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Connor Degenhardt holds up a football during the football game versus Bentley University, Nov. 6, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

Football beats No. 9 Bentley, wins NE-10 title

BY TYLER WELLS
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The moment quarterback Connor Degenhardt's knee hit the turf and the final 30 seconds ticked off the clock, a flurry of Gatorade showers flew on the New Haven sideline; football was conference champions for the first time since 2012.

Players embraced around the field, reveling in the happiness and relief that a season-long grind culminated in hoisting the trophy up for the Northeast-10 (NE-10) Conference Title. Alumni looked on with pride in a program that has established themselves as a perennial power in the region.

Even though there is another week of the regular season, it was Championship Saturday when No. 24 New Haven welcomed No. 9 Bentley University in a matchup of unbeaten in the Northeast-10 conference. There was a buzz in the air as over 3,000 fans from both schools lined the sidelines and filled Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium for the Senior Day matchup.

In 2019, the Chargers tied with Bentley for first place in the

conference, eventually losing the title based on their loss to the Falcons earlier in the season. This history between the two is not forgotten by either side, contributing to the tensions between the two teams.

New Haven got out to a dream start. The Chargers broke out an offensive attack that was one of their most balanced of the season, with Degenhardt connecting to receivers and their dual threat running backs finding holes in the Falcons defense.

Running back (RB) Shamar Logan, who has been hampered all season by an ankle injury, broke the drive open with a 23-yard rush to get New Haven across midfield. After some more gains, Degenhardt pushed his way into the endzone on a sneak to give New Haven a 7-0 lead on their first drive.

The Chargers standout defense did their part, allowing just one first down and forcing a punt in Bentley's first drive. In seemingly seconds, the first quarter was over and New Haven held a 7-0 lead with possession.

A collection of stalled drives and punts kept the score there until New Haven got the ball deep in their own territory. On

third down at their 13-yard line, the Bentley rush sacked Degenhardt from behind. This caused a fumble that Bentley recovered, putting themselves deep into the red zone. In an instant, the momentum shifted to the ninth ranked team in the nation.

The defense had other plans. Bentley dropped back to pass in their first play following the turnover, searching for the endzone. Instead, cornerback Khyon Fitzpatrick rose above the Falcons receiver to come down with an interception.

On the next drive, RB Zack Mauro showed why he was the reigning NE-10 Offensive Player of the Week, rattling off a few big runs and bringing the Chargers closer to the endzone. With just a minute remaining in half, Degenhardt used his legs for a nine-yard rush to extend their lead to 14-0.

With 44 seconds left and knowing they got the ball out of half, Bentley came out aggressive in hopes to score. This backfired as CB Shawn Tafe picked off a poorly thrown pass, giving New Haven the ball again with 13 seconds. An 18-yard Degenhardt pass and an 11-yard Mauro rush gave kicker Briant DeFelice a

38-yard field goal chance with just one second left.

The kick split the uprights as time expired, giving New Haven a 17-0 lead into half.

Bentley quickly reminded the fans that they were not to be taken lightly, scoring their first touchdown of the game after consecutive runs a minute into the third quarter. Bentley gathered momentum as they forced a New Haven punt on the ensuing drive, but a roughing the kicker penalty gave the Chargers a first down and new life.

New Haven took advantage of this, as Degenhardt connected with receiver Dev Holmes for a 20-yard touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, after the defense kept Bentley off the board, Degenhardt rushed for another touchdown to extend their lead to 31-7. Bentley would respond with another touchdown, but it would be too little, too late as they couldn't catch the Chargers offense.

New Haven walked away with a 31-14 statement win, solidifying their spot as the best team in the conference and one of the best in the region.

The Chargers move to 8-1 (7-0 NE-10) and face Franklin Pierce

University for the final game of the season. If they win over Franklin Pierce, New Haven would clinch their first undefeated season in conference since 2012.

"It's a real accomplishment for our kids and I'm proud of them," New Haven head coach Chris Pincince said. "We started out about 10 weeks ago, we didn't even know where to go, and [the seniors] led the way and I'm really excited for them."

Bentley falls to 8-1 (6-1 NE-10) and loses the conference championship. Despite this loss, they will likely still be ranked and have a spot in the postseason. Depending on how the rankings end up, there is a chance these two teams play each other again before the season ends.

"We'll be back here," a Bentley player called out to a section of New Haven students as he walked back to the locker room.

New Haven will celebrate the conference title now, but their season isn't over yet. With hopes of a home playoff game, it is just beginning.

"We knew we had to move the ball, secure the game," said Mauro. "We just won, but we've still got another game."

Film releases to watch this November

BY SAIGE BATZA
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Are you looking for new movies to watch, but don't know where to start? Here is a list of new movie releases in November that you won't want to miss.

Eternals

Marvel fans, this movie is for you. "Eternals" introduces the next phase of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and is highly anticipated by fans all over the world. The movie features well-known actors like Angelina Jolie, Richard Madden, Salma Hayek and Gemma Chan. They play a group of superhuman, immortal beings who have been hidden away on Earth for about a thousand years. Together, they must reunite to conquer the Deviants.

"Eternals" is available now in theaters and on demand.

Red Notice

This movie follows the pursuit of an FBI agent (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) who is forced into partnership with a world-renowned art thief (Ryan Reynolds). Together, they are sent on a mission with the "Red Notice," a warrant to capture the most wanted criminals including "The Bishop" (Gal Gadot). The film is packed with adventure and suspense and will leave you on the edge of your seat.

