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## YDSA and College Republicans headline SCOPE's National Election Day Debate



Members of the YDSA and College Republicans, West Haven, Nov. 3, 2023.  
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Nov. 3 marked the calendar for National Election Day, so the Student Committee of Planning and Events (SCOPE) decided to collaborate with two organizations for a debate: the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) and the College Republicans.

Students filed into the German Club this past Friday night to see the two organizations discuss a wide range of topics. There were topics that revolved around real world issues that were placed alongside ones that got a good laugh from the audience.

Another perk of attending the event was getting to add to the conversations, rather than just listening to the people on stage. However, there was

a time limit of five to six minutes per topic implemented that forced people to keep their answers short and concise.

One of the questions posed was about what the University of New Haven could do for students' mental health. Ved Gray, the College Republicans' treasurer and a senior forensic science major, jokingly said for them to pay his tuition which led to a loud applause from the audience.

Mason Smith, the president of YDSA and junior political science major, started off the conversation by saying that the university should be listening more closely to the Counseling and Psychological Services to try and implement mental health days into the academic calendar.

He mentioned schools such as Harvard and

Cornell, which have "very comprehensive mental health programs," but also have a lot more money than New Haven.

"It's not an all-encompassing solution, but it would show us as students that the university cares about our mental well-being and is willing to plan events or programs or some sort of activities where we can focus on ourselves, we can grow as people, we can reflect on where we're lacking [and] where we can do better," Smith said.

The conversation then directed toward professors and how they handle student needs. Nicholette Daniele, the College Republicans' vice president and senior forensic science major, said "they should also understand that we are all adults here, and I hate more than anything when

a professor says that a certain assignment is due this day with no exceptions."

The discussion then took a turn when Malcolm Rowe, a College Republicans general member and junior criminal justice major, said that mental health days and breaks are the "three-day weekends most of us get every weekend," which includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Rowe mentioned being in the military and working prior to coming to the university. Rowe added that college is "the easiest time of your life; you guys don't really have to worry about bills, you guys don't have to worry about rent, you're living in the dorms and your parents are most likely paying for it."

Many members of the audience disagreed with this sentiment, one of which stood up and said

that not all students experience the same thing.

There were more campus centric questions asked, such as what should be the next thing built on campus. Donald Demollari, the College Republicans' president and sophomore cybersecurity and networks major, said that there should be more parking spots built. "It took me way longer to get here to this [event and] to find parking," said Demollari. "I just want to be able to park."

Smith was unsure of what to answer, so he said, "I don't necessarily know what the university should build on campus first, but I know whatever it is should have student support behind it, first." Smith brought up the removal of parking spots last year along with the building of the Peterson Performance

# Election Day in West Haven

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University of New Haven is well-represented in West Haven's mayoral candidates, both of which are graduates of the school.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 in Connecticut and the city of West Haven will vote for a new mayor. The two candidates are Dorinda Borer, a Democratic state representative and Barry Lee Cohen, a former city councilman running as an Independent and Republican.

Borer, a West Haven native, earned her master's degree from the University of New Haven in 1992. Through her career, she has worked as a national marketing director for United-Health Group, a Fortune 100 company where she gained experience with bank auditing.

She serves as a four-term state representative for West

Haven's 115th assembly district. In this position, she has led the Veteran's Legislative Committee, Connecticut's environmental committee and Chair of the Bonding where she managed a \$2 billion bond bill for Connecticut. Borer was also appointed deputy speaker for the state legislators.

Cohen, another West Haven native, graduated from West Haven High School and earned a master's degree from the University of New Haven. Cohen served on the board of directors for the West Haven Community House and the Ward-Heitmann House Museum.

While a city councilman, Cohen was the co-minority leader where he worked on the West Haven economic development task force and West Haven planning and zoning commission.

Both candidates say they want to revitalize the city

through economic development and to clean up Boston Post Road so more businesses will be inclined to move in. Borer said she will seek public and private partnerships to change the purpose and look of downtown West Haven. Cohen said he plans to propose a special district spanning from Campbell Avenue to Main Street and Wagoner Place to assist business and property owners in maintaining and enhancing their facilities.

Public safety is part of Borer's campaign. From her campaign website: "A top priority is improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors. One important aspect of that is for you to feel safe and be safe in your homes and throughout West Haven."

