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Community celebrates the lives of two graduate students

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Soft music filled the room as people gathered in the Beckerman Recreation Center to reflect on the two lives recently taken from the university's graduate student community. The music faded and in its place the voices that took to the podium began to fill the room in a celebration of their lives.

The Rec Center was filled to honor the lives of Sri Ram Kalidindi who died on Jan. 31 and Martin Flores who died on Feb. 24.

Nicole Harry, a senior biology major, gave words before chanting a set of Hindi mantras for the crowd. She said, "Although the vessel sheds its life — its vitality — the person who took on that vessel; their soul, their good deeds, lives on for eternity."

Taking to the podium at the start of the ceremony, their contributions laid down the framework for a strong integration of culture into the afternoon.

Afterward, campus Chaplain Martin O'Connor prayed for the two lives being celebrated.

Dorothy Classen, an international student life advisor at the Office of Graduate and International Student Life, spoke on

behalf of Mr. Kalidindi's sister Sadhana, with whom she spoke on the phone prior. She shared her brother's personal interests and provided a lens into his life at home.

"Sri Ram would purposely schedule his return home the day after his sister, and always first thing in the morning, he wanted to wake her up and gently taunt her to say 'welcome

back,'" Classen read on account of the sibling's memory.

Mr. Kalidindi had a goal to start his own business and create "hundreds of job opportunities for others."

Classen said that Kalidindi "remembers her brother's smile and hopes that we will too."

The Indian Student Council (ISC) also spoke in remembrance of Mr. Kalidindi, with

president Surabhi Shreekant Nagraj, a graduate business administration student, calling him a "bright light in our community."

Despite only having connection to Mr. Kalidindi, the ISC executive board directed their grievances to the families and friends of both students.

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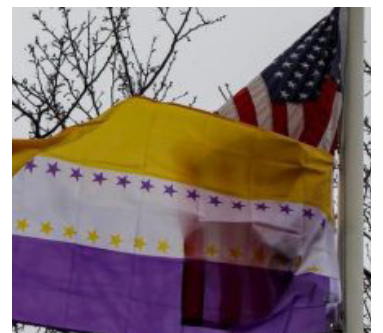
Tyler Anthony speaks to the crowd, West Haven, March 2, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.



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MBB drops NE-10 final with 65-54 loss to Saint Anselm

BY CHRISTOPHER ELWELL
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In a championship game, teams are faced with the biggest test of the season to earn the title of number one in the conference. One game decides the outlook of your season, as teams rise to the occasion and others fail to meet expectations.

Coming away with a win against a conference opponent is no easy task, especially in a rivalry game where familiarity is high and both sides know what to expect from their opponent. In a rematch of a championship game and after two matchups in the regular season, teams are even more familiar with each other and their game plan.

A rematch of the 2019-20 season's Northeast-10 (NE-10) final went the way of Saint Anselm College again, with a 65-54 win over the University of New Haven. Saint Anselm earned their third NE-10 title in the last five seasons. A dominant first half proved to be too much to overcome for New Haven, as they fought back from a 17-point deficit, making it as close as a one-point game in the second half, but were unable to complete the comeback.

Saint Anselm started the game on fire from the field, making five shots in a row to start the game on a 14-7

run. After a three-pointer from New Haven guard Ty Perry, the Hawks continued their dominant start with a three from guard Matt Becker.

New Haven's conference-best defense could not keep up with Saint Anselm's shooting to start the game, taking as much as a 13-point lead with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Guard Miles Tention continued to make big plays for Saint Anselm, knocking down two consecutive threes to stretch their lead to 17. Already facing a huge deficit with their backs against the wall, New Haven took a timeout with 7:14 left in the half, looking to find a way to stop Saint Anselm's dynamic offense and bring themselves back in the game. With time winding down in the first half, New Haven quickly saw their huge deficit erased with an 11-0 run led by Perry and guard Quashawn Lane to make it a six-point game. Their defense made some big stops to keep Saint Anselm off the board, with the help of a big block by forward Majur Majak, his first of four blocks in the game.

The closing minutes of the first half were dominated by Saint Anselm, going into the break with a comfortable 13-point lead after Tention added to his game-high 24 points with an and-one in the final

seconds.

With just 20 minutes left to play for a conference championship, New Haven showed signs of life on offense, making it an eight-point game after Lane added to his team-high 21 points with a three-pointer.

After Tention added his fourth three-pointer of the game, Perry brought New Haven within three with eight consecutive points, capped off by two threes that forced Saint Anselm to take a timeout.

An errant pass by Saint Anselm turned into a huge turnover, resulting in a layup to make it a one-point game after a layup from guard Kendall McMillan. Despite coming all the way back from a 17-point deficit to make it a one-score game, New Haven could not manage to take the lead, as Saint Anselm's offense that averaged the second most points per game in the NE-10 continued to attack the defense and come away with huge baskets to stay ahead.

Tention's fifth three-pointer of the game sealed the game for the Hawks, taking a 10-point lead with 2:37 left to play. Tention electrified the Saint Anselm crowd again with a steal and a huge dunk with a minute left, sending New Haven home in the championship again for their third NE-10 title in five years.

Despite their championship run

being cut short, New Haven will have another chance in the playoffs as they kick off the NCAA Division II East Regional Championship on Sat. March 11. The Chargers will

have a quick turnaround to get ready for regionals, as they look to build on their historical season and make another deep playoff run.



Quashawn Lane shoots a freethrow, West Haven, March 4, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tori Gonzalez.

New Haven Skate Club rolls onto campus

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
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Everybody should buckle up because a newly Recognized Student Organization (RSO) is rolling onto campus. Make room for the University of New Haven Skate Club, which recently had their first general meeting this past Thursday afternoon in the Alumni Lounge.

On the UNH Skate Club's Instagram page @unh_riders_club, there is a Google Slide presentation in their bio. The slideshow has a "lesson of the day" that covers different topics such as the types of skates used, tricks and cruise styles. This online presentation shows just how much the club leader knows about skating, along with how much prospective members can learn.

The UNH Skate Club's Instagram bio also said that "non-riders, casuals, and newcomers are welcome" to the club. That point is emphasized further by the club founder and president, Benjamin Norodom, a sophomore mechanical engineering major. Norodom said, "Anyone who's interested are welcome to join."

New campus clubs often do not get enough attention when they first start out, so Norodom is trying to get the word out to

as many people as possible.

Spreading this information involves creating posters, posting about the club on Instagram and talking to mutual contacts. Norodom also mentioned having members showing off their skating skills in public to raise awareness.

Nobody goes through the process of pitching their RSO to the administration, networking with potential members and looking for funding unless

they want to see their passions reflected on campus. When asked about the motivation behind starting the UNH Skate Club, Norodom said, "I wanted to share my passion of skating, and I wanted to unite the UNH community through skating."