You can watch "Red Notice" in theaters and on demand now.



Inside of a movie theater.
Photo courtesy of Pixabay/Bru-nO

Soulmates

"Soulmates" follows the lives of two inseparable best friends, Sam and Jess. When Jess meets and falls in love with Landon, Sam starts to feel like an afterthought. Landon's boss is also threatening to destroy the maple industry of their hometown in Vermont. It is Sam's duty to save her relationship with her best friend Jess, and to protect their town from corruption.

"Soulmates" will be released in theaters and on demand on Nov. 12.

Hive

This movie follows the journey of a young woman, Fahrihje, whose husband went missing during the war in Kosovo. During this award-winning story based on true events, the widows in the local community gather together to launch a business selling food products. They stand

against the men in the community who condemn their efforts to stand on their own. This creates an uproar in the village, while Fahrihje tries to find a way to salvage her business and her struggling family.

"Hive" is available to watch in theaters and on demand now.

NEEDTOBREATHE: Into the Mystery

"NEEDTOBREATHE" is a contemporary Christian band of worship music-lovers. Their documentary entitled "Into the Mystery" is named after their upcoming album release. The group considers this movie a highlight of their most important music, which covers topics such as fear and isolation in the COVID-19 pandemic, a feeling that is undoubtedly relatable to all of us.

"Into the Mystery" is currently available in theaters and on demand.

"Dune": A setup for stunning visuals

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In "Dune" (2021), set 8,000 years from present day in an interstellar feudal society, numerous noble houses rule celestial estates, and Paul Atreides (Timothée Chalamet), son of Duke Leto (Oscar Isaac), the ruler of House Atreides, will fulfill his destiny.

"Dune's" biggest strength comes from its outstanding cinematography and cast. Director Denis Villeneuve allows his audience to see various shots that were inspired by his previous work, including "Blade Runner 2049" (2017), "Arrival" (2016) and "Sicario" (2015). However, what "Dune" lacks is its pacing and storytelling. It's a dialogue-heavy film that the audience is forced to listen to until the action finally arrives. On top of that, "Dune's" promotional content can be very misleading. For instance, Zendaya (Chani) had a screen time of only 10 minutes despite being the face of the numerous "Dune" trailers.



A "Dune" movie poster.
Photo courtesy of @dunemovie on Instagram.

There are other notable actors to point out that made this film as good as it is. Jason Momoa (Duncan Idaho), Josh Brolin (Gurney Hallack) and Dave Bautista (Beast Rabban Harkonnen) all contributed to the film.

This film had a variety of mixed reviews. Chris Stuckmann, a YouTube movie critic said, "The action set pieces were phenomenal, but the focus was almost always on the characters." The downside of "Dune" is how foundational it is, as it only exists to set up the overarching story.

John Anderson's American Magazine article sums up the movie's lacking story. He said, "With plans to continue the story into a second movie, Villeneuve starts spinning his wheels in the sand about halfway to a sandwormy destination. It is terribly disappointing."

Other critics are saying that the film has a "self-contained world" and that technical elements work well—and they're not wrong. The film itself has excellent use of its monochlor and orderly worldbuilding. Villeneuve knows how to create a world where his own merits and knowledge of imagery shines.

Despite its flaws, "Dune" has gained a variety of positive reviews. As of right now, "Dune" is certified fresh on Rotten Tomatoes with a score of 83% and an audience score of 90%.

Though there are flaws, this movie was still informative, setting a foundation for the now confirmed sequel, "Dune: Part Two." With outstanding visuals and a powerful cast, "Dune" is now streaming on HBOMax and at a theater near you.



The entrance to the College Street Music Hall, New Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tiara Starks

What's happening at College Street Music Hall

BY TIARA STARKS
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College Street Music Hall is a performance venue in the middle of downtown New Haven. Surrounded by the college campus of Yale, this venue brings in a variety of artists, comedians and other forms of entertainment right to the heart of the city. Tickets are affordable, too, with prices ranging from \$25 to \$45 for high-quality entertainment. Now is the perfect time for students to check out a lineup of upcoming performers.

The Psychedelic Furs is a 70s-era post punk British band who will be performing as part of their "Made of Rain" tour on Nov. 9. After going on a decade-long hiatus in the 90s, the band reunited in the early 2000s to continue making music. On March 1 of this year, the band released the official video for "Made of Rain's" fifth single "Wrong Train." On Sept. 1, two weeks before the "Made Of Rain" tour kicked-off, the band released a new single "Evergreen" from the "Made Of Rain" sessions. You may have already heard one of their songs "Pretty in Pink," if you've seen the John

Hughes film of the same name.

On Nov. 10, Sylvan Esso, an electronic pop duo, will perform at the venue with Lido Pimienta as part of their "Shaking out the Numb" tour. They released their second album "What Now" with Loma Vista Recordings in 2017, which was nominated for a Grammy for "Best Dance/Electronic Album". "Free Love" was released Sept. 25, 2020, via Loma Vista Recordings to positive reviews. In November of last year, Sylvan Esso released their "Shaking Out the Numb" podcast, a six-episode series centered on the making of "Free Love."

On Nov. 12, Lettuce, a funk band originating from Boston, Mass. will arrive as part of their "Bring Back The Love" tour. Lettuce has played with the Soul Rebels Brass Band on Jam Cruise 2013. Their 2015 album "Crush" reached number one on the U.S. Jazz Albums chart. Their latest album, "Elevate," was nominated at the Grammys for "Instrumental Album of the Year."

