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HOW UCONN FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENTS ARE BEING AFFECTED BY BUDGET CUTS

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The University of Connecticut directed all academic and administrative units, last year, to reduce their operating budgets by 15% over the upcoming five years, according to University Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz.

These units include academic units, UConn Athletics, administration and support services.

Since then, deans and administrators have met to discuss how departments will move forward with these budget cuts and several steps have been taken.

According to Reitz, UConn's provost and budget team met with the deans of each school and college, who then worked with department heads to reduce expenses. Some deans proposed using "cash balances that their schools and colleges had held in reserve and had not yet spent, totaling about \$10.1 million."

Chris Vials, president of the UConn American Association of University Professors (AAUP), stated that he believes another step departments will take is to reduce their payrolls.

"You know, their biggest expense is payroll. There's no way you could do that without cutting people, right? And that could be graduate students, teacher assistants or adjuncts," Vials said.

He stated that professors without tenure might face the brunt of this.

"A lot of faculty here at the university now are lecturers or their adjuncts, they're not

on the tenure track. They're on renewable contracts. So, you could just not renew their contract right at the end of the term. The easiest things for department heads to cut would be just not renewing contracts," Vials said.

This will lead to less classes being offered and bigger class sizes, which is something UConn is aiming for, according to Vials.

In a testimonial at the State of Connecticut Appropriations Committee hearing Wednesday, UConn President Radenka Maric confirmed this when asking the state to reconsider the state budget.

Maric stated that UConn has worked to reduce spending by "increasing efficiency in the delivery of education through higher student to faculty ratios, class size and more online vs. in person class offerings."

Vials explained that no one at UConn wishes to make these cuts and they are being put in a tough position. He believes that each department head might respond differently.

"None of the department heads want to make these cuts, and I don't think any of the deans really want to make cuts. Some of them probably will just refuse to cut anything. Some will and then probably have cuts made for them. Some will probably, or most will probably offer cuts that are short of what's being asked for," Vials said.

He also stressed that some of the UConn departments don't even have enough finances to cut the amount UConn is asking for.

One unit of UConn that is already facing the ramifications of these cuts is the School of Fine Arts.

Department Head of Art and Art History, John Richardson, stated that in January he was instructed to tell "department faculty that a visiting assistant professor position in photography/video will not be replaced when the current faculty contract expires at the end of this academic year."

He said he was advised to tell faculty that there would not be adjunct faculty teaching replacements for the classes that the visiting assistant professor taught.

This means that going into the fall 2025 semester the overall number of full-time faculty in the department will decrease and fewer classes will be offered, according to Richardson.

The department will also admit a smaller class of freshmen.

Richardson stressed that due to these cuts he does not know how the department will offer its photography and video concentration.

Due to students needing to fulfill their requirements in their art concentrations, Richardson explained that "course substitutions will be offered where needed and all students will be supported and will be able to graduate on time." He stated that these classes may be different from their initial plans.

Richardson expressed his frustration with these changes but hopes to minimize the effects these changes will have on students.

"As an artist and an art

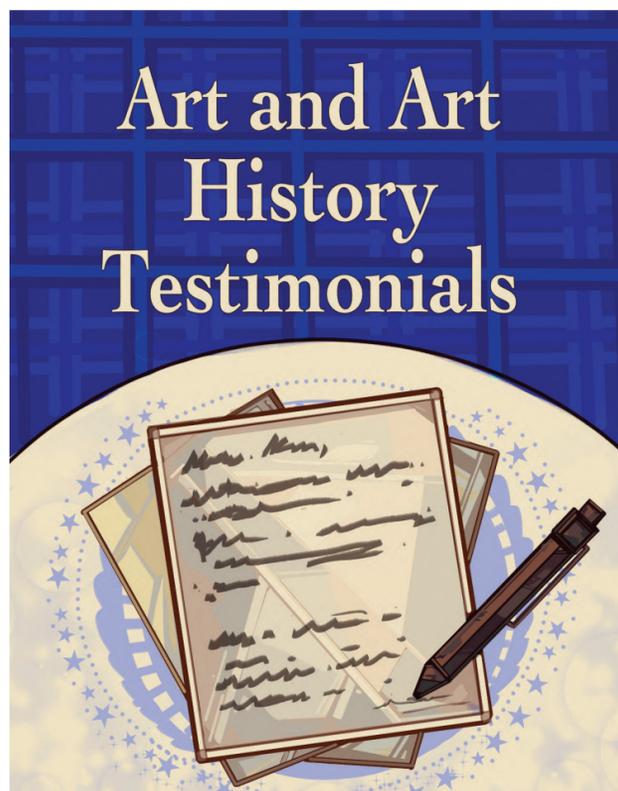


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teacher, I am always saddened by the ways in which creative practice is limited within our institutions and by our society. I hope that government and university leadership can come to an agreement that will better support UConn students and faculty, so that all academic programs can flourish, including the one I facilitate," Richardson said.

At the Appropriations Committee hearing last week, many department heads and students gave testimonies representing their departments and majors, reflecting

on the importance of a well-funded UConn education.

Richardson was one of these people and stated that his "preference is that the State of Connecticut stabilize funding for higher education for the benefit of our people."

To hear the concerns of other UConn community members about the budget, watch the Higher Education Subcommittee Public Hearing Livestream on the Appropriations Committee's YouTube channel.



YIIP RESEARCH PROGRAM SEEKS APPLICATIONS

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The University of Connecticut's Young Innovators Initiative Program (YIIP) is currently accepting applications until March 30. The research-intensive program supports graduate students interested in the fields of medicine and regenerative engineering.

There are several routes available to students interested in health professions, including the traditional medical and post-baccalaureate programs, both of which UConn offers, according to their website.

The program, according to Assistant Director of Special Projects Dr. Gualberto Ruano, "is a different bird."

[YIIP] is for individuals who want to pursue research, mentored research," Ruano said.

YIIP is a two-year scholar-

ship program in which participants receive a master's degree in either biomedical science or regenerative engineering, according to the program's website. Alternatively, if students only complete one year of the program, they still receive a graduate certificate of research experience, an achievement that is not typically offered at other master's programs, according to Program Manager Jolene Monahan Wilding.

Students accepted as YIIP scholars receive scholarships for the duration of their studies, along with a significant stipend for research as graduate assistants, Wilding added.

"They're not just learning and gaining that experience; they are being paid for it," said Wilding.

Another aspect of YIIP is the mentorship opportunities, according to the program's website.

"Research mentors are drawn from UConn Health as well as Biomedical Engi-

neering Faculty in the Storrs Campus. These research mentors work with the Cato T. Laurencin Institute for Regenerative Engineering," said Ruano.

According to the website, there are two kinds of mentors offered within the program. Lab mentors focus on research skills and professional development. Additionally, each scholar is also in communication with an M1 mentor, who does more personal mentorship of career paths and goals throughout their time at the institute.

"M1 mentors also receive funding to take their mentees to conferences and provide them with invaluable experiences at the Institute," said Wilding.

Last year, Ruano took his mentees to the Student National Medical Association's AMEC conference, according to Wilding.

Additionally, students have the chance to attend the Rock Stars of Regenerative Engineering Conference, which

was founded by Dr. Cato T. Laurencin, who is also the director of YIIP.

"YIIP was Dr. Laurencin's brainchild, this idea of creating programs for individuals who had not been represented in medical science," said Ruano.

YIIP provides underrepresented individuals equal opportunities and fosters a diverse environment, according to the program's website.

A unique aspect of the program's mentorships is their availability to recent post-graduate students, according to Ruano.

"Many other universities limit their mentorships to students who already have their PhD, but the YIIP mentors require an attitude that they are willing to teach techniques, monitor their progress, and be personal mentors. This is a key aspect of YIIP," Ruano said.

Students interested in YIIP do need to fulfill all the Graduate School requirements and fill out an application

through the Graduate School website, according to the program's website. However, the program looks beyond students' grade point average, according to Wilding.

"However, when it comes to selecting their scholars, the program looks beyond the GPA and focuses on students who have the drive and interest in making a difference, especially through research," said Wilding.