She also said she plans to improve quality of life by attracting and keeping police officers in West Haven

through a first-time home buyer program. Another initiative is to complete the Security Camera Boardwalk project and directly communicate with the police about other areas that need more police presence.

Borer said she would also like to create a Council for Mental Healthcare along with a Youth Mental Health Coalition to increase availability of resources for the people of West Haven.

Cohen said he hopes to change the culture of City Hall, since the current administration "has become renowned for its lack of communication and follow-up to constituents' requests," according to Cohen's campaign website. Cohen's communication team will include a point person and keep people informed.

He plans to work with the Board of Education to improve relationships between

universities, colleges and technical schools. Specifically, Cohen wants to focus on funding for students so teachers do not have to pay out of pocket for supplies.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 7. These are the polling places to cast a vote in each district.

1st District: City Hall 355 Main Street

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3rd District: Savin Rock School 50 Park Street

4th District: UNH Hall 898 First Avenue

5th District: Carrigan School 2 Tetlow Street

6th District: Forest School 95 Burwell Road

7th District: Molloy School 225 Meloy Road

8th District: Mackrille School 806 Jones Hill Road

9th District: Seth Haley School 148 South Street

10th District: Pagels School

## President Biden passes executive order to ensure AI safety

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-MALDONADO  
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On Oct. 30, United States President Joseph Biden addressed the threat of ever-developing artificial intelligence (AI) in his newest executive order on Safe, Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence. This order is one in a multi-step plan to ensure the protection of each American citizen's privacy.

The plan involves a few standards that the use of AI must pass to be considered as safe and lawful in America.

The first of these standards says "developers of the most powerful AI systems must share their safety and test results, as well as any other critical information with

the US government." Any form of AI must be tested before being released and recognized as valid and those results must be shared with the U.S. government to avoid any incidents.

The second standard says that "The National Institute of Tests and Technology will set rigorous standards for extensive red-team testing to ensure safety before public release." The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will then establish the AI Safety and Social Security Board, a program that will be used to test AI devices and make sure they are safe, secure and trustworthy. This new program will enforce the aforementioned rigorous standards to

ensure that the AI device being released is good to use.

The third standard that Biden's order addresses is the use of AI to engineer biological materials. Biden said this order will "allow the AI safety and security board to reduce the risk of life-science technologies being deliberately misused to carry out biological attacks or accidentally result in a high-consequence or catastrophic biological event." Essentially, this orders that the AI board will ensure that AI technology does not have access to anything biological, lest it becomes defective and starts biological warfare.

The fourth point describes the skill that AI has when it comes

to replicating genuine items. Biden said this standard will "protect Americans from AI enabled fraud and deception by establishing standards and best practices for detecting AI generated content and authenticating official content." Using the Department of Commerce, a guide for content authentication and watermarking will be established. The watermarks are something that AI cannot generate, which will let citizens know that communication received from the government is just that, the government.

The final point describes what the government will do to ensure that no further issues or controversies will occur as it per-

tains to AI; with Biden saying in this section that he will "order the development of a National Security Memorandum, which will discuss further actions on AI and security." This institute will be managed by the National Security Hall and the White House chief of staff, who will make sure that any further action required when it comes to AI is taken care of.

Biden has also addressed the idea that this may not be all it takes to defend America against the dangers of artificial intelligence. This includes prioritizing federal support for the development of privacy-preserving techniques, some of which are to be announced.

# Student leaders commemorate Native American Heritage Month

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
Arts & Life Editor

The first of November was welcomed with cold weather while the beginning of Native American Heritage Month was welcomed with a flag raising. Despite the cold temperatures, people went to the German Club to listen to speakers and see the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women flag raised.

Introductions were made by Sam Ortiz, director of the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion. Ortiz said that it is “important for us to show solidarity and commitment during these times and I appreciate it seeing you all here today.”

The first speaker of the event was Youssef Abdelhamid, a senior marketing major and Undergraduate Student Government Association vice president of community, advocacy and diversity. Abdelhamid said that Native American Heritage Month allows students to come together to celebrate and honor diverse cultures along with the traditions and contributions of Native Americans and Indigenous people, who are the original inhabitants of this land.

“As we delve into the spirit of Native American heritage month, it is essential that we not only celebrate [the] beauty of their culture but also reflect on the challenges as faced by the Native American community,” said Abdelhamid.

