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Measles Outbreak Reaches New Haven

BY SAM GANGI
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On Monday, Feb. 4, Yale-New Haven hospital had its second confirmed measles case of the season. The patients are both adults, though hospital officials would not say if the two people were related or had been in contact with each other. These cases are the first of the year, with only three cases on record in Connecticut for 2018.

According to Mayo Clinic, Measles is a highly contagious disease that usually takes anywhere from seven to 21 days to start showing symptoms. Symptoms begin with a mild to moderate fever, runny nose, red eyes, and white spots inside the mouth, followed by red spots all over the body. A person with the virus can be contagious up

to four days before the rash even appears. The safest way to combat the disease is to get vaccinated. In Connecticut, students must be vaccinated to attend school and colleges, but exemptions can be made for religious beliefs.

“I had heard about the recent outbreak, but I didn’t realize it was here in Connecticut,” said Zoe Armingier, a freshman criminal justice student.

The measles disease was officially eliminated in the United States in 2000, but a spike in anti-vaccinators has brought the disease back. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there have been 101 confirmed cases since Jan. 1.

These outbreaks have been seen in California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Washington, Texas, and Oregon, as well as Connecticut. The increase in choosing not to vaccinate is

based partly on a claim that the vaccination leads to autism. That theory has been debunked.

“Parents these days have such a blatant disregard for the well-being of their children, in terms of vaccination. It is irresponsible for them to think they know better than doctors and the research that confirms vaccinations do not cause autism and other ‘side effects’ they believe come with vaccines,” said Meredith Burkhart, a freshman criminal justice major.

Dr. Nick Bennett with Connecticut’s Children’s Medical Center, says the study linking vaccines to autism was “flawed and a scam at the hands of an English doctor.”

“He was not trying to say the measles vaccine causes autism,” Bennett told WTNH television station in New Haven. “He was trying to say this vaccine causes autism and my vaccine won’t. He was totally discredited.



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He was struck off the medical register and he is not a doctor anymore.”

University health services department staff says that if a student has been vaccinated, that student is protected. One dose of the vaccination is about 93 percent effective and the two doses are about 97 percent

effective at preventing measles. Even if a student comes in contact with someone with the disease, a vaccination provides protection. Health services, along with all other health officials, suggest that if students haven’t been vaccinated, now is a good time.

USGA Treasurer and President Candidates Debate

BY EVERETT BISHOP
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The Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) hosted the first round of their debates on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the Henry C. Lee building. Candidates for USGA treasurer and president were given a chance to answer questions about what qualified them for the position and to share their platform with the student body.

Running for treasurer are sophomore psychology and

criminal justice major, Cody Ruais, and sophomore communication, film, and media studies major, Angelo Prevosto. Both stated that they were qualified for the job because of their experience in the treasurer’s office. Ruais has been shadowing current USGA treasurer, Ian Maloney, since Nov. 2018 while Prevosto is currently the treasurer’s assistant. Among their qualifications, both also shared that they understood the new Charger Finance System, an electronic budgeting tool that the treasurer’s office would be switching over to come next semester.

One of the biggest issues discussed during the debates for USGA treasurer was increasing the yearly budgets for blue status organizations to over \$500.

“I think what’s important when you’re going to expand this kind of budgeting that has been in place for years is that you do your research,” said Ruais. “So one thing that I’d like to do is that I’d like to reach out to all of the blue status organizations on campus, see how they use their finances this year, see if there’s anything they weren’t able to do. If I am elected treasurer, I would do a lot of work over the summer and kind

of prepare for the next year and possibly change that policy.”

While Ruais is considering outreach, Prevosto has a larger

change in mind.

“I want to create a lot of opportunities for blue status RSO’s and I think the best way

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The five candidates for USGA president spoke on their individual campaign platforms.

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Jazzman's Selling Food with Altered Use-by Dates

BY JENNIFER KORN &
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THE CHARGER BULLETIN

Employees at Jazzman's Cafe and Bakery have confirmed that one of their supervising managers, Nancy Dijon, has intentionally changed use-by dates so that food stays on the shelf longer. While they do not know how long this has been going on, workers have said they caught their manager changing the dates within the last three weeks.

