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Unite HERE 217 and Sodexo workers protest outside the Marketplace, West Haven, Jan. 14, 2024.  
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## University employees protest workers' rights

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Arts & Life Editor

Jan. 16 started like any other move-in day, with all students preparing to say goodbye to their families and move back to the university for the new semester. And it was a regular move-in day until the rush was interrupted by the sudden sounds of a megaphone, footsteps and cheers. Sodexo employees and facilities workers from all over campus were carrying signs and marching. Some were passing out flyers with QR code links to a petition.

The employees were protesting for better pay and benefits. The protest let the public know of

the precariousness that Sodexo and facilities workers face as those workers made a public demand for better wages, better healthcare benefits and subcontract protections against being replaced by other workers.

The petition was created in partnership with Local 217, Unite Here, a union that represents 300,000 working people across Canada and the United States. The union represents people in the hotel, gaming, food service, manufacturing, textile, distribution, laundry, transportation and airport industries.

The flyer QR code directed students to a site that more fully described

the situation and explained that Sodexo and the union are "engaged in contract negotiations to determine wages, benefits, and working conditions for their respective employees."

The students could then sign the petition, with the statement saying "We, the UNH students, stand in solidarity with Sodexo cafeteria workers and UNH Facilities workers on our campus. The employees feed us with a smile, set up football games, and save our dorm possessions from being drenched when there's a leak in a building. We support their campaign to win contracts with good wages,

high quality affordable healthcare, stable retirement, and subcontracting protections."

Although this was not considered a strike, the protest attracted attention from students and families. Images and videos were shared on social media platforms such as Snapchat and Instagram. Pictures of the flyer, as well as images of the petition employees were asking students to sign, could be seen on the social media platform Yik Yak.

Mason Smith, president of the Young Democratic Socialists of America, was one of many members of their organization present at

the gathering. In reflection, Smith said "It was heartbreaking yet inspiring to hear the employees [on Jan. 16] talk about what they've been going through recently," and said that "the general feeling at the protest was that UNH employees are tired of the University remaining stagnant on a lot of their asks, and our employees feel motivated by UNITE HERE Local 217 which is advocating for our dining and facilities workers." This organization has also worked to help represent workers from other universities in the area, including Yale, Wesleyan, Central Connecticut

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# CT gears up for upcoming April Primary

BY ERIN SMITH  
Politics Editor

Over the next few months, states will be gearing up for presidential primary elections. In primary elections, voters select each political party's candidates for the general election. Iowa held their presidential caucus on Jan. 15 where former President Donald Trump took the lead against former S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley. New Hampshire had their primary on Jan. 23, with Trump winning with 176,392 votes to Haley's 140,288.

Trump and Haley are the only two Republicans still in the running for the nomination which will be announced in July at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

The Democratic National Convention will be held in August in Chicago where incumbent President Joe Biden, Rep. Dean Phillips (D-Minn.) and author Marianne Williamson share the ticket.

Connecticut's primary election will be held on April 2 with early voting opening on March 26. At a workshop for newly elected state officials, Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas announced there will be a required two days of training for poll workers before the upcoming election.

The state uses the Centralized Voter Registration System for all towns. The system produces an official voter registry list which contains information regarding voter registration applications, indi-

cating whether eligible voters participated in past elections and primaries and whether they voted in person or by absentee ballot.

Poll workers will need to be trained how to use this online system to make sure the elections maintain integrity. "I think election workers have just the right amount of nervousness, which is good, because it means everyone is thinking [this] through. We put together a draft handbook, for example, and sent it to the registrars," Thomas said.

Early voting for state elections and the general presidential election have not been funded yet by Gov. Ned Lamont and the General Assembly. After, the CT General Assembly authorized in person early

voting for any elections that take place after April 1, 2024 in the 2023 legislative session.

"Right now, there's zero allocated from the state for the next fiscal year, which would cover the presidential election and any August primaries," Thomas said. State law requires all cities and towns to have at least one early-voting site. Towns or cities with more than 20,000 residents can have multiple sites.

The ballots will not be counted until the primary on April 2. Conn. is in the process of updating tabulators used to count the ballots in each city/town.

"Right now, it does not look like we'll have them in 2024," Thomas said to the officials

at the workshop. "But just be aware, if that happens, that will also require additional training."

