

## University student robbed at gunpoint outside of campus store

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Early Sunday morning, two university students were robbed at gunpoint outside of the C-Store, said Adam Brown, University of New Haven police chief.

Brown said that at about 12:20 a.m., the students were approached by a man who'd just gotten out of a vehicle near the students. The man stole a purse, got back into the vehicle, and the vehicle left.

This information was shared via email with the entire university community at 3:47 a.m. Sunday.

According to Brown, the individual was a dark-skinned male around the age of 18 to 20, wore dark clothing and a black ski mask and stood at about five-foot-eight.

Another email update was sent Sunday afternoon from Brown, including pictures and descrip-

tions of the suspects' vehicle. According to Brown, the vehicle is a stolen 2019 Subaru Impreza hatchback/wagon that is white in color with a Connecticut registration AA 84695. It is also missing the left front hubcap and the taillights do not work.

Right after the robbery, both university and dWest Haven police officers were on the scene. The West Haven detective division is conducting the investigation, Brown said.

At the university, there will be increased security patrols both on and around campus in the following days, according to Brown's email.

Additionally, resources are currently being offered to students by the Dean of Students Office, according to a follow-up email sent by Dean of Students Ophelia Rowe-Allen.

Rowe-Allen said that "Students seeking support or additional resources are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students Office." To do so, call (203) 932-743, or email deanofstudents@



Outside of the C-Store, where the robbery took place, West Haven, Dec. 5, 2021.

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Recently, gun violence around the country has spiked, following a period of reduced gun violence during the first year and a half of the pandemic. According to the New York Times, there have been 28 school shootings so far in 2021, with 20 of those shootings occurring since Aug. 1.

Although no one was injured in the robbery, in his email Brown reminded all students to "be vigilant at all times."

This robbery follows a previous incident, in which students walking on campus were shot with paintballs from unidentified perpetrators driving by in a vehicle.

If you know anything about the robbery, contact UPD at (203) 932-7014.

If you experience or witness an emergency, you can use the LiveSafe App, or you can use the emergency line for UPD, (203) 932-7070.

## A reflection on a unique, yet successful fall athletics season

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### Perspective

"We are the Chargers," the university fight song goes. "We will never fall."

This mirrored how the student body, despite facing countless challenges including dealing with the coronavirus, quarantining, online classes and the ever-shifting nature of the world, was able to persevere and make it through.

Having personally covered each of the university's fall sports this season, there was a special feeling surrounding athletics this semester. From football's Saturday game days at Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium, to soccer matches under the Kathy Zolad Stadium lights and volleyball matches in Charger Gymnasium, New Haven students were treated to standout seasons from each sport.

It was, for many reasons, a season to remember for New Haven's fall sports. While it was their first time taking to the field since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and the closest to normal for university students since the start of 2020, our teams gave us even more reason to be excited.

It started with the first home



Paul Cooper celebrates with the NE-10 championship, West Haven, Nov. 6, 2021.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

football game of the year, where thousands of students, parents and alumni filed into Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium. Yes, they knew that the Chargers expected to be good this year, but they attended for the feeling and ambiance of a football game that has been taken from everyone over the past two years.

They went on to be treated to a 10-2 (8-0 in conference) season, marked with a conference championship and an NCAA first round win; that's a lot of time singing the fight song.

Football wasn't the only standout sport at DellaCamera this season. Field hockey, in just their fourth season as a varsity program and coming off a 5-13 year in 2019, were strong competitors in the NE-10. Riding one of the conference's best defenses, led

by graduate goalkeeper Keira Integlia, field hockey had two wins over ranked teams, including a first round playoff victory over the NE-10's second-seeded Bentley.

Women's rugby also got their first action as the newest varsity sport, posting a 2-3-1 record in the program's first season. They had two home games against Manhattanville College, both of which they won.

At Kathy Zolad Stadium across the street, the New Haven soccer teams welcomed successes of their own. The women's team, with a young group preparing for the future, got much needed experience that will help them in the coming years. Along with that, graduate goalkeeper Paige Davis etched her place in program history, finishing third in

career saves and second in saves per game.

The men's soccer team made their first postseason appearance since 2010, finishing with a record above .500 for the first time since 2000. They were led by freshman sensation Pau Santanach, who won NE-10 Rookie of the Year and was a First Team selection. Their season highlights also included a near upset against Franklin Pierce University, the No. 1 team in the county, and a narrow loss to second-seeded American International College in the NE-10 Quarterfinals.

Women's volleyball was the final sport to end their season, making it to their 15th straight NCAA Tournament. The team's youth, led by freshmen Macy Brown and Sophia Leon-Tabor was paired with older leadership by Emily Barry, Asiya Way and Jessica Akiona, creating a

dynamic that made the team fun to watch. There were moments where Akiona could single-handedly take over a match, as she did in the NE-10 Semifinals, or when Brown could take over and tally 20 kills like in the NCAA regional match.

The emotions from each team will always stand out; they can never be replicated no matter how hard one tries. The excitement of quarterback Connor Degenhardt connecting with receiver Dev Holmes, the strength of an Akiona spike and the wonder of a Santanach goal is all boosted by a single thought; they are each Chargers.

Perhaps it took nearly two years away from these sports to realize this. Sports have the power to captivate and "wow" the audience, and our fall sports did just that this season.



Members of the volleyball team during the NE-10 championship, Springfield, Mass., Nov. 20, 2021.

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# The 20th anniversary of “Harry Potter” is coming

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On Nov. 14, 2001, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” came out in theaters, based on the first book in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. This film marked the beginning of the incredibly popular film series and sparked one of the most well-known fandoms in pop culture. Nov. 14 marked the 20th anniversary of the franchise. Since its release, it has gained a theme park in Universal Studios, the Broadway stage play “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” and an official “Harry Potter” store in New York City, as well as a few video games from the early 2000s and an upcoming video game. On Nov. 16, streaming service HBO Max posted an announcement related to the franchise to their Instagram, saying a special reunion of the original “Harry Potter” cast, including Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson will reunite in an HBO special called “Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return

to Hogwarts.” The special will showcase brand-new interviews from both the cast and crew detailing their time on set and how the franchise has impacted the film world since its debut. Fans of the series will have the opportunity to view what it was like to make this famous film franchise, and how they helped evolve the films throughout the years. Those joining the reunion include self-proclaimed “Harry Potter” fanatic Tom Felton, alongside Helena Bonham Carter, Matthew Lewis, Ralph Fiennes, James and Oliver Phelps, Gary Oldman, and many more. The special premiere on HBO Max this upcoming New Year’s Day. Until then, you can watch all of the films on both HBO Max and NBC’s streaming service, Peacock.



