in science and engineering," She said. "We have more and more opportunities to step up and infuse the profession with passion and creativity. And I also say, come to UConn, this is a great place to thrive."

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Pregnancy crisis van visits campus, met with protests

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“The pregnancy crisis vans are an anti-choice group that functions by raising money and putting that money towards crisis pregnancy centers which pose to look like abortion offices, and all they offer are ultrasounds and sometimes STI testing but that is only used as a way to get pregnant people into the building to try to convince them not to have an abortion,” Lott said.

Jeremy Bradley, executive director at Caring Families, does not think the protestors are properly informed about the organization.

“We were surprised to find out that a group would want to protest our banquet. We saw some of the things this group was saying about us and were concerned that they were sharing false information about us,” Bradley said.

Caring Families released a letter on Facebook to the protestors, to dispel what they said are misconceptions.

“All the funding that supports our organization comes from private donors. We do not receive any state or federal funds. We have never received any Title X funding, nor do we have any plans to ever receive it,” the Caring Families Pregnancy Services Facebook page said.

Bradley did not address the stories about negative experiences with using the services offered by the pregnancy crisis vans.

“If a client would like to discuss her thoughts or seek information about abortion procedures, our licensed medical professionals are trained to do that. If they request information on parenting education or adoption, we do that as well,” Bradley said.

Members of the clubs involved plan to continue protesting anytime the van is on campus.

“As of right now what we’re going to do is just always be in the same area as the van, last week I saw some of my peers out there with signs and just verbally saying to people walking by, what the vans are,” Lott said.

Lott said she doesn’t discourage students from using the vans.

“We just want to make sure students know how they treat people so they can make an informed choice,” she said. “If I was in the circumstance where I was dealing with a pregnancy and I went into a van like that and was suddenly confronted about why I can’t get an abortion that would make me feel so humiliated and objectified, so we don’t want people to experience that, especially when you’re already going through something, you don’t need people questioning your decisions.”



Jeremy Bradley, executive director at Caring Families, does not think the protestors are properly informed about the organization. The protestors said they will continue protesting anytime the van is on campus. PHOTO BY GRACE MCFADDEN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Impeachment Reversal: Diplomat now acknowledges quid pro quo

WASHINGTON (AP) — “I now do recall.”

With that stunning reversal, diplomat Gordon Sondland handed House impeachment investigators another key piece of corroborating testimony Tuesday. He acknowledged what Democrats contend was a clear quid pro quo, pushed by President Donald Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, with Ukraine.

Sondland, in an addendum to his sworn earlier testimony, said that military assistance to the East European ally was being withheld until Ukraine’s new president agreed to release a statement about fighting corruption as Trump wanted. Sondland knows that proposed arrangement to be a fact, he said, because he was the one who carried the message to a Ukrainian official on the sidelines of a conference in Warsaw with Vice President Mike Pence.

“I said that resumption of U.S. aid would likely not occur until Ukraine provided the public anti-corruption statement that we had been discussing for many weeks,” Sondland recalled.

His three-page update, tucked beneath hundreds of pages of sworn testimony from Sondland and former Ukraine Special Envoy Kurt Volker, was released by House investigators as Democrats prepared to push the closed-door sessions to public hearings as soon as next week.

Trump has denied any quid pro quo, but Democrats say there is a singular narrative developing since the president’s July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy when he first asked for “a favor.” That request, which sparked the impeachment inquiry, included a public investigation into Ukrainian activities by Democratic former Vice President Joe Biden and his son and Trump’s allegations of Ukrainian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said the House panels conducting the inquiry are releasing the word-by-word transcripts of the past weeks’ closed-door hearings so the American public can decide for themselves.

“This is about more than just one call,” Schiff wrote Tuesday in an op-ed in USA Today. “We now know that the call was just

one piece of a larger operation to redirect our foreign policy to benefit Donald Trump’s personal and political interests, not the national interest.”

Pushing back, White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham issued a statement saying the transcripts “show there is even less evidence for this illegitimate impeachment sham than previously thought.”

In the transcripts and accompanying cache of text messages, U.S. diplomats are shown trying to navigate the demands of Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, who they soon learn is running a back-channel U.S. foreign policy on Ukraine.

“It kept getting more insidious,” Sondland told investigators, as the “timeline went on.”

Sondland testified that he spoke with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo about Giuliani, “and Pompeo rolled his eyes and said: ‘Yes, it’s something we have to deal with.’”

In his revised testimony, Sondland, a wealthy businessman who donated \$1 million to Trump’s inauguration, says his memory was refreshed by the opening statements of two other inquiry witnesses, the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, William Taylor, and Tim Morrison, a European expert at the National Security Council.

The ambassador initially testified on Oct. 17 that he did not “recall taking part in any effort to encourage an investigation into the Bidens.” He told investigators he didn’t know that the Ukraine firm Burisma, that Trump wanted Ukraine to investigate, was linked to Joe Biden’s son Hunter.

But in the weeks since a May visit to Kyiv for Zelenskyy’s inauguration, Sondland and the other diplomats had been heavily involved in Ukraine policy and in text messages about what Trump wanted as they came to realize the military assistance was being withheld.

Volker and Sondland both testified they were disappointed after briefing Trump at the White House about the new leader of the young democracy who was vowing to fight corruption.

At a pivotal May 23 meeting, Trump “went on and on and on about how Ukraine is a disaster and they’re bad people,” Sondland testified.



In this Oct. 17, 2019, file photo U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland, center, arrives for an interview with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and House Committee on Oversight and Reform on Capitol Hill in Washington. House investigators released more transcripts Nov. 5 in the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, including hundreds of pages of testimony from Kurt Volker, the former special envoy to Ukraine, and Sondland. PHOTO BY PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump holds an alternative view, pushed by Giuliani, that it was Ukraine, not Russia, that interfered in the 2016 elections in the U.S., a theory counter to U.S. intelligence findings.

“They tried to take me down.” He kept saying that over and over,” Sondland recalled Trump saying.

Trump told the diplomats to work with Giuliani on Ukraine issues.

Over the time that followed, Volker and Sondland proposed to Zelenskyy’s top aide, Andriy Yermak, that they a draft statement to be issued by Ukraine on potential interference with the U.S. political process. At Giuliani’s urging, that statement needed to have an “insert at end with 2 key items:” Burisma and the 2016 U.S. elections.

“It was Mr. Giuliani who said: If it doesn’t say Burisma and 2016, it’s not credible, because what are they hiding?” Volker testified.

Pressed by investigators, Sondland testified that it would be improper for the U.S. to prompt Ukraine to investigate the Biden family. “It doesn’t sound good.”

The statement was never issued, as Ukraine refused it. Volker said he told Yermak it was “not a good idea.”

Questions swirled after a government whistleblower’s August complaint about Trump’s phone call with Zelenskyy.

By September, Sondland also told investigators, Trump was in a “bad mood” and nearly hung up on him when the ambassador asked what it was he wanted from Ukraine.

“I want nothing. I want no quid pro quo,” Trump said, ac-

ording to Sondland. “I want Zelenskyy to do the right thing.”

As House investigators released more transcripts Tuesday, they also announced they want to hear from Trump’s acting chief of staff and a top aide to Pence, reaching to the highest levels of the White House.

Pence spokeswoman Katie Waldman said the vice president was unaware of the “brief pull-aside conversation” that Sondland reported having with Yermak. She also said Pence was unaware of the ongoing back-and-forth over the statement, and that it never came up during his meeting with Zelenskyy.

At a closed-door lunch Tuesday, Pence told Senate Republicans the funds were being withheld over concerns that the Europeans weren’t contributing enough aid and issues of corruption in Ukraine, according to a person familiar with the meeting but unauthorized to discuss it and granted anonymity.

Trump says the probe is illegitimate and the administration has resumed its efforts to block the inquiry as two more White House officials, an energy adviser and a budget official, declined to appear Tuesday before investigators, even after one received a subpoena.

Meanwhile, investigators said they wanted to hear on Friday from Trump’s acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney. They contend his news conference last month amounted to “nothing less than a televised confession” of Trump’s efforts to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and Biden as the White House was blocking military funding.

Trump says he did nothing

wrong, and Mulvaney later walked back his remarks.

The White House has instructed its officials not to comply with the impeachment inquiry being led by House Democrats. Mulvaney is not expected to appear.

Republicans have been unable to deliver a unified argument against the impeachment probe, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday he’s “pretty sure” how it all will end.

McConnell said he believes Trump will stay in the White House. “I don’t think there’s any question it would not lead to a removal,” he said.

A top Trump ally, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told reporters he doesn’t plan to read the transcripts, calling the whole inquiry “bunch of B.S.”

