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## MSA's "Remembering the Forgotten Vigil" honors Muslim lives lost due to Islamophobia

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Despite the wind this past Friday, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) gathered together and welcomed the community members to a remembrance vigil held to commemorate the victims and lives lost in the United States due to Islamophobia.

Youssef Ossama, the president of MSA and a senior studying marketing, started the vigil by discussing the ignorance he encountered relating to his religion. "I had to educate my peers because for many of them I was the first Muslim they encountered," said Ossama. "My parents always encouraged me to portray my religion and my culture with integrity and courage." After this point, Ossama talked with pride about his faith along with the progress that Muslim's have made in America despite constant discrimination.

"Muslims have slowly gained representation in the government, U.S. television, sports, higher education, and a presence in the public sphere across the country, and we will continue to thrive whether they are native born or an immigrant, a convert or born into the faith," said Ossama.

"Muslim Americans are the most diverse, among the most educated [and] among the most employed with roots in every part of the world."

The next speaker was Barbara Lawrence, the vice president for institutional equity and diversity at the University of New Haven. Lawrence's speech mainly focused on encouraging university students and faculty to educate themselves about Islam, to call out any Islamophobia that they encounter and to recognize any internalized prejudice that they might have.

"Continue to reflect and confront your own if you have internalized Islamophobia, learn about Islam - its history, its culture - and historic and current figures," said Lawrence. "We ask ourselves and students and staff and faculty to research the many diverse cultures across the world that practice Islam."

The next speaker was Sam Ortiz, the new director of the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion, who told the audience that 9/11 was a transformative time for everyone, including for himself. Ortiz said that post-9/11, he became more politically conscious, especially in relation to the Islamophobia he saw.

Ortiz said, "9/11 really forced

me to confront the incredible amount of prejudice, discrimination, hate and violence that Muslim communities faced, and it helped me open my eyes to a larger struggle against white supremacy, against colonialism, against these institutions of power and oppression."

Up next was Hafiz Hassan Ali, the MSA director of community outreach, who asked the audience to put themselves in the shoes of Muslims. "Imagine just for a second, you all are Muslim," said Hassan Ali. "How would you feel if somebody asks you to go back to your country even though you're born in America? Somebody tells you that you are a terrorist?"

Hassan Ali confronted the false narrative of Muslims being dangerous by stating that Islam is a religion that "teaches us to smile at people. To go out of our way to help somebody, to be kind, to be generous."

Former MSA advisor and current associate professor of the management department, Khadija Al Arkoubi, was the next speaker. Al Arkoubi said, "Today we come together not only to remember the lives lost in the tragic day of September 11, 2001, but also to acknowledge the profound impact it had

on the lives of Muslims in the United States."

Despite the nation coming together and supporting one another after 9/11, as said by Al Arkoubi, there was still heavy hatred and segregation furthered by Islamophobia.

"The rise of Islamophobia - a prejudice born out of fear and misunderstanding - swept across our nation following the attack," said Al Arkoubi. "Muslims who were unfairly singled out and subjected to discrimination and hatred, the toxic narrative that emerged in the aftermath of 9/11 affected every aspect of their lives, including their education, careers and professional aspirations."

Al Arkoubi ended the speech by saying that we must acknowledge the challenges faced by Muslims due to prejudice and stand up to the discrimination that they experience.

The next speaker was Aiya Chahid, the vice president of MSA and a junior studying criminal justice. Chahid started her speech by recounting when she was younger and how her parents would speak Arabic in front of her, as they hailed from Casablanca, Morocco, but never taught her the language. "I would understand almost every word of what they had said in

conversation, but I couldn't speak in fact. I was never taught Arabic growing up, despite hearing it everywhere," said Chahid. "I like to compare it to thinking or breathing or blinking. It's not something that you know how to do. You just do it."

Chahid said that this was done by the instruction of a physician, who said that learning Arabic would "pause" her speaking English. Chahid also said that as she got older, her parents would stop speaking Arabic when the windows were open and neighbors could hear. She said that she and her family, along with her heritage, were silenced.

Despite being silenced, Chahid became louder and prouder of her faith and background. "I am a voice that will be heard and Islamophobia will not change that."