Harry Potter holds Hedwig during a scene. Photo courtesy of @harrypotterfilm on Instagram.

# Check out these homegrown podcasts

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Podcasts give listeners the opportunity to learn about topics that people may never hear about otherwise. Students at the university have recently had the chance to create their own podcasts about any subject they’re passionate about. Here are a few student-led podcasts to check out, all of which are currently available on Spotify and broadcast on 88.7 WNHU.

**The Dr. Z and J-Dub Podcast**

This podcast is hosted by athletic director Sheahan Zenger and faculty member JW Stewart. It features interviews with student athletes, coaches and faculty members. Zenger and Stewart bring on several guests and former athletes such as David Beckerman and Matt Chamberlain who talk about their experiences, whether it’s playing sports or working in the sports industry. If you’re into all things sports and athletics, this is the podcast for you.

**Food Bubble**

Nutrition student Allison Sammartano hosts the “Food Bubble” podcast with the hopes to educate listeners on proper



Outside of Celentano Hall, leading to the WNHU building, West Haven, Dec. 5, 2021. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lindsay Giovannone.

nutritional habits so they can keep their bodies healthy. The first episode discusses the basics of nutrition and essential macro and micronutrients such as fats, carbohydrates, simple sugars and more.

**The Grey Area**

This podcast serves as a teaching tool for the UNIV 1141 class, which is a required course for all incoming university students. It covers topics like diversity, equity and inclusion. It is hosted by faculty coordinator Patrick McGrady and junior Homeland Security & Emergency Management major Syd Meyers. Their goal with the podcast is to help students develop active listening skills and truly understand what

they hear.

**Crime Bistro**

Sophomore sport management major Anna Dinino took it upon herself to start her own true crime podcast from the comfort of her own home. With new episodes dropping every Thursday, Anna covers many true crime mysteries and conspiracies such as the death of Princess Diana, The Zodiac Killer and the disappearance of Brandon Swanson. Anna also starts each episode by sharing what type of coffee she’s drinking that day. If you are a true crime fanatic, or just need something to listen to while enjoying a cup of coffee, definitely check out this podcast.

# “Spider-Man: No Way Home” is the next movie in the MCU

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Marvel fans have been anxiously awaiting the next feature release in the MCU, the sequel in the Spider-Man franchise, “Spider-Man: No Way Home,” and they’ll finally get to see it on Dec. 17. The premise of the movie is that Peter Parker seeks help from Dr. Strange to see if he can erase Peter’s identity as Spider-Man by casting a spell. Peter requests this spell because he is no longer able to differentiate his school and personal life from his professional superhero life. The movie picks up from where we left off in “Far From Home,” continuing the storyline about Peter’s allegations concerning the murder of Mysterio. It explores different multiverses in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), each with their own version of the Spider-Man character. This twist creates a copious amount of divergence within the MCU storyline moving forward. Many fans have claimed that Tobey Maguire, the original Spider-Man, will be returning for a cameo in “No Way Home.”



A promotional image for “Spider-Man No Way Home,” Nov. 3, 2021. Photo courtesy of @marvel on Instagram.

Maguire has been a lead in three Marvel movies, starring as Spider-Man in the original trilogy. In a recent interview with the press, actor Tom Holland shared some surprising anecdotes about his upcoming film. “What people will be really surprised about is that it’s not fun, this film... it’s dark and it’s sad, and it’s going to be really affecting. You’re going to see characters that you love go through things that you would never wish for them to go through.” Holland also shared details

concerning Peter Parker’s character development throughout the film. “Peter Parker is always someone who’s looking up. He’s always really positive... He’s always like, ‘I can fix this. I can do this.’ Whereas in this film, he feels like he’s met his match... he’s like, ‘I don’t know what to do.’ That was an aspect of the character that I’d never seen before, and I was really, really excited to try to tackle.” You can watch the trailer for “Spider-Man: No Way Home” on YouTube.



A promotional image for “West Side Story,” Nov. 10, 2021. Photo courtesy of @westsidestorymovie on Instagram.

# Upcoming December movie releases

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Although we are approaching the end of the year, there is still much to look forward to in the world of entertainment. The following upcoming December films are some of the most highly anticipated movies of the year.

**“Spider-Man: No Way Home”**

Marvel fans, the time has come for another addition to the Spider-Man film series. With Peter Parker’s identity as Spider-Man finally exposed by Mysterio at the end of the previ-

ous film “Spider-Man: Far From Home,” he struggles to separate his normal life from the high demands of being a superhero. He then turns to Doctor Strange for help on restoring the secrecy of his once hidden identity of Spider-Man. However, the stakes become far more dangerous than he could imagine. Catch this action-packed continuation film in theatres on Dec. 17.

**“Sing 2”**

If you’re searching for a family friendly film, look no further. Five years after “Sing” graced the big screen, we are finally

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receiving a sequel. Self-starter koala Buster Moon and his stellar group of animal performers are looking to put on a performance extravaganza in the sparkling entertainment capital of the world. If your interest is piqued, this quirky, comedic musical will be in theatres on Dec. 22.

**“West Side Story”**

The beloved classic “West Side Story” originally premiered on Sep. 26, 1957 and is now making its revival debut on the big screen. Directed by Steven Spielberg, this film tells the story of rival gangs, Latino culture and forbidden love. If you’re a hopeless romantic and a fan of musicals, be sure to check out this movie released on Dec. 10.

**“American Underdog”**

“American Underdog” tells the inspirational true story of Kurt Warner, who went from stacking shelves to being a NFL MVP, Superbowl champion, and Hall of Fame quarterback. The story centers around the many challenges and setbacks faced during his journey into the NFL in which he continued to abide by his aspirations to be a professional athlete. This film hits theatres on Christmas Day.

**“Don’t Look Up”**

Leonardo DiCaprio, Meryl Streep, Tyler Perry and Jennifer Lawrence—enough said. “Don’t Look Up” is about two mediocre astronomers that go on a media tour to warn all of mankind about a planet that is approaching and will destroy Earth. The disaster-comedy will be in select theatres on Dec.10 and will hit Netflix on Dec. 24.

# West Haven hosts first in-person town hall since 2020

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On Nov. 30, the West Haven community gathered together at West Haven City Hall with the newly re-elected mayor, Nancy R. Rossi, for the most recent town hall meeting. This meeting, the 6th meeting of 2021, was the first in-person town hall meeting since the start of the pandemic. Starting at 6:00 p.m., the meeting was attended in-person and via Facebook live streams by citizens looking for updates on town initiatives. Attendees were also able to ask Mayor Rossi questions through both platforms.

