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## Looking back in reflection and forward in hope *The university community gathers in remembrance of 9/11*

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At 8:46 a.m., the sounds of the National Anthem echoed across the University of New Haven's Maxcy Quad in remembrance of the Twin Towers that were hit in the center of New York City. That exact morning 22 years ago, over 500 people gathered in the residential quad, comforted in what campus Chaplain Martin O'Connor called "the solace of knowing that we were not alone."

The morning was overcast as the quad began to fill, but the sun came out with full-force as the ceremony commenced, emphasizing the power of the light that can alleviate from darkness when a community gathers together.

Faces from all branches of campus convened around the university's seal. The event was organized by the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), and began with the Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) presenting the colors of the United States and Air Force.

O'Connor gave his remarks first, opening the ceremony with not only his scheduled prayer, but words of reflection and encouragement for the community.

O'Connor was one of many

current members of the community on campus when the tragedy struck. "Somehow, some way," he said. "UNH students and staff and faculty found their way to the residential quad just as the bright sun of a gruesome day gave way to the dusk and very uncertain future of that day and the days that followed."

O'Connor paid explicit respects to a number of communities involved in the events that happened on Sept. 11, including the 343 firefighters who died in the front line of emergency response.

He invoked the morning's moment of silence, before members of the university's marching band flooded the gathering with their rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Upon its conclusion, USGA President Darby Brown took to the podium, thanking the university community for helping her plan the event. Groups of mention included the Fire Science Club, the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA), ROTC and the USGA.

Brown is 20-years-old, making her just shy of having lived through the tragedies being remembered on Monday morning.

"I was always told that everyone remembers where they were when they found out. I don't,"

she said. "I have stories from family members, teachers and adults in my life, but I don't have a story myself."

She continued listing stories that she inherited secondhand, from sitting in her classroom and listening to teachers, or going to museums to learn the information she wasn't old enough to have lived through. but ended by saying, "I have no stories of my own that I can share with you all."

Brown prefaced that those in attendance were about to hear from students entering fields that were greatly impacted by the event, and said that "While we may not have witnessed that day, we can bear witness to the healing and rebuilding as we work together to protect our country and the world."

She closed her remarks by paying homage to the lives lost and impacted by Islamophobia after 9/11, and reminded the campus community of the Muslim Student Association's Remember the Forgotten vigil taking place this week.

"I hope that we as a campus, as a community and as a country can come together to honor those we lost, and that we will never forget our part in the larger picture that is rebuilding every story," Brown said before

welcoming Interim President Sheaton Zenger to the podium.

"I simply want to say this," Zenger said from the seal, "it's an honor to be with you; it's an honor to be at an institution like this that's committed to the education of our nation's first responders."

Zenger soon after closed his remarks. "I would challenge us today on this campus," he said, "to bear in mind that one of our chief purposes here – one of the things we do best – is educate those young people who are going to go forward, as we remember those we educated in the past."

Kevin Boyle, senior criminal justice major and ROTC member, also stood before the crowd. He spoke about the fear his parents held on 9/11, as his mother was pregnant with him. "The entire world had just changed, and they were bringing a child right into it," he said.

Boyle paid homage to those on the front lines, saying that without the bravery of first responders, "who knows where we would be."

Boyle concluded by saying, "Keep these individuals in your hearts. while you may not know who they are, they did not know who you are either."

The university is home to the

Psi Omega chapter of the ACJA. Olivia Hall, ACJA president and junior criminal justice major, led into her speech by saying that "9/11 created tragedy, but it also created heroes."

"Many thought this tragedy would break our nation, but instead it has made us stronger," she said.

Allison Perry, a junior fire-science major and the president of the Fire Science Club, was the final student leader to speak on Monday morning. Reinstating the theme that today's student leaders are younger than our nation's tragedy, she said, "I was not alive to witness the twin towers fall, but I see the effects each and every day."

"Today, we stand here letting the nation know that we will not forget; letting the families of the fallen know that we will not forget; letting the fallen know that we will not forget," Perry said.

Perry closed, saying that "even if the nation forgets again when the next sun rises, we will continue to honor."

Once ROTC retired the colors, the ceremony concluded with a rededication of the university's memorial tree. Now, a sea of our country's flags fly around the stump, honoring those whose lives were taken by storm 22 years ago.