According to Michael Ward, district manager of Sodexo, Dining Services was unaware of the situation and "does not tolerate any modifying of use-by dates." Since it has been brought to their attention, officials have now launched an internal investigation.

Dijon did not respond to requests for comment.

"Dining Services is conducting a thorough investigation and will take the appropriate action to ensure that their internal standards and practices are followed and strictly upheld," said Ward. "We take great care in providing safe, quality foods."

Juliana Goulart, a supervising manager at Jazzman's, says that she was aware of the issue and told Dijon to stop. According to Goulart, Dijon allegedly told her that the food is "still good." As Wednesday, Feb. 13, Dijon was still taking student orders at Jazzman's.

For almost two weeks, the sticker gun at Jazzman's was broken, so Dijon was writing the use-by dates by hand. Goulart says that she did not see the written dates get rewritten, but that she's "seen the stickers get changed."

Goulart believes that many people "don't realize how dangerous it could be," to leave food out past its expiration date, especially fruit. She also said

she thinks Dijon was changing the dates because she doesn't want to throw out food and lose money.

According to Donald Stankus, university lecturer in the Nutrition Sciences Department, sandwiches and wraps past their expiration dates can hold shigella or staph aureus, which cause gastrointestinal issues such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cramping. They may also contain listeria, although this typically affects at-risk populations, such as children, the elderly, and pregnant women.

However, Stankus said that although, "expiration dates are set seven days after the day of production of the older ingredient," facilities often sets shorter dates based on product quality timeline. Dining Services may be setting earlier use-by dates based on the the quality of the food, rather than its safety warnings.

"A three-day old sandwich, kept at proper temperature, will

be safe to eat but quality-wise may not be enjoyable," said Stankus.

According to Goulart, Jazzman's gives fresh food a three-day shelf-life. They dispose of outdated food at the end of the day, said Goulart. Since Jazzman's is closed on weekends, their food left at the end of the week is sent to the C-store, Food on Demand, or Bartels so that it can still be sold to students.

"We abide by the guidelines set forth by the USDA Food Code, which has specified shelf-life and holding guidelines for both raw and ready to eat foods," said Ward. "Our own internal standards are often more stringent, and in the case of pre-packed foods, the shelf life is generally between one and three days."

Dining Services has multiple procedures for examining the standards of their foods, including "visual inspections, monitoring temperatures, cooking

and service procedures, and our overall sanitation practices, said Ward.

Jazzman's employee Nalasia Langley confirmed that the outdated food gets thrown away at night and that sometimes, the C-store takes their leftover food on Fridays. Although she was not aware of the intentionally mismarked dates, Langley said the handwriting on the outdated wraps pictured looked like Dijon's.



The hand written use-by dates seem to have been altered on some of the pre-packaged sandwiches.

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to do this is through the miscellaneous account," said Prevosto. "I think it would be beneficial to keep the yearly budget process relatively the same in terms of requesting funding because there is a strict 1.7-million-dollar budget. I'm still doing research, but I think letting blue status RSO's request money from the miscellaneous account for 1 or 2 events out of the year, outside of their \$500 cap, so this will allow them to have at least 1 or 2 big events on campus."

Another topic was the issue of

diversity in the budget committee. According to Prevosto, "interest goes further than knowledge" when working with USGA, and that making a "more diverse budget committee" will only help in making the "best USGA possible."

After the conclusion of treasurer debates came USGA presidential debates. Candidates included junior university students Merranda Zehner, John Matyasich, Christina Genovese, Ian Maloney, and Kenzie Whiting. Candidates all previously held positions in USGA, whether in the house, senate, or e-board.

One of the biggest issues ad-

dressed by the presidential candidates was USGA's outreach to the greater student body.

"Since USGA has become my identity more so, I don't really identify with a specific RSO on campus, but more so being a voice for the student body," said Zehner. "I've seen the ins and outs for three years and I've always been proud of being a resource for people. We have to reach out to students we don't see on a day to day basis, and get their feedback."

Genovese also agreed with Zehner's idea of reaching out to the wider student body, claiming that "transparency" within USGA is the best policy, and

voicing her idea that livestreaming meetings so that interested students may watch would be beneficial.