To learn more about how to get tickets for these events, visit collegestreetmusichall.com. The next batch of shows will be released in the following edition.

Join us tonight for
The Charger Bulletin bi-weekly meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

Located in the Bergami
Center studio, room 115

All current and prospective
members welcome

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for more information

The supply chain disruption's effect on university students

BY TYLER WELLS
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A recent notice in the University of New Haven dining halls saying that pans were now being sprayed by soybean oil was the only noticeable impact on campus of our current supply chain disruption. However, the world is in the midst of a global supply chain crisis as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic that could give consumers a stressful holiday season.

From a severe lack of computer chip manufacturing, to congested trade routes and under-supplied food items, countries across the world are having to adapt to slower arrival times for goods.

The global supply chain serves as the symbolic pathway that every good travels along, from the start of the manufacturing stage to the customer who paid for the product. It consists of a collection of people, companies, warehouses, transportation companies and retailers that coordinate to produce and release products.

According to University of New Haven assistant professor of economics Patrick Gourley, this supply chain has been put under stress as economies are bouncing back and adapting to a post-COVID-19 labor force.

"During COVID, much of the economy shut down, either

completely or partially," said Gourley. "Given the complexity and 'just-in-time' strategy many industries use, getting back to normal is going to cause hiccups."

A "just-in-time" (JIT) system is a strategy that aims to limit inventory and improve efficiency, decreasing waste and delivering products to consumers quickly. The issue is that this strategy heavily relies on steady production, no machine breakdowns, workmanship and suppliers: something that the pandemic has made more uncertain.

"Most industries use a just-in-time supply chain," Gourley said. "This keeps goods cheaper and businesses don't have to pay for storage."

Labor shortages also hurt production capabilities as workers argue for more rights amid the pandemic. Thousands of workers in the U.S. are calling for better wages, working conditions and benefits, with many having worked in unsafe environments during the pandemic. Many strikes are challenging the workplace's status quo.

Cargo ships looking to make deliveries or pick-ups at ports around the world have been left waiting in long lines. In early October, nearly 500,000 shipping containers were stranded outside of Southern California ports as they faced a backlog of traffic.

High demand has also made it difficult for supply to keep up.

In the context of a JIT system, Gourley said this causes supply chain issues to add-up and expand to industries throughout the economy.

At the university, effects of the supply chain breakdown have been most directly felt through the change in oil used for cooking. The notice, posted at several stations in The Marketplace at Bartels Hall, said that a different kind of oil was used for the pan spray due to the global supply chain crisis. Cooks used "Sysco" pan spray that contained soybean oil after it was mistakenly delivered in one of their shipments last month.

Samantha Zajac, the registered dietitian for the university, said the change was just temporary and students could expect it to go back to normal soon.

"To date [Nov. 1] I have one can left of the Sysco pan spray," Zajac said. "I anticipate taking down the disclaimers in the next week."

For students with a soy allergy, dining services was diligent to notify and mark the soybean oil for protection according to Zajac. Though this was easily addressed, it shows that a change in the global supply chain can force the university to quickly adapt their operations.

Students may anticipate more



The salad bar at The Marketplace in Bartels Hall, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Kayla Mutchler.

inconveniences this holiday season. Delays, limited supplies and higher prices are all expected for consumers in the coming months, meaning it may be more difficult for shoppers to get what they want. For example, Nike could lose over 100 million pairs of shoes following factory closures in Vietnam.

Some markets will be more affected than others according to Gourley, who foresees these problems lasting at least three more months.

"A small minority of goods may be unavailable—I've heard stories of people waiting 6+

months for furniture," Gourley said. "For most goods though, it means waiting a bit longer than usual or paying a bit more."

Gourley said that despite the effects we're seeing now, there is no reason to panic too much; consumers can still get most of what they want, just at higher costs and wait times. It shouldn't reach "crisis" level until a significant amount of goods are totally unavailable, he said.

"I think a sense of perspective is warranted," he said. "There are certainly supply chain issues right now, but I disagree with calling it a disaster, crises, etc."

West Haven residents go vote under cloudy skies and cold weather

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Perspective

Despite dark clouds looming over the city and the cold weather, citizens of West Haven still showed up to vote during election day on Nov. 2.

At the District One polling location, the Church of the Holy Spirit, lawn chairs lined the grass in front of the building, with signs sprawled along the road for both Nancy R. Rossi and Barry Lee Cohen's mayoral campaigns. Supporters for each candidate sat in the chairs, wrapped in blankets to keep warm.

One sign read "Go Vote!" while people came in and out of the church with pamphlets in their hand.

Cohen supporters greeted incoming voters as they walked near the church, with informational pamphlets in their hands.

Opposite the church is the West Haven Green which—except for events hosted there and the occasional dog walker or bicyclist—usually isn't filled with



The outside of the Church of the Holy Spirit, where members of District One vote, Nov. 2, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Samuel Weinmann.

many people. On Election Day, however, citizens gathered from all directions; some came alone, and others with their families, keeping close to stay warm.

While sitting on a nearby bench, you could see West Haven come alive. Children on bicycles sped by, while others played

on the concrete in front of the gazebo.

At nearly 5 p.m.—a time in which the parking spots on Church Street are normally empty—most of the spots were taken up, with cars coming and going constantly.

It was also busy at Mayor Nancy Rossi's Campaign Headquar-

ters, located on Captain Thomas Boulevard. I stopped by later that night to volunteer to make some calls before the polls closed. I was tasked to call voters and remind them to vote. Although some voters didn't know that it was election day, many others had already voted that morning.