After the application process, students are selected for one round of interviews with the Institute, after which the decisions are made for the upcoming semester, according to Wilding.

YIIP is not exclusively geared toward students who want to work as health professionals or physicians, according to Ruano.

"The program offers many paths towards academia or research and provides students with mentors who aren't necessarily physicians, like PhDs or scientists," said Ruano.

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NEW SICILIAN RESTAURANT OPENS IN MANSFIELD

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A new Sicilian restaurant, Krispy Sicilian Foods, has officially opened in Mansfield, Connecticut, bringing authentic Italian flavors to the local community. The establishment is located at 650 Middle Turnpike, just a mile from the University of Connecticut campus and had a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The owner, Kristin Pinkston, said she has lived and previously owned a restaurant in Mansfield for many years.

"I lived in Mansfield, had my previous restaurant in Mansfield and have worked in Mansfield for many years. I love it here and wouldn't consider anywhere else," Pinkston said.

The menu at Krispy Sicilian Foods features traditional Sicilian recipes inspired by Pinkston's family history, with an emphasis

on fresh, homemade ingredients. Customers can enjoy a variety of pasta dishes, sandwiches and desserts such as cannoli, zeppola and tiramisu. A standout item, the "krispy" sandwiches, include combinations like shaved ham with smoked mozzarella and hot roast beef with grilled onions and peppers.

"One of my favorite menu items is Braciolo. It is beef stuffed with an herbed parmesan stuffing and hardboiled egg, braised in a beefy tomato sauce. It is very tender and not easily found on menus," Pinkston said.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the mayor of Mansfield was present to welcome the new business. Pinkston shared that the event was a special moment for her, with family, friends and staff in attendance.

"My dogs Freddie and Francie were there, as well as my grandson Waylon, who helped hold up the ribbon," Pinkston said. "It was just a nice way to start off with great support."

Pinkston's culinary passion runs deep. She said she has always had a love for food service and is choosing happiness as she starts this new journey.

"[Food service] is what I love to do. At this point in my life, I chose happiness!" Pinkston shared.

Krispy Sicilian Foods is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to their website.

"Whether you're here for a cozy dinner or a sweet treat, our kitchen is dedicated to bringing you the true flavors of Sicily straight to your table," the website states.



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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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By Nate Cardin

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'A Thousand Blows' packs a powerful punch to historical norms

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The new series, "A Thousand Blows," premiered on Hulu and Disney+ on Friday, Feb. 21.

The show is a period drama from the United Kingdom, with season 1 consisting of six episodes that came out all at once. "A Thousand Blows" was created and written by executive producer Steven Knight, who also created the hit series, "Peaky Blinders."

I would like to preface the review by stating that I have only seen the first episode in the series. However, I am enticed to watch more.

"A Thousand Blows" tells the story of underrepresented figures in London's history. Taking place in the East End of London in the 1880s, the show follows the journey of best friends and Jamaican immigrants, Hezekiah Moscow (played by Malachi Kirby) and Alec Munroe (Francis Lovehall), as well as the criminal pursuits of Englishwoman, Mary Carr (Erin Doherty).

Knight's series was influenced by criminal records and the true stories of illegal boxers at this point in history, though fabricated for dramatic effect. Episode one begins by immediately introducing us to Carr, as well as Moscow and Munroe, with one of their first experiences in the new country being witnessing Carr's thievery. The country's racism and sexism are also displayed early on into the episode, with hotels denying the friends a room because of their skin color, as well as men challenging Carr's authority.

Mr. Lao, a British-Chinese man, is the first to offer Moscow a room, also being the landlord of Carr and her gang of women. One of the stand-out quotes of the episode occurs at this moment, encapsulating some of the major themes of the show.

Moscow had shown Lao

that he could also speak Chinese, learning it from his grandmother, forming an initial alliance with the man.

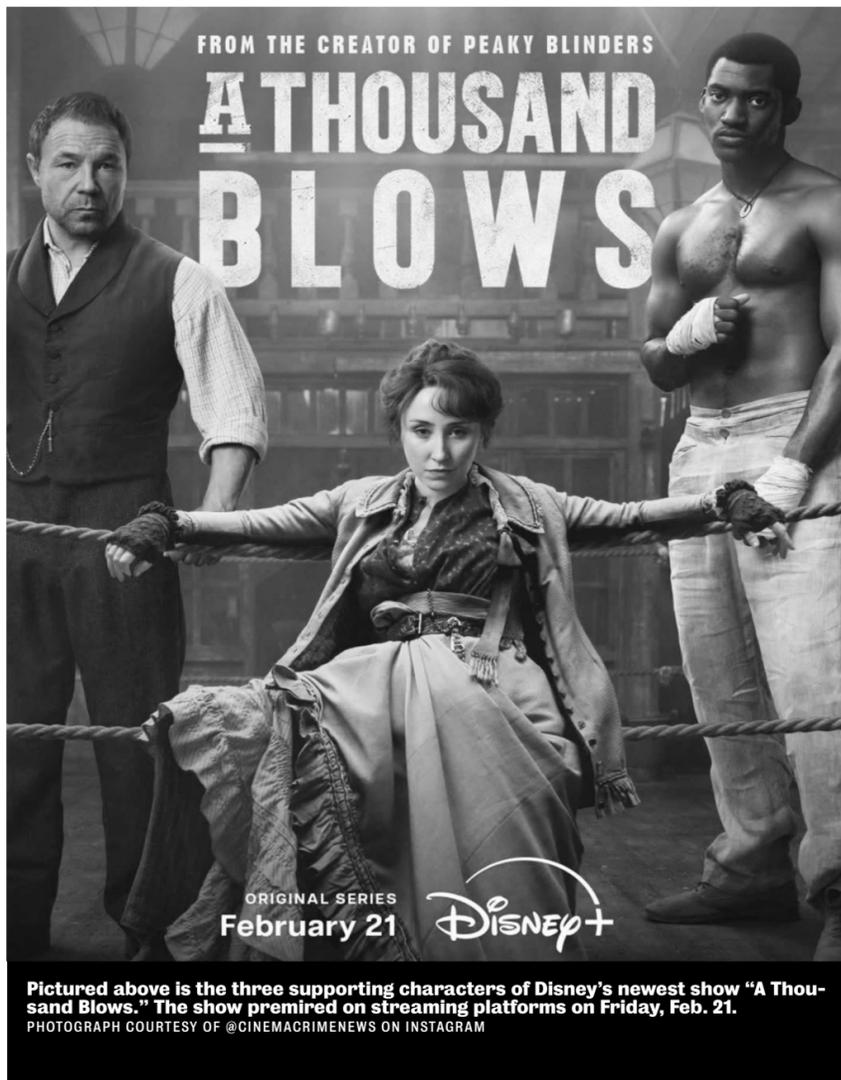
The show contains its fair share of violence, even before the illegal underground boxing matches begin. Carr has an altercation with an ex-lover, "Sharkey," where she threatens and almost attempts to shoot him upon his failure to execute her goals. Sharkey makes comments about how the man should be the one in power, to which Carr shoves a gun in his mouth. As a character, she avidly defies female stereotypes of the time.

Being the "queen" of the female gang of thieves, "The Forty Elephants," Carr has many connections and often visits the boxing scene. It is here where she and Moscow initially meet as Munroe prepares to fight. It is clear to the audience that there is a spark between Moscow and Carr, hinting at a possible romance plot down the line, once again defying standards and societal norms of the time.

Moscow is an extremely likeable protagonist. He is motivated and carries himself with pride. His initial intention for arriving in London was to become a lion tamer at the zoo. However, after meeting with the zookeeper, Moscow quickly realizes that he has been tricked. The zookeeper had intended to put Moscow in a cage, displayed as "Wild Man of Africa."

Being the determined person that he is, Moscow then attends the boxing arena, with hopes to avenge Munroe's loss to the boxer Treacle Goodson, by competing against the feared Sugar Goodson. Moscow is a trained fighter and steps into the ring announcing himself as "The Lion" Moscow.