Just before the vigil ended, Ossama came back to the podium and said that despite the heaviness of the stories they had just heard, he wanted to thank everyone for coming out and remembering the lives lost on 9/11 and from Islamophobia.

If you are interested in attending MSA's meetings or events, check out their Charger Connection page and their Instagram, unh\_msa.



MSA President Youssef Ossama speaks in the Bixler/Gerber quad, West Haven, Sept. 15, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Presley DePugh.



# CT Senator Blumenthal announces funding for synagogues to combat antisemitism

BY ERIN SMITH  
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Last fall, Kanye West flooded social media with antisemitic comments, leading to the disabling of his social media accounts. These comments on social media had an impact felt all across the country, including Connecticut, which saw an increase of antisemitic acts in each of the state’s 34 towns.

In 2022, there was a record of 68 antisemitic incidents in Connecticut. 55 of the incidents were harassment compared to the 13 acts of vandalism, ranking as the state with the 11th most antisemitic incidents. Two CT synagogues received bomb threats and three Zoom bombings were reported

at Jewish and Holocaust remembrance events. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal announced on Sept. 1 at a press conference in West Hartford, Conn. that he would be introducing federal funding for synagogues to combat antisemitism.

Blumenthal said regarding the increase in antisemitic incidents in 2022, “That’s a sign of a malignancy ... a cancer that is spreading, a virus that will destroy our democracy if we fail to stand up and speak out and take action,” he said. “Words are not enough.”

Leaders of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford were also at the press conference. The federation received \$133,700 in security grant money.

“The challenge is that many of the religious institutions across the state and the country — synagogues, churches, mosques — can’t on their own absorb the costs involved in hardening their facilities,” said David Warren, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

Connecticut nonprofit faith organizations received \$3.2 million in Nonprofit Security Grant Program funds. This includes funding for 23 synagogues and churches to help with security and emergency preparedness.

Blumenthal will be working on this year’s budget to increase the amounts of federal funds that are available to faith-related institutions. The funding will also go toward law enforcement

and security presence.

There will also be a \$40 million federal investment for the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service. They provide facilitated dialogue, mediation, training and consultation to assist communities facing discrimination-based conflict. This training will be for congregants and leaders of these faith institutions.

“At the end of the day, what we need is a whole of government, whole of society effort,” Blumenthal said in regards to the need for hate crime laws to be tightened.

Since the rise of antisemitism in 2022, Rabbis in New Haven have spoken out on how their congregations are dealing with the incidents.

“Obviously, we’re putting all this attention on security and making sure everything is safe, but I think if that becomes the core of what it means to be Jewish in America, then we lose the richness of Judaism,” said Rabbi Josh Pernick of Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

“It’s weird because I’m not scared,” said Rabbi Eric Woodward of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel. “At our synagogue, we take safety and security very seriously, and I think this is a really loving community here in New Haven.”

The federal funding gives these synagogues more of an opportunity to enhance security measures and be able to practice their faith without any hesitation.

# Biden joins forces with India at the G20 summit

BY FAITH ARCURI  
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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.

## New Haven's theater department to bring Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" to life

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
Arts & Life Editor

The Bucknall Theater on Sept. 12 was quiet except for the Fall 2023 play's actors milling around and helping Meg Savilonis, an associate professor for the division of performing arts and department of English. Savilonis, the play's director, set up the first table read for the theater department's production of Chekhov's "The Three Sisters."

"The Three Sisters" is a 19th century play by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov that follows three sisters – Irina, Masha and Olga – and their brother Andrei who lost all their money and moved to Moscow.

"I've worked at UNH for 17 years and we have not done a mainstage Chekhov play since I've been here, and Chekhov is one of my top three favorite playwrights of all time," said Savilonis.

Savilonis was not the only person in the theater who was excited, as the anticipation could be seen in the cast members such as

Angelina Paulus, a sophomore criminal justice major and returning actor playing Irina.

Paulus shared Savilonis' excitement for doing a classical play that is also a translated work such as "The Three Sisters," which is something the actor has not done before.

Paulus was in "The Hatmaker's Wife" during the Fall 2022 semester, a play also directed by Savilonis, along with Spring 2022's "Godspell." Paulus' reason for returning to the theater so many times is the people involved, which she has always felt a sense of community and belonging with. "It's just a big group of people all doing what they love to do and not feeling embarrassed to make a choice or to try something new," said Paulus.