Sondland closed his addendum to the House investigators saying he may have had a second call with Trump, but has been unable to obtain phone records and “cannot specifically recall” if that was the case.

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UConn is right to halt construction of new natural gas plant

The University of Connecticut is a leader in the state of Connecticut. When we do things right, the state tends to follow suit.

But on climate change, arguably the most important issue of our time, we have lagged behind. Earlier this year, Governor Lamont announced through an executive order that Connecticut was committed to a zero-carbon electricity grid by 2040. UConn is still committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 — a full decade later.

UConn has plans to build a new natural gas plant to supplement our existing central utility plant, which also runs on natural gas. This plant is a 40-year investment.

If we build it, our goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 will be moot. We cannot be carbon neutral if we are operating a natural gas plant, which emits carbon and methane — two potent greenhouse gases. And as the threat of more radical state and federal climate regulation looms large, it is borderline irresponsible to invest long-term in fossil fuels.

The contradiction of UConn’s carbon emissions goals and the plant’s projected lifespan led student activists to organize around stopping the plant. Last week, their demand was met — at least partially.

As reported by The Daily Campus, President Katsouleas has committed to halting the construction of the plant until his newly formed student-faculty working group on sustainability delivers policy recommendations in the spring.

We shouldn’t take this lightly. Modifying capital investment projects this dramatically, in the last hour, does not happen often. Once approved, large infrastructure projects usually have enough inertia to beat back any challenges to their plans.

At least for now, the president and his administration have stood up to that inertia, and committed to taking student and faculty concerns into account. We applaud the president’s action on this critical issue.

Moving forward, UConn must take a hard look at renewable options — like solar, wind and geothermal —

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to power all new construction. Decades-long commitments to fossil fuels run counter to any efforts to mitigate our carbon footprint.

UConn can be a leader on climate change, and halting the construction of the new natural gas plant demonstrates as much.

Let’s hope there’s more where that came from.



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The Democrats just won’t let themselves have it

Kevin Catapano

WEEKLY COLUMNIST

President Trump has a gift, an effective means of negating his own extensive vulnerabilities. In spite of his public history of personal misconduct, fledgling understanding of certain policies and propensity for saying foolish things, he has an incredible ability to elicit the absolute worst in his opponents. He drives them mad. Then they do and say things that are stupid.

Some of us have been suggesting for months now that former Vice President Joe Biden is the candidate in the Democratic field with the best chance to beat President Trump in 2020. This is because Biden is a moderate in a field of rabidly progressive radicals who’ve collectively responded to Trump’s revocation of Obama-era legislation with a gross romanticizing of policy that died with the Soviet Union. The problem for Democrats, as it goes, is that they simply won’t let Biden have the nomination.

Recent polling suggests this still holds true.

According to an October New York Times/Siena College poll, President Trump is trailing Joe Biden by an average of two points in key swing states which voted Republican in 2016. The poll has Trump losing in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Florida and Arizona, and tied with Biden in Michigan. Elizabeth Warren, the emerging frontrunner for the nomination, trails Trump by two points, the exact margin by which Hillary Clinton lost in these same states in 2016.

Though Biden retains an eight-point lead in the national polling average despite a recent surge from Warren and

fresh polling that shows her leading in decisive states, there’s a palpable disinterest in his candidacy among Democrats: Former President Obama won’t endorse him. He’s viewed as a relic of a bygone era, insufficiently committed to the radical change required to combat Trump and far less exciting than the zesty Elizabeth Warren, who has plans for everything.

While Warren may be actively hunting down the nomination, she isn’t as competitive against Trump as Biden, or even Sanders for that matter. As the polling would suggest, many of the things that make Biden palatable in a general election are kneecapping him in the primaries, which likely doesn’t bode well for the Democrats if they’re to hand the nomination to the Bolshevik Warren instead.

It’s not uncommon for candidates to campaign farther left or right during primaries before drifting back to the center for the general as their voting demographic changes ideologically to such a significant extent. The problem for Democrats is that they’ve jumped off an ideological cliff, finding it more stimulating to pursue a radical agenda which pleases the loudest and angriest among the progressive base and shuns those reluctant moderates for being insufficiently committed. If Democrats want to beat President Trump a year from now, they’re going to have to undergo a metamorphosis of sorts, forgoing the more unkempt aspects of their hairy agenda in favor of proposals which register more positively among the general electorate.

And there needs to be a reality check.

There needs to be a reality check

President Trump has a convincing case for reelection: The economy has responded positively to his administration’s tax cuts and deregulation, he’s confirmed two originalist judges to the Supreme Court and has a collection of foreign policy victories to boast, including the decimating of ISIS in the Middle East capped by the recent killing of leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. If Trump were as stable a genius as he suggests, he’d shut up and point the finger at Democrats because they’re beating themselves badly right now.

The deeply inauthentic Elizabeth Warren is so radically leftist that she doesn’t know how to defend her own policies, likely because they’re actually Bernie Sanders’ and she doesn’t believe in many of them (see “The Two-Income Trap”). Forget her repugnant plans to fundamentally restructure the financial system and gouge the middle class for universal healthcare, nobody’s even broached her Native American heritage cock and bull story yet.

This field is weak. Hillary Clinton’s interest in entering the race and the party’s intense focus on impeachment would suggest that Democrats understand this. As for President Trump, his uncouth mouthing off and failure to sufficiently capitalize on his opposition’s agenda thus far, indicates that he’s more preoccupied with defending his ego than touting his record and winning reelection. Given their exceedingly radical platform and shunning of Biden, the Democrats don’t seem willing to let themselves have this election, even with Trump’s fondness for the path of most resistance.

It appears this one’s going to come down to who least wants it the least.

The war on chronic pain

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The war on drugs is one of the biggest policy disasters in American history. Addiction is certainly a huge problem, and one that we must address within our homes, schools and healthcare systems. But the problem is that right now, the guidelines created to try and prevent addiction are having devastating consequences for chronic pain patients in the United States.

Changes to CDC rules on prescribing opioids have left people who have legitimate need suffering because of fear of addiction. These are the people pain medication is for, people with severe pain. If the CDC is going to try and effectively ruin the access these people have to medications, they may as well ban those medications entirely. These are human beings who are suffering when they shouldn’t have to be, and that isn’t fair.

A Vice story from 2015 helps to explain the human consequences of these policies. After a severe biking accident that led to broken bones, a woman referred to as Zyp Czyk refused to go to the doctor because “she feared that if she went to the hospital she might be labeled a drug-seeker, which could lead to her doctor cutting off her opioid prescription, leav-

ing her without the treatment that makes her life bearable.”

Another article, from 2019 further tells the story of chronic pain patients suffering from a lack of access to needed pain medications. “The most unfortunate among them, those with life-altering, unspeakable pain, are being denied access to the medications they need to go on,” the author of the Washington Post article explains. “In my own case, I’ve had to undergo countless unsuccessful procedures and near

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superhuman efforts to be granted barely enough medication to try to live a normal life.”

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Perhaps it’s a sign of our failed healthcare system or just fear over opioids, but innocent patients are suffering devastating consequences and our society doesn’t seem willing to notice or care. Despite the fact that most people who start drugs do not do it because of a prescription, like one after an injury, it is prescriptions of these drugs that have been

the main target of legislation. This is understandable because it is much easier to legislate against something you have control over than the uncontrolled drug trade that is already illegal.

The Washington Post investigated this issue in 2018, explaining that 50 million adults, around 20% of the population, have chronic pain, which they categorized as “pain most days or every day for at least the past six months.” I personally can’t imagine what it would feel like to be in that much pain for that long but for so many Americans it is the reality of their lives. They want the ability to not be in pain and we need to make sure that they have the capacity to do that while still trying to avoid addiction.

America has a long, problematic history of ignoring disabled people’s needs, and this is shown clearly in our treatment of opioids. While most people get opioids from sources other than prescriptions and very few people who are prescribed these medications become addicted, the government still finds it more effective to eliminate legal sources of pain relief for these people. This is leading to suffering and sometimes even suicide from people who previously had pain managed on opioids. Every person deserves to be able to have a good quality of life, and incorrect assumptions about addiction shouldn’t take priority over that.



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‘Illuminating the Path’ with star

Rita Moreno

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Award-winning actress, dancer and singer Rita Moreno spoke at the annual “Illuminating the Path” event on Tuesday night at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.

“Illuminating the Path,” presented by the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC) and co-sponsored by the UConn Office for Diversity & Inclusion, El Instituto, SUBOG and USG, is the climax of a month-long series of celebrations for National Hispanic Heritage Month which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Every year, the event hosts a conversation with a renowned Latinx figure in society on their achievements to inspire students and the surrounding community.