The episode ends on a cliffhanger, with the adrenaline of waiting for the fight to begin. My hopes for the rest of the season are exceedingly high after watching the successfully intriguing pilot.



Pictured above is the three supporting characters of Disney's newest show "A Thousand Blows." The show premiered on streaming platforms on Friday, Feb. 21. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF @CINEMACRIMENEWS ON INSTAGRAM

Rating:



'So Close to What': Tate McRae's newest album might be her best one yet

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Tate McRae, a 21-year-old singer and songwriter, released her newest album, "So Close to What" on Feb. 21. Her third album is an exquisite blend of nostalgic pop, as many of the songs bare a resemblance to the iconic Britney Spears — who has interviewed McRae for GEN V.

Spears, a pop star and a true star in the field, has been cited by McRae as a source of inspiration. "Looking back at iconic performances (like yours) is also very motivating," said McRae in their interview together.

As someone who has had Spears in their Spotify top five for the past couple of years, McRae is reaching that level in terms of voice, performance and overall concept as an artist. So, without further ado, let's get into "So Close to What."

"No seriously, get your hands off my man" is the introductory lyric to the opening track: "Miss Possessive," spoken by the one and only Sydney Sweeney — confirmed by McRae in this TikTok caption. This song reminded me of Spears the most. Some-

thing about the lyrics, the beat and the overall energy of the song was serving early 2000s realness in the best way. "Take home whoever walks in / Just keep your eyes off him," says McRae, and trust, she's heard.

"2 Hands" and "Revolving Door" follow the same route. All I could think about when listening to these songs — and the whole album if I'm being honest — is that McRae has mastered the art of making a catchy song. These tracks will be stuck in my head the way a new Disney movie soundtrack typically is, and I'm not complaining.

"Bloodonmyhands" featuring Flo Milli was a vibe. "Dance like I can't be bothered, know it kills you / Bounced back and found another, and he hates you / Oh baby boy, you're seeing stars / And it fucks you up so hard," sings McRae, while Flo Milli follows through with "He don't believe it's over, he stallin' / I'm pretty and worth it, my feelings ain't hurtin' / Won't stay if it ain't workin'." Their voices work together, and this is my favorite out of the two features McRae had on this album, with the second being "I Know Love," featuring the Kid LAROI.

McRae has the breathy-pop-catchy-beat vibe down. Although, to be frank — and this could be on me — it is sometimes a tad too breathy. I wish she would enunciate more, but I also understand that there is a certain vibe she is going for here. While I am all for it, I think a song like the closing track, "Nostalgia," is one that truly highlights her vocals and allows us to hear McRae's singing abilities fully.

But that's not to say I dislike the other tracks. On the contrary, I think my favorites are ones that fully lean into and embrace the Spears-esque "If U Seek Amy" vibe. For example, "Purple Lace Bra," my favorite song on the album, has everything: the vibe, the lyrics and the energy I needed. I love listening to music and do it every chance I get, and I think this goes beyond simply being background music. I found myself trying to memorize the lyrics as soon as I listened and honestly looked up how much tickets cost for her next tour.

With "Purple Lace Bra," McRae channels the frustration of a relationship where you know you're not genuinely being appreciated for who you are, but only for

your body. "Would you hear me more if I whispered in your ear? / Made all my inner thoughts sound like 'Ah, ah' / Would you hear me more if I touch you right here?" I think she did something extraordinarily well with this song, and that continued when it transitioned to "Sports Car," which has just the right amount of repetitiveness without being insufferable.

"Nostalgia" has the listener reflecting alongside McRae, closing the album perfectly with, "And I, I manifested you would leave / So the day you did, I had you beat / Three steps ahead of everything." She laments, "Funny thing about nostalgia, it didn't show up 'til I lost ya," which rings true for many people, myself included. I thoroughly enjoyed the sincerity McRae has in her songs. While most are upbeat, listening to the lyrics reflects something deep and meaningful, which I think is part of why this album was so enjoyable.

Tate McRae is going places, and I know she'll go far. This album was an honest, refreshing pop album I was not expecting to love as much as I did. McRae immediately hooked listeners in with "Miss Possessive" and did not

let go until the very last second. I felt that she was able to do what she wanted and is reaching that "pop princess" level in her own way.

This might only be her third studio album, but McRae has demonstrated that she's got what it takes to push through and release wonderful pop music. I'm a fan! And if you're looking for a new album to listen to, I think this might be the one.

Rating:

4/5

What's in a name? Demystify UConn's 'town' name



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“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.” That’s a famous line uttered by the titular Juliet in William Shakespeare’s classic drama “Romeo and Juliet,” but it has me thinking about another type of name: what we call the communities we live, work and frequent here in Connecticut.

I was actually inspired to tackle this topic because of a video that popped up while browsing social media. A creator, who claimed to have grown up in Connecticut, was commenting that there are “fake towns” that she’d never heard of. I too am guilty of wondering “Where is that?” when hearing of a new place name, so let’s see if we can break it down.

According to the State of Connecticut, there are nine councils of government (planning regions), eight traditional counties and 169 municipalities (cities and towns). However, over the course of history, towns merged and split and other communities popped up and died out. Sometimes, these names are still used locally or, for example, may be the name of a street or a community feature.

We also don’t have county-level government anymore, since the planning regions do sometimes take on that responsibility. The municipality is, practically speaking, the lowest form of government in our state. Other states have “villages” with their own governmental structures, but “boroughs” fulfill that role in Connecticut. The term “village” usually refers to unincorporated places, or “neighborhoods,” in Connecticut.

The University of Connecticut actually allows us to discuss a great example. Our school is located in the town of Mansfield, but chances are you’ve heard that UConn is in “Storrs, Connecticut.” What if I told you there was more to that place name?

Mansfield was named after a prominent Connecticut colony lieutenant, Major Moses

Mansfield, when the town of Windham decided to split the large community in two in 1702. Originally, the greater area was named “ponde-place,” after being purchased from the Mohegan Tribe in 1675.

The Storrs family originated in Nottinghamshire, England and emigrated to Barnstable, Massachusetts on Cape Cod circa 1663, according to the UConn Archives. In 1698, patriarch Samuel Storrs established the family farm in Mansfield, eventually leading to his descendants Charles and Augustus Storrs founding the Connecticut Agricultural College on the land in 1881.

By this time, a number of neighborhoods had developed in the town and nearby, usually motivated by the acceleration of local industries. Conantville, named after mill owner Joseph Conant, is in the area now anchored by the East Brook Mall — and lends its name to a few streets and a brook. Similarly, Eagleville on the eastern border with Coventry was also home to a mill and even a railroad station. You may recognize the name in modern-day usage in North and South Eagleville Road(s) directly adjacent to campus, and in the name of pond and forest areas there.

Because the Storrs family homestead was so expansive, and later the college was founded prominently by the Storrs brothers, the area of Mansfield home to our campus became known as “Storrsville.”

In fact, Mansfield has had a handful of other historical neighborhoods over the years, like “Atwoodville,” “Chaffeeville,” “Gurleyville,” “Hanks Hill,” “Mansfield City,” “Merrow,” “Mount Hope,” “Perkins Corner,” “Spring Hill” and “Wormwood Hill.” However, people rarely use these names outside of historical discussion, save for a couple you may have heard of including “Mansfield Center,” “Mansfield Four Corners,” “Mansfield Depot” and “Mansfield Hollow.” These communities, all across the state, were small and didn’t have their own governments — but some had their own, small post offices giving some cre-

dence to the names.

As history marched on, the post offices consolidated and the two largest communities in the town of Mansfield emerged: Storrsville and Mansfield Center. When it came to usage, people most often stated they lived in these two “villages” or generally in Mansfield. Folks started to shorten “Storrsville” to “Storrsv.” and simply “Storrs” on letters, homemade maps and other ephemera, causing the family’s name to stick in consciousness, but not as the official place name.

Are there any authorities on the subject? When dealing with an incorporated place, it’s usually pretty easy, but when a village or other unincorporated place is at bat, it gets a little trickier. There are three main federal agencies that survey and map U.S. geography: the United States Postal Service, the United States Census Bureau and the United States Geological Survey. Each receives input from local and state governments, and for the most part, everyone is in agreement about the borders and names of places — but not always.