Paulus is not the only theater returner; Joseph Oliveira, a senior communications major, who was part of public relations for Fall 2022's "The Hatmaker's Wife" is now making his way onstage as Chebutykin.

Oliveira admitted to

always being a big actor since the age of four and has been trying to land acting opportunities since. "Sometimes they pop up, sometimes they don't," Oliveira said in relation to finding acting roles. "Luckily, at this time I was able to take advantage of the situation."

Oliveira is one of the members who worked behind the scenes of the play

who are now stepping onto the stage. Robyn Cruz, a sophomore forensic psychology major, was part of the props team during "The Hatmaker's Wife" and is now stepping into the role of a character named Rode.

"I'm excited to put on my first college production," said Cruz. "I know some of the cast members and I've seen them on stage and I'm excited to work with that

energy that they bring to the table and bring my own energy forward."

Based on the responses from everyone involved with this semester's play, there is much excitement and anticipation. While the cast and crew prepare for the actual production, keep an eye out for the dates of the first set.



Members of the theater club, West Haven, Sept. 16, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

## SCOPE's Suicide Prevention Fair spreads mental health awareness with campus partners

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
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September is Suicide Prevention Month, which paves the way to shine a spotlight on issues surrounding mental health and the value of supporting those in crisis. The Student Committee of Planning and Events (SCOPE) brightened that light this past Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the Alumni Lounge by hosting a Suicide Prevention Fair.

The event was put together by Nox Garner, a sophomore forensic science major and member of SCOPE's Char-

ger Engagement team. Garner said that mental health and suicide are topics that affect people every day, including members of the University of New Haven community.

"I think one of the main things I'd like students to take away from this is it's okay to ask for help when you need it," said Garner. "And that it's okay to struggle."

Garner emphasized that the New Haven campus alone has multiple resources and organizations around to help students struggling with

mental health. These resources were also at the fair to advertise themselves while also furthering their support.

One of those resources was the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), which had a bucket of markers and wooden clothing clips to write positive messages on. Students could take those messages with them or put them on the bucket, which had many written clips attached.

Another table with an interactive element was Happy UNewHaven, a student organization

dedicated to breaking stigmas surrounding mental health, sexual violence and suicide, which had sticky notes and markers that students could use to write encouragements with then post on a large poster board. They also had an information sheet with self-soothing techniques, along with notes on when they meet which are every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Westside Hall room 111.

Active Minds was another student organization in attendance that spoke about supporting students' mental well-

ness. Jared Duchesne, a senior forensic science major and executive assistant for Active Minds, talked more about how more awareness should be brought to mental health. Duchesne said that people should be "a little bit more educated" about this topic so they could have "a little bit more empathy for other people." Active Minds meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Kaplan 105.

All these organizations can be found on Charger Connection, along with a schedule of SCOPE's upcoming events.



# Your dinner plate is under construction

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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From on-campus ramen after your walk home from a frat house, to the option to cook your own meal without having to do any dishes afterward, university dining is working on executing a lineup of new facilities to be introduced sporadically throughout this semester.

Juan Dominguez, the general manager of Sodexo at the university, is elated to share their new plans with the student body.

Dining services developed a list of three main areas of concentration in the main dining hall space. The Marketplace is seeing a palate of renovations, as evident for anyone walking into the partial construction zone to pick up a sandwich.

Dominguez is aware that “allergies are becoming a bigger concern,” a notion which led to the Simple Zone/My Zone allergy station to be reupholstered and more accommodating for students with critical restrictions.

Dominguez said that in discussion, they raised the question of “how [to] make a better option for students with allergies.” The solution,

which should be ready by next Friday, will take the form of a separate room of pre-packaged, allergy-safe food options for students. In order to access the room, keycard access will have to be requested as a formal dining accommodation.

The second goal that Dominguez expressed was to “bring something trendy” for students in the dining space. He proposed “with no doubt” that a “UCook” station will satisfy this aim. The Marketplace will soon include a hub of six stations at which you can set up and prepare your own meals with ingredients provided through your meal plan.