“We wanted Rita so badly that we waited until she was available and that’s why we’re doing ‘Illuminating the Path’ in November,” Fany Hannon, the director of PRLACC, said in an interview after the talk.

Moreno was greeted by a roar of applause and cheers from an audience of roughly 200 students and staff when she walked on stage. Once Moreno and Hannon took their seats on stage, Hannon moderated the conversation with a list of questions about Moreno’s upbringing and work.

Moreno explained the story about how her mother divorced her father and left Puerto Rico for the mainland U.S. to work in a sweatshop. Once she had enough money, she returned to Puerto Rico to bring Moreno to the mainland U.S. in hopes of having a better life. When Moreno began kindergarten in New York, she was immediately bullied and called racial slurs by her peers, which led to emotional and mental scarring.

“Now and then I still get one of those [thoughts] that maybe I’m not as good as I think I am,” Moreno said.

Mental health is an important subject to Moreno and she constantly emphasized how important therapy was for her during the healing process. When asked about how she mentally takes care of herself, Moreno said that the best thing to do was to go to therapy, which she did for eight years. This was a big takeaway for many students in the audience.



The Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC) hosts EGOT winner Rita Moreno for an inspiring talk on Latinx representation in Hollywood at the Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts Tuesday night. PHOTOS BY MOLLY PORTER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER /THE DAILY CAMPUS

“You can’t heal by yourself,” Marielis Cruz, a seventh-semester English major, said. “You should seek out that help and that service.”

An important issue in the Latinx community is the lack of representation in mainstream media. Moreno has been praised by many as being a pioneer for the Latinx community because of her several roles in film and television, such as “West Side Story,” “One Day at a Time” and “Jane the Virgin.” Moreno was the third person in history to win an EGOT, meaning she was awarded an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and a Tony award.

“Even though we have these shows ... it seems like there’s a rising of [representation] but it’s still not enough,” Cruz said. “We need more of it. Just because there’s several of them coming out, it doesn’t mean that we have to stop.”

Hannon asked Moreno about how she moved forward in Hollywood, to which she replied by saying that it was difficult as a Latinx individual. She explained that while the black acting community has made a lot of progress, she feels the Hispanic community is “still standing in place.” Moreno brought up an anecdote from a previous talk where an audience member suggested that while the Hispanic community supports each other, it still separates itself based on individual nationality, whereas the black community does not.

“She [said] black people are all united together and help each other,” Sara Aldarondo, a seventh-semester environmental engineering major, said. “I would like to think that the Hispanic community does that, and maybe they do need some help, but I don’t think that you should compare the two because I still think they both have a long way to go.”

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Moreno is known for her role as Anita in the 1961 adaptation of “West Side Story.” Much to the audience’s delight, she shared information about the new “West Side Story” adaptation by Steven Spielberg, which will be released on Dec. 18, 2020. Moreno said she will take on the role of Valentina, Doc’s widow who takes over the drugstore. Moreno was offered executive producer credit on the film so she was excited to announce that there will be much more Latinx representation amongst the cast than the original film had.

Throughout the night, Moreno maintained her charismatic personality on stage and constantly had the audience laughing at her many anecdotes and jokes. When she coughed, she joked by saying, “I’m sorry my nose is leaking, it’s all the cocaine.” Moreno also told the story about how she was invited to give the commencement address at the Berklee College of Music in 2016. In an effort to give a different speech from usual, she decided to rap her speech on stage to the graduating class.

“She is unapologetic but also, she is who she is in every single arena, I love that about her,” Hannon said.

Following the main portion of the event, the floor was opened up to questions from the audience. Students asked a variety of topics: From asking for advice as Latinx individuals, to asking Moreno what her favorite actor to work with or asking about her dream hookup, Moreno’s outgoing personality endeared her to the audience.



UConn Saxophone Quartet lights von der Mehden ablaze with 'Volcanic Ash'



Daniel Cohn
STAFF WRITER

UConn's Saxophone Quartet performed at von der Mehden Recital Hall Tuesday night, drawing one of its biggest crowds in years. PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGLELLAN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/ THE DAILY CAMPUS

Any musical performance titled "Volcanic Ash" creates huge shoes for it to fill from the get-go. No one expects the musicians to engulf the audience in pyroclastic flow, but the audience might expect some similar explosions from the performance.

The UConn Saxophone Quartet followed through and then some last night, showcasing "Volcanic Ash" in von der Mehden Recital Hall. The quartet, like all quartets, is made of four musicians: Noah Brisson, a senior soprano saxophonist, Adrienne Foret, a senior alto saxophonist, Tessa Webb, a sophomore tenor saxophonist and Ian Saucio, a junior tenor saxophonist. The performance was both Webb's first and Foret's last, the latter of whom is retiring from the quartet after seven semesters in order to student-teach next semester.

They killed it. There might not have been a volcano, but the stage was on fire. From the first note, the four performers launched into a saucy Latin inspired piece, titled "Concert Fantasy on Themes from Bizet's Carmen." The bouncy piece was complete with tango-esque harmonies and staccato unison passages, and told the audience they chose the right place to spend their Tuesday nights without saying a word.

By the end of the performance, the audience couldn't take their eyes off the stage. The closing tune, also titled "Volcanic Ash," featured a superb tenor solo from Webb, giving her a defining moment in her first (hopefully of many) quartet performance. The piece was written for the Donald Sinta Quartet's annual Composition Competition, and "utilizes fast meter changes, virtuosic arpeggios and extreme registers," as the informational pamphlet points out. The piece lives up to its billing, featuring an unpredictable score that you won't be able to tap your feet to because you have no idea what's going on, and don't even care. It takes a ridiculous amount of talent to perform this piece, and the quartet made it look like a tuning warm-up.

The sizable audience gave the foursome a deserved standing ovation at the performance's closure, and many stayed to greet them afterwards. "I'm the saxophone professor here at UConn, and I've been coaching the UConn Saxophone Quartet for the last 13 years," said Greg Case, a resident of Norwich. "This iteration of the group has been together for just this semester, and they have made really great strides together. I'm really proud of what they have accomplished, and they have a great future ahead of them." Case announced to the crowd mid-show that this performance garnered the largest audience of any in the group's decade plus-long existence.

The student audience, which was one of the largest I've seen at any von der Mehden event I've covered, was as enraptured as I was. "Tonight truly had an inspirational amount of effort put into creating such beautiful music," Connor Backes, third-semester music education major, said. "Top tier. I can't say anything bad about them. Their chemistry was clearly noticeable."

"The amount of work that they put in shows in their performance," added Rishi Nallur, a third-semester biology major. "The amount of musicality was at such a high level."

The UConn Saxophone Quartet brought an energy to their performance with four people that some concert bands fail to achieve with dozens. Like Camila Cabello, they've proved they don't need a fifth harmony.



'THE LITTLE MERMAID LIVE!'

WAS A NOSTALGIC NIGHT OF PURE DISNEY MAGIC

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In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the classic fairy tale film, Disney's ABC presented "The Little Mermaid Live!" in front of a live audience of adoring Ariel fans, as well as the thousands of viewers across America reliving their childhood memories. Unlike the live musicals of NBC and Fox, some good, others not so much, this production was a mixture of both a live show and the original movie, with songs being sung by the star-studded cast and the rest of the story being told by the animated movie.

While this division may seem a little fishy to any fan of television's take on Broadway musicals, this actually makes a lot of sense. The whole point of the special was to honor the success of the 1989 movie that has swum into the heart of every Disney fan, rather than remind everyone of the Broadway flop that lasted less than two years in New York City.

This tribute was a perfect celebration of the feature film, even including an introduction by Jodi Benson, the woman who originally voiced Ariel, and made "Part of Your World," an instant classic. The evening combined both the scenes and jokes we all know and love from

the movie, with a new exciting live experience from some of Hollywood's finest.

I could go on talking about how impressive the live sets were, how stunning the costumes were or even how the show involved the audience in its storytelling, but it's Disney. Would we really expect anything less? The most impressive part of the show was the talent of its incredible cast. It is no surprise that this was the event's highlight, especially considering the huge marketing emphasis ABC placed on its well-known cast.

Known for voicing Disney's latest princess, Moana, 18-year-old Auli'i Cravalho led the cast

as the famed and finned heroine, Ariel. She portrayed the iconic role with the same innocence and spirit that we remember, not to mention her stunning vocals in the classic ballads. Her Prince Eric, played by Graham Phillips, also impressed audiences with his sweet and melodic voice, nailing the opening number, "Fathoms Below," as well as two little known songs, "Her Voice" and "If Only," which were taken from the Broadway musical version of the show. Alongside the leads, Amber Riley sang her heart out as King Triton's daughter, The Emcee, while Queen Latifah graced us with her presence in a 150-foot tall Ursula costume. These

performances, combined with John Stamos' playful depiction of Chef Louis, were the perfect recipe for a magical evening.

