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# NEWS

## Housing Selection Hits a Roadblock

**BY KARINA KRUL**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 2019-2020 housing selection process took place over the last few weeks, and encountered some problems along the way. The system crashed on Friday, March 29, causing many students to be left in the dark, and forced them to restart the process the next day.

The housing system crashed due to a technical error with the server. When the crash occurred, it affected all students who had not yet reserved a housing assignment. These students were assigned a new time to reserve a room in the order of their originally selected numbers, and they restarted the process once the system was restored.

Amanda Emmerich, a junior criminal justice major, is one of the students currently without housing. In the initial selection process she was given a room assignment, but due to the system crash it was revoked. Emmerich never got another chance to choose a room before all rooms were taken.

"We do not have a place to live next year," said Emmerich.

She said her and her parents have tried to email and call for more information and are upset with how the university is handling the situation because "no one cares enough to even have a conversation."

"Why do we keep accepting more and more students if we don't have the capacity to hold all of them?" said Emmerich.

Recently, the university began guaranteeing four years of housing to incoming freshman classes. This began in the fall of 2016 with the now rising seniors, which means this year is the first time every student meeting the requirements has been guaranteed housing. According to Nicole McGrath, associate dean of Residential Life, students must "continuously reside in university housing and meet all room deposit and room selection eligibility criteria and deadlines."

Although every student meeting these requirements is guaranteed a place in campus housing, not every student with this guarantee has been placed into a dorm room. McGrath said that the Office of Residential Life (ORL) is working with the students without an assignment to find them housing. McGrath does not think there will be a problem placing all students

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who requested housing. She also said that they do not anticipate needing to refund room deposits.

"Historically, we have been able to assist every student who has requested housing," said McGrath.

Erin Cuomo, a junior public relations major, was not directly impacted by the system crash, but is currently without housing due to a lack of available dorms. Her and her group needed to go into the incomplete housing process because there were no four-person rooms available when their time slot came. Cuomo said the that the rooms available for incomplete senior housing were gone without half an hour and they have not yet heard whether or not they would receive a room soon.

"They knew how many students submitted \$500 deposits, and they knew how many rooms were available," said Cuomo.

### **Below Gerber Hall**

Photos Courtesy of Anna Downs

## College of Health Sciences Seeks New Accreditation

**BY ERIN STEVENIN**  
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The School of Health Sciences opened in 2018, and has 55 faculty members and 450 students in 8 different programs. The university plans to add more programs as the school grows.

The university's goal is to receive certification by Planetree International and has signed a letter of intent to set the plan in motion. Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Summer McGee, said, "[the university is] in a very strong position to earn Planetree Certification."

This would make University of New Haven one of the first schools in the United States to be certified by Planetree International. Planetree is an association focused on improving care-giving by "personalizing, demystifying, and humanizing the patient experience," according to their website. Their certification process requires planning and executing a strategy for more person-centered care.

The School of Health Sciences has already received awards and accreditations from other organizations. They were ranked in the top 80 health profession schools in the U.S. by College Factual, a website that uses available data to rank colleges on cost and performance.

For their dietetics and clinical nutritional services program,

College Factual rated the school #30 in the U.S. The school is already accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, Commision on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Planetree International focuses on the idea of patient-centered care. Planetree sets standards that include providing safe, warm environments as well as giving patients respect. High standards for engagement between staff and patients are linked to improved health outcomes.

Typical accreditations received by colleges focus on educational standards and learning opportunities for students. Planetree focuses on the treatment of patients.

The campus community pairs well with the holistic care that Planetree encourages. McGee said, "[the certification] will have a positive effect on our facilities, faculty, curriculum and internship opportunities."

The new certification will demonstrate the university's commitment to educating its students to become considerate and caring professionals in their respective fields.

McGee said, "Planetree will help [the School of Health Sciences] focus on the development of compassionate health professionals, preventing provider burnout and focusing on transparency and positivity in the student experience."

# NEWS

## I-Fest Celebrates Cultural Diversity

**BY CORINA RODRIGUEZ**  
STAFF WRITER

**U**niversity of New Haven students travelled around the world at the International Students Association's (ISA) 39th Annual International Festival (I-Fest) without leaving West Haven.

The event took place Saturday, April 6 in the Charger Gymnasium from 4-8 p.m., where UNH students explored cultures for free.

Students and faculty from 12 different countries, such as Russia, India, and China, had the opportunity to decorate their sections with a flag, pictures, objects, and foods that represent their homeland. As attendees walked around, they learned more about different cultures, and even learned how to write their name in Hindi at the Indian table.

"I love the food because being here away from home

we don't get to eat Indian food as much so I enjoy that very much. I enjoy trying food from other countries," said Tanaya Shiynane, a member of the cultural committee for the Indian Student Council.

With international students making up 12 percent of the student population, Ayleene Parada, treasurer of ISA, said the purpose of the event is to promote diversity on campus.

"The University of New Haven has a large population of international students, so as much as they become accustomed to the customs that we have here, we want to make them feel actually appreciated," said Parada.

Entertainment ranged from traditional dances from Africa and India to a performance from the university's acapella group Fully Charged.

Shiynane said that events like I-Fest are important because diversity and inclusion are important in a changing world.

"Even in the workplace, here at the university there are

students from all over the world and just this domestic exchange where the domestic students get to know about our culture and we get to know about the domestic students' culture," said Shiynane. "I think it's just important to develop an inclusive mindset which is necessary for the changing world now."

Maryam Sodeyi, a member of the African Graduate Student Association, said it was her first time attending an international festival in the United States, and she enjoyed trying the cultural cuisine and performances.

"Most importantly, I think it sends a message of diversity and inclusion and many times international students come to a different land not knowing how to balance, so giving this kind of performance, this kind of event makes it a lot less painful," said Sodeyi. "You're welcomed here and you can also have fun here, you can feel home here. I think it's pretty important just to help us also know that we're not so far from home."

