



STUDENTS **DETAINED AND ARRESTED** AT PROTEST AGAINST GENOCIDE IN GAZA

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On Thursday, April 25, University of Connecticut students gathered at 5 p.m. outside Dove Tower in between the Recreation Center and School of Business to protest university relationships with weapons manufacturers RTX, Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics.

The protest was organized by the newly formed UConn Divest organization. According to eyewitnesses and UConn Divest spokespeople at the protest, UConn Police

around the circle of students that the police tried to break up.

“We asked them to stay away, we told them to stay away,” history professor Melanie Newport said, while the police attempted to break into the circle of protesters. “We’re trying to negotiate, the professors are trying to negotiate.”

UConn Divest spokesperson Muhammad Elsabbal stated that the protesters would be defiant in the face of police and would not leave until divestment and disclosure was achieved.

“We’re not dispersing until our demands are met. We read them out,” said Elsabbal. “They are to divest and disclose, to sever all ties with Israeli institutions and to not repress any Palestinian or pro-Palestinian students.”



The UConn Divest coalition set up an encampment on April 25, 2024 near UConn’s Student Recreation Center. The coalition is set up for a long haul through the night asking for anyone who can to bring supplies, such as sleeping bags and blankets, to the encampment to help them continue through the cold night.

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UConn Student Mehak Shaikh

detained two individuals, releasing one and arresting the other. The UConn Police Department could not be reached to verify this report.

Mehak Shaikh, a UConn student, commented on the police action at the protest, equating it to a violation of civil rights.

“The police are preventing us from practicing our rights as citizens and as UConn students,” said Shaikh.

A UConn Divest spokesperson who did not want to be named concurred with Shaikh’s assessment.

“The police are trying to suppress student rights to freedom of speech by breaking through students,” the anonymous said. “We’re literally just assembling. We all pay tuition, we all deserve to be here and they’re trying to break our assembly apart. We’ve seen this across the country.”

UConn professors stood

Masks were passed out and organizers told students that water and snacks were available. They were brought into the circle while the protest was ongoing.

“We have students that are willing to volunteer and help out,” said Elsabbal.

Temperatures were expected to drop below freezing Thursday night and several students wrapped themselves in blankets. Students brought sleeping bags and roll mats into the circle as the protest continued.

At 6:26 p.m. an organizer entered the middle of the crowd and yelled, “we are not leaving until our demands are met ... feel free to sit down and rest.”

As of 9:48 p.m. students have continued their protest at Dove Tower and have promised to stay until demands are met.

“**NO MEANS NO:**” REVOLUTION AGAINST RAPE HOLDS A SIT-IN TO END VICTIM BLAMING

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Revolution Against Rape held a sit-in on Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. outside the Rowe Center for Undergraduate Education where a group of students held signs and protested victim blaming on Fairfield Way.

Revolution Against Rape was created in 2011 and has been holding an annual March to End Victim Blaming since 2014, originally called SlutWalk.

The students protested with the goal of drawing attention to end victim blaming. They held signs and laid them on the ground.

The students chanted phrases including “No means no,” “End rape culture,” “We believe you” and “UConn, do better.”

Revolution Against Rape’s President Hannah Pierson,

an eighth-semester nursing student who has been a part of RAR since her sophomore year, said, “They’ve just shown a lack of support.”

thing and they decided that they would fix it in a couple of months, which is just not how that works,” said Pierson. “The worst part about it was

“It saddens my heart that UConn as an institution has not changed enough for students to feel protected in a place we’re expected to call home.”

REVOLUTION AGAINST RAPE VICE PRESIDENT GRIAN WIZNER

Pierson also shared her thoughts regarding President Maric’s Task Force for Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting Our Students, which was formed in February 2022.

“It was just a waste of time because they didn’t do any-

thing and they decided that they would fix it in a couple of months, which is just not how that works,” said Pierson. “The worst part about it was

that they included a section of like, yeah, we heard Revolution Against Rape’s demands, and we took that into account, and none of our demands were taken into account.”

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UConn students gear-up for final exams

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As the academic year ends, many students have begun to envision leisurely summer days full of sun just around the corner. One roadblock, however, remains in the path of their daydreams becoming a reality: final exams.

To the dread of students and professors alike, the tests that could make or break one’s GPA officially commence next Monday. A quick glance at campus social media platforms reveals the rollercoaster of emotions many students are feeling as they wait for the end of next week.

The UConn YikYak is vibrant with posts regarding final exams, with recurrent words such as, “tired,” “hated” and “locked-in,” painting a telling narrative of exam season’s many ups and downs.

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"I'm cooked," said sixth-semester chemistry major Noah Lerner. "None of my classes have study guides and I have to work on lab reports alongside studying for all of my written exams, most of which are at 8 a.m. Y'know, it's finals."

For students like Lerner, who cited MATH 3160, as well as CHEM 3214 and 3215, as particular thorns, the balance between exam preparation and difficult coursework is often stress inducing.

"As a Digital Media and Design major, shooting short films has taken up much of my time," said second-semester student Antoine Chisholm. "As a director of photography, I have to manage the camera, write the screenplay and fill in the roles that need to be

filled in. The time commitment for film shoots is a minimum of four hours, which gets bothersome when you have other finals."

In maintaining a reasonably low stress level, some students have emphasized the importance of taking breaks.

"If I'm studying or doing homework, I'll take a break, go on a walk or to the dining hall, just to not stare at a screen for hours," said second-semester pharmacy major David Kausyla.

"I also have a tendency to not study enough, but at the end of the day, I know I'll get it done. I don't stress too much," continued Kausyla.

Beyond the criticisms of exams placing undue stress on students, some academics have critiqued the efficacy of cumulative tests in facilitating deeper un-

derstandings of course content.

"Class sizes are getting larger and larger, and for many instructors, to physically be able to grade everything you just have to go to maybe the more uncreative options," said Ph.D. student and political theory instructor Lily Luo, who conveyed apprehension towards the conventions of multiple-choice exams. "I think that when students are able to express their own interests and creativity, they're more invested in their education."

Although discussions surrounding why or how exams should be implemented continue, the reality is that finals are here, for now, to stay.

Speaking for much of the student body, second-semester physics major Erin Watt summarized her feelings with one brief comment, "Man, finals really suck."

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RAR's Vice President Gri-an Wizner read a speech originally written for the eighth annual March Against Victim Blaming.

Wizner said into a megaphone, "It saddens my heart that UConn as an institution has not changed enough for students to feel protected in a place we're expected to call home."

Wizner also said that on campus, "More than 50% of the blue lights are broken."

University of Connecticut Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz contended this claim.

"This is false. The blue light phones are tested quarterly on all campuses by UConn Public Safety in coordination with ITS," said Reitz in an email. "The most recent review of the phones found that four of the 230 blue light phones at Storrs were out of service; they were immediately repaired. One each was out of service at Avery Point and Stamford; both were immediately repaired. The phones were in full working condition at all other locations." The Daily Campus could not independently verify this claim.

Students spoke about the investigation conducted February to July 2023, which found that the head officer of the UConn Police Special Victims Unit, Detective Marc Hanna, violated the department's operating procedure on seven different counts, including multiple instances of workplace harassment.

"When students say a UCPD officer blamed them for their experience with sexual violence, an issue consistent with students from 2011, it screams enough is not being done," Wizner read from the speech.

Regarding Detective Hanna, Wizner said, "It's very disheartening to know that the people who are supposed to be protecting us are abusing us."

Reitz spoke to the issues raised by this claim, stating the SVU still cares about pursuing justice.