The census, for example, calculates the population for statistical purposes. If enough people live within an unincorporated place to be statistically relevant, the USCB creates a “census-designated place,” or CDP, to categorize them. Connecticut has 185 CDPs according to the USCB’s webpage, some of which share names with nearby and co-extensive incorporated places. We do see “Storrs CDP,” and while the polygonal geography covers most of the campus plus some limited residential areas, it doesn’t extend very far. On that list, we also see “Mansfield Center CDP,” and there’s “Fairfield University CDP,” “Quinnipiac University CDP” and “Sacred Heart University CDP” — similar statistical areas for other college towns.

The USCB admits that that CDPs and related statistical entities have no legal function, and oftentimes do not align with local usage, making them unsuitable for official naming purposes. If we relied exclusively on census data, we’d have

to say that the Bobcats play in “Quinnipiac University CDP, Connecticut” rather than Hamden. Also, CDPs aren’t supposed to have the same names as incorporated places, even though instances of this are numerous in Connecticut — like the town of East Hampton and “East Hampton CDP” within it, further calling the usefulness of the census data into question.

The postal system, on the other hand, has boundaries for all populated areas regardless of incorporation status. This is also one reason why so many historical names stick around — multiple post offices may service a single town, and they use a locally-established name to differentiate the areas. This is the case for the two postal regions here in Mansfield: “Mansfield Center,” with the ZIP code 06250, and “Storrs-Mansfield,” with 06268 and 06269.

The northern side of Mansfield, including all of the UConn campus, is officially called “Storrs-Mansfield.” Over time, people started to refer to the whole town of Mansfield or those historical villages as part of “Storrsville,” “Storrs” or even “UConn, Connecticut,” and vice versa. Sometimes, people would even refer to parts of other towns like Windham and Coventry as being part too. Therefore, the USPS decided to standardize things by renaming the community after two commonly used names: “Storrs” and “Mansfield.”

It was a fair compromise, and it isn’t too clunky to say or write — and it’s one that the Town of Mansfield government supports through their continued official use of these two village names. The postal boundary more accurately represents what the local citizens convey, by design.

The USGS, another federal agency concerned with geography, mainly deals with natural and geological features like mountains, lakes and forests. They also take into account local and historical usage of place names when naming these features, like the “Spring Hill Tract” for example.

So, there we have it. The University of Connecticut is de-

finitively located in the town of Mansfield, in the village of Storrs-Mansfield, in Tolland County within the State of Connecticut.

In reality, no one will get upset if you call our community “Storrs” — it’s quite common, even if unofficial. There isn’t anything stopping you from saying “Storrsville” either, but students and residents should use the official name of Storrs-Mansfield for government use and for any mail, even for campus addresses.

Similar stories exist for many other places nationwide, especially here in New England. The Connecticut town of Killingworth in Middlesex County was originally named after Kenilworth, England, but over time, the pronunciation and spelling morphed it. Many places were named after English and Dutch locations — New London, anyone? Sometimes, place names were versions of indigenous names, like Norwalk from the Mohegan and Pequot’s Algonquin word “noyank,” meaning “point of land” — even Connecticut comes from their word “quinnetuket” for “long tidal river.”

If dear readers would like me to dive into other great Connecticut town naming mysteries, write in! If you’re interested in the history of our school, the UConn Historical Society explores a variety of records, photographs and more — it’s a real form of archaeology. There are also a number of resources in the UConn Library Archives — portions of the research for this article were conducted using elements of their extensive prior work. Information on the Storrs family was also extracted from genealogical records courtesy of the Godfrey Memorial Library.

Next time someone asks about one of those “fake towns” in Connecticut, or you see a place name you don’t yet recognize, hopefully this article will help inspire where some of those names originated. Personally, I enjoy our village of Storrs-Mansfield, and I hope you do too. See you again next week — until then, I’m going back “Under the Rock.”



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The Backlog: Live with your favorite mascots in 'Hello Kitty Island Adventure'

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Hello and welcome back to The Backlog, the weekly column where we review video games based on a certain genre each month. This is our final edition for February and concludes our exploration into "cute" video games. As such, it's only right that we go over the video game with potentially the cutest mascot in the world. That's right! We're looking at "Hello Kitty Island Adventure."

"Hello Kitty Island Adventure" was initially released through Apple Arcade in 2023 but recently released on Nintendo Switch in January and is poised to release on PlayStation 5 later this year. Developer Sunblink Entertainment designed the game as a cozy, slice of life simulator with the titular Sanrio characters.

The game begins with you and various other characters on board an airplane, heading to the Big Adventure Park. After Hello Kitty introduces herself, players can customize their own character and choose from a variety of animals. The animal choices can seem limited, but there's a good amount of variation with each one. Players can choose to be a bird, cat, dog, bunny, horse or a sheep. You can change your look later so don't worry about locking in your decision.

You begin by walking around the plane and talking to other NPCs. The plane is full of Sanrio mascots including the sour-faced Badtz-Maru, jolly Tuxedosam and Retsuko, the star of the Netflix show "Aggretsuko." It's hard to choose which Sanrio mascot I love the most, but I have a soft spot for Keroppi.

After speaking with other passengers, Hello Kitty goes

and tries to use the oven and grab a slice of strawberry cake. Unfortunately, the oven breaks and spews cakes out, causing the plane to malfunction. After a funny "Snakes on a Plane" reference by Badtz-Maru, everyone is forced to jump off the plane while hanging onto balloons.

Luckily everyone lands safely, and you begin your adventure starting at the Resort Plaza. As with other adventure games, you are tasked with finding the rest of the passengers spread throughout the island, giving them gifts to increase your friendship level and solve the mystery of the island and why it's abandoned.

You can also collect various items and resources throughout the island to use for crafting. It's actually a fairly large map for a children's game, but players can follow the guiding light if they're ever confused or lost.

Essentially, the story involves finding your friends and rebuilding the deserted resort. I am a sucker for cute slice-of-life games. But I find that a lot of players online tend to compare "Hello Kitty Island Adventure" with "Animal Crossing: New Horizons." I have played "ACNH" and did a review on it last year.

I don't usually like to compare and contrast two separate titles. They are different games despite what people want to say even though they share similarities. But it's not a crime to be inspired by something and want to build off it, if it doesn't plagiarize the original and can maintain its own sense of creativity.

I couldn't say that "Hello Kitty Island Adventure" is a rip-off

of "ACNH" because it does feel like a Hello Kitty game. There are many other Hello Kitty games that have been made previously. One that holds a special place in my heart is "Hello Kitty: Big City Dreams" on the Nintendo DS.

What makes every Hello Kitty game so enjoyable is the calmness, characters and overall aesthetics. Each game relies heavily on its characters and any quests or minigames associated with them. "Hello Kitty Island Adventure" is no exception to this. Each Sanrio character feels unique yet friendly, with each one having their own role at the resort.

Hello Kitty runs a cafe where players can use the oven to bake pastries, and it aligns with her character as she's a baker at heart with a sweet tooth for Mama's apple pie. My Melody owns a furniture store and acts as the island's local carpenter. Even our little nerd Chococat has a role as an inventor.

The main objective in the game is to level up your friendship with various characters, and this can feel a bit repetitive and grindy for some players. I can see how it can get boring. But most games like this fall flat in this department so it's not unheard of. Also, bear in mind that "Hello Kitty Island Adventure" is a children's game, meaning the minigames and quests must be simple enough for younger ages and not too intuitive.

I think we should appreciate it when children's content is made for children, instead of looking for a game-of-the-year experience with experimental gameplay. It's simple, fun and not to be taken too seriously.