Thomas serves as the state's chief elections officer, so she can encourage more funding, but it is up to each municipality to ensure conduct of their elections.

On campus, the majority of students are of voting age. To vote in the primary election, the application must be post-marked by the fifth day before the primary. This means you need to mail in your ballot by March 26.

Students who live in their college town may register to vote in Connecticut or for the student's respective state fill out an absentee ballot for that state's primary.

# CT pushes to start transition to electric vehicles

BY ERIN SMITH  
Politics Editor

It has been one year since the university introduced eight level two electric vehicle charging stations on campus. These stations are free to use and are available to anyone with an electric powered vehicle (EV). The stations are in the Beckerman Recreation Center parking lot and in the Celentano Hall parking lot.

These stations were provided by New Haven's Office of Energy and Sustainability, which is a part of the facilities department. The office coordinates campus-wide efforts to reduce the university's carbon footprint, engages students in discussions and programs designed to protect the environment and develops ways to integrate issues about sustainability into classes and co-curricular learning opportunities.

New Haven is not new to adding sustainability programs at the university and to lowering the school's carbon footprint. A composting program was launched in 2019 in student dining halls. The school also works in collaboration

with Haven's Harvest to donate unused food, added recycling programs to increase recycling efforts and placed sustainable LED lighting throughout the school, as well as water bottle fillers to encourage reusable water bottles.

Director of the Office of Energy and Sustainability Laura Miller said in an article, "EVs are not simply in our future – they're here now. I hope to continue to expand our educational and sustainability initiatives at the university."

A year later, the state's government is working to transition to electric-powered vehicles and slowly phase out gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035. In November, Gov. Ned Lamont withdrew the proposed regulations for the transition after facing pushback from a bipartisan legislative committee.

If regulations are eventually passed, the state will be in line with the latest California emission standards. California's Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, adopted in 2022, impose stricter low-emission and zero-emission standards for model years 2026-2035, according to

the California Air Resources Board.

The ability of the state to build adequate charging infrastructure for the electric vehicles and the cost of EVs are the main concerns from members of the state legislature.

"These are legitimate concerns that folks have, so I want to have a conversation about those things, how we are addressing or not addressing them," said Sen. Gary Winfield, D-Conn. in a meeting with Lamont. "I think that this is a really important conversation. And I think ultimately, we probably do need to get where he's trying to go."

A potential bill has been in the works in hopes to get its own special session, but House Speaker Matt Ritter said the bill will serve as framework and will be proposed in the General Assembly's regular session, which will open on Feb. 7.

"I think there's been really good negotiations, but you have to get to a final bill and there are still some sticking points," Ritter said in an interview with CT Mirror.

According to CT Mirror, the bill covers the creation of a commission to monitor the state's readiness for electric vehicles, increased funding for a network of chargers in urban areas

and another vote by the General Assembly in 2027 on whether the state would remain committed to the 2035 goal.

The issue will be discussed in a regular session which will entail a public hearing and a review by a committee.

Lamont's spokesperson Julia Bergman said, "Gov. Lamont is committed to cleaner air and confident from his conversations with Democratic leadership that the legislature will stand by their commitment to put Connecticut on the path towards a zero-carbon future."

If you were a UNH student enrolled in any UNH course as of March 24, 2020 (other than a non-matriculated high school student) and you did not opt out of the Settlement of Krystian Wnorowski, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated v. University of New Haven, Case No. 3:20-cv-1589 (D. Conn.), you will receive the one-time \$200 Non-Cash Tuition Credit described in the Settlement if you enroll or have enrolled in a UNH course commencing in September 2023 or later. Go to [www.unnewhavensettlement.com](http://www.unnewhavensettlement.com) for more information.

# University workers unionize at start of spring semester

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-  
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and Hartford.

The protests caused several delays around campus, including food places and diners such as FOD, Marketplace and the Charger convenience store.

Juan Dominguez, leading manager of Sodexo at the university, declined to comment, as did vice president of facilities Lou Annino. Instead, comment was redirected to the university's office of marketing and communication, who provided a statement

on behalf of the faculty, staff and administration.