While the event was not a groundbreaking or earth-shattering reimagining of the story, the television movie was a nostalgic reminder of why we first fell in love with Ariel, Eric, Sebastian and Flounder, 30 years ago. Yes, this could all just be a big advertisement for the launch of Disney Plus next week, but ultimately it made every viewer feel like a little kid again, and brought them into a world of magic, true love and singing fish.

Rating: 4/5 stars

MEYERS ON LOBBY BABIES, POLITICS AND MARRIAGE

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While parent comedians often joke about how silly their baby is or how dumb their kid acts, Meyers refreshingly focused on his own faults as a parent, especially regarding the births of his two sons. Despite his first-born's near-birth experience in the backseat of an Uber, with his wife shouting "I do not like this" out the window to uncarrying New Yorkers crossing the street, Meyers and his wife somehow managed to give birth to their second child in the lobby of their apartment building. When her contractions began to escalate as they made their way out of the building, Meyers' wife calmly informed him, "The baby is here."

"From the people who brought you, 'I do not like this ...'" Meyers joked. "The baby is here."

He then went on to describe how his wife delivered the baby herself, or in his words, how she "Lion-Kinged" it out of her body — acting as both Simba's mom giving birth and Rafiki raising the baby up for all to see. All of which happened while Meyers covered in the corner, looking through his phone for the doctor's number even though he never added it, despite his wife reminding him to for nine months. He joked that his new-

born son must've looked around at all the firemen and policemen that showed up in the lobby after he was born, hoping one of them was his father.

"Man, I really hope my dad is one of these 12 kick-ass dudes," Meyers said. "Not that scared guy in the corner. Looking in a phone for a number he knows isn't there."

Meyers' titular "Lobby Baby" bit took up a large portion of the hour-long show, but his other bits were by no means overshadowed by it. One thing that differed in Meyers' show from others like it, beyond the content of his jokes, was a button Netflix supplied for viewers who would rather skip his politics segment. After introducing the button to viewers, he immediately jumped into how Trump's presidency has benefited him comically. He compared it to the success of a gravedigger during the plague. In response to people asking his gravedigger persona how good this plague must be for his business, he said he would feel obligated to respond: "Well, obviously, we're very upset about the plague," Meyers said. "But it has been very good for me. It's been very good for business, really. We had to open a second location."

Those who skipped the politics segment were greeted by Meyers acting as if his segment had been completely pro-Trump.

"So, I guess my point is I misjudged him and I do think he's a very good president," Meyers said.

Meyers' concluding segment, which was by far his most hilari-

ous, was the twist on the old make-fun-of-your-spouse fall-back humor. Rather than tease his OCD wife for the remainder of his show, he instead pretended to be his wife doing a comedy show where she made fun of him.

His "wife" complained about her husband's "no-CD" and his inability to do anything for himself. She said that sometimes he looks for yogurt in their refrigerator and she has to come over and grab it from its very obvious position on the shelf for him, and that over time this has made him afraid to ask her for help finding it. After teasing him about the yogurt for a minute, Meyers' "wife" conceded to the audience that every 10th time he asked about the yogurt, she had just forgotten they were out and hadn't replaced it.

"And so, he'll just stand there with the refrigerator door open looking for yogurt that is not there," Meyers said.

Meyers backed his jokes up with John Mulaney-type voices and wild gesticulations, often pausing for effect and looking at his audience with wide, laughing eyes. Judging by the intense laughter of his Minneapolis audience and the complete hilarity of his segments, he absolutely killed it. If you need some cheering up or just want a laugh, I highly recommend checking out "Lobby Baby."

Rating: 4.35/5

"The baby is here."

Seth Meyers

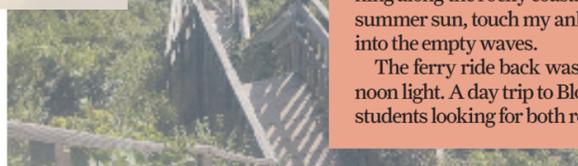
Husky on the Road: Block Island in the fall

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Isn't it fantastic that only a 50 minute drive to New London and a one hour ferry ride could transport you from the hectic UConn campus to the serenity of Block Island in the fall?

For many people, New Englanders especially, Block Island is a summer destination. A place for relaxing on the beach, partying with friends and licking dripping ice cream cones. I myself visit Block Island nearly every summer, biking until my legs ache and I make it to the glorious Mohegan Bluffs. But Block Island isn't just for warm sunny days. In fact, I have come to appreciate the island more in the cooler Autumn months.

Let me paint you a picture: The streets are quiet and most shops are closed. In the ones that remain open, signs are displayed in the windows written in big letters "end



of season sale." The familiar shacks selling clam cakes and chowder are boarded up and ice cream shops have "gone fishing" signs. You might be wondering why one would choose to visit an island during the off-season, but here's why: Nature stays open all year round.

After stepping off the ferry, it became blissfully apparent that this was not a popular idea. I hopped on my bike and took on the island. Without the loud mopeds or rental cars, the road was mine.

To start the day, I had one of the last plates of French toast served at the Block Island Beach House, cooked with care and served with a view. And with maple syrup, of course.

Although most restaurants close with the last summer sunset, some remain open. Block Island Grocery always stays open all year, serving deli sandwiches and soup. You can always find a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. To make the trip more cost-effective, I suggest packing a snack or lunch. You can have a private beach picnic and avoid the trouble finding a restaurant still open. Just don't let the gulls steal your food — they are year-round residents.

The Bluffs are gorgeous in all seasons, but somehow marveling at the top and climbing down the rocky cliff was even more magical during the fall. On this occasion I was one of the few people skipping stones and running along the rocky coast. I let the cool water, still slightly warm from the summer sun, touch my ankles. If you are feeling really crazy, go for a dive into the empty waves.

The ferry ride back was quiet and the ocean sparkled in the late afternoon light. A day trip to Block Island is the perfect fall getaway for UConn students looking for both relaxation and adventure.

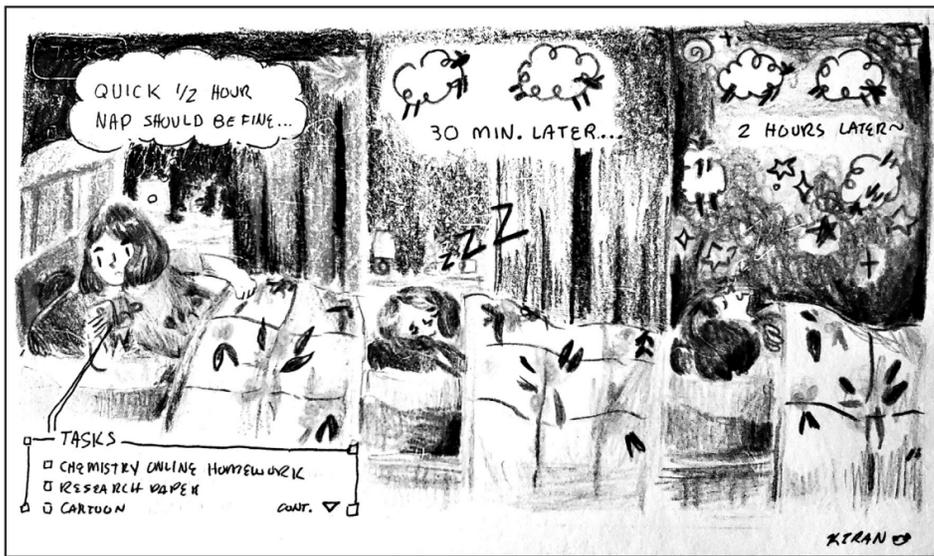
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Photo of the Day | We all have that one friend



Sheep rush to the edge of their enclosure to say hello at Livestock Unit 2 on Nov. 5, 2019. PHOTO BY JUDAH SHINGLETON, SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

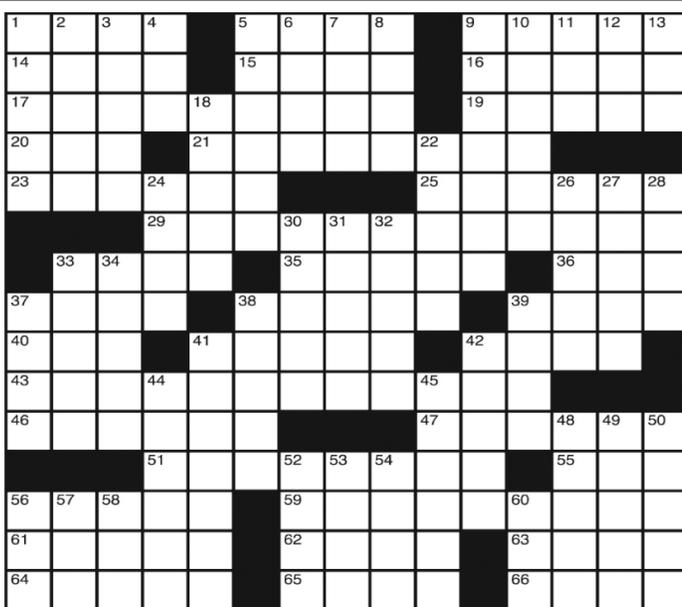


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- 47 Up-to-the-minute
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By Gary Larson

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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THE FIRST SALES PITCH FOR THE NERF BALL WAS "NERF: YOU CAN'T HURT BABIES OR OLD PEOPLE!"