Dominguez was preactive in ensuring dining’s consideration of health and safety concerns. He walked through the system for cooking ware used at the UCook station. When students leave with their completed meal, there will be a station for used cutlery and pans to be washed immediately in 180 degree water and sanitizing solution. Dominguez also said that some food items in this area will be pre-cooked to ensure that they are done so thoroughly.

Mentorship is an anticipated necessity for students who

may be exploring the world of cooking for the first time on their own. To alleviate any potential stress, a chef will be placed at UCook for the first couple of weeks that it is in operation. Dominguez says that “it’s going to be a process,” which he and his team will evaluate through the rest of the semester.

The final aim of dining services is to expand options that may feel more welcoming to international students.

Although Dominguez says that “we are not there yet in my view,” he also said that dining is aware of the unique circumstances at the University of New Haven that come with welcoming such a large international population. He understands that since the university “markets” to recruit students from different countries, dining services should work to accommodate their needs and desires to feel more at home upon arrival. This was a driving force in the change from the Asian Fusion station to the new Global station. Dominguez thinks that this will draw attention from the entire student body, as he said that “this generation of students is more open to try new things

and different foods.”

“We cannot replicate what you have at home,” he said, “that’s impossible,” but he is committed to providing satisfactory meals for students within a realistic realm as a campus dining service.

Dominguez also opened up about the experiences of working in dining and the goals they have to strengthen relations with the student body.

On a personal level, Dominguez said that he reminds himself that students have to eat on campus three times a day, seven days and “not get tired” — this is, he said, what drives him.

On a broader scale, he is passionate about students sharing their voices with dining services, both in satisfaction and in suggestions for improvement. Dominguez feels that students do not participate in dining committees enough and as a result, those who are involved are not successful in representing the student body. The feat is a group effort in Dominguez’s eyes and he is willing to be the leading force in this motion. Students interested in sharing their voices with dining can contact him directly at JDominguez@

newhaven.edu.

Dominguez took this mission even further, beginning to explain some of his visions for success. He wants more students to meet with dining and suggested appearances at Undergraduate Student Government Association General Assembly meetings. “Dining has a lot more to offer and a lot more to say to students than we actually do,” he said on their current level of communication.

The ultimate goal is to have a food option spaced every three minutes of walking distance on campus. Dominguez says his team currently feels successful in this mission.

Dominguez’s main goal is for students to be eating. He said his advice for dining workers is “don’t stop a student from eating because a card is not working.” He does not want anything to stand between students and their ability to eat three meals a day and ultimately, his vision is that “we need to be a yes environment.”

Keep your eyes peeled for updates in dining all across campus, and make sure to also stay up-to-date on the new faces of retail dining as well.

## Hispanic-Latinx flag raising paired with welcome for new Myatt Center Director

BY PRESLEY DEPUUGH  
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Despite the windy and cloudy day, students and staff still showed up to the Kathy Zolad Stadium on Sept. 15 to witness the raising of the Hispanic-Latinx Heritage Month flag that will start the month’s events and celebrations.

The event started with an introduction from Sam Ortiz, the new director of the Myatt Center of Diversity and Inclusion. Ortiz comes from Puerto Rican and Dominican descent, and commented on how Hispanic-Latinx Heritage month means to him, personally.

“Having these spaces where my culture and the cultures of my community are centered is really important,” said Ortiz. “And not just for those in our community but for all of us because this institution [and] our communities are better, they are more vibrant [and have] better seasoning when we are more inclusive.”

Ortiz explained that one of the greatest things about Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month is that it celebrates the “rich tapestry” which inhabits different communities that reside under that larger umbrella.

Since there is much diversity from different Hispanic and Latinx cultures, Ortiz said that he will always be learning and connecting from and with others under that umbrella. He also urged others who fall under that umbrella to represent, celebrate and educate their own communities as well.

Ortiz then passed the microphone to

Barbara Lawrence, the vice president for institutional equity and diversity.

Lawrence thanked all the faculty and campus partners who attended the flag raising before beginning her speech.

“It has become [a] tradition for many universities and organizations to celebrate Hispanic students, staff and faculty as a way to forge community, to form, to teach and to learn,” said Lawrence. She continued saying that it is a moment in time to recognize and acknowledge all the contributions from people of Hispanic and Latinx culture across all academic and professional fields.