"You don't have a sense of a voice more or less because you feel as though the executive board and the senate have more of a voice because they're so vocal within USGA," said Whiting. "But I want to be able to use my voice to tell others that they can use theirs."

Outreach issues also included problems incorporating groups with less of a presence in USGA such as ROTC and university sports teams. The issue of including part-time students more into USGA also came up,

however, Maloney pointed out that in a survey of part-time students, a majority of them wanted to "go to class and go home."

"At the end of the day, the biggest thing is how can we involve our students and how we can get them to be part of the solution so that these solutions don't last one year, but so that they last forever," said Matyasich. "We're looking to cultivate a leadership here of students who continue to transform our university, not just while we're here but far after we're gone."

Christina Genovese is the Community Engagement Editor for The Charger Bulletin.

RuPaul's Drag Race Makes African American HERstory in All-Stars Four Record-Breakers

BY NICOLE MANALL
OPINION EDITOR

On Friday, Feb. 15th, the top four queens of RuPaul's Drag Race were transformed into superheroes, and two into Hall of Famers. For the first time in Drag Race history, both Monét X Change and Trinity the Tuck were doubly crowned the winners of All Stars Season 4. This season of All-Stars was the show's most intense yet. These two, in particular, shined through its challenges in the fiercest way possible.

Monét X Change is the first African American queen to be inducted into the All Stars hall of fame in a season that was the most diverse in All Stars history. Both Monét and Trinity have every skill that it takes to be a well-rounded entertainer: they're stylish, they're funny, and they know how to lip-sync for their legacies.

Considering the events of All-Stars 4, it only seemed fitting that things ended with a huge twist. This is not new for the television show, wherein the previous season eliminated queens voted for who they wanted to see in the top two. The season ended with Monét and Trinity lip syncing to Christina Aguilera's hit song, Fighter, but the events before it were far from expected.

Just two weeks previous, final four contestant Naomi Smalls shocked America when she eliminated the front running

queen, Manila Luzon. There was also Gia Gunn, who was the first transition contestant on All-Stars who kept crowds entertained with her pot-stirring strategy.

The biggest cliffhanger in All Stars' history came in episode 5 when the queens returned to the workroom after a roasting challenge to find the four eliminated queens waiting for them. It was revealed that there was a temporary suspension of All-Stars rules, meaning the queens no longer eliminated one another, RuPaul did.

RuPaul gave each of the eliminated queens, Jasmine Masters, Gia Gunn, Farrah Moan, and Latrice Royale, a chance to earn back their spot in the competition by participating in the LalapaRuza, an extreme lip sync battle. Each of the eliminated queens could replace someone

in the race, and though Latrice was the only one who snagged a victory, no remaining queens were sent home.

Finally, it was down to the top four, Trinity the Tuck, Naomi Smalls, Monique Heart, and Monét X Change. Each queen was challenged with writing their own verse and learning intense choreography to RuPaul's latest hit, "Super Queen." After a fierce runway and intense lip sync, only Trinity and Monét remained to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This season of All-Stars kept viewers at the edge of their seasons from start to finish, and it will be hard to top in the future. Not to worry Drag Race fans, even though All-Stars 4 is over, Season 11 of RuPaul's Drag Race starts Feb. 28 at 9 p.m. on VH1 with special guest Miley Cyrus.



Trinity the Tuck was one of the night's winners.

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BY NICOLE MANALL
OPINION EDITOR

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From wins, nominations and historic firsts, take a look at Grammy records set by African-Americans.

***P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing)* - Michael Jackson**

In 1983, Jackson was the first artist to win eight Grammys in one night, he was also the first to be nominated in 12 categories.

***Fantasy* - Mariah Carey**

Carey was the youngest artist to receive nominations in the four General Categories (Record, Album and Song Of The Year and Best New Artist) and took home Best New Artist in 1990.

***I Wish* - Stevie Wonder**

Wonder was the first artist to win Album Of The Year with an entirely self-produced album.

***Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)* - Beyoncé**

Beyoncé is the first woman to win six Grammys in one night, one of them for Song of the Year, for "Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)."

***It Had to Be You* - Ray Charles**

Charles holds the title of the artist with the longest span of Record Of The Year nominations. His nominations span 44 years.

***Summer In The City* - Quincy Jones**

Jones is the artist with the most Grammy nominations, totaling 79.

