The members of the University of Connecticut’s recently- formed President’s working group on sustainability and the environment were announced on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The group was named the President’s Sustainability Group and will meet seven times during the week in the wake of climate protests on campus as a means of identifying the road map for the university for the future.

The group will represent various departments and campus groups, including six under-graduate students, one graduate student and eight faculty members. There are also four ex-officio members, all of whom are staff from various departments around campus.

Leadership for the group is Scott Jordan, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer at UConn. Jordan says that his intentions with the group were to increase transparency in the university and, in regards to environmental initiatives.

“With the creation of the President’s Sustainability Group, we are taking a step forward in making choices that are fair to the university,” Jordan said. “Our choices need to be made in a way that’s inclusive to the community.”

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"At Mooyah, we do everything we can from training and daily operations to ensure that we are upholding USDA standards when it comes to the health department," Hill said. "It isn’t about making money. It is about feeding the community and keeping every- one safe."

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Four University of Connecticut students, Kunal Katara, Daniel Rieder, Martin Villanueva and Mary DiMartino, have confirmed their offers to the corps to begin work with Teach for America in fall 2020.

“Teach For America is a diverse network of leaders who confront educational inequality by teaching for at least two years and then working with unaccommodating systems to create new solutions to generate a nation free from this injustice,” according to the Teach for America website.

“This is a very selective program, and all four students have prepared to become educators through different majors and backgrounds, Andrea Beltran Vega, Teach for America campus recruiter, said. Mary DiMartino, one of the recruits, is a seventh-semester psychology major. Having always been passionate about working with children, she decided on the background in the educational field due to the main educational settings.

“I have worked for a lot with disabled children and I think the most related experiences involve working in a classroom teaching a first grade classroom and being a Spectrum Program member,” DiMartino said. “These two positions have given me the opportunity to interact with children in a formal educational setting where I’m impacting their learning.”

The major and background of the other recruits vary, as Kataria is a seventh-semester management major in the business school, Rieder in a seventh-semester biology major and an AEM, and Villanueva in a finance major, said Beltran Vega.

Beltran Vega has worked for Teach for America in her senior year. Seeing a disparity in the education and school system has motivated her to work with Teach for America in making an impact in primary schools.

A senior campaign aide said Buttigieg by traditional donors

But as the field grew, Harris’ support dropped sharply from the majority of voters that drove tens of millions of dollars to Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

“Europe and abroad, and to be able to take my voice in the race, out before others who raised less and were less electable. It’s not a loss to have her voice in the race,” said Aimee Alcaraz, who leads The People’s List, a group that promotes women of color.

Harris ultimately could not make a counter that resonated with voters or secure the money to continue her run.

The Democratic field, which is dominated by a top tier that is white and mostly male, was an important voice in the race, out before others who raised less and were less electable.

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In her note to supporters, Harris wrote, “It’s been an honor to fight for the most diverse, progressive and inclusive Democratic field.”

Harris has been a consistent voice in the race, out before others who raised less and were less electable.

“I’m not a billionaire,” she said. “I’m not the kind of person who can write a $50 million check to win the nomination. I’m not a candidate who can send a billionaire to the White House. I’m the kind of person who can win this race by speaking to the American people and bringing them together.”

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There are many problems plaguing our world. Some of these problems are dire, impacting areas or certain groups of people, whereas others are more subtle. No matter which of these universal problems we all work to combat is climate change.

Climate change is a phenomenon with global implications. It is occurring at an alarming rate. However, some people still do not recognize or believe that it is actually happening, and is severely threatening the world.

Climate change encompasses the changing temperatures and climate systems due to global warming. This results in the changing wildlife populations, rising sea levels, habitat destruction, and a multitude of other impacts. Current trends indicate that these changes are very real all over the world, and there is ample evidence to show that current systems and animals — essentially everything — is suffering.

An example of this is in Australia, where the wildfires are raging across the eastern part of the country. These wildfires are destroying entire ecosystems, which is especially harming the koala population of Australia. The population has been declining for years due to deformations, firestorms killing to seek out new homes, and often being killed by cars or trucks while doing so. This is causing the popula-

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Although the club practices together, Yang says that getting to the gym and working out on one’s own is very helpful. Workouts allow club members to gain strength that they need for certain moves.