Other volunteers were doing

the same thing. The walls of the headquarters were sectioned off for each district, with volunteers calling voters and crossing their names off on a massive list pinned to the wall. Supporters of the Mayor came and went, trying to secure the election before the end of the night.

Later that night, reporters came into the headquarters, which at that point was packed with both supporters and reporters.

On the night of the election, Rossi addressed supporters, saying that she's "very excited to be representing the city of West Haven again."

Although the election could have gone either way, it was clear to me that every vote counted, and if it hadn't been for the families walking across the Green, or for the volunteers making calls for hours on end, the election could have gone a very different way.

Although political efficacy in this country is on the decline, civic participation is crucial for a functional democracy, and from what I saw on Election Day, everyone can make a difference—especially in local elections.

Charger Bulletin News brings broadcast professionally to campus

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO
Student Life Editor

The Charger Bulletin has been the student news source for the University of New Haven since its founding in 1928. Branching away from print journalism, since 2017, Charger Bulletin News (CBN) has been the broadcast extension where relevant stories involving the university community are explored in-depth in a mini, local news show.

CBN, like most news sources, is fast-paced. Topics are selected and approved on Monday night, filming takes place on Tuesday afternoon and the final product is edited and completed by Wednesday morning. Within about 24 hours, an entire episode is filmed and edited all with the hard work of the production team of roughly 15 dedicated students.

Each week, the show's anchors report weekly updates from various areas of university life, from COVID-19 dashboard updates to registration news and beyond. There are also opportunities for students to record news packages and interview students around campus.

The show even features an entertainment section which looks into all things Hollywood, music

and theater. There is also a sports segment that recaps Charger athletic games and updates.

Nicki Chavoya, CBN advisor, said the purpose of CBN is "to produce a very solid program and at the same time learn valuable skills that will benefit them in any career whether it is in [television] or film."

"They meet deadlines, collaborate, troubleshoot and work with Charger Bulletin staff to ensure the broadcast reflects the week's printed stories," said Chavoya.

CBN is a hands-on opportunity for students to expand upon what they have been taught in class. This leadership and mentorship opportunity allow students to learn about equipment and broadcasting along with the opportunity to grow within the program.

Thomas Chung, film production major and CBN director, said, "We want to make sure that we're doing the best possible job that we can, to inform the student body of exactly what is going on, on their campus and exactly what stories matter to them and why they should matter."

Jada Clarke, senior TV/video production major, multimedia editor of Charger Bulletin and producer of CBN, said, "When



Zachary Panno sits at the desk during Charger Bulletin News, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Victoria Cagley.

I first came to the university, I never expected I would produce our college news program. I can collaborate with students and lead them in creating an excellent show. Everyone on the cast and crew is very supportive and makes CBN an exciting and welcoming place."

Even though there is a set format and structure of how to produce the show, CBN prides itself in that there is always room

for every student interested in learning and growing, regardless of major or skill level. With the platform, CBN has the voice to speak to the Charger nation on topics that concern them, for them.

"I love CBN," said Eldrick Greenaway, film production major and associate videographer. "Working [alongside] people who I see as family, means the

world to me. CBN allows me to be my entire self while using my technical expertise to help those around me."

CBN records every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Bergami TV Studio. To get involved with Charger Bulletin News, reach out to jjclar6@unh.newhaven.edu, or head to the "join our team" section on chargerbulletin.com to fill out the interest form.

Students celebrate Diwali at University of New Haven

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The triumph of good over evil; a new year celebration. Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated across the world in multiple religions, with the celebration date changing yearly, sometime between October and November. This year, Diwali is celebrated from Nov. 2-6, with the main celebration being on Nov. 4.

Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word "deepavali," meaning "rows of lighted lamps." People celebrate by lighting oil lamps and placing them around their homes, and pray for knowledge, peace and health.

During the celebration, families also gather to have feasts, lights and lamps are lit on streets and in houses, children receive treats, fireworks are set off and various historical milestones are celebrated within religions. For example, according to BBC, "Hindus celebrate the return of deities Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-year exile. They also celebrate the day Mother Goddess Durga destroyed a demon called Mahisha."

On Nov. 5, approximately 150



Students dance during the Diwali celebration, Nov. 5, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tirtha Anawekar.

students and faculty members filled the Beckerman Recreation Center to celebrate. The Indian Student Council (ISC) and the Office of Graduate and International Student Life hosted the event.

With solo and group dancers and singers, ice breaker activities, food and more, there were hours of activities to spectate and

participate in.

The walls were decorated with banners reading "Happy Diwali" and hanging roses. There was also a table with sand art and candles that students created.

The night started with an introduction from the president and vice president of the ISC, masters of data analytics student Shashwat Jain and masters of

electrical engineering student Ruthu Dinesh. They explained a brief history of Diwali and welcomed everyone to the event.

Dinesh said the ISC worked on planning the celebration for about a month and the toughest part was getting participants. Since many individuals are from different majors, they had to plan specific times for the performers to rehearse.

"I am really enjoying how students are getting together and they are celebrating," said Amna Jalali, a masters of finance student.

"It doesn't feel like that I'm not in India," she said. "The diversity in the University of New Haven, it's so immense. There are so many Indian students where I can talk to them and it doesn't feel like I'm in the United States."

"Diwali is very close to me because it is one of the biggest festivals celebrated back in India and I'm from India," said Dinesh. "We consider Diwali as the new year, so everything and anything we do, we start that from this day."