***Dream A Little Dream Of Me* - Ella Fitzgerald**

Fitzgerald is the first woman to receive an Album Of The Year nomination and to receive a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

***Chain of Fools* - Aretha Franklin**

Franklin holds the record for most consecutive awards in any category, having a total of eight wins for Best R&B Vocal Performance.

***This Is America* - Childish Gambino**

This Is America is the first rap song to win both Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

***To Zion* - Ms. Lauryn Hill**

Hill is the first woman to win five Grammys in one night, including Album Of The Year for The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill.

UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES



Gnosis, sophomore music and sound recording major

“Black History Month is important to me because it sheds some light on the positive things that Black people are doing. It’s refreshing to hear our people not portrayed in a negative light.”



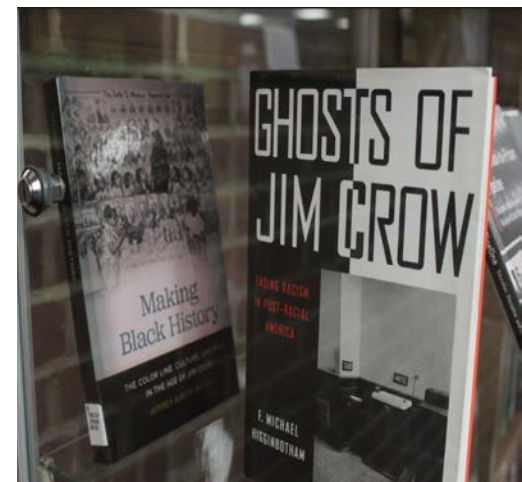
Juan Hernandez, Director for the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion

“I think it’s important for us to celebrate Black History Month because Black history is American history and deserves our recognition. The African American experience is one we should continue to learn more about and that’s why the Myatt Center will continue to celebrate this month.”

The Library

The Marvin K. Peterson library is featuring an exhibit this month to recognize and celebrate Black History Month.

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A Look Into History...

African American history has come a long way since Martin Luther King Jr.’s ‘I Have a Dream’ speech. Here are some more modern milestones...

- 1963**: I Have a Dream Speech
- 1965**: Selma to Montgomery march
- 1967**: Thurgood Marshall becomes first black Supreme Court Justice
- 1975**: Franco Harris becomes first African American named as Sports Bowl MVP
- 1964**: Civil Rights Act
- 1966**: Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale found the Black Panther Party
- 1971**: Gail Fisher becomes first black actor/actress to win a Golden Globe
- 1971**: Guion 'Blondie' Williams becomes first African American to travel space

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Jordan Harris
sophomore political science major

“Black History Month is important to me because it is the one month where we are acknowledged for building this country.”



Keep an Eye Out

The Black Student Union has three more events coming up to celebrate Black History Month.

Feb. 21 - Comedy Show

Feb. 22 - Gospel Night

Feb. 27 - Through the Looking Glass

Jordan Bluford
first African American
to travel into space

Vanessa Williams
becomes first black
Miss America



1983

Halle Berry
becomes first black woman
to win Best Actress

2002



Michelle Obama
becomes first black
First Lady

2008



Jordan Bluford
first African American
to travel into space

1983

Lauryn Hill
becomes first woman
to win five Grammys

1999



Barack Obama
becomes first black
President of the United States

2008



Misty Copeland
becomes first black
principal dancer at the
American Ballet

2015



Men's Basketball Goes Wire to Wire on Senior Day

BY ZACK PINCINCE
STAFF WRITER

Chargers men's basketball team took to the court to face off against The College of Saint Rose Golden Knights on Saturday Feb. 16. Before the game, the Chargers honored seniors Najee Larcher and team manager Tyler Collins.

Larcher has played in 96 career games and had his best season in 2017-18, where he averaged 5.4 points per game, and shot a team best 65.2 percent from the field.

Collins has been part of the basketball team since his freshman year as a team manager and was recently promoted to the

role of special assistant to the head coach.

The Chargers dominated the game with a strong defense. In the first half, New Haven forced six turnovers, four of which were steals. Redshirt sophomore Derrick Rowland had three steals in the first half, and 5 points. New Haven was led in the first half by junior Elijah Bailey, who had nine points. The Chargers went into the half with a 38-25 lead leaving the Golden Knights searching for answers.