While the club does not have a Charger Connection page, you can keep up with any events they hold by checking their Instagram page @unh_riders_club.



Benjamin Norodom speaks at the Skate Club Meeting, West Haven, March 7, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Sdara Funches.

Kickoff to Commuter Appreciation Month

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
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Women's History Month is not the only dedication being celebrated at the university during March. The Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation (CSE-LO) is also celebrating university commuters and off-campus students throughout the month.

The kickoff celebration for Commuter Appreciation Month took place at the Alumni Lounge last Wednesday. Students lined up to get checked into the event to play board games, color pictures and chat with fellow commuters. Food truck vouchers and *Insomnia Cookies* were given out as well.

Chris Cheslog, a graduate student pursuing a master's in chemistry and graduate intern for CSELO's commuter and off campus student initiatives, helped check people into the event.

"We're just showing our commuters how much we value them as part of our campus community," said Cheslog. "Having been a commuter for all four of my [undergraduate] years, I know that sometimes commuters don't feel that sense of community and belonging that exists on this campus."

Cheslog acknowledged that having events and celebrations dedicated to off-campus students will further the "engagement and sense of belonging" that commuters do not have enough of.

Ally Kocivar, the associate director for programming in CSELO, is currently overseeing the commuter

and off campus service programs and initiatives. Kocivar spoke further on those initiatives, which include a Grab and Go Breakfast at the Bartel's Student Activity Center patio on March 20. Kocivar said, "I think that will give everyone some extra energy coming off of break for our commuters and our off-campus students."

"CSELO is the main point of contact for commuter and off campus students on campus," said Kocivar. "And I feel like a lot of times students don't get to hear that enough." Having the Commuter Appreciation Kickoff event is a reminder for commuter students that CSELO and other campus resources are indeed there to help them.

Alexa Shepherd, a senior forensic science major, attended the kickoff celebration and got to mingle with other commuter students. As a commuter, Shepherd feels that "it's not always easy to be included on campus." Shepherd said other commuter challenges include a lack of parking and dining options, especially for those without a commuter meal plan.

Attending the kickoff and learning of the commuter events being held made Shepherd feel "welcome and a part of the community." Shepherd also said, "I'm excited to hear about them and see what's coming."

If you are an off-campus student and want to attend any of the Commuter Appreciation Month events, check out the official flyer. There will be a final commuter celebration on March 30, which will include a barbeque and indoor mini-golf at the German Club.

Yes, college students love snow days, too

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
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Mass emails and text messages went out from Ron Quagliani, the associate vice president of public safety and administrative services.

These messages said that any in-person classes beginning before 4 p.m. on Feb. 28 would be held remotely due to precautions with the snowfall that day.

Students either stayed inside for warmth and relaxation, or they ventured out into the snowy campus to have some fun. The latter of which is what the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) decided to do.

If you were anywhere near the Bixler/Gerber quad during the early afternoon this past Tuesday, you know it was a sight to see SAE having a snowball fight.

Andrew Morin, a junior esports business major and brother of SAE, said the snow day was "all of a sudden." Morin said that they were all planning out flyers to hand out

and got the message out about their snow events by 2 p.m. the same day.

These events were planned by Chris Protheroe, a sophomore cybersecurity student and an SAE logistics chairman. Since this was the first snow day of the semester, Protheroe thought "it'd be a great idea to get out here [and] have a snowball fight." The snowball fight was such a success that SAE had people coming out that were not brothers.

Protheroe said many who hated snow did not come out, but some snow-haters did come out for support. Matt Giammanco, a freshman music and sound recording, hates snow but ended up being covered in it during the snow day.

The SAE members also built a giant snowman, which they had Thomas Fang, a first-year national security major, climb on top of while wearing an SAE flag.

Protheroe said that the next events of the day for SAE were drinking hot chocolate and

warming up after being out in the cold for so long.

The random snow day event provided a release for the SAE

members, especially being amidst midterms season.



The SAE flag flies in the Bixler/Gerber quad, West Haven, Feb. 28, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Presley DePugh.

To be wrongfully convicted: Students given an anecdotal lens into the justice system

BY MIA ADDUCI
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“An individual encapsulated in quicksand; breathing out of a straw, and the only ones giving him oxygen are his family, friends and at times, birds and other creations of God through faith — that is what incarceration is like.” Andre Brown was in accompaniment of Jeffrey Deskovic last night following an invitation from the Forensic Science Student Association. The pair placed themselves in front of a room full of forensics staff and students to recount their experiences with false incarceration in the American criminal justice system.

Deskovic and Brown are two of the 3,388 people who have been incarcerated in the United States from 1989 into the present day.

Deskovic spent 15 years in prison after being convicted of first degree rape and second degree murder. His 16-year-old mugshots sat on the large screen at the front of the room as he recounted his experiences. This surrounded the criminal justice system that responded to the murder of his classmate, who notably was just one year younger than he.

Deskovic fit the criteria established within the New York Police Department’s psychological profile for the perpetrator of the incident — a list of boxes which he said were incredibly vague and not assistive.

The law enforcement officials handling the case asked him to undergo a polygraph test, kickstarting what he described as “psychological manipulation” from the Peekskill Police

Department.

Deskovic recounted that he was not read his rights, nor did he enter the polygraph test with an understanding of how it worked. At 16-years-old with a prior interest in a career as a cop, being told that this task would assist the police made the need for understanding obsolete.

The official administering the test “launched into his third-degree tactics,” which he said included “invad[ing] my personal space, rais[ing] his voice at me; he kept asking me the same questions over and over again” for upwards of six and a half hours.

Towards the end of the test, Deskovic recalls hearing “What do you mean you didn’t do it? You just told me through the polygraph test result that you did it. We just want you to verbally confirm it.” He was told that a confession would allow him to go home.

“I wasn’t thinking about the long-term, I was just thinking about my safety in the moment,” Deskovic said.

There were no video or audio recordings of this polygraph, or any evidence beyond police verdicts. He said that in court, these verdicts omitted the threats and false promises placed upon him in the interrogation room.

Deskovic continued to recount his courtroom experiences, telling the audience that the medical examiner investigating the case had claimed that the victim was “promiscuous” and used such as an explanation of why the DNA obtained from her autopsy did not match his.

He went as far as opening up about an argument that was made that he felt was “burned” into his mind. There was one

line in particular that stuck with Deskovic: “negative DNA test result is no insulation to a guilty verdict.”

Deskovic directed a number of his takeaways towards the student population, providing advice and reminders to those entering fields that interact with the criminal justice system. He said that “experts should always be subjected to questions about the methods they use in order to arrive at their opinion.”

It was in 2006 that Deskovic’s case was picked up by the Innocence Project, and in that same year, his case was turned around.

Despite his false conviction being the reason he was placed in jail, Deskovic spoke on the level of stigma he experienced reentering the free world, in which people question the impact of being surrounded by criminals, leading to distrust.