BEFORE SETTLING ON THE SEVEN DWARFS WE KNOW TODAY, DISNEY CONSIDERED CHESTY, TUBBY, BURPY, DEAFY, HICKEY, WHEEZY AND AWFUL.

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Column: All-MLB team

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In both the NFL and the NBA, at the end of each season they put together a “best-starting lineup” of sorts, comprised of the best players at each position during the season. Seeing as it is award season in the MLB and there are no such teams for baseball, I figured I’d make them. I’ll be going with a starting nine, reliever and no DH because the DH sucks (but that’s a column for another time).

The team will be comprised of both American League and National League players, and as for positions, it’s going to be flexible. A lot of players split time this year at multiple positions, so it’s going to be a judgment call where to put them. The general rule of thumb is if the player started a considerable amount of games at the position, they’re eligible there. For example, Christian Yelich can’t be the left fielder just because he started three games there, but Alex Bregman can be either the third baseman or shortstop seeing as he started 50-plus games at each position. It’ll be a judgment call and there’s no set number, but I’ll try to make the best and most realistic lineup possible. I’ll also try to keep the explanations as brief as possible, but for positions where there’s a really close race, it might get a little bit longer. So, here we go.

Catcher: J.T. Realmuto, Philadelphia Phillies

Did you know there were only four qualifiers at catcher in the entire MLB? The other three were Wilson Ramos of the Mets, Christian Vazquez of the Red Sox and Yasmani Grandal of the Brewers, and while an argument could realistically be made for

any of them, Realmuto was the most well-rounded of the bunch. He hit .275/.328/.493 with 25 home runs, 83 RBIs and 92 runs scored in the most at-bats of the bunch. While he trailed Grandal in OPS and home runs, it wasn’t by nearly enough to offset one important statistic: Caught stealing percentage. When it comes to throwing out baserunners, Realmuto is elite, finishing the year with a league-best 46.7% caught stealing percentage, significantly better than Grandal’s 27%. When it comes to catching, you can’t underestimate the value of a cannon behind the plate, and that’s what puts Realmuto over the top.

First Base: Freddie Freeman, Atlanta Braves

As a Mets fan, this one hurts, especially over Rookie of the Year Pete Alonso, but it just has to be Freeman. The Atlanta first baseman hit .295/.389/.549 with 38 home runs, 127 RBIs and 113 runs scored, making all three of which and his OPS in the top-two at the position. Even though he hit 15 fewer home runs than Alonso and his OPS was slightly worse, he beats him in most everything else, including 50-plus fewer strikeouts and overall fielding prowess. Alonso was spectacular, but Freddie is still king at the position.

Second Base: D. J. LeMahieu, New York Yankees

This is one of the more cut-and-dry positions in the league, as LeMahieu is the clear winner here. While he’s officially not the MVP now that he’s not even a finalist (I’m finally validated; read column No. 1 and column No. 2 on why, shameless plug), he still had a fantastic season. He hit .327/.375/.518 with 26 home runs, 102 RBIs and 109 runs scored, as

he was a constant for the Yankees in a season that was riddled with injuries. His defensive versatility is also something that can’t be overstated, starting 25-plus games at three positions. Simply a stellar season.

Third Base: Alex Bregman, Houston Astros

This was one of my tougher decisions, but I had to go with the presumptive American League MVP, Bregman, over National League MVP candidate Anthony Rendon. Rendon had an amazing season and propelled the Nationals to their first World Series over Bregman’s Astros, but as is with all the awards, they’re based on the regular season. There, Bregman just narrowly takes the cake, hitting .296/.423/.592 with 41 home runs, 112 RBIs and 122 runs scored. Like LeMahieu, defensive versatility also plays a factor, as he played significant time at both third base and shortstop as mentioned earlier. Bregman established himself this season as one of the premier talents in the MLB, and at just 25 years old, he’s here to stay.

Shortstop: Xander Bogaerts, Boston Red Sox

I’m going to be honest, before I even started writing this article I had already penciled in Marcus Semien here, seeing as he’s an MVP finalist and is No. 4 in the MLB in WAR. But then I saw the year Bogaerts had. He flew completely under the radar this season because the only storylines surrounding the Red Sox this season were about their massive World Series hangover and how they might have to trade Mookie Betts. But Bogaerts was a star. I know his WAR doesn’t come close to Semien and he’s not nearly as good a fielder, but man, the kid hit .309/.384/.555 with 33

home runs and 117 RBIs, all of which were better than Semien (except for the homers, they were tied). If you go with Semien, no one would blame you, but I just couldn’t ignore what Bogaerts did this season.

Left Field: Juan Soto, Washington Nationals

It was the battle of young NL East superstars here, but Soto just edges out the Braves’ Ronald Acuna Jr. in my eyes. The 20-year-old (yes, he’s 21 now, but he was 20 for the entire regular season) hit .282/.401/.548 with 34 home runs, 110 RBIs and 110 runs scored, combining with Rendon to power the Nationals to the World Series. He’s a stud and he’s just getting started. By the way, before anyone can call me biased on any of these, I’ve now picked three players from the NL East when an argument could be made for a Met in each case (Ramos, Alonso and Jeff McNeil right here.) I’m about to pick against another Met too, sorry Jake *frowny emoji.*

Center Field: Mike Trout, Los Angeles Angels

It’s Mike Trout. He’s the best player of our generation, and he did it again this year. No further explanation is needed. Next.

Right Field: Cody Bellinger, Los Angeles Dodgers

This is perhaps the toughest decision on the list. Christian Yelich or Cody Bellinger. Yeli or Belli. I first went with Belli, then I switched it to Yeli and then I finally landed on Belli for one reason and one reason alone: Yeli didn’t make it the whole season. “Trout didn’t either, and you still picked him,” you say? Well, the disparity at center was so large that it had to be Trout, but it’s why Bregman is my pick for MVP. Yeli had better averages and led

the MLB in OPS, but the difference just wasn’t large enough to offset the 26 fewer games and 81 fewer plate appearances. Belli has more home runs, more RBIs, more runs scored and fewer strikeouts. Yeli is a fine pick, but I just have to go with Belli.

Starting Pitcher: Justin Verlander, Houston Astros

Man, imagine picking against Gerritt Cole here. Who would be that crazy? Well, apparently me. Like a few other positions on this list, I had already written down someone only to change by the time I actually got around to writing why. It’s close, but I have to give the edge to Verlander. He finished the season with an ERA of 2.58, a WHIP of 0.803, a 5.529 H/9 ratio, 300 strikeouts and 223.0 innings pitched, all of which were better than Cole except for the ERA (Cole’s was 2.50) and strikeouts (Cole had 326). They were both ridiculous, but Verlander has it by a hair.

Relief Pitcher: Kirby Yates, San Diego Padres

I’m a sucker for ridiculous ERAs and that’s exactly what Yates had, finishing the year with his at a minuscule 1.19. Of relief pitchers who had at least 60 innings, he finished No. 1 by a wide margin, with Will Harris behind him at 1.50. He finished No. 7 in WHIP with a 0.89 and was only eight points behind No. 1 Josh Hader. He was No. 1 in saves, No. 2 in home runs given up and in the No. 4 in K/9. Even though the Padres stunk, Yates was the best reliever in the MLB.

There you have it. The All-MLB team for 2019. At most positions, arguments could be made for a number of players, but these are the ones that stand out the most at their respective positions.