In the second half, New Haven came out strong and kept up the intensity on defense. The Chargers extended their lead to as much as 24 with 4 minutes left in the game. Rowland knocked down two 3-pointers

in the half and led the team in scoring in the half with nine points. Bailey added an additional six points and junior Roy Kane Jr. added 7. The Chargers started and ended the game with strong defense and it helped them on their way to a 73-54 rout of the Golden Knights on senior day. Bailey finished the game with 15 points followed closely by Rowland and Kane's who contributed 14 each.

The Chargers moved to 17-7 overall and are now in a virtual tie with Adelphi for first place in the NE-10 Southwest Division. New Haven will face American International College on the road at 3:30 p.m. on Feb 23. They will return home for their regular season finale when they take on Le Moyne, on Feb 26.



Above: The Chargers came out with a win against the Golden Knights. Below: Senior Najee Larcher drives the ball down the court in an offensive play against the Golden Knights defense.

Photos by Erin Stevenin/The Charger Bulletin

Christa Cooper to Lead Charger Volleyball Team

BY ETHAN CARDONA
STAFF WRITER

Christa Cooper has been named head coach of the Charger volleyball program. She is the fourth head coach in the team's 43-year history.

Cooper takes over for interim head coach Robin Salters, who returned to the sideline for New Haven in late September when then-head coach Ana Paula Pego was forced to step down amid immigration issues.

Cooper joins the Chargers after a five-year stint as an

assistant coach at Ferris State University in Michigan. During her time with the Bulldogs, she helped the team to a 138-28 record, won five straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championships and made it to the NCAA Midwest Regional championship in each of the last two seasons.

She began her career at Division III St. Catherine University, and has also worked as an assistant at Division I Montana State, and Division II University of Mary.

"Obtaining this position is just the beginning," said Cooper in an interview for newhaven-

chargers.com. "I am excited to lead this championship level program which has such a storied history of success and pride."

Cooper brings an impressive playoff resume to a New Haven program that has reached the NCAA playoffs every year since 2006, been the top seed in the east region the past two seasons, and prior to last season, had won back-to-back NE-10 Conference Championships.

For a full sit down interview with new head women's volleyball coach Christa Cooper check out the Charge-Up on Monday, Feb. 25.



Brian Quinn Takes the Helm for Men's Soccer

BY ETHAN CARDONA
STAFF WRITER

Men's soccer found its valentine Thursday, Feb. 14, as Brian Quinn was named the next head coach of the Charger men's soccer program. Quinn will be the 14th head coach in the program's 56-year history.

The announcement from director of athletics and recreation Chris Palmer comes four months after the team parted ways with former head coach Don Hathorn after four seasons and a 4-11-2 record on the 2018 season.

Quinn takes the helm for the Chargers after two years as an assistant at his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State University. He also coached the Owls from the mid '80s to mid '90s leading them to five NCAA

Division II national championships, including three titles in 1987, 1990 and 1992.

Prior to his stint with the Owls, Quinn was the head coach at the University of Bridgeport for 16 seasons, and he finished with a record of 155-114-22, including back-to-back Eastern College Athletic Conference Titles in 2002 and 2003.

Before that stint, he spent five years at Division I Boston University where he helped the team to three NCAA tournament appearances in the late '90s.

Quinn will now lead a program at New Haven that has just one playoff appearance since joining the NE-10 in 2008. The program hasn't posted a winning record since 2000.

For a full sit down interview with new head men's soccer coach Brian Quinn, check out the Charge-up's latest episode from Feb. 18.

Baseball Gears-Up for the Season

BY CHRIS DIGERONIMO
SPORTS EDITOR

Spring is almost here, and that means baseball. The Chargers will look to capitalize on a historic 2018 season, where they set a record for single season wins, going 39-12 overall. The Chargers made it to their second straight NE-10 Championship game but lost to Merimack in double-elimination, which ruined their chance at a Cinderella story. The Chargers entered the NCAA East Region Championship as the number one seed, and made it to the semifinals, but ended their season with a loss to Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The 2019 season comes with high expectations, as New Haven was picked as the preseason favorite to win the NE-10 Southwest Division, according to the NE-10 Preseason Coaches Poll. The Chargers were also selected third in the NCBWA

East Region rankings.