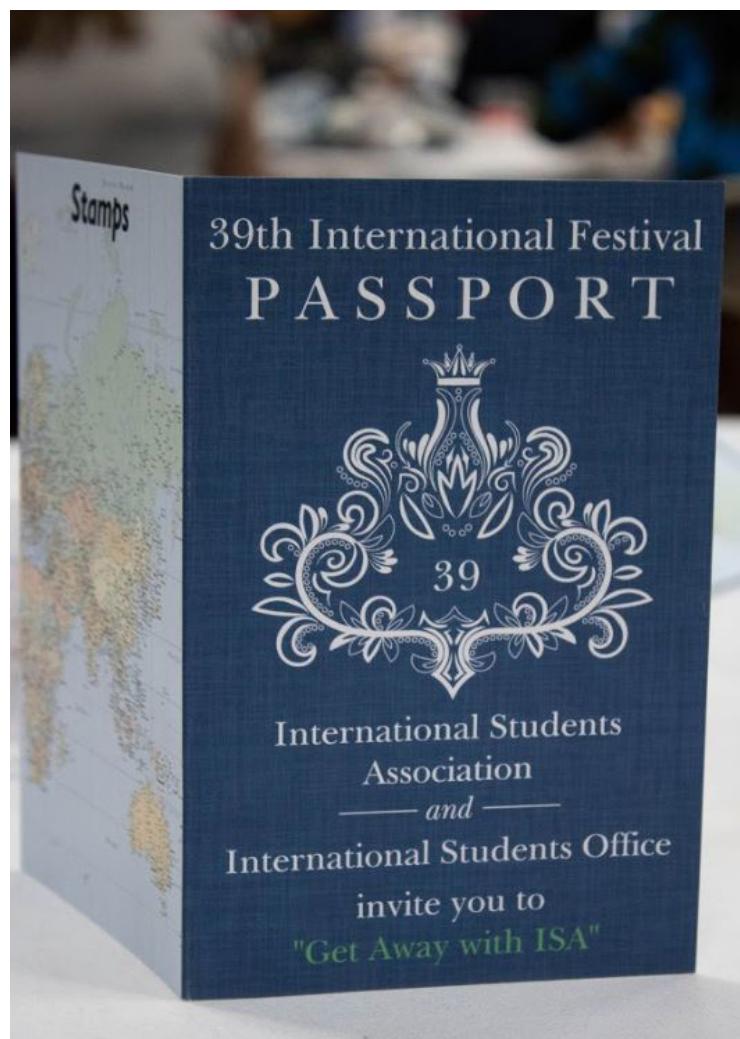


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**Above: Brochure from I-Fest**

**Below: Table from I-Fest, held at North Campus Gym**

Photo Courtesy of Nicole Rivera/The Charger Bulletin



# NEWS

## St. Baldrick's Returns and raises \$2,424

**BY KARINA KRUL**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The university raised just over \$2,424 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation on Thursday, Mar. 28. One person shaved his head and ten donated hair for the cause in the Bartels Fireplace Lounge.

The foundation is a national organization that, according to their website, "exists to change these realities," for pediatric cancer patients and their families. The foundation was created after the first St. Baldrick's event in New York raised \$104,000, according to their

website, and grew quickly, with 402 participating St. Baldrick's events in 2007.

Michaela Reilly, a junior criminal justice and psychology major, worked as the lead coordinator for the event's second year. It is put on by Love Your Melon, a university club that sells beanies to raise money for pediatric cancer.

The Fireplace Lounge was decorated with balloons and signs that encouraged students to donate and cut their hair for the cause. The table was also adorned with gift baskets donated by some of the Greek life organizations on campus.

In total, the event brought in 40 inches of hair to be donated for pediatric cancer patients. Indi-

viduals needed to raise a minimum of \$50 to participate, and either shave or cut their hair.

"Everyone is always so supportive and the kids love seeing all these big people get their hair cut and be like them, and that's definitely something that

strikes my heart," said Reilly.

St. Baldrick's is just one of the things that Love Your Melon does on campus to help children with cancer. Reilly said her favorite part is actually the

superhero days, where pediatric cancer "survivors or battlers," as Reilly calls them, can come to the university. Reilly described these as "like small make-a-wish days."

### St. Baldrick's Crew Poses at event

Photo Courtesy of Karin Krul/The Charger Bulletin



## College Night Returns

**BY KATRINA STOLAR**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Thursday, April 4, The Shoppes at Yale held "College Night," an event for students in the New Haven area. The event offered free food and desserts as well as sales along Broadway.

Natashia Fernando, the Marketing Coordinator at Yale University Properties and The Shoppes at Yale, says that this event has a typical turnout of "between 1,300 and 1,600" students. Although, College Night began as an event exclusively for Yale students, it became a "community event because so many other colleges and uni-

versities are in the area," says Fernando.

College Night is held twice annually, once in the fall, and once in the spring, as a way to introduce incoming students to the area and learn about local retailers. In the spring, this event serves as a going-home-for-summer bash, full of fun and festivities. Each semester, there are different food stops where students can get free meals. At this most recent

College Night promoted two new food stops, an Indian restaurant called Sherkaan, and Yamasaki Teriyaki.

Exclusive shopping offers were seen all through the streets, with sales up to fifty percent off. Nearly every store participated in the five-hour extravaganza.

There were many students on Broadway at the Shops at Yale indulging themselves with free food and great sales.

While some played a friendly game of Cornhole, others were mystified by the Amazing Andy. Amazing Andy is a comical magician who wandered the event playing tricks on college students and entertaining everyone.

It's no secret that the word "free" holds immense meaning to college students, and College Night takes full advantage of that. There's shopping, food, raffles, games, entertainment, and music. There's something for everyone. Attend the next College Night to discover new offers and to have fun exploring New Haven.

## Housing

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"I'm shocked at how complicated this situation is, and disappointed that proactive steps weren't taken to prevent this."

Some students were affected in ways other than not receiving housing. Morgan Fitch, a freshman forensic science major, said her group attempted to login to the housing site early, but were unable to get through.

When they went to ORL, after their time had passed, they were told that the site was down and the office was unable to send emails. Fitch said when she attempted to register after the crash, she received a message that "there were no rooms available for our criteria."

"We had no idea what that meant," said Fitch.