Despite these stigmas, Deskovic went on to receive multiple higher level degrees, with his latest feat being a graduation from law school, which has catalyzed him in a direction to pursue a career as an attorney. This led him to create the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice.

One of his clients was Brown, who spent 23 years incarcerated. He has only been out of prison for approximately 80 days at the time of his New Haven visit.

Brown was convicted on account of a shooting which involved two victims in the Bronx, New York.

He said that he was “screaming at the top of my lungs, ‘you guys know I had nothing to do with this:’ my voice went unheard.”

He recounted his experiences of having to get medical professionals involved in his trial, explaining how he was accused of a crime which would have required him to be able to run at a level that was not physically possible following his medical conditions — he had a surgeon on the stand to attest to this.

“As we can see, there’s many empty seats here,” he said. “Nobody cares, and it’s heart wrenching, until you have advocates come on board.” This worked as a segway into a large motif of his dialogue that evening, one which urged those in the audience to speak out against observations of injustice.

Brown also said that “Lady Justice is blind but she has the ears to hear the cries of the people, and you are the people.”

Further pursuing his call to action, Brown said that “your voices are command as prominent members of society.”

Deskovic spoke on the necessity of raising money to help free more people, in light

of another individual being found not guilty this week. This amounts to a total of 13 exonerated people having cases re-evaluated to confirm innocence. “It’s about trying to raise money to get more people home that are wrongfully convicted,” he said. The event in the German Club raised \$283 towards the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice.

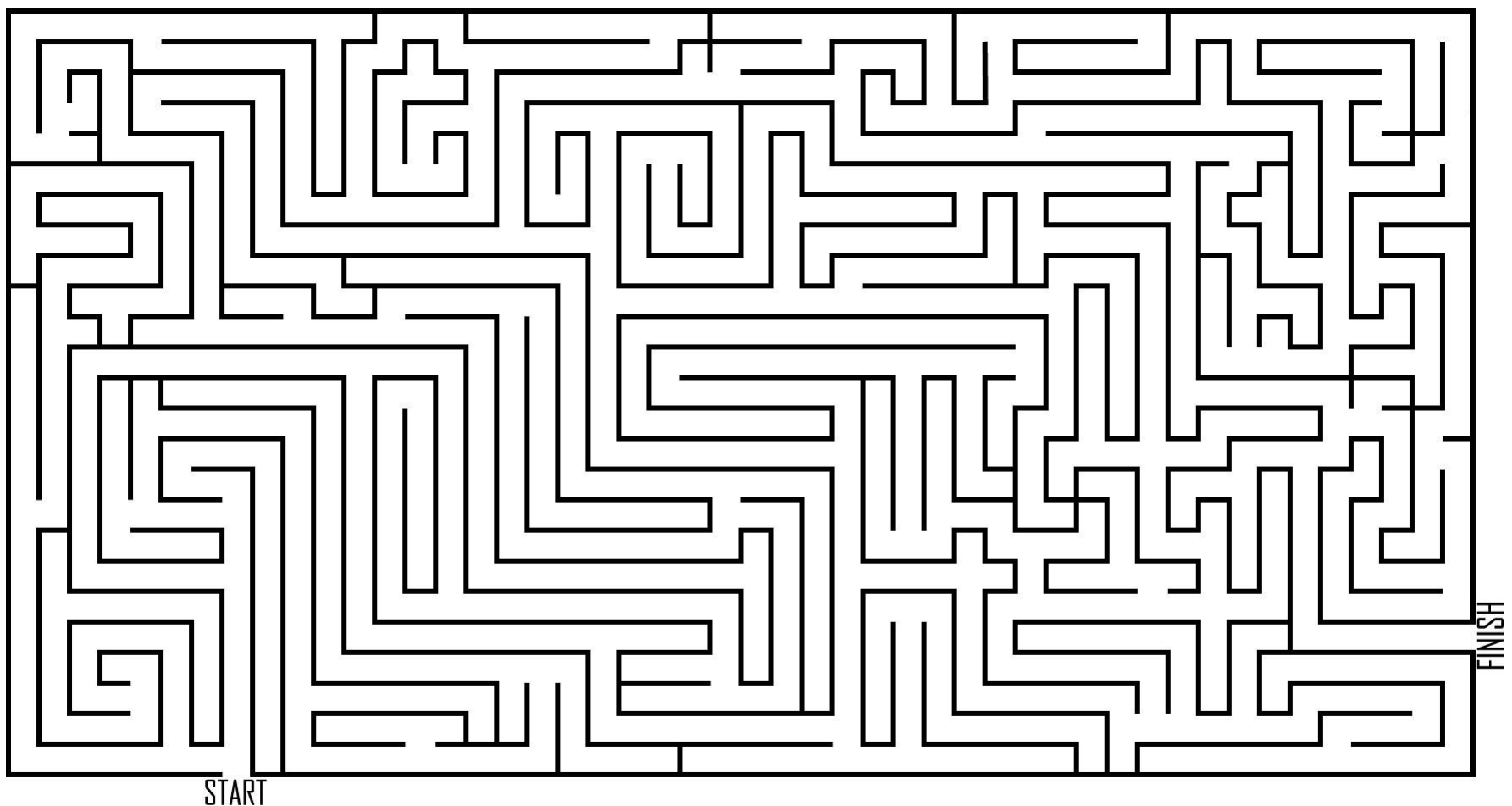
In closing, Deskovic said that “where the evidence leads you is where you’re supposed to end up, as opposed to the tunnel vision; as opposed to working backwards; as opposed to ignoring evidence.”

It can be noted that a set of University of New Haven professors had involvement in Deskovic’s case. This includes lecturer Ted Schwartz, who was involved in the reevaluation of the evidence at hand, and associate professor David San Pietro, who held a role in the post-testing of the case.



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Andre Brown references an image, West Haven, March 2, 2023.
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Student Athlete Advisory Committee holds third annual Make-A-Wish Week

BY JUSTIN COVIELLO
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Sunshine, blue skies, a light breeze and the sound of waves lapping the shore greeted a crowd of student athletes, friends and families at Prospect Beach at Abbott Park in West Haven. After a few gloomy days, the skies cleared up just in time for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee's (SAAC) Polar Plunge event, an exclamation point on their biggest philanthropic week of the year.

SAAC kickstarted their third annual Make-A-Wish Week on Feb. 26. In years past, the organization brought in a Make-A-Wish kid to grant their wish and give them a week of excitement and fun. This time around, SAAC sought to raise \$10,000 for the Connecticut Wishing Place headquarters in Trumbull after it was flooded with 200 gallons of sewage.

SAAC is a student-led council for athletes whose mission is "[enhancing] the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image."

