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Members of the Model United Nations team sit inside of the Peterson Auditorium in the Bergami Center for Science, Technology and Innovation, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Elisa D'Egidio.

## Model UN wins Outstanding Delegation at D.C. conference

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO  
Student Life Editor

The University of New Haven's Model United Nations (MUN) team won two Outstanding Delegation awards, three Outstanding Position Paper awards and two Outstanding Delegates in Committee awards at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference held from Nov. 4 to Nov. 7 in Washington, D.C.

This is not the first time MUN received the Outstanding Delegation, with wins in 2016, 2017 and last spring.

This year's MUN class included president Chris Matkowski, head delegates Alissa Davies and Nicholas Thompson, and delegates Samuel Weinmann, James Lande, Kelsey Shabanowitz, Aleksandros Spaho, Alyssa Cashman, Andrew Colford, Cassandra Napoli, Catherine Tomczyk, Chris Fogarty, Declan McLoughlin, Ethan Aragao, Hawa Kane, Jordan Weisensel,

Joshua Cheatham, Lillian Newton, Marissa Lehner, Meagan Wong, Sanduni Muhamdirange, Sankofa Benzo, Vidushi Jha and Yasmin Makmak.

Charger Bulletin's politics editor Weinmann said the NMUN conference allows college-level students, globally, to come together twice a year to discuss real-world problems. Here, students are assigned a country to represent, and during the conference, each country must work with other delegates to address real issues. At the end of the conference, the students vote on each other's draft resolutions to turn them into real resolutions.

Head delegate and forensic psychology senior Davies said her experience has been positive. "NMUN has represented an evolving challenge that pushes me to go beyond my comfort zone and achieve great things."

This year, the university's team represented Ireland and Jamaica where they both won the highest award, which is Outstanding Delegation. In total, they won 7

awards in four different committees, including: GA1 - General Assembly First Committee, UNEA - United Nations Environment Assembly, GA3 - General Assembly Third Committee and HLPF - High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Shabanowitz, MUN delegate and junior forensic science major, said, "The Outstanding Delegation award is the best possible award to win at an NMUN conference. It represents the commitment that each delegation showed at [the] conference, and it shows our dedication to Model UN as a university."

As a delegate for MUN, Shabanowitz shares that her role is to be vocally and mentally active as delegates are assigned the role of discussing the assigned topics and drafting solutions.

"Being able to represent UNH at [the] conference and to bring back those awards was such a rewarding feeling, especially knowing that we are automatically held at a high standard," said

Shabanowitz.

Although the process was nerve-racking, she recalled the immense amount of joy and relief felt when the university was awarded this high honor. She said she "cried tears of relief and happiness when both of our teams were announced"

"Winning this award when you are part of the team versus winning it when you're leading the team feels so different. As a delegate, you certainly feel happiness for your team for their collective efforts. But as a head delegate, the best way to describe the feeling is that of immeasurable pride and joy," Davies said. "Pride that you were able to prepare your students enough so that they could perform to the highest standards of diplomacy and leadership that NMUN requires of its delegates."

As head delegates, Davies and Thompson had the responsibility of teaching the other students involved. Their main objectives were to teach them how to be effective leaders while also

instilling research, debate and diplomacy skills.

"One of the biggest lessons I learned through this organization is to not be afraid to put yourself out there, even though you may be wrong. The confidence that radiates off of you when you put yourself out there is a surreal feeling," said Shabanowitz.

During this year's conference, the team had the opportunity to visit multiple alumni panels and visit the Irish Embassy.

Both Davies and Shabanowitz mention that this organization is something any student can be a part of. They said it is beneficial regardless of major as the organization polishes research skills, interpersonal skills, confidence and leadership strategies.

Those interested in joining NMUN can reach out to MUN Professor Chris Haynes at [chaynes@newhaven.edu](mailto:chaynes@newhaven.edu), reference the NMUN website for further information and learn more about the organization at [unehaven.mun.org](http://unehaven.mun.org).

## “Squid Game” season 2 confirmed

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### Spoilers ahead.

“Squid Game” has been Netflix’s hit original show since it came out on Sept. 17, and was No. 1 on “Netflix’s Top 10” for 29 days. “Squid Game” is a Korean survival drama series directed by Hwang Dong-Hyuk.