Lynnsey Spader, a freshman music industry major, was affected in a similar way, when her original group had to split into two because the last five-person suite was taken before their new time slot post-system crash.

Spader and Fitch both said that the university should have done something to notify students that there would not be enough of certain types of rooms.

"I will be working closely with our software vendor and taking all necessary steps to ensure that MyHousing runs smoothly moving forward," said McGrath. "We value our students' commitment to living on campus, as it is the contributions of our students that make our resident halls the vibrant and thriving communities that they are."

# ENTERTAINMENT

# Meek Mill Day Declared in CT

**BY MATT VERRILLI**  
STAFF WRITER

**F**ollowing suit with other states, Connecticut declared a “Meek Mill Day” following his performance in Hartford, CT on Mar. 19. Before stepping on stage, Meek Mill met backstage with State Representative, Brandon McGee who not only handed Mill the key to Connecticut, but also a proclamation officially declaring Mar. 19 as “Meek Mill Day.”

The artist recently received similar accolades in the cities of Philadelphia and Houston as

recognition for his work as an advocate for criminal justice reform.

A day prior to the concert, Van Jones, CEO of REFORM Alliance discussed his company in Connecticut. Jones also spoke briefly with Governor Ned Lamont about a potential bill that would work to restore voting rights to convicts that are no longer behind bars. According to Jones, it is necessary to be helping convicts rather than continuing to punish them.

Along with Jones, Meek Mill also served as a Co-chair for the REFORM Alliance. Their mission is to “dramatically reduce the number of people who are unjustly under the control of the

criminal justice system.” Unfortunately, there are too many who get stuck in the proverbial revolving door of probation and parole with no escape.

The goal of REFORM is to produce an alliance made up of leaders in business, government, entertainment, sports, and many others. So where does Meek Mill fit into all of this? Back in Nov 2017, Mill began to serve a prison sentence for violating his probation, which ignited a nationwide debate about the criminal justice system.

Earlier in March, Mill and several other chairmen of REFORM Alliance proposed a bipartisan bill in Pennsylvania which seeks to reform the

probation and parole system in the state. The law would prevent state courts from sentencing someone to consecutive prison sentences or extending probation on the basis of technical or even non-violent violations.

This bill could completely change the criminal justice system, offering hope to those reentering society in Penn. and potentially many other states going forward.

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## Netflix Finds New Superheroes in The Umbrella Academy

**BY MATT VERRILLI**  
STAFF WRITER

**N**etflix's newest show, “The Umbrella Academy,” combines the newly popular superhero genre with family drama, and keeps the audience on the edge of their seats. Released on Feb. 15, “The Umbrella Academy” introduces viewers to the unique heroes that made their first appearance in a comic book series of the same name.

The series, 10 episodes in total, begins on Oct. 1, 1989, when 43 children are born to mothers who were not actually pregnant. Believing these children to be special, billionaire Reginald Hargreeves adopted

seven of the children. Hargreeves establishes the Umbrella Academy with the intention of training his children to one day save the world.

Twenty-something years lapse and viewers are introduced to the older, and now estranged, siblings.

Luther (AKA Number One) who possesses super strength, has been on the moon. Diego (Number Two) has become a vigilante and has the ability to curve the trajectory of anything he throws. Allison (Number 3) has the ability to influence others' actions, and is living the lavish life of an actress. Klaus (Number 4) has turned to a life of drugs to dull his powers, which allow him to communicate with the dead. Number 5 has the ability to travel through

space and time, and until the second episode, he is stuck in the future and does not have a name. Ben (Number 6) died sometime during the timeskip, but had the ability to control interdimensional monsters under his skin. Vanya (Number 7) was believed to have no powers, which pushed her away from her family. However throughout the series it is revealed that she

has the ability to manipulate sound waves as a form of telekinesis.

Following the time jump, the siblings are brought together after the death of their father. The distance between them is more than just physical, and that becomes evident with every interaction. However, after Number 5 comes through a time portal, he warns of a coming

apocalypse, and forces the siblings to work together.

The show faces criticisms for the pacing and events that were changed from the original canon but the performances from the cast more than make up for that. Audiences should barely be able to notice that this is not a real family with real issues, just with super powers.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## A Q&A With Conover

BY ANNA DOWNS  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

**A**dam Conover is coming to campus on May 4 at 7:30 p.m., courtesy of SCOPE. Conover is known for his show on TruTV, titled Adam Ruins Everything. In September, his show was added to Netflix so it is available to stream for students who want to get familiar with him before he comes to campus.

The Charger Bulletin interviewed Conover about his career and what to expect when we see him live.

**Q:** What can people expect to see at your live shows?

**A:** "Well, I am known from Adam Ruins Everything for doing, sort of information comedy and mind-blowing facts and stuff like that. Adam Ruins Everything is very narrowly focused on common misconceptions. This is a little bit broader, I have been doing a lot of reading about these incredible creatures in biology, these parasites that can control their host's mind, and I'm sort of using that as a metaphor to talk about different things in American life, different cultural parasites that control our minds in ways that are much deeper than we'd expect. The show is ultimately about if it's possible to have free will, and what we can say about the possibility of free will in our own lives that despite the fact that we think we are in control of our actions and behavior, there are undeniably certain forces that are exerting their control over us, and what that means for us and what we can do about it."

**Q:** Have you noticed an increase in audience since your show was added to Netflix?

**A:** "I certainly have noticed that increase in a big way! It found a whole new audience a lot more people are talking about the show on Twitter. A lot of people are just discovering the show for the first time because of Netflix. At the same time I really love being on TruTV, they're a great network and they really support us and I am really glad they were able to make a deal to have the show be on Netflix so that more people can see it. The cool thing as that we are hoping it will bring more people to watch new episodes, on TruTV when they start coming out."

**Q:** Where do you see yourself going in your future with comedy?

**A:** "Well I would love to do Adam Ruins Everything as long as TruTV will have us do it. It's a very fun show to do, but a hard show to make and an expensive show to make. I hope we continue with TruTV for a long time though. The live shows I am working on now is me trying to figure out, this will be the next stage of my career I think. Doing live shows like this and really combining almost like the best college lecture you've ever had plus comedy. Going out to people directly on the road and trying to expand their minds and help them think of new ideas in new ways. Just having that one on one connection."