USGA President Darby Brown speaks in the Maxcy Quad, West Haven, Sept. 11, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Mia Adduci.

# West Haven’s Sept. 12 Primary Election

**BY ERIN SMITH**  
Politics Editor

Election season is off to a start in Connecticut on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The state will hold races in 12 Democratic towns and 14 Republican towns. The races will cover mayoral positions, board of education and other town council positions.

Primary elections help determine who from each party will be on the ballot for the general election, which will be held on Nov. 7. In Connecticut, parties can choose their candidates for a primary election, but unselected candidates can still qualify for the general election ballot by submitting a petition.

A petition entails getting a list of a set number or specific percentage of voter signatures in the district where you’re running. Another way

to get on the general ballot if a candidate does not win the primary is by a write in, which is simply writing the name of the candidate on the ballot.

In West Haven, it has been 32 years since a Republican won the mayor’s seat, as Paige Weinstein and Barry Cohen are looking to be the change. Incumbent Democratic Mayor Nancy Rossi will not be running for reelection. While Democratic state Rep. Dorinda Borer is the Democratic party’s lone candidate for the mayoral position.

After this Sept. 12 election, either Weinstein or Cohen could represent the West Haven Republicans in the general mayoral election. Although, that may not be the case since Cohen has been endorsed by the Independent

Party and Weinstein has been endorsed by a new party called Westies for Change.

Weinstein, a political newcomer, owned Star Tires Plus Wheels in Allington, West Haven for three decades. As a businesswoman, she is looking to help make a change in West Haven. She said, “We may not be the best at recycling trash in West Haven, but this city is fabulous at recycling the same candidates and the same policies.”

In July, she earned 35 votes from the Republican Town Committee earning their endorsement.

Winning the RTC endorsement will not stop Weinstein from being on the general election ballot since she was endorsed by a new party called Westies for Change. Westies for Change does not

have the ability to cross-endorse candidates. This means that if it was possible, Weinstein could represent the Republican party and Westies for Change in the Nov. 7 general election.

State law will allow minor parties the ability to cross-endorse candidates in municipal elections if they receive one percent or more of votes in the most recent election, but Westies for Change has not participated in a West Haven election yet. They did qualify for ballot access for the Nov. 7 general election.

Barry Lee Cohen, a former councilman, has experience over Weinstein after running in the 2021 mayoral election and losing to incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi. If he wins the primary, he will be cross endorsed by both the

Republican party and Independent Party.

Cohen will not run solely for the Independent Party if he loses the primary. He said in a text message comment, “I expect to win the primary. However, I will not run on a separate party line and siphon Republican votes away from the candidate that is the choice of West Haven Republicans.”

Cohen and Weinstein have both made it onto the Nov. 7 ballot without winning the primary. The primary will help predict who will end up winning the general election.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, you must be a registered Democrat or Republican to vote in Connecticut primaries. Remember to bring a form of identification to your polling place.

# Lamont nominates Nora Dannehy to the state Supreme Court

**BY FAITH ARCURI**  
Staff Writer

Gov. Ned Lamont nominated attorney Nora R. Dannehy to the Connecticut Supreme Court on Sept. 1. Dannehy, a well-known former prosecutor who previously served as Lamont’s general counsel, represents the governor’s second attempt this year to fill a vacancy on the high court.

“Nora Dannehy is a person who knows what she knows, but you also know that she cares – she cares deeply about justice,” Lamont said during a morning press conference announcing her nomination. “She’s going to be an extraordinary justice on the Supreme Court and we’re going to move this along in this special session coming up in just a few weeks.”

Dannehy served as the 49th U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut from 2008-2010 and was the first woman to hold the position. She previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy U.S. Attorney in that office, beginning in 1991. She specialized in the prosecution of white collar and

public corruption cases and was called upon to supervise national investigations during her tenure with the Department of Justice.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Attorney General William Tong praised Dannehy for her counsel during the coronavirus pandemic when the governor’s emergency executive orders were admired by the state’s residents.

