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President Frederiksen discusses outlook for new role

BY TYLER WELLS
Publisher

He was born in Denmark, grew up in Luxembourg and lived throughout Europe, and Jens Frederiksen's life has taken him well beyond those borders. He arrived in the United States 24 years ago on a tennis scholarship at Vanderbilt University with no plans on entering the world of academia.

However, a series of undergraduate degrees turned into a master's program, which led to a Ph. D. and a career in teaching and administration.

Now, Frederiksen has his sights leveled on a new adventure: President of the University of New Haven.

In more than 100 years of operation, the University of New Haven has

welcomed just six full-time presidents. Frederiksen will become the seventh, and he is set to begin the formal responsibilities after the current academic term. This semester will offer Frederiksen a chance to prepare for the position and get to know the university community before making the move with his family to Connecticut.

Frederiksen is coming to New Haven from Fisk University, a prestigious HBCU in Nashville, Tenn. His time there began as a visiting professor nearly a decade ago, where he saw a historic institution struggling to stay in operation. In 2016, Frederiksen was introduced as the vice president of institutional advancement, and he grew fundraising totals each year he was in the position. Despite this, the university

was still placed on accreditation probation in 2018 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission for financial responsibility.

"I was sort of thrust into a very difficult set of circumstances where enrollment had plummeted," Frederiksen said about his time at Fisk. "The university had just a really hard time clearing accreditation issues purely around the financials, and yet the students were magical."

Faced with the threat of losing accreditation, Frederiksen helped to rally the university community in a fundraising campaign that led to a record \$10.7 million in donations for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, with alumni giving increasing from 21% to 35%. The financial gains also allowed the university to apply for

and receive multiple federal grants, as well as increase enrollment to record numbers.

"The university had really struggled to raise money and we shattered every record then and raised an extraordinary amount of money," Frederiksen said. "Next thing you know, we were featured in *Forbes* as the number one institution in the country for what they called academic stewardship."

Academic stewardship was a new measure of university effectiveness introduced in 2022, creating a formula that quantifies how much academic impact a college achieves given its overall resources, according to *Forbes*. Fisk was also ranked 29th for "Most Innovative Schools" by the U.S. News and World Report and tenth

among all HBCUs in the country in 2021.

Frederiksen cited all these experiences at Fisk as foundational to his goals and visions as he comes to New Haven. The familial feeling of the New Haven community stood out to him, drawing many similarities to what he saw at Fisk, he said.

"I came from kind of a family atmosphere," he said. "This is just a much larger family, but it still feels this way. I think you can resonate with young people who are incredibly motivated and driven and this is a generation that's driven by impact too."

While he is not stepping into formal presidential duties yet, Frederiksen said he has a clear vision for New Haven students and

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Connecticut to review bill for child sex abuse task force

BY MIA ADDUCI
Editor-in-Chief

Connecticut intends to restructure its approach to child sexual abuse claims with a new task force.

The group, created by the legislative Committee on Children, aims to monitor the means by which state agencies — such as the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the probate and judiciary courts — investigate these allegations.

The Committee on Children is spearheaded by co-chairs Rep. Liz Linehan (D-Cheshire) and Sen. Ceci Maher (D-Wilton), focuses on all matters related to children

in the state.

A bill establishing the task force's creation, HB 5159, was introduced last Friday. A public hearing is set for Thursday. The bill is proposing "the establishment of a task force to study the responsiveness of state agencies to issues concerning child sexual abuse" and identifies the primary aims of passage as the ability "to examine state agency policies and practices that relate to and impact children, with the goal of identifying ways to detect, mitigate, prevent, and effectively respond to child sexual abuse."

The bill seeks out to tackle what some consider an epidemic among the youth. One

in ten children (one in seven girls and one in 25 boys) will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday, according to the Connecticut Children's Alliance (CCA), with the median age of reported abuse being nine years old. According to Connecticut Children's, 2017 saw to 8,442 victims of child maltreatment, with 401 of said instances being cases of sexual abuse or assault.

Upon the passage of the task force the bill, the appointment of all necessary task force figures will be required within the first 30 days. This includes an attorney — appointed from the speaker of the House of Representatives — admitted by

the CT Bar Association with a background in child welfare, as well as a qualified licensed psychologist (pursuant to chapter 383 of the general statutes) appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate with a background in the treatment of children who have suffered from abuse.

The full details on the appointment of General Assembly members, other necessary appointments and those who hold the power of selecting these appointees, can be viewed through the Connecticut General Assembly.

The first formal meeting must be held within 60 days from that of its approval, and a formal report to the Gen-

eral Assembly must be made no later than Jan. 1, 2025, outlining its recommendations surrounding changes to legislative action and "the policies or procedures of any state agency that would aid such agency in the detection, mitigation, prevention and effective response to child sexual abuse" according to the formal outline of the proposed bill.

This task force will be disbanded upon the submission of the report, or by Jan. 1, whichever date falls later.