**Comedian Adam Conover set to perform for Spring Weekend** Photo Courtesy of Adam Conover

## Spring Weekend

BY NICOLE MANALL  
OPINION EDITOR

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PLAYLIST

Savage was just announced as the headliner for Spring Weekend, and to get more familiar with his music before May 3rd check out this playlist!

### **Bank Account – 21 Savage**

One of his biggest hits to date, 21 raps about taking on the reins of his ever-growing empire.

### **Ocean Drive – 21 Savage & Metro Boomin**

Savage takes listeners through his rags to riches story.

### **a lot – 21 Savage feat. J. Cole**

Again, 21 takes listeners into his past and how he dealt with struggles, the good as well as the bad.

### **FaceTime – 21 Savage**

Once rejected by his label, Savage added this autotuned ballad to his 2017 album, "Issa Album".

### **all my friends – 21 Savage feat. Post Malone**

Malone and Savage let listeners know the heartbreak they went through after losing friends.

### **Ghostface Killers – 21 Savage, Offset, Metro Boomin feat. Travis Scott**

With the amazing combination of talented artists, this song has a great amount of playback back value.

### **X – 21 Savage & Metro Boomin feat. Future**

The only feature on the 2016 album "Savage Mode," the two Atlanta rappers showcase their amazing chemistry together.

### **Don't Come Out the House – Metro Boomin feat. 21 Savage**

One of the most popular songs from the 2018 album "Not All Heroes Wear Capes," Savage's whispers make listeners feel like he's coming through their headphones.

### **10 Freaky Girls – Metro Boomin feat. 21 Savage**

Again, Savage showcases that his features are just as great as his own full-length songs.

### **Savage Mode – 21 Savage & Metro Boomin**

Savage explains that through his difficult past filled with poverty and gang violence, he bettered himself and boast about his much-deserved success.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## A Review of Billie Eilish's Debut Album

**BY MEGHAN MAHAR**  
STAFF WRITER

**B**illie Eilish released her debut album "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" On March 29, receiving an exceptional amount of praise. The 17-year-old singer's first release was widely anticipated. Billie's sharp rise in popularity came from her first single supported by Interscope in 2016, followed by her seven track EP "don't smile at me," and collaboration "lovely" with Khalid.

In a short period of time, Eilish has claimed her place in to-

day's pop music scene through a careful balance of vulnerability and indifference. "When We All Fall Asleep" reflects this success and showcases Eilish's potential for growth.

Billie Eilish is a paradoxical pop star. Her rapid rise to fame has been supported by the duality of her being, seemingly split between her vocals and her brand. Those familiar with Eilish's previous discography know that while her voice is powerful, it is just as equally fragile. If you look at Billie's social media and interviews, you will find a completely different persona: her social media contains colorful portraits of her drowning in oversized, neon

streetwear branded with Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and more.

The bold imagery is accompanied by her somewhat abrasive expression of her humor and opinions, which she is not afraid to put out for all to see on her Instagram stories.

Though Billie's personality seems contradictory, her album explains it all. It not only brings life to Eilish's persona, but celebrates its duality: the first song on the album reels listeners in with playful lyrics over a deep, bouncing beat with breathy vocals; and the album closes with moodier and heart-wrenching tracks "i love you" and "goodbye."

The production of each track is clean and complementary of each emotional scenario, delivering an album that listeners will replay over and over again.

What makes Eilish unique, and what stands out the most across all tracks, is her ability to share tender emotions and make them accessible to many. Though "When We All Fall Asleep" is not perfect, it is an exceptional debut.

At the time of its debut, When We All Fall Asleep debuted at #1 in 71 countries and charted in 106. The release was accompanied by several promotions that have pushed Eilish even further into all corners of creative consumer culture including an experiential pop-up with Spotify, a partnership with Adobe, and a limited merchandise drop with collaborator Takashi Murakami. Still, fans can't get enough Billie—and with 23 sold-out tour dates in the U.S. and Canada alone, Eilish has a long road ahead.



*A portrait of Billie Eilish after her set at Governors Ball Music Festival 2018* Photo Courtesy of Ana Downs



Photo courtesy of Ana Downs



*Billie Eilish performing at Governors Ball Music Festival 2018*  
Photo Courtesy of Ana Downs

# OPINIONS

## Stressing About School During Spring Break

**BY NADINE BOURNE**  
STAFF WRITER

I was all ready for a long week of doing nothing and catching up on sleep during spring break, but my plans were shattered when my teacher gave us a choice, either have the midterm before spring break, or after spring break. Some students, including myself, wanted the midterm before spring break. The majority of the class voted to have the midterm after the break.

While I am all for more time to

study for a test, there are reasons why midterms should happen before spring break. Spring break is meant for vacation and relaxation. What I want to do over break is catch up on shows and spend time with friends and family. I don't want to study for hours on end and stress over classes. Why should I be stressing over a test when I should be stressing about sleeping in? Spring break is a time to prepare myself for the second half of the semester. But I can't do that if my focus is on homework and studying.

The mind needs to rest from working hard, and this is the

time. Some students go home and they already have their week planned out with family outings, movie dates, or working at their seasonal job. Plans are already in motion a few weeks before spring break starts. But then if you add studying for classes on top of that, then there is not going to be any time for lounging around because then you are constantly doing something. If I was away in another country, I might not have internet service. And since all of the material for my midterm is online, I might not have been able to study for the midterm. Studying

for tests and doing homework is not what spring break is about, and I think that teachers should be aware of that. Do teachers

want to create quizzes and tests over their break? I think not. So in the future, let's have midterms before the break starts.



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## Fortnite: One Year Later - Does it Still Hold Up?

**BY MATT VERRILLI**  
STAFF WRITER

Last year, I noticed that many people began uploading pictures with the words "Victory Royale" on their Snapchat stories, a phrase synonymous with the video game "Fortnite."

"Fortnite" was released in the fall of 2017 as a free to play, battle royale style game. It was around this time that I became a Communication major and wanted to start writing for the Charger Bulletin, and my first article was on the topic of "Fortnite"'s rising popularity. After one year and more than 5 seasons, let's take another look at the game.