Mayor Rossi began the evening by discussing this year’s Christmas tree lighting, which happened Saturday and Sunday’s menorah lighting, celebrating the start of Hanukkah. She announced an end to the city’s centennial events with a Frank Sinatra tribute on Dec. 12, from 2:00 pm. to 4:00 p.m. at the West Haven High School auditorium.

As the town hall moved into a question-and-answer session, Allison Mahr, a member of the Mayor’s Advisory Commission, moderated the discussion, presenting the mayor with the community’s questions.

For the first question, Mayor Rossi described her top three priorities going into her next term. She listed continuing on track with finances, increasing economic development and staffing city hall as her top three priorities, citing the initial state of economic affairs when she

had first entered office.

For the next question, Mayor Rossi shared her intentions to prevent similar events to the recent embezzlement case of the CARES Act fund from happening again. She said that any voucher over \$5,000 must come to the mayor’s office to be reviewed and approved. Although this act is temporary until the results of the forensic audit for the investigation are complete, she stated the importance of “good internal controls.”

Mayor Rossi also discussed the possibility of keeping stop signs at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Captain Thomas Boulevard but said that this decision was the West Haven Police Department’s to make.

The Savin Rock Museum and Haven Mall’s current statuses were also discussed. Regarding the former, Mayor Rossi believes the goal of the New England Brewing Company is to somehow incorporate the museum. Returning back to the CARES Act embezzlement investigation, members of the community wanted to know what the mayor and her office were doing to rebuild trust. She said, “We are going to do our absolute best to be transparent” and that she wanted the community to move forward in a positive way, regaining trust slowly.

The city of West Haven plans to use its American Rescue Plan Act funds to bring people downtown, with the mayor mentioning the possibility of an art center to bring the community together. Once a plan is brought forth for the specific use of the funds, the



Inside of West Haven City Hall during the town hall meeting, West Haven, Nov. 30, 2021. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lillian Newton.

city council will review it and make any necessary changes.

Next on the agenda was the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) and a discussion of its duties. Current initiatives within MARB include training, human resources and information technology initiatives. Within the board, a core group is currently being trained in order to have more hands-on experience to train others.

Mayor Rossi continued with details of the upcoming inauguration ceremony, which would be held on Dec. 5 at the West Haven High School Auditorium.

The topic of Beach Street came up next. Currently, the plan is to raise the road to 11 feet above sea level in order to avoid flooding during major storms and other circumstances. The road has already been raised by the Water Pollution Control Facility, where workers had to use boats to enter the building after extensive flooding that occurred during Superstorm Sandy.

Bringing the meeting to a close, the mayor discussed how individuals can get involved with city initiatives and the Mayor’s Office. Mayor Rossi suggested the internship program and suggested sending in resumes for board and commission roles.

When asked how university students specifically could get involved within the community, Mayor Rossi spoke highly of the internship program with enthusiasm. She said, “We have had a wonderful group of interns... You learn a lot because there’s no two hours, let alone two days, that are exactly the same in my office... the days you think it’s going to be quiet, it’s not, and vice versa, but you learn a lot. It’s on-the-job training.”

The next town hall will be on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Harriet North Room on the second floor of West Haven City Hall.

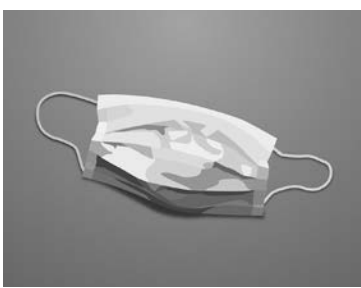
# University takes action against COVID-19 cases and Omicron variant

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On Nov. 26, the newly discovered Omicron Variant of COVID-19 was labeled a variant of concern by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Omicron is a new variant first reported in South Africa, though experts say it has likely been circulating for much longer. There is still much to be learned, but trends have indicated the new variant is much more transmissible than the Delta variant that has been spreading throughout the world for a few months now. Current COVID-19 vaccines may also be less effective against the Omicron Variant.

Although the U.S. took action by increasing travel restrictions, barring travel to and from South Africa, the first case of the Omicron variant was identified in California when an individual



A mask. Photo courtesy of Pixabay.

who had recently traveled to South Africa tested positive.

Since then, the Omicron Variant has been on the rise in both the U.S. and the rest of the world.

On Dec. 3, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont said that he expects the Omicron variant to already be in Connecticut, but made no mention of new mandates, according to CT Insider. The first reported Omicron case in Connecticut happened on Dec. 4 from a man in his 60s in Hartford County.

Despite a lack of available data on the Omicron Variant

in Connecticut, community transmission is still high, indicating a high vulnerability for when the variant does show up.

On Dec. 3, the university COVID Task Force sent an email to the university community that updated students and faculty on the steady increase of positive cases across the university and state.

According to the announcement, the task force was “implementing, beginning Monday, December 6, through the end of the semester, reduced capacity limits in University facilities.”

This means that places on campus, such as The Marketplace, Peterson Library and Beckerman Recreation Center will now limit the number of students inside.

For students who would like to be tested for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, the university is offering on-campus asymptomatic testing, which can be scheduled online via the link sent in the email.

Graphic courtesy of Elisa D'Egidio.

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# The most wonderful time of the year for a college burnout

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO  
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With end of the semester cramming, final exams and the holiday season approaching, it is common for students to start feeling the weight of the end of the year on their shoulders. The slow transition from in-person to online to in-person learning causes anguish as students are forced to have to readapt to each new learning environment.

College burnout is an overwhelming condition of exhaustion, and can sometimes lead to a decrease in academic performance. With this, students may feel less motivated, have a loss of “sparkle” and even at times be irritable and frustrated. And that can strain personal relationships.

This could happen to anyone but is more likely in college students. A Boston University study said that 83% of their respondents reported that their symptoms of burnout affected their academic performance. Regarding the pandemic, this semester was as close as it has been to normal in a long time.

On-campus, the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership, and Orientation (CSELO) and the Myatt Center for Diversity



and Inclusion are known to host events meant to help students recharge, such as the Breakfast for Dinner event paired with de-stressing activities hosted in the Bartels Hall Campus Center. Even with these, it is sometimes still hard to balance the overflowing assignments and studies.

For many, burnout is compounded by senioritis during what should be considered a festive time. With graduation officially less than one week away and the holidays following, a sense of relief feels close.

A self-care method that can help snap people out of this funk is to purposely set aside time for themselves. Taking time away from others just to sit alone offers time for regrouping. There are fewer distractions when you do not have to worry about what

a roommate needs. This could be slipping away to scroll through TikTok or getting off campus for a change of scenery. This allows you to unwind or strategically prioritize what is next on your to-do list—an essential for balance.