If the bill passes the House, it moves to the State Senate.

Updates will be provided accordingly.

Lamont delivers 2024 State of the State Address

BY JEIRY DE LA
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Governor Ned Lamont (D-Conn.), the state's 89th governor, delivered his annual State of the State address earlier this month at the Hall of the House of Representatives in Hartford. During his address, he discussed topics such as schooling, budgeting and population growth, reflecting on the policies he has implemented during his time in this role.

Eight months ago, Lamont announced a two-year budget proposal which promised a larger budget to childcare, K-12 education, universities, workforce training and nonprofits while also cutting a small percent of taxes for middle class residents. This is an attempt by Lamont to improve Connecticut's educational system after the pandemic, as many were only left with the option of not attending school with an all time high of 117,513, as reported by CT Insider.

Recently, there has been an uptick in people moving to Connecticut. In 2022, according to the U.S Census Bureau, the state saw an increase of approximately 57,000 migrants from other states. This increase has

exacerbated an already-existing housing shortage.

To combat the issue, the state has developed a model with the Capital Region Development Authority to create low-cost housing with increased speed. So far, the state has started in Hartford with more than 5,000 homes built or currently under construction.

On the matter, Lamont said "Today, multi-family housing is being built on empty parking lots and in half empty office buildings, and old brownfields are being remediated into a new community where your child or grandparent can afford to live."

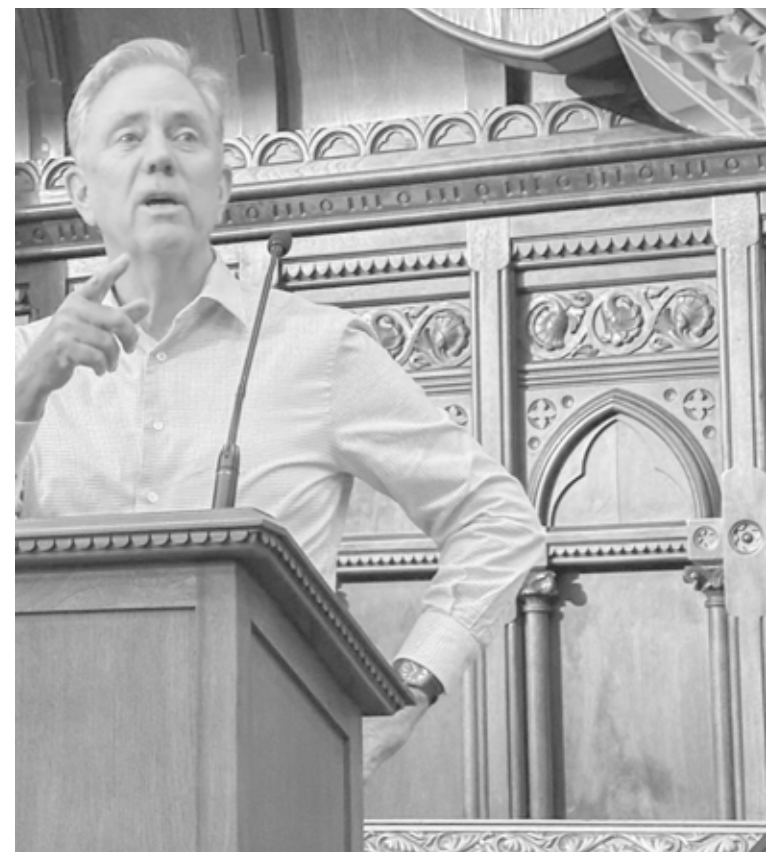
Lamont is also pushing for more transit-oriented communities, and explaining why, said "Each new rail bridge can save two to three minutes per ride, as trains will no longer have to slow down to travel over 100-year-old bridges. Count how many bridges you cross on your commute and figure out how much time you saved."

Mental health services were given \$350 million to increase attention on services catered toward addiction and mental health, as well as to provide students support.

Lamont asked residents where they feel the annual

budget needs to be delegated, seeking to ensure that the funds make a difference in the lives of those living in the state without allotting more money toward causes that may require less than others.

Lamont, who has previously acknowledged the amount of Connecticut residents living paycheck-to-paycheck, also announced a ten percent tax cut for middle class families, as well as a larger tax credit for essential workers and working families. According to Lisa Tepper Bates, CEO of United Way of Connecticut, "Even before the pandemic, 38% of CT residents were living paycheck to paycheck or falling behind."



Governor Ned Lamont delivering his address, Hartford, CT, Feb. 6, 2024.
Photo courtesy of @govnedlamont on Instagram.

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

Frederiksen speaks on outlook upon entering new role

BY TYLER WELLS
Publisher

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faculty.

“It’s our job to create an institutional framework [for students],” he said. “Of course, that includes facilities, it includes technology upgrades, it still includes running a sustainable small business because that’s in some

ways the condition for the possibility of transforming lives and academic excellence.”