“Wushu is a full-body sport, it’s not just jolts and kicks,” Yang said. “Forearms and how much you can actually dangle your arms while helping with jumping. Jumps are jointly better, too.”

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Each member can earn a score of up to 10 points: four for technique, four for performance, and two for jumps. These routines are often group performances, or choreographed routines.

“Outside of Stores, Wushu competes in various competitions. They attend the annual Collegiate Wushu Tournament and the University of Maryland’s Wushu Games. Competition routines are typically performed solo and can earn a score of up to 10 points for technique, four for performance and two for jumps. These routines are usually only one minute to one minute and a half long. They’re pretty explosive,” Yang said. “So we typically keep it pretty short.”

While it’s more popular in Southeast Asia and Europe, the sport of wushu is growing in America. "There’s about 20 universities with substantial wushu teams, mainly concentrated on the west and east coasts. Yang says that the number of difficulties facing a group is how to judge performances, since there are many variations within the sport."

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Each actor brought a lot of heart to their roles and it was blown away by the incredible acting. Supporting actors such as Taylor Kitsch and JK Simmons also added additional depth to the film.

Although the movie certainly has its share of action and thrills, there were more muddled, car chases and shooting than I can even count – the general plot falls short. It's predictable and fails to go into enough detail about, well, anything. Characters have so much potential but are left underdeveloped, the central plot is a jumble. Connor and the other leading characters are often predictable and there is more killing than cashing out with glorious sensations.

Another issue with the film is the lack of context for the audience in general. Instead of motivations behind certain actions, people's rules in crime being revealed naturally or certain details of the film being explained in depth, they are glossed over or misused completely. We only briefly learn about character backgrounds and motives, which could have been a really interesting aspect of the film but fell flat.

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It’s everybody’s favorite part of the year: Finals season! Just kidding. However, as soon as you finish your last exam, you’ll be more than ready to enjoy your winter vacation and the upcoming holidays. Whether you’re in the camp of people who have been blasting holiday music since Halloween, people who have not heard over 100 times, Grande can most certainly deliver. Her dulcet tones are immediately recognizable and their warm quality is perfect for the cozy qualities that the holidays should bring.

**“I’ll Be Home for Christmas” by Mariah Carey**

This song has a special place in my heart, from playing at the end of the classic holiday movie, “The Polar Express,” to being the song that was chosen for my fifth-grade class to sing. Groban’s unmistakable baritone will make you want to believe in anything – the magic of the holidays. As an ex-student of yours, that you won’t get asked about your love life during the annual family party.

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**“I GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM” by Idina Menzel & Billy Porter**

There’s a quixotically warm quality that certain artists’ voices have that is perfectly suited for heartwarming holiday music, as I have mentioned, and Idina Menzel definitely has it. Even before she became known as Disney’s ice queen Elsa, Menzel’s Broadway prowess has always shone me. Coupled with other Broadway powerhouse Billy Porter, this cheeky ditty is a treat to the ears.
For many years now, I have had the tradition to spend a day in NYC with my dad during the holiday season. Though somewhat of a tourist destination throughout the month of December, it is hard to find a more festive place to visit this time of year.

Arriving at Grand Central is always an awe-inspiring experience, even after seeing it for the 100th time. During the holidays, the famous train station is transformed into a winter wonderland decorated with wreaths and red ribbons. Before you leave, check out the miniature train exhibit and holiday market featuring homemade gifts and gourmet food.

Our first stop each year is to grab breakfast at Pershing Square. Tucked underneath the bridge right outside of Grand Central, Pershing Square is the perfect place for a nice warm meal to start off the day. The inside of this cafe is decorated with Christmas trees and candy cane striped lanterns. I always order the pancakes and a cup of rich hot cocoa. The cakes are light and fluffy, dusted with powdered sugar that melts like snow in your mouth.

Rockefeller Center is a popular destination in the city this time of year, and though the lit-up tree is mesmerizing, I suggest making this one of the first stops of the day. You will avoid the crazy (and I mean crazy) crowds that come at nightfall, and be able to get some great views of the decorations and skaters on the ice.