For the fundraiser, every athletic team received their own donation page where family, friends and members of their community were able to share and donate. Each team established a goal

of \$500, which when reached would allow that team to pie their head coach. If a team was able to surpass the lofty goal of \$1,000, an additional pie-ing would be in store for one of their athletic trainers.

Greg Emerson, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in chemistry and sitting president of SAAC, spoke about how this week of events helped build camaraderie across sports teams.

"Naturally we're athletes, so let's just make it a competition, like 'Which team can raise the most?'" he said. "I think this is a great way to just come together for a great cause."

The week of events began on Feb. 27 in a "Workout for Wishing Place," where every team created custom workouts correlating to a fact about Make-A-Wish or the Wishing Place: the women's soccer team hit 18 crossbars in honor of the 18 Wish Kids who visit the Wishing Place every month and did 300 juggles for the more than 300 children currently waiting for their wish to be granted in Connecticut.

Last Wednesday, SAAC held a tabling event in Bartel's where they raised awareness and took donations for the cause, with a bit of a twist: donations of varying amounts were met with a coupon which could be used at some of the dining locations on campus, like a free sandwich

from Jazzman's or a pack of drinks from the convenience store.

On Friday, a giveback event was hosted at local smoothie spot Westies Nutrition where SAAC ran another table and 10% of all proceeds went right back to Make-A-Wish, allowing students and members of the community to get in their post-workout fix while giving back to a great cause.

The entire week culminated in a grand finale this past Sunday,

as the athletic teams invited all who donated to take part in their Polar Plunge. As a token of appreciation for all who went above and beyond to help create timeless memories for kids, a countdown commenced as student athletes collectively sacrificed their own warmth and comfortability while they ran into the bitter cold of the Long Island Sound.

Emerson emphasized the team effort that goes into planning such a busy and impactful week

of events.

"We have our [executive board] of five members, but it's really everyone," he said. "We, as a group of 30 athletes, talk and communicate about everything and we take everyone's opinions in... it's not just a one-person thing. And if it was, [the fundraiser] probably wouldn't be as good."

Excluding cash donations, SAAC's efforts raised \$8,774 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



An overhead view from the Polar Plunge, West Haven, March 5, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Jason Kull.

CAPS is back and ready to serve

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Hidden in Charger Plaza, the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) office and its counselors have been preparing new programs and services for University of New Haven students.

CAPS has been working on programs since COVID-19-19 restrictions were lifted. The only problem is, students don't know about them.

CAPS student employees agree that there is a problem with accessibility for students. Kayla Herlihy, a senior psychology major and community wellness advocate (CWA) in the office, said that the location is an issue, and she suggests the Railroad Salvage shuttle should add the plaza to their stops.

"I have never been to CAPS because I've heard the reviews," said Hannah Zutant, a junior pre-med student. "I don't think that it's worth my time because everyone I've ever spoken to about it says that they can't get an appointment. I just need more reliability when I have to get something off my chest."

In response to student concerns, CAPS is working to improve services, according to Amanda Imbriale, a senior criminal justice major and another CWA. One way

to do that, she said, is to add more student events.

When the pandemic necessitated a shift to remote learning, the services provided by CAPS moved, too. Paige Bartels, the director of CAPS, presented some opportunities and challenges:

"[A pro is] it's given us the flexibility of tele-health, which can be a gift," said Bartels. "[A con is that the pandemic was] a widely traumatic event which layers on other traumas for our clients."

The office has held self-care events and participated in tabling at the Wellness Week Fair. They rolled out a variety of services for the betterment of students' mental health, such as programs on studying tips to prevent procrastination and lower stress.

The department is made up of licensed staff clinicians, clinicians-in-training and community wellness advocates. Bartels also said the services aim to support students in times of need, as they manage an array of mental health challenges.

They offer individual and group therapy, as well as a 24/7 crisis response line. Students can also take advantage of peer-led support groups and mental health awareness education. The office can also help students with services such as therapy dogs, which will be on campus once a week.

CWA Imbriale loves therapy dogs, and spoke about their importance to students.

"I believe that it is super-helpful for the students and sometimes it is difficult to have a conversation about your struggles," said Imbriale. "Therapy dogs allow students to just de-stress with the dogs without being overwhelmed with talking about their mental health."

Office workers don't just need to learn how to bring in new projects, like the therapy dogs, their training is much more extensive. "I have done a couple of day-long training sessions with other CWAs where we learn leading support groups and how to handle mental health [crises]," said Herlihy. "For instance, CAPS has given us the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) support group facilitator training, as well as mental health first aid training this year."

Clinicians encourage students to stop by. "[Students] are not alone; healing is possible, and that strength and resilience is a part of us all," said clinician Biannca Squires. "There is so much strength in seeking out support in times of need."

"Taking care of their mental health is important - but it's one piece of the puzzle," said Bartels. "It's critical to pay attention to our overall well-being."

Celebration of Life

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BY MIA ADDUCI
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lecturer at the university, spoke in memorial of Mr. Flores, as a professor who was deeply impacted by his presence. Cayer called his smile a "permanent fixture on his face."

Cayer opened up about "Martin moments," speaking about how he had a "knack for de-stressing people with his humor."

Mr. Flores had a love for biking, as was touched upon repeatedly throughout the ceremony.

Biking held a high level of importance in Mr. Flores' life, so much so that the shop manager of Bradley Street Bicycle Co-Op, Tyler Anthony, spoke at the ceremony.

He stood at the podium emotional for some time before making way through his speech.

"Martin was very good at bringing people together," Anthony said. "He could turn strangers into friends and friends into new family members."

He also opened up in reflec-

tion of just two weeks prior to Mr. Flores' death, saying that "at the time my biggest fear was that he would move away and that's how I would lose him, and this is so much worse."

Bradley Street Bicycle held their own gathering in honor of Mr. Flores last Friday.

Mr. Flores' older sister Joanna also took to the podium to reflect on his life and open up to those in attendance.

She said that "he is my baby brother, but as I've spent the last week here in New Haven, I've gotten to learn that he was a bit of a little brother to everyone."

Flores asked everyone to "remember him on your bike rides and at New Haven coffee shops. Remember him in every dog that you pet, and please tell them they are all good dogs; he would want that."

Lightning McQueen was a favorite movie character of his, and following a reading of one of his most iconic quotes, Flores ended with "kachow Martin, we love you."

Students vocalize concerns at USGA's Open Forum

BY JUSTIN COVIELLO
Campus News Editor

With the university's semesterly campus climate survey wrapped up, it's important to match faces to student opinions about the current state of our school. The Undergraduate Student Government Association's (USGA) Open Forum last Wednesday sought to do just that as students were invited to voice their thoughts about campus life, both bad and good, to some of the offices on campus.

Professional staff present at the event included representatives from the Dean of Students Office, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation (CSELO), the Career Development Center (CDC) and the Accessibility Resources Center (ARC).