Frederiksen will arrive at a university that has gained significant momentum in the last decade. The university has welcomed near-record-size classes in each of the last five years, with full-time enrollment growing from 5,911 to 8,331 since 2019. The Bergami Center for Science and Technology and

the Peterson Performance Center – the two newest buildings on campus – are also part of the university’s growth.

For Frederiksen, this momentum is not only promising but is a sign of more to come. The former tennis player used a sports analogy of the ball being on your side and rolling in your favor to describe this phenomenon, which he saw happen at Fisk.

“I don’t see a ceiling,”

Frederiksen said. “I genuinely believe that there is a moment in time at this time at this place to just knock everybody’s socks off, and that’s going to take everybody.”

For now, students and faculty can plan on interacting with Frederiksen at different times throughout the spring. He said he plans on taking advantage of the newly introduced Avelo Airlines flight from Nashville to New Haven,

as he juggles spending time with his two children at home and preparing for this new stage.

“I think the sky is the limit... this notion of endless possibilities, there’s an entrepreneurial spirit,” he said. “I said to my wife very early on, the University of New Haven’s the one.”

The full interview with Frederiksen is available online at [YouTube.com/ChargerBulletin](https://www.youtube.com/ChargerBulletin).

Michael Rossi announces retirement

BY ALEXIS
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Arts & Life Editor

Associate Dean for Faculty and Curriculum Michael Rossi recently announced he would retire at the end of the 2024 spring semester. He announced his decision to the campus community via email.

Rossi has worked in a variety of roles on campus for over 32 years, including as associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. When he joined the university, Rossi said he came to campus to build a master’s program in biotechnology and was drawn by the opportunity to work with students.

“I was looking for a place where putting student teaching first was the priority, not the R1 research place where you spend all your time doing research and occasionally see a student,” Rossi said. “I like to do things where I come up with activities for the students in class, particularly things that bring them together in biology.”

Rossi developed his teaching style on the job and found that hands-on activities are well suited to a laboratory. The experience gave him “a chance to get to know the students individually in a big lecture hall. I started out straight lecture as it was all I knew how to do, but over the years you begin to see what works and what doesn’t. You just adapt.”

Rossi continued to say that 32 years is sufficient time to love a job.

“It started with just falling in love with the students,” he said. “I love being with the students and then as I progressed into administration, I also got the opportunity to not just work with the students, but to support the faculty as well. I think this is a great university, and it’s made great progress over the years. I see so much value here, and it is constantly growing, that’s what’s kept me here.”

“Going into the administration wasn’t what I had planned. But it opened up for me, and I found that I could do a lot of good there. So you don’t have to feel like you’re pigeonholed. You can always find other things to do and find opportunities if you’re just open to them.”

Teaching was not his original career goal; that came as he worked his way toward his undergraduate degree. “I knew that that’s where I wanted to be, that I wanted to be in a place where I could be teaching,” said Rossi. “I feel comfortable doing that and being able to support students.”

Among his many accomplishments and involvements on campus, Rossi is especially proud of the school’s partnership with Yale University, the Yale Prison Education Initiative, where professors volunteer to teach inmates at MacDougall Walker Correc-

tional Institute and Danbury Federal Correctional Institute. The program recently had its first graduating class last year. Rossi said he’s most proud of the program’s impact on inmates.

“You know, it’s a small program, but it is really changing their lives,” he said. “A couple of them have said this is the only real rehabilitation they get. And so we’re hoping this gives

them tools when they leave to be able to not be repeat offenders.”

Rossi suggested both students and faculty of the campus community approach college as those graduating inmates go about their chance at education.

“I think the most important thing is to always look for what your opportunities are,” he said. “You know, it may not be what you expected

to do, but if you just keep yourself open and see what doors open for you and ... be willing to take it.”

Despite retirement, Rossi said that campus may not have seen the last of him. “I would love to come back to campus for special events, not necessarily as a teacher, but show my support through activities such as homecoming or even alumni events,” he said.



Michael Rossi, West Haven.
Photo courtesy of University of New Haven.

What comes first: mental health or winning?

BY ERIN SMITH
Politics Editor

Wake up at 4:30 a.m. Be on the field at 5:45 a.m. Practice for two hours. Eat breakfast. Shower. Go to classes. Eat dinner. Go to team study hall. Sleep. Repeat four more times this week.

That is the daily schedule of Kelli Jacobson, captain of the New Haven field hockey team. A junior criminal justice major, Jacobson was chosen by her team to step into the leadership role.

Her season started with adjustments. The field hockey program chose new captains for the 2023 season and welcomed a new head coach, Margaret Maclean. In the 2022 season, the Chargers ended with a record of 9-11. This past season, the team finished with a 5-13 record, which was the first time in two years the Chargers failed to reach the Northeast-10 conference (NE-10) playoffs, according to the Charger Athletics website.