Abdelhamid said that Native American and Indigenous peo-

ple have battled against marginalization and the denial of their rights for centuries.

“In our role as students, faculty and staff, we should work together to increase the visibility of Native American voices and experiences,” he said.

Abdelhamid urged attendees to create “platforms for open dialogue and inviting Native American speakers and providing a safe space for Native American students to express their unique perspectives.” Native American and Indigenous voices should be heard and celebrated, said Abdelhamid.

The next speaker was Seher Afroz Fazal, a graduate student who studies human resources and is vice president of administration for the Graduate Student Council. Fazal said, “Today we stand on sacred ground, and it is our responsibility to repress and respect the enduring heritage of First Nations.”

“As we reflect on the beauty and complexity of indigenous cultures, let us also acknowledge the challenges and injustice that have been faced throughout history,” said Fazal. “Today we commit ourselves to promoting awareness, understanding and justice for being with these communities by acknowledging the truth of the past and pave the way for a more inclusive and equal future.”

Alicia Lind-Windham, the vice president of New Haven’s National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People, is a junior criminal justice major whose grandfather belongs to the Pueblo Indigenous tribe.

“My grandparents’ home was full of Pueblo style pottery, storyteller statues and my great aunt’s paintings of the beautiful Pueblo villages,” said Lind-Windham. “Growing up, I have been fortunate enough to have some ties to my heritage, its beauty and its importance to who and what being Pueblo Indigenous means and reflection of where I am now.”

Lind-Windham said they recognized that some Indigenous people are not so lucky, then said they recognized the hundreds of thousands of Indigenous people who have experienced an erasure of their culture and heritage.

“The United States was not built out of nothing, and the fact that Indigenous cultures are not part of the dominant culture is a calculated action,” Lind-Windham said. “This erasure does not mean that Native American cultures do not exist, or that our relationship with the lands on which this settler colony is built are any less valid.”

When talking about herself and other Indigenous people Lind-Windham said, “We are still existing.”

Destiny Ray, president of Pride and a senior cybersecurity and networks major, who is also a member of the Eastern Pequot tribe, said “I’m here to shed light on the profound and



The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women flag in front of Kathy Zolad Stadium, West Haven, Nov. 1, 2023. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Charlotte Bassett.

lasting impact [and] effect of colonialism on our community that affect us and many other indigenous tribes.”

Ray talked about the genocidal war waged against the Eastern Pequot tribe, which resulted in the deaths of 300 to 700 children, adults and elders of the community from 1636 to 1637, all at the hands of a colonial militia. This was used as the foundation of Thanksgiving, acknowledged as a National Day of Mourning for the Native Americans and Indigenous people.

Ray said, “Indigenous people use this day to honor the memory and suffering inflicted in

the 1620s to highlight the ongoing challenges they faced today, including the issue of violence against Indigenous women and girls.” Ray also said that according to the 2022 FBI National Crime Information Center’s Missing Person and Unidentified Person document, there have been 5491 reported cases of missing Native American women and girls.

In honor of them, Ray and Abdelhamid raised the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women flag. Check out the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion’s Instagram page for posts about upcoming events for this month.

## YDSA and College Republicans headline SCOPE’s National Election Day Debate

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Center was done without student say.

Gray later said that the school should work on building more student housing. “I know in the past few years, a lot of my friends who either missed registration or didn’t qualify, were straight up not allowed to be in any of the housings all because they were all full.”

Some topics pertain-

ing to real world situations also came up, such as vegetarianism and veganism. Catie Carvalho, YDSA’s vice president and a junior criminal justice major, said while she is vegan and the diet has greatly improved her health, she recognized that “veganism does not work for everyone. I know there [are] people who have tried veganism and their health just deteriorated.”

Carvalho also brought up the inhu-

manity of slaughterhouses and how they treat animals being used for the meat and dairy business. “We need to treat animals with more dignity,” said Carvalho. “And if we are going to sustain ourselves off them, then treat them like actual living [and intelligent beings.]”

This was a sentiment shared by Gray, who said that does not influence his choice to consume meat and dairy, as the animal is already dead. “I

believe in working to improve the [living] conditions of the animals, but there’s never not going to be a market for meat and dairy products,” said Gray.