The series revolves around Seong Gi-hun (Lee Jung-jae), a divorced father and indebted gambler that lives with his elderly mother. Gi-hun gets a mysterious invitation to participate in a contest where he is one of 456 players, all of whom are equally in deep financial debt. The contestants risk their lives to play a series of deadly children’s games for the chance to win a ₩45.6 billion prize, which is roughly \$38 billion.

The rest of the “Squid Game” cast are portrayed by Park Hae-soo (Player 218), Wi Ha-joon (Officer Hwang Jun-ho), Jung Ho-yeon (Player 067), O Yeong-su (Player 001), Heo Sung-tae (Player 101), Anupam Tripathi (Player 199) and Kim Joo-ryoung (Player 212). “Train to Busan’s” Gong Yoo also has



A person holds a phone and watches Netflix.

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a cameo in the series as the man who recruits Gi-Hun into the violent contest.

After its raging success for its first season, “Squid Game” has recently been confirmed for a second season; however, director Hwang said it’s too early to give any concrete details.

The first season ended with viewers witnessing Gi-hun running into the Recruiter (Gong Yoo) recruiting another player, which affects his choice in not boarding the plane to America and staying in Korea to keep his promise to shut down the game once and for all. This leads viewers to believe that Lee Jung-jae will come back for the second

season. Hae-soo, Yeong-su and Ho-yeon could reprise their respective roles in the form of flashback scenes.

Since the series follows a deathmatch, there is a high possibility that the cast for season two will have new characters. It could also show the backstories of the Front Man (Lee Byung-hun), detective Jun-ho (Wi Ha-joon) and the Recruiter (Gong Yoo). Season one didn’t venture into the unexplained history between the Frontman and Jun-ho, or how the Recruiter was brought into the Game in the first place.

Until further notice, you can stream “Squid Game” now on Netflix.

## Taylor Swift releases “All Too Well” short film

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Taylor Swift fans won last weekend with not only the re-release of Swift’s album “Red (Taylor’s Version),” but also with the 10-minute short film for “All Too Well (Taylor’s Version),” the fifth track on the album. The song finds Swift recalling memories of a tumultuous past relationship. Many speculate this relationship is in reference to hers with Jake Gyllenhaal.

On Nov. 5, Swift originally teased the short film—that she wrote and directed—for “All Too Well” on her Instagram, with a brief clip of autumn-hued trees and a car driving down a quiet road. The short film focuses on what went wrong in a couple’s relationship. The couple, respectively named “Him” and “Her,” are portrayed by “Stranger Things” actress Sadie Sink and “Teen Wolf” actor Dylan O’Brien.

The film is split into seven segments, titled “An Upstate Escape,” “The First Crack in the Glass,” “Are You Real?,” “The

Breaking Point,” “The Reeling,” “The Remembering” and “Thirteen Years Gone.” At the end, Swift plays a grown-up version of Sink’s character, who gives a reading of her debut novel “All Too Well” in a bookstore while O’Brien’s character watches from outside.

Fans have speculated the song is about “Spider-Man: Far From Home” actor Gyllenhaal. The two dated for three months in late 2010 until their break-up in January 2011; Swift had just turned 21 and Gyllenhaal was 30. “All Too Well’s” extended lyrics paint him in an unflattering light. Swift brings up the incident of him skipping her 21st birthday and even a jab at the age gap in his other relationships after her.

“You said if we had been closer in age, maybe it would have been fine, and that made me want to die,” Swift sings, further twisting the knife with the lyric, “I was never good at telling jokes, but the punchline goes, ‘I’ll get older, but your lovers stay my age.’” Gyllenhaal, now 40, is currently dating 25-year-old model Jeanne Cadieu.

You can watch the short film on YouTube.

## Thanksgiving-themed movies to watch this November

BY SAIGE BATZA  
Staff Writer

Are you a residential student traveling home for the holidays or a commuter student looking for a good movie to watch while curled up on the couch with your family and friends? I’ve got you covered. Here is a list of Thanksgiving-themed movies for you to watch this holiday season:

### A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

This movie is a classic for all ages. It revolves around a boy named Charlie Brown and his attempts to plan a Thanksgiving party for all his friends, including Linus, Peppermint Patty, Snoopy, Woodstock and more. This is an animated special that you won’t want to miss. You can watch the trailer for “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving” on YouTube or stream it on Apple TV+.