I also recommend checking out the festive shop windows early on in the day to avoid long lines. The windows at department stores such as Macy’s and Bloominghales are uniquely decorated each year with mechanical moving parts and fun displays.

Take a break from the bustling scene in the Manhattan streets and head over to Battery Park. The Winter Garden in Brookfield Place features palm trees and interactive colored lights. The French Food Hall “Le District” is perfect for a quick sandwich or bowl of soup. Be sure to check out the great views of the water and the Statue of Liberty!

As dusk starts to fall, take a stroll through Greenwich Village. You will pass a number of quaint lit-up doorways and small Christmas tree farms, reminders of the small joys of the holidays. You might get lucky and come across a group of carolers, taking to the streets to spread Christmas cheer the old-fashioned way.

Before taking the train back home, stop at Bryant Park to see the holiday shops. Taking a look at the wide array of unique gifts is a great way to end the day and do a little Christmas shopping. Be sure to stop at No Chewing Allowed for a cup of the most decadent hot chocolate and Waffles and Dinges for an out-of-this-world crispy sweet treat. The menu outside will remind visitors of the company’s winning waffle that beat Bobby Flay, featuring a gooey speculaas spread.

Take one more look at the crowd of friends and families, holding hands and sharing smiles before heading back to Grand Central. After all, this is what the holidays are all about.
Students receive free t-shirts and buttons at a table in the Student Union as part of Tampon Time. Tampon Time is a USG initiative offering free menstrual products in various locations around campus.

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Letter to the Editor

A pack of cigarettes comes with a warning from the surgeon general. The van from Eastern Connecticut’s Women’s Center provides, as advertised, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. However, there is no warning on the van that it is funded and sent by anti-choice organizations. We stand outside the van with signs and flyers to provide the disclaimer that Students For Life and Caring Families Corporation refuses to include with their services.

The van that appears on campus monthly is funded by Caring Families CT, a pro-life group that runs various anti-abortion programs throughout the state. The organization runs the Women’s Center of Eastern Connecticut, a fake pregnancy center that misleads pregnant people in order to keep them from seeking abortions. Caring Families themselves are funded by Care Net, a nationwide pro-life group that runs over 1,100 fake pregnancy centers around North America.

Several of our members have, in fact, had the displeasure of interacting at length with the employees of the van and members of Students For Life. During the October 25th protest, two of our members argued for over an hour with one of the van employees, and received two pieces of the van’s literature, including a pamphlet that falsely painted abortion as a dangerous procedure. The same member had a conversation with two members of Students For Life, one of which was actually the author of a clumsy op-ed defending the van that was recently printed in the Daily Campus. The same employees and club members that we interacted with extensively then complained, only hours later, that our members refused to engage. Frankly, this kind of deception is unsparing from an organization that will lie about the dangers of abortion, conceal their true motives, and create thousands of clinics attempting to steal patients from comprehensive healthcare providers.

This organization targets a vulnerable demographic, low income people who may be pregnant and does not disclose, unless pushed, that they are a pro-life organization. They do not disclose, unless pushed, that during their “options counseling” they try to talk people out of getting abortions, do not inform people that they have a legal right to an abortion, and refuse to tell them where they can get an abortion if the patient desires one. The information they provide about abortion procedures are cherry-picked or fully falsified information about how the procedure is dangerous. During a conversation with the employee of the van, she actually told us that Planned Parenthood forces or pressures people into abortions and does not provide other options. Whether she believes this to be true or is purposefully misleading people, this is dangerous and false information. Students are busy and stressed, and if pregnant they could be afraid and desperate for options. They may not know or have the time to deeply question the employee or research the Women’s Center of Eastern Connecticut or Caring Families. That is why YDSA, with other organizations, stands outside the van.

We have information verified by reputable comprehensive healthcare providers. We are here to provide information, so that students can make their choices without deception.