On Jan. 19, they said "The university respects the rights of the demonstrators who gathered to peacefully express their views. All dining services across the University are operating as scheduled, as has been the case since residential students returned to campus in advance of the start of the spring semester. University leaders continue to be in contact with Sodexo to ensure that dining services for the University community continue uninterrupted." This mirrored their statement on Jan. 15, which also reiterated

their endurance of dining services going "uninterrupted."

Their Jan. 19 statement made to The Charger Bulletin also said that "The union representing our facilities employees is currently engaged in negotiations with the university. We will continue to work constructively with the union representing our facilities employees to maintain and strengthen a long-standing, strong, and productive relationship that supports the important role our facilities employees play in our 24/7 university operations."

Students who want more

information can attend a solidarity meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan.

30 outside of Bartels' lounge.



Unite HERE 217 and Sodexo workers protest, West Haven, Jan. 14, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of University of New Haven/Mason Smith

# Fraternity and Sorority Life announce official rush and recruitment weeks

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-  
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For new arrivals on campus, *The Charger Bulletin* welcomes you to the Charger community!!

To returning Chargers, you know what time it is. For students looking for ways to get involved, the university's Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) organizations have officially announced one of their most popular public events of the semester; the Rush and Recruitment week.

Rush week, or recruitment week for sororities, is a semesterly tradition where FSL organizations host a week's worth of interactive activities and events to look for potential new members. These events are organized to allow

students to get to know the organizations, meet the brothers and sisters within them, learn the groups' histories, functions and beliefs. The goal is that at the end of the week, students can choose which organization they would like to join, while the organization chooses who they would like as new members.

The week's events provide a wide range of activities from the casual – such as going to Buffalo Wild Wings or going bowling – to the more formal, from orientations to presentations about brotherhood/sisterhood. The final decision and the receiving of bids happen at the end of the week.

"Being in a sorority is finding your future bridesmaids, best friends, and mentors,"

said Molly Guillemain, president of sorority Chi Kappa Rho. "You learn how to become the best version of yourself, overcoming obstacles you never knew existed. A sorority is a family that you can laugh, scream, and cry with."

"Joining XKP was one of the best things that I had ever done for myself, and I was so nervous when going out for recruitment," said

Aiya Chahid, public relations chair of Chi Kappa Rho. "But the second I met my sisters I knew I was home. Chi Kappa Rho not only encouraged me to be authentic and work hard, but they have also given me so many useful skills and so many leadership opportunities. We have seen sisters grow into business women, creative designers, FBI agents and so much more."

"Recruitment is a very exciting time, where you can meet so many people and find your home away from home," said Victoria Turtianen, president of sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha. "The best tip that I can share is to be yourself, this will lead you to find any organization that you resonate with, allowing you to grow in professional and personal ways."



KTP's Greek Life rock in Bixler/Gerber quad, West Haven, Sept. 6, 2023.  
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# Prioritizing mental health as a college student

BY JEIRY DE LA CRUZ-REYNOSO  
Staff Writer

Welcome back, new and returning students! It's officially the second half of the school year and the Bulletin hopes your first half went as you hoped.

As we get accustomed to being back on campus, many students are coming to understand the course load they will have this semester. Although it's of the utmost importance to stay on top of it all and maintain a high GPA, our mental health is also something that seems to be forgotten. Everyone has a dif-

ferent journey to improve their mental health and can take many different paths, but in the end, we all have the same end goal; to be the best we can be every day.

If you ever find yourself in a bad mental state, there are a variety of ways you can take care of yourself. Some steps include:

1. Biweekly Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) meetings provide therapy dogs that give people a break from their typical schedule. Petting a dog can give you a unique level of happiness. If you're not particularly

interested in socializing with others, CAPS is also a center where you can schedule an appointment if you ever want a trained and/or licensed specialist's opinion.

2. Journaling can be a helpful way to write your thoughts and see change on a daily basis. Going through a busy college schedule can get stressful if you're not taking time to unwind. So next time you're bored or have a lot on your mind, take out a piece of paper and a pen and see where your thoughts take you.

3. Making connections with the right kind of people is a critical part

of living through college. Having the right people around you makes it easier to make good decisions and allows you to lean on someone when you need help.