### Free Birds

“Free Birds” is an adventurous story involving two turkeys who must save their species from becoming Thanksgiving dinner by going back in time and rewriting the events of history. Actors Owen Wilson, Amy Poehler and Woody Harrelson collaborate to make this movie an animated sensation. You can watch the trailer for “Free Birds” on YouTube or stream it on Netflix.



An advertisement for “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.”

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### Home for the Holidays

In “Home for the Holidays,” Claudia Larson receives bad news just before heading home for the holidays, learning that

her daughter will be spending Thanksgiving with her boyfriend instead of with the family. Despite this, Claudia returns home for the holiday and spends the

evening with her dysfunctional family. You can watch the trailer for “Home for the Holidays” on YouTube or stream it on Apple TV+.

### Pieces of April

This movie centers around the story of April Burns (Katie Holmes). She lives in an apartment with her boyfriend in New York City, away from her parents and family. When April suddenly learns of her mom’s terminal cancer, she decides to have her family over for the holidays. You

can watch the trailer for “Pieces of April” on YouTube, or stream it on Apple TV+.

### Friendsgiving

“Friendsgiving” shares the story of two best friends, Molly and Abbey, who invite their friends over for Thanksgiving dinner. The movie’s chaotic humor and hysterical wit keep its audience captivated and fully entertained. You can watch the trailer for “Friendsgiving” on YouTube or stream it on Netflix.

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# 2021 UN Climate Change Conference overview

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The UN Climate Change Conference took place in Glasgow, Scotland between Oct. 31 and Nov. 12. This was the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) that brought together world leaders and activists looking to propose solutions for meeting the goals outlined in the 1994 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the 2015 Paris Agreement.

This year, the U.K. and Italy hosted COP26. Over 190 world leaders attended, alongside tens of thousands of government representatives, negotiators, businesses and citizens. It was over twelve days of discussion aimed at reducing emissions, increasing adaptability and resilience to the effects of climate change and increasing financial and general support for climate action.

Throughout the event, numerous speakers discussed issues pertinent to halting climate change, including U.K. Prime



Inside of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 3, 2021.

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Minister Boris Johnson, Prince Charles, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and Sir David Attenborough.

Other attendees included U.S. Pres. Joseph Biden and environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

The U.S. made their stance clear early on—that its intent was

to advance climate action to meet both national and international goals. The U.S. Department of State said that “The United States [is] committed to making the 26th Conference of the Parties... the turning point in global efforts to address the climate crisis. Mobilizing a whole-of govern-

ment approach, the United States is scaling up action at home and abroad to put the world on a path to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.”

One agreement reached during the conference was between the U.S. and China to cut emissions. As the world’s two largest

emitters of greenhouse gases, this agreement was considered a major success during the summit.

This agreement shows a continued shift in U.S. foreign policy toward tackling climate change under the Biden administration after former Pres. Donald Trump formally removed the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. Although Biden signed an executive order on his first day in office to rejoin this agreement, continued efforts indicate the U.S.’ current strides to put the nation at the forefront of international action.

On Nov. 13, delegates were seen working overtime in order to finalize a final agreement that aimed to sustain progress towards keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

COP26 President Alok Sharma spoke on the finalization of the deal and said, “This is a fragile win... whilst I do believe we have reached a historic agreement, what this will be judged on is not just the fact that countries have signed up, but it will be judged on whether they meet and deliver on the commitments.”

# Kyle Rittenhouse found not guilty on all counts

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Kyle Rittenhouse, the now 18-year-old who killed two people and injured another in a shooting at an antiracism protest last year in Kenosha, Wis., was acquitted on all charges Friday afternoon.

Under Wisconsin law, Rittenhouse was charged with intentional homicide, reckless homicide and attempted intentional homicide, according to The Guardian.

On Aug. 25, 2020, Rittenhouse traveled across state lines, from his home in Illinois to Kenosha, Wis., where the protest was taking place. At the protest, Rittenhouse then killed 26-year-old Anthony Huber and 36-year-old Joseph Rosenbaum. He also wounded 27-year-old Gage Grosskreutz, who testified during the trial.

Rittenhouse’s defense claimed that he acted in self-defense and was protecting property, because of the potential damage done to local businesses and buildings during the protests. Sahil and Anmol Khindri, two brothers from the car dealership Rittenhouse said he was defending, testified that the business didn’t request his protection.

At the dealership, footage shows Rittenhouse being chased

by a group of people before an unknown shooter fires into the air. Rosenbaum then throws a plastic bag and appears to lunge at Rittenhouse before being shot four times.