The 'Battle Royale' mode pits players against each other in teams of one, two, or four until

there is one team remaining to earn the coveted 'victory royale.' By May 2018, "Fortnite" accumulated over 125 million total players. A month later, it generated a total revenue of over \$1.2 billion.

So how is it possible that a game in which the most played mode is free to play has remained so successful and so profitable?

The secret lies with the relationship that the game's developer, Epic Games, which keeps a close relationship with the "Fortnite" community. Through Twitter and online forums, the employees of Epic games pay close attention to what fans are and are not enjoying about the game and implement changes in almost weekly updates.

The battle royale game also runs in seasons. Each season lasts an average of 10 weeks,

and brings exclusive skins that allow players to buy different equipment for their characters, challenges, and other cosmetic items. The season changes inspire people to continue playing, as updates pack a lot, including new game mechanics, and changes to the map.

Every season has a battle pass worth 950 "V-Bucks" (the in-game currency), which is the equivalent to about \$10. The game also has an in-game store.

"Fortnite" has seen so much commercial success, that it has moved into the realm of E-Sports, the growing world of competitive video gaming. Epic Games has created a pool of over \$100 million for the 2018/2019 "Fortnite" season, and draws more people to watch and compete as the stakes are raised.

"Fortnite" is thriving and only

sees a drop in attention after the first few days of a new release and then people begin to move back to it. "Fortnite" offers one big advantage to Playstation players: Most online games require the player to subscribe to an online service, but that is not required for "Fortnite" on PlayStation 4. (Unfortunately

the same cannot be said for Xbox One.)

"Fortnite" has maintained a high player base and generated astounding revenue even among the release of many competitors, as well as triple-A titles such as Red Dead Redemption 2. It still has a significant life.

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# OPINIONS

## Why I Believe and Support the Electoral College

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You hear it often: politicians, young and old, are looking to undo our Founding Fathers design to protect minority interests, direct power to the states, and stabilize our two-party system. Just a few years ago, talk of the Electoral College's fairness was of interest to virtually no one, and a movement to abolish the system by introducing bills to spark its demise was unheard of.

Today, popular political figures such as Bernie Sanders, New York City's mayor, Bill De

Blasio, and even new faces such as 2020 presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg are loud and proud when it comes to expressing their dislike and disagreement for the Electoral College system.

A few years back when I was a high-schooler—lacking any form of political knowledge—I may have agreed with them. Likewise, they may have not cared. But in today's political unrest, people like Sanders, De Blasio, and Buttigieg share one thing. They were all upset with the 2016 presidential election. And to be honest, highschool me would have thought they were the logical ones. Why shouldn't the majority choose

the right person for (arguably) the most important job in the world?

Justification made itself known at the hands of our Founding Fathers who, the more I learn about, the more impressed I become. These brilliant statesmen (the likes of which we will never see again) put the interests of American minorities first. It's interesting though, Sanders, De Blasio, Buttigieg, and countless other politicians are preaching equal opportunity for minorities, but do they actually believe in it? The citizens of the United States (including minorities of all kinds) make the ultimate decision to determine our country's

future when they vote.

The Electoral College makes certain that the voices of those in states with lower populations and more rural areas are heard and preserved. Because urban areas tend to be more populated, the Electoral College saves the interests of people like farmers, blue-collar workers, and others found in these less-populated areas. Highschool me may wonder why these people matter over the majority. The answer is simple: they don't matter more, they simply wouldn't matter if it wasn't for the Electoral College. People like Bill De Blasio will likely fight back claiming it's still the majority of people, and that just because the majority

is from New York City doesn't change the result.

And current-me will fight back with the truth. The fact is, our Founding Fathers were thinking way ahead to prevent like-minded individuals from taking over our representative democracy. The majority isn't going to become farmers. The majority isn't going to take on labor-intensive jobs in the country. The majority is going to work a cushy desk job or go to school for a white-collar job. The majority does not represent the entirety. Current-me knows that. And current-me supports a system which recognizes all people and deters from rewarding pockets of groupthink,

## Bisexuality Isn't All About the Sex

**BY EVERETT BISHOP**  
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From the moment I came out in middle school, it seems as though my entire being has been boiled down to one simple fact: I am bisexual.

"Wow, you have so many choices!"

"You could have sex with anyone you want."

"You must be into some crazy stuff [insert sexual wink]."

Or, as my mom once so tactfully said "I just don't understand how you can like both."

The oversexualization of bisexual people is nothing new. According to the website

biresource.org, "bisexuality gets conflated with sex" and they couldn't be more right. A study published by the Archives of Sexual Behavior provided readers with not-so-shocking data: bisexual men and women had similar sex drives to gay and straight men and women. Who would have thought?

While I could bemoan how something as inconsequential as my sexuality is being oversexualized, it's also incredibly dangerous. The Centers for Disease Control published a study on sexual assault in the LGBT community. Their study showed that 37 percent of bisexual men experienced rape or some other form of sexual abuse while 61 percent of bisexual women experienced similar forms of assault. Both of these statistics

beat out the statistics of gay and straight men and women.

Oversexualization is dehumanizing. Once someone is seen as vessel for sexual satisfaction, they are stripped of their humanity. They are seen as a means to a sexually gratifying end. The rallying cry for women has begun. Movements such as MeToo and Time's Up have offered women, and some men, with the ability to strike back at rape culture and take back their lives. But, where are the resources for bisexual people? Who is going to pioneer a culture where we aren't oversexualized?

According to a study completed by psychologist Kristen Mark at the University of Kentucky, bisexual people see monogamy as a "sacrifice" to

their lives rather than an "enhancement," more so than their gay and straight counterparts. Maybe this is a result of their increased pool of potential suitors, or maybe it's a result of their internalized objectification.

When someone is oppressed, they can begin to internalize some of what they hear and begin to act accordingly. If bisexual people are told and treated like sexual objects by people

they are interested in, then they will begin to feel as though that is all that they are worth. That's a shame in and of itself because we as a society have become so much more than sex, haven't we?