Steve Macchiarolo, director of graduate and international student life, said this event shows the inclusivity on campus. "We try to recognize all of our cul-

tures and heritages of all of our students."

"I know this is a very important event for our students, especially our Indian students, so we want to make sure that they feel supported," he said. "And I know that they're very excited to kind of share their culture with the rest of the university community."

Jain said that ISC collaborates with Indian students and hosts events "to make them feel like family."

He also said that ISC has been hosting this event for years. However, due to COVID-19, they were unable to host it last year. They were able to hold it this year, but limited space in the recreation center kept the capacity to 150 spectators and participants in order to be compliant with COVID-19 protocol.

"It's very hard for us [international students] coming to a new country, leaving our parents back there, and not celebrating Indian events and festivals," Jain said. "So, we really feel very homesick, and that's why we celebrate Diwali here on campus. It's fun."

You can rewatch the Diwali celebration on the @unehaven_ogisl Instagram post from Nov. 6.

Students will be consulted to create “the library of the future”

BY KELLY ADKINS
Student Life Editor

Nearly two years ago, during the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) meeting on Nov. 15, 2019, university President Steven Kaplan attended as a guest. At this meeting, Eric Moore, a now class of 2021 graduate, posed the question of how to get more spaces for students to study within the library itself. Kaplan responded by asking the floor, by a raise of hands, if students would like more technology spaces and less books.

According to the USGA meeting minutes from that day, Kaplan responded, saying: “We are going to try to change that and offer more study spaces for you all.”

After an academic year devoted to the pandemic, the university’s strategic plan is looking to change just that.

The university’s Strategic Planning Steering Committee—which consults students, staff, faculty, the Board of Governors, alumni and students’ parents—is tasked with developing a five-year strategic direction for the University of New Haven, including specific objectives and initiatives.

Interim Provost Mario Gaboury, who was also present at the 2019 USGA meeting back, said that although there are no specific plans yet for the library, it is a high-priority concept within the strategic plan and compiles student input and compares it to other modernized library models.

“If you Googled ‘college and

university libraries of the future’ you would get a lot of articles coming up,” Gaboury said in regards to the research process.

Kaplan said that as this plan launches, he is excited about the university’s ongoing evolution as this plan is put into action.

“I have often said that the problem with higher education is that our students have changed and we have not,” said Kaplan. “We will thus need to be open-minded about possibilities that we may not have considered just two years ago, and reimagining the Library will be one of the central initiatives to help us keep pace with the ways that students wish to access information, learn, collaborate, create and problem-solve.”

Kaplan said that a popular approach the Steering Committee will explore is the idea of a “digital commons.”

Digital Commons is a cloud-hosted software and publishing platform that nearly 600 institutions across the country are using.

“As the amount of information that students and faculty use continues to increase exponentially, it is both technologically imperative and socially responsible to shift away from physical holdings and capitalize on the efficiencies of digital content sharing and decentralizing access to information,” Gaboury said.

He also said that this is a step up from talking about it in a general way prior to COVID, as in the 2019 meeting. In fact, the idea stemmed from a visit to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he and Summer McGee, the former dean

of the School of Health Sciences, toured the facility. When they went into the library, Gaboury said he was surprised to see there weren’t any books.

He said that digitizing the library is not a new concept, but it makes perfect sense for our university, especially after the pandemic causing a leap into the digital world.

The intention was always to explore how to modernize the library, but it had to be re-prioritized after the pandemic.

“When COVID hit, everything went into suspended animation for a while,” said Gaboury.

Lola Perez, senior forensic science and molecular biology major, uses the library frequently as a student, a writing center tutor and a biology lab assistant.

“Common spaces might be more helpful, but at the same time I know for me it is helpful to have a physical copy of whatever article, journal or book that I am using,” said Perez. “And there... [are] a lot of issues [with] digitizing... even on the database’s website you can’t find the whole text or you don’t have access to the full text so you have to order it, and that takes a lot more time than just running upstairs, finding the book that you need and using it.”

Perez said that she thinks the university should produce a hybrid of accessible digital options and enough physical copies for majors such as sciences, psychology or criminal justice that may need it.

Other students use the library more as a study space than for its physical resources. Carleigh Vedder, freshman nutrition and



Rows of books inside of the library, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon.

exercise science major, uses the library a few times a week for two hours at a time or more. She does not use the books, and enjoys the basement of the library to work with friends but would appreciate more spaces too.

Emily Barry, junior health sciences major, uses the library three to four times a week for a few hours at a time.

“I think there are a decent

amount of spaces, but that upstairs part—right up these stairs [from the basement] that is closed off—I feel like that would be a good space since no one really goes up there,” said Barry.

Both Kaplan and Gaboury added that as the steps towards the digital commons are formulated, students will be consulted on their vision for “the library of the future.”

Imports and Domestics: Car appreciation and education at the university

BY NICOLE BIBEAU
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Are you interested in cars? If so, the Imports and Domestics club is the recognized student organization (RSO) for you.

Former University of New Haven student, Conor Bradshaw, founded the Imports and Domestics club. Unfortunately, in 2017, Bradshaw passed away in a car accident. Following the accident, his friends, Kyle Kanaitis and Merranda Zehner, along with the support of others who knew Bradshaw, finished the process of founding the club.

The club’s general meetings are every Monday at 8:30 p.m. in Westside 111. This is a time where members discuss business matters and engage in mechanical education.

Some of the members are mechanics by trade, such as the



Members of the Imports and Domestics club, West Haven.

Photo courtesy of Imports and Domestics club. club’s president, junior business marketing major Christian Castro. This allows for the club members to use their car knowledge and put it to the test. Usually, the club members will work on their personal cars.