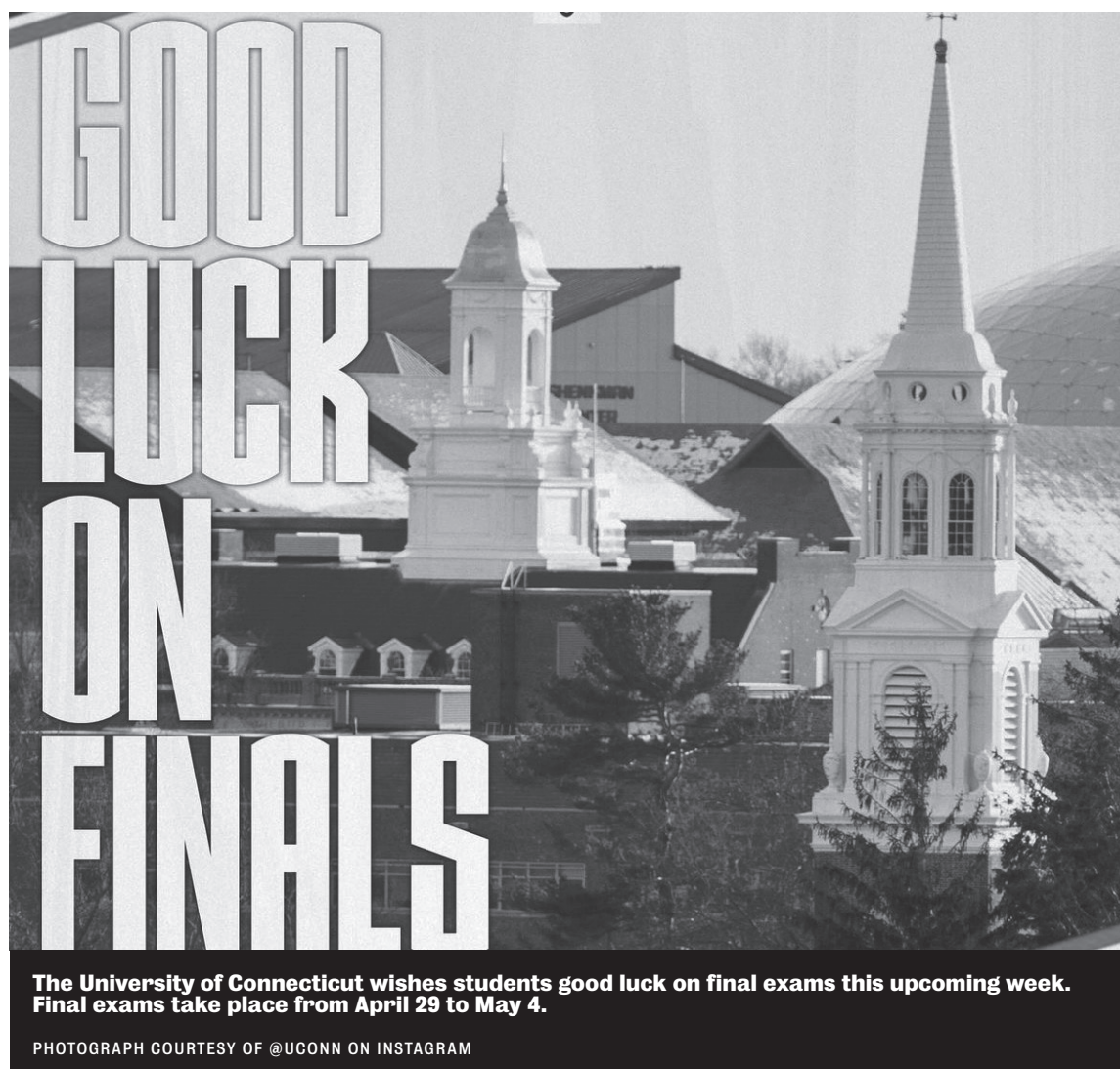
"The UConn Police Department and its Special Victims Unit care deeply about pursuing justice on behalf of survivors of sexual assault and handling their cases with the utmost diligence, care and sensitivity," said Reitz.

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"With respect to this employee, UConn Police immediately launched an internal affairs investigation upon learning of concerns and complaints regarding the officer's behavior," said Reitz. "The department worked closely with UConn Human Resources and the Office of Institutional Equity, as well as following the procedures required under the collective bargaining agreement under which the employee is covered."

David Tinker, a fourth year applied mathematical sciences major said, "There aren't a lot of people here, because at the end of the day, it is something that people are able to ignore, unless they cannot, and this stuff is incredibly important because it forces you to pay attention."



The University of Connecticut wishes students good luck on final exams this upcoming week. Final exams take place from April 29 to May 4.

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Connecticut to receive \$62 million for solar development in low-income communities

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On Monday, April 22, the Biden Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency announced that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was selected to receive \$62,450,000 of funding through the "Solar for All" grant. The grant will be used to provide solar energy to low-income and marginalized communities. The award was part of President Biden's \$891 billion Inflation Reduction Act, passed in 2022.

In an interview with The Daily Campus, Shayla Powell, a public affairs specialist at the EPA, stated

that the awards would be overseen by the Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the EPA.

"After awards are made, EPA's Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will oversee the grant recipients, including their adherence to their commitment to maximizing access to the program for the most disadvantaged and low-income households in the geography the recipients are serving," said Powell.

Powell continued by saying the EPA carefully reviewed each application and the agency is confident in these applicants' ability to provide mean-

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EPA ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL S. REGAN

ingful services to the low-income and disadvantaged communities they are seeking to serve.

"EPA has full confidence that the applicants selected will deliver on the goals of the program effectively. All selected applicants submitted detailed plans both to provide meaningful benefits to the communities they will serve, and to ensure those communities are involved in the design and implementation of the program. 100% of the Solar for All program is required to benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities including

communities of color, rural and Tribes, and all selected applicants committed to delivering at least 20% electricity cost savings to the 900,000 households that the program will serve," said Powell.

EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan said the programs, of which the Connecticut grant is included, will advance solar energy throughout the country.

"The selectees will advance solar energy initiatives across the country, creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, saving \$8 billion in energy costs for families, delivering cleaner air and combating climate change," said Regan in a statement.

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When asked if the EPA has a timeline for when the physical infrastructure required for solar energy might be started or completed or when people might see the effect of this action in their communities, Powell only commented that construction will not be able to begin until after winter of this year.

“EPA required applicants to have plans to begin deploying financial assistance to solar projects within one year of the award and to expend all funds within five years of the award. Many of the selected applications are using EPA funds to expand existing low-income solar programs. These programs will begin funding projects with EPA funding as soon as administrative paperwork is complete — EPA anticipates completion in the winter of 2024,” said Powell.

When asked what will be considered affordable housing units eligible for the program, Powell said that beneficiaries will be notified by the recipi-

ents of the grant via websites generated for the program.

“After awards are made, recipients will launch websites and provide other avenues for sharing information with potential program beneficiaries within the geography they intend to serve,” said Powell.

She continued by providing insight into what individuals will and will not be considered “low-income” for the purposes of the program.

“Low-income and disadvantaged communities include (a) communities identified as disadvantaged by the CEJST mapping tool; (b) a limited number of additional communities identified as disadvantaged by the EJScreen mapping tool; (c) geographically dispersed low-income households; and (d) properties providing affordable housing,” said Powell.

Finally, Powell reflected on the broader impacts this program is expected to have throughout the state and country.

“While the programs aren’t explicitly linked to one another, Solar for All is expected to create nearly 200,000 high-quality clean en-

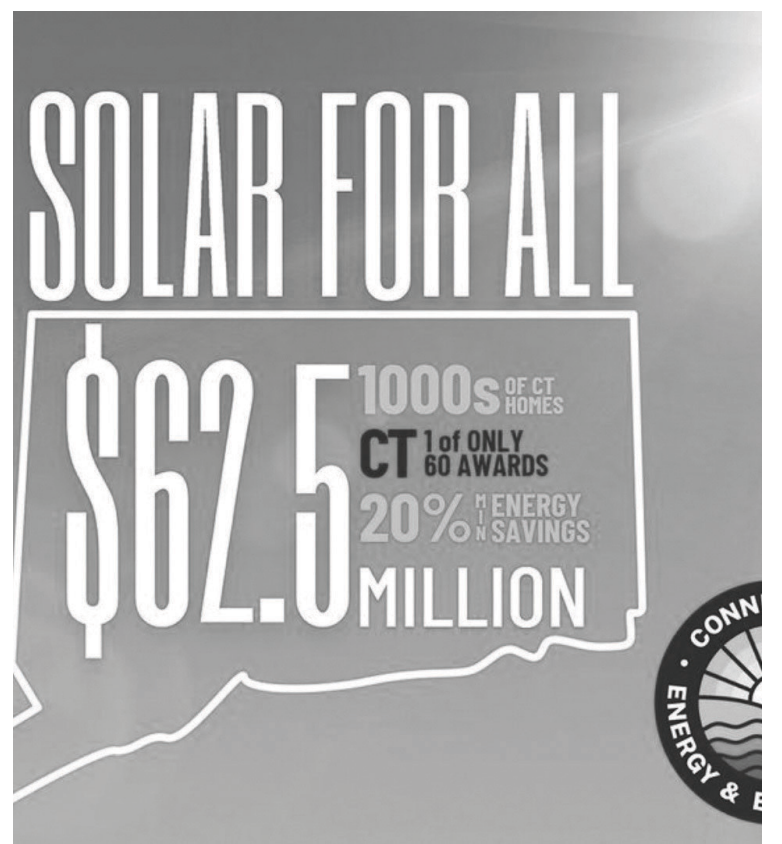
ergy jobs, supported by workforce training models that prepare individuals from low-income and disadvantaged communities for middle-class career pathways in solar energy deployment,” said Powell.

New England Regional Administrator of the EPA, David W. Cash, additionally commented on the significance of the action, announced on Earth Day, to equitable access to the green energy transition.

“Today, across the United States, we are celebrating more than just Earth Day; we are celebrating Solar for All — a significant step forward in our commitment to equitable energy access and environmental justice,” said Cash.

Similarly, Connecticut DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes commended the administration for the award and its focus on investing in underserved communities.

“I applaud President Biden for designing a program that delivers the affordability and resiliency advantages of solar energy to homes and communities that deserve further investment,” said Dykes.



As part of the Solar for All initiative, Connecticut has been awarded \$62.5 million. This grant was funded through President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act.

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Paige Bueckers stares into the crowd during the women’s basketball Final Four game in Cleveland, Ohio. Bueckers was named a First Team Academic All-American on April 16.

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PAIGE BUECKERS NAMED FIRST TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

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On April 16, the University of Connecticut’s women’s basketball redshirt junior Paige Bueckers was named a First Team Academic All-American by College Sports Communicators. College Sports Communicators award this title to college student-athletes who “perform at an elite level in their chosen sport and in the classroom,” according to their website.

Bill Peterson, the assistant athletic director for communications at UConn, gave a comment on Buecker’s achievements on behalf of the athletics department.

“We are excited and proud for Paige in receiving this honor. As an All-American on the court and in the classroom, she continues to represent UConn Athletics and college basketball to the highest standard. We can’t wait to see what she

and the rest of the Huskies have in store for UConn Nation next season,” said Peterson.