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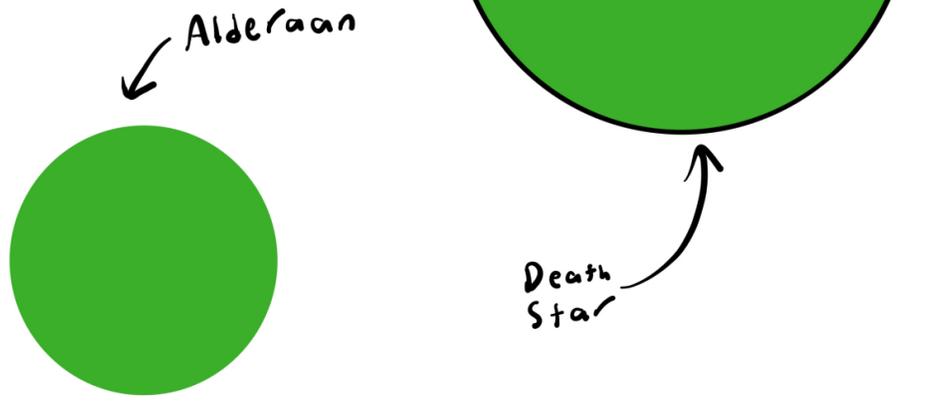
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IRSHAD MANJI AND THE DISHONESTY OF UCONN'S METANOIA

On Feb. 25, The University of Connecticut will be hosting Professor and Moral Courage Network Founder Irshad Manji as part of this semester's Metanoia programming. Manji already gave one keynote presentation on Feb. 5 and will be following it up with multiple workshops and training events, all centered on maintaining moral courage within controversial discussion, according to UConn Today. This is the second half of this year's Metanoia which began on April 17, 2024, entitled "pathways to productive civil discourse."

Metanoia at UConn is a special event which convenes during times of great social discord to give the university community, "an opportunity to pause, consider and debate issues facing the community, the nation or the world," according to UConn Today. The first was held in 1970, following a period of heightened racial tensions on campus, with many more since then covering issues such as the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal and the attacks on Sept. 11. These are significant processes brought forth when the administration of this school sees a need to specifically address a salient political issue on campus.

Although the exact reason why this Metanoia was called has not been addressed, the fact that the current conference was made in April 2024 and its strong focus on civil discourse allows people to infer it relates to the Israel and Palestine conflict.

Now, with that being said, it's worth going back to the speaker chosen to facilitate such discourse on the subject. Irshad Manji stepped into prominence with the publication of her first book, "The Trouble with Islam," wherein she advocates for the reform of Islam. Since then, she has become one of the most prominent critics of the current state of the religion and "Arab culture" more broadly. She has faced criticism from some scholars for "disproportionately targeting Muslims" and becoming a tool for "anybody who wants to smear Islam and bash Muslims." This is already a poor start for a speaker chosen to lead discussions within the context of the current conflict, as it is not hard to see how her beliefs on Islam could alienate many of the Muslims on this campus who this Metanoia would hope to bring into civil discourse.

Additionally, she has published specifically pro-Israel positions throughout the past decades. For example, in 2006 Manji published an op-ed in the New York Times entitled, "How I Learned to Love the Wall," where she actively defended the West Bank Wall and blamed Palestinians for its creation. She furthers the pretext of defense that was used to justify the wall's creation, while ignoring how it is both illegal under international law and was originally created with the explicit intention of stealing large swaths of land from Palestinians. She also frequently defended the state of Israel in "The Trouble with Islam" and specifically its treatment of Palestinians.

The point here is not to disparage one traveling professor's views but rather question why Manji was chosen to lead a content neutral discussion for this Metanoia when she herself is so clearly biased. If this is the university's way of dealing of Israel and Palestine, then does their invitation of a speaker clearly on one side of things not reveal something about their position as well? It rings hollow that Metanoia is meant to bring people together when the idealistic language presenting it is underwritten by a complete lack of actual impartiality.

The point of criticism is a disappointing lack of oversight into how this event was created, given the current political context on campus and the weight it holds to so many. If UConn wants to address how these events affect its community, it should choose programming that better reflects a desire to have an unbiased discussion. Having Manji, who has a strong public record of supporting one side of the Israeli/Palestine conflict, attempt to advocate for neutral debate over that same issue exposes the bias problem at the heart of this Metanoia.

The Evie-dence: Trump tweets don't have the impact that they used to

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From Instagram to X to his very own app Truth Social, President Donald Trump may be one of the most prolific posters, or at least one of the most impactful. Known for bold statements and emphatic disses, common people and politicians stay up to date on Trump's viewpoints and plans. While many can agree that the posts are entertaining, they also serve another function — Trump's tweets are known to shift markets. But do they really?

Back in 2019, bulge bracket investment bank J.P. Morgan developed the "Volfeffe" Index, an analysis tool that measures the impact of Trump's tweets on the market, specifically that of U.S. Treasury Bonds. The index revealed that the topics and keywords such as "China," "billion" and "products" in the tweets had a strong and statistically significant impact on market rates.

This week, J.P. Morgan analysts reported that they are starting to see a deviation from the trends observed when the Volfeffe was created in 2019. Unlike Trump's first term and the days that led up to it, this time around, he is posting far fewer and far less powerful items. Of 126 recent posts, only 10% caused clear market shifts. Additionally, of his posts, only 20 in January were related to pertinent topics such as foreign relations, trade and tariffs. Compared to 2018 and 2019, which yielded 60 trade related posts per week, this is a stark difference.

All of this begs the question, do people even care about what he posts anymore? And if not, why?

First, and most obviously, we know what Trump is capable of. During his first term, Trump's capabilities and persuasive

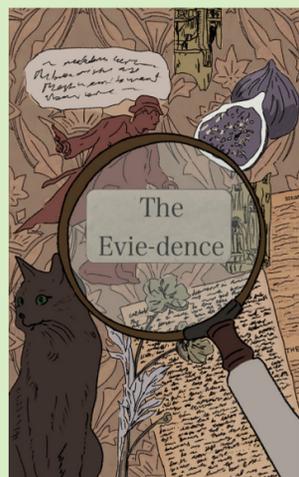
power were unknown. Citizens and investors were unsure that his ideas would pass through the system and be executed. It turned out that around 53% of the promises made during his 2016 campaign were unfulfilled, due to legislative obstacles or other issues. Knowing that now, we can expect a similar performance this time. In fact, the Associated Press reports that of seven tariff-and tax-related promises made this campaign season, work has begun on only one. With this in mind, market participants may be reluctant to react strongly to his posts, considering that they take extended time to materialize — if they do at all.

The most interesting statistic to look at in regard to market reactivity is the Fear & Greed Index, a multifactor measure of investor sentiment and stock prices. While CNN Fear & Greed Index data only goes back as far as 2021, people have used the same measures to estimate what the index would have looked like as far back as 2011. Looking at trends in this index and their relation to the announcement of tariffs reveals interesting trends. Using the estimated data and current data from CNN, it seems that the "fear factor" related to tariff announcements and tweets has decreased significantly from Trump's first term to now. This could potentially show that the market believes that these newly announced tariffs will not end up being imple-

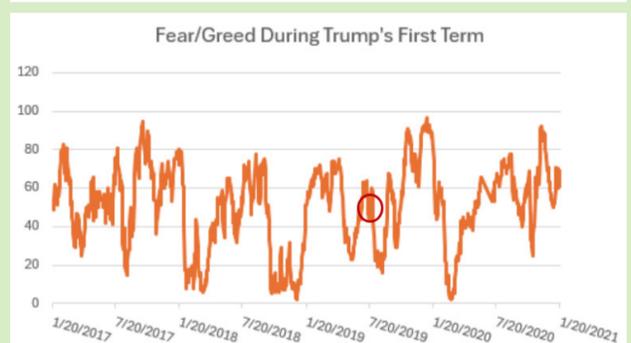
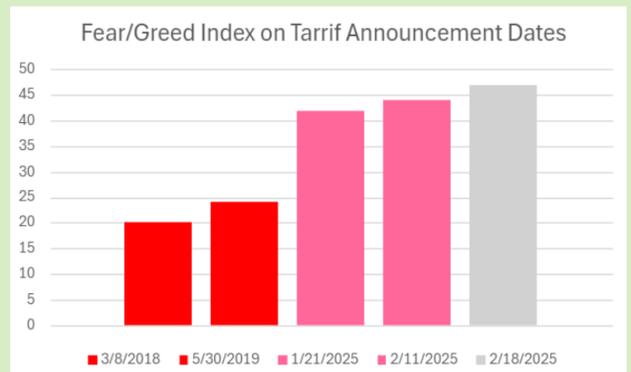
mented. It could also show that they doubt that any tariffs implemented will have a material impact on the economy.