Their practice ranges from jump-starting cars, checking brakes, changing oil, working

on cold air intakes and straight pipes and doing tire rotations, to name a few. You do not need any experience with cars to be a member of this organization; some members do not even have their driver’s license yet.

This club hopes to promote a diverse and social community on campus, united by a passion for

cars.

“The beauty of the club is that everyone can relate and connect to their love of cars,” Castro said. “The uniqueness of the car community is that it connects people from all different walks of life, and the club runs as a family.”

The club hosts several events throughout the year. Recently, on Oct. 28, the club hosted a trunk-or-treat where members decorated their cars and handed out candy to students.

The biggest event that the Imports and Domestics club hosts on campus is the annual spring car show. The first-ever car show took place in spring 2019 and typically hosts about 300 people from the local car community. Due to COVID-19, the club has not been able to have outside guests, but the club has high hopes for next semester.

Vice president and mechanical engineering senior Jared Blue

said, “Hopefully we can have off campus guests come and see the car community, and the students can get together to bond over cars.”

Erin Dunne, treasurer and criminal justice senior, transferred to the university after her freshman year and said this club took her in and welcomed her.

“I will forever be grateful for that,” Dunne said. “I love that our club is like a family and I look forward to our weekly meetings and group activities so much.”

The club hopes to host its annual car show this spring. The club is also interested in becoming more involved with other events on campus. Currently, the club is trying to cosponsor more events and set their roots on campus, given that the club is still fairly new.

You can reach out to importdomestic@newhaven.edu to join.

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Dine at these delicious restaurants around New Haven

BY SAIGE BATZA
Contributing Writer

Are you a university student looking for good places to eat near campus? I've got you covered. Here is a list of delicious restaurants and food shops in the New Haven area that will be sure to make you a regular customer!

Goodfellas

Since the fall of 2005, Goodfellas has been beckoning customers with their Italian cuisine and wide selection of choices made from farm fresh ingredients.

Over the years, Goodfellas has hosted famous celebrities such as Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and a few cast members of "The Sopranos." Each of the separate rooms and floors that make up the restaurant are decorated with themes from "The Godfather." The movie is softly played in the background while guests dine and enjoy the main attractions.

Cast Iron Chef Chop House and Oyster Bar

Cast Iron Chef is a specialty steakhouse widely known for their skillet cooking and hand cut steaks. In addition to serving a variety of steak, Cast Iron Chef also offers a wide selection of lamb, seafood and duck entrees, along with daily specials served



The entrance to Goodfellas Restaurant, New Haven.
Photo courtesy of @goodfellasrestaurantct on Instagram.

to the guests. The restaurant also offers an open floor plan that allows for maximum seating and a glass wall that provides a direct view of the action in the kitchen. While guests wait to order their food, they can snack on the complimentary seasoned popcorn that is delivered to each table. Cast Iron Chef will knock your socks off with their delicious steakhouse cuisine. It's pricey, but worth it.

Abates

Founded in 1956 by Joseph Abate, Abates restaurant has ex-

panded into a statewide phenomenon, luring in customers with their fantastic Italian cuisine. Abates serves a wide variety of pizzas, pastas and seafood selections to satisfy your palette. The business has recently expanded their catering services, distributing their exceptional food—and it is reasonably priced.

Libby's Italian Pastry Shop

Libby's Italian Pastry Shop is a family-owned bakery founded in 1922 located on Wooster Street in New Haven that is next-door to Abates. They are famously

known for their freshly baked cookies and savory desserts and it is a staple for the Wooster Street community. They offer a wide variety of cookies and pastries such as coconut macarons, chocolate chip cannoli, almond crescents and Italian ice.

Currently, Libby's is getting renovated and open for takeout services only. Don't be deceived by the renovation signs at the front of the building. Just head to the side of the building where there is a walk-up window to place your order. It's definitely worth the visit.

A letter to my freshman self in an age of perseverance

BY CHEIN SHEE
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Dear freshman me,

You are about to embark on the best and most challenging four years of your life, beginning today.

Don't worry, I understand how you might be feeling right now: nervous about starting a life for yourself so far away from your family, nervous about meeting people who might not share your sense of humor, morals or outlook on life. I'm here to tell you that you have nothing to be concerned about. Your life is better than you could have ever imagined.

You no longer look forward to the future with trepidation or hesitancy, but with anticipation, excitement and confidence. You have times when you feel alone, when the overwhelming thought of starting over prevents you from pushing your boundaries and diving in. But I can tell you, as you work to find a place where you belong, your confidence is tested time and time again.

Reflecting from where you are now, you will realize that it is these moments that have led you to evolve as a strong-willed

individual. It was in times of loneliness and weakness that your strength shone through. But, if loneliness persists, remind yourself that there is so much to look forward to. Those who have lived it envy this time in your life, when you don't have a care in the world, when you don't have any responsibilities, when you truly feel invincible. But bear in mind that a large part of your invincibility stems from who you choose to surround yourself with. So, always be brave, astute and mindful of your choices.

You will have to deal with something that no 22-year-old should have to deal with: the loss of one of your best friends and roommate. The fear of losing yourself, your friends or your way limits your happiness and steals your joy. Struggling with a life crisis as severe as death eats away at your wellbeing, forcing you to choose whether to let the struggle control you or to persevere through the pain.