Bueckers, an eighth-semester human development and family sciences major, has a 3.497 cumulative GPA, including a 3.930 GPA that was achieved during the Fall 2023 semester, according to UConn Athletic’s website. In addition, she’s been on the UConn Dean’s list four times and is a six-time member of the Director of Athletics’ Honor Roll.

On top of her academic achievements, Bueckers’ athletic performance has also seen her achieve multiple feats, being named the 2023-24 Big East Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, WBCA, USBWA and Wooden Award First Team All-American, the Big East Player of the Year, Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player, NCAA Tournament Portland Region 3 Most Outstanding Player and NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team.

Bueckers came back in the 2023-2024 season after missing the previous season due to an injury. She achieved four career-highs this season, with 21.9 points per game, 53 blocks, 5.2 rebounds per game and 86 steals. She held a shooting split of .530/.416/.834.

Outside of athletics and academics, Bueckers provided funding for Hopkins West Junior High School’s grocery store, located in her hometown of Minnetonka, Minnesota, which will provide 50 families in need with groceries. She also donated to the UConn Foundation to go toward food insecurity and partnered with Gatorade to provide equipment and uniforms to the Hartford Hurricanes, a youth sports program which includes a newly founded girls basketball team.

Bueckers decided not to enter the 2024 WNBA draft and will instead be continuing her collegiate basketball career with UConn in the 2024-2025 season.

Crown Day: Celebration of identity and community

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Crown Day is a much-anticipated semi-annual event, happening once every semester. It serves nearly 200 students in its third year. This new tradition not only shapes hair, but also creates community. It’s a celebration of identity and support for Black and brown students.

Joshua Brown, director of the SCHOLARS House Learning Community, said, “We finally served almost 200 Black and brown students.”

The event faced challenges, from securing licensed barbers to finding sponsors willing to offer their services for free.

“Number one was an idea I had. A question they would ask is what will this program do? We can get barbers on campus and student barbers on campus. Barbers have to be licensed too. Had to call up those

who were willing to come to Storrs. Is this possible to have people come? Who is willing to help?” said Brown.

With the help of Student Services, UCurls, the African American Cultural Center and many more, this event was made possible.

“I see the importance of having black hair care on campus and representing the uniqueness of black hair. As a volunteer, I was able to help my community on Crown Day,” said volunteer Trinity Stewart.

Looking ahead, Brown envisions a campus where essential hair services are not just an occasional luxury, but a regular feature. He recalled his days as a student, recognizing the need for accessible grooming spaces.

“It was a need when I was a student. I kind of want to ask y’all, what are things you want to see? There’s a student one, where students come to cut and braid hair. There’s a possibility I’m interested in how we can hold spaces for stu-

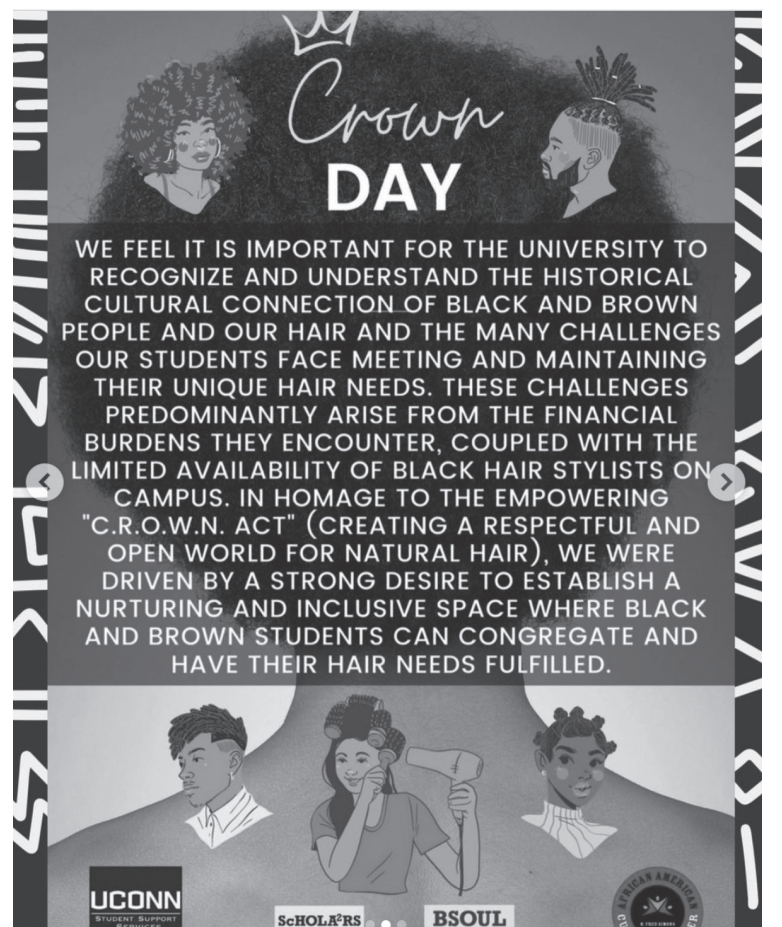
dents to do hair,” said Brown.

While licensing requirements limit some services, Brown explored ways to facilitate student-led hair care, tapping into the university’s past when a barbershop was a staple in the Student Union.

Crown Day is carving out a space for confidence and cultural affirmation among students. Brown believes that such initiatives are pivotal in bolstering students’ self-esteem, which in turn positively impacts their academic pursuits.

Nia Shields, a second year student who participated in the event, said it “helped me to explore more styles. I didn’t have to spend three hours washing my hair, which makes life 10 times easier.”

As Crown Day grows, the conversation around inclusivity and student needs does as well. Brown’s efforts reflect a broader movement within the university to ensure that every student has the opportunity to feel at home, starting with the very crown on their heads.



Crown Day is a semi-annual event that happens once every semester at UConn. The event works to celebrate and support Black and brown student identities.

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Semester Music Recap



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Welcome back to Tales from the Turntable! We wrapped up the Woodstock trilogy last week, and since this is the final edition of this column for this year, I'll be going through some of the best music that has dropped in these last few months. This won't be a comprehensive list, and I'll hopefully still give a more in-depth look at the music of 2024 when the time comes in December.

Right off the bat, I won't be talking about Taylor Swift's new album here. "The Tortured Poets Department" has only been out for a few days, but it has quickly become one of the most divisive albums of the past few years. There's been a lot of arguing back and forth between diehard Swifties, casual fans and those who hate all her music around this record. Personally, I haven't gotten around to listening to it yet, so I have no opinions.

I'd also like to take a moment to highlight some of the musical events held here at the University of Connecticut, as there have been quite a few. Moon Club, an organization dedicated to celebrating the full moon every month, has regularly hosted concerts around campus for their meetings, featuring several different local bands. WHUS Radio hosted its "Battle of the Bands," featuring six local groups, with indie pop group

Ruby Leftstep emerging victorious, and awarded with the opportunity to open for WHUS' "Spring Fling," headlined by bands Teethe and Momma.

With that being said, my personal favorite album that's come out since January has probably been Ducks Ltd.'s "Harm's Way." Their infectious blend of classic jangle pop a-la early R.E.M. mixed with modern pop sensibilities and songwriting has made this record one of my favorite albums of the past few years. The twangy guitars on tracks like "Hollowed Out" and "Train Full of Gasoline" create an aural soundscape that sounds just as retro as it does modern.

Mary Timony's "Untame the Tiger" dropped in late February and is one of the more underrated albums of this year. Timony has developed a cult following in the past 30 years due to her involvement in classic underground punk and grunge bands like Ex-Hex and Helium. "Untame the Tiger" is a softer, acoustic take on her sound that showcases her unique voice and impeccable songwriting skills.

New York City based post-punk outfit Gustaf released their third album earlier this month, "Package Pt. 2." The record is full of anxious energy, harking back to early new wave bands like Talking Heads and Joy Division. The album's lead

single, "Standing and Staring," perfectly encapsulates the neurotic sonic landscape Gustaf has painted with this album.

Philadelphia based group Sheer Mag's "Playing Favorites" draws upon classic disco and glam rock, delivering an upbeat, danceable record with piercing guitar licks and soulfully soaring vocals. Tracks like "All Lined Up" and "Don't Come Lookin'" are equal parts Cheap Trick and Thin Lizzy mixed with a heavy dose of psychedelia. This was the band's first album on Third Man Records, making it their debut on a massive commercial record company.

The last record I'd like to highlight is "I Got Heaven" by the woman-lead hardcore punk band Mannequin Pussy. Despite this group's jarring name, their latest effort features more mellow cuts, showcasing their capability for songwriting and melodic ability as well as blistering hardcore punk. The album's title track and "I Don't Know You" are two standouts, however the entire record is all killer, no filler.

Going forward into the summer, there are numerous releases to look forward to. 2024 has already proved itself an outstanding year in music and hopefully it continues that way. May your summer be filled with outstanding music and a ton of fun!



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'IT TAKES A VILLAGE': UConn Women's Center hosts 'TAKE BACK THE NIGHT'

**CONTENT WARNING: SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL,
INTIMATE PARTNER AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.**

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On Wednesday, April 24, the University of Connecticut's Women's Center hosted their annual sexual assault survivor solidarity event, Take Back the Night, at the Student Union Ballroom.

There were three tables set up including information from the UConn Women's Center, the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. and an organization named Color Me Marigolds, which aims to support sexual assault and violence survivors of color, many of whom are raised to not speak up about their trauma.

Campus advocate Lianne Marsella-Hofmann said, "The Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut is a private, non-profit agency. We are an off-campus resource that works heavily with UConn. We are able to work with Title IX offices to help survivors file Title IX reports."

