



# THE ROVING EYE

## The A.A.C in Final Four on Both Sides

By Earl Heath

The Inaugural basketball season of the American Athletic Conference has many teams headed in towards some good places in basketball history. The UCONN Men and Women teams are in the Final Four- It marks the 11th time in NCAA history both from the same school are in it together. The UConn Women who are on a "Path to Perfection" have gone 38-0 this season. They've won 44 in a row dating back to last season.

The Huskies defeated Texas A & M 69-54 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Keelana Mosqueda-Lewis of Anaheim Hills led the team in scoring with 17 points. She was unanimously named most outstanding player of the region.

The UConn Men team have been a surprise in the post season to those outside of Connecticut. They entered the post season as a NCAA seven seed in the Eastern Regional and plowed their way all the way to the Final Four in Dallas At (30-8) they had wins over No.2 Villanova, No.3 Iowa State and no.4 Michigan State.

"I will love my return to Texas," said Huskies head coach Kevin Ollie. That was the birth place of the former Crenshaw high stand-out who grew up a Cowboys fan.

In January days before the team was to play SMU they took a ride to Cowboy Stadium in Arlington. There was a method to all this. "Of course there was a point to it," Ollie



DeAndre Daniels  
UConn / Taft



Kaleena Mosqueda Lewis  
UConn / Anaheim Hills

lie said "We didn't want to see the Cotton Bowl or whatever they were playing. We wanted to see the [huge video screen]. Close your eyes and think about the stadium being full, with UConn fans and us coming out on top with the confetti dropping down. I wanted them to realize that it was possible."

DeAndre Daniels of Taft High has been a force in the tourney. Against Iowa State, the 6-8 junior had 27 points and 10 rebounds. He had 12 points and eight rebounds against Michigan State on Sunday and has averaged 17 points in the NCAA Tournament. Overall, Daniels is averaging 13 points and 5.9 rebounds in 36 games this season. Former Los Angeles Clipper and UCLA Bruin head Coach Larry Brown will lead his SMU team

into the Madison Square Garden in the NIT Finals (at Press time). The Mustangs defeated Clemson of the ACC 62-59 in the Semi-finals. Brown has been to 7 NCAA tournaments resulting in 3 Final Fours. He was runner up in 1979-80 falling short to Danny Crum and Louisville in the Championship Game and won the title while at Kansas (1988) with another former Clipper Danny Manning helping lead the way.

POST SEASON AWARDS : Three of the Associated Press First team selection are from The American Athletic Conference They are: Sean Napier (UConn), Sean Kilpatrick ( Cincinnati ), and Russ Smith of Louisville. Also making the team were freshman Jbari

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## Latina Women 'Lean In' On Their Own Terms

Just as Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg launched her campaign to ban the word "bossy" in the name of female empowerment, a new study was released by the Pew Research Center that highlights the incredible strides made by Latina women, America's fastest growing demographic. The study showed that Latina women are doing fine without Ms. Sandberg's advice.

Nearly 80 percent of Latina high school graduates are going on to college, surpassing even the impressive college-bound rates of their white, non-Latina counterparts. Meanwhile, the number of Latina-owned businesses has



climbed 180 percent since 1997 and totaled 944,000 firms in 2013 — more than 1 in every 10 female-owned business in the country. Sandberg — America's most celebrated businesswoman and feminist — is credited with rebooting the feminist movement by challenging young women to pursue high-

powered career tracks. Too many women, she argues, are subconsciously eschewing demanding careers, hedging their bets on children and families they don't yet have. In short, she assumes that women are not thinking rationally and are not in the driver seats of their lives and decisions.

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## El Camino College Compton Center Counselor Named Faculty Member of the Year



El Camino College Compton Center counselor and human development instructor Michael Odanaka was recently named recipient of the Full-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award for his leadership and local advocacy efforts on behalf of all faculty members. The award is given annually by the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) at its Advocacy & Policy Conference in Sacramento.

Odanaka was one of four honorees selected by the FACCC Board of Governors from a group of educators in California who were nominated for awards in different categories by their peers. FACCC is a statewide professional membership association that advocates solely for all California Community College faculty.

"I am honored to receive this award on behalf of the entire faculty at El Camino College Compton Center," said Odanaka in his acceptance speech. "I have the privilege of serving the local communities along with an extraordinary group of individuals dedicated to teaching, counseling, and providing vital student support services. The faculty has worked incredibly hard to help build and strengthen the partnership between the El Camino College and Compton Community College Districts."

The colleague that nominated

Odanaka pointed out in the nomination letter, "As Academic Senate President at El Camino College Compton Center, Odanaka has worked intensely to ensure that faculty members are appreciated, respected and acknowledged, especially during challenging times." Odanaka has served as a counselor for the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) program since 1987 when he joined the faculty. During his time at ECC Compton Center, he has taken on many special assignments. In 2010, he co-chaired the California Nisei Diploma Project, a statewide effort to locate, and bestow honorary degrees to Japanese American students whose studies were interrupted when they were sent to relocation campus during World War II. In addition, he has participated on committees for the FACCC and Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. He earned a master's degree in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, a second master's degree in psychology from California State University, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Dartmouth College. Prior at working at ECC Compton Center, Odanaka worked for eight years at the University of California, Los Angeles in the Academic Advancement program.

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