After this, there were some topics that were discussed such as which state has the worst drivers. Gray said that as a Massachusetts native, he has heard the term “Massholes” used against those drivers, while Porrello, a Connecticut native, said that Connecticut drivers are

“inconsistent” when stopping at lights and stop signs.

Pizza became another big talking point, as some participants said that chain restaurants such as Papa John’s that are open late at night, mentioned local restaurants such as Sally’s, while others said that the best pizza is in New York.

At the end of the night, all the on-stage debaters gathered for conversation and to take a group photo.

# USGA hosts Day of the Dead arts and craft event

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On Nov. 1, the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) held an arts and crafts event for the Day of the Dead, or El Dia de los Muertos. The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that dates back to the Aztec empire and their celebration of All Souls' Day. When El Dia de los Muertos came about, they started by celebrating it in two days: Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

This holiday has the intent of connecting living and dead relatives once a year as a way for the living relatives to celebrate those that have left. Something that many people make sure to focus on when explaining the Day of the Dead is that people celebrating are not mourning their lost loved ones, but celebrating them and helping them cross realms so they're able to see their living relatives one more time and honor their memory.

To honor their relatives they create what is called an ofrenda, in which you put together an altar with marigold flowers, a picture of those who have passed away, candles and their favorite items, such as their favorite foods and drinks. The skulls also remind oneself that death is something that will eventually come and it's something we have to come to terms with by showing them what they will eventually be.

Attendees were able to make faux ofrendas of their own using a variety of stickers that were handed out by members of USGA. The designs were beautiful and utilized flowers and more vibrant, as widely seen throughout typical depictions of these designs.

It may seem like something one would not want to occur but it is important to remember when the time comes for us, we'll be celebrated for it. Dia de los Muertos is a holiday that originated in Mexico but is now something that is



Attendees of the Day of the Dead event, West Haven, Nov. 1, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Alexis Dawkins-Maldonado.

celebrated all over the world and is inherited in different religions.

This holiday comes from a culture that encapsulates items such as painted skulls and marigolds otherwise known as the flor de muerto and la ofrenda.

Some movies that bring the tradition to life are "Coco" and "The Book of Life." Although they are kids' movies, the films are a good way to get a look into what is done on these days.

La Catrina is a figure who many say is "the face of the event," and was known as the goddess of death. It was believed that she helped guide the soul of the dead into the living realm.

La Catrina has a dedicated event where people dress up as different embodiments of the figure to honor what she did and who she became to those around her. At the beginning of the event, you're welcomed by the organization and shown what you'd be doing during your time there. During the event, everyone was putting together their pieces of art while the conversation varied from the purpose of the event to people introducing

who they are to each other. You're then provided with a paper that shows different types of skulls and stickers

that show off the culture and the bright colors of the holiday, which may even be interpreted as a form of La

Catrina. You then put them together to make a beautiful Calavera, also known as a skull.



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# Campus events this week you may not know of

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Just in case you missed the posters, Charger Connection posts, or emails, here is a list of upcoming events that you may not know about.

## Tuesday, Nov. 7

The Caribbean Student Association will host “Learn How to Cook a Caribbean Dish” at 9 p.m. in the Marketplace. RSVP on Charger Connection to attend and learn about Caribbean culture and food along with enjoying good food while broadening your horizons.

## Wednesday, Nov. 8

From 1 to 3 p.m. in the Moulton Lounge, the Indian Student Council (ISC) will be doing Henna Tattoos for anyone who comes by. While getting a Henna design, you will also be able to learn more about this tradition.

Another event taking place on Wednesday is National First-

Gen Student Day, which will be hosted by four campus organizations: the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Career Development Center, Dean of Students Office and First Generation Student Association. This event will serve as an opportunity to celebrate first-generation students at the university through a networking event in the Alumni Lounge from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m..

## Thursday, Nov. 9

To continue celebrations for Native American Heritage Month, the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion will host a Painting and Potting Event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees will be able to paint pots while learning about how it relates to Native American and Indigenous culture.

## Friday, Nov. 10

The ISC will be hosting a larger event in collaboration with the Office of Graduate and International

Student Life: the annual Diwali Celebration. Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights, which ISC and OGISL will be holding in the Beckerman Recreation Center from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. This campus celebration will have authentic Indian cuisine, dancing and a “vibrant evening of happiness,” according to their Charger Connection post.