Through her work as an attorney, Dannehy shares some professional experience with Sandra Slack Glover, Lamont’s first appointment to fill the seat vacant by former Justice Maria Araújo Kahn, who resigned earlier this year after being confirmed to serve as a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Glover, chief of the appellate unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of the State of Connecticut, withdrew herself from consideration for the position in May after it became clear that she lacked adequate support to secure approval from the legislative committee.

Much apprehension expressed surrounding Glover

proceeding in the running stemmed from her previous advocacy for now-U.S. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett. In 2017, Glover wrote a letter to Democrats on the Judiciary Committee in support of Barrett. This prompted concerns over Glover’s commitment to protecting abortion rights, given Barrett’s role in overturning Roe v. Wade.

Like Glover, some advocates and lawmakers worry that former prosecutors are over-represented on Connecticut’s benches. Dannehy’s nomination reinforces those concerns.

The People’s Parity Project, a group that lobbies to balance the court with judges from different backgrounds like public defenders, issued a statement arguing that Lamont failed to take the right lessons from the failure of the Glover nomination.

“While Attorney Dannehy is a very experienced attorney, we are disappointed to see the Governor nominate yet another prosecutor to the state’s highest court when we still do not have a single appellate-level judge with experience in public

defense, legal aid, or civil rights,” group director Steve Kennedy said.

Democrat Sen. Gary Winfield, a member of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus and chair of the Judiciary Committee, had pressed Lamont to cast a broader net for judicial nominations.

“The concerns are that a lot of picks we’ve seen in judicial nominations are very much of the same mold, if you will, with prosecutors and others with not too dissimilar backgrounds,” Winfield said on Friday.

“The governor understands that concern, and I believe it was a fruitful conversation.”

Lamont, who has been sensitive to addressing racial and gender disparities in the courts, assured Winfield that diversity of all kinds was important to him. “I think people appreciate the fact we’ve had the most diverse group of jurors that we put on the court over the last four and a half years. And we wanted to make sure we maintain that as a commitment,” Lamont said.

The House co-chair of the Judiciary Committee, state Rep. Steve Stasfrom, D-Bridgeport, said he was

not aware of any initial concerns from committee members that would serve as an impediment to her nomination, though he added that he had yet to caucus to Democrats who make up the majority of the committee.

Stasfrom called Dannehy “an excellent attorney of high intellect with a long record of public service” and said he looked forward to her nomination hearing.

Dannehy did not answer any questions at the press conference, but she is “honored” to be nominated.

“I am honored and humbled by the governor’s nomination and I recognize the tremendous responsibility this position brings,” Dannehy said. “I appreciate that this is the first step in the process, and if confirmed I will fully and eagerly do everything I can to serve the people of Connecticut to the best of my ability.”

She will be presented to the Democratic-controlled General Assembly for consideration. Lawmakers are scheduled to meet for a special legislative session later this month.

# Take some time to explore off-campus

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
Arts & Life Editor

Completing schoolwork and keeping up with jobs and extracurriculars can be overwhelming, whether you're a freshman, a senior or someone in between. Relaxing in your room might not be enough to decompress, so why not take an off-campus adventure with friends? There are plenty of locations to check out to truly become a part of the local area.

## Savin Rock Beach

Savin Rock Beach has a boardwalk that you can walk down to get a closer view of the clear, blue water. A park is nearby if you want to go through some greenery after playing in the sand. Rocks line the shore, which is great if you want to look at the water from afar and take some pictures. It is a 13 minute drive or Uber ride from campus to the beach and only 16 minutes if you prefer biking there, which is great since they have bike parking. While the beach does not have

any scheduled activities, there is free reign to make your own fun by bringing beach games and food and drinks for picnics.

## Yale University Art Gallery

If you are interested in pondering fine art and sculptures, go visit the Yale University Art Gallery. The art gallery has over 180,000 works of art ranging from an antique cream pitcher from the late 18th century to a lion relief dating back to at least 605 B.C. in Babylon. Visiting the Yale Art Gallery is a great opportunity if you are an art history enthusiast. For those interested in visiting the art gallery, it is open and free to the public from Tuesdays to Sundays. It Adventure Ropes Course

For those of you who are looking to get active, head over to Jordan's Furniture in West Haven, where inside is the entrance to the It Adventure Ropes Course. There are different activities for everyone,

such as zip lining across different rails and beams along with a multitude of climbing walls lined with funky shapes and colors rather than your common rocks. If you're interested, you are able to walk in or book an appointment. There is a one hour limit per reservation and no time limit for the climbing wall, but there is a limit of 10 climbs per person and reservation.