Asking for help is also key to fighting burnout. As soon as a student experiences symptoms indicative of academic burnout, they should go to the Center for Student Success, which was designed to offer students study tricks, time management techniques and other academic de-stressing methods. Another department available to students is the Counseling and Psychological Services Center.

Self-care is essential in overcoming burnouts. It helps you de-stress effectively enough to be ready for the rest of the year.

## Henry C. Lee to host annual symposium

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On Dec. 11, the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science will host the 44th Annual Advanced Homicide Investigation Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's topic will be “Police Involved Shootings,” featuring a variety of guest speakers and discussions.

Hosted in the Bergami Center for Science, Innovation, and Technology, Room 307 and virtually, presenters will include Lee, Bernie S. Grimm, James Gill, Angie Ambers, Brooke Kammrath and Ken Zercie. They will discuss the forensic investigation of police shootings, review and reconstruction of high-profile shooting cases, legal and investigative issues in police-involved incidents, forensic pathology in shooting cases and host a panel presentation and discussion about forensic evidence.

Lee joined the university in 1975 and set up the first symposium the following year. Each year, speakers from across the world in leading subject areas come to discuss specific topics. With this, students have the opportunity to meet and discuss with experts in the criminal justice and forensic science fields.

The symposium is open to students, law enforcement officials, legal experts and the public.

Lee said that there are an estimated 17,000 police-related shootings deaths in the U.S. over the last 40

years. And according to him, a recently published article said that the estimate was wrong and the real number could be over 30,000 deaths.

The symposium and its speakers will conduct a critical review of the current model within police-related shootings and cases related to it, and teach spectators how to conduct a forensic investigation, handle a crime scene, collect evidence and more.

Lee said that he hopes students will take advantage of the event. Anybody who signs up for the in-person event will get a certificate and commemorative mug.

With donations from himself, the Bergami family and his friends, Lee was able to raise money for the symposium, as well as lower ticket prices for students.

“[This event has] become a grand mark for our institute at the University of New Haven,” Lee said. “It’s well-known in the law enforcement community. Every year, the community is... looking forward to having the symposium.”

Lee said that with this symposium, he wants to “bring the University of New Haven to the world and bring the world to the University of New Haven.”

For students, in-person tickets cost \$25 and are \$10 for the virtual session. For general admission, tickets cost \$150 for in-person and \$25 for the virtual session. Tickets are also available at the door.

For more information on the event, including tickets purchases, visit [henryleeinstitute.com](http://henryleeinstitute.com).

# Youth Justice networking event sparks learning discussions

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On Nov. 29, the Exploring Delinquency class taught by criminal justice professor Danielle Cooper hosted a networking event to recognize the Youth Justice of America at the University of New Haven. Among those present also included the university's Juvenile Justice Club and representatives from the Tow Youth Justice Institute.

Cooper collaborated with her students, the Juvenile Justice Club, and the justice advisors in order to compile the panel of guests for the event. The night consisted of rotating tabling during which students were granted the opportunity to talk to different professionals in attendance in a small-group setting. During each session, students were able to ask questions and open up discussion surrounding youth justice in the current system.

Cooper said she was seeking something of a “networking sandwich” for the night, where the conversation was facilitated

and students not only gained knowledge and ideas from the professionals present, but also through developing relationships meeting one another.

Among those present was Destiny Tolliver, a pediatrician and associate involved in a health services fellowship at Yale University. She is currently working towards an improvement in juvenile justice treatment regarding the minimum age at which children can be arrested in the current system. Tolliver indicated that in many areas, young children are getting arrested, something that she and other professionals have indicated as being developmentally dangerous. Tolliver, alongside other individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, were given the opportunity to share their work with students seeking to integrate themselves into the criminal justice system, primarily in youth justice reform.

Victoria Vancuran, a senior criminal justice major, said that a lot of people don't understand what the youth of America have been through and that there are many misconceptions about juvenile justice.

“What people see on the media; they might support it, or they might judge it,” Vancuran said. “I feel like there's a lot of negative connotations towards the troubled youth. It's important to recognize that they're just as important and that we should be educated on it.”

Vancuran, can foresee herself impacting the youth justice community at the university by pursuing her studies in criminal justice. She said, “For any youth that is currently struggling in the system, I would definitely advise them to talk to a specialist if they feel that their mental health is taking a toll on them.”

Vancuran believes in the importance of “discussing these types of issues with youths so that further action can be taken seriously.”

Given the opportunity to facilitate conversations on large-scale criminal justice issues, both students and guests alike used their voices to speak on heavy topics.

Sergeant Shayna Kendall, deputy commander of the New Haven Police Department, said that it is “not malice or intention” but rather “a lack of knowledge” that is the cause for a lack of



Inside of the German Club, where the event was hosted, West Haven, Nov. 29 2021.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Saige Batza.

inclusion and equality in the current system. She also said that a “lack of communication with people and groups impacted” by inequality is a reason that change has not been made.

For students seeking to get in-

involved in current discussions and activities surrounding criminal justice system reform, resources can be found through the Tow Youth Justice Institute and the Juvenile Justice Club.



# Graduates expose university’s worst-kept secret

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Satire

Soon-to-be graduates have taken advantage of their escape from the supposed “best-time of their lives” to confirm the validity of the University of New Haven simulation, where students question what is reality.

Oxford student Nick Bostrom constructed an analytical paper on the likelihood that humans are living within a simulation on Earth. The concept explains that humans on earth are living in a controlled computer simulation, in this fabricated society. Here at the university, we are not excluded from this simulation as we have reported many cracks and glitches within the walls.

With the stress and anguish of a normal college student’s life, students may overlook the hidden messages found on our own campus. Have those light poles in the Bixler/Gerber Quad always been there? Does Kaplan even have a Tesla? Is it Berenstain Bears or Berenstain Bears? Does Pikachu really have a dark spot on his tail? At this point, we are all unsure.

What we are sure of is that many students have reported being a part of the lack of parking spot cycle. Rushing to find a spot for class, having your blinker blinking with anticipation just for the spot you wanted to already

be magically taken by a car that was not there previously. Perhaps a smaller car. Possibly a MINI Cooper. But then you wonder, “Have I ever even witnessed someone driving a MINI Cooper on this campus?”

The commuter students begin their day fighting for a spot in the library lot with the accompanying sounds of winged rats squacking high above. The seagulls, with cameras for eyes, are the real go-getters of New Haven as they call the shots, sending their signals to the radio tower on top of Bartels—a radio tower that anonymous members of the senior class claim “just appeared” one day. And yet, 88.7 WNHU has broadcasted since 1973.