The Chargers lost nine players to graduation, including pitchers David Palmer and Tim Kennedy, who spearheaded the Chargers' previous season. The Chargers also lost some production at the plate, including infielder Tom Walraven and outfielder Joe Caico. Head coach Chris Celano added 11 freshmen and one senior transfer to the roster, and he said he feels this team is ready to live up to the expectations.

"We have a lot of young talent combined with some experienced returning players that should put us in a position to compete for another conference championship, as well as an NCAA bid" said Celano. "We graduated a group of seniors that carried us to our best season in program history in terms of wins, but I am optimistic about the freshman class and the group of returning upperclassmen."

The road to a third straight NE-10 Championship game won't be easy, but senior catcher

PJ Contreras knows what it will take to get there.

"In order to make it to a third straight NE-10 Championship game it's going to take a lot of hard work, dedication, and execution of the little things in order to win" said Contreras. "We had a very senior heavy team last year that knew what to expect going into conference play and the NE-10 Tournament. We have a lot of new guys (this season) but I am fully confident in everyone on the team that when their number is called, they can go out there and produce at a high level".

The Chargers will be challenged immediately as they will play regionally-ranked Wilmington, Felician, and Saint Thomas Aquinas when they travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Feb. 23. The Chargers will have their first home game on March 15. when they take on Mercy College at Frank Veira Field. New Haven will begin conference play on March 20 when they take on Assumption at home.

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WHERE'S YOURS?



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OPINIONS

Paper Books Are Always Better Than E-Books

BY NADINE BOURNE
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Technology has become a more prominent role in the lives of everyday students, going from online projects to online homework. Now professors are having their students purchase online books for the classes. While students are saving the environment with having an eBook, there are downsides. For starters, eBooks can require an access code, which can cost anywhere from \$50-200 for just five months. That's too much for one book, especially when students need to buy books for their other six courses.

Researchers Lauren Singer and Patricia Alexander tested how college students of different levels comprehend material using a paper book and an online book. The students were told to read both the physical book and the eBook and do three different tasks after reading. The results concluded that students performed better with the printed edition than the eBook. Even though students believe that they read faster when they look at a screen, they retain more information and comprehend more when they are reading from a printed textbook than an online book.

When using an eBook, there are complications. One is that the website might log you out

while you are using the book. Most professors who require eBooks for their classes have their homework due online as well. So, when a student is doing their homework online and the website logs the student out, the student will eventually become frustrated with stopping the flow of doing homework just to sign back into the website every so often.

Researcher Adeel Khalid looked into what college students prefer when it comes to printed and online books, how much they spend for it, what grade levels would prefer online or printed books, etc., and he concluded that college students would rather have printed books than online books. Why?



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Paper books are more available, affordable, and easier to take notes on.

But with society changing with technology, I won't be surprised if some colleges switch to just having eBooks for

all of their courses. Would that be fair for students who might not have access to a laptop or computer? Probably not. But now that things are becoming more available online, it just might happen.

Are eSports Really Concidered Sports?

BY NICOLE MANALL
OPINION EDITOR

After the massive success of Fortnite, eSports are the biggest craze hitting the gaming industry. In a nutshell, eSports is competitive, organized video gaming. Some examples are Fortnite, League of Legends, Counter-Strike, Call of Duty, Overwatch and Madden. Not only do millions of people participate in eSports, but millions watch them on a daily basis. 380 million people worldwide will watch eSports this year alone, and out of that 380 million, 165 million are frequent viewers.

Even though eSports is a billion-dollar industry, that does not mean that it falls under the category of a sport. A sport, by

definition, is an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment.

"I feel that a sport requires one to actually move around and be active," said junior and member of the Charger eSports team, Bria Lemon-Johnson. "eSports really just work out your thumbs and mind. It's on the same level as chess if people wanted to consider chess a sport."

While this is the dictionary definition of a sport, some do consider eSports to fall under the sports umbrella.

"Some may say 'oh well there is no physical activity when it comes to eSports, so it isn't a sport,' but these people are usually short-sighted," said president and founder of Charger eSports, Charles Kmiec.