After fleeing the scene, Rittenhouse was then pursued by another group before he fell. While on the ground, three people rushed towards him; Rittenhouse shoots and kills the first, Huber, who was carrying a skateboard before shooting Grosskreutz in the arm.

This defense has sparked outrage across the country, as Rittenhouse drove his home to the protest, illegally possessing a weapon as he was a minor. Circuit Judge Bruce Schroeder dropped this charge early on, however, as he granted a defense motion.

Throughout the trial, protestors have gathered outside the Kenosha County Courthouse, with some wanting to see Rittenhouse acquitted and others advocating for his imprisonment.

At the trial, which lasted five days, there were numerous witness testimonies and videos presented to the jury, leaving them to determine whether or not Rittenhouse’s self-defense claims were valid.

According to witness Richie McGinniss, who took the stand on Thursday, Rittenhouse aimed his rifle at about a 45-degree angle before Rosenbaum “lunged toward him,” and was shot.



Outside of the Kenosha County Courthouse, where the trial was held, Kenosha, Wis., June 19, 2011.

Photo courtesy of Flickr/Jimmy Emerson.

Grosskreutz, who was shot by Rittenhouse, was a star witness in the case; he claimed that he thought that Rittenhouse was an active shooter. According to the New York Times, when prosecutor Thomas Binger inquired about what was going through Grosskreutz’s mind, he said that he thought he “was going to die.” However, Grosskreutz acknowledged that he didn’t have a permit for his concealed gun and that he pointed his gun at Rittenhouse first, before he was shot.

After more than 24 hours of jury deliberations, Circuit Judge Schroeder ruled that Rittenhouse was found not guilty on all five charges held against him. Schroeder said that he “couldn’t have asked for a better jury to work with,” and that the verdict “justifies the confidence that the founders of our country placed in [them].”

Despite this ruling, Schroeder was also criticized for his handling of the case, especially with the way he handled the

prosecutors.

According to NPR, Schroeder wouldn’t allow prosecutors to allow those shot and killed by Rittenhouse to be labeled as victims, yet allowed defense lawyers to label the same people as “looters” and “arsonists.”

Anticipating unrest after the verdict, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers deployed 500 National Guard members, according to NBC News. They will be on standby until further notice.

# Forensic science program ranked No. 1 in the country

BY KELLY ADKINS  
Student Life Editor

Universities.com scored the University of New Haven as the No. 1 forensic science school in the country, grading their career preparation as an “A+.”

The first-place ranking also included “A” level grades for students and culture, facilities and activities and groups, making the overall “excellent” threshold.

The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences offers a total of six forensic science degree programs, including an undergraduate degree with an option of a chemistry or biology concentration and masters degrees in forensic science and forensic technology. The program is also accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission.

In addition to the college itself, named after the forensic science

pillar, Henry C. Lee, the campus also hosts the Henry C. Lee Institute, also known as Gehring Hall. In the bottom-level of this building, there is a forensic technology lab including high-technological equipment such as the SICAR footwear impression system and the Integrated-Ballistics Identification System. On the top floor is Lee’s office, where—although retired—he conducts business and hosts an annual Advanced Homicide Investigation Symposium, the 44th being hosted on Dec. 11.

Although a pillar of the college, Lee is not the only field-experienced individual that students reap the benefits of. Michael Niedziejko, senior forensic science student, said one of the reasons he is generally pleased with the quality of his education is because of this faculty expertise.

“The faculty within the department allows for a more realistic expectation of a potential future career in a field related to foren-



Students work inside a forensic science lab at the University of New Haven, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon.

sic science,” he said.

Another factor to his satisfaction includes the plentiful resources and experiential learning. He specifically attributed his success to the Center for Learning Resources.

“The forensic science program has done well to provide a unique education that I don’t think I could get at another institution,” said Niedziejko.

With all of this in mind, Niedziejko said he has a good

idea of what he wants to do with his career, and exactly what it might look like in the real world, thanks to the hands-on experience, particularly in upper-level courses.

# Find your next passion project at 88.7 WNHU

BY KELLY ADKINS  
Student Life Editor

“To know where we are going, you have to know where we have been,” said Bruce Barber, WNHU general manager, on the importance of radio and audio production at the University of New Haven.