Violence Against Women Prevention Program ambas-

Kabir later reflected on the sexual assault disclosures she received, saying that many of the disclosures not only came from the students themselves but from close family and friends too.

She later said, "It's not easy to go to someone and say that 'this is my story and I need support.'" Authority figures told Kabir not to interact with the disclosures and that the professionals would tell the family, but Kabir said the family would talk about this, continuing the silencing.

Kabir reported that when working with students of color as a campus advocate, many said they don't have a safe space or someone to confide in. "I want to build that community, build that village to [prevent the silence of survivors,]" she said.

Kabir then talked about Color Me Marigolds' initiative of giving survivors a voice through art, helping them heal and express themselves. "We need to think about the survivor before taking any action," said Kabir.

She ended her speech by saying, "One of the biggest prob-

Bonnie DiAngelis, the second speaker, is a current student and a part of the student organization Revolution Against Rape as the social media chair. She told the audience about her



experience at the University of Massachusetts as a Connecticut resident, tearing up while talking about her insecurities and inability to make connections with others due to said insecurities. DiAngelis started taking the train home more and more as time progressed. "This wasn't part of the plan. It's too bad that I wasn't focused on making friends," she said. "You don't have to be strong all the time. Sometimes you just have to survive." She said she was a survivor of sexual assault, breaking up with her partner in a toxic relationship. DiAngelis wondered to herself, "Did it even happen? Was it my fault for not pushing back?" while confiding in a few people.

DiAngelis transferred to UConn over the summer. She reflected, "Everyone is lonely. Everyone is struggling. Everyone wants to be loved. Everyone is scared of exposing their true selves to others." She acknowledged the unconditional and necessity of love, saying "Not all relationships are built on the foundation of love. Make the time to show up for friends. Make the time to spend time with family, blood or chosen." DiAngelis then likened brushing your own hair like how you would want someone else to brush it to the essence of self-love, saying that people rarely treat themselves like how they would treat others.

She ended her speech by saying "Community is what helps us to speak out against sexual violence. My village is small but mighty. Don't get comfortable where you're at. There is always something to fight for. There are always opportunities to grow your village." DiAngelis was met with a standing ovation.

An open mic was then established where audience members could reflect on their experiences and what they learned. An audience member said that justice is what you make it to be, and that justice is subjective. Two other members shared poems about their experiences.

There was then a march from the Student Union terrace around to the Castleman, Gentry, Rowe and McHugh buildings before ending back at the Student Union terrace.

Davis and Holmes thanked the speakers, those who spoke at the open mic, the organizations that attended and the audience for attending. Holmes made the audience aware of the Women's Center's celebration of Denim Day on Friday, April 26, with a table at Fairfield Way accompanied by a photo booth and resources from the Women's Center.



The UConn Women's Center Take Back the Night on April 24, 2024. The night featured two student speakers and various activities highlighting the importance of community when healing from a sexual assault. PHOTOS BY BLAKE SKYES, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

sadors Nala Davis and Katie Holmes officially began the event. Davis said "Being a survivor is a very isolating experience. We are here to provide survivors support." Holmes then provided basic rules for the audience: What happens in the space stays in the space, be courteous and respectful of others and step out if you need to gather your thoughts and emotions due to the distressing subject material.

Davis and Holmes then showed pictures of previous Take Back the Night events at UConn, pointing out one held by the Rainbow Center. They said that the UConn Women's Center Take Back the Night can be traced back to 1979, which correlates with Take Back the Night's origins in the 1970s.

Davis and Holmes then introduced Salaha Kabir, a multicultural therapist, advocate, educator and founder of Color Me Marigolds.

Kabir introduced what the organization was about before going into its history, saying "I founded Color Me Marigolds in 2017. I was still at UConn when it started." She acknowledged the stigmatization and forced silence of South Asians from speaking up about subjects such as personal sexual assault with their families, later saying, "As you can imagine, in a conservative society, a religious and cultural center only teaches people the norms of the religion and culture." In her work with college students of color, Kabir received pushback from their parents about what she tells them, but she says does it for the sake of the students, stating, "It's always elders that teach children to build community by preserving everything how it is."

lems in our society is not having the ability to support ourselves and others in trauma."

There were then creative icebreaker activities where the audience could make, color or otherwise generate something while acquainting themselves with the organizations affiliated with the UConn Women's Center such as In-power, Between Women, Women In STEM, the Men's Project, Greeks Against Sexual Assault and the VAWPP. One of the icebreakers was sign-making, where the group made a collection of signs that, when put together, said "It Takes a Village," the theme of the event. Another group painted flowers on a banner with "Take Back the Night" on it.

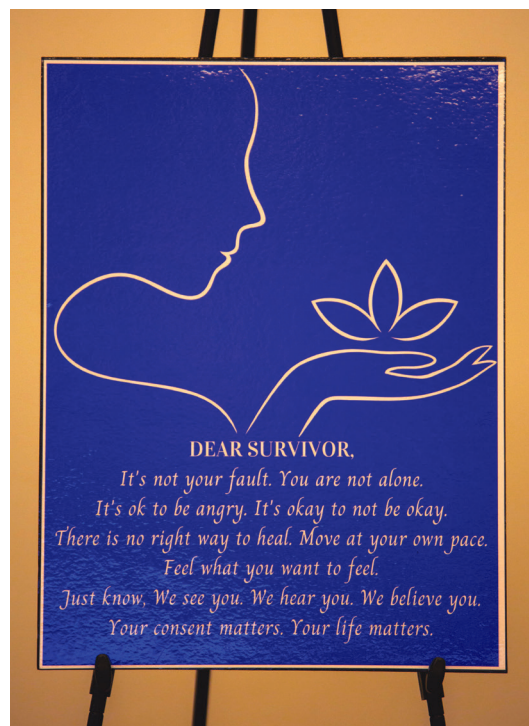


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Preparing for finals

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With the combination of classes, projects, papers and exams, finals week can feel like the most stressful time of your year. Fortunately, there are solutions available to help you through the last stretch of the semester and to come out on top of your classes. Read below for some tips to ace your finals and end your semester on a high note!

Make Use of Resources

UConn has various resources available to help students with their academic pursuits year-round, but especially during exam season. Tutoring schedules for subjects such as math and the sciences are available through the Q Center. This is a student-led program aimed at helping peers through their courses. Additionally, the Writing Center is also available to help students edit and revise their essays and papers. A peer run organization aimed at helping students improve their writing and editing skills, the W Center can help. You improve your academic performance and skills while preparing for your exams.

Make Time for Social Activities

During any stressful time, it is extremely important for students to make time for other activities besides studying, such as social events or club activities. Check out organizations such as USG and SUBOG for finals care packages and end of the semester activities such as movie nights in the Student Union. Even if it is just grabbing dinner with a friend in the SU or at the Feed the Pack food truck, getting out of your dorm or the library will be beneficial. Carving out time in your busy schedule to experience joy and companionship will help decrease your stress levels and keep you motivated to complete the rest of your finals.

Create A Study Plan

Oftentimes, many students will go into finals week without a plan of action. It can feel difficult to prepare for finals when classes finish just beforehand, especially if you do not create a plan for your studies. Luckily, you still have time to prepare and create a plan of action. Something that helps me in my own studies is creating a document or list containing all the finals I must complete, along with due dates for exams and papers. I create the list in order of importance, with my most difficult or challenging tasks at the very top. That way, I know how to focus my effort on those tasks first, leaving my easiest assignments to be completed last.

Hopefully, with these tips, you will be able to put your best foot forward and ace all your finals. When preparing for finals, it is important to make use of all the resources available to you. The University of Connecticut has numerous resources available to set students up for success and it is important that we use them to our advantage. Preparing a plan for your studies is also a vital part of the preparation process. Your study plan will look different from others, so it is important to keep your learning style in mind when creating a plan. Tailor it to your skills and create a plan that works the best for you! Finally, carve out time for self-care through social activities and time with loved ones, as well as getting enough nutrition and sleep. Most importantly, remember that grades do not define who you are or your worth. Good luck Huskies! You can do this!

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GRADUATION:

Something to sing about

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DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT ME!



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With finals right around the corner, an impending spring and better weather on the horizon, campus is lively with chatter. While most students will return next fall to begin another year, the Class of 2024 will graduate, moving on to bigger and better things!

No matter how you celebrate graduation — whether it is from college or kindergarten — festive music is always the common theme, both on the commencement stage and at the backyard party. While some celebrate the trials and tribulations of an undergraduate education, others herald what is to come.

Whether you are 22 and ready to finally hit the job market or 32 and just grateful that the return to school is finally over, celebrating the last four years needs a good soundtrack.

When you are done walking across the commencement stage, you'll likely hear an earworm. Yes, I'm talking about "Pomp and Circumstance." Originally designed by Sir Edward Elgar for the coronation of King Edward VII in the early 1900s, the song is actually a series of marches. Schools within the Ivy League first began

to adopt the song as their graduation anthem — Connecticut's very own Yale being one of the first to do so in 1905 — and soon it spread.

With no words nor copyright, it's an easy song to pick up and play. Though a little antiquated, the classical music has a majestic sound (even if it is played from tacky speakers) and makes students feel a pinch of pride as they grace the stage. All around, it is a solid classic and is here to stay.

An abrupt turn from the relative tranquility of classical music, we have "Good Riddance" by Green Day up next. A popular ballad by the punk and alt-rock band, the song is scattered with a few curses and the emotion of someone painfully eager to move on.