## Saturday, Nov. 11

On Saturday, the Native American

Heritage Month will host a trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center sponsored by the Myatt Center. This trip will serve as an opportunity to experience the Honoring the Veterans Powwow that will pay tribute to the courage and service of Native Americans and non-Native Americans who served in the United States Armed Forces. To participate, you must RSVP for the

trip and arrive at the Maxcy Shuttle Stop by 11 a.m.

A soccer tournament hosted by the Graduate Student Council and OGISL at 4 p.m. at Kathy Zolad Stadium. This will be a great opportunity to cheer on fellow graduate students at the university.

If there are other campus wide events that you feel are not being publicized enough, reach out to us via [cbentertainment@newhaven.edu](mailto:cbentertainment@newhaven.edu).

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# Period poverty and university action

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The University of New Haven started implementing menstrual hygiene product dispensers in various bathrooms around campus as part of ongoing equity and accessibility efforts. The dispensers contain both pads and tampons to accommodate menstruation needs and are free to individuals who need them. Currently, these dispensers are in a select few men's, women's and gender-neutral bathrooms across campus. However, there are plans to expand the program. This program, implemented by the dean of student's office, is one that I pushed for since the spring of 2022.

Menstrual hygiene products can be expensive and are considered luxury items rather than necessities, as Boston obstetrician and gynecologist, and Harvard Medical school instructor Dr. Huma Farid wrote for Harvard Health Publishing in

2021. These products, Farid writes, are not covered under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, which assists with necessities through SNAP, formerly food stamps and subsidies. She also wrote that menstruating individuals who cannot afford period products resort to cheaper alternatives, such as toilet paper or paper towels, and that has negative health implications for individuals, including toxic shock syndrome.

Attending college adds to economic stress and the need to pay for college along with trying to keep up with personal health can be costly. Some students may have to choose between paying for college and investing in their health and well-being. Making such compromises creates a further divide between poor and non-poor college students.

Three issues drove me to push to implement this program in all bathrooms around campus, regardless

of gender. The first was not all people who menstruate identify as a woman. It is important to recognize this because a community cannot be healthy unless the needs of all are met equitably. Only focusing on women's bathrooms ignores the needs of transgender individuals, thus creating a disconnect within the campus community. Secondly, this project aims to address health equity issues that directly affect those who do not have the resources or means to obtain menstrual hygiene products, such as people with lower incomes. Lastly, a period can start unexpectedly, and one may not have the proper products at that moment, regardless of socioeconomic status. This forces them to improvise and potentially put their health at risk.

Our school prides itself on its DEIAB initiatives; there are still many ways that it can improve, especially in terms of socioeconomic equity. However, this project is a

huge step in the right direction. As stated in my project proposal to the university, "[putting] this program in place will mean huge progress for our school's DEI efforts by catering to non-cis-gender identifying students, the health and well-being of students who experience menstruation, and students of lower-income backgrounds." As of now, free menstrual hygiene products can be found in the following bathrooms on campus:

- Bartels Campus Center 2nd Floor Men's & Women's Bathrooms (2)
- Bergami/Buckman Gender Inclusive Bathroom (1)
- Peterson Performance Center Gender Inclusive Bathroom (1)
- One Care Lane Gender Inclusive Bathroom (1)
- Westside Hall FOD Lobby Men's and Women's Bathrooms (2)
- Anemona & Steven Kaplan Hall Gender Inclusive Bathroom (1)

# Ranking Dunkin's holiday coffee flavors

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
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On Nov. 1, Dunkin' began serving customers items on their holiday and winter-themed menu. These items range from a triple chocolate muffin to new coffee flavors that are highly anticipated by Dunkin' customers.

Below is a list of the new coffee flavors and their rankings:

## No. 6 – Brown Sugar Cookie

The brown sugar cookie drink is at the bottom because of its excessive sweetness and graininess in texture. If you want a sweet coffee, ask for your preferred method of making, dairy choice and liquid sugar.

## No. 5 – Cookie Butter

While the cookie butter flavor tastes like a cookie, the only way to truly

experience the full effect of the drink would be to pay extra for the cold brew, which has the cold foam and cookie crumbs on it.

## No. 4 – Toasted White Chocolate

The toasted white chocolate title is truthful for this flavor; however, it is too sweet. Despite that, there is a hint of roasted nuts and the white chocolate combined with that makes this a good choice; just make sure to get one pump to not be overwhelmed by the drink's sweetness.