My name is Everett Bishop. I am bisexual. But I am also a student, a friend, a writer. I have dreams and goals and aspirations. And I do not exist for your sexual satisfaction.

Here's your copy of



# SPORTS

## Chargers Baseball Off to Shaky Start

**BY KENNY SORRENTINO**  
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Holding a season standing at 9-11, New Haven Chargers baseball is in a strange position. Going 3-7 over their last 10 hasn't helped. They are .500 in six games in the NE-10, good enough for fourth in the Southwest Division.

At the plate, the Chargers are led by junior outfielder Matt Chamberlain, batting .383 with 23 hits, 4 homers, and 20 RBIs. Chamberlain's batting average is fourth best in the NE-10. The only other Chargers batting over .300 is junior infielder Billy Huber, with .303, 20 hits, two home runs, and eight RBIs. Besides Chamberlain and Huber, the Blue and Gold have been incredibly average. No other

hitters have an average over .279. New Haven is eighth in offensive statistics overall in the conference.

New Haven has been strong in the pitching category. Sophomore ace Izaiya Mestre has a 2.70 ERA, going 2-1 in five games started. Senior Chris Leindecker, in 22.0 innings, is 1-2 with six appearances, boasting a 1.23 ERA, eighth in NE-10, with two walks and 22 strikeouts. The pitcher with the third most innings this season, junior Devon DiMascia, is 0-4 in 6 appearances with a 7.32 ERA. His 16 earned runs lead the team, and would be tied for second overall if they were just runs.

New Haven holds a .968 fielding percentage as a team, fifth in the conference.

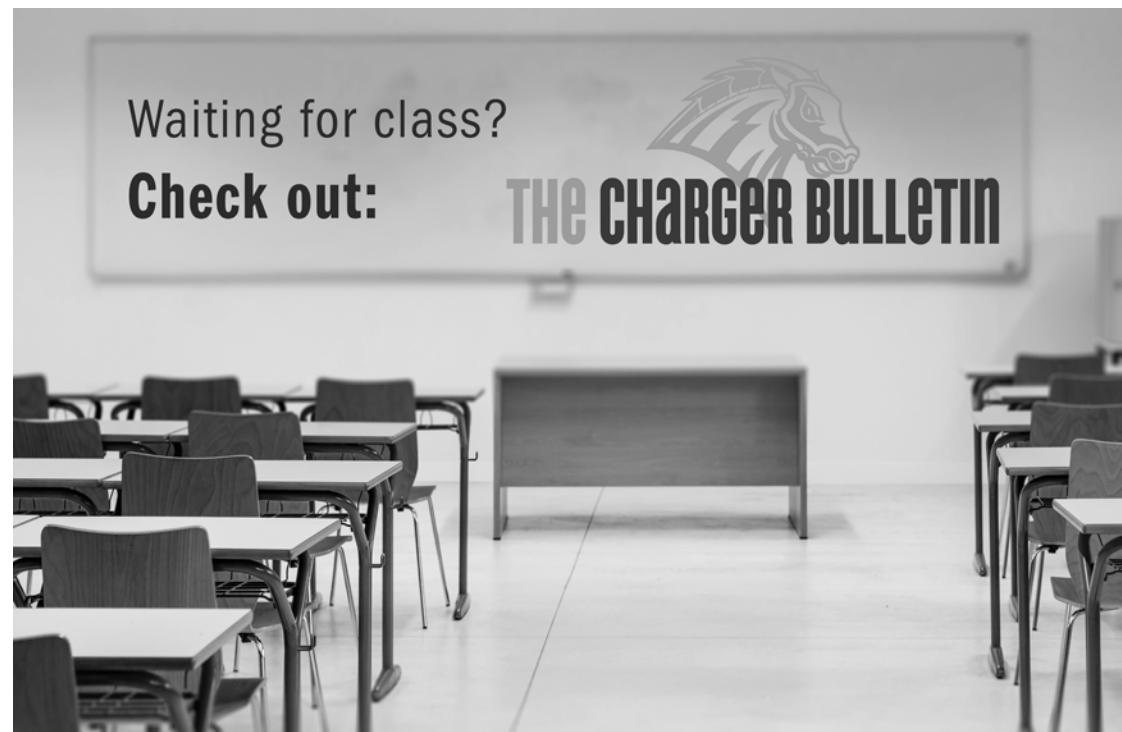
2018's baseball Chargers lost in the NE-10 Championship game to Merrimack,

before losing in the NCAA East region Championship to the no. 2-seeded Saint Thomas Aquinas. One more New Haven loss would give them with 12 on the season, as many as they had in

all of 2018.

With the remainder of the schedule being nearly all NE-10 games (one rescheduled game at Dominican College), the Chargers hold their fate in their

own mitts. They can show up for their next few games against Pace, American International, and Southern Connecticut with big bats or with more decent pitching



## Women's Rugby to Play at Beast of the East

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They're here to play. On April 14 and 15, the Women's Rugby team will be in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, to compete in the Beast of the East rugby tournament.

According to the Beast of the East website, the tournament hosts hundreds of men and women's Division I, II, and III rugby teams from across the country. The teams play for two days, and end with one winner

from each division. Last year, the University of New Haven's women's team came out on top.

Back captain Hannah Kozan, a junior marine biology major, will participate in her third tournament this year. Kozan described the Beast and what it was like to win in 2018: "Playing three full games a day really puts a strain on your body but having that all pay off in the end really proves how hard this team works to achieve our goal," said Kozan.

Pack captain Lucy Tartal, a junior majoring in criminal justice—investigative services, said that winning last year was

one of the best experiences. Tartal said this tournament is "really cool because you get to be in an environment with lots of other teams and players who are also very passionate about the sport you love, so the energy is high."

Kozan said the other teams know that they're coming back for another win, so they have to work harder this season to achieve their goal. The other teams will be doing the same.

Recruitment chair Alex Stroffolino, a senior forensic science major, is making her debut in this tournament. Stroffolino said that it gets nerve-wracking

because of the expectations from the division and the team, but she said she is confident that they can come together as a team and play the best they can. Stroffolino said she is excited to see the new girls show up and give their all, while watching the veteran players lead them through it.

