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# Editor-in-Chief Welcome Column

BY ANNA DOWNS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome back to campus, everyone. I am Anna Downs, editor-in-chief of the Charger Bulletin for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the centennial year of the University of New Haven, an exciting time for all of us. We will spend some time looking back over the next few months, but we will spend far more time looking forward.

This spring semester -- my final semester at this university -- we hope to continue to provide the campus community with information, news, and highlights from our well-rounded and hard-working staff.

As I write this column, I'm a little sad, knowing that it's my last welcome column, but I am looking forward to another successful semester and sharing with all of you the hard work that goes into this publication.

Continue to follow us this semester as we print and broadcast as the voice of the University of New Haven.



**Pictured: Anna Downs**  
2019-2020 Editor-in-Chief

## CDC Confirms Second Case of Coronavirus in the US

BY AMANDA CASTRO  
STAFF WRITER

**Countries that have confirmed cases of the Coronavirus.** Graphic Illustration by Amanda Castro/  
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**T**he Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the second case of the deadly coronavirus late last week.

The CDC is also reviewing 61 additional possible cases from 22 states, including the first US case in Washington and the second one in Illinois.

Health officials say that the second case, a Chicago woman in her 60s, is in a stable condition. The woman had traveled to Wuhan, China in December where an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by this novel coronavirus has been ongoing since December 2019 and returned to her home state Illinois.

The woman didn't show any symptoms on her flight back to Chicago but called her doctor days later after arriving home. According to a press release

from the CDC, the woman was hospitalized and has been kept in isolation.

In a press conference on the second case of the virus, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Dr. Nancy Messonnier said that there is still a lot of unknown information regarding the coronavirus.

"We don't have all the information at the level of detail that our scientists would

prefer," said Messonnier, "You know CDC scientists and we want to see every tidbit of data ourselves and that's not the situation we're in right now. We are in more of a waiting mode, waiting to see what our colleagues from China are releasing."

According to the CDC, the first case of coronavirus in the US involved a Washington man in his 30s who had recently returned from a trip from Wuhan,

China on Jan. 15. The patient sought medical attention at a facility and was treated for the sickness.

According to the CDC, coronaviruses are "a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people, and others circulate among animals, including camels, cats, and bats."

The virus was first thought to be transmitted from animal-to-person, according to the CDC, but there have been recent

indicators, including the latest outbreak, that the virus transmits from person-to-person.

The CDC recommends postponing or canceling all flights and travel plans to China and avoiding contact with people showing symptoms of an illness or sickness.

On-campus Health Services director Paula Cappuccia says that she spoke with the Connecticut Department of Public Health Epidemiology and Emerging infections regarding the coronavirus and they recommend keeping clean and avoiding close contact with people who seem ill.

"As concerns about the Coronavirus mount – Health Care Officials are still concerned about the Seasonal Flu which continues to spread at an alarming rate," said Cappuccia, "We highly recommend that those who have not yet received a Flu Vaccination due so ASAP, it is not too late."

# STUDENT LIFE

## Impeachment Analysis with Professor Chris Haynes

BY JENNIFER KORN  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

What happens after the Senate trial of impeached Pres. Donald J. Trump?

That could be any one's guess. The impeachment trial "has been a little bit more interesting than I expected," said Chris Haynes, professor of political science.

"I lived through the Clinton impeachment trial in the late '90s, and the way it started is somewhat similar in the sense that the process is similar but the differences are primarily in the makeup of the Senate itself," said Haynes. "I think back in the Clinton impeachment, there wasn't as much a sense that people had already made up their minds from the start of the trial."

Haynes said the current impeachment trial "feels like maybe a handful of people have not made up their minds in terms of whether or not they want witnesses, not even in terms of the result itself." According to Haynes, the Republican Party has enough votes to block conviction and it's easier for them to vote no.

Political Science Professor Chris Haynes. Photos Courtesy of University of New Haven Website



"In a way it really undercuts the gravity of the moment and the process itself of impeachment," said Haynes. "It is kind of sad actually."

Haynes said the impeachment hasn't affected the environment of his classes.

"Political science is more about explaining politics rather than saying what's right and what's wrong," he said. "That I leave to the students to decide."

Campus-wide, Haynes said he believes the commonality of shutting out politics predates Trump. He said, "I don't think students are any different than the average American that probably would rather not talk about it."

As for the future of this country's political climate, Haynes said, "I don't have a

rosy picture. I think the problem is that we have a government that is incremental in the way that it changes." According to Haynes, "it's really difficult to solve the kind of pressing problems we have today."

Haynes said he believes that issues, regarding climate change and immigration reform existed before President Trump and will continue once he leaves office.