## Mew Haven Cat Café

If you are a cat lover and a coffee connoisseur, then head to the Mew Haven Cat Café. You can book appointments online for 30-50 minutes of playtime with the cats and when you arrive for check-in, you can get a drink before heading into the cat lounge to hang out with some furry friends. You get to focus on playing with the cats and show them affection rather than stressing over work and school. If you can and are willing, the Mew Haven Cat Cafe has a partnership with Halfway Home

Rescue, a non-profit organization that rescues abandoned or abused animals, where you can adopt cats, or any other animals from the organization. For cats specifically, there is an adoption fee of \$200-275 depending on the cat's age.

## Escape New Haven

If collecting clues and solving puzzles in a high-stakes, collaborative game is entertaining, then check out Escape New Haven – an escape room close by in the city of New Haven, Connecticut. There are options to do different escape room locations

that are indoors as well as outdoors, the latter of which is good if you are wary of the indoor experience. Ticket prices start at \$79 per group; groups for indoor games must have six to eight people depending on the room, and outdoor groups must have five people.

This is just a starting point of all the great places that one could visit off campus while remaining close to the University of New Haven. As time goes on, your personal list of off-campus adventures can only grow longer.



Art on display at the Yale Art Gallery, New Haven, Oct. 8, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Mia Adduci.

# Looking forward into this week on campus

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

As we turn the corner past the first couple of transitional weeks on campus, students finally have time to explore what's going on around the university. Getting involved across campus brings your university experience to new heights, and expands the communities that you find yourself becoming a part of! Check out these events going on this week:

On Wednesday, the Student Committee of Programming Events

(SCOPE) is hosting a Suicide Prevention Fair in the Bixler/Gerber Quad from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. They will be accompanied by university offices and other Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) to spread awareness about mental health and suicide prevention.

The first day of this semester's Career Fair is also on Wednesday beginning at 1 p.m. in the Beckerman Recreation Center. If you have interest in the business, engineering or arts and entertain-

ment fields, this event is for you!

The Paranormal Investigation and Research Organization (PIRO) will be gathering at 9:30 p.m. in room 307 of the Bergami Center on Wednesday. If you're interested in exploring the potential paranormal activity on campus, this group is for you.

Rounding out Wednesday's events is the Black Student Union's general meeting, which will be taking place at 9 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge!

On Thursday night, the Office of Residential Life and Counseling and Psychological Services are co-hosting an open mic event entitled "Beat the Blues." It will kick off at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. It will recognize National Suicide Prevention Month, and students can express themselves through singing, dancing, or spoken poetry. There will also be an entry for a \$50 Amazon gift card.

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) will be holding their annual

Remember the Forgotten vigil on Friday. The event, which will be held at 1 p.m. on the BSAC patio, will honor all of the lives lost after 9/11 due to xenophobia and Islamophobia.

Regardless of where you find your niche, the university's expansive list of RSOs is sure to have something that will pique your interest. Head over to Charger Connection for a complete list of events and more information about each organization.

# Nepalese Community Club embraces a cultural family

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-MALDONADO  
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The University of New Haven has taken another step forward toward recognizing diversity within the community with the introduction of a ripe new student organization: the Nepalese Community Club (NCC). Formed during the 2022-2023 academic year, they have just been announced as one of the newest official communities, focusing on citizens of Nepal who are transferring to the university.

Miraj Shrestha, a graduate business analytics student and president of the NCC, said “the point of this organization is to let

the people know that we Nepalese are also here on campus, so that way we can show our culture diversity to all students at the University of New Haven how Nepal is. That is how we showcased last year, we had our booth during the International Festival, we had our food and our culture grounds program.”

In 2020, only five Nepalese students were attending the university; the community now encompasses almost 200 Nepalese students on campus. Shrestha also spoke on the population’s growth and how the organization has accommodated the increase in the student population.

The motive of the

organization is to help arriving students, who have traveled far away from their families and homes, by connecting them with resources, temporary accommodations, and the other contacts from the Nepalese community in the local area of West Haven. For each measure, the organization identifies one member to be contacted if there are any difficulties or needs of assistance. The goal of the organization is to help Nepalese students adapt to both the campus and surrounding area.