“This year was very difficult for the team since we were adjusting to a new coach, and we obviously weren’t winning a lot,” said Jacobson.

Maclean provides her team with a total of four mental health days for the whole year. When an athlete decides to take their mental health day, they are excused from practice or team lift and there is no requirement to make it up. Maclean has a no questions asked policy, which means that when an athlete uses a mental health day, she will not ask follow-up questions.

The university has 20 varsity sports and around 500 student-athletes, according to the school’s website. While Maclean provides mental health support for her team, that may not be the case for all student-athletes representing the school.

“I do not feel that the athletic department provides enough mental health resources,” Jacobson said. “I feel like if you make connections with the administration or coaches, you can feel supported. But personally, I do not feel supported beyond that.”

The university does provide the opportunity for therapy through its Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). According to the CAPS website, the office offers support to students through individual counseling, support groups and other supportive efforts. But that may not be as beneficial for athletes, who have more niche needs and narrower windows of availability, especially during the office’s operating hours.

“I have never wanted to use the school resources of therapists because I do not believe they would be able to understand what I am going through and struggling with regarding athletics,” said Jacobson. “I think therapists specifically for athletes could be an extremely

useful addition. Many division one schools have sports psychologists and, although I know this is something that is not in the budget, I think it should be slowly implemented.”

Maclean said, “I think athletic specific counselors or mental health professionals” should be on staff in the athletic department for the athletes. “It’s really hard to know what an athlete is going through if you don’t understand it.”

The university is a part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), a non-profit organization that supports the success of college athletes and awards nearly \$3.5 billion in athletic scholarships.

The NCAA collaborates with the Sport Science Institute (SSI) to develop educational resources and programs regarding mental health for the NCAA’s member schools. SSI’s mission, according to its webpage, is “to promote and develop safety, excellence and wellness in college student-athletes, and to foster lifelong physical and mental development.”

Also, SSI provides a book, *Mental Health Best Practices*, with “resource-independent recommendations for member schools to support” their student athletes’ mental health, according to the NCAA website. The publication was developed and endorsed by “25 of the most prominent mental health, medical, higher education, and sports medicine organizations in the nation.” An updated version of this publication will be published on Aug. 1, according to a newsletter released on the NCAA website.

“The second edition of the *Mental Health Best Practices* document affirms the NCAA’s constitutional commitment to our student-athletes. It provides tangible approaches for schools to consider implementing at the community, campus, athletics department and team level to support, promote and manage student-athlete mental health,” said Linda A. Livingstone, president at Baylor and chair of the NCAA Board of Governors.

The NCAA provides the guidelines and procedures on how to support mental health at the college athletics level, but the school makes the final decisions. Both Jacobson and Maclean say they would like the university’s athletic department to provide more support.

“Athletes are supposed to be strong and tough all the time and when you have that image, it can be very lonely and hard to live up to,” said Maclean. “It’s hard to tell when an athlete is struggling, so I think it’s important to talk about and break the stigma of the conversation. I feel like when you can let someone know they aren’t alone, they can rise to their full potential.”

Erin Smith is a member of the New Haven field hockey team.



Kelly Jacobsen talks to her team, West Haven, Oct. 1, 2023.
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For any questions about the Communication program, reach out to Professor Susan Campbell at slcampbell@newhaven.edu