Lawrence finished her speech by saying, “Let’s come together. Let’s continue to amplify our voices and elevate this year’s theme of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is driving prosperity, power and progress in America.”

The next speech came from Brisa Velazquez Perez, the vice president of engagement in the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), who began the speech by saying this flag raising was the second one done for Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month. Velazquez Perez said that the first flag raising for this particular month was one of her fondest memories because “it was something that we as student leaders were able to bring.”

Velazquez Perez said that while the University of New Haven is a predominantly white institution (PWI), “but here we are still able to create our community and we are seen on campus.”

Up next was Kimberly Martinez,

the president of the Latin American Student Association. To Martinez personally, Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month is “a time not only for celebrating the success of our people and our pride for our countries but also for celebrating ourselves.”

“Our lives, our parents’ lives were not easy,” said Martinez. “It’s hard to sit there and compare your life to everyone who came before you and still feel as though you have done enough.”

Martinez said that being Latinx is not defined by whether you speak Spanish well nor the color of your skin, but by what being Latinx means to you, specifically.

The next speaker was Noelia Dal Moro, the president of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. To begin the speech, Dal Moro said, “Coming from a diverse background to a PWI was definitely difficult, but I’m glad because I found communities within this school where I felt like I belonged.”

Dal Moro then delved into the things that bring cultural pride. “It’s the little things that make me proud to be Latina,” said Dal Moro. “So, listening to salsa music on a Saturday morning and starting to clean and just getting all my stresses out.”

USGA senator for Hispanic and Latinx students, Yamilett Hernandez Garcia was the next person at the podium. Hernandez Garcia started off by saying that the month of celebration started back in 1968 and only lasted for a week but then was extended to a 30-day long period in 1988. Hernandez Garcia then went into her background by saying, “Aside from being a daughter of immigrants, I

am also a first-generation student. Growing up was always different for me; I always had to figure everything out on my own since my parents could only do so much to help. But they were always there to remind me of my culture.”

The final speaker of the ceremony was Alagie Malick Bojang, the president of the Graduate Student Council. One of the most important points made by Bojang was in relation to student success after finding a community to

bond with. “When they tend to feel a sense of belonging in the school or association they are in, that will help them stay and pursue their academic careers and goals,” said Bojang. After the final speech, the Hispanic and Latinx flag was raised, marking the beginning of this heritage month which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. To keep up with events for Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month, look back on the emailed agenda from the Myatt Center sent out on Sept. 14.



Students and staff celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, West Haven, Sept. 15, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Presley DePugh.



# Sushi Do and Cappetta’s announces grand opening of newest branches in Maxcy Hall



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On Sept. 12, 2023, the doors were officially re-opened after the shutdown of Hazel Nut Cafe. This time, however, it was completely renovated into a hybrid restaurant. With sushi options on the left side and pizza on the right, Sushi Do and Cappetta’s Italian Imports and Pizza provide the best of both worlds, serving everything from Spicy California and Philadelphia Rolls to pizza, garlic bread and salads.

During an interview with Juan Dominguez, the general manager of Sodexo, one of the leading food companies dominating campus, he said that he was inspired by the idea that “the sushi place (Sushi-Do), only took up about half of the space we had available, and there was a really good pizza oven size on the opposite side.”

“Although we do have other pizza options available on campus, I thought it would be a good thing to bring a local pizza [establishment], so we chose Cappetta’s, a very well-known pizza place amongst staff and students alike,” he said.

The hours of this hybrid restaurant are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. While it currently only accepts credit cards or electronic benefit transfer (EBT), it is expected to allow students to use dining dollars on Monday, Sept. 18.

“The pizza is great, but I want to use my dining dollars instead of paying directly out of pocket,” says Connor McCusker, a sophomore at the university. “But my favorite would definitely have to be the buffalo chicken pizza, I get it whenever I go there,” he said.

“The sushi was quickly prepared,” said Andrew Donaldson Jr, an undeclared freshman. “Even in a crowded restaurant environment I waited no more than five minutes for my food.”

For more information on this new opening, menu items and hours for all our current food places and eateries on campus, visit <https://newhaven.sodexomyway.com/>.