“Our main objective will be representing Nepal in everything we can do, as in culture,” said secretary Bikash Adhi Kaii, a graduate

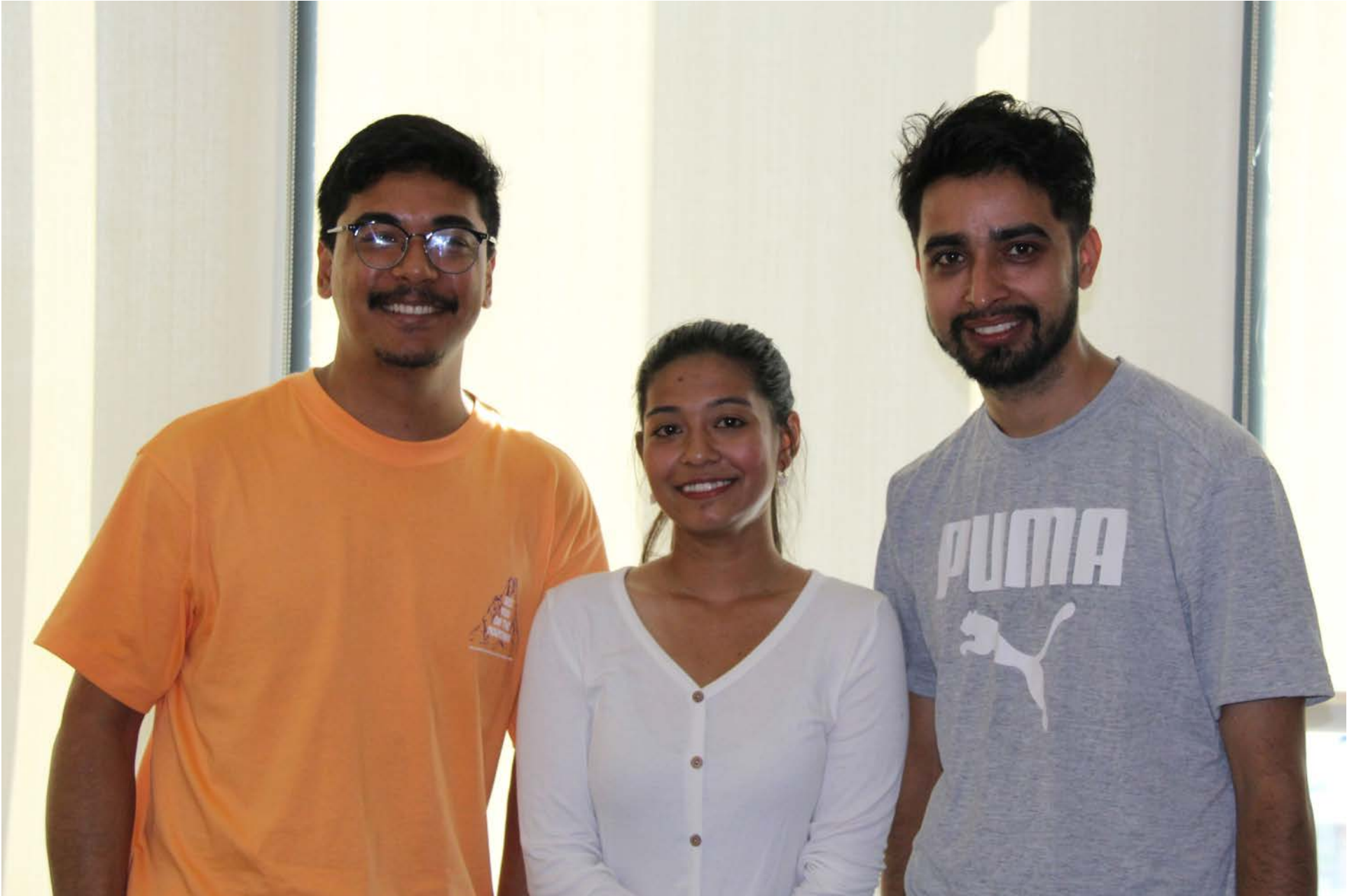
student studying data science. “Last week we hosted our meet and greet program for the new students, so they can learn more about the university, the faculty and applying for on-campus jobs.”