It speaks to the fact that we've met amazing people at college and have to accept that many will be parting ways. Raw with emotion, the tune concedes that we wouldn't change a thing about the people we've come to know and love.

The John Hughes' classic "The Breakfast Club" features our next graduation song, "Don't You Forget About Me." The film details the weekend detention of a group of high school kids that

form a cross section of adolescence: the jock, punk, goody two-shoes, nerd and the introvert. Though initially detesting one another, the kids soon realize that they have a lot in common. By the end of the movie, the school bully has befriended the introvert, and this faintly upbeat, nostalgic '80s song plays in the background.

The kids know that as they return to the classroom, they may never interact again: After all, they each sit in their own parts of the lunchroom. Despite the juvenile high school vibes of the song and its context, I think it has a strong analogy to college.

At a big state institution, we are forced to encounter perhaps the most diverse group imaginable; as we graduate, we realize that back in the real world, we may never come in contact with one another again. This song recognizes that every person we have met along the journey has changed us in an immeasurable way that is sure to stay with us forever.

Whether you're planning to walk across the stage this May or wistfully looking on, the journey awaits, so go ahead and seize the day!

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UConn NEEDS COMMUNITY, IT'S NOW OR NEVER

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Throughout this column, and with the Editorial Board, I've repeatedly tried to show the systemic issues that plague the UConn community because of its resistant and backward administration. Hopefully, understanding the issues and the myriad of ways they affect us, no matter who we are, helps make it clear why we must do something about them. If you don't personally care about the environment, housing, demilitarization, or any of the other things that activists on this campus usually advocate for, that's fine. I may disagree with you, but that's not really what's important right now. What underlies all these issues is a lack of accountability, and that is negatively affecting all students through austerity policies and

UConn's sense of community and people's responsibility towards improving it must change.

budget cuts that will damage the quality of the education we receive. I've talked about all of this before, but today I want to talk about why students need to come together to do something about it. Despite all the factors that prevent us from doing so — systemically, culturally, or otherwise — UConn's sense of community and people's responsibility towards improving it must change. One of the sentiments I've heard all over the place is that students don't want to be a part of things as much as they used to. I do not want to be misconstrued as claiming this to be the fault of the individual, but rather a symptom of broader cultural contexts that affect how we interact here. For starters, I've written before in this column about the decreasing presence of social capital, a measure of social connectedness, here in America. Plus, there are the still-present effects of CO-

VID-19 and all of the damage it did to lively communities at colleges across the country. Organizations that had consistent, long-term memberships but lost continued leadership or shut down because of COVID leaves us, now, in a place of rebuilding. Even if it is 2024, there is still work that needs to be done to remake a campus culture that is more active and connected. As for this idea of responsibility to the greater community, it's something that I've reckoned with for a while here. Historically, colleges are the place for protest and demanding better from the institutions that govern students, whether it be in the 1960s, '70s, or even nowadays across the country. So, what separates us from other colleges? What

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makes a "protest school?" Once again, I see it as part of a larger issue. For starters, the structure of college isn't meant for kids to be able to always be able to participate in such movements. We have classes, exams and grades to keep up, and for most people that's enough trouble by itself. As I talk to my friends — the majority of whom are from immigrant backgrounds — and we all relate to the expectation from our families to focus on our degree and the importance of succeeding in college. There is some degree of privilege necessary to devote and risk yourself in pursuance of change. Still, all of this is not an excuse to why campus culture is suffering at UConn, but to acknowledge the factors that play into campus culture here. It is important that regardless of the factors that limit our ability, we continue to make our voices heard to demand better from

UConn and other structures of power. In terms of global issues, we exist at a crucial junction in history that demands our action. The health of our world has reached the point of no return and as students, our voices have the potential to lead change. On a local level, we must act for each other's sake. We must care about the broader UConn community enough to do something about the issues we see within the institution. We must see the problems that affect others as being a matter of personal importance to ourselves as well. We have more power and opportunity to personally make a change here, within this community, in a very short four years than we may have for the entire rest of our lives. Despite what much of the largely individualist American culture may say, I agree with the statement that we owe each other what we can give. Right now, UConn needs a bet-

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SAY 'THANK YOU' TO YOUR PROFESSORS

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For my last article of the year, I feel very sentimental about my first year at UConn. While I have my qualms with

my interests and support me in all aspects of my life: from silly challenges to internship interviews. At The Daily Campus, I have found a group of powerful students with a passion for making the campus a better place. My admiration for everyone at The Daily Campus

ential of all, though, are my professors. While it is easy for students to blame a bad grade or an unfortunate drop in GPA on their professors, we rarely focus on all the things that the professors are doing right. On the SET Surveys this year, I found myself reminiscing on the fun conversations and amazing experiences I have had with my professors. I realized while filling out the questions, that maybe I don't tell them enough how amazing they are. So that is what this article is going to be, a "thank you" to all the instructors who truly made this the best academic (and social) year I have had. To Steve Wilson, who taught both my (unofficial)

Investment Building Blocks class and later my Applied Investment Analysis class, thank you. Your passion and dedication to the course material and our success as students and citizens is unparalleled. I admit, as our stock pitches arrive, the workload can become over-

whelming. While it is a lot, it is easy to do when the instructor is incredibly involved, and the course is engaging. Your support and encouragement have truly been life changing. You certainly do not get the thanks and recognition you deserve.

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this home away from home, my experiences on this campus have been overwhelmingly positive. Through my extracurricular activities I have made friends who share

puts me at a loss for words — ironic for an Opinion writer. Reflecting on my time thus far, I can pinpoint many individuals who have made an impact on me. The most influ-



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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Working hard or hardly working



UConn students are gearing up for finals week and studying hard in Storrs, Conn. on Wednesday, April 25. Students have packed Homer Babbidge Library during the last week of classes. PHOTO BY SYDNEY CHANDLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ointment amount
 - 4 PIN point
 - 7 Prone to micromanage, perhaps
 - 12 Napping racer of fable
 - 13 "Vive le ___!"
 - 14 Gas brand with a torch logo
 - 15 Cleanliness is next to ... a minimalist approach?
 - 17 More vast
 - 18 Muppet who had a meltdown over a rock named Rocco
 - 19 Going to hell in a ... damaged armored vehicle?
 - 21 Nabisco wafer cookies
 - 23 Like some receptions
 - 24 Architect who designed air traffic control towers for the FAA in the 1960s
 - 25 Squallid
 - 26 As much as
 - 28 Angry
 - 29 Make a typo, say
 - 30 Genesis twin
 - 32 Like an old mattress, maybe
 - 34 Don't throw the baby out with the ... decorative Halloween ring?
 - 36 Bart in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
 - 38 Mongolian desert
 - 39 Altar constellation
 - 42 Arts and crafts bit
 - 43 Not covered
 - 45 Solitary sort
 - 47 Urgent care ctrs.
 - 48 MIT's domain
 - 49 Grammatical gender
 - 50 The only thing we have to fear is ... feeling better quickly?
 - 54 Pad
 - 55 Monteverdi work
 - 56 Famous ... weapon that would dissolve in water?
 - 58 Some Redfin transactions
 - 59 Alter
 - 60 Ont. neighbor
- DOWN**
- 1 German auto pioneer
 - 2 "Baked the Right Way" bread brand
 - 3 Beseech
 - 4 Turf
 - 5 Throw
 - 6 Out-of-bounds golf shot, e.g.
 - 7 Ribald
 - 8 Skip over
 - 9 Diner drink
 - 10 Tourist's diversion
 - 11 Long-haired terrier, familiarly
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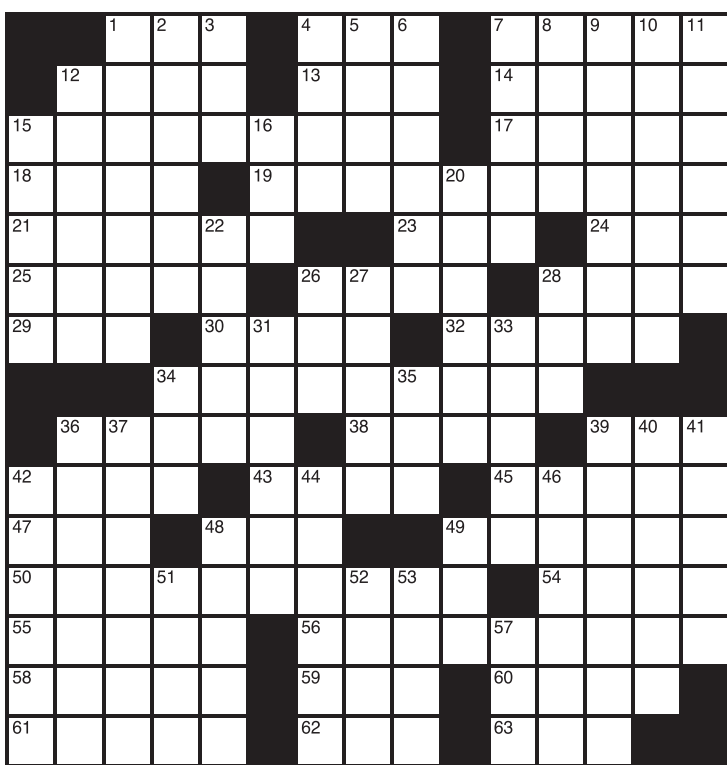
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- 41 Secret alternative
- 42 One side of a comparison ad
- 44 Signs of life
- 46 Dupe
- 48 Get rid of
- 49 Asset on a blockchain, for short
- 51 Starship Enterprise counselor
- 52 Othello advisor
- 53 Entrepreneur Musk
- 57 Texting letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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To Serafima Antonenko, my German instructor, having you this semester has been a blessing. Even in another language, the grace that you bring to difficult social conversations is so refreshing. You encourage students to navigate controversy through respectful exchanges and you draw attention to problems on campus and worldwide. Additionally, you facilitate cultural exchange in German, English, and Russian. Our class is truly immersive and something I look forward to every week.