Even on a cold and hailing night, where students may have been dissuaded from hiking all the way to Bucknall Theater, there were still enough present to produce a lively discussion about happenings on campus.

This open forum, unlike those in semester's past, featured no specific topic; "everything is free game," as Title IX/VAWA Compliance Director Ashley Dunn put it. She also opened by outlining some of the community guidelines which dictated how students would be expected to treat each other and their opinions in a vulnerable setting.

Conversations started off light as students discussed their wishes for certain establishments— retail options like WOW Cafe, Moe's and the convenience store as well as the library— to be open earlier on weekends, or for others like the various coffee shops to be open on weekends.

Discussion then arose about the

Bergami Center for Science, Technology and Innovation in particular as students asked for clarification on when its doors lock, and offered solutions for recent occasions where the building closed with almost no prior warning to the student body.

Topics quickly deepened in tone, as students shifted focus to student news reporters and recent articles which have received varying amounts of backlash, and requested more oversight on organizations in order to avoid platforming articles which may invoke harmful rhetoric around campus.

From here, the conversation transitioned toward diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) training for organizations and students on campus, similar to the Step Up: Bystander to Upstander course. Attendants clamored for more intense DEI training to better suit situations which may occur in day-to-day life, and also debated the potential effectiveness of mandatory versus voluntary DEI training for all members of the campus community.

People need to eat, so it is to be expected that a lengthy conversation was had about dining on campus. Specifically, students were vehement about needing increased transparency for vegan, kosher and allergen-free foods, as well as a more concerted effort to avoid cross-contamination at these food stations.

Other points of the dining discussion included more variety in dishes served at Food on Demand. This issue is slowly being solved through initiatives like the recent spotlight on Black chefs for Black History Month and better training for dining staff in order to avoid future accounts of foodborne illness and hair in food.

Some students also wished for better education about im-

portant campus resources, such as the LiveSafe app, and cited the increased transparency with initiatives like meal equivalency as a jumping-off point. Additionally, students requested an overhaul to myCharger, as many agreed that the website feels out-of-date.

Accessibility on campus also arose as a hot-button topic, as students advocated for wheelchair-bound or otherwise disabled individuals who might find trouble getting into certain buildings, or are flat-out unable to traverse other buildings due to their reliance on staircases. Attendants also mentioned the hazards present with the crosswalk leading to Charger Plaza, especially when crossing guards are not available, and requested more focus on safety there.

With the CVS across the street recently closed, students have found it more difficult to acquire their necessities, notably prescribed medications, and took issue with the university only sponsoring shuttle travel to stores like Walmart and Target on the weekends.

Frustrations were also aired regarding the University Police Department (UPD) with multiple students corroborating sentiments of a sensed elitism within the department and citing rude behavior from UPD's Chief of Police Adam Brown.

The forum concluded after each university office in attendance gave a brief description of what services they offer to students on campus, and a discussion about how much student feedback is taken into consideration pertaining to the current provost search and class evaluations.

USGA's next open forum will be tomorrow, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, featuring a panel of female professors in honor of Women's History Month.

University celebrates start of Women's History Month with flag raising

BY JUSTIN COVIELLO
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As the 19th Amendment flag flapped in the wind outside of the Marvin K. Peterson Library, the voices of some of the powerful women on campus cut through the brisk March air to elevate their peers and bring in Women's History Month.

The kick-off event was led by Ian Shick, the associate director of LGBTQ+ resources at the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion, who spoke about the origins of Women's History Month, the history of women's painstaking fight for the right to vote and the current fight for the rights and acceptance of the transgender community.

"So this month, we celebrate women — all women — with their complexities, nuances and histories and we hope you join us at the many amazing events held this month," Shick said.

After the flag was raised and a round of applause ensued, Shick introduced the first student speaker of the event, senior business management major and Vice President of the Women in Business club Abigail Murphy. Murphy dedicated much of her speech to the mistreatment of women in the workplace, detailing her own experiences of being overlooked and discomfort in finance courses, in what she called "a very male-dominated [field]."

"It is important for [women] to become visible, and it is very common for women to feel so uncomfortable that they make themselves invisible," Murphy said. "That's why I believe it's important to empower women and to give them the tools and the confidence they need in order to make themselves visible."

The next speaker was Brisa Velazquez, a junior international business management major and executive assistant of the Women of Color Collective. Velazquez highlighted her experience as a Mexican American and first generation college student, and encouraged students to tell their stories and surround themselves with people who will amplify them. She ended her speech with a quote from her mother.

"'Si se puede,' which roughly translates to 'yes, you can do it,' or 'yes, it is possible,'" Velazquez said. "She told me, 'you have the power to speak up, and if you need a helping hand, [you can] always call me,' so I always keep that by my heart."

Aliza Johns, a senior mechanical engineering major and president of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), followed with an overview of the organization and what it aims to do for women in STEM, as well

as examples of gender bias in jobs pertaining to engineering and coding. "[SWE's] goal is to empower the younger generation and support them in all their scientific and engineering dreams," Johns said.

Dayana Solano, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in forensic technology and sister of the Chi Upsilon Sigma Latin sorority, talked further about the history of Women's History Month. She venerated women near and far for "overcoming oppression, advocating for equality and navigating the intersectionalities within our modern era," and being "unyielding trailblazers within American society." Solano finished her reverential speech with a message to those in attendance.

"To all the women here today, know that you have bountiful opportunities ahead, and your willpower is, and always will be, your greatest asset," she said. "Do not take no for an answer, and I shall be cheering you on as we continue to make history together."

The final student speaker was Sankofa Benzo, a senior cybersecurity and networks major, president of the Women in Cybersecurity club and vice president of SWE. In her piece, Benzo rallied against fallacies perpetrated by society that women "must change the way [they] present [themselves] in order to receive grace and kindness." She also used her platform to detail what Women's History Month means to her, and how people can grow through education on it.

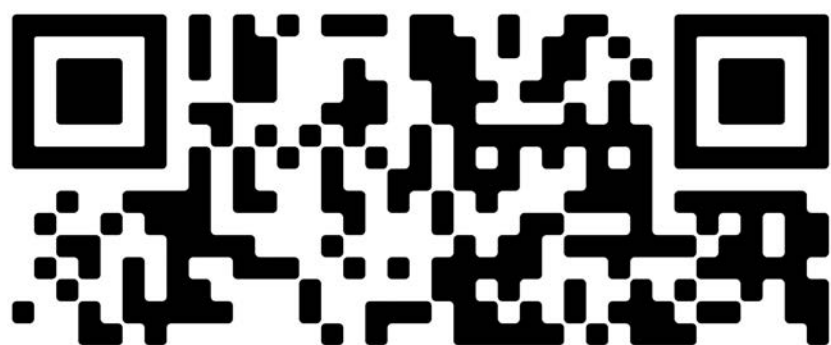
"I just want to take Women's History Month as a time to educate, advocate and for us to become better individuals after this," she said. "It allows us to celebrate and be grateful for the women who have come before us and those who continue to stand beside us."