As a young adult you will learn that it is okay to be selfish, choose empathy for yourself, and spread your wings, otherwise, you will always struggle with guilt in the future. You feel like a shell, your soul lost in who you were before. But then you recall how, just like freshman year,



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in your moments of loneliness and weakness, you discovered how strong you are. You'll get through it to tell the story.

Grief's arduous path leads to a beautiful world of healing and gratitude. If there is one thing I can tell you knowing what I know now, it is that you must seize every opportunity to express your love for your friends. Hug them for one more second and tell them you love them the next time you think about it. Death gives birth to a new sense of gratitude for life. You will be changed for the better for the rest

of your life.

You will live bigger, love harder and become the strongest version of yourself. Coming into college, you are still just a kid, you don't know what you want to do with your life or who you want to become and that's okay. Challenges will throw themselves at you, but with time you find that you can handle anything. So, don't fear for the future, but anticipate the joy in the present because the beauty lies in these little moments. Yes, four years on, do think of this letter with a smile on your face!

What is the value of a criminal justice degree in policing?

BY MADDIE SAGE
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I am an undergraduate student in the criminal justice program at the university. Throughout high school, I was able to talk to many of the local police officers about my plans for college. After mentioning a criminal justice degree, they would always say the same thing: “No, you don’t want to study criminal justice. Pick something else.”

It puzzled me each time because these were actual cops telling me that I shouldn’t study criminal justice even though I want to be a cop. The idea was that even though I want to go into law enforcement, I should pick a major that would support me after I get out of the police force, because law enforcement has a retirement age.

This is a problem with policing today. Police are not given sufficient education to be prepared for the situations they may face. The police have been criticized more and more for mistakes that they simply cannot be making. The defunding of the police movement had several triggers, many of which were the result of police errors. Part of the defunding of the police movement involves spending more resources on community programs in hope



The entrance to the University of New Haven Police Department, West Haven.
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that it will decrease the amount of crime, meaning that police, for the most part, will not be necessary. However, this country still needs its police officers, and always will. Students need to prepare for the job they want, not their retirement.

Rather than discourage students from getting a degree in criminal justice, they should be strongly encouraged to at least pick something related to the field. People cannot become surgeons with a degree in business so why should law enforcement

recruits be any different? In fact, only eight percent of police departments across the country require their recruits to have obtained a college degree. Not only should a college education be a nationwide requirement, recruits should also be required to have obtained a degree related field.

Many officers argue that a criminal justice degree doesn’t prepare individuals for the job and that it’s a waste of time. While a degree may not prepare them for every situation they are going to face, it helps officers

build a strong foundation, so they are comfortable with the law and police procedure before they even get to the academy.

Furthermore, the education system regarding criminal justice is opening for change. A prime example of this would be from the UNcommon Course at the University of New Haven. In this course, students learn about people with identities that are different from their own and are taught how to be open to all types of people. The social climate is changing and education must keep up. The police are not only enforcers of the law, but they need to be able to assist members of the community with other things they may ask for. Criminal justice must include more education on serving the community and not just about protecting it. It’s important for students looking to go into law enforcement to be shown the benefits of pursuing a criminal justice degree, aligning with current societal values.

Another issue in law enforcement careers is the influx of students obsessed with true crime. The increase of true crime television, and even crime shows in general, may have caused a spike in the amount of students who are pursuing a career in criminal justice and forensic psychology. This spike may cause

some students to worry about their success within a flooded job market. As someone who once experienced that same concern, I would encourage students to focus on their education and not preoccupy themselves with the competition.

Although true crime in the media is based on facts and real events, the professions within those shows, documentaries and podcasts are rarely represented accurately. Certain aspects of what is in the media are correct, but other parts are dramatized or exaggerated to keep people interested. This is called the CSI effect. Students who are pursuing a degree based on their interest in true crime shows will often learn that the job they see on TV is not the job that they will actually be doing. To start, there will be a major increase in the amount of people pursuing a career in criminal justice or forensic psychology. As students learn the realities of the career, they may decide that it’s not the job for them, causing them to switch to other fields—and that’s OK.

The field of criminal justice is vast and there are many options to pursue. You just have to do the research to understand the reality of whichever career you are looking at and make sure you are getting the education that will benefit you the most.

Concerns on campus: Listen to students for change

BY MIA ADDUCI
Contributing Writer

As we progress through the semester, students have a greater sense of what they want to see changed throughout the university community. After interviewing members of the student body across campus, university students expressed concerns about parking, accessibility and conflict mitigation.

Sophomore national security major Anna Schleck said that the school needs more parking for residential students and a better system for removing cars from North Campus during weekend events. Schleck also said that potentially increasing the size of the North Campus parking lot could in turn reduce some of the overcrowding in other campus lots.

On the subject of academics at the university, Schleck said that it would be beneficial for program chairs to be more accessible to all students campuswide, saying “the changes that they make affect student lives and their degree paths.” Considering that many people attend smaller campuses for more individual-

ized assistance, the expectation is for program chairs to be figures that can be reachable by the students that they are working to assist.

Similarly, forensic psychology sophomore Victoria Brennan said that when seeking to undergo the scheduling process, her advisor was not listed to be contacted under the Navigate platform. She mentions how “Navigate is one of the main ways that the school says to make meetings, but how if they aren’t listed?” This is yet another instance highlighting students feeling underwhelmed by the accessibility of their superiors.

Natalie Matarazzo, a freshman psychology major, spoke up about her concerns surrounding the accessibility of campus. She said, “some ramps are very steep and there is a protocol for every inch of height of a step, the ramp has to be ‘x’ feet long and I think some ramps don’t meet that.”