Mav’s Musings: What the Red Sox need to do this offseason



FILE – In this Oct. 2, 2017, file photo, Tampa Bay Rays executive Chaim Bloom speaks during a news conference in St. Petersburg, Fla. A person with knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press the Boston Red Sox have hired former Tampa Bay Rays executive Bloom as chief baseball officer. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity Friday because Major League Baseball doesn’t like teams to make announcements during the World Series. PHOTO BY CHRIS O’MEARA/AP PHOTO

Mike Mavredakis
STAFF WRITER

In a perfect world, the Boston Red Sox get to keep their young stars and stay under the luxury tax threshold. Unfortunately, that seems like a pipe dream now that J.D. Martinez has opted into his contract for 2020.

As it currently stands the Red Sox are projected to have a payroll of about \$226 million next season, which is around \$18 million over the luxury tax threshold of \$208 million, according to Spotrac.

Now that Martinez has locked his \$23.75 million in for the season, it’s officially budget cut season in Boston. The real question here is, how does Boston want to proceed? Do they want to just get under the tax and go for another title or blow it up and start from scratch?

Boston can get under the luxury tax in three moves. They would have to trade Jackie Bradley Jr., non-tender Sandy Leon and decline Andrew Cashner’s club option. In total it would drop them to \$202.2 million, which gives them a bit of wiggle room for in-season moves.

Chaim Bloom, Red Sox chief baseball officer, please trade Bradley Jr. I cannot take another season of him at the plate. They could move him for three bags of peanuts if that’s what it takes. I can’t do another season of seeing him strike out in 31% of his at-bats again. He hasn’t hit at a replacement level or above since 2016, at some point his glove just isn’t worth it – also known as his past three seasons.

Bradley is also a free agent after this season, so there is not much time left to squeeze value out of him.

Releasing Sandy Leon is al-

most a no-brainer at this point. He’s a great defensive catcher and all, but those are a dime-a-dozen in today’s game. Retaining Leon is essentially pointless, especially with the emergence of Christian Vazquez at the plate last season.

Do I even have to explain why Andrew Cashner needs to get sent to the moon this offseason? There is not an easier decision out there. There is a reason he has already played for six teams in his 10-year career – he sucks. In 25 games for Boston last year, he had a 6.20 ERA through 53.2 innings.

Making these decisions – fairly simple ones, in my opinion – would set them up well, but if they’re serious about re-building the franchise and changing course, they can do a lot more. They might as well do whatever necessary to drop payroll and accumulate assets for the future.

That means everyone not named Rafael Devers and Xan-

der Bogaerts should be on the block. Paying players like Price and Chris Sale to win 80 games and miss the playoffs has limited tangible benefit. It puts the club out of the running for a good draft slot and they don’t have a chance at a ring.

The Texas Rangers are interested in Boston’s starters and have conducted internal conversations about acquiring them, according to the Dallas Morning News. This is something to watch throughout the off-season as Texas has a need on the mound. They also have some promising prospects to deal, but Boston would likely have to give up a major asset to pry them away from the Rangers.

I also think Boston should explore moves for Andrew Benintendi this offseason; he is not as good as I thought he was going to be. His OPS+ fell 23 points from 2018 to 2019 and he struck out

32% more. Giving him another year in Boston may tank his value past the point of no return.

Next year’s outfield free agent market is very good, with the likes of Mookie Betts, George Springer, Michael Brantley and David Peralta. They should jump the market when they still have three years of control left and teams won’t have the option to wait a few months to fill their outfield needs.

This offseason really comes down to how willing the front office is to make waves. Do they want to make another run or accept their fate and move onto the future? It is incredibly difficult to cut payroll and play better than in the year prior, so what is the point of playing another season of middling baseball?

Yes, I know it’s extreme but it’s time for a fire sale in Boston. Bloom has his work cut out for him. Good luck pal.

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Photo of the Day | Celebratory Hug



UConn hosts Tulsa at Dillion Stadium for their last home game of the season. UConn scored 6 goals over Tulsa on Senior Night, a great way to send off the seniors. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Point/Counterpoint: Will the men's basketball team be dancing in March?



The Huskies played their first exhibition game of the season against Saint Michael's today at the XL Center with a final score of 103-64. Their next home game is on 11/8 against Sacred Heart University at Gampel Pavilion PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Danny Barletta

STAFF WRITER

Tamir March

CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT

College basketball season is officially back, and this week we are debating what a lot of UConn fans are wondering: Whether the men's team will make the NCAA tournament, aka March Madness. UConn has not been in the tournament since 2016, but seems to have higher expectations this year with a good mix of young talent and returning experience. Our two college basketball experts break down UConn's chances.

Danny Barletta: As much as I would love to see UConn in the tournament, I just don't see it happening this year. I definitely expect the team to have a better year than last year, and I certainly believe a 20-win season is attainable. I'm just not sure that will be enough to get them into the dance. Historically, only three and occasionally four AAC teams make the tournament, and I'm not sure UConn is one of the top-four teams in The American. Right now they are in the middle-of-the-pack range where they could finish anywhere from fourth to seventh in the conference depending on how the season goes. Another thing that will be key to their chances are quality nonconference wins. The Huskies definitely have the opportunity to get those with games against Florida and Villanova, but I don't know if the team has what it takes to beat those teams this year. Without key nonconference wins, it will be tough for UConn to make the tournament unless the team makes a run in the conference tournament, which will be a challenge with teams like Memphis and Cincinnati at the top.

Tamir March: This is the year that UConn breaks their unacceptable three-year absence from the

NCAA tournament. You mention how the American conference is potentially a hindrance to our tournament aspirations. While it is not a Power Five conference, the AAC is one of growing respect. Last year a record seven teams made post-season play, with four of those in the NCAA tournament. I believe that Connecticut will be, at worst, the fourth-best team in the conference this year for several key reasons. The first being, that they are going to come into conference play battle tested. The Huskies have a far better out of conference schedule this year with the potential to play five quality Power Five opponents. Come tournament time, we all know how important strength of schedule comes into play with the bubble teams. The Charleston Classic will be vital; after they beat Buffalo in the first round, the Huskies likely face a matchup with future Big East foe and potential fellow bubble team Xavier. Beating one of Xavier, Florida and Villanova will show the committee that UConn is fully capable of competing with the country's best.

Danny Barletta: The big difference is you believe at worst, UConn is the fourth best team in the conference. I believe that is the best case scenario. I think if everything goes right for the Huskies this year, they are only the fourth best team in the conference with an outside shot of getting in the tournament. Memphis has the potential to be a top-10 team in the country all season long. Cincinnati is the safest bet in the conference to be really good with its proven talent. Houston lost some pieces, but still looks like a clear-cut tournament team. Even at their best, this year's Huskies won't be on the same level as those three teams. Anything can happen once March rolls around, which is why I think the fate of this UConn team depends on a deep run in the AAC tournament, something it hasn't been able to do since 2016. Those nonconference games are key as well, and you're right that if they

win even one of those marquee games, they prove to the committee that they belong with the best. However, the key word is "if." It's certainly possible that UConn makes the tournament this year, but I personally think it's unlikely given how much has to go right for them to do so.

Tamir March: Besides the competitive out of conference schedule, the AAC provides UConn with the opportunity for some high quality wins. You allude to how good Memphis and Cincinnati are, which really boosts the quality of the conference. Memphis has the best recruiting class in the country and Cincinnati returns the best player in the AAC in Jarron Cumberland. The silver lining is that both of those teams have glaring concerns. Memphis is relying almost completely on freshmen to carry them every single night, which is hard to manage especially for such an inexperienced coach in Penny Hardaway. Cincinnati just lost Mick Cronin, who was so successful for the Bearcats over the last decade-plus. Here's where UConn holds an advantage over the top two teams, without mentioning the rest of the conference. Dan Hurley has proven how fast he can turn around programs in his previous stints at Wagner and URI. From year one to two, Wagner went from a .443 winning percentage to a staggering .806. Similarly URI went from a dreadful .276 to .438. As bad as UConn appeared to be last year, it was Hurley's best first year he's ever had. UConn returns most of their production from last year, really only losing Jalen Adams. Former highly touted recruits Alterique Gilbert and Christian Vital combine for an experienced, scary backcourt. Josh Carlton was perhaps the most improved player, let alone big in the AAC and I predict that he's going to make an all conference team come year end. UConn has the talent, size, experience and most importantly coaching to make its return to the NCAA

Around the American Soccer: UCF crowned regular season champions

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UCF (12-1-2, 5-0-1 The American) won its final regular match of the season 3-2 in overtime against Stetson at home on Oct. 29. The Knights conceded about halfway through the first half as Stetson forward Alex Turner scored the first goal of the match. It took until the 51st minute by forward Hattabiou Barry for the Knights to score and equalize the match, his second goal in 14 appearances. UCF gained the lead in the 80th minute when defender Andres Hernandez crossed the ball into the penalty box from a corner kick that resulted in a Stetson defender attempting to clear the ball but managing to put the ball in the back of his own net. Nearly five minutes later Turner scored again, marking his third goal of the season, to secure his brace and equalizing the match once more. The game went into overtime, where in the first half both sides didn't manage to score the golden goal. However, less than a minute into the second half, forward Cal Jennings scored the winning goal, marking his 12th goal in 15 appearances.