88.7 WNHU—the university’s radio station—is one of the university’s best kept secrets, but anyone can be a part of this hidden gem. Podcasts, broadcasts and customizable projects allow students to tailor their work to their passions and even fulfill curriculum requirements.

As general manager, Barber offers mentorship to students with his 43-year career experience as a radio personality. Many people within the greater New Haven area know him from the WPLR “Smith & Barber The Morning Show,” which ran from 1985 to 2003.

“Our main goal is just to benefit our students, whether it is just providing them with a fun opportunity or a chance to explore the podcast broadcast mediums, or get experience that could help them eventually get a job,” said Barber.

Students can get involved in WNHU in any way imaginable: passion projects, podcast production, broadcasting on the 88.7 f.m. stream, selecting music for the stream, website operation or even independent studies. There is also potential for paid



The door and wall leading into the WNHU 2 studio inside of the WNHU building, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

positions; if a student has shown initiative, has worked on the station in the past and there is a legitimate need, there can be paid positions created.

Amy Suraci, station manager and senior music industry major, attested to her own growth within the station. She started at WNHU her first year at the university by joining the promotions committee. This committee played music at events on campus and advertised the station on social media. The following year Suraci was hired as the assistant promotions director, and has been station manager for two years now.

With all of these positions,

she has hosted a number of radio shows, including two solo-shows, “Wednesday One-Play” and “6 O’Clock Throwback Block.”

What makes the station so special, according to Suraci, is “the creativity and dedication of the students that make WNHU feel like a family.”

She also credited Barber’s leadership, saying that “he has made WNHU a welcoming and safe-space for students to share their ideas.”

The 88.7 stream hosts community shows on the weekends—such as polka, Irish and Italian—but plays fully student-curated

music on weekdays; no music is over 10 years old. Members of the music committee select new songs every week to keep the stream up-to-date and modern.

Fostering growth and education, WNHU is also partnering with the new-and-improved UNIV 1114 course to create a series of productions on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Patrick McGrady, associate professor of sociology at the university, and Syd Myers, a junior homeland security and emergency management student and teaching assistant for the course, are spearheading this initiative.

Myers, as the sole teaching

assistant, hosts “The Grey Area” podcast—for conversations that are not just black and white—from the WNHU 2 studio. The show is used as a teaching aid in conjunction with McGrady’s curriculum.

“Students are often taught that if they are good at public speaking and writing papers, they are good at communicating; however, they often forget about the active listening side to communication,” said Myers. “With podcasting, it is very important to listen to the guests and hosts and respond rather than trying to think of the next thing to say.”

According to Myers, podcasts are the perfect medium for developing these skills because students are required to actively listen. It encourages students to digest the material at their leisure: on their commute, at the gym or going for a walk.

This type of content is exactly what Barber envisions for the future of WNHU.

“Since we have this ability to speak to people via the radio station and via our podcast page on our website, what I am trying to get our students to think about is creating meaningful content,” he said.

“Creating programming that speaks to the awareness we are having about inequality and social justice and in addition to having a great educational experience and a great extra-curricular opportunity, but to do things that are positive and can change the world.”

# Newly-surfaced confession tapes offer information on cold case

BY CHARGER  
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MERIDEN – Confession tapes of serial killers have surfaced in a case that changed liquor laws in Connecticut from more than 60 years ago. The tapes include interrogations of suspects in unrelated cases that remain unsolved and may contain new leads.

The tapes feature Joseph “Mad Dog” Taborsky and Arthur “Meatball” Culombe, who killed six people during robberies in the late 1950s and left 10 individuals critically injured. Connecticut

State Police Detective Sam Rome interrogated the suspects, eliciting the confessions using a variety of techniques the U.S. Supreme Court later determined violated the Constitutional rights of suspects. Taborsky was executed in 1960; Culombe died serving a life sentence.

Six additional hours of tapes, delivered during the summer to the museum by a nephew of Rome, are also being reviewed by retired cold case detectives to determine whether they contain information to help solve other cases. The tapes were digitized from old reel-to-reel tapes by volunteers at the museum. Volunteers said state police detectives have begun reviewing enhanced versions of the recordings with headphones.

“There’s a couple of other killers’ tapes in there, one of which we believe may be involved in the disappearance of some people who haven’t been recovered yet,” State Police Museum Chairman Jerry Longo



Mariah Towles sits with retired sergeant Ken Barton and listens to the confession tapes. Photo courtesy of Andy Thibault.

said during a Zoom interview