"There are mental and physical requirements to playing eSports, there are teams built around it, and people watch every day for entertainment. The beauty of eSports is that you can compete against any team from any place around the world. This makes it widely accessible to a large number of people!"

Though this debate continues, eSports is already becoming mainstream. South Korea has fully invested in eSports, and some players are as popular as Nick Foles or Rob Gronkowski.

eSports are being taken somewhat seriously in the United States as well. The University of California Irvine acquired a full eSports area, and some students attend the university on scholarships to play eSports. ESPN also has full coverage on eSports and the different leagues



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that teams participate in.

"In my opinion, eSports will become not only one of the most popular things in the world, but it will replace traditional sports altogether," said Kmiec. "News stations will announce scores of matches that happened the night before. Stadiums will be to

see matches live! Halls of fame will be founded, with statues to the great players of past, and records all just waiting to be broken. Children will look up to eSports players as heroes 'I want to be just like them.' It's just the future, and I am excited to be a part of it."

Students Find Experience with Pitch Perfect

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For the last two years, a group of University of New Haven students have come together to create “Pitch Perfect,” an online show in which college students compete against one another, pitching entrepreneurial ideas to a panel of judges. The show is almost entirely student-run, from the composition of the production to the students actually participating. The host of the show, Michael Maguire, was the one who came up with the idea.

“I ran it by the communications dean and the College of

Business dean, and they were all supportive and offered the studio,” said Maguire.

Maguire has been involved with the university since becoming a chair on the board of advisors for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation program. He works on the show as the host and moderator, and recruits the panel of judges.

Senior communications major, Brendan Kennedy, the producer, director, and editor of the show for season two, enjoyed the hands-on experience that the show brought him the most.

“The biggest skill I think I acquired from ‘Pitch Perfect’ is self-confidence, for myself and in TV production,” said Kennedy. “There were plenty

of issues we had since last April but knowing that I was the one who found a solution, makes me extremely proud of myself.”

The show operates similarly to ABC’s “Shark Tank,” in which local college students across Connecticut pitch their ideas to a panel of new judges every week, where they then receive feedback and coaching to improve their pitches and move onto the next round. Students are slowly eliminated from the show based on performance until there are two final contestants competing against one another.

“Mike and the judges keep everything positive because these students volunteered to be here, are looking for helpful advice, and it gives us communication

majors a relaxed environment to experience a television production,” said Kennedy.

All the recording for the show is done throughout the fall semester, and then edited throughout the spring semester for release in March. Recruitment is also done in the spring semester, in which students can sign up to be on the show through their social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The show is anticipated to begin filming its third season in the upcoming fall semester.

“Whether [students] are watching the show, whether they are a contestant on the show, whether they are running the show from a production standpoint, there’s an opportuni-

ty to learn and grow,” Maguire said.

Looking forward to season three, there are a few ideas floating around that could change the overall quality of the show and get students more excited to see new things.

“One of the things that I would like to do, is to have one of the shows, perhaps the final, be in front of a live audience,” said Maguire. “It would be a great experience for the production crew to say, okay we got to shoot this show live, and we have to do it in a different set.”

“Pitch Perfect” season two is set to be released sometime early March and the team will also be recruitment for the next season.

Finding Ways to Make a More Sustainable Campus

BY EVERETT BISHOP
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Carbon dioxide levels are at their highest in 650,000 years. Eighteen of the 19 warmest years have occurred since 2001. Satellite images show our polar ice caps losing mass. According to climate change experts, things are not looking good.

Laura Miller, the director of energy and sustainability at the University of New Haven, is trying to figure out how to create a greener campus, and she’s already doubled the amount the university recycles.

“I think in the day to day life if we’re able to think about how we use energy in the places that

we’re in, like every time you leave the room you turn off the light,” said Miller. “And I’m always conscious of what I bring with me. So I bring reusable Tupperware containers for my lunch. If I leave my reusable water bottle at home, which I don’t normally do, I reach for a mug or something else that is reusable.”

Miller has been teaming up with the campus community to gauge how effective the current campus initiatives to go green have been. Miller has held focus groups, speaking at USGA meetings, and even working with different student organizations and the Office of Residential Life.