The club currently has two main ways of communicating and broadcasting to its members. Students can request to join their private Facebook group, which can be found by searching University of New Haven Nepalese Student Council, or by following their Instagram page, @nsa\_unh. The NCC consistently messages their community and posts online to ensure that the community receives the warm welcome that the uni-

versity is known for.

As a part of increasing cultural awareness on the ways the Nepalese celebrate holidays such as Christmas, the Nepalese Community Club plans to host Dashain. “We like to celebrate it as receiving the blessings from the elders,” said Kaii. This will be a university-wide event with hands extended to all students who are hoping to learn more about the Nepalese Culture.

There is no exact date planned for this event, so the club has promised to keep Instagram and Facebook updated on any upcoming events, as well as a date for Dashain. More information can be found on their Instagram.



NCC’s executive board, West Haven, Sept. 6, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Presley DePugh.

# YDSA rebrands activism on campus



YDSA at their first meeting, West Haven, September 8, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Evan Pecorale.

BY JEIRY DE LA CRUZ-REYNOSO  
Contributing Writer

Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA), previously known as the College Democrats of America, is a campus organization with the goal of bringing activists together and raising awareness regarding issues concerning social, economic and political policies while trying to make a change on and off campus.

Mason Smith, a junior political science major and the president and founder of the YDSA, wanted to make college democrats on campus an organization that students had accessibility to and remind students of their power. During the spring 2023 semester, members of the organization went to National Workers' Day, where various members met with people who

brought up Young Democratic Socialists of America and what they stand for. With further research, the members of the organization found that this name resonated with their viewpoints and goals more than their original name.

"Being able to change the mindset that many students have that the issues they're experiencing would be seen as complaining," said YDSA Vice President Catherine Carvalho, a senior criminal justice student, is a motivation to have organizations who want to help them feel seen and represented.

The organization hopes to get students to sign a petition that will get students two mental health days, one per semester. Students only have so

many absent days that they can use so this movement will create the change that many students would like to see. The petition will

be going around on September 13 during National Suicide Prevention Week in the Bartels tabling. It is "something that the university can have to help students on a larger scale and especially with their mental health," said Anabelle Davis, a senior criminal justice major and YDSA treasurer.

Despite this name change, they'll still be trying to accomplish the goals that were set into place last semester and they hope to get more students involved with activism and politics. In the duration that this organization has been active, they have tried to communicate that they are here to help

and listen to students. One of their main goals is to enforce that if students see something and don't like it, they'll use their voice; in other words "see something, say something."

If you are interested in this organization and its stride to wake up to a better world, they hold weekly meetings on Fridays at 7 p.m. in room 301 of Ghering Hall. These meetings hold the intention of speaking on things that are occurring and how to go about it. If by any chance this sparks your interest or if you find yourself free on a Friday night, go to one of the meetings because it's always refreshing to stay active.

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To new beginnings,  
from the middle

BY EDITORIAL STAFF  
*Editorial*

You survived your first week of classes. Whether this was your first year riding on the “Welcome Wagon,” or if you pulled your car into campus with a countdown to May 12, you’ve kicked off another beginning at the University of New Haven. For the Bulletin, this is one of countless new beginnings that falls in the middle of our life here on campus.

We aren’t new, by any means. If this isn’t your first time hearing our name, chances are you’ve checked out our content at some point. Whether you’ve picked up a copy of the paper, scrolled through an article on your phone or streamed an episode of our show, I’m sure we’ve crossed paths with you by now. As an organization, however, we believe in the power of reconstruction. This year, we are working to bring you all faster, stronger, more passionate content than in years prior. We aim to get more voices involved in student media, because after all, we are run by the students, for the students.

For those of you who are less familiar with us, we can give you a rundown.

Our newspaper (yes, the one you’re holding right now) is the oldest part of the Charger Bulletin news suite. We’ve been printing since before you even thought printers were invented. We are actively working to redesign our website, which is likely where most of you will click around for something to read when your class lectures lose your attention. We are constantly reimagining our tactics in reporting to generate stories that you all want to read.