We agree that there is a void in access to reproductive health on campus, but rather than interacting with a anti-choice organization, we are in the process of organizing a ride-share program to Planned Parenthood. A choice based on misinformation is not a choice, no matter what Cade Buckheit tells you. Students can use the van if they choose, we can not and will not stop them. We have not even attempted to get the van barred from campus, despite the risk to public health they pose. Instead, we simply provide students with information so they can make a fully informed decision about where to seek care. We encourage students to engage with Students For Life and the employees and see what they have to say. By all means, question them, receive their services, and take their free stuff. Anyone with any questions should visit exposecpcsct.org. Or, if deceptive Crisis Pregnancy Centers make you angry too, join us on December 6th from 1-5, standing outside the van on Fairfield Way to provide a disclaimer.
Column: Madden 20 is a shameless cash grab and EA should be ashamed

Jorge Eckardt
STAFF WRITER

Sports video games are one of the most popular pastimes today, especially the video game industry. With new versions being released every year, companies such as EA are able to produce them are often times cash grab games. It is usually the same thing almost every year with very small differences. Because of this, many fans don’t enjoy the games. Yet, Madden, the roster update takes care of most if not all of the time for you to spend it on a game every year. Usually, it’s enough.

This year’s Nunes year is_uploading when Madden takes the rule of lavishness, greed and general disregard for their customers. Let’s start with the major gameplay update. The big update was that you could purchase a franchise pass and superstars packs which are some of the best players in the NFL. With this came a multitude of town-level abilities that were applied to players. From now on, instead of just improving, which improved how they played, there were new abilities that made them feel like the minimum that they could do. While this was the case, Madden didn’t replace them with any new abilities instead of making any major changes. Many fans that normally play Madden this year had already should have been doing so by this time, instead of changing the changes that they made, like adding another option to get a new game mode centered around the week of Thanksgiving, this overall the game is very similar to what fans had expected.

But, like I said before, that’s only half of the problem with this game, because frankly, these gameplay updates are larger than ones they have made in the past. No, not necessarily in terms of the gameplay they’re introducing just the sheer number of new player cards, which is a massive issue. This is a franchise pass, where you would get cards that are limited to certain teams so the only way you could get them is by purchasing them. The problem is with this game, being introduced to some of college basketball teams play in NCAA tournaments and Juwan Howard beating two of the best players in the league play. After the college basketball tournament, this team that dons that awful shade of yellow.

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Going, but head coach Dan Hurley isn’t worried just yet.

Slow starts have been a common theme in the early days of Hurley’s squad. The UConn men will look to not let history repeat itself.

A main contributor to that loss was a lethargic start-out of the gate. The Huskies shot 30.6% from the floor and entered the locker room trailing by 16. Slow starts have been a common theme in the early going, but head coach Dan Hurley isn’t worried just yet.

“We’re still trying to be a good team,” Hurley said. “I don’t think we’re at the point where you like start looking into bad starts to a half. Trying to go from being a bad team the last couple of years to a good team. In order to do that you have to be consistent … Just as a program we’ve still immature. We’re better. We’re more talented. We’re trending in the right direction, but it takes time to be consistent—by good.”

Akok Akok has found himself in the center of that upward trend. The walk-on freshman has started every game for the Huskies (3-2) this season and is averaging nearly 15 rebounds a game. He is second in the conference and ranks 22nd in the nation.

“Akok’s helped change our whole defensive identity,” Hurley said. “Of all the new guys, Akok is the main reason why we’re trending in the right direction. He’s ready for the challenge.

Standing at 6-foot-6 and 210 pounds, Hurley called Crawford a “matchup nightmare,” as he can play a number of positions, primarily the three and the four. Through four games he is averaging 15.3 points per game for the Huskies.

As for the Gaels (2-2), they have shown the ability to play a matchup zone as well as man-to-man. UConn scored a quick 11 points when Maine opened the game in a 2-3 zone, but was held to 64 points overall. Hurley saw a similarity to a previous UConn opponent—Buffalo.

Iona plays a 2-3 zone defense, but has shown the ability to play that rotation only becomes more talented. We’re trending in the right direction, but it takes time to be consistent—by good.”