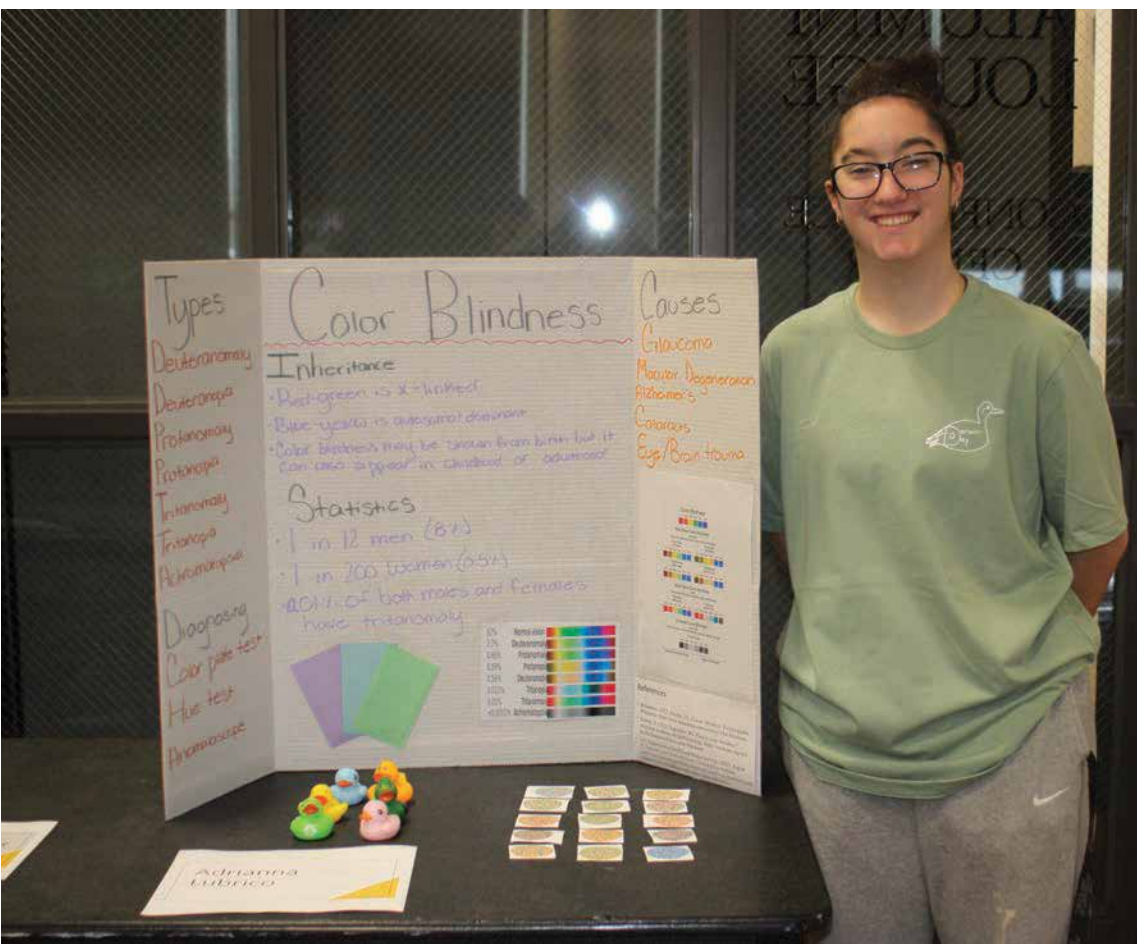
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Creatures at the first annual Darwin Day, West Haven, Feb. 16, 2024.
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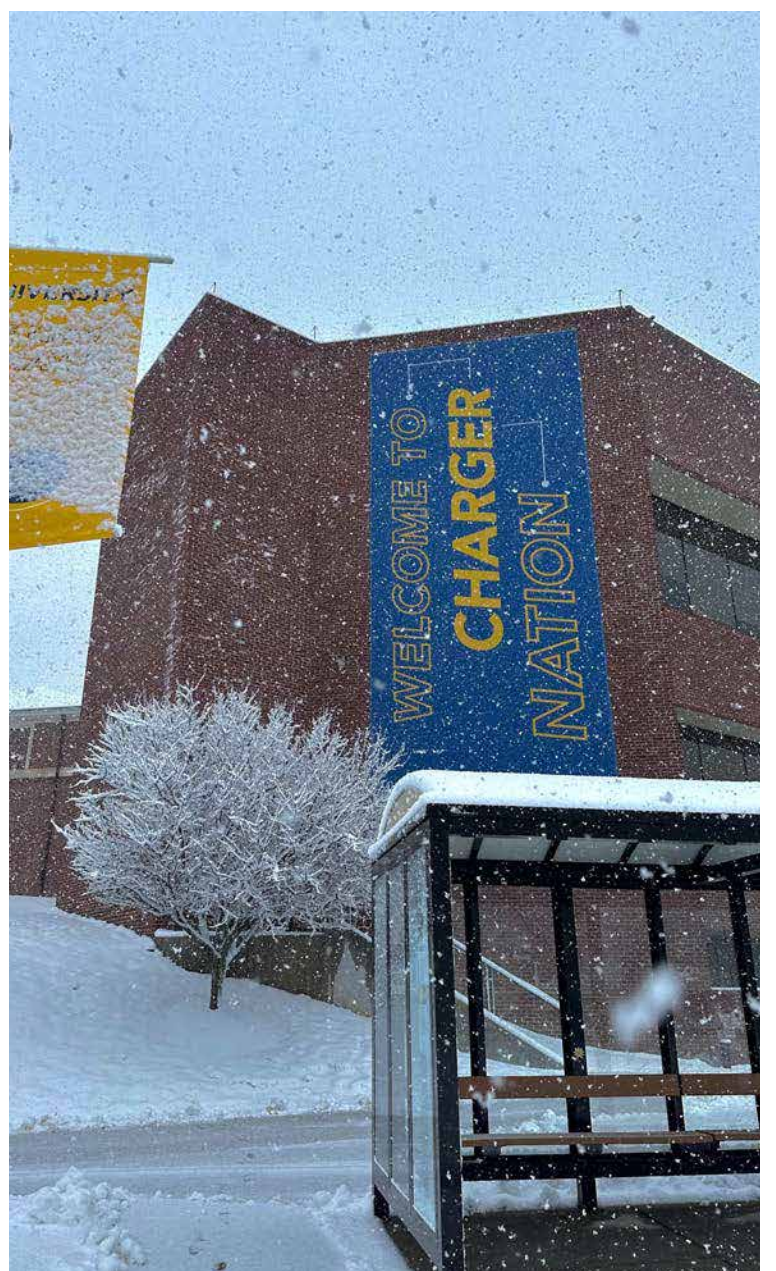
Snow day at the university, West Haven, Feb. 13, 2024.
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A student presentation at Darwin Day, West Haven, Feb. 16, 2024.
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Students attending the Ash Wednesday Service, West Haven, Feb. 13, 2024.
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Student journalism must maintain standards of ethics