Following its overtime victory last Tuesday, the Knights won 1-0 over Memphis (10-5, 4-2 The American) at home on Friday. The majority of the match remained goalless regardless of UCF's six shots in the first half compared to Memphis' two; however it took until the 85th minute for midfielder substitute Gianluca Arcangeli to score, marking his third goal in 13 games. The Knights became champions of the regular season for the second time in a row and will host the semifinal and championship matches of the AAC Tournament.

SMU (13-1-1, 4-1-1 The American) hosted UConn (4-11-1, 1-5 The American) on Friday which resulted in a 1-0 victory for the Mustangs. SMU's only goal came early on in the match in the sixth minute when defender Henrik Breddeli put the ball in the back of the net, his second goal in 15 appearances, after receiving the ball from midfielder Knut Ahlander's corner kick. The match was in SMU's favor in the first half as they had seven

shots compared to UConn's three, though the second half saw an action-packed fixture as both the Huskies and the Mustangs nearly had an even amount of shots and had seven fouls each. SMU is currently second in the conference while UConn is seventh in the AAC standings.

Cincinnati (5-10-1, 1-4-1 The American) is currently on a four-game losing streak as they lost 4-0 away against USF (9-5-1, 3-3 The American) on Saturday. Bulls defender Javain Brown scored the opening goal of the match in the sixth minute, his third goal in 14 appearances. Following Brown's goal USF was awarded a penalty in which forward Adrian Billhardt scored his second goal in 14 appearances and gave the Bulls a 2-0 lead. USF was able to score once more before the end of the first half in the 42nd minute when defender Johnathan Rosales scored the third goal of the match. USF would end up scoring again in the 73rd minute as midfielder substitute Trey Jackson put the ball in the back of the net with the assists coming from defender Freddy Gil and midfielder Steven Rudderham. The Bearcats are currently in sixth while the Bulls are in fifth in the conference standings.

Temple (7-6-2, 3-1-2 The American) traveled to Tulsa (4-9-2, 0-5-1 The American) on Saturday which resulted in a 0-0 draw. While no goals were scored, the match did see a few close ones as the Golden Hurricane had three shots in the first half but Temple goalkeeper Simon Lefebvre blocked all three. The second half was even as both sides had six shots taken, however four of the six by Temple were saved by Tulsa goalkeeper Bryson Reed compared to Temple's one save.

In the 80th minute however, defender Brandon Johnson was given a red card which not only brought the Owls down to 10 men, but one less defender as well. In the first half of overtime, both sides only managed to have a handful of shots. In the second half Tulsa had seven shots compared to Temple's zero, but still weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net against a 10-player side. Temple is currently in fourth while Tulsa is at the bottom of the conference standings.

Men's Soccer: UConn beats Tulsa, 6-3, to move onto the American Athletic Conference tournament



UConn hosts Tulsa at Dillion Stadium for their last home game of the season. UConn scored six goals over Tulsa on Senior Night, a great way to send off the seniors. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The Huskies struck again in the 27th minute, and this time it was freshman Moussa Wade, recording the first goal of his collegiate career, burying a strike from just outside the box and giving Dengler his second assist of the night.

Robin Lappert made it 3-0 in the 41st minute on a penalty kick heading the ball in after his initial shot was saved right

back at him. Lapert has three goals this season, the most of anyone on the team not named Jordan Hall.

They went into the half up that number but quickly made it four when they came back, with Wade getting his second goal of the night and career, finishing Harris's shot that was saved and tapping it into, essentially, an empty net.

Tulsa finally got on the board in the same minute, easily heading in a corner kick. The Golden Hurricanes got

two more against what were mostly substitutes for the Huskies in the final 10 minutes, but UConn had already increased their total to six, with goals from Ibrahima Diop and Ahdan Tait before Tulsa got their second, so it was never close.

Due to the large lead, UConn was able to truly celebrate Senior Night even during a must-win game, getting playing time for 10 different players who did not start.

"It was a great effort by the group tonight," Reid said.

"They came to play. They were aggressive, they pressed, they did a great job tonight."

However, for the Huskies, the game really didn't end when the clock hit 90:00, as it immediately went to scoreboard watching. Heading into the night, UConn was trailing Cincinnati by one point, so they needed to either win and have Cincinnati tie or lose to UCF, or UConn could tie and Cincinnati needed to lose, as UConn had the tiebreaker.

Naturally, it wasn't with-

out the dramatics, as Cincinnati tied the game at two in the 83rd minute, forcing overtime with the No. 1 team in the conference. However, UCF came through and put the game away just over eight minutes into the overtime, sending the Bearcats home and allowing the Huskies to swipe a playoff spot from them on the last day of the season.

The Huskies will travel to No. 3 seed USF in the first round on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

Women's Hockey: UConn wins first home game of year against Brown

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UConn got back into the win column with a blowout victory over Brown for the Huskies' first home win of the season. The Huskies came out firing on all cylinders even though they did not play last week.

After losing both of their games in the IceBreaker Tournament, the Huskies (5-4) were looking to rebound against Brown (0-5), a team that has struggled on the road this season. This game also provided the Huskies with a chance to win their first home game of the season. The Huskies were giving it their all as soon as the puck hit the ice.

One of the areas of improvement the Huskies worked on over their short break was that they wanted more consistent play in the first period of games. "We are really focused on just getting off to a good start. We switched the lines up to create and we were able to create offense with that," said head coach Chris Mackenzie.

The changed worked phenomenally as UConn scored three goals in the first period alone. The Huskies dominated the time of possession in all three periods, leaving Brown with few scoring opportunities to get back in the game. The Bears looked completely helpless against the Huskies offense. The Brown defense was set up to take away scoring chances coming from the middle of their zone. While this proved effective, UConn found itself with plenty of scoring opportunities coming from different areas nonetheless. The Huskies were having a great

night when it came to passing the puck, and as a result the Huskies found themselves with scoring opportunities that they were able to capitalize on.

Brown on the other hand was struggling throughout the first period to get anything going on offense. With UConn dominating time of possession, the Bears were forced to play defense for the majority of the third period. Brown only had three shots on goal by the end of the first period. Brown almost tied the game early at one, but a great save by Samantha Carpentier-Yelle prevented them from scoring. This save provided a huge momentum swing in the favor of the Huskies for the rest of the game.

Carpentier-Yelle, who is one of three goalies for UConn, turned in a great performance. The Bears did set themselves up with some good scoring opportunities, but every time they took a shot, Carpentier-Yelle made a great save. This was her second shutout of the year. Coach Mackenzie also loved the performance Carpentier-Yelle turned in.

"She has done this all year for us and we are really happy with her level of play for us," Mackenzie said.

The Huskies were able to prevent the Brown's Shay Maloney from having a big performance. The key to shutting her down was simple for Coach Mackenzie.

"Just play our game. I know who Shay is and she is a good player. We just have to play within our structure. Play good, solid defensive hockey," Mackenzie said.

At the start of the second period UConn held a 3-0 lead over the Brown Bears, but the

lead felt much larger than that based on the way the teams were playing. The Huskies once again played dominant defense, allowing Brown to take only one shot in the entire second period. UConn took 20 shots on goal in the second period alone, and they came away with two goals to bring the lead to 5-0.

Brown started to show signs of life offensively in the third period but thanks to the great play of the Huskies defense and Carpentier-Yelle, they were unable to find any success. UConn scored two more goals which made it a 7-0 game, and this was the final score for the game.

"I thought we played really well tonight. We played as a team rather than as individuals. Everyone passed and really played together, and that was really good," said Carpentier-Yelle regarding the team's performance.

Another player who stood out for UConn was Natalie Snodgrass. She got an assist on four of UConn's seven goals. She also scored a goal as well. Whenever there is big play happening on the ice or a defensive stop needs to be made, Snodgrass always seemed to be there making those big plays, as evidenced by her performance tonight. When it came to how UConn performed tonight, Snodgrass believed that the Huskies played well tonight.

"We played our game. It was a really solid effort from all four of our lines and our six players on defense," said Snodgrass.

Up next for UConn is a matchup with Boston College (9-0-0) at the Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum on Saturday.