Finally, Trump's tweets aren't landing because people are simply desensitized to his rhetoric. In his first term, Trump changed the scene of American politics by becoming one of the boldest and most social-media-active presidents, one of the things that his voters appreciate most. His posts are often generously filled with bold letters, strong adjectives and stirring calls to action. While this was shocking to many at first, it has now become the new normal for both supporters and opponents. Trump is expected to post often and decidedly, as are his political supporters. Americans are less sensitive to his capital letters and targeted posts, dulling their impact.

While Trump's social media presence remains strong, the data suggests that his posts are not having the market impact that they used to. The continuance of this trend is dependent on a variety of factors, many of which are outside of Trump's direct control. Nonetheless, this recent data indicates a new change, not just in market sentiment, but in the sentiment surrounding our leader. Trump's second term is just beginning and the data is limited, but it will be interesting to see how his impact changes as his presidency continues and more decisions are executed.



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Students enjoying the warm weather while walking through Fairfield Way on Feb. 24, 2025. This snow remains from the storm that passed through a week prior. PHOTO BY HANNAH GRIMES. GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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ROUNDTABLE: WHATS THE NEXT BIG SUPERSTAR TRADE?



FOLLOWING THE EARTH-SHATTERING NEWS OF THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS AND DALLAS MAVERICKS SWAPPING LUKA DONCIC AND ANTHONY DAVIS, MANY AROUND THE ASSOCIATION WONDER WHAT IS NEXT. AFTER ALL, BLOCKBUSTER TRADES ARE NOTHING NEW, DAWNING ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1919 WHEN THE BOSTON RED SOX SHIPPED BABE RUTH TO THE RIVAL YANKEES. HOWEVER, IN THIS WEEKS ROUNDTABLE, OUR GROUP OF WRITERS WILL FORECAST WHAT BIG TRADE THEY BELIEVE IS ON THE HORIZON IN ALL SPORTS.

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Ja Morant
The next big superstar trade in sports will be the Grizzlies moving on from Ja Morant. Morant is a star player who is just reaching his ceiling in the league. However, if Memphis wants to win a championship, they have a lot more work to do. They need to blow up their roster and start fresh. If they want to win a championship, they need to start by making a blockbuster to rebuild, and the perfect time to do it is when Morant's ceiling is at its highest.

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Devin Booker
If there's one thing that was proved with the Luka Doncic-Anthony Davis trade, it's that no superstar player is safe from getting traded. And looking at the current state of the NBA right now and all its star players, I believe that Devin Booker is likely the next big star to get traded. Drafted in 2015 at the age of 19, Booker has been the face of the Suns franchise for ten seasons and has consistently been viewed as one of the top guards in the league. He wouldn't make the playoffs until the 2020-

21 season, where they reached the finals against the Milwaukee Bucks, and after failing to get the title, it's been a series of disappointing playoff losses for Phoenix.

It's not that the All-Star guard has been putting in a lack of effort. This is a player who scored 70 and 62 on two separate occasions in the regular season and still lost. This is a player who's consistently been a scoring machine. But if the Suns fail to make a deep push in the playoffs like they have been the last few seasons, I wouldn't be surprised if Booker asks for a trade to a contending team where he can live out the rest of his prime now that he's hit 28 years of age.

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Trae Young
If I were Trae Young, why would I still want to be on the Atlanta Hawks? The Hawks have not had much recent success at all; they are currently fighting for their lives to stay in the Play-In Tournament, and Young has noted that he wants to "win now." While teams typically take many years to do a complete rebuild, Atlanta traded away Dejonte Murray, who was an All-Star caliber player for this squad. Young recog-

nizes this saying, "There's times teams want to take their time, be slow with winning, their process. It's just, I'm not there anymore, I want to win, and I've always been that way." Considering that the Hawks have an outside chance of making a deep play-off push, let alone making it, I would not be surprised if the 26-year-old guard asks the team for a trade in the near future.



BIG EAST BALLER UPDATE NO. 10: MARQUETTE AND UCONN ON THE DOWNFALL

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It has been a weird season for the Big East Conference. UConn was picked to win the Big East regular season title. Now, they are not even considered a lock for the NCAA Tournament.

Marquette is a lock, but they have lost four of their last six games, with the only wins coming against teams not even ranked in the top 130 on Ken-Pom (DePaul and Seton Hall). Their most recent game was a blowout loss to Villanova on Friday night, where Eric Dixon, the nation's leading scorer, led the way with 22 points.

It is panic time for a lot of teams in the Big East. The only trend is that St. John's is on the cusp of its first regular

season title in decades.

In this week's Big East Baller Update, we will look at our weekly awards and two pivotal games in the conference.

Weekly Awards

Player of the Week: Micah Peavy, G, Georgetown (25 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 5.5 apg, 5 spg, 44.2 FG%, 61.5 3P%, 50 FT% in two games)

Despite a 1-1 week for Georgetown, Peavy was spectacular for the Hoyas. In a 93-72 win over Providence, the Cibolo, Texas native became the first Division I player to finish a game with 30 points (career-high), seven rebounds, seven assists and six steals since 2014. The fifth-year senior is averaging 16.1 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.6 steals per game while shooting 46.3% from the field,

36.6% from deep and 64.4% from the free throw line. He has had an immediate impact on head coach Ed Cooley's team after spending his first four seasons in the Big 12 (freshman year at Texas Tech, last three seasons at TCU).

Freshman of the Week: Liam McNeeley, F, UConn (17 ppg, 8 rpg, 2.5 apg, 28 FG%, 9.1 3P%, 90.5 FT%)

McNeeley shot the ball poorly in a 1-1 week, with most of his points coming from the free-throw line. However, there was no real contender for this honor as the next-best scoring average from a freshman in the Big East was eight points per game. In the Huskies' win over Villanova, McNeeley put up a strong effort with 20 points and seven rebounds. However, he did not look his best on Sunday, post-

ing a 14-point, nine-rebound performance at St. John's.

Best games of the week (excluding both UConn games)

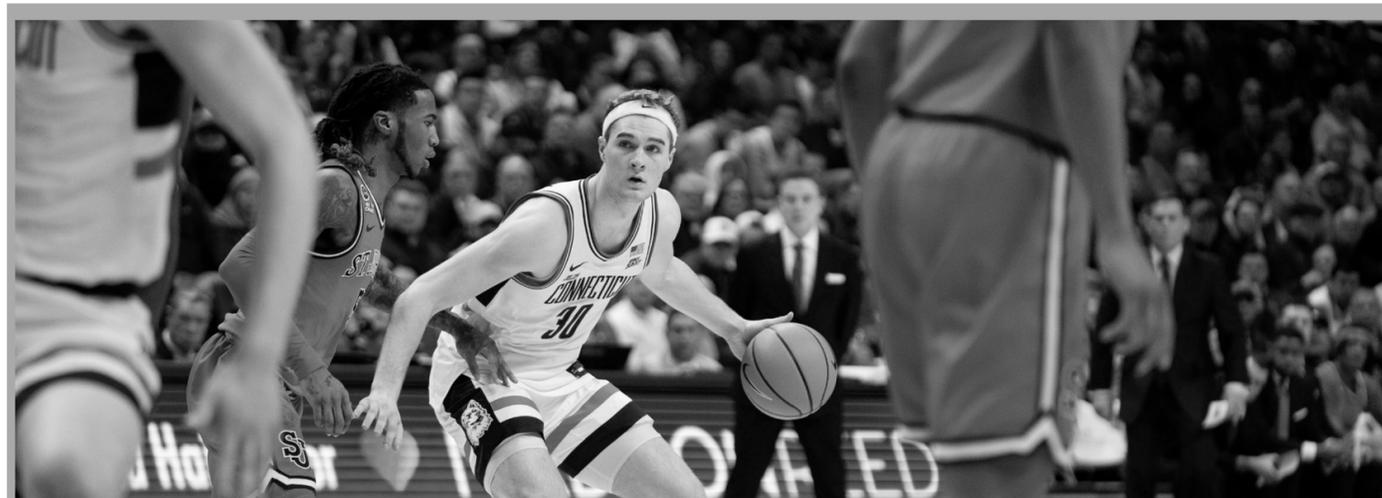
Creighton at Xavier (Saturday, 4:30 p.m., FOX)

This is an important game for both teams. Xavier is surging, while Creighton is regarded as one of the best teams in the Big East. Jamiya Neal and Ryan Conwell are coming off Big East Honor Roll-caliber weeks. Neal posted a 13-point, 12-rebound double-double along with nine assists in Creighton's 80-69 win over Georgetown. He is the first Big East player to post that stat line with one turnover or less in conference play since the 2005-06 season. On the other hand, Conwell has been red-hot for the Musketeers. In the past week, he

has averaged 18 points, three rebounds, two assists and 1.5 steals per game. He was tied for a team-high 14 points in a 76-63 win over Butler, but his best performance came at Seton Hall with 22 points.