This is how university police know which cars to place incessant parking tickets that only seem to appear on a student’s bad day. Although, physically, there is no proof of this surveillance in the parking portal. And yet, we are all still being played as a glitchy character icon in their giant computer game. What do those \$20 parking fines truly mean when looking at the big picture of over \$40,000 per year in tuition?

Glitches in the simulation have been discovered widely across the globe, many describing them as “coincidences” or more popularly simulation-believers calling them conspiracies. Some famous conspiracies include the Earth being flat and Walt Disney’s body being frozen in a freezer.



The radio tower on top of Bartels hall, where, allegedly, the simulation comes from, West Haven, Dec. 5, 2021.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Kayla Mutchler.

People popularly experience “oh wait” moments thinking that one thing is supposed to be something else, which is known as The Mandela Effect. Like Pikachu and the Berenstain Bears, The Mandela Effect stemmed

from many people believing Nelson Mendella died in the 1980s when in reality he died in 2013.

The campus is littered with little nuisances—suspected laxatives in the dining hall food, the great flood of the Bixler-Gerber

quad, the ruthless wind tunnel—all in the attempt to create unity amongst students and sell the simulation as relatable. Dare we say that the UNewHavenMemes and UNewHavenBarstool Instagram accounts facilitate such unity? Whose head do we have hidden in the freezer of FoD?

While it is easy to assume these simulation rumors are chalked up to sleep deprivation and delirium, similar theories date back to 2003. Since Bostrom’s piece, the Scientific American said published there is a 50/50 probability this is true.

University of New Haven students say that there is a 110/0 probability that the simulation is real. The university proves exceptional education and research experience, as students who have not yet earned a cursory undergraduate degree have witnessed this unexplained phenomenon.

In reaching out to literally every single one of the 598 December graduates, we hoped to get to the bottom of these conspiracies. Maybe it was the fear of losing their almost-earned degrees, because no one was brave enough to speak up. Not one person.

Sources have tipped off the Charger Bulletin that the “mascot” Charlie the Charger—who inside persons have claimed secretly goes by the name Lightning-Quick Charlie—is the true puppeteer, and the new horse statue strategically placed outside of the admissions building provides it with a strong, powerful aura.

# Students prepare for semester’s end as final exam season nears

BY MIA ADUCCI  
& SAIGE BATZA  
Staff Writers

As the semester draws to a close and classes start to wind down, final exams are impending, which can be a stressful time for any student.

For first-year students, this semester is all about developing habits that work for them as they make their way into their first set of college finals.

Haley Slater, a freshman criminal justice major at the university, said she is feeling nervous about her upcoming final exams and that she feels that it is more difficult than her work in high school. “I will prepare my notes beforehand and make many notecards, and maybe study with some people in my classes for peer support.”

Slater, alongside others, is cramming for their finals late into the night.



Graphic courtesy of Elisa D’Egidio.

Keila Sandoval, a first-year psychology major, said her finals have been a big stressor for her

recently.

“I’ve had so much going along with worrying about final exams

coming up,” Sandoval said, “I’ve just been trying to focus on making sure I’m keeping track of my work and it being done while also leaving some time to myself to avoid getting too overwhelmed.”

For upperclassmen, and especially the school’s student athletes, finding methods of effective exam preparation can be a challenge with a crowded schedule.

Mackenzie Myers, an electrical engineering senior and women’s soccer team player, said she finds that organization and time management are key. “I use a planner to keep myself organized with what I have due and when I need it to be done,” she said.

When asked to provide advice for others seeking to improve their study habits going into finals, Myers said that, “Studying one night before the exam will not be good enough. You will need to be able to absorb the material and with one day of

studying you won’t be able to do that.”

She also emphasized the value of a strong lifestyle around this time in the semester, saying, “Staying up until 3am to study will not be good for your brain/body the next day. Food/snack breaks are also very good for you to make sure your body is fueled and able to concentrate on what you are doing.”

On top of students sharing their study methods this season, psychologically beneficial study methods have also been explored by university students. Studies have proven that the size and timeline of studied information will impact the retention rate of exam information. A popular concept known as information chunking suggests that learning and reviewing information in smaller, spaced out chunks will lead to stronger memory of these concepts, rather than running through vast amounts of information.



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# How to impress and save this holiday season

BY ISABELLE HAJEK  
Opinions Editor

It is officially the time of year where people are scrambling to find gifts for their loved ones, plan parties to celebrate and purchase decorations to match the festivities. All of this planning can be difficult for college students without steady finances. Here is a list of ways to keep the expenses low this holiday season.

**DIY creations**

From TikTok to Pinterest, there are endless sources of do it yourself tutorials and ideas. They range in skill level and interest, but there is something for everybody. DIY creations are the perfect gift for those close to you—it shows how much thought and time you put into the gift, all without hurting your wallet.

**Set gift expectations**

College is a weird stage between childhood and adulthood. Talk to your family and friends about what you are doing to celebrate this year. Do you have



The clearance section inside of the university bookstore, West Haven.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon.

to buy presents for the little cousins? Can you still throw your name on the card with Mom and Dad? If you have a large friend group, try discussing a secret Santa or white elephant exchange so you are only buying for one person instead of multiple people.

**Time spent instead of gifts**

Instead of doing large gift exchanges, plan to spend time

with people. Do a potluck dinner with friends, bake cookies, do a cookie swap with your family, go ice skating at your local pond. Time spent together is sometimes more fulfilling than a gift, and it definitely is just as meaningful.

**Travel on a budget**

We aren't the only ones who acknowledge that the average college student may not have a lot of money.

Many websites are dedicated to helping college students find cheap tickets and hotels to travel such as StudentUniverse, among others.

**Thrift**

If you haven't bought second hand before, don't fear. It's probably not what you are imagining. From stores like Savers to small business thrift and antique shops, these establishments are great opportunities to buy unique pieces at low prices. Maybe you'll find a vintage sweater that your hipster little sister will love or a statement decoration piece that your mom will swoon over. It's like a treasure hunt.

**Budget**

Chances are, despite your best efforts, you will have to spend some cash this holiday season. Plan ahead now and budget out what you are willing and able to spend on gifts, food, activities, and decorations. If you start budgeting early in the year, maybe you can pick up an extra shift at work or snag an extra gig to pad your funds.

# An unfortunately believable, but fake, news story

BY ISABELLE HAJEK  
Opinions Editor

**Satire**

Imagine, if you will, that the Constitution is a colonial-era house. And then consider:  
**Man protects "rotten house" against community's pleas**

Homeowner Sam Aquilae has faced backlash because of his decision to protect his house, despite the warnings of the dangers it poses.