Signs for new dining hall options, Cappetta’s and Sushi Do, West Haven, Sept. 12, 2023.  
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To continue idling in silence  
is secondhand manslaughter

BY EDITORIAL STAFF  
*Editorial*

At age 23, your graduate degree is worth more than \$11,000. At 23, you’ve probably spent more than \$11,000 on survival necessities alone. At 23, your life is most certainly worth more than \$11,000. At 23, grown men should not be laughing over your death.

Any of us could have been in the shoes of Jaahnavi Kandula, the most recent fixation in the media movement of police scrutiny. Most of us are Kandula’s age, if not younger. The only difference is that we’ll make it out having completed our degrees. She’ll never get that opportunity.

Law enforcement personnel hold a duty to protect the community that they serve. In the current day, most police officers are simply failing to uphold their commitment to safety and, on the contrary, are becoming perpetrators as opposed to saviors.

Daniel Auderer, who responded to the scene, made jokes about the value of Kandula’s life. He has since claimed that his comments were taken out of context, that he was mocking poor responses often seen in these types of circumstances. This leaves us watching the case unfold, with one of two realities to live with. Either an officer was genuinely minimizing a woman’s life to a value on a check because she was “a regular person,” or he was mocking the industry in which he works, in which case those within that industry are not blind to the problem and yet don’t appear to be pushing for any semblance of reform.

He said that “she had limited value.” Without knowing it, Auderer spoke to every student in the U.S., and he rocked our core with four words. To devalue one of us is to devalue all of us.

If those with more power than us will not band together for change, we at our level of academia must create the first links towards change.

“She was 26 anyway.” Auderer didn’t even take the time to learn her actual age before diminishing the value of her life. She was younger than he had estimated, but despite his miscalculation at the scene, he sold her soul to the police department for a mere \$11,000 in a self-proclaimed auction on the street.

Most students at the University of New Haven pay more than \$11,000 each semester to be here. Our lives are worth so much more. Her life was worth so much more.

The footage wasn’t released until eight months after the woman’s death, which was in January. For almost a year, the degradation that barely waited for her final breath has been kept a secret.

Kandula’s story should be remembered by her name, but that should not be confused by taking it as an isolated incident. Her accident stands at the intersection of student safety and the ethical and moral expectations of first responders. Too often, another headline reminds us of the fragility of being a young adult in this country, especially one of a protected class, and with such the hesitancy at which we must proceed towards officials in positions that on paper exist to keep us safe.

We hope that Kandula is finally able to rest without strangers laughing over her and we hope that we, lucky enough to be pursuing a higher education, can speak out to protect our peers from future disrespect. Actions speak louder than words, but the first step towards change can be found in breaking our silence.

On the shoulders of giants

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Column

After 22 years, I have come to a singular defining realization: I am taller than most of the people I stand beside. This accompanies my observation that height is viewed as an amazing advantage by the vertically challenged, which has always intrigued me.

I, along with many other people who share my vertical acuity. This led to an exploration of this conundrum in order to find an answer to one question: why do people put height on such a pedestal? Luckily I was able to see a lot more than those shorter than me. I know that feels like a low blow, but that’s where most people are anyway so I think it evens out.

Before I indulge myself in a healthy dose of philosophical assumption revolving around being over six-foot “if that matters,” I would like to dispel some of the glamor that comes with being built like Slenderman. This is also not going to be articulated like Netflix’s “Tall Girl” where I frame being 6’2” as some horrific burden, I just wanted to complain about some trivial inconveniences that come with the territory.

Clothes that fit are impossible to find: When you walk into a clothing store, I doubt you have ever explored the options for a taller individual. If you did, you would find that the tall and slender is not

something that clothing brands often consider. Every shirt is either a crop top or a tent and every pair of pants is a cruel joke only meant to imitate the trials and punishments of Sisyphus. I’m being a bit overdramatic, but my points are still valid. We have back problems: Whenever I’m in a conversation with one of my shorter friends, I find myself hunching over to match their height to hear them clearly. Afterwards, I’m walking around with my back hunched and head forward like a sinister mastermind or a pangolin. My back at the end of a long day sounds like a Rice Krispies treat thrown into a bowl of seltzer.

There are surely other things that I could include on this list, but I would like to move on to other ventures for the sake of finishing this article.