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The Charger Bulletin prides itself in upholding free speech, and wants to reiterate the importance of serving as a platform for student voices. In fact, we are no stranger to the publication of op-eds (opinion pieces) that have stirred up conversation in the student population.

Conversation is important, and disagreement is a staple of opinion-based journalism.

With that said, the training we receive as journalism students – and beyond that, the scope of being empathetic humans that we should all possess, – we know there are some things for which you simply should not grant space on a page.

On Feb. 14, the *Quinnipiac Chronicle* published a student opinion, “A cease-fire in Gaza will cause more harm than good.”

The piece was written by a staff writer.

The writer argued that a cease-fire is not tangible: “To get both of these sides to get what they want in such an agreement would be almost impossible.”

The writer relied on sta-

tistics about the violence of Hamas committed against Israel, and not of the state against the people of Palestine or the sexual and physical violence — which many are calling genocide — in the Middle East. Their general thesis was an attempt to answer the question, “Why should Israel and the U.S. try to bargain with Hamas to achieve a cease-fire?” The author has decided the answer is “simple” in that “they shouldn’t.”

The article was promoted on the *Chronicle’s* Instagram, which has since gained nearly 100 comments, most of which disagree with the article and express disapproval of the publication.

User @xlomara left a comment: “The person who wrote this has no shame this is absolutely disgusting, to say no to a ceasefire where more than 28,000+ have been murdered and 68,000+ injured, these are innocent civilians dying on their indigenous land. Israel is an occupying, colonialist, and destructive force whose only goal is to eradicate the Palestinian people.”

Her sentiments were

shared by many, including @connor.youngberg, who wrote that “didn’t think I’d see a pro-genocide article today, but here we are.”

Words repeated throughout the other comments including “disappointing”, “disgusting” and “horrifying”.

User @ariba.chaudhry expressed concern about the news organization, as she said that “beyond the writer, [she is] incredibly disappointed in the chronicle for platforming this kind of hateful and insensitive rhetoric when Palestinians are currently victim to a genocide on an unimaginable scale.”

We at the *Bulletin* condemn the publication of content which puts in question the value of the safety of populations not only overseas but of students on our campuses. We believe wholeheartedly in holistic journalism and unbiased publication of student perspectives, but copy that can be interpreted as hate speech is written without holistic statistics being addressed or contains rhetoric which compromises the value of the lives of certain populations holds no place in student news.

We believe that people on editorial boards at accredited universities should know better and they should consider the impact of the rhetoric which they publish. The *Chronicle* should have turned down this piece for the sake of students at Quinnipiac University and across the country.

This same policy should apply to speech that minimizes victims on any side of any historical conflict, especially while present-day affairs have taken the lives of countless civilians.

We at the *Bulletin* have implemented a policy at the start of the academic year that permits only hard news coverage on the current Israel-Hamas affairs. We aim to prevent any discourse that could potentially damage any one affected by the situation in Palestine and Israel.

We find the *Chronicle’s* editorial decision unacceptable, and welcome University of New Haven students to contact us with any concerns or thoughts about ensuring safe publication and proper sensitivity despite the maintenance of free-speech.

Snow day, snow problem

BY HANNAH
LOOSMAN

Contributing Writer

Snow days should be preserved as days without a thought about school. Growing up, snow days were about shoveling the driveway with my mom and hanging out with friends, before the implementation of virtual learning.

This has not been the case for today’s youth, and for that I am sorry.

Requiring children to move to virtual learning on snow days puts a strain on caregivers. Some students must go to day-care and for workers to manage and aid multiple children with different virtual learning sessions is nearly impossible. Having children go about typical snow day activities that are already planned by daycares is

simple and easy for employees.

As someone who works at a summer camp, I can only imagine the headache virtual learning brings my colleagues.

While virtual learning provides a new way for students to learn, it can also harm them. Science Direct says that an increase in screen time can lead to sleep problems for children and limiting screen time is important for development. Too much screen time, as reported by the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, can have a negative impact on children’s eye health; increased screen time could lead to dry, irritated eyes and even nearsightedness.

And not all students have access to computers and the internet — learning from their houses simply doesn’t always work. According to the National Center for Education Statis-

tics, in Connecticut only 89% of children between the ages of 3-18 who live in poverty have access to devices. Of that, just 85.8% of them have internet access.