## No. 3 – Pumpkin Spice

While pumpkin spice is not a new flavor at Dunkin', it perfectly encapsulates autumn, along with preparing us for winter. This flavor in your coffee could become too sweet if you

get many pumps, but with the right amount, it is delicious. For a good milk pairing, get skim milk rather than whole milk so as to not make the drink too thick.

## No. 2 – Spiced Cookie

Instead of being a singular flavor, the spiced cookie drink is a combination of three ingredients: brown sugar cookie, unsweetened vanilla and oat milk. On the Dunkin' app, you can order all three ingredients or look for the drink on the menu page. The method of ordering does not matter, as the drink is delicious. It is not too sweet and actually tastes like a holiday cookie. The only downside is that there is no "spice" as the title indicates, but it is something that can be overlooked.

## No. 1 – Peppermint Mocha

While this could be a controversial ranking, peppermint mocha is the top coffee flavor on this list. It must be popular among all Dunkin' customers, as the menu indicates this flavor is for coffee and hot chocolate. The combination of chocolate, mocha and peppermint is perfectly matched so one ingredient does not overwhelm the others. Get this flavor with a lighter dairy option such as skim milk so it's not too sweet or too thick.

If you would like to try out any of the drinks listed above before they get taken off the menu, make sure to visit the Dunkin' at 424 Boston Post Road, also known as the back of Bergami Hall.

## Financial Wellness Program's hosts annual "Game of Life" event

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-MALDONADO  
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On Nov. 2, the University of New Haven's Financial Wellness Program hosted their second annual Game of Life event. Hosted in the Alumni Lounge, this event allowed students to connect with Financial Aid Office members and partake in a fun and interactive version of the well-known Game of Life.

"I've never played Game of Life as a kid," said Ben Herrschaft, a freshman exercise science major. "But it seems like a fun game; I definitely learned a little bit during this event."

This event was indeed a game of life; however, it included several major twists. Firstly, you are the player and instead of moving an avatar around a board, you become the avatar, moving around and interacting with several aspects of life. Topics such as jobs, relationships, student loans, even getting into the nitty-gritty about responsibilities like food and transportation is something not seen on the original game board.



Vanessa Ort at the "Game of Life" event, West Haven, Nov. 2, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Alexis Dawkins-Maldonado.

The second twist included several different categories on our own campus, including Henry C. Lee College, College of Arts and Sciences, among others. "It was pretty cool to see our campus adapted to such a game, it really made me feel as if I was interacting with the college environment, but free to make different choices," says Khayree Miles, an undeclared freshman.

The game begins with each player selecting which college they would like to begin in, which comes with a job title and salary. This salary is your bud-

get and the goal is simple; do not spend more than you have and deposit the rest into savings by the end of the game.

As you cycle through the tables, you follow a series of luck-based games, usually involving a random wheel spin or picking through a series of cards to decide your fate and how your life will turn out. However, some choices are yours to control, whether it be how much you spend on internet and phone bills, or what type of transportation you use. Every decision you make early in the game has a big im-

pact on the way the rest of your life goes, regardless of how small it appeared to be at the time.

As you continue, your path begins to rely more on your earlier choices and what the random cards have decided for you, including chance cards giving you consequences for earlier decisions. For example, if you selected a car in the beginning, you would have to pay for rear-ending someone. "I definitely made some poor decisions early on, and I think that's what cost me at the end," said Miles.

Vanessa Ort, the

assistant director of the Financial Aid Office had orchestrated and planned this event. When asked about the idea setup for this event, she said, "I have seen this happen on campus before, it was fun, interactive and created conversations on budgeting and saving and gave students a more effective way of learning about budgeting."

If you would like to learn more about this event, and more on the Cashparen-cy Series and the Financial Wellness Program, you can follow them on Instagram at unehav-enfinwell.

# Women's golf earns first NE-10 title in program's second season

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The New Haven women's golf team started their inaugural season just last year and finished last out of seven teams in the conference championship. Despite the novelty of the program and the result of the previous season, the team was able to secure their first Northeast-10 Conference Championship title this fall.

The Chargers finished six strokes ahead of the favored Franklin Pierce Ravens, who won the past four titles prior to this season. Graduate transfer Wynter Flores led the way for the Chargers individually, tied for first place after the first 18 holes and finished tied for second place with Assumption's Jenny Walsh.