Why do people want to be tall? Perhaps it’s because they want to be better at hockey (someone legitimately told me they’d play hockey if they were tall). Perhaps it’s to reach the top shelf without a ladder. No matter what the root of it is, many people romanticize height to a degree that can ironically feel belittling.

All jokes aside, the glamorization of height is something that has always confused me. Sure, it’s nice to have the options that being tall bestows, but ultimately height has nothing to do with someone’s adequacy.



# Women’s soccer opens NE-10 play with 2-1 win over AIC

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In what looked to be a one-sided affair, the New Haven women’s soccer team pulled out an impressive 2-1 win over American International College on Saturday, Sept. 16. The Chargers seemingly were in their defensive zone for most of the game, as AIC tallied 15 shots with seven going on goal.

New Haven was held without a shot in the first half as AIC had possession of the ball for the majority of the early minutes, firing three shots on goal in the first 21 minutes, forcing Chargers goalkeeper Caitlin Daley to make some big saves. The consistent pressure eventually gave AIC a prime scoring chance, as forward Hannah Storozuk netted the first goal to give the Yellow Jackets an early 1-0 lead.

AIC stayed on the attack for the rest of the first half, sending four more shots on goal, but Daley fin-

ished with six saves as the Chargers defense kept it a one-goal game going into the second half.

New Haven’s offense would remain without a shot until the 61st minute when defender Elizabeth Anderson fired a shot that sailed just over the net. The Chargers finally were playing in their offensive zone as midfielder Ali-da Bates sent a shot to the net but was stopped by AIC goalkeeper Sara Avery.

After a corner kick for AIC, the Chargers broke out on offense and knotted the game at one with midfielder Angelina Schilling’s first goal of the year. New Haven would stay on the attack as they looked to complete the comeback in their first conference matchup of the season. In the 75th minute, defender Riley Drosopoulos netted the game-winning goal that put the Chargers ahead by one.

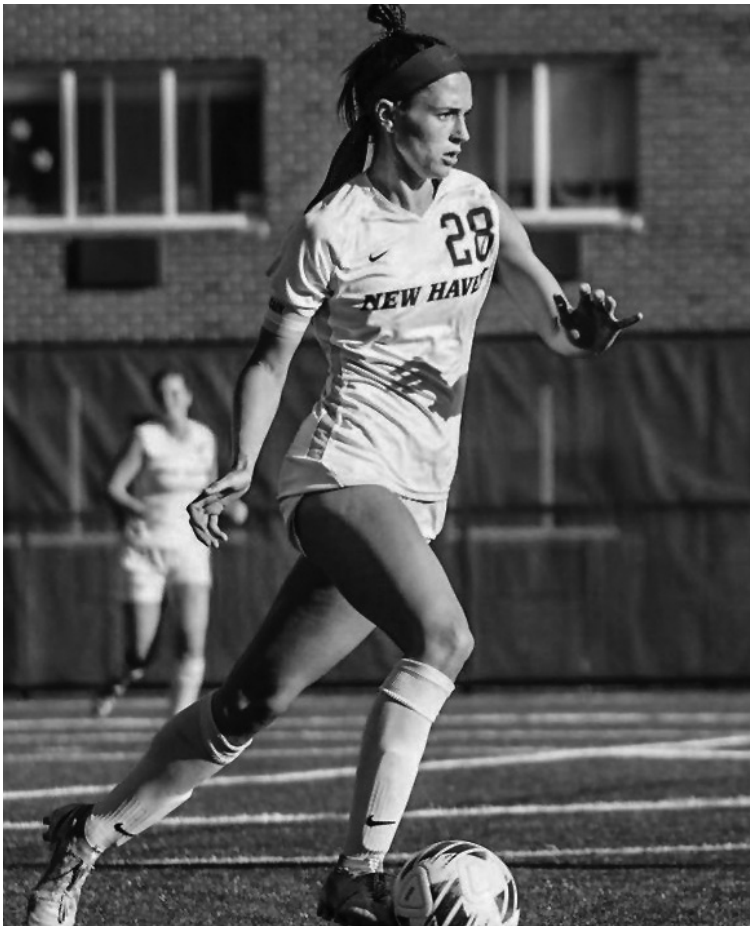
AIC did not go

down without a fight, sending two more on net, forcing Daley to step up again and keep it a one-goal game. In the final minute of play, midfielder Natasha Ferreira took one last shot to tie the game at two, but it hit off the crossbar as they failed to cash in on their final

scoring chance. The buzzer would sound with New Haven holding a 2-1 lead, giving them their first Northeast-10 (NE-10) win of the season, improving their record to 3-2.