Hope Cuomo, a freshman majoring in forensic science, said she is as excited to go. Cuomo said she wants to give her all, even though she's only a freshman, and help bring the team to a victory for the second year in a row.

Tartal and Stroffolino said

that rugby is great because of its physical challenges.

"Many people call it organized chaos...you're always putting yourself through a new physical challenge and when you're unable to go further, you have the rest of your team to carry you through," said Stroffolino.

Cuomo said her favorite part of the sport is that there is a spot for everybody, no matter who they are.

Kozan said, "This tournament is what we work for all spring. I am pretty excited for the new girls to experience it and become reigning champs for the second year."

# SPORTS

## Women's Field Hockey Signs Team Impact Member

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**O**n Thursday, March 28 on North Campus, the Chargers women's field hockey team added a new member. Team Impact member, an organization that is similar to the Make a Wish Foundation, Isabella Pucillo signed her contract to join the Chargers during her press conference. Pucillo was joined by her mom and many family members and friends. Pucillo was set up to join New Haven's team through Team Impact's "Draft Day".

Team Impact connects local kids suffering serious illnesses with local teams to create a lasting friendship and memories the kids will never forget.

"Organizations like Team Impact give children facing serious and chronic illnesses something to look forward to," said Student Athletic Advisory Committee President, Brianna Mirmina. "Pairing them with teams and organizations that can inspire them to keep fighting and be positive has a huge

impact on their life. Our teams have been actively wanting more involvement with Team Impact for a while now and it's so great to see our field hockey team being placed with Bella. I hope that our other teams get the same opportunities soon and our student-athletes can continue to show their pride and encouragement beyond their rankings".

Pucillo first met Charger's field hockey head coach Kelsi Lykens at a McDonald's, Bella's favorite place to eat. Lykens knew right away that Pucillo would be a perfect fit for the team. When Pucillo first met the field hockey team, there was an instant connection. The girls laughed and it was as if Bella had always been there.

Pucillo walked through the doors of the office annex to a loud round of applause as she took her seat at the table for her press conference.

Isabella's press conference even drew the attention from some faculty members at the university, such as Professor Browe who has she has multiple field hockey players in her life on earth class.

Coach Lykens started off the conference talking about who



**The field hockey team poses with Isabella, her friends and family, and Professor Browe, who teaches Life on Earth and supports many of the players.**

Photo by Zack Pincince/The Charger Bulletin

Pucillo was and how appreciative they are for having her join their team. The press conference was then opened to questions where sophomore Natalie Shaker was asked what she was most excited for with Isabella joining the team.

"I am most excited to create memories with Bella that will last us both a lifetime," said Shaker.

Freshman Olivia Boyle was asked some of the things that they have done with Isabella to

make her feel a part of the Charger family. Olivia said they have gone bowling; ate a ton of food and they attended a Charger's basketball game.

After the press conference, the team and Pucillo's friends and family gathered around to eat some cake and enjoy Pucillo's big night. Coach Lykens said after that she loves having Pucillo on the team because she has an infectious smile that spreads throughout the team whenever she is around.

"Bella has an energy about her that makes everyone feel good," said Lykens.

Coach Lykens said it was also very humbling to have Pucillo on the team and they are going to love having her around for the next two years until her contract is up. Even once Pucillo's contract is up, she knows that they will all still remain closed due to the memories they have made and will continue to make over the years to come.



**The women's field hockey team sits with Isabella Pucillo on "DraftDay." From right to left, sophomore goal keeper Natalie Shaker, Head Coach Kelsi Lykens, signee Isabella Pucillo and freshman defense Olivia Boyle.**

Photo by Zack Pincince/The Charger Bulletin

# SPORTS

## Women's Lacrosse Defeats American International

**BY KENNY SORRENTINO**  
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**W**ith 12 goals in the first half, the Chargers women's lacrosse team blasted American International, 17-5.

Junior, attack Kendra Nolan stole the show, scoring a career-best six goals. Senior, Mackenzie Reh netted another six, as the two combined to go four-for-four on free position shots.

After the exchange of some goals to set the score at 5-3 New Haven, the Chargers went on a 10-goal tear that smoked the Yellow Jackets. The streak saw four of the first five goals go to Nolan, immediately followed by four straight from Reh,

with three unassisted. The run went on for over 17 minutes of gametime, beginning in the first half and ending in the second. Freshman Marina Skelly and junior Julia Jette also got in on the action with one goal apiece.

The Chargers and the Yellowjackets traded blows for the remainder of the second half, but the damage was done.

New Haven outshot American International 33-26 on the day. The Chargers defense also had a big day, causing 19 turnovers and picking up 22 ground balls. The Blue and Gold had the advantage on draw controls as they pulled in 18 out of 24 attempts. Junior Raven Linton led the way with eight draw controls followed by Nolan who contributed six.

The Chargers have rediscov-

**Below, junior attack Julia Jette, faces off during**

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***The women's lacrosse team gets ready for the action before game time***

Photo by Cole McManus/The Charger Bulletin

ered their offense over the last two games as they are averaging 15 goals over this recent span, while averaging just over seven goals in their previous two games.

Reh leads all NE-10 scorers with 51 goals and 67 points. Jette has been the Chargers' biggest helper as she ranks third in the NE-10 with 23 assists.

The Chargers defense has

also been stellar throughout the season as goalkeeper Gianna Guerra ranks third in the NE-10 in save percentage, stopping 54 percent of shots faced. Guerra has 112 saves on the season which is tied for third best in the NE-10 Conference. Over this two game stretch, Guerra has only given up 12 goals and made 15 saves.

The Chargers will travel north

to Manchester, New Hampshire for a matchup against Southern New Hampshire on Wednesday, April 10. First draw is set for 3:30 p.m. The Chargers will then come back to West Haven for a two game home stand against Saint Michael's and LIU Post. Those games are set for April 13 and 16 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.



***From left to right Marina Skelly, Marie Cox, and Caroline Maher face off against***

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# STUDENT LIFE

## University Assists Transitioning Veterans

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The transition from the intensity of military service is a huge contrast to a sedentary classroom.