That is enough with the sappy stuff, let us go back to the opinion part.

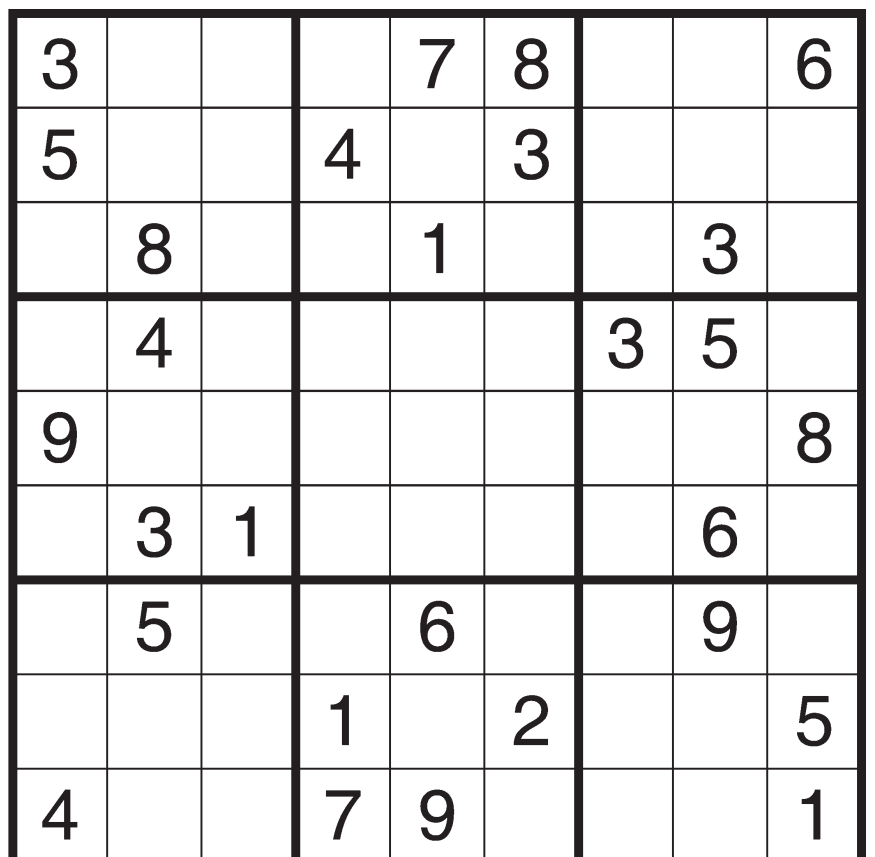
As we are all aware, those that work in the educational system do not make nearly enough for the work that they do. At UConn, amidst budget cuts, our faculty are being tasked with a workload larger than ever before. While we can advocate for the fair treatment of our academic faculty, making social change is hard. I am sure that if

you read The Daily Campus, you will see plenty of examples that emphasize that struggle.

Alone, faculty and students will struggle to make change. Rather than operating as individual groups, we can show appreciation and empathy to our instructors for their dedication. This will build understanding between the faculty and the students and unite the two groups under a common goal. In solidarity with each other, we can advocate to make UConn a better place for students and instructors alike.

To the students reading this, it might be time to stop complaining about what you got on that last exam. Rather, it is the perfect time to reflect on all of the effort and time that your professors have put into your learning and show them empathy. They have a lot of work too. They have truly dedicated their lives and careers to building young minds and encouraging students to be better citizens. For that, each professor deserves eternal gratitude.

Sudoku



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2	5	3	1	8	6	7	4	9
7	8	9	6	1	9	4	8	2
6	1	9	8	3	4	2	6	5
4	2	6	4	8	7	8	5	3

FLIP THE PAPER UPSIDE-DOWN TO SEE THE SUDOKU SOLUTION



Morgana

There's no turning back now. I hope you're prepared for what's to come.

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SOFTBALL: HUSKIES GEARING UP FOR BIG SERIES WITH VILLANOVA

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This coming weekend is the biggest series for the Huskies so far this season, as they're set to host the Villanova Wildcats for a three-game set. The second to last regular season series for UConn has big playoff implications as the Huskies (12-6 in Big East play) sit in second behind the Wildcats (16-2 in Big East play) and just six games left before the conference tournament.

Villanova comes in at 25-19 overall but have really separated themselves as the top team in the Big East. The only conference team to beat the Wildcats has been Creighton, who took two out of three from Villanova at the beginning of April. The Wildcats are led by a very strong offense, one that opponents have a 5.40 earned run average (ERA) against. Seven out of their nine qualified hitters have an on-base plus slugging above .850, including three with over 1,000, being Ally Jones, Lilly St. Jean and Tess Cites. Six differ-

ent batters, Ava Franz, Brooklyn Ostrowski, Elaina Wagner along with Jones, St. Jean and Cites, have over 20 runs batted in on the year. Ostrowski leads the team with 11 home runs on the year, while the team has produced 52 as a unit in 44 games. Villanova's pitching has also been solid this year too, as the team has a 3.57 ERA as a staff. Caroline Pellicano leads the team in appearances with 25 along with four starts with a 2.19 ERA. Alyssa Seidler is the team's main starter, having 16 on the year, she has a 3.51 ERA in 79.2 innings pitched.

UConn enters 26-20 on the year having rebounded from their cold start. Despite another rough patch recently, the Huskies have proven to be resilient once again, winning seven out of their last nine while entering Friday on a three-game win streak. The backbone of this year's team has been their pitching staff. UConn has a combined ERA of 2.89 on the year, led by Payton Kinney (2.17 in 74.1 innings) and Meghan O'Neil (2.25 in 65.1 innings). Hallie Siems leads the staff in innings pitched (119.1) along with an ERA of 3.23 in 29 appearances. The of-

fense is led by Lexi Hastings, Grace Jenkins, Hope Jenkins, Rosie Garcia and Jana Sanden, all of which have five or more home runs, 20 or more RBIs and seven or more doubles. With the season winding down games like this weekend are important while UConn looks to extend their 30-win season streak to three years straight for the first time in program history.

This will be these teams' first matchup since the Wildcats knocked out the Huskies last year's Big East tournament. UConn won the first three meetings, sweeping Villanova on their homefield, but the Wildcats got the last laugh with their 4-3 win in the conference tournament to send UConn packing.

Game one is set for 3 p.m. on Friday followed by 6 p.m. on Saturday and the finale is set for 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Friday and Sunday's matchups can be followed on FloSoftball while Saturday night's game will be broadcast on FS1. After this series wraps, UConn heads to Washington D.C. to take on Georgetown to finish the regular season.



UConn softball wins their Tuesday night game against Boston College at the Burrell Family Field in Storrs, Conn. on April 23, 2024. The Huskies extended their win streak to three games. PHOTO BY MERCER FERGUSON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

AVA'S ANGLE: BREAKING DOWN THE NEW YORK METS' CITY CONNECT JERSEYS

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The New York Mets have always been known for their classic blue and orange colors and the pinstripes of New York. Nearly every uniform they have worn in their six decades of existence has been centered around those hues. But now, along with the rest of the MLB, the Mets have introduced their city connected jerseys, which include two new colors into their jersey rotation: dark gray for the concrete jungle of New York City and purple for the 7 Line subway that runs to Citi Field. Purple and dark gray are the colors that are featured on the newly released city connect jerseys for the Metropolitan that they released last Friday. The new jerseys will debut at Citi Field on Saturday, April 27 when the Mets face off against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's all about connecting to New York," said Andy Goldberg, the Mets' chief marketing officer and a part of the team that worked with Nike on the City Connect jerseys. "A lot of detail, a lot of focus on this idea that yeah, it's not orange and blue by design. It's meant to connect to New York. It's meant to not just be an alternate Mets uniform. It's our City Connect. It is how Met fans can represent across the world."

Along with the jerseys, the Mets released a new slogan that they tagged on a lot of the marketing posts of the City Connect jerseys; IYKNYYK — If you know New York, you know.

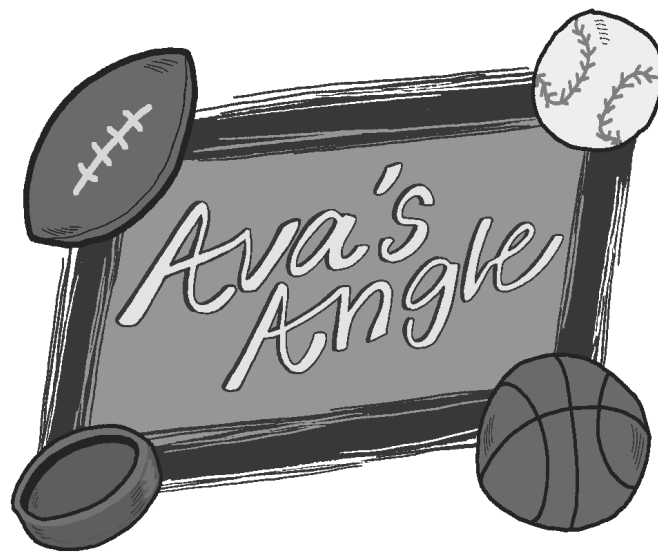
Every detail of this uniform has significance to the city of New York and the Mets broke everything down. The pinstripes on both the jersey and the pants are made up of circle diamonds which represent NYC's local and express subway lines. The sleeve patch is designed to mimic a New York City subway token. The letters "NYC" across the front chest are meant to pay tribute to the city as a whole and not just Queens where the Mets play. As for the hat, the front of it features a cross-section of the steelwork on the Queensboro Bridge. Inside the cap is an artistic interpretation of the NYC subway map. On the back of

the jerseys, player names are written in the font that the Mets typically only use on the fronts of their away jerseys. Lastly, near the bottom of the uniform top is a purple inscription that reads, "The World's City."