No. 21 Marquette at Georgetown (Saturday, 8 p.m., Peacock)

I already reiterated the fact that Marquette is on the downfall right now, but a game at Georgetown could prove what kind of team they are. As we enter March, this game will come down to the guard play between Marquette's Kam Jones and Stevie Mitchell, and Georgetown's Micah Peavy and Malik Mack. Marquette will struggle to contain Thomas Sorber in the paint with Ben Gold being a mismatch. Expect a fun one in Washington, D.C. on Saturday night.



UConn men's basketball lost to St. John's on Friday Feb. 9. After a tough game, the Huskies fall despite a strong start.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Massive Dubs!



UConn women's lacrosse takes on Fairfield University at Joseph J. Marone Stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025. The Huskies took a massive 18-5 win over the Fairfield Stags, with #6 Rayea Davis scoring a career-high six goals.

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THE WEEKLY POWER PLAY: LA TO HOST THE 2025 NHL DRAFT

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From Auston Matthews in 2016, to Jack Hughes in 2019 and most recently Macklin Celebrini in 2024, the top picks of the NHL draft each year have all been announced at the NHL draft which takes place every June.

The NHL draft is a monumental time for not only the top prospects awaiting their fate, but their families, NHL teams and, of course, the devoted fans who tune in from across the world. However, this year, the NHL Board of Governors have chosen to decentralize the draft, meaning that only the top prospects, a limited number of fans and the media will be in attendance. In every draft prior, NHL club executives, scouts and coaches all attended in person but this year, their presence will be virtual.

This will be the second time that the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Kings organization has hosted the draft, with the last time being in 2010.

According to NHL.Com, Steve Mayer, the President of NHL Events and Content, stated, "The NHL Draft is an amazing showcase of the future stars of the National Hockey League so it's only fitting for it to be held in Los Angeles - a city filled with stars. With the support of the Kings, LA Tourism and Upper Deck, the prospects and our fans can expect a first-rate event with a new look and creative approach. We are excited to share more details in the coming months."

One reason why the NHL BOG chose to decentralize the draft was to make it easier for teams to make their picks. Allowing them to join virtually from the comfort of their home cities allows for less travel costs and essentially makes things more practical and convenient for the league.

It can be expected that NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman's role in the draft will be more prominent this year as fewer and fewer in person team members will be in attendance.

It will be interesting to see

how the league decides to incorporate former and current players into the event. Last year, recently retired Joe Thornton took the stage to announce the San Jose Shark's No. 1 pick, Macklin Celebrini. This is a common occurrence each year and is part of what makes the top picks feel so special. Perhaps the NHL BOG will invite the former players to be in attendance in person or maybe they will join online. Only time will tell.

The 2025 NHL Draft is set for June 27-28 and will be held at the Peacock Theater in L.A. With limited in person attendance available, the league is ensuring fans can watch from all over the world. The draft will be available to watch on many online platforms including ESPN, Sportsnet and the NHL Network, just to name a few.

With this being the first decentralized draft in the NHL's history, fans should expect surprises as Commissioner Bettman has hinted that many things will be different this time around.



A celebratory grin from Alexander Ovechkin after winning against the Edmonton Oilers last Sunday, Feb. 23.

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MENS HOCKEY: NO. 9 UCONN SET TO HOST NO. 10 BOSTON

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The UConn men's hockey team has two weeks left of the regular season until their playoff slate begins. But until then, the No. 9 Huskies will be back in action on Tuesday for a top 10 showdown against No. 10 Boston University. They are currently tied for 4th place with Providence in the Hockey East rankings while Boston University is in third place and eight points ahead of UConn.

This will be the second matchup of the season between the two teams as UConn traveled up to Boston in October. BU took the win in this game and Tommy Heaney made his first career start for UConn on the road in the 4-2 loss.

One of the strongest parts of the Huskies game this season has been their power play. Comparing their statistics from last season to this season, UConn has a +8

points per goal differential and a +9.5% Power play percentage differential. The Ice Bus are just one of the seven teams to have surpassed their total PPG numbers from their last season. The Huskies also currently lead the nation in short handed goals with eight.

Joey Muldowney has been one of the most productive players for the Huskies this season, registering a point in 12 of the last 14 games and a point in 20 of the team's 30 games played thus far. The sophomore forward is currently tied with Tage Thompson for most goals in a season in the Hockey East Era for UConn. One more goal in any of the Huskies last four regular season games will put Muldowney on top.

Hudson Schandor has continued to do his thing for the Ice Bus. The graduate student has registered a point in 13 of the last 15 games and he is coming off of a six-point weekend in the last Hockey East series for the Huskies.

The captain forward has eight goals, 23 assists for 31 total points on the season.

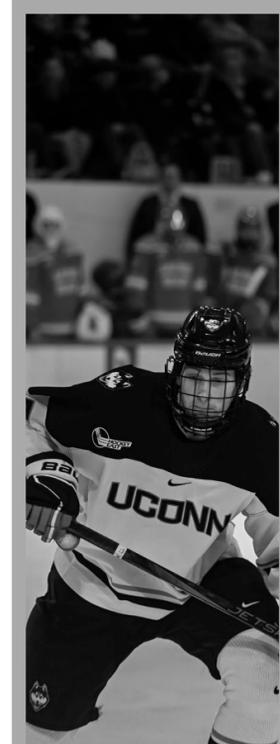
UConn will enter this matchup with Boston University with a 17-10-3 overall record and 9-8-3 in Hockey East play. However, they are currently 9-2-2 in the 2025 calendar year with both Schandor and John Spetz making history. Schandor surpassed Jachym Kondelik to become the leader for total points in the Hockey East era and Spetz surpassed Joe Masonius for most points by a defenseman in the Hockey East era.

Boston University is ranked No. 10 in the nation and No. 3 in the Hockey East conference. The Terriers will come into this game with an 18-12-1 overall record and 12-8-1 in Hockey East action. Last week, freshman goaltender Mikhail Yegorov was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week.

Yegorov made a career-high 43 saves on 44 shots in the Terriers 4-1 win over

No. 1 Boston College in the Beanpot final, and he also earned the Eberly Award. Then, in BU's 3-0 win over No. 7 Providence the next Saturday, Yegorov stopped all 30 shots he faced which included 16 in the third period and where he recorded his first NCAA shutout game. Last week, only one other player in the country made more saves than Yegorov and no player made more stops against top 10 teams than the BU freshman netminder. However, the Huskies have also been dominant at the net with freshman Callum Tung registering 32 saves against Maine last Friday and junior Tyler Muszelik having 27 saves against Alaska Anchorage two weeks ago.

No. 9 UConn will welcome No. 10 Boston University to the Toscano Family Ice Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 24 for a Top 10 Hockey East matchup. Puck drop is set for 7p.m. in Storrs, Connecticut and will be available to stream live on ESPN+.



The UConn Huskies take on Sacred Heart University at the Connecticut Ice Tournament in Fairfield on Jan. 25, 2025. The Huskies scored five minutes into the game, and secured a 1-0 win, taking home the championship.