The UConn women's hockey team blew out Brown 7-0 and allowed just 12 shots in the convincing win. Their next game is against Boston College on Nov. 9 at the Mark E. Freitas Ice Forum. PHOTO BY MIKE MAVREDAKIS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Sports

WBB: Huskies playing second and final exhibition versus Trevecca Nazarene



The women's basketball team starts off the season with a win against Jefferson 103-40 for their exhibition game. Megan Walker led the team with 28 points and Crystal Dangerfield led the team with eight assists. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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No. 5 UConn will play Trevecca Nazarene Wednesday night in their final tune-up exhibition game before beginning the regular season on Sunday.

Trevecca Nazarene, a small religious university in Tennessee, is a Division II NCAA school in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

Much like the 103-40 rout of Jefferson University last Sunday, nobody is anticipating that this game will be very competitive. It will be a great experience for Trevecca Nazarene's players to play in front of large crowd against some of the best competition in the world.

As for UConn, this is more of an opportunity for Geno Auriemma to play around with different lineups and to get his players acclimated to playing unfamiliar competition in front of a crowd.

"They [exhibition games] are

like test runs or dress rehearsals," senior point guard Crystal Dangerfield said after the Jefferson exhibition.

Dangerfield also pointed out that when these smaller women's basketball programs play exhibition games against the Huskies, they still have the drive and spirit to play as hard as if it were a regular season game.

"We still have a target on our backs, people still want to come after us and give us their best shot," Dangerfield said.

Auriemma, who is always trying to make his team better and is no stranger to finding learning experiences in blowout wins, believes there are lessons to be learned from exhibition play.

"You can [gauge] a couple of things," Auriemma said after the Jefferson exhibition. "There were some things that we did that were pretty good, and a bunch of things that need to be fixed."

Auriemma was especially critical of the defense, citing previous great defensive teams that he had

coached, and said "this ain't one of them."

One great defensive player on this UConn team is sophomore Olivia Nelson-Ododa. At 6-foot 5, she is the tallest player on the Huskies by three inches. She also recorded five blocks and four steals against Jefferson.

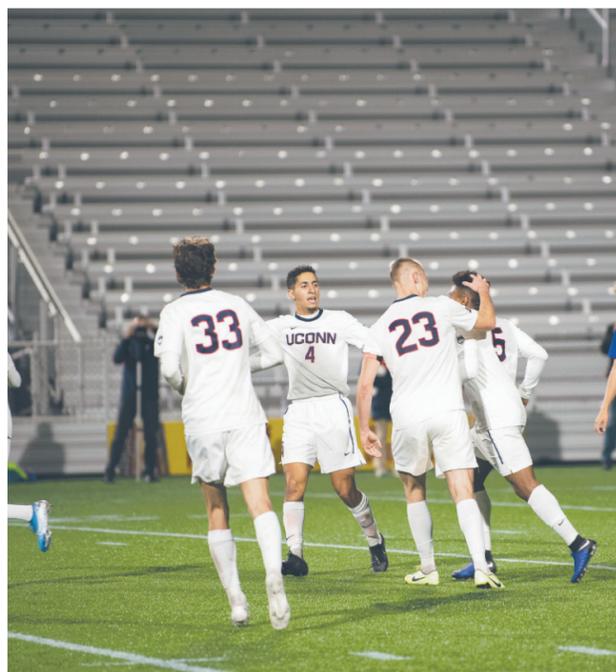
Auriemma called Nelson-Ododa's great game on defense a "double-edged sword."

"When your big has to block a lot of shots, that means a lot of guys got beat. But it's good to have her back there because she's long enough to affect shots, and she's gotten a lot better of knowing when to and how to," Auriemma said. "We don't want to put her in that situation 30 times a game where she has to save us from a layup."

Perimeter defense will likely be an area of emphasis for Auriemma's players against Trevecca Nazarene.

UConn and Trevecca Nazarene will play at the XL Center in Hartford, Connecticut Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer Notebook: Everything goes right for tourney-bound Huskies on Senior Night



UConn hosts Tulsa at Dillon Stadium for their last home game of the season. UConn scored 6 goals over Tulsa on Senior Night, a great way to send off the seniors. PHOTO BY ERIC YANG, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Coming into their final matchup of the regular season, the UConn men's soccer team's spirits were low. They were sitting in second to last in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) ahead of only Tulsa and had lost 11 games on the season — their most in over 20 years. The team's only hope of making the tournament would come by notching a win against the Golden Hurricane and by Cincinnati losing against the No. 3 UCF Knights. And that is exactly what happened.

With a team effort (and a little help from UCF) the Huskies once again earned a spot in the AAC Tournament as the sixth seed. Senior Dayonn Harris spoke about what it means to him and the team to be back for another conference tournament.

"It feels amazing," Harris said. "We didn't start off as well as we wanted to, but it was good to make it to the tournament and hopefully we can turn things around."

The first step in UConn (5-11-1, 2-5-0 The American) making it to the tourney was winning against Tulsa. Both teams entered the game having disappointed in their respective seasons thus far, but the Huskies still had something to work for, and boy did they play like it. UConn racked up three goals in the first half, the most they had scored in a game since early September, with great goals coming from Harris, freshman Moussa Wade and junior captain Robin Lapert.

The Huskies did not let up there, adding three more goals in the second half en route to a dominant six-goal performance, with five different players finding the back of the net. The team allowed three goals on the night but two of those came in garbage time when both teams had cleared their benches. Head coach Ray Reid

spoke on the whole team's performance in the decisive match.

"It was a great effort by the group tonight," Reid said. "They came to play, they were aggressive, they pressed [and] they did a great job tonight."

Step two in the process was No. 3 UCF coming out on top against Cincinnati. The game was much closer than many people expected, even going to overtime before UCF buried the game winner. When it was announced the Knights had won, cheers rang throughout the remaining spectators at Dillon Stadium as the Huskies punched their ticket to the AAC tournament.

UConn will be coming in as the sixth seed, their lowest ranking in the tournament in over seven years, but Harris is confident in his team regardless of the opponent, calling their tourney-clinching win against Tulsa a "confidence booster," and praising his teammates for the growth he has seen over the course of this season.

"We've had our ups and downs, but we've done our best to work in training and get more connected on the field," Harris said.

With the regular season officially finished, seeds were released for the AAC tournament, which is set to start on Nov. 9. Since the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds get byes in round one, the Huskies are scheduled to face off against No. 3 seed USF, paving the way for an interesting rematch from earlier in the season.

Last time out, USF came out on top against the Huskies 2-1 in a tightly contested matchup. It was the first conference matchup of the season for UConn, however, and with several more games under their belt as well as ample experience working as a team, it will be interesting to see if this rematch ends differently. Either way, anything is possible come playoff time, and all it takes is a little momentum to carry a team like UConn a long way.

Men's Soccer: Huskies thrash Tulsa, punch ticket to American Athletic Conference tournament



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It was a good night for the UConn men's soccer team, not only beating the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes 6-3, but also extending their season by at least one more game.

UConn redshirt senior Dayonn Harris took it upon him-

self to extend his collegiate career, scoring the first of the Huskies' six goals in the 24th minute, getting a deep pass from defenseman Jake Dengler near the left corner, bringing it inside and rifling into the bottom left corner.

"Dayonn was fantastic tonight," head coach Ray Reid said. "Great goal to start the

game ... we're gonna miss him."

Harris has two goals and nine assists this season, bringing his UConn career total up to seven goals and 16 assists in 38 games since his transfer to Storrs in 2017.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY



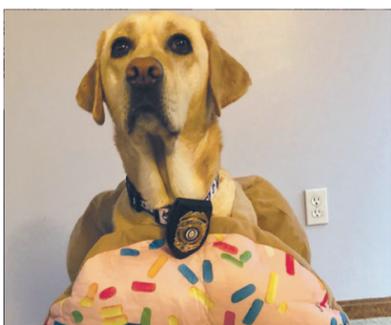
UConn is home
@NoEscalators

This is a cool game between the team that has fewer national championships than UConn and the team that lost to UConn in a national championship game and also a final four game.

UConn Women's Hockey
@UConnWHOC

One Wasn't Good Enough! Crawley notches her second goal of the period to extend the #UConn lead to 5!

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



uconnpd_offcertildy #nationaldoughnutday !! I thought I would celebrate in style! #tildy #teamtildy #uconnpolice #uconn

THIS WEEKEND IN UCONN SPORTS



Field Hockey
Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.
Hamden, Conn.



Men's Basketball
Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.
Gampel Pavilion



Men's Hockey
Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.
Chestnut Hill, Mass