Our television broadcast, Charger Bulletin News, has been around since 2015, but is currently under passionate reconstruction to increase our traffic of content and expand the digital media at students’ fingertips. This semester, we will be bringing you our major weekly production, as well as a reinvention of our new daily side shows.

Horseshoe Magazine is our newest branch of the trifecta. Younger than the golden Charlie statue, but with nuance as aged as Shakespeare, the magazine is your go-to for more longform, creative works. You can read these pieces right on horseshoemag.com.

Beyond our major three branches, we are actively working on new projects behind-the-scenes that will create even more platforms for you as the students to exercise your creativity and share your voice with those around you.

We are standing in the middle of a long line of beginnings, looking back on all of the ones we’ve embarked on and forward toward the ones we’ve yet to predict, knowing that our place at the university is one we want to continue to shape to embody the voices of each subset of the Charger community.

We are welcoming a wave of new faces on all levels of the organization, from editors in all three branches to fresh and passionate contributors on paper and on screen. Our doors are always open, and we are eager to keep new voices flowing into our newsroom.

To share your thoughts, suggest or request a topic of coverage or talk to us to get involved, email chargerbulletin@newhaven.edu.

The colors of classes

BY WILLIAM HINCK  
Staff Writer

Column

As the new semester begins and students make their slow trudge back to school (with the exception of freshmen whose spirits have not yet been broken), one question comes to mind: “What color notebook do I assign to each class?” I’m aware that many of us use a laptop for notes, but at least some of us color code our notes to match a specific topic anyway. It’s not only easier, but aesthetically pleasing to look at notes that are organized specifically to be eye catching rather than the same file details repeated ad nauseam.

According to an article by Color Meaning: science is green, social studies is yellow, math is blue and English is red. I agree with these stances, although I feel like yellow and blue are interchange-

able for social studies. Colors such as orange, purple and black are for electives. In particular, orange is a language class, purple aligns with the arts and black is a utility player since you can’t write a name on it with dark colored ink. I truly wish I could offer an explanation for these color assignments, however, it is simply a gut feeling.

Everyone sorts their things in different ways. Some people color code, some sort them in alphabetical order and others use the method of throwing everything in one place because “it can’t be lost if everything goes in one place.” No matter how you organize, I’m sure we can all agree that science is green and anyone who thinks otherwise is factually incorrect. I’m sorry, I don’t make the rules, I just write about them.



June 14, 2021.  
Photo courtesy of Unsplash/Kelly Sikkema.

# Rugby notches first win of season over University of New England 45-7

BY TYLER WELLS  
Publisher

The New Haven women's rugby season got off to a strong start with a 45-7 win over visiting University of New England. With the win, the second-year program matches their win total from last season.

The first period of the match was close, with the Chargers taking a slim 12-7 lead into the break. However, the team came out firing from the second period through the end of the match. From there, New Haven outscored New England 33-0 to run away with the

match and take home the victory.

Senior Damaris Williams led the team with three scores, while junior Gia Cucarese scored twice. Graduate student Amanee Saucier, freshman Quincy Sunderstrom and junior Adriana Vargas each added goals to round out the scoring.

The Chargers, now 1-0 on the season, return to the field on Friday as they take on American International College on the road in Springfield, Mass. The match is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m., with more information on NewHavenChargers.com.



Junior Gia Cucarese heads for the try zone, West Haven, Sept. 9, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

# Women's tennis takes down St. Michael's 7-0

BY TYLER WELLS  
Publisher

The New Haven women's tennis team dominated in their season opener against St. Michael's College on Sunday, losing only two games the entire afternoon on their way to a 7-0 sweep.

Last year's Northeast-10 (NE-10) Freshman of the Year runner-up Valentina Ferrarini picked up where she left off last season, winning her singles match 6-0. She also paired with partner Karim Carreras on the doubles court for another 6-0 victory, a place that earned the duo All-First Team honors a season ago.

Carreras, an All-Third Team selection last season, took home a 6-1 victory in her singles

match. Newcomers Risako Umekuni, a Walsh University transfer, and freshman Agustina Rivera also took home singles victories in their New Haven debuts. Sophomore Alyssa Rodriguez and graduate student Alexa Orlando also won their matches.