The house, which was completed in 1789 by his multiple-great grandfather, has been passed down through the family. Located on a hill that overlooks the rest of town, Aquilae's family has watched the town grow.

"This was the first house built in this town," said Aquilae. "My forefather drafted the plans and had it built as a monument to his pride in our family. It was meant to act as an example for all of the other buildings around here."

Over the past 60-some years Aquilae has received pushback from the community to tear down the house in order to maintain the safety of the rest of the town below. There have been multiple petitions and pleas for him to do so, but he will only concede to add a few layers of paint to make the house more presentable.

Local community organizer Enola Piscis said, "That house was built over 245 years ago. I understand the pride of family,

but it just isn't safe. The boards and support beams are rotting, the wiring is shoddy as it was retrofitted to the old thing, the roof is caving in and the foundation won't hold."

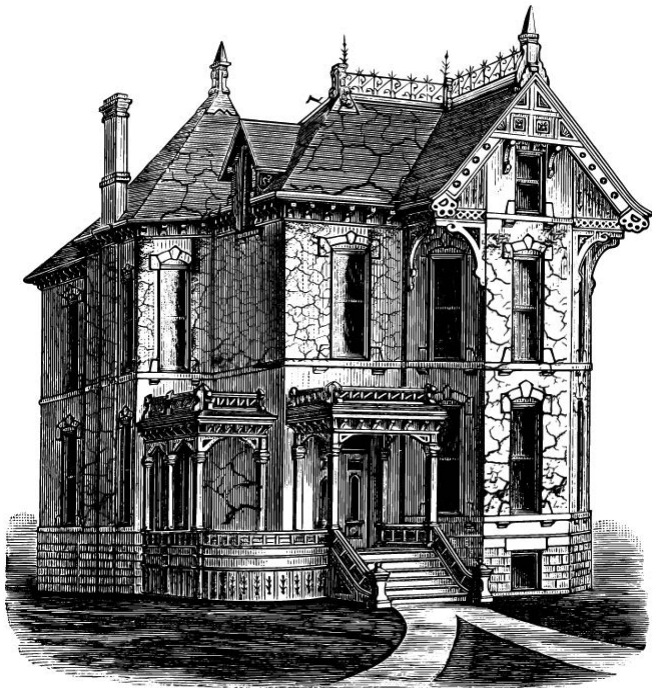
The house was built before building codes were in effect. The foundation of the home is made of crumbling sandstone and softwood. The builders, in order to accommodate the poor building material, dug so deep into the hill that rainfall threatened to collapse the house and send the rubble down towards the town.

"He needs to face the fact that the builders didn't know what the future was going to hold and the house wasn't meant for all of this," said Piscis. "I just keep asking myself: Why protect a rotten house?"

In response, Aquilae stands resolved that he would never tear down the house and that it doesn't need heavy repairs.

"We were here first," said Aquilae "If they do not like how it looks or they're scared, then they should just leave and find a new town to live in. I am not afraid of what will happen, so why should they be?"

In addressing the concerns listed by Piscis, Aquilae said, "The house is absolutely fine. I make sure it is kept up, the lawn is mowed, the gardens bloom, and there is a fresh coat of paint on it yearly. It has lasted almost 245 years, it will be fine for 1000 more."



Graphic courtesy of Isabelle Hajek.

Aquilae has not lived in the "rotten house" for the last 67 years; instead, he spends his time in a neighboring town in a house he rebuilt just last year.

Piscis and various town officials plan on starting another petition to ask him to tear down the house. This time, they are even offering to pay for the demolition, although they are not hopeful it will work.

In a time where headlines and political arguments read more and more like satire, it is hard to discern irony from sincerity, much like this piece. The unfortunate reality is that faulty logic promotes faulty policy and faulty laws in the country.

The reverence given to the U.S Constitution and its amendments

fails to account for the need of the document to evolve. Originalists will have you believe that framers of the Constitution intended for a 17-year-old to cross state lines, kill two people and maim another with a semi-automatic AR-15 style rifle and they intended that a 15-year-old should have had unrestricted access to a 15-round, 9mm pistol, eventually used in a school shooting, while they drafted the second amendment.

The destructive power of guns has come a long way since the single-round, front-loaded, flintlock muskets of the founding fathers' time. Will another coat of paint protect us from the next hail of bullets?



# Banning firearms does not and will not work

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
Sports Editor

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America says: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Its meaning is so simple, yet not simple enough. The Second Amendment was initially written so that citizens could protect themselves from the government, should tyranny occur. Since the ratification of the Bill of Rights in 1791, firearms have evolved in efficacy and, therefore, deadliness. Firearms are manufactured for a variety of purposes and made in different types. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives (ATF) issues licenses for nine types of firearms, with the most common being pistols, revolvers, shotguns and rifles. The ATF requires a serial number, manufacturer name and city (should the firearm be manufactured in the U.S.), any assigned model designation, caliber, gauge and the importer name, city and state (if it was not made in the U.S.) to be placed conspicuously onto the firearm. Gun violence plagues the U.S. more so than any other country in the world. In 2017 alone 39,773 Americans died from gun-related injuries— this statistic includes homicides and suicides. Most recently, on Nov. 30, a 15-year-old Oxford High School sophomore from Michigan, Ethan Crumbley, killed four students using a 9 mm Sig Sauer SP2022 pistol. Crumbley is charged with four counts of

first-degree murder, seven counts of assault with intent to murder, one count of terrorism causing death and 12 counts of possessing a firearm while committed a felony. His parents have been charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter due to their careless storage of the handgun, which was stored in an unlocked drawer next to ammunition. Americans are facing a crisis of gun ignorance and violence. This is an unfortunate, yet factual statement, that cannot be ignored. The Pew Research Center conducted a study in April of 2021 that sought to identify demographic differences between gun control support. 87% of both Democratic leaning and Republican leaning individuals supported policies that would prevent people with mental illnesses from

purchasing guns. Conservative or Libertarian firearm owners were least supportive of policies restricting access to guns, while Liberal non-owners were most supportive. On the bipartisan level, Americans in rural areas favor fewer gun laws, while Americans in urban areas see gun restriction policies as beneficial. Guns will never be eradicated entirely from the U.S.. The liberal notion that guns will vanish, and law-abiding citizens will gladly give theirs up is false. The solution to ending gun violence is emphasizing the importance of proper gun safety and education. Firearm owners who kept their firearms locked or unloaded were at least 60% less likely to die from suicide than those who kept theirs unlocked and/or loaded, according to the Biden Administration. Nemours Kids Health has a

guide to parents for how to properly educate their children on an age-appropriate level the dangers of firearms and the responsibility of gun usage. The RAND corporation reported that 61% of firearm owners in the United States have received formal training on firearm safety and use and were more likely to safely store firearms than those without training. The clear answer to solving gun violence is not enforcing gun control but promoting gun safety. Americans will always own firearms— 400 million firearms of various types are currently owned in the U.S.—and it is imperative that children and adults are taught how to properly identify, respond to and use firearms. Education will keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and statistics prove this.