4. Sleeping is a critical aspect of everyday life. With commitments such as staying on top of your classes, extracurriculars, or your job, sleep is not something easy to come by. Create a schedule that includes sleep can help. That's sleep in the evening, or just finding a couple of hours a day to rest.

5. Many people find it to be beneficial to focus on their physical health

rather than mental health. In the long run, exercise benefits you both physically and mentally.

It is important to remember that with everyone's busy schedule, sometimes worrying about these types of things may not be of your utmost concern. You can set alarms to make time for relaxation and especially after studying, it is great to unwind and give your body the proper amount of rest. Some might believe it's something that can be taken care of later, but start now and help yourself put the best foot forward this semester.

# Two campuses, one community: The divide of our students

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The university prides itself in its small, intimate community. We push the idea of Charger pride, of the tight-knit nature of our students and the accessibility of our resources. With this in mind, we are left to ask: why is it so difficult for undergraduate students to access Orange Campus?

The Pompea College of Business centers its hub of resources around our secondary campus, which makes sense given the dense population of MBA students that New Haven harbors. This is not to go without saying, however, that undergraduate students both within and beyond the College of Business could benefit with greater access to the Orange Campus.

We over in West Haven seem to lack a proper understanding of the resources available on this second campus. A proper gander at events listed on Charger Connection will only start to show students the amount of events hosted at the Orange Campus. While many are sponsored by and

geared toward business students, the amount of opportunities to network, gain job search knowledge and learn about local organizations who set out to help students succeed is incredibly underappreciated by the main campus undergraduate population.

Turnouts at events located at Orange typically range between 15 and 20 students, when the resources provided here could be helping countless students be more successful in landing internships, applying for jobs upon graduation or even just networking with other students to collaborate and share knowledge and resources.


This is without considering the social divide created between the student population at the university. We currently risk creating an even larger gap between students of different ages and disciplines, which is an unfortunate disadvantage to find at a school of our size, where community is so widely valued.

The shuttle that runs between campuses is sporadic, and is easily missed

by students who are either in class or unfamiliar with the loop done between the two towns. The university-sponsored system for transportation is notoriously unreliable, even in simply getting students between buildings on the main campus. Why are we to trust it to shuttle us to an entirely different campus?

This is all without mentioning the way in which the Orange Campus is far better designed for productivity than the main campus. For students seeking to study or simply tackle a pile of assignments, the dull and yet elementary ambiance of main campus, with its headache-inducing colors and study spaces placed in the center of campus' loudest buildings, it is impossible to feel accomplished at the end of the day. At Orange, the building has more turns and hidden nooks for studying, a more mature design with less loud colors on the walls and in general an atmosphere that promotes more intentional productivity.

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## New year, same burnout

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The start of the new year is exciting, with prospects of fresh starts, fulfilled resolutions and personal growth. We at the Bulletin encourage you all to seize the opportunities that come with the turning of a page that brings upon us a new year.

However, with each January that rolls in comes a spring semester — a long stretch of dirtied snow slush until spring break and a torturous need to find the energy to continue upon your return from Cabo or the Bahamas or anywhere other than West Haven, Conn. College student burnout is an inevitable experience and one for which we should not feel shame.

You're taking classes to fill requirements that seem to hold no value to your future, working a job to pay for groceries to make up for dining hall food you can't digest and trying to somehow also make

time for the few people you've managed to tolerate throughout your time here.

Academic and social burnout is a downplayed part of the collegiate experience and as students, we need to create more spaces where we can talk about the struggles, stresses and strains of balancing the multifarious components of young adulthood.

Your head might be leaning against the burnout wall by the end of January and that's an experience far more normal than higher academia would have you think.

In order to make the time feel more manageable, break down your schedule at the start of each week and draw your focus away from the one coming next. You can persevere through seven days at a time and doing that just four times will push you through 25% of the semester.

Spring break and the midpoint of the term are only six weeks away. Upon

return, we have just a few weeks until end of the semester activities, like Spring Week, are in full swing.

In the meantime, prioritize your mental health, make time to step back completely from your commitments and pursue new hobbies, self care activities and time to process the weight of the rest of your schedule.

The snow will clear soon, the effect of the season will peter out and with warmer weather will come the official home stretch. Some of us will be graduating and others will be one year closer to the next stage of our lives. Don't rush your time as an undergraduate student, but also marvel at the idea that the stressful, sometimes unbearable parts of being a student are far more temporary than you may think.

For people experiencing especially high levels of burnout and stress, resources may be available

through Counseling and Psychological Services and the Accessibility Resource Center. You can also scroll through Charger Connection for a full list of activities across campus to connect with fellow students and explore resource opportunities that claim to enhance your mental well being.

The Dean of Students Office also sends out a monthly "Holistic Wellness" newsletter. Most of the PDF space is consumed by an extensive list of university resources, and broadly general tips on how to improve your livelihood, such as sleeping more. We encourage you all to share your thoughts.

If you have suggestions for improvements of student support from U. New Haven administration, or suggestions for how the school can better support struggling students, email cbeditor@newhaven.edu to get your voice onto this page.



The Charlie the Charger statue, West Haven. March 25, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

# Track and field dominates at Wesleyan Invitational

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor

The men's and women's track teams had a successful weekend at the Wesleyan Invitational in Wesleyan University.

Among the women's sprinters, four Chargers placed at the weekend meet. Senior sprinter Savannah Sistrunk finished second in the women's 60-meter dash. Sistrunk finished with a final time of 8.00 after shaving off .11 seconds from her preliminary time. Sophomore Kailaya Fitch finished second overall in the women's 200-meter dash, crossing with a time of 27.19 seconds. Junior Niquelle Johnson finished third in the women's 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.17. And sophomore Emily Mazzuco finished second overall in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:36.35.

New Haven clinched the second and third spots in the 1000-meter run with freshman Bernadette Karpel running the second fastest time of 3:22.32; senior Angelina Schilling took third with a time of 3:22.46.

Freshman Jada Kamtha added to the scoreboards by placing third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.40. After running a 9.56 in the prelims, Kamtha was able to shave off .16 seconds to take home third place for the Chargers. Along with her success in the 60-meter hurdles, Kamtha dominated in the pit and won the long jump on her fifth jump that landed a mark of



Sophomore Declan McGrellis in the pole vault, Middletown, Jan. 27, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Neva Bostic.

5.14 meters.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team consisted of Fitch and Johnson, along with senior Micaela Owen and sophomore Deja Harris. The relay team took home the win for the Chargers with a time of 4:16.17.

Sophomore pole vaulter Molly Clark finished second. After clearing the opening height of 2.55 meters on her first attempt, Clark cleared a height of 2.70 meters on her second attempt, which earned her the second-place mark for New Haven.

Sophomore Gabrielle Teel took home a first-place win for the Chargers in the triple jump. Teel started off strong with an opening mark of 11.53 meters before jumping a winning mark of 11.65 meters on her

third attempt. This jump was an NCAA provisional mark and moved Teel into the top spot in the NE-10 and second in the East Regional.

Two throwers added points for the women's team; junior Isabelle Robinson finished second overall in the shot put with a mark of 11.08 meters on her second throw. Along with Robinson, junior Anita Hodge finished second in the weight throw with her final attempt landing a mark of 13.24 meters.

For the men's team, junior sprinter Joshua Stewart won the men's 60-meter dash. After running a 7.25 in the prelims, Stewart was able to shave off .21 seconds to end with a winning time of 7.04. Sophomore distance runner Mohammed Abunar also took first

place for the blue and gold in the 3000-meter race with a time of 8:54.67. Junior Daniel Barberio took second place in the 1000-meter by crossing with a time of 2:41.73. New Haven also took home a win in the 5000-meter thanks to junior William Brown, who ran a winning time of 16:06.57.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team finished third with a time of 3:38.55. The relay team included Stewart, junior Jordan Emile, senior Nile Colson and freshman Caleb Agbor.

The Chargers finished first and third in the men's pole vault. Sophomore Declan McGrellis took home the win for New Haven by clearing a height of 3.95 meters. Junior Cole Parker took home third by clearing a height of

3.50 meters.

Junior Akin Akinwunmi finished third in the triple jump with a mark of 12.30 meters and freshman Jonah Aguiar finished second overall in shot put with 14.07 meters.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team – juniors Nathaniel Peters and Jason Lorent, senior Jordany Dely and sophomore Christopher Gregory – set a school record at the team's second meet of the weekend, the UMass Lowell Riverhawk Invitational with a time of 3:23.30.

The Chargers next travel on Feb. 3 to Boston to compete at the Bruce Lehan Scarlet and White Meet hosted by Boston University. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Men's basketball falls short, loses 100-74 to Bentley

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor

After losing a tight contest against Pace University on Wednesday, New Haven hosted the Bentley Falcons on Saturday looking to get back in the win column. Unfortunately for the Chargers, they were unable to make a comeback from the loss earlier in the week, losing to the Falcons 100-74.

Bentley's offense was too much for New Haven to handle as they fell behind early and were not able to close the gap between them and Bentley. The Falcons offense caught fire in the second half, scoring 56 points and handing the Chargers their fifth loss in their last six games.

The first half of the game started off close with both teams going back and forth in scoring. Bentley took off in the middle of the first half, leading by 10 points with less than nine minutes left in the half. The first half ended in favor of

the Falcons, with a 44-31 lead going into the second half of the game.

Guard Jah'Likai King led the scoring for the Chargers, topping 30 points for the second time this season. Racking up 32 points, King also made a career-high eight three-pointers. Overall, King shot 12-of-22 attempts, while adding four rebounds and three assists to his career day.

Two other Chargers joined King in the double digits, with forward Davontrey Thomas adding 13 points for New Haven and forward Tyler Saint-Furcy finishing close behind with 12 points. Saint-Furcy led the Chargers in shooting, making five of his seven shots. He also added four rebounds. Other scorers for New Haven included forwards Ethan Simmon, Tarese Morse, and Joshua Hopson.

Overall, the Chargers finished shooting 28-of-60 from the field, with 10 of those 28 coming from behind the three-point arc. The Chargers also finished



New Haven's Davontrey Thomas takes a layup, West Haven, Jan. 27, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

8-of-15 at the free throw line. New Haven finished the game shooting 46.7%. Bentley took the victory over New Haven, shooting 60.7% from the field, finishing 37-of-61 attempts.

The Chargers are now on a

two-game losing streak and will look to cut this streak short on Tuesday night. Following Saturday's game, New Haven now holds an overall record of 6-13 and are 3-10 in the Northeast-10 Conference.

New Haven will welcome the Assumption Greyhounds on Tuesday, Jan. 30 for a conference match at home. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. For more information, please visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Women's basketball falls to Bentley at home

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor

The Chargers took the court on Saturday to face the Bentley Falcons, looking to get back in the win column. New Haven's offense had no answers for Bentley, scoring just 44 points

in a 59-44 loss as they dropped their third consecutive game.

New Haven struggled offensively from the start, going into the second half with just 18 points and trailing by 12. With nine turnovers in the first half, the Chargers were unable to bring themselves within

striking distance of the lead.

Guard Sabira Ahayeva came off the bench to score a career-high 11 points, also setting the team-high for the game and adding three assists. Forward Aurora Deshaies was the only other Chargers with 10 points and grabbing 11

rebounds, extending the team and conference lead. Between the two leading scorers, Ahayeva led the Chargers from the field, shooting 4-of-7 overall and two three-pointers. Deshaies followed closely behind, shooting 5-of-11 from the field. Six of her 11 rebounds

came off of the offensive glass.

Following the leading scorers, seven other Chargers were able to put points up against the Falcons' defense. Guard Lindsay Hogan and forward Makaela Johnson followed behind the leading duo with seven from Hogan and six from Johnson, who tallied three assists to tie Ahayeva for the team lead. Also scoring for the Chargers were Charlotte Bassett, Nayeli Dowding, Gabrielle Stickle, Marigona Bacaliu and Eveani Okwuosa, each putting up two points for New Haven.

The Chargers finished the game shooting 32.7% from the field to Bentley's 42%. As a team, New Haven connected on 17-of-52 shots from the field, including four from behind the three-point arc. Six points came from the free throw line on eight attempts.

The Chargers have an overall record of 6-11 and they are 2-11 in the Northeast-10 conference. The next game for New Haven will take place at home on Tuesday, Feb. 30 against the Assumption Greyhounds. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. as the Chargers look to get back on track. For more information on this game and those to come, please visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



New Haven's bench celebrates against Bentley, West Haven, Jan. 27, 2024.  
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