Throughout the state, according to the survey, 1.3% of children do not have internet access. If not all children have access to devices or the internet requiring them to log in on snow days becomes more difficult. Even if public libraries remain open during snowstorms, traveling to and from places, especially on snow days, may be impossible for the working parent. – or even the working student. Many colleges, such as the University of New Haven, require professors to hold lectures on days when the school is closed due to inclement weather. For students with roommates, or without

computers or internet, virtual learning is next to impossible.

If students are not forced to log in for snow days, time away from the classroom can be used as a day to refresh. According to a survey by the National Trust, children between 10 and 16 spend just 12.6 minutes a day in outdoor activities, compared to 10.4 hours being motionless. Outdoor play leads to physically and mentally stronger children, so snow days are the perfect opportunity for children to get outside and play without being shackled to their computers.

Snow days also offer students a break from their mundane routine. Once kids grow into adults, they lose the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a snow day, so for just a little while, let kids be kids and play in the snow.

T&F earns 11 medals in the NE-10 Conference Championships

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the men's and women's Track and Field teams traveled to Boston, Mass. for the long-awaited conference championship meet. Multiple first-place medals were obtained by the blue and gold, showcasing the hard work and dedication put in by the Chargers this outdoor season.

Clinching the first gold medal of the meet was senior Kenneth Holland in the long jump. Holland was ranked third overall in the conference entering the meet with a seeded mark of 6.71 meters. Opening with a jump of 6.27 meters, Holland improved his mark on each of his next four jumps. Ahead of his final jump, Holland needed a mark above seven meters to jump into the top three. Completing this task

with a final mark of 7.11 meters, Holland took first place and brought home a gold medal for New Haven.

Holland's mark was just 0.02 meters shy of the NCAA provisional mark. In the event, five other Chargers followed behind Holland and scored points in the event.

Continuing the success in the field was freshman Jimmy Oreste, who claimed the first silver medal of the meet for the blue and gold. Oreste placed second overall in the weight throw, finishing with a mark of 17.42 meters.

Claiming the second gold medal of the meet was senior Jordany Dely in the 60-meter hurdles. Entering the competition in the first seed, Dely dominated the event and crossed with a winning time of 8.14 seconds.

Sprinter Joshua Stewart took home a bronze medal for the Chargers in the

60-meter dash after climbing up the leader board from seventh place in the qualifying round. Crossing with a time of 7.09 seconds in the preliminary round, Stewart shaved off .08 to finish with a time of 7.01, placing third overall. Close behind Stewart was teammate Jason Lorent, who finished fourth in the event.

Taking home another silver medal for the Chargers was the men's 4x400 meter relay team. The team included Dely, Nathaniel Peters, Nile Colson, and Christopher Gregory, who worked together to cross with a time of 3:20.30.

The men's team dominated the Triple Jump event on Saturday, earning the top five spots. Matthew Steele took home the gold for the Chargers with a jump of 14.20 meters. Following close behind Steele and earning second place was Jackson Marescot, who

landed a mark of 14.16 meters. Holland earned the bronze medal in the event with teammates Jacky Marescot following in fourth place and Dely coming in fifth. Additionally, Luis Calderon finished seventh in the event.

The success was not limited to the men's side, as many female Chargers also earned points and medals for the blue and gold. Thrower Jalynn McCown claimed the first medal of the meet for the women's team in the weight throw. McCown claimed second place in the event with a mark of 14.75 meters.

Also taking home a silver medal was the women's 4x400 meter relay team. The team was made up of Niquelle Johnson, Deja Harris, Micaela Owen and Kalaya Fitch, who placed New Haven in second with a time of 4:03.82.

Gabrielle Teel took home

a gold medal, placing first in the Triple Jump with a mark of 12.20 meters.

Overall, the Chargers dominated the NE-10 championships. The men's team finished with three gold medals, three silver and two bronze, scoring 152.50 points as a team and clinching second place in the conference. On the women's side, New Haven earned three medals, one gold and two silvers. They scored 70.75 points overall and finished fourth overall in the championships. Collectively, the Chargers took home an impressive 11 medals.

The season is not yet over for the track and field teams. The blue and gold will return to the track this week and compete at the SCSU Last Chance Meet on Friday, Feb. 23. For more information, please visit NewHavenChargers.com.



New Haven Track and Field teammates celebrate, Boston, MA, Feb. 17, 2024.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

WBB falls short to American International 60-50

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The Chargers hosted the American International College Yellow Jackets on Saturday and attempted to get back in the win column while honoring the team's seniors. Unable to keep up offensively and stage a comeback, the Chargers lost the game 60-50.

Prior to tipoff, New Haven honored their senior Chargers with a ceremony. New Haven's women's basketball class of 2024 includes Gabrielle Stickle, Becca Townes, Marigona Bacaliu, Makaela Johnson and Aurora Deshaies.

Despite their second consecutive loss, Coach Debbie Buff said she was proud of the team and the foundation that the senior players have created.