The doubles matches were rounded out by senior Anna Katz and graduate student Lucia Placidi, who won their match 6-0, and sophomore Madi Mabrito and senior Abby Murphy who also won 6-0.

With the victory, New Haven moves to 1-0 (1-0 NE-10) on the season. Their next match is Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the North Campus tennis courts. More information on the Chargers' upcoming schedule can be found at NewHavenChargers.com.



Sophomore Alyssa Rodriguez returns the ball against St. Michael's, West Haven, Sept. 10, 2023.  
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# Field Hockey routs Molloy with 6-1 win

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Scoring started early and often for the New Haven field hockey team in their home opener against Molloy University on Sept. 5. It was also the first conference game of the season, picking up where the team left off from a record-breaking year in 2022 by walking away with a 6-1 victory.

Just under six minutes into the first period, junior forward



New Haven's Kat Trammel celebrates, West Haven, Sept. 5, 2023.  
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Abby Nixon tipped in a shot for her first goal of the season. Senior forward Kat Trammel added to the 1-0 lead just minutes later as the score off the corner notched her first of the season.

With the 2-0 lead, a pair of freshmen connected on the first goals of their collegiate careers. It started with Jordan Gagliastro, with Femke Boers scoring less than a minute later. With a 4-0 lead, New Haven was off and running in the first period. Trammel provided the exclamation point for the offensive outburst, scoring her second goal to go up by five.

The scoring settled down for New Haven throughout the rest of the game, with the team holding onto their lead through the second and third periods. A goal by Molloy cut the lead to 5-1, but the Chargers never let the game get any closer.

Senior forward Audrey Larson put on the finishing touches in the 51st minute, scoring the Chargers' sixth goal of the night and putting them ahead 6-1.

With the win, New Haven moved to 1-1 (1-0 NE-10) on the season. This past weekend, the team traveled to Pennsylvania for a matchup against No. 1 East Stroudsburg University and Mansfield University. New Haven dropped both of the matches 3-0, moving to 1-3 this year.

The Chargers return to the field on Friday as they travel to Franklin Pierce University in their second conference match of the season. The game is slated to start at 6 p.m., with more information available at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Men's soccer kicks off a new era with a 2-0 start

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A new era for the University of New Haven men's soccer team is off to a hot start, taking their first two games each by a score of 2-1. Coming off a season in which they finished 1-10-4, the Chargers have already surpassed their win total from the 2022 season.

First-year head coach Tom Mattera, who was formerly with the team as an assistant coach from 2010-2012, was named the 16th head coach in program history in February. Mattera's overhaul of the roster features players coming from around the world as part of a team that looks to change the team's outlook.

New Haven kicked off their season on the road against the University of Bridgeport, during which junior midfielder Adam Lindstrom erased a first-half deficit with his first and second goals of the young season. Just five minutes into the second half, Lindstrom was awarded a penalty shot to tie the game at one before scoring a beautiful backheel goal in the 72nd minute for the game-winner.

The Chargers were outshot 15-4 on the game, but the defense stood tall all game as graduate goalkeeper Gianluca Cerosimo tallied eight saves to keep his team ahead and deliver the first win of the season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, New Haven took the field at Kathy Zolad Stadium for their home opener against Molloy University, looking to build on their season-opening win. The Chargers' defense was strong again, holding Molloy to nine shots in the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Kyle Mather got the start facing just four

shots on goal and tallied three saves.

After a scoreless first half, Lindstrom broke the tie with his third goal of the season in the 52nd minute to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead. Neither team was able to generate enough offense to deliver enough pressure to consistently stay in their offensive zone until the closing minutes when the two teams traded late goals.

Molloy midfielder Harvey Chahal broke the shutout and tied the game at one in the 81st minute. Just a minute and a half later, New Haven forward Augustus McGiff gave the Chargers the lead right back with a huge goal to take a 2-1 lead, which would stand until the final buzzer sounded and gave the team their first 2-0 start since the 2021 season.

The young season is off to a great start for the Chargers, who will go on the road to Philadelphia, Penn. for their next matchup with Jefferson University on Wednesday, Sept. 13. The game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. as New Haven looks to continue their early success. More information can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



Men's soccer celebrates their 2-1 win over Molloy, West Haven, Sept. 6, 2023.  
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