Along with fellow first-year players Jalen Gaffney and Isaiah Washington, they combine for 15 points a game and are the top-two playmakers on the team with 17 assists and 14 assists respectively.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion and the game will be televised by SNY.
Walker, however, isn’t the only Husky to improve and co-exist with new teammates. Janai Crooms has played a major part in the success of the team throughout the season, with Walker putting up 19 points and four assists in a win over the Knicks on Sunday, while shooting 9-of-17 and four assists in a victory against the Jazz last Wednesday night. Walker’s offensive versatility will be crucial on Wednesday night, as the Wolves continue to form a new identity behind the likes of Karl-Anthony Towns and D’Angelo Russell. In the last two games, Walker has averaged 22.5 points and 9.5 assists per game. Over the last ten games he has had a field goal percentage of 41.6, putting up 15, 16 and 20 points, respectively, against the Grizzlies, Jazz and Hawks, all in winning efforts. Lamb is crucial to the offense, and the subsequent returns of Victor Oladipo will only make them that much more dangerous. The Pacers stand sixth in the Eastern Conference at 10-9, as they get set to face the Thunder on Wednesday night to face Oklahoma City. Andre Drummond and Rudy Gay went at it on Sunday as the Detroit Pistons faced the San Antonio Spurs. Gay had a big game, finishing with 25 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, while shooting just under 30% from the field. At a little under 35 minutes per game, he will continue to impact the game with his shooting and defensive versatility. Drummond’s dominance in the rebound department has not changed; averaging 16.3 points and 12.0 rebounds per game, while shooting just over 50% from the field. Phillip Wilson will look to show flashes of the brilliance he displayed in Portland and Brooklyn as the season progresses. Minnesota currently sits seventh in the Western Conference at 10-10, with 13 home games remaining. Whether she’s singing or speaking, UConn softball captain Carli Cutler’s voice fills the room — and people listen. PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE LAO, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS
Carli Cutler: Positivity through tragedy

Whether she’s singing or speaking, UConn softball captain Carli Cutler’s voice fills the room – and people listen.

“She’s confident, she’s one of those people that when you talk to her you can just tell right away that she’s a very confident person,” co-captain Olivia Sappington said on what stands out to her about Cutler. “It really helps her in life, being able to command a room, not just being able to command a team on the field, but being able to have a presence within a classroom she’s in and everything she goes into.”

Cutler is a beacon of positive energy and confidence for the rest of the team to build off. Her presence was learned in part from her family, parents Todd and Deanna and sister Camille, who instilled positivity in her from a young age. Projecting good vibes and being a leader runs in her veins.

“She is an energy-giver,” head coach Laura Valentino said. “She truly electrifies a room and really spreads the energy. She is so positive with the tone that she sets every practice.”

Todd, who played tight end for New Mexico State in the ‘80s, was elected mayor in Fernley, Nevada where the Cutlers spent Carli’s single-digit years. Now, they live in Rocklin, California where he is the superintendent for the Winters Joint Unified School District there.

“She has a vision and she knows what she wants, and is going to go for it,” pitcher Marybeth Olson said. “At the same time, she is very caring and just wants everyone to succeed, on the field obviously, but off the field too and I think in a big reason why we are starting to see the program turn around a bit. She just has that vision and she goes and attacks it.”

Part of that vision is to get the team to be closer knit and bring the family values she holds so close to her, to the rest of the team. This includes “rip-pin’ lips” on the team’s fishing trip and playing a starring role in Olson’s vlog series – found under @justbeanthings on Instagram.

Cutler is a table-setter, or a “thermometer” in the words of Valentino; when she goes, so does the rest of the team.

“She is definitely one of those people that brings it every single day, and some days it is really hard to bring that high intensity, especially when life is just draining you in every direction,” Sappington said. “Her energy, people feed off of it and I feed off of it.”

The senior is always moving on the field, picking up dirt at her home at the hot corner or shouting, so when she doesn’t have it someone else must pick up the slack – that’s where the look comes in.

When Cutler or Sappington don’t have their usual stash of energy, they have a look that lets the other know to step up in their place. Unfortunately, no look or pick-me-up could possibly have satisfied the void that comes with the tragedy Cutler experienced at the very start of last season.

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