# Saying farewell to the Charger Bulletin’s winter graduates

BY TYLER WELLS  
Associate Editor

This winter, the Charger Bulletin is losing four core members of our staff across various positions to graduation. We would like to take a moment to recognize each of their careers in the organization and thank them for everything they have done for the Charger Bulletin.

**Amanda Castro**

Since her freshman year, Amanda Castro has been a core part of the Charger Bulletin. Being a communication: journalism major, writing for the paper was something that she was going to naturally be part of the day she stepped on campus. From her first days as a contributing writer to becoming the paper’s managing editor, Castro has found ways to positively impact and bring her humor and professionalism to the organization.

“I was lucky enough to foster friendships with people that I know will last beyond my graduation from the university,” Castro said. “I was also able to establish connections with my peers and professors through conversations



Amanda M. Castro, managing editor.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.



Elisa D'Egidio and Kelly Adkins, student life editors.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon.

regarding my minors about topics pertaining to each field.” Another highlight of her time at the university was the completion of her honors thesis project: the Charger Bulletin Magazine. This served as a place where students could write long-form stories that wouldn’t be able to run in the print side of the paper. “Because I joined [the Charger Bulletin], I have become the editor and writer I am today and I am eternally grateful for that,” Castro said. “It helped me target which area of journalism I wanted to pursue.”

**Elisa D'Egidio**

Elisa D'Egidio has always given the paper a laid-back voice that can make the group laugh with her sudden quips. She has also been a dedicated and hard-working member of the Charger Bulletin during her two year tenure with the paper. D'Egidio is one of the two student life editors for the paper, typically writing multiple articles each week and creating graphics for the paper. “I have been blessed to have experienced a lot here,” D'Egidio said. “I am truthfully so happy

with how my experience went, knowing I did what I came here for and I overcame every single bump in the road... The Charger Bulletin was an outlet for me to improve my writing and temporarily step into the field of journalism.” She also recognized her co-student life editor, Kelly Adkins, saying that working with her was the true experience of having an amazing partner in the newsroom. “I wish we had that one extra semester to continue to improve our section and to have fun,” D'Egidio said. “Without my fellow glitter twin, as [Charger Bulletin advisor Susan Campbell] declared us, the paper would not have been what it was today.”

**Kelly Adkins**

Speaking of the Charger Bulletin’s other student life editor and “glitter twin,” Adkins is also graduating this month. She has contributed to the paper since 2019, becoming a staff writer the following year and rising to an editorial spot. Adkins can be remembered for her frantic, ultra late nights in the newsroom and constant positive attitude.

As a communication: journalism major, Adkins was introduced to writing articles early in her time at the university. “I wrote a few articles for my core journalism classes,” Adkins said. “And after covering some hard-hitting news like our university’s overnight COVID-19 case spike, I knew I wanted to be a part of getting information out to students as fast (and accurate) as possible.” For students interested in writing or journalism at the university, the Charger Bulletin is a good place to start, according to Adkins. She said that the organization offers a lot of enriching work for whoever is interested in it, so challenging yourself to explore the world of journalism is the best way to start. Adkins did just this, writing dozens of articles for the paper and participating in the Charger Bulletin News broadcasts as well. To her, working for the publication has given her the opportunity to be in a professional newsroom setting. “To outsiders, the Bulletin may just be a weekly publication, but for us it is the first time upholding national journalist codes and ethics,” Adkins said. “I am very thankful for the guidance of our Pulitzer prize-winning advisor, Susan Campbell, because she taught me how to handle real news and editorial situations.”

**Eldrick Greenaway**

Eldrick Greenaway is one of the creative masterminds behind the Charger Bulletin. He serves as the videographer editor and technical director, where he has produced promotional videos for both the print and broadcast sides of the Charger Bulletin, specif-

ically Charger Bulletin News (CBN). His work, most notably a video posted on Dec. 2 to @unewhavencfms on Instagram and editing the weekly news broadcast, can be summed up in a single word: professional. All of this has helped give Greenaway a family at the university. He said that “coming into this school with my best friend and leaving this school with a bigger family” is what will stand out to him the most. Greenaway joined the Charger Bulletin in fall 2020 working as a teleprompter and assistant videographer editor prior to this semester. He said that working for the Charger Bulletin was a chance to try something new, and that it has helped him achieve that and so much more. “Thanks for everything CBN,” Greenaway said. “It’s been an excellent journey and I’m grateful that everyone in CBN was a part of it.” On behalf of the Charger Bulletin, we want to thank you for your continued dedication and hardwork. For the full article, head to chargerbulletin.com



Eldrick Greenaway, videography editor.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.



# Domestic violence continues to be an issue in the NFL

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
Sports Editor

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*Perspective*

Ex-NFL Player Zac Stacy was arrested on Nov. 18 and charged with aggravated battery and criminal mischief after a home surveillance video surfaced of him beating his partner, Kristin Evans. Initially, Stacy, a former running back for the New York Jets and the then-St. Louis Rams, fled his home in Nashville, Tenn. when a warrant was put out for his arrest and he was taken into custody in Orlando, Fla.

Stacy has since been released on a \$10,150 bond. The judge barred him from returning to Florida outside of court appearances, and he is staying in Alabama with family. Evans’ attorney, Thomas Feiter, disagreed with this release “He saw that horrific video of blatant egregious domestic violence committed on our client... [The release] just doesn’t seem right.” Fellow players condemned Zac Stacy.

His former Rams teammate, Chris Long, tweeted “Woke up to the Zac Stacy video. Made my stomach turn. Not retweeting [the video]. Crazy to play [with] someone for a couple years & you have no idea what kind of bullsh\*t they do at home.”

Davante Adams, a Wide Receiver for the Green Bay Packers, add-

ed “I’m not retweeting the video but ZAC STACY NEEDS TO BE THROWN UNDER THE JAIL. Any man that puts his hands on a woman is a coward. Can’t believe what I just saw.”

Stacy is not an outlier, though. The NFL has long been plagued with incidents of players abusing their spouses or children. Since 2000, 134 players have been arrested for domestic violence and 15 for crimes relating to sexual assault, battery or solicitation, comprising 13% of all NFL arrests, according to a database by USA Today that tracks NFL arrests.

Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crimes in the United States. For NFL players, domestic violence is the highest criminal charge at 55% of total arrests made.

Professional athletes must use their body to sustain a career and, due to this, regularly experience bodily harm, specifically head injuries. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) is a form of traumatic, degenerative brain injury; the symptoms include mental illnesses resulting in substance abuse, decreased social functioning and increased aggression. A study conducted by Boston University found CTE affected the brains of 99% of the 202 NFL players studied. Aggression is a symptom seen in 34% of individuals with CTE.

The average age of NFL players is 26 years old, with the spread being between 25.5 years and 27.3 These players are set up for

brain damage at a very young age, just after the brain becomes fully developed. Injuries are a part of sports and are unavoidable. Still, CTE cannot be the scapegoat; NFL players perpetuating crimes is due to a variety of reasons, such as team culture, minimal action by the justice system, lack of fan backlash and reckless financial spending. The idea that one can “get away with” a crime due to being in a position of power or wealth is enforced by the NFL’s lack of disciplinary response.

The NFL should promote player safety on and off the field to ensure that its players remain law-abiding, ethical individuals. These young men have enormous influence over younger people who look up to their sports heroes; 72% of children view athletes as role models. Ramifications should be harsher and prove a commitment to inspiring change and raising awareness for these heinous actions.

The National Football League has yet to release a statement regarding Zac Stacy.

However, the National Down Syndrome Society, who partnered with Stacy in 2019 to conduct a football clinic for children with Down Syndrome, said “This terrible act of violence goes against our core values as an organization. Our support goes to the victim and her family.”

Domestic violence has never been—and will never be—acceptable, and it’s time for the NFL to confront their shortcomings.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY NFL PLAYERS

**BEN ROETHLISBERGER (2008 & 2009)**  
Pittsburgh Steelers' Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was accused of Sexual Assault on two occasions by two separate women: A hotel employee in Lake Tahoe (2008) and a George college student (2009).  
  
No legal action was taken.  
  
He was suspended six games, which was later shortened to four, but only sat out four.

**GREG HARDY (2014)**  
Greg Hardy, Defensive End for the Carolina Panthers, was charged with Domestic Violence.  
  
Hardy was initially sentenced to 60 months probation, but criminal charges were later dropped. His record was expunged.  
  
He was suspended for 10 games, which was later reduced to four.

**RAY RICE (2014)**  
Baltimore Ravens' Running Back Ray Rice was accused of, and charged with Third Degree Aggravated Assault.  
  
He pleaded not guilty and was not convicted.  
  
Rice was suspended for 2 games, eventually filing a wrongful termination grievance against the NFL and was awarded nearly \$3.5 million.

**RUEBEN FOSTER (2016)**  
Reuben Foster, a linebacker on the San Francisco 49ers, was arrested for Domestic Violence.  
  
He was not charged.  
  
Foster was fined two game checks and was not suspended.

**EZEKIEL ELLIOT (2016)**  
Dallas Cowboys' RB Ezekiel Elliot was accused of Battery.  
  
He was not charged and denied all allegations.  
  
After a yearlong investigation, Elliot was suspended for 6 games. His initial appeal was later dropped.

**KAREEM HUNT (2018)**  
Kareem Hunt, RB for the Kansas City Chiefs, was accused of Physical Assault by three separate individuals.  
  
He was not arrested.  
  
Hunt was dropped from the Kansas City Chiefs after public backlash on lack of NFL discipline.

Graphic courtesy of Lindsay Giovannone.

# Majak’s career day lifts New Haven over Saint Rose

BY TYLER WELLS  
Associate Editor

The New Haven men’s basketball team took home a 65-54 win against the College of Saint Rose on Saturday, pulling away in the second half to earn their second straight win in the Northeast-10 (NE-10). The Chargers relied on a career game by senior center Majur Majak, who posted career highs in points, rebounds and blocks.

After a slow start to the scoring, New Haven took an early lead. A jumper by junior forward Davontrey Thomas, a three-pointer by junior forward Sean Braithwaithe and a layup by senior guard Quashawn Lane extended an early 7-3 lead. The Chargers’ defense kept Saint Rose quiet, maintaining a nine-point lead after a three from graduate guard Sean Smith.

Saint Rose then went on a run of their own, cutting into the lead as the New Haven offense went cold. After a 9-0 run, the game was tied at 16 with seven minutes left in the first half. The two sides remain tied until the end of the first half, carrying a 23-23 split into the break.



New Haven’s Majur Majak dunks against Dominican College, West Haven. Nov. 27, 2021.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

They each came out of halftime trading baskets and remained within a point of each other. With under 10 minutes left, the lack of offense in the game kept the score at just 39-38 in Saint Rose’s favor. It seemed as though the Golden Knights would begin pulling away, as three straight baskets extended their lead to six.

The Blue and Golds got exactly what they needed: a statement from Majak that helped wake the offense. A steal from graduate guard Derrick Rowland let New Haven push the ball down the

court and caught Saint Rose in a defensive rotation. The ball swung to Lane in the corner, where he then found Majak running into the paint. The 7-foot-1 center took two steps and dunked over the Saint Rose defender, knocking him out of the way. The New Haven bench rose to their feet with a collective roar, giving them a glimpse of momentum late in the second half.

The whistle also blew, sending Majak to the line for the and-one. While the Chargers still trailed 44-43, there was a renewed energy coming from their bench.

Lane followed this up with a steal, with Rowland connecting on a hook shot to take the lead.

Majak then made his presence known on the defensive side with a resounding block, which Rowland followed up with a three-pointer on the other end.

The Chargers didn’t look back, holding onto the lead for the rest of the game. A three from senior guard Kendal McMillan, followed by a pair of layups from Rowland and Lane gave New Haven a nine-point lead with just over a minute left. Their free throw shooting iced the game,

giving New Haven the 65-54 win.

Lane finished the game as the Chargers’ leading scorer, scoring 15 points and dishing out six assists while Rowland added 12 points of his own, with a couple of major baskets in the closing minutes of the game. Majak concluded his day with 12 points of his own, 10 rebounds and eight blocks; he is now ranked first in Division II for blocks and fourth for blocks per game. His and-one dunk also appeared on ESPN’s SportsCenter Top-10 Plays, ranking as the sixth- best play of the day.

With the win, New Haven moves to 5-3 (2-2 NE-10) and rebounds with their second straight win after a three-game losing streak. Saint Rose falls to 4-3 (2-2 NE-10) and has lost three straight after starting the season undefeated.

New Haven returns to Charger Gymnasium on Tuesday when they host American International College, with tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. More information on the game can be found at NewHavenChargers.com, while a recap will be on ChargerBulletin.com.