A keynote speech was delivered by Yanice Mendez-Fernandez, associate dean of the School of Health Sciences and 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Vision Award winner. Mendez-Fernandez opened by crediting the previous speakers for so eloquently voicing the words she felt. She offered mountains of gratitude to all the women in her life, saying, "They did have that strength to instill in me the fire to pursue my dreams and find my place in the world," and gave praise to women of marginalized communities past and present, for overcoming oppression and fighting for their lives to ensure a better tomorrow.

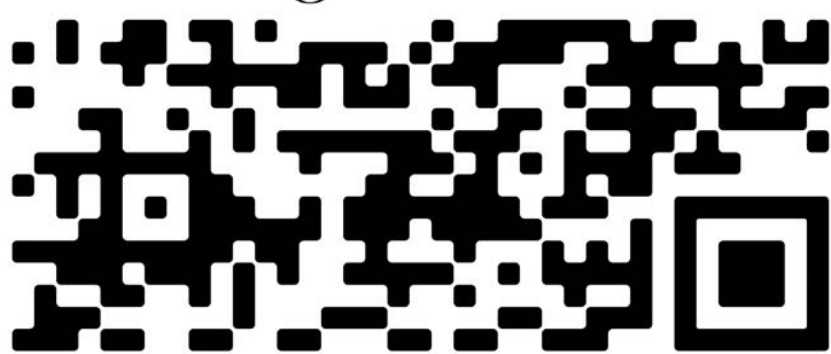
Closing remarks were delivered by Dean of Students and Chief Diversity Officer Ophelia Rowe-Allen, as she called upon the theme for this year's Women's History Month: "women telling our stories."



The 19th Amendment flag over the Maxcy Quad, West Haven, March 2, 2023.
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Celebrating the accomplishments of women around us

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

Editorial

Last Wednesday marked the start of Women's History Month, which runs throughout March and allows us all to reflect on the vital role that women have played throughout American history. As an organization that is predominately made up of women, we want to take the time to recognize the impressive amount of dedication and sacrifice they all

serve to make this news organization run.

Despite journalism being a male-dominated profession throughout the world, the Charger Bulletin is led by seven female members on our Editorial Staff. They all play an integral role in the success of our organization and do so in different ways.

Managing Editor Mia Adduci is the brains behind the printed paper and website, undertaking a massive overhaul in the way we approach

online content. She is truly working to bring the organization into a more modern style that reflects contemporary news companies.

Andrea Rojas serves as our multimedia editor and has been masterful at enhancing our television broadcast, Charger Bulletin News, and becoming closer to being a fully live production. On top of that, she has done just about any and everything during her time with the Bulletin, always picking us up if we need help in any way.

Copy Desk Chief Valentina Ortiz Elian has embraced her new role this semester and has begun establishing her own staff of editors that are able to double and triple check each article. She has done an amazing job at offering that to interested students, making it a new and welcome addition to the Charger Bulletin.

Erin Smith and Presley DePugh are two of the paper's editors – for Politics and Arts & Life, respectively – and are constantly all over the various news stories going on around campus and nationally. Though she is just a first-year student who was thrust into the role, Smith has been able to roll with the punches and fill in for our former editor Lillian Newton without missing a beat. DePugh has been able to take the Arts & Life section in its inaugural year and make it something truly special.

Despite being an athlete and

balancing an exhaustive schedule, Photography Editor Charlotte Bassett has built a continually growing staff that is available at a moment's notice. She has created a strong communication channel that the organization has not had among its photographers in a while.

Finally, our Community Engagement and Social Media Editor Amber Cholewa has constantly worked to improve our social media feeds and offer more coverage to students on digital platforms. And still, she continues to push the organization forward by opening new avenues to distribute the news by venturing into the TikTok space.

This is without mentioning the countless number of female contributors that are not on the Editorial Staff, but who form the backbone of the Charger Bulletin. They all push the boundaries of the Charger Bulletin in ways that may not be the most obvious, but are a big reason the organization is in such a strong place today.

This is something that also extends beyond just our organization. The University of New Haven is filled with women that deserve recognition for making this community better. During this month of celebration for women's history, let us all look internally at the vast impacts that the women in our lives have made in the face of a society that is presently and historically slanted against them.

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Women as the backbone of American history

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Columnist

Column

The heroic shapers and makers of history are always men – or at least, that is what we are led to believe. A quick Google search of “most influential people in history” brings up a Time magazine article from 2013 called “Who's Biggest? The 100 Most Significant Figures in History.” There are three women listed: Elizabeth I of England, Queen Victoria and Joan of Arc. Women are not intertwined in the historical pageant but instead are separated and pushed aside in favor of their male counterparts. We learn that Watson and Crick discovered the DNA double helix, but not that they stole the research of Rosalind Franklin and then failed to credit her.

To honor Women's History Month, take some time to learn about these incredible women who shaped American history.

Grace Murray Hopper: Early computer programmer in the U.S. Navy during World War II

Grace Murray Hopper graduated from Yale University in 1934 with a Ph.D. in mathematics. She joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in December 1943 and was assigned to the Bureau of Ships Computation Project at Harvard University. Hopper became just the third person to ever work on Mark I, one of the earliest electromechanical computers. After World War II, Hopper developed the Mark II and Mark III computers while serving in the Navy.

In 1966, her age forced her retirement from the Navy as a commander, which she referred to as “the saddest day of my life.” However, only seven months later, she was recalled to active service during the Vietnam War because of her mathematics and computer skills, where she standardized the Navy's computer languages. At the age of 79, she retired as a rear admiral and after her death in 1992 Hopper was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1996, the Navy commissioned the U.S.S. Hopper, a guided missile destroyer, and she was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by former President Barack Obama. That same year, Yale University renamed Calhoun College as Grace Hopper College.

Patsy Mink: First Woman of Color to serve in the United States House of Representatives

Patsy Mink was born in the territory of Hawaii in 1927 and graduated

as valedictorian from high school in 1944. Initially enrolled at the University of Hawaii, Mink decided to transfer to the University of Nebraska after one year. There, she was required to live in a segregated dorm designated for international students and students of color; Mink petitioned to change this policy and, within a year, she garnered enough support and dorms were integrated. After graduating, she was denied admission to ten medical schools because of her gender. Because of this, Mink decided to change her career and applied to the University of Chicago School of Law, where she was one of two women in her class. Despite passing the Hawaii bar exam in 1953, no law firm would hire her because she was a woman in an interracial marriage. Never to be deterred, Mink opened her own practice where she took on women-focused cases such as divorce.