"I think people are getting frustrated with the federal government and I think that's going to post-date Trump," he said. "I don't think Trump has anything to do with it. I think he's just exposed it even more, but the polarization has also predated Trump."



Photo Courtesy of University of New Haven Website

## Centennial Celebrations

BY CORINA RODRIGUEZ  
MANAGING EDITOR

2020 marks the University of New Haven's 100th anniversary. The university will be holding a series of events to celebrate its centennial. Events include a speaker series, the inauguration of a new academic building and the spring commencement ceremony.

- **February 19-** Lockheed Martin Day
- **March 3-** Centennial Speaker Series Presents Nikki Giovanni
- **April 4-** The Centennial Ball
- **April 30-** Grand Opening of the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation
- **April 30-** Founders Day & Giving Day
- **April 30-** Centennial Speaker Series Presents Michio Kaku
- **May 17-** Centennial Commencement Ceremony

The university created a website dedicated to the achievement, where it provides information on these events and the university's history.

On the website, there is a letter from President Kaplan that reads, "The University has come a long way since our humble beginnings in rented space on the campus of Yale," said Kaplan. "Today, we are a leading comprehensive University that has been recognized for academic excellence, and we have become a destination school for talented students from across the globe."

The Charger Bulletin will be reporting on these events and will provide updates as they become available.



# SPORTS

## Kobe Bryant, his Daughter, and Seven Others Killed in Helicopter Crash

BY AMANDA CASTRO  
STAFF WRITER

Retired NBA star Kobe Bryant, 41, and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among nine people killed in a helicopter crash early Sunday near Calabasas, Calif.

According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, when authorities arrived at the scene, they discovered a bush-fire on the hillside of the crash.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva confirmed there were no survivors in the crash deaths in a press conference.

Among the dead were Orange Coast College head basketball coach John Altobelli and his family. Payton Chester, a

13-year-old basketball player, and her mother, Sarah, along with coach Christina Mauser.

According to the New York Times, the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration said it sent a team to investigate the crash later on Sunday.

Josh Rubenstein, spokesman for the Los Angeles police department said in the press conference, "The weather conditions did not meet our minimum standards for flying."

The department's Air Support Division was grounded from Sunday morning into the afternoon because of foggy conditions that blanketed the area.

According to the New York Times, Bryant was on his way to his own Mamba Sports Academy to coach his daughter

Kobe Bryant and Daughter Gigi at a UConn Basketball game in March 2019. Photo Courtesy of Kobe Bryant's Instagram



Gianna in the Mamba Sports Series when the aircraft crashed.

Bryant was drafted to the NBA in 1996, right out of high school, and spent his entire career with the Los Angeles Lakers with five NBA championship wins under his belt.

LeBron James just beat Bryant's scoring record on Saturday and Bryant congratulated him tweeting, "Continuing to move the game forward @KingJames. Much respect my brother



#33644."

NBA commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement that Kobe "was generous with the wisdom he acquired and saw it as his mission to share it with future generations of players, taking special delight in passing down his love of the game to Gianna."

Many celebrities and fellow athletes reacted to the news of Bryant and his daughter's deaths. Michael Jordan wrote

in a statement, "Words can't describe the pain I'm feeling. I loved Kobe – he was like a brother to me."

Bryant's death overshadowed Sunday's 62nd annual Grammy Awards, with performers such as Lizzo, Alicia Keys, Run DMC and Aerosmith dedicating their performances to Bryant and the others who died in the crash.

On the University of New Haven campus, students were devastated. Senior, criminal justice major Brandon Abate said, "I looked up to Kobe because he was a basketball legend and I'm greatly saddened he's gone."

Another student, Maddy Mandeville, sophomore, criminal justice major said, "I'm very saddened by the news of another young life being taken."

## On Your Marks, Get Set, Game! Welcome Esports Coach

BY ZACHARY PINCINCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Over the winter break, newly appointed athletic director, Sheahon Zenger, announced that the university will add an esports team as a varsity program. Esports varsity programs have been growing across the country, with more than 130 active collegiate esports teams nationwide.

To lead the new team on campus, Zenger hired as head coach Corey Parks, a professional gamer with a decade of experience. Parks was previously head coach for the Defiance College esports team, where he led a team ranking in the top eight in the country.

Parks said he's excited to be a part of the university's new program.

"Esports varsity programs are a dynamic world that relies on the foundation of students," said Parks. "We all care about getting the W at the end of the day, but esports and varsity programs are a lot more than stat lines and

records, and we will strive to showcase our character, professionalism, and overall success outside of video games."

The team will be housed in a new 1,600-foot training area, which is being built as the centerpiece of the \$35 million Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation.

The arena will include 24 top-notch gaming computers with wall mounted displays, a team meeting area, and other displays throughout the training center. The esports team will go hand in hand with the new concentration in esports management that the university will be offering in the fall of 2020.