Goldberg also revealed that the design is a result of more than two years of planning. The group considered 25-30 variations before deciding on the final version of the jersey, which also received stamps of approval from Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor and outfielder Brandon Nimmo.

The City Connect program that was introduced in 2021 offered a way for teams to express creativity and freedom by linking a set of alternative uniforms to the areas around them. One example of this includes the Washington Nationals, who used a pink and ivory color palette that evoked the feeling of spring in Washington D.C. and is set against a dark anthracite background. The Cherry blossom petals and branches, and the city flag were displaced across the jerseys, which showed the pride that the Nationals have for their hometown. Another instance is the Red Sox; they used a blue and yellow color scheme to pay homage to the Boston Marathon finish line. Additionally, the San Francisco Giants paid tribute to the Golden Gate Bridge with an orange and white color palette. The New York Mets are among eight teams that will debut their City Connect uniforms this season. Only two clubs, the New York Yankees and the Oakland A's do not have a City Connect uniform yet.

The new dark gray and purple will be added into the Met's orange and blue jersey rotation. They have certain dates scheduled for the season where fans can catch the new jerseys live in action at Citi Field. Some of the future dates include May 11 vs. the Atlanta Braves, May 25 vs. the Giants and June 15 vs. the San Diego Padres. The strength and grit of the concrete jungle is the fabric of New York and the fabric that inspired these new jerseys. The Mets are repping the 'greatest city in the world' with this new look and are living by IYKNYYK.



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The New York Mets have started off their season with 13 wins and 11 losses. They will play against the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, April 25 at 4:05 p.m.

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UConn men's basketball wins their second consecutive NCAA Championship against Purdue on April 8, 2024. This was the program's sixth national title, tying UConn with North Carolina for third all-time for most titles behind UCLA and Kentucky. PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Today's the day: my last ever Rod Wave. Why not write it on the sport that's been so good to me during my four years at UConn: men's basketball?

To preface this way too early look at this group, things can change immediately with this team. Players can transfer, new contributors can be added or all of the above as soon as tomorrow. In this era of college basketball, chaos reigns supreme.

With that being said, I'm still super intrigued by the potential of this roster going into next season. Unfortunately for the Huskies, they are losing some key contributors such as Tristen Newton, Cam Spencer, Donovan Clingan and Stephon Castle. That's not even mentioning Alex Karaban, who has the option to return next season but is also currently testing the NBA Draft waters. That's a lot of talent to replace, even more than the transition from championships No. 1 to No. 2 in the Dan Hurley era that included three current NBA players in Jordan Hawkins, Andre Jackson and Adama Sanogo.

However, Husky fans have a lot to be excited about with this roster's potential. The two names that immediately stick out are Jaylin Stewart and Solo Ball, two freshman that had some massive flashes of talent last season.

For Stewart specifically, he has the opportunity to take a huge sophomore leap going into next season. With some valuable defensive versatility (even playing the five spot in some situations last season) and a sweet jumper that was especially important in the Big East Tournament final against Marquette, there's a lot to like with him as a player in an increased role. He'll be one of the players that should have all eyes on him.

As for Ball, he stepped up big last season in the early absence of Stephon Castle after a right knee injury against Stonehill. Those are quite the shoes to fill for a young freshman so early in the season in such an unexpected turn of events, but the 6-foot-3 guard was impressive. Highlighted by a 13-point performance against North Carolina in the Jimmy V Classic, the young Husky similarly flashed potential like his Fab Five teammate, showcasing a very quality jumper and the ability to be a big offensive spark for last year's group. In a larger role next season, he'll have the opportunity to showcase more of his impressive skillset like some ridiculous athleticism.

Then, there's Hassan Diarra, who has yet to confirm that he's returning to Storrs. Another season from the former Texas A&M transfer would be massive wherever he's placed in the lineup with the strides he made as a player and leader for this roster.

The frontcourt is starting to shape up more with the acquisition of former Michigan Wolverine Tarris Reed Jr., who I've already analyzed in a previous article. He possesses a lot of promise for the Huskies as a great rebounder and a player with a lot of strength in the paint at the five spot. Joining him is Samson Johnson who, in his first full season with the program, provided some very valuable minutes as a rim runner and offensive spark off the bench. That's not even mentioning the defensive presence he provided as an athletic paint protector.

Yet, some of the biggest potential names on this roster may still be out there. The program has been linked to a variety of names including Aidan Mahaney, who is visiting Storrs on Thursday per Jeff Goodman. Koby Brea, who is also expected to visit campus soon, would also be a massive addition with his lethal shooting touch and experience in the Atlantic 10, especially with the departures of players like Spencer.

However, the most exciting name was Liam McNeeley, who was on campus for a visit on Monday and Tuesday. With the potential departure of Alex Karaban, the former Indiana commit would be a game changing acquisition for this squad with what he's showcased as a prospect with a deadly jumper and an overall polished offensive skillset. What McNeeley could potentially do with this coaching staff if he opts to join the Huskies could truly boost the expectations of this squad overnight.

Finally, I wanted to touch up on the two freshman additions to this roster: Ahmad Nowell and Isaiah Abraham. With Nowell specifically, he's got all the tools to be successful with Connecticut on both sides of the ball. Tools like a consistent jumper, some energetic on-ball defense and impressive playmaking skills have all helped him get far, and it will be fun to keep an eye on how he develops.

Abraham meanwhile carries a ton of potential with his athleticism and defensive capabilities. Getting to watch the Virginia native ball out at the 2024 Hoophall Classic was truly a joy to watch, especially against some high-level players like Cam Boozer. If Abra-

ham can put it together with Connecticut and this coaching staff, he has the potential to be a productive player for this roster in the future.

Even in the most uneventful period of college basketball, there's still plenty to get excited about and things will only get more chaotic from here. Although this will be my last column of my Daily Campus career, my work in Storrs is far from over.

But as far my Daily Campus career, Rod Wave out...



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MEN'S GOLF:

Huskies head out to Hardeeville, S.C. for Big East Championship

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The UConn men's golf team has had the ideal season up to this point, winning numerous competitions, including the UConn Invitational at GreatHorse, Big East Match Play and the Surf Club Invitational. The Huskies have also added numerous top five finishes to their resume and are looking for revenge in this year's Big East Championship.

For Connecticut to win its first in-conference championship in three years, the program will need a short recap of how last season ended. In the Huskies' previous campaign, the program performed well throughout the regular season, although they couldn't put the pieces together at the Riverton Pointe Golf and Country Club, finishing ninth in a field of 10. However, this shouldn't deter Connecticut fans from believing the team can flip the script.

UConn fans should look out for Jimmy Paradise to lead the program. The senior Florida native was a key player all last season, and that hasn't changed just because the calendar has. Paradise has consistently finished atop the leaderboard for Connecticut this year. He is also coming off an excellent performance, finishing in the top 10 of the competitive



UConn men's golf hosts their invitational at GreatHorse Country Club in Hampton, Mass. on Oct. 1, 2023. The invitational played out for the next two days.
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Rutherford Invitational, where the rest of the program failed to get going as they had hoped.

Another player who could give the rest of the field trouble is Tommy Dallahan, who has been nothing short of excellent as well. The Simsbury native also put together a top-10 performance in the program's last appearance. How the two seniors get out of the gates will play a significant role in whether the program leaves the Palmetto State victorious.

The other athletes' performances will also play a deciding role. Luckily, for UConn fans, no golfer has had a true "poor outing" in recent memory, and all of them tend to finish within a couple of strokes of each other. If the program wishes to succeed in this outing, it will need that same consistency when it treks to South Carolina.

This year's tournament will take place on the same course as last year's, meaning that the coaches will be able to plan for anything abnormal that the golfers need to look out for, not to mention individual strategies to attack each hole. As good as UConn was last season, they have taken it to a different level this season, and fans should expect a strong performance from Connecticut. The action will commence from April 27 to April 29.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE: HUSKIES SET SIGHTS ON FINAL CONFERENCE MATCH BEFORE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

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With the last regular season contest hanging in the balance before the Big East Championship, the lacrosse squad has a season of highs and lows to reflect upon.

As of late, the Huskies have much to be proud of. Although it took UConn a little longer than usual to settle into a groove, once they found it, they hit the ground running. To start the season, the crew came up just short in their first three matches. Fairfield, James Madison and Saint Joseph's all took early titles, but soon after, the Huskies seemed to gel.

Real momentum arose in mid-March as they went on a three-game streak, toppling Hofstra, Marist and Columbia. Columbia was one of the year's most notable contests as the Huskies emerged victorious, 17-1.