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THE LOCKERROOM: UConn FOOTBALL SCHEDULE OUTLOOK AND PREDICTIONS CONTINUED

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Away vs. Boston College (10/18)

Coming into what will be the biggest game in program history, there will be a lot of nerves. However, Jim Mora will have his team ready as they are set to travel to Chestnut Hill to play a top-25 team in the Eagles. This will be a back-and-forth game with the Huskies getting the lead early over the Eagles, with a long first drive led by their running backs, making the score 7-0. The Eagles will answer though as their offense will put up 17 straight points to give them the advantage going into the half, 17-7.

After the half, the Huskies should claw back and should be down by three points heading into the fourth. This was accomplished, as they crossed the goal-line and added a field goal while the Eagles also added three points making the score 20-17. In the fourth quarter, Boston College should put

up another touchdown moving their lead to 10.

The Huskies should not go away, as they drive downfield to settle for a field goal drawing closer. The Huskies should recover the onside kick attempt; however, they probably cannot manage to get into the endzone as the time expires. This will be a great test for the Huskies. However, in the end they should not be able to pull off the upset. Following the loss, the Huskies should just miss out on being ranked for a second straight week.

Score Prediction: 27 - 20 Boston College

Away vs. Rice (10/25)

After a painful loss to Boston College, there should be lumps early in this game for the Huskies, as they are expected to make the long trip down to Texas. The heat should pose a problem in this one, as the Huskies should have fumble issues early giving Rice a leg up. Rice should hold the lead for most of the first half, but, UConn should rally in the second half and roll to a convincing win

down south, closing out a difficult two-game stretch.

Score Prediction: 24 - 14 UConn

Home vs. UAB (11/1)

Following the win against Rice, the Huskies should be happy to return to Rentschler Field, as they set their sights on a hungry UAB team, who they beat just a season ago. The Huskies and Dragons should go back in forth in this one, however, as the game goes on the Husky fans should expect the squad to gain momentum. This should in turn lead the team to the win behind a big game from Skyler Bell and the D-Line who should be a huge factor all game.

Score Prediction: 24 - 20 UConn

Home vs. Duke (11/8)

Back at the Rent, the Huskies will rematch against Duke, after nearly taking down the Blue Devils last season. Season two under Manny Diaz should be a good one for Duke. However, this time, Diaz will be outcoached by Mora. The game will be back and forth, with

both teams trading punches. However, at the end of the day the long travel and home-field advantage for UConn, will pose too big of a threat for the Blue Devils as they will most likely lose on a last-second field goal by Chris Freeman. With this win against Duke, the Huskies will once again be ranked as they move up to the 22nd best team in the nation.

Score Prediction: 24 - 17 UConn

Home vs. Air Force (11/15)

For the Huskies' final home game of the season and what will likely be their senior night, the program will play Air Force, a very good team with bowl aspirations. Air Force will come into Hartford and play a great game versus UConn, putting the home squad on the ropes late into the game. The Air Force offensive line and defense will be big in this one along with the ground game, as they should waste away the clock and get a big road win. Husky fans should expect the squad to not muster offense in this one and with the time of

possession in the Air Force's favor it was hard to gain momentum. After their loss, the Huskies should drop down to No. 25 in ranking.

Score Prediction: 28 - 14 Air Force

Away vs. Florida Atlantic (11/22)

In the final game of the season, the Huskies are set to go back on the road for a date with Florida Atlanta, who they previously beat the season prior. This should be a big team trip, as the Huskies will hope to come back from a disappointing loss versus Air Force. The Huskies should use the warm weather to their advantage, unlike in Texas, as they should have an offensive explosion with the ground and pass game. Defense should also step up, as the secondary should continue their great season, causing trouble for opponents on their way to a commanding win. The Huskies should stay at No. 25 in the rankings following this win.

Score Prediction: 34 - 14 UConn



The Huskies faced Wake Forest University at The Rent on Saturday, Oct. 19. UConn fell short in the fourth quarter, losing 20-23.

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Sports

BASEBALL: UCONN AVOIDS THREE-GAME SWEEP WITH CRUCIAL EXTRA INNINGS WIN



UConn mebs's baseball defeats LIU at home on Oct. 6th with a final score of 9-6 over a 12-inning game.

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After a rough three-game stretch in Caguas, Puerto Rico, the UConn men's baseball team looked ahead to a three-game series on the road at Florida Atlantic this past weekend. However, this road trip did not go to plan for Connecticut, as the Hook C lost two out of their three contests to FAU in close fashion.

On Friday, it was bump day for Gabe Van Emon, though his night didn't last long. Despite only lasting two innings, the southpaw threw 52 pitches, conceding a pair of hits and walks. However, no damage was done as the Owls failed to put any runs on the board, though the same could not be said for the Huskies.

As the lineup card turned over, UConn's top of the order got another lick at starting pitcher Trey Beard, and they didn't disappoint. After a pair of singles, Tyler Minick came up to the dish and belted a huge three-run jack to right field, putting the Huskies up 3-0 early. However, the Owls were far from done.

UConn reliever Oliver Pudvar ran into some trouble in the fifth inning as the Owls offense rallied after a quick flyout. Patrick Ward grinded out an eight-pitch at-bat before doubling to right center field. Jake Duer then drove his teammate in, but Jake Milan capped off the four-run, four-hit inning with a massive three-run jack to left field, giving the Owls the 4-3 advantage. The Huskies could never recover, as while Grant MacArthur tied the game at four runs a piece, Ward again grinded out a full count two-out RBI, meaning that the Owls held on for the 5-4 victory.

Saturday's contest was a stark contrast to Friday, as runs came at a bunch for both programs. UConn starter Ian Cooke made it out of the first inning but came out of the ball game after facing two hitters in the second. The New Milford native conceded nine runs (six earned) on eight hits. While FAU jumped out to a 17-1 lead at one point, the Huskies responded. Minick hit a massive grand slam in the fifth inning after the program strung together some singles. However, Connecticut wasn't done. A few batters later, up came Maddix Dalena, who knocked in another baserunner, capping off an excellent seven-run inning. The

Huskies followed this up with another seven-run outburst in the sixth inning, thanks to a pair of homers from Carter Groen and Anthony Belisario. Many of UConn's scoring opportunities all day long were set up by their ability to stay disciplined at the plate and work themselves into favorable counts. Rob Rispoli displayed UConn's ability to stay disciplined, walking on five pitches to plate in another run. After a no-out sacrifice fly, UConn stranded a pair of base runners, which came back to bite them later. Despite putting up 17 runs on 18 hits, the Hook C could not overcome the FAU offense that day, which scored in every inning other than the fourth. Connecticut fell 25-17.

While the bats never failed Connecticut up to this point, they needed better pitching if the program was to avoid the season sweep and chalk up their first win of the young season. UConn got that on Sunday, as the program posted their first win of the year, outlasting the Owls 5-3 in extra innings. Thomas Ellisen put up an excellent four-inning start, only conceding one run.

While FAU initially jumped out to a 1-0 lead, the Hook C offense quickly responded. UConn managed to load the bases in the top of the seventh. While Bryan Padilla grounded into a double play, a run scored, which evened the contest. However, in the bottom frame, Marshall Lipsey hit a massive two-run home run, giving the Owls a two-run advantage heading into the eighth. However, as they have done so many times before, Connecticut responded.

Minick responded with a massive two-run blast of his own. And after a three up, three down bottom of the ninth, Sunday's contest was heading for extras.

The longball again saved UConn, as Ryan Daniels put one over the wall, giving UConn the early 5-3 lead in the 10th. Despite getting the tying run up to bat in the bottom half of the frame, Brady Afthim shut the door, completing his three-inning stint, meaning UConn held on for their first win of the year, 5-3.

While the season has not gone to plan for the program thus far, UConn has shown flashes of talent. The offense is there, and so is the hitting. Both sides of the ball finally came together for the program on Sunday. UConn has a chance to play its most complete baseball yet this weekend in the Dodger Classic, where they will compete against USC, UCLA and Vanderbilt.