Following Flores was freshman Isabella Thomas who was just two strokes behind Flores and tied for fourth place overall. Junior Erin Earl was next in line for the Chargers, earning eighth place, followed by freshman Sofia Cova who finished tenth overall. Cova earned the NE-10 Rookie of the Week award earlier in the season after her performance in the Hartford Hawk Invitational.

"Being able to watch their celebration kind of hit me as to why you

coach," said head coach Matt Ward. Ward said he believed in the team and the talent of each of his players.

"When we got to conference, the girls were ready," he said. "Coaching, for me, has never really been about me. It's about them."

Ward said the golfers are a tight-knit group.

"I think the strength of the team is really the relationships they have with each other," he said. "The team gets along really well and I think that helps a lot. They are not afraid to push each other, they're not afraid to call each other out when things need to get better. There's a genuine concern from one player to the next."

Going into next season, Ward said one area that needs improvement is depth. With just nine players on the roster, Coach Ward wants to add to this group going forward.

Ward said, "We've got some pretty talented players, but we need to add to that for sure. You can never have enough good players." He said that in future seasons he wants to carry a roster of 11 or 12 members.

"There's a Navy Seal philosophy that I love, it's that you never rise to the occasion, what you do is you fall back to your level of training," said Ward. "So, if we train at a level that's consis-



The New Haven women's golf team celebrating their first NE-10 title, West Haven, Nov. 1, 2023. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

tently high and it's our very best, then everything we do... that's the level we fall back to." Ward also said that he wants his players to be their best on

and off the course.

The women's golf team wrapped up their fall season after conference play with another tournament victory at the

Assumption Invitational. The team will go into postseason play this coming spring. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Volleyball dominates crosstown rivals SCSU with 3-0 sweep

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After snapping their 12-game win streak against Adelphi University last week, the Chargers came roaring back with a 3-0 sweep over crosstown rivals, the Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Owls, at home on Friday, Nov. 3. The Chargers last won against the Owls in September. Looking for this result again, the Chargers took the court ready to get back in the win column.

After both teams traded service errors, the Chargers were quick to take control. New Haven rallied off four straight points with kills from sophomores Amihan Johnson and Kylie Reynolds-Martin and freshman Peyton Mast. That momentum was all the Chargers needed to jump out to an early lead. Senior Michelle Henwood added another kill followed by freshman Grace Juergens

tallying a pair of kills and an ace as Henwood and Reynolds-Martin kept the Owls on their heels.

Trailing by six, the Owls called their first timeout in an attempt to regroup and slow New Haven's momentum. They were unsuccessful, as Henwood added another kill before finding junior Macy Brown for her first kill 17 points into the first set. New Haven refused to step off the gas as they executed a 6-0 run against SCSU with five kills. This led to the Owls calling their second timeout of the night. Returning to the court, Mast went back-to-back with kills that ended the first set for the Chargers with a convincing 25-10 win.

Coming off a hot start, Juergens kept it going with the serve, which led New Haven to a 9-0 run and forced SCSU into another timeout. With a strong lead, the Chargers were able to make changes and give players on the sideline a chance to contribute. Graduate Lydimar Soto

De Los Santos earned a kill, as sophomore Amanda Tokam combined with Reynolds-Martin on a block that closed out the second set, which resulted in another 25-10 victory for New Haven.

The Chargers started strong in the third set with a 3-0 lead. Freshman setter Tori Borton and Reynolds-Martin combined on key slides to pick up kills as Borton also connected with fellow freshman Katherine Rank, who dominated the Owls' defense as she picked up three kills on six attempts.

The Owls fought back and had a chance to take the lead after a 3-0 run, but they were unsuccessful as senior libero Rilee Jessee put New Haven back ahead off an ace. Borton then found sophomore Avery Moore for set and match point before an attack error by the Owls went long, allowing New Haven the victory in the third set, 25-19. This also finalized the 3-0 win for the Chargers in the match. Juergens and Reyn-

olds-Martin both ended the match with ten kills while Henwood added 29 assists and 19 digs.

New Haven enters their final week of regular season play, as they get

ready to take on the University of Bridgeport Purple Knights on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



New Haven celebrates during their 3-0 sweep of SCSU, West Haven, Nov. 3, 2023. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tori Gonzalez.

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