Despite the high, a low followed soon thereafter. Denver, No.1 in the Big East, made quick work of dismantling the Huskies' flow. After the 9-18 loss, the Huskies then made a complete 180 and rose from the ashes. The squad completed their longest winning streak of the season, four games, and took down three conference opponents in the process.

This Saturday, the Huskies will square off against Georgetown. Interestingly, both groups

have a 4-1 conference record, both only falling to Denver and seeding No. 2. It appears neither team will go down without a fight.

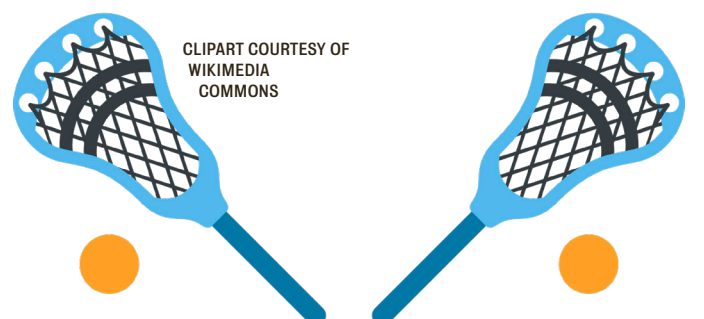
While no conference game is perfectly executed, the Huskies (9-6) may have the small advantage of a slightly better season record than the Hoyas (7-9).

The Huskies are also coming off a sensational 21-11 victory over Butler. A career-high 11-point showing from graduate student Kate Shaffer earned her the Big East Attacker of the Week title. While the Hoyas have several skilled offensive players, UConn's line of attack appears to be a bit stronger and more cohesive.

In goal, the Huskies also appear to be stronger. Both Landyn White (.480) and Sofia Oximana (.455) have higher save percentages than the Hoyas' keepers. White has also made incredible strides in goal this year, surpassing 700 career saves and setting the program record for total wins as a goalie.

While the game is the last contest before the conference championship, it will be the final opportunity for the Huskies to capitalize on a Big East victory.

So far, the Huskies have put all their efforts out on the field, and their work has spoken for itself. Just over two months ago, the group was struggling to find their rhythm, and now, they've climbed the ladder to No. 2 in the conference.



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The UConn women's lacrosse team takes home a win against Butler with final score of 21-11 in Storrs, Conn. on April 20, 2024. The sunny day allowed the team to celebrate their senior day win with their friends and family.
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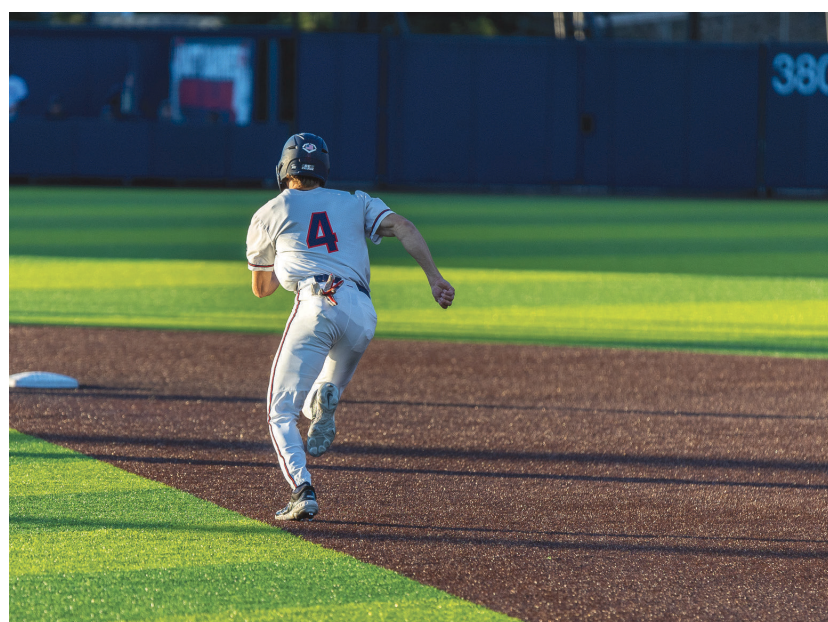
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BASEBALL:

RED HOT HUSKIES HOST VILLANOVA IN VITAL SERIES AHEAD OF FINALS WEEK



The UConn baseball team takes on the Kansas State Wildcats at Elliot Ballpark on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The Huskies got the win over the Wildcats, 4-0. PHOTO BY EVAN RODRIGUEZ, ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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The UConn baseball team went 7-11 across their first 18 games of the season. UConn has since gone 15-7, with 12 of those victories coming in their last 14 contests. Now, the Huskies head into the final stretch of the regular season, which starts this weekend in Storrs when they welcome the Villanova Wildcats.

On paper, this weekend's series might not seem that competitive; the two Big East Conference foes are separated by 126 RPI points on warren-nolan.com's rankings. Despite that separation, every one of Connecticut's last 14 regular-season games matters. The Hook C, who are ranked No. 38 in RPI as of 5 p.m. yesterday, kept the good times rolling following their road sweep of the Georgetown Hoyas, run-ruling both of their midweek nonconference opponents at Elliot Ballpark.

UConn has made a comeback in each of their past five games, with graduate third baseman Luke Broadhurst delivering several clutch hits. Broadhurst put the Huskies ahead three times versus the Hoyas last weekend, one of which was a go-ahead homer in the ninth inning of Friday's series opener. Although he had one hit across both midweek contests, the graduate third baseman will deliver when the opportunity presents itself.

Graduate shortstop Paul Tammaro has been another catalyst for Connecticut in April. Tammaro has driven in 17 runs over the Hook C's last four home games, and 22

of his 29 runs batted in (RBI) have come since April 1. While the month may almost be over, the graduate shortstop should continue to produce from the top of the batting order.

So will redshirt junior Bryan Padilla, who has five hits and seven RBIs in his last four games. Padilla has kept his season batting average above .250 since the series finale against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in late March. That stretch spans 19 games and is one the Brooklyn native will seek to maintain this weekend.

Graduate right fielder Jake Studley is batting .253 with six homers and 12 RBIs, but he is not alone among his outfield power hitters. Graduate center fielder Caleb Shpur and senior left fielder Korey Morton each have had Studley's back. Morton is the only other UConn player hitting above .300 with a team-leading 50 base knocks. While the Norwalk native hits for average and power, Shpur utilizes his speed to bring a boost from the back-end of the lineup.

No Husky has more than the Endicott transfer's 16 stolen bases on 17 attempts, five of which have come in his last six contests. Beyond the basepaths, Shpur has settled into collegiate baseball in Storrs as he enters this weekend on a 14-game hitting streak. Sophomore first baseman Maddix Dalena has been on his own offensive tear. Dalena went yard two days ago for the first time since his three-homer game on April 12, and with six hits in his last three contests, his 10th homer of the year could be in the cards.

It should be the same rotation as last week for the

Huskies. Graduate lefty Garrett Coe tossed three innings against the Hofstra Pride on Wednesday but will likely get the nod on Saturday. Junior righty Ian Cooke will go for his third straight double-digit strikeout performance tonight. Graduate righty Stephen Quigley seeks his first decision in five weeks in Sunday's series finale.

Before falling to the Bucknell Bison on Tuesday, the Wildcats collected a critical series victory over the Creighton Bluejays in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Villanova had three innings where they scored 5-plus runs off Creighton's pitching staff, two of which were in the seventh.

Junior right fielder Shane Solari drove in a run in each of those three frames last weekend, including his first homer of the season on Friday. Solari has seen the ball well since the Wildcats' series against the Seton Hall Pirates, with eight hits and 10 RBIs in his last six contests. Although he bats eighth in the lineup, Villanova's right fielder seeks to keep his five-game hitting streak going in style.

Rider transfer Scott Shaw is on his own hot stretch. Shaw heads into this weekend on a six-game hitting streak, but what makes it more impressive are his four multi-hit performances in that stretch. The Wildcats' team leader had one multi-hit game — a three-hit afternoon versus the St. John's Red Storm — in his previous seven contests before this span.

Shaw makes up one-third of Villanova's heart of the batting order, along with fellow graduate students Jack O'Reilly

and Jason Neff. O'Reilly does just as much damage from the No. 2 spot in the lineup with 16 doubles on a team-leading 47 base knocks. He might not necessarily be the team's fastest player, but he tends to touch home plate more than once when he scores.

The fourth-year Wildcat has scored twice four times in his last nine contests; his team is 3-1 in those games. Neff, meanwhile, is an RBI machine. The Richmond transfer has driven in a run in eight out of his last nine games and leads the team with 34 on the season.

Beyond those three, look out for sophomore shortstop Michael Whooley and graduate center fielder AJ Hansen. Whooley has a hit in seven out of his last eight contests. Hansen, Villanova's lone player with 10-plus steals, is one of the toughest No. 9 hitters Connecticut has faced this year.

Two of the Wildcats' three starters this weekend pitched into the seventh inning versus the Bluejays. Big East Pitcher of the Week Devin Rivera has not allowed a run in his last two outings and tossed 6.2 shutout innings in last Sunday's series finale. True freshman Jake Francis gets the start tonight, looking to replicate his weekend performances against St. John's and Seton Hall. Graduate righty Luke McCullough pitches Saturday in the hopes of going 6-plus innings for the third straight weekend.

First pitch in Storrs tonight is at 6:05 p.m., while Saturday's is at 2:05 p.m. and Sunday's is at 1:05 p.m. All three contests will air on the Big East Digital Network.