In 1959, Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state of the United States. She ran for election to the United States Congress in 1964 and became the first woman of color to serve. Mink was the primary author of Title IX, which was passed in 1972 and remains in place today. Title IX created opportunities for women in education, particularly in the realm of athletics.

After her death in 2002, Congress renamed Title IX the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. **Marsha P. Johnson: Activist who was a prominent figure in the Stonewall Uprising**

Marsha P. Johnson was a prominent queer rights activist in New York City in the 1960s and 1970s. She grew up in Linden, New Jersey in a working-class family. After graduating from high school, Johnson moved to New York City where she officially changed her name: the P standing for “Pay It No Mind.”

Johnson engaged with police at the Stonewall Inn uprising in 1969. She helped galvanize the gay rights movement and was one of the organizers for the first Gay Pride Parade. After feeling excluded by gay rights groups because of being transgender and a woman of color, she helped found STAR, “an organization dedicated to sheltering young transgender individuals who were shunned by their families.” She remained an outspoken activist for individuals with HIV and AIDS throughout her life and after her death in 1992, hundreds of people showed up at the church for her funeral.

Johnson remains one of the most revered LGBTQ+ advocates for her courage and determination.

Are we better than the corporations we cover?

Holding a mirror to diversity in newsrooms

BY MARIAH TOWLES
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Column

I have become accustomed to being the only Black woman in the room. In addition to being followed around high-end stores and ignoring the many microaggressions of my peers, going places that are not inclusive is another day in the life for me as a Black woman. Having to make space for yourself is part of the Black experience.

The times I have stepped into a newsroom have been no different. Despite efforts to improve diversity, there is still a lack of Black people in America's newsrooms.

Starting in 1978, the News Leader Association (NLA) sent out an annual diversity survey. However, the organization has not put out new findings because of lack of participation. Previously, the NLA delayed their surveys' end dates with the hope that they could figure out how to improve participation.

In a 2021 interview with the Associated Press, Meredith Clark, a Northeastern University professor and journalist involved in the survey, said, “...I am deeply discouraged that the journalism industry isn't as transparent about its workforce in the way that it expects other industries to be transparent about theirs.”

As journalists, we pride ourselves in exposing the truth, but if news outlets continue to hide their statis-

tics, are we better than any of the corporations we cover?

The NLA conducted its last survey, which polled more than 300 news organizations, in 2019. This survey found that only 7.19% of the overall salaried workforce, including newsroom leaders and all others, were Black. This is in comparison to their 77.98% white counterparts. That shocking statistic was considered a slight improvement from the previous year's study, where the percentage of Black people in the workforce was 7.12%.

In a survey conducted by the PEW Research Center from February to March of 2022, journalists gave their news organizations the lowest marks for racial and ethnic diversity. Fifty-two percent of journalists surveyed said their organization does not have enough diversity.

Why are our voices not properly reflected in our newsrooms? According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Black people make up for more than 13% of the United States' population, and there are over 40 million Black people in the United States. What stories and voices are we missing by having a disproportionate array of races and ethnicities in newsrooms? Black people have valuable ideas, there is no lack of qualified Black journalists in the workforce. This should be easily recognizable in the field of journalism as well.

Investigation continues regarding origins of COVID-19

BY AMBER CHOLEWA
Community Engagement Editor

Much speculation still surrounds the origin of SARS-CoV-2, better known as COVID-19. With the world entering its fourth year of the pandemic, the United States Department of Energy is now joining forces with the FBI to aid in research. In the past week, they received information on a possible cause of what took place starting in November 2019.

In an unclassified document sent out by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, it was reported that there is a fair chance that COVID-19 was started by a lab leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. The document also revealed it was very unlikely that the start of the virus was caused by an animal with the virus

or a virus that has 99% of the attributes that COVID-19 has. The Intelligence Community (IC) assessed that there is a great chance the exposure was at a small scale.

With the discovery of the lab leak, the IC was able to rule out many rumors that people spread throughout the pandemic. One large misconception surrounded the suggestion that COVID-19 was not developed as a biological weapon and another that China was unaware of the virus before the initial spread.

This is a step in the right direction, although it is not definite that the lab leak was the cause of the initial exposure of the virus. Investigators are still pinpointing exactly when or if the Wuhan Institute of Technology was handling COVID-19.

The United States is currently unaware of a complete understanding of data from early

cases. If the U.S. was able to obtain case records from the start of the pandemic, they would be able to better trace the virus back to its origin.

Cooperation is key to coming to a conclusive end to this research and to provide long-awaited answers to the general public. Beijing is halting the progression of research to conclude the case as they are holding information and refusing to share it, as well as blaming other countries for the rapid spread of the virus.

With all of this information coming out, China denies the claims that the virus started there, instead blaming the U.S. and saying that the outbreak could have started in one of the labs here. No evidence has been provided to back up their claims.



COVID-19 testing in a lab, March 23, 2021.
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Active lawsuit pushes against FDA access to abortion drugs

BY MIA ADDUCI
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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is at the forefront of a nationwide push for a reduction of abortion drugs nationwide.

Currently, a lawsuit in Texas is acting against the practiced usage of mifepristone — which has been used in abortion practices in the United States for over 20 years and in Europe for over 30. This legal battle has been underway since November 2022. Multiple groups that are publicly anti-abortion filed the lawsuit as part of the overarching Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, including a set which identifies under the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). The ADF was also involved in the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

In this lawsuit, those in opposition of the FDA are aiming “to withdraw mifepristone and misoprostol as FDA-approved chemical abortion drugs and to withdraw defendants’ actions to deregulate these chemical abortion drugs.”

The plaintiffs are claiming that the combination of drugs present in an abortion via pill, which involves intake of mifepristone followed by misoprostol, is unsafe. However, this is not supported by any studies into the current

day. Mifepristone, the drug in question, is used to block progesterone to halt the furthering of the pregnancy. The second drug in the process, misoprostol, is used to induce cramping that expunges the fetus from the carrying body.

The FDA has been pushing for increased access to abortion healthcare since the

start of the pandemic, and the active lawsuit against them is pushing back on this progress.

According to many groups of legal specialists, the current prediction is that Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk will rule against the FDA. Kacsmaryk was notably appointed by former President Donald Trump during his administration.

The ruling of this case holds the potential to ban access to abortion medication in all 50 states, and not just the 19 where bans are currently implemented. This could also result in an overturning of abortion access via online prescriptions, instead forcing pregnant individuals to go in-person to request the pill.

It is also notable that currently over half of all abortions are done using the pill method, according to the Guttmacher Institute. This method is primarily approved for usage in the first ten weeks of a pregnancy term.



Outside of a CVS, New York, NY, June 17, 2020.
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Baseball sweeps weekend series over Bridgeport

BY CHRISTOPHER ELWELL
Sports Editor

It is not often that teams are able to hit the ground running and play to their full capacity in their first games of the season. Players are still getting accustomed to seeing the game at full speed, but when they are able to surpass the growing pains of a long season and come out firing, it is usually a sign of good things to come.