The program will be a part of the university's business management degree.

The first varsity esports team was formed at Robert Morris University-Illinois in 2014. Since then, more than 100 other schools have formed teams, even at big-time athletic programs such as Ohio State and LSU. Adding esports teams to a university is one way to get a foot in the door to what is becoming a lucrative field. The esports industry is valued at over \$1.4 billion within the next year. Entering the esports field opens the opportunity for new sponsorships and media deals for the university.

Anyone interested in joining the varsity esports team should fill out the interest form on the school's athletic website.



University of New Haven's Varsity Esports Coach, Corey Parks. Photos Courtesy of Charger Athletics



## Grammys 2020 Recap

BY TIARA STARKS  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

What was expected to be one of the biggest nights of the year started solemnly as Sunday's Grammys began with a tribute by Alicia Keys to Kobe Bryant, an NBA MVP who'd been killed in a helicopter crash earlier that day.

Artists including Lil Nas' X, Lizzo, and Keys, herself with Boyz II Men performed musical tributes.

Another tribute came in the form of a posthumous win for Best Rap Performance to Nipsey Hussle, who was killed in a shooting in March 2019. His family accepted the award on his behalf.

Other artists included Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani, who performed "Nobody But You" to audiences. The recently reunited Jonas Brothers performed an unreleased song, "Five More Minutes" before transitioning to their newest hit, "What A Man Gotta Do," which features the band members' three wives in a newly released music video.

Billie Eilish made history as the youngest Record Winner of the Year. She swept through four major categories as the winner of Best Album, Best Song, New Artist, and Record. "bad guy" earned both Best Song and Best Record. Her brother and recognized music producer and singer Finneas accepted the awards with her as she gave a simple "Thank you" before mentioning her brother and other individuals who'd helped her in her career.

Another win came to Tyler the Creator, who won his first Grammy for Best Rap Album, "IGOR" against veteran rappers 21 Savage and Meek Mill. In surprising news, the 2018 film, "A Star Is Born" snagged two awards for Best Compilation Soundtrack for Visual Media and Best Song Written for Visual Media, over 400 days after its release which was confusing to some but, seen as well-deserved to others.

Not only have this year's awards created a memory for work in the music industry, but also as a hub for upcoming work from current and future artists as well as honoring the artists who came before us.

## Oscar Nominations Announced

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BY TIARA STARKS  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On Jan. 13, comedian and actress Issa Rae and actor John Cho presented the Oscar nominations in a two-part presentation through a global live stream. In 2016, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences set a goal to double the number of diverse members by 2020 following outrage over the lack of Oscar nominees who were female or people of color. The 2020 Oscar nomination list proved to repeat history which was noted in the award announcement, "Congratulations to those men" said Rae. This statement resonated with fans as the heightened necessity of diverse voices proves to be extremely relevant in the entertainment world.

There has been skepticism about the validity of the Oscars as a measure of film quality considering the lack of diversity. Notable snubs for the upcoming ceremony, which include Greta Gerwig in the directing category, Awkwafina in the acting categories, as well as critically acclaimed films such as "Dolemite is my Name," "The Farewell," "Us," "The Last Black Man in San Francisco" and "Queen and Slim," all of which were absent from the ballot.

Fortunately, films such as "Parasite", a dark-comedy directed by South Korean filmmaker Bong Joon-ho was granted six nominations including Best Foreign Film and Best Production Design. Cynthia Erivo landed a spot as a Leading Actress nominee for her portrayal of Harriet Tubman in "Harriet" against pros such as Scarlett Johansson for Mar-

riage Story, Charlize Theron for Bombshell.

Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman" and "Ford v. Ferrari" are expected to be strong contenders for Best Picture despite the critical hit of "Joker" 11 nominations. Some of the 11 nominations "Joker" received are in categories such as Best Picture, Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, Best Score, and Best Costume Design along with Joaquin Phoenix's Best Actor in a Leading Role nod.

Hollywood's progression into amplifying diverse work has taken small steps against its demand with works such as Crazy Rich Asians, which did not win the Best Picture spot but created a platform for more diverse work to be recognized. Fans and critics can use these awards as what's indicative of the current industry and not of the films being made for the future.



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# OPINIONS

## When are You Really an Adult?

BY ERIN CUOMO  
OPINION EDITOR

As I enter my second semester of senior year, the haunting idea of adulthood and the real world lurks in the distance. I'll be on the hunt for jobs, taking into consideration benefits and salary, then looking for apartments, and so on. But do these "adult" type factors make me an adult?

For some, yes, but for others, not so much.