The challenges are many. Most veterans trying to assimilate to an academic lifestyle are faced with the challenge of being a first-generation student. Most veteran students are older than their civilian peers, are married with children, and in some cases, struggling with mental and physical disabilities.

According to the Veterans' Association (VA) over 20 million veterans in the United States of which less than 10 percent are enrolled in higher education.

The University of New Haven provides veteran students with resources and support in order to secure their success.

University veterans' representative/coordinator for transfer and veteran success, Danielle R. Desjardins, is part of University of New Haven veteran support

network. She works with the existing and incoming veteran students. Veterans who need guidance when dealing with the Veteran Association (VA) benefits administrative process may rely on Desjardins.

"I love them, genuinely as corny as that sounds!" said Desjardins. "I come from a family who always valued and respected service to our country. We have a core team of people who will go to battle for our vets. We know each student veteran and establish authentic and genuine connections with them that reaffirm to them that there are people here who care about them as a person and as a student."

Drake Myers, army veteran and nutrition and dietetics major, said he relies on the veteran support from the university's veteran program.

"UNH has a staff dedicated to veteran success that are always available and willing to help. I have utilized them multiple times when nobody else was willing or able to help," said Myers.

The veteran population,



Danielle R. Desjardins at the Veterans Support Center. Photo courtesy of Wesley Mucik

according to the University of New Haven, is small, with about 230 to 300 students any given semester. Although these numbers are marginal compared to the University of New Haven's civilian student population of 5,216, veteran support is not marginalized.

"Many veterans were entering

Photo courtesy of Wesley Mucik

school for the first time, trying to work through the red tape of the VA and university policies," said Joseph Frederick, assistant director, outreach and technology coordinator of veteran services. "I wanted to make the process as easy for them as possible, so all they needed to worry about was their school-work. I think all of our staff try to do that as best as we can."

The university offers their veteran students amenities such as the Veteran's Center, dedicated staff members to work specifically with the veterans and a veteran's emergency fund to help students with financial obligations. The center provides them with an oasis away from the general population, and gives them an arena to interact with fellow veterans. Inside the center are computers, printers and bulletin boards filled with employment opportunities as

well as a mess hall and common area for watching T.V.

Outside of the services that the University of New Haven offers their veteran students, the veterans bring a lot of positive qualities inherent to their military service.

"Veterans clearly have more life experiences than the general population of students," said Frederick. "They can provide a different perspective to many of the classes that they are in. I think many veterans are more motivated to complete their education and begin a new chapter in their lives."

Military members go to rigorous military schools such as Officer Candidate School or Warrior Leadership Courses, which require a high level of discipline and dedication. This type training and education instill the work ethic necessary for success in civilian colleges.



# STUDENT LIFE

## Bergami Summer Stipend Awards Students With Unpaid Internships

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**E**very year, the University of New Haven's Career Development Center coordinates the Bergami Summer Internship Stipend Program, which gives stipends to students with unpaid internships. The stipend allows students to accept internships they may have not been able to without financial assistance.

A recent National Association of Colleges and Employers study found more students participate in unpaid internships than paid. According to Katie George, operations and events manager of the Career Development Center, the Bergami stipend is intended to assist students who "forfeit their summer jobs" so they could work internships.

George says the internship program "has helped previous recipients with various expenses like travel, food, clothing, housing, etc."

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, graduates who participate in internships are more likely to secure employment within six months of graduating from college. They also are more likely to get accepted into graduate school. It is also projected that hiring rates will increase by 16.6 percent for college students graduating this year.

"During the program, the students provide reflections about their internships, which are highlighted in university publications," said George.

Another highlight of the program is that students are recognized once they return to campus and participate in a "luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Bergami along with other donors, deans, professors, and advisors," according to George. Mr. Bergami has not only developed this internship program, but has also contributed to the university's recreation center, finance department, and has even provided funding for the university's new innovation center.

The Career Development Center receives about 50-70 applications per year. The process of narrowing down applications is very challenging for the committee. George says the committee narrows the applicants down to eight finalists.

This year's application deadline was on Mar. 28, and George said that "applications look very promising this year." Students who submit applications must also submit "their resume, the internship description if they have one, as well as their budget and personal statements for the program."



## STUDENT TWEETS OF THE WEEK



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# STUDENT LIFE

## University Launches Strawless Initiative

**BY MATT VERRILLI**  
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The University of New Haven has recently made the decision to get rid of single-use plastic straws at dining locations such as W.O.W Cafe and The Marketplace. Instead of using straws, students are being encouraged to use coffee cup lids. This is part of an effort by the University to reduce plastic pollution both on campus and in the outside environment.

"It's all about sustainability," said Juan Dominguez, general manager of Sodexo at University of New Haven. "The university is looking for initiatives to make campus as sustainable as possible, and most of the students have applauded the idea. We are also looking for a reusable to-go container and other initiatives the will help the waste," said Juan Dominguez, General Manager of Sodexo at University of New Haven.

"Since I began my role here a year ago, I have been looking into sustainability options within dining, like reducing single use plastics such as straws, to-go containers," said Laura Miller, director of energy and sustainability at the University of New Haven. "In working closely with Juan, I am happy to see that we are now starting to roll out some of these strategies beginning with the straws. We are looking at the way that the dining facilities use energy, water, waste, and other aspects of sustainability as we conduct a campus-wide sustainability assessment called STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Reporting System) offered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)."

This new policy is similar to the campaign of For A Strawless Ocean. They estimate that Americans use over 500 million straws every day. Straws often get accidentally left in the environment, because of their small size, they "slip through the cracks" at plastic recycling

centers. It is likely these plastic straws will end up in the ocean, and when they do, they break down into "microplastics", causing harm to marine life. Strawless Ocean predicts that if nothing changes, by 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean.

Other schools are also taking the initiative to reduce plastic waste. The University of Connecticut recently made the decision to replace plastic bags with environmentally friendly paper bags. The decision to rid dining halls of plastic straws is just the start of the University of New Haven's initiative to cut down on plastic waste.

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**Instead of straws and traditional lids, students can use coffee top lids.**

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