"They've been with me for a long time, and they've really helped establish our culture," said Buff. "Halfway through the season, they were helping on the bench more, but they did everything I could ask for. It was a good

game that we could actually get them in today, and I'm really proud."

For a time, it looked as if the Chargers would deliver a win. The team entered the second half tied with the Yellow Jackets, 27-27. But New Haven was unable to keep up with American International's persistent offense in the second half, and only tallied 23 points.

Deshaies led the offense for New Haven with 12 points and finished the game shooting 6-for-15 from the field. Deshaies tallied 12 rebounds, along with an assist and a block. Deshaies also earned her 1,000th career rebound. After the game, Deshaies said, "I want to thank my teammates and my coach for pushing me to my limits and making me work hard, as well as my family for pushing me and making me stay for my last year."

Following Deshaies was guard Charlotte Bassett with nine points, who finished the game shooting 3-for-8 from the field. In addition, Bassett had five rebounds, five assists

and a steal. Johnson had seven points, five assists and three rebounds.

Behind the team's leading scorers, six other Chargers were able to put up points. Forward Bianca Pendleton finished the game shooting a perfect 3-for-3 from the field and added an assist. Closely behind, guard Stickle scored five points and shot 2-for-6 from the field while adding six rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Guards Nayeli Dowding and Sabira Ahayeva also gained points for the Chargers.

Dowding put up four points and Ahayeva tallied three while also adding a rebound and an assist. Guards Becca Townes and Marigona Bacaliu both added two points for the Chargers. Townes also had an assist and a steal.

Against American International's 40.8% shooting from the field, New Haven finished with a shooting percentage of just 35.6%. Struggling from behind the arc, the Chargers shot 2-for-20 and finished 21-for-59 from the field.



Senior Gabby Stickle against AIC, West Haven, Feb. 17, 2024.
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Besides falling behind offensively, New Haven also tallied 18 personal fouls throughout the game, resulting in the Yellow Jackets shooting 14-for-20 from the free throw line. The Chargers went 6-for-7 from the free throw line themselves.

After a tough loss to Amer-

ican International, the Chargers have an overall record of 7-16 and are 3-16 in the Northeast-10 Conference. New Haven will travel to Manchester, New Hampshire, on Wednesday to face the Saint Anselm Hawks. Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m. in the Stoutenburgh Gymnasium.

Men's basketball dominates for a 74-68 win on Senior Day

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Following a tough loss against Southern Connecticut on Wednesday, the Chargers hosted the Yellow Jackets of American International College on Saturday, hoping to break a three-game losing streak. New Haven also honored their graduating seniors before the game, and then took the court ready to fight for a win on Senior Day. The seniors honored for the Chargers were Sean Braithwaite, Davontrey Thomas and Tyler Saint-Furcy.

The Chargers dominated early, jumping ahead at the start of the game, and holding the lead throughout the first half. New Haven only fell behind once, with a shallow two-point hole that they soon reversed as they pushed offensively. With a 15-point lead at the half, New Haven refused to step off the gas, leading over the Yellow Jackets for nearly 37 minutes of the game. Despite a late attempt at a comeback from American

International, the Chargers still obtained the 74-68 win.

Thomas led the scoring for the Chargers and was also the top-scorer of the game. Finishing with a season-high 26 points, Thomas dominated offensively, making this his fourth game where he surpassed 20 points. Overall, Thomas finished shooting 6-of-13 from the field with half of those six coming from outside the three-point arc.

Following Thomas and also surpassing the 20-point mark was forward Ethan Simmon, who tallied 21 points for the blue and gold. Simmon finished the game shooting 7-of-13 from the field with a pair of three-pointers and was also 5-of-7 at the free throw line. Other leading scorers for New Haven included guard Jah'Likai King who added 12, Braithwaite who added seven and Josh Hopson who tallied six. Additionally, Saint-Furcy added to the scoreboard with two points.

Hopson led in rebounds for the Chargers, pulling down 16 as the Chargers dominated on the boards with a 34-29

margin. King led the team in assists, tallying four and following Hopson in the rebound column, where he also added four.

As a team, New Haven finished the game shooting 45.8% from the field, narrowly beating the Yellow Jackets' 45%. Overall, New Haven connected on 22-of-48 attempts with eight of those

22 coming from behind the three-point arc. Additionally, the Chargers connected on 22-of-30 attempts at the free throw line, finishing shooting 73.3% on free throws.

After the win on Saturday, New Haven improved to a 9-16 overall record and a 6-of-13 record in the Northeast-10 conference. The Chargers will travel for their next

two games, with trips to New Hampshire and New York next up on the schedule.

New Haven will take on the Saint Anselm Hawks in Manchester, N.H. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Stoutenburgh Gymnasium. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. For more information on both past and upcoming games, visit NewHavenChargers.com.



Davontrey Thomas flies to the hoop, West Haven, Feb. 17, 2024.
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