John Rodgers, a Vermont state senator and Second Amendment advocate, has recently proposed legislation that outlaws the use of cellphones by anyone under 21. The legisla-



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tion was not meant to be taken seriously, but to provide contrast to a Vermont law passed in 2018 that banned the sale of firearms to most people younger than 21, while people who are at least 18 are allowed to join the military.

Rodgers argued that some people are advocating that the voting age be lowered to 16, but they aren't mature enough to smoke or purchase a gun. So what are some other laws that define adulthood?

In most states, the legal age for marriage is 18, and for certain ages under that, parental or court consent is needed. Laws vary by state, as do drinking laws. For example, in New York, people younger than 21

are allowed to consume alcohol so long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Generally, 18 is the age most recognized by society as adulthood, but according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health, the human brain does not fully develop until around age 25. Should science be part in deciding when people should be allowed to do certain things? According to Peter Jones, of Cambridge University, "There isn't a childhood and then adulthood. People are on a pathway. They're on a trajectory." Doing things before your brain is technically matured could help developing that pathway, and set that trajectory toward success, but there really should be consistency across the country.

## Mary Cain and Nike Release a Short Film on Physical Health

BY REBECCA TATERA  
STAFF WRITER

Last November, the New York Times released a seven-minute opinion video that showed Mary Cain discussing her career with Nike. Once the fastest woman in America, the film shows Cain out-running competitors and speeding across finish lines, but her career was destroyed by her male coaches in a program designed to shame women.

The video begins with Cain saying, "I joined Nike because I wanted to be the best female athlete, ever. Instead, I was emotionally and physically abused by a system designed

by Alberto and endorsed by Nike." Alberto is Alberto Salazar, the head coach at Nike's Oregon Project, "a renowned long-distance running training program," according to the New York Times, was banned from competition. This came after "multiple anti-doping rule violations" after "following a four-year investigation by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)," said CNN.

Cain then says that her training was designed for males, and not females. According to the New York Times, Cain argues "that the current system is designed by and for men, and that with more female psychologists, nutritionists and coaches in positions of power, young girls can be better protected from similar

maltreatment."

In the film, Cain talks about the scrutiny she was under for her weight.

"In order for me to get better, I had to become thinner, and thinner, and thinner," Cain said. Cain questions why Nike never had a sports psychologist or nutritionist available.

In addition to the harassment, Alberto would "weigh me in front of my teammates" to try and get me to 114 pounds, Cain says. That weight was Salazar's "arbitrary number" of how much Cain was supposed to weigh.

After enduring the training program, Cain developed relative energy deficiency in sports, commonly called RED-S Syndrome.

"Not eating appropriately for the amount of energy an athlete expends is really the root of this syndrome," said Dr. Andrea Spiker, from UW Health. "For women, the syndrome usually manifests as disordered eating, loss of menstrual periods and decreased bone mineral density."

In Cain's case with RED-S Syndrome, she broke five different bones during her time at Nike. After Cain faced this more and more in her training program, Cain said, "I started to have suicidal thoughts."

Nike needs to re-evaluate how they treat women. Nike needs more women involved in its programs. Nike needs to understand that men and women's bodies are different and that

what may work for a man, may not work for a woman.

In the wake of this video's release, other athletes have spoken out. Amy Yoder Begley, the coach of the Atlantic Track Club, was kicked out of the Oregon project, because, she said, "I was told I was too fat" and "had the biggest butt on the starting line." A former Nike coach, Steve Magness said, "I witnessed many instances that confirm," Cain and Begley's allegations. "It was part of the culture."

If Nike's company culture is forcing women's bodies to reach points in which their athletic ability is determined based on their weight, then Cain is right, their culture needs to change.



# Theft In Bartels

BY JENNIFER KORN  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR



**O**n Tuesday, an unidentified male allegedly stole credit and debit cards from a room in Bartels Hall. The university police chief, James Gilman, notified students and faculty about the incident on Wednesday through school email. Photographs of the suspect were included.

According to Gilman, the suspect allegedly entered an unlocked room at about 12:05 p.m. on the second floor of Bartels Hall and stole several credit and debit cards. The cards were then used at stores in New Haven.

“Any assistance in identifying the individual would be greatly appreciated,” said Gilman.

In the email, Gilman also said,

“UPD is working with Yale University Police Department in attempts to identify the subject who is a suspect in similar cases which occurred recently on the Yale campus.”

Gilman told the Charger Bulletin that as of Thursday, “the case is still under investigation and several solid leads are being followed.” According to Gilman, the suspect seems to seek out “crimes of opportunity and wanders around until he sees things such as an open office, or unattended purse, and then commits larceny.”

“We are asking the entire campus community to remain vigilant,” said Gilman. Suspicious activity should immediately be reported to UPD.



**Photos of alleged suspect in Bartels Hall.** Photos Courtesy of University of New Haven Police Department



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