Winning streaks are not easy to come by, especially in the early stages of the season. When a team is at their best, everything comes together to win games, whether that be big hits in key situations or pitchers closing the door on a big scoring opportunity.

The New Haven baseball team did just that this weekend in Myrtle Beach, S.C., coming away with a huge four-game sweep over the University of Bridgeport. After losing the first two games of the season in extra-inning affairs, the Chargers have bounced back to win their next six as they currently stand at 6-2 on the season.

Taking the mound for New Haven in the first game of the series on Friday, Mar. 3 was right-handed pitcher Izaiya Mestre. Mestre dominated the Purple Knights' lineup, finish-

ing his day after 5.2 innings, allowing just two hits in a shutout performance with four strikeouts.

New Haven broke the scoreless affair in the fourth inning, plating five capped off by a three-run home run by first baseman Andrew Bianco. The Chargers continued to add on in the fifth, as catcher Josh Lester delivered the biggest of his three hits on the game with a double to bring in another run. Second baseman Noah Budzik brought Lester around to score with a single to open up a 7-0 lead.

Senior Bryan Pazulski came in relief of Kyle Allen, who recorded the final out of the sixth inning in relief of Mestre. Pazulski would finish the game with three strong innings, striking out five and allowing just one hit on the way to a three-hit shutout for New Haven in an 8-0 win, their first shutout of the season.

New Haven continued to swing hot bats on Saturday, coming away with a 10-4 win in the first game of a doubleheader. The Chargers broke the game open with three home runs and kept Bridgeport playing from behind with the help of two scoreless innings out of the bullpen to close it out.

Bridgeport struck first with

a double by designated hitter Anthony Pascale to take a 1-0 lead in the first. New Haven answered right back with three runs in the top of the second, taking advantage of a fielding miscue to plate two unearned runs.

After Bridgeport catcher Tyler Sharfetz homered in the third, the Chargers plated two more on a sacrifice fly by center fielder Robert Taylor and left fielder Owen Pincince's first career home run.

New Haven broke the game open in the top of the sixth, as outfielders Tyler Wells and Robert Taylor hit back-to-back home runs to take a commanding six-run lead. In a blowout performance, New Haven called on right-handed pitcher Kevin McNiff to close it out, firing a quick inning to seal the win for the Chargers going into the second game of the doubleheader.

New Haven once again dominated Bridgeport in the second game, coming away with a big 6-1 win as the lineup continued their hot start to the season.

The Chargers sent right-hander Thomas Eletto to the mound to finish off the sweep of the doubleheader. Eletto finished his outing with four strong innings, striking out three and allowing just two

hits.

Left fielder Owen Pincince continued his great weekend at the plate with a single to score Taylor and give New Haven a 1-0 lead in the top of the second. Budzik quickly made it a three-run game in the second with a double, bringing Pincince and Lester around to score.

In the sixth, Lester broke the game open with a two-run home run, his first of the season. He has been red hot to start the season at the plate, batting .435 in six games played with 10 hits, three doubles and six runs batted in.

In relief of Eletto was freshman Michael Gatti, who fired two shutout innings and allowed just one hit. Following him out of the bullpen to close the game was closing pitcher Drew Silverman, who tallied three strikeouts to finish off the sweep of the doubleheader for New Haven.

In the final game of the four-game series, New Haven's bats continued their dominant start, averaging over eight runs per game in eight games played this season. Erasing an early deficit, the Chargers were able to finish off the sweep with a big 9-4 win.

Starting on the mound for New Haven was freshman Ran-

dy Ramnarace, who allowed four runs over four innings, tallying three strikeouts. The bullpen was dominant in the win, as left-handed pitcher Tyler Sausville got the win with 4.2 shutout innings allowing no hits and striking out three, as Silverman would record the last out to seal the win.

Wells knocked in the first run for the Chargers with a first inning triple, followed by a two-run double by Cole Maucere in the third and tying the game at four in the fourth inning after Taylor grounded into a double play.

New Haven broke the game open in the seventh inning with singles from Lester and Pincince, followed by a bases-loaded walk from Budzik to plate another run. Bianco delivered the biggest blow with a double, scoring two more and giving the Chargers a five-run lead, which would hold for the rest of the game.

New Haven will be back in action on Friday, March 10 as they travel to Boca Raton, Fla. for five games in six days before coming home for their home opener against Bridgeport on Friday, March 17. The Chargers will look to continue their strong start to the season before kicking off conference matchups.

Lacrosse takes season opener, beats Molloy 14-9

BY CHRISTOPHER ELWELL
Sports Editor

The New Haven women's lacrosse team got off to a hot start on Wednesday night with a dominant 14-9 win over Molloy University. New Haven did not trail at any point of the game, scoring nine goals in the first half to secure the win.

New Haven struck first on a goal by sophomore attacker Raegan Bailey, set up by a ground ball pickup by midfielder Ivanna Hernandez. Bailey is coming off a freshman season where she scored 65 goals – the second most in the Northeast-10 (NE-10) – and was named to the All-Conference third team and conference Rookie of the Year.

Molloy was under heavy pressure to start the game after allowing two goals on four shots in the initial five minutes of the first quarter. They would make it a one-goal game after a score by attacker Megan Rugolo, continuing to apply pressure

to New Haven with four shots, three of which were saved by goalkeeper Gabby Buscemi.

After a successful clear attempt for New Haven, they added to their lead with a goal by midfielder Gianna Caprioli. Neither team managed a score in the final six minutes of the quarter as New Haven's defense forced three turnovers to keep Molloy off the board.

Molloy tied the game twice in the early minutes of the second quarter; taking advantage of free-position attempts to bring themselves back in the game.

Bailey fired a shot past Molloy goalkeeper Mary-Kate Sweeney for the third of her game-high six goals to give New Haven the lead. This attack was followed by two more goals from Caprioli and Hernandez to open up a 7-4 lead.

New Haven closed out the first half with a 9-5 advantage after a pair of goals from Hernandez and Bailey to end

a dominant second quarter in which they scored six goals.

The second half continued to be a great offensive showing for the Chargers. Attacker Caitlin Seleny tallied her first career goal and Bailey added another free position shot, bringing their lead to 12-6.

After holding Molloy to just two goals in the third quarter, New Haven's defense continued to stand tall. Buscemi tallied two saves in the final minutes to maintain a five-goal lead going into the fourth quarter.

Facing a huge deficit, Molloy couldn't generate enough offensive power to bring themselves back in the game and only scored two goals in the fourth quarter. New Haven continued to dominate in all aspects as Bailey racked up her sixth goal with nine minutes remaining to seal the 14-9 win for the Chargers in their season opener.



The women's lacrosse team, West Haven, Sept. 25, 2022.
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