New Haven will come back to Kathy Zolad Stadium on Tuesday, Sept. 19 for their next NE-10

matchup against Adelphi University. The game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. as the Chargers look to build on their strong start to the season. More information can be found at [newhaven-chargers.com](http://newhaven-chargers.com).



New Haven’s Elizabeth Anderson against Dominican, West Haven, Sept. 12, 2023.  
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New Haven’s Ali-da Bates during Tuesday’s match against Dominican College, West Haven, Sept. 12, 2023.  
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# New Haven rides huge second half for 15th straight win over SCSU

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Tensions ran high in the home stands on Saturday, Sept. 16 as the Chargers fell behind

in the first quarter against long-time rivals, Southern Connecticut State University. The score was 7-0 in favor of the Owls heading into the second quarter.

New Haven scored a touchdown in the second quarter, but missed the extra point and fell short to tie the game right

before halftime. The Chargers went into the second half still behind, with the scoreboard displaying a score of 7-6.

Despite the adversity, it did not take long for the Chargers to find their rhythm. Momentum was restored for New Haven starting with an essential catch from wide receiver Elijah Jeffreys. This catch set up the first touchdown with quarterback Daelen Menard scoring on fourth down two plays later from one yard out of the end zone.

SCSU attempted to take back the momentum but could not capitalize on the chance after an interception by junior defensive back Giye Jenkins. Menard responded with a 29-yard touchdown pass to graduate wide receiver Kasi Hazard, which pushed the lead to 20-7. The Chargers refused to step off the gas as an 18-yard touchdown pass to tight end Kevin Foelsch put New Haven

ahead by three scores. Graduate defensive back Jalen Fisher returned an interception for another touchdown to make it a 33-7 game, sealing the deal for the Chargers. A huge all-around effort willed New Haven to their 15th consecutive win against SCSU.

The defense that was led by Jenkins who tallied ten tackles to go with the interception and two pass breakups was the story of the game for New Haven, as linebacker Damon Burton Jr. registered five tackles for the game.

Saturday's game was a huge win for the Chargers, awarding them the well-earned Elm City Trophy. New Haven is now 2-1 on the season, and 1-0 in the Northeast-10 Conference. The Chargers will play next at Franklin Pierce on Sept. 23 at 6:00 p.m. More information on the game can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



New Haven's offense celebrates a touchdown, West Haven, Sept. 16, 2023.  
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# Men's soccer comes from behind to tie Saint Anselm at 2

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After suffering their first loss of the season to Jefferson University, the New Haven men's soccer team looked to regroup in their first NE-10 conference matchup against the Saint Anselm Hawks on Saturday, Sept. 16. The Chargers fought from behind in order to finish in a tie with Saint Anselm at 2-2.

when midfielder James Poschmann scored the first goal of the game in the 49th minute. Saint Anselm doubled their lead in the 71st minute as forward Zach Verow's shot was just out of Chargers goalkeeper Gianluca Cerosimo's reach.

Forward Alexander Gunnarson and the Chargers answered right back a minute later as midfielder Erik Cedeberg assisted Gunnarson to get New Haven on the board. In the 78th minute, Augustus McGiff went around multiple defenders to assist Sean Lane-Turnbull to even the score at two apiece.

Defense was the name of the game as the Chargers only allowed a total of six shots, four being on goal, along with two saves from Cerosimo. It was a slow start offensively as the Chargers were outshot in shots on goal 4-3, but it was enough to end the game in a tie at 2-2.

The Chargers are now 2-1-1 on the season as they travel to Southern Connecticut State University on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. as the Chargers look to get back in the win column. More information can be found at [newhavenchargers.com](http://newhavenchargers.com).



Men's soccer celebrates a goal vs Saint Anselm, West Haven, Sept. 16, 2023.  
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