“I heard from one of my supervisors that I work in Res. Life with that Laura was a new sustainability manager here so I

brought it to the attention of my club who reached out to her,” said Matthew Fleischer, vice president of the Marine Conservation Society and a junior marine biology major.

Miller attended a meeting with the Marine Conservation Society on Thursday, Feb. 7 in order to share her plans for the university going forward.

“Waste management has been a pretty big focus area for me, especially in the last few weeks. I’m really taking a look at how the whole system works,” said Miller, addressing the group. “I’m currently conducting focus groups and really finding out what are the issues, what motivates you to recycle and what things you could do differently. My results are back. I’m hoping to make some pretty big changes.”

Some of these changes include removing dumpsters from campus, giving the custodial staff new equipment, and other “significant changes.”

Another initiative that Miller is running is the “Recycle Mania” competition from now until March 30. “Recycle Mania” is a national competition that ranks schools based on how many pounds of waste different schools are able to recycle. Before the contest, Miller said that only an estimated 9 percent of waste on campus is actually being recycled.

“I really would like this data to show and really let people know this is how much we’re recycling,” said Miller. “I think a lot of the time people don’t realize even that we are recycling, or an amount, or where it goes. I’d like people to know

that when they put something in a recycling container that they can feel confident about it going actually to a recycling facility and being recycled.”



Miller presented in New Haven about the importance of sustainability on college campuses.

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STUDENT LIFE

How Do We Get a Snow Day?

BY ERIN CUOMO
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Impending snow and lack-luster driving conditions forced the University of New Haven to cancel classes on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Though the text and email notifying the campus community didn't arrive until 5:30 that morning, one student was certain there would be a snow day.

"West Haven and Notre Dame were already closed earlier Monday evening, so it was just a matter of time before University of New Haven closed too," said Stacey Huth, a senior theater major.

Since other schools were closed that early, why wasn't New Haven as well? Associate vice president of the Department of Public Safety and Administrative Services, Ronald Quagliani, had the answer. He said that, by working with various weather providers, including the CT Department of Emergency Services and local

and regional university partners, Quagliani and his team are able to identify potential inclement weather days that might affect operations. They then analyze the severity and timing of the storm to determine whether a delay, early release or cancellation is necessary.

As far as looking to other schools, it isn't always certain that a snow day in one of the local West Haven schools will determine the outlook for the university. This is because the West Haven public schools rely more heavily on transportation.

"We communicate with other colleges and universities in the area and most of the time are aligned, but not always," says Quagliani. "K-12 school decisions rely heavily on when school buses can be readied to operate and safety at the bus

stops for younger children."

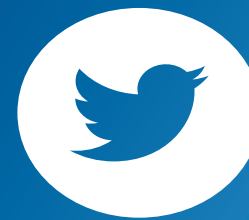
Transportation might be alright for adults and those of the campus community, but not for big buses and those younger children that walk to school.

In 2013, the University was closed for four consecutive days, with 35 inches of snow-fall, the longest Quagliani has seen in his time working here, and he says he could "go without another one of those."

As for the next snow day? Expect an alert any time before six in the morning. A weather communication is sent out prior to that time for closure or delay, and at least two hours prior to an early dismissal, and can be found through MyCharger, social media, the University of New Haven website, and the emergency notification email and text system.

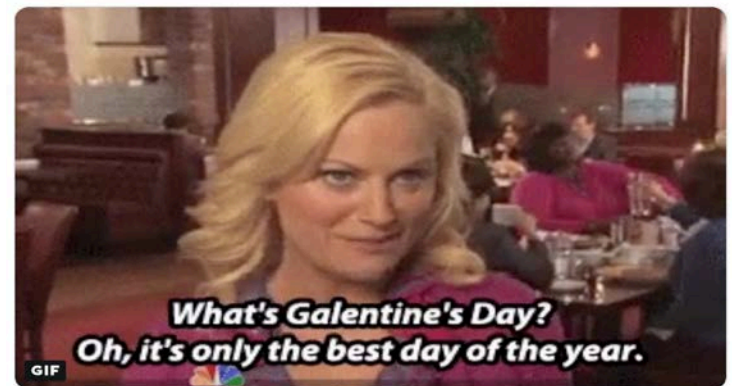


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