The Current Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for ramps are very specific, and individuals using them on campus are sensing that the ramps feel as if they may be off from these measures.

Matarazzo also said that “the

school also needs to be aware that although they put in door access buttons, half of them don’t work.”

Her concerns, alongside any other of this nature, can be directed to the university’s Accessibility Resource Center (ARC). These improvements could also make the campus more enticing to those contemplating future enrollment, as being inclusively equipped allows for more widespread comfort across a more diverse student population.

Jacqueline Mindlin, a health sciences freshman, said that “the school should improve its ability to be proactive instead of reactive.” The approaches that the university takes when conflict arises on campus leaves an impact on witnessing students, and Mindlin has begun to speak up on how the choices made by the school have rubbed students the wrong way.

Student comfort and satisfaction are a large part of university life. These voices, along with others, can shine light on the ways that the school can work to ease the activity of day-to-day life as a student navigating campus.



The crosswalk and ramp outside of the German Club, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Kayla Mutchler.

Lights go out at Kathy Zolad Stadium as soccer season ends

BY JOSEPH KLAUS
Sports Editor

After COVID-19 canceled the 2020 soccer season at Kathy Zolad Stadium, it was this same stadium in which the Blue and Gold returned for their 2021 campaigns. Fans returned to the bleachers and were able to see both the highs and lows for the men's and women's soccer teams.

The men finished seventh in the conference and clinched a spot in the postseason for the first time since 2010 while posting their first winning season since 2000. The Blue and Gold's success didn't stop there as they finished third in the conference in goals scored, posting 38. Striker Pau Santanch completed his rookie season, posting 16 goals which led the NE-10 and is set to return for the 2022 sea-

son. Freshmen Themis Kastoris finished the season in net for the Blue and Gold making 59 saves on the year which placed him fourth in the conference. Both Kastoris and Santanch highlight a team returning for next season after the Blue and Gold only graduated five members of the program. The Chargers dropped their quarterfinal matchup against second-ranked American International College 3-2 in the quarterfinals to cap off their season.

On the other side of the pitch, the women took the field for their final match. They hosted the College of Saint Rose Golden Knights on Senior Night, where the Blue and Gold honored their five seniors. After the opening weekend tournament, the Chargers jumped out to a 3-0 start on the year. Once conference play started, the team struggled,



Kathy Zolad Stadium, West Haven.
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picking up only one more victory on the year on the road at Saint Michael's College. The Chargers finished the year at the bottom of the table with a 4-12-1 record. Paige Davis picked up her 356th save, which moved her into third

place all-time in saves for the Blue and Gold. The women graduated five but will return with an abundance of youth in seven freshmen and 15 sophomores who all have great experience in game situations. As the lights go

out at Kayo Field and another season turns to stats, both the men's and women's soccer teams made their memories and created a foundation to build off of for the 2022 season.

Volleyball grounds Skyhawks, win 3-2 over conference leaders

BY TYLER WELLS
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On Saturday afternoon, the New Haven women's volleyball team took home a standout 3-2 win over Stonehill College, defeating the top-ranked team in the Northeast-10 (NE-10) and East Region. This comes just two days after the Chargers suffered a tough loss at home against Southern Connecticut State University in the Elm City Rivalry, dropping three straight sets after going up 2-0.

The first set was back-and-forth between the two powerhouses, with each side trading points and staying even. Stonehill opened a 16-12 lead before New Haven found a response. A series of kills from outside hitters Macy Brown and Emily



Jessica Akiona spikes a ball against Southern Connecticut State, Nov. 4, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

Barry and middle blocker Emily Smith gave New Haven a 9-3 run to take a 20-19 lead in the set.

Two kills from middle blocker Jalynn Finnie and a final re-sounding one from senior right-side Jessica Akiona clinched the first set for the Chargers 25-22.

In the second set, Stonehill

jumped out to a big lead early, forcing New Haven to play from behind. With a 23-16 deficit, the Chargers outscored Stonehill 6-1 to bring the score to 24-22. But it wouldn't be enough, as the Skyhawks took the second set 25-22.

With the game tied at 1-1, each side entered the third set looking

to get the advantage and break the tie. This time, it was New Haven jumping out to an 18-11 lead before Stonehill chipped away, drawing within three of the lead. Then, three straight points iced the set for the Chargers, as an Akiona kill, Barry ace and Brown kill gave New Haven a 25-19 advantage.

The top team in the region would not go quietly, as Stonehill flexed their strength in the fourth set with the game on the line. They handed New Haven a 25-17 loss and forced them to the full five sets for the second straight game.

In the fifth set, New Haven found a rhythm and got out to a critical early lead. Seven unanswered points gave the Chargers an 8-3 lead, with a few errors from Stonehill and a pair of kills from Akiona. New Haven held

onto this lead through the end, as a booming spike from Barry sailed off the hands of the Stonehill libero to end the game.

The Chargers were led by Barry's 18 kills and three service aces, while Brown and Akiona added 16 and 14 kills, respectively. Setter Sophia Leon-Tabor also added a team-high 50 assists.

With the win, New Haven improves to 19-7 (9-2 NE-10) and sits in a tie for second in the conference with a week remaining. Stonehill drops to 20-7 (10-2 NE-10) and holds a slim lead in the NE-10.

New Haven travels to Assumption College on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with a chance to help their conference standing before the season ends. Live stats and a stream for the game can be found at NewHavenChargers.com.



The New Haven football team runs out onto the field before the start of their game against Bentley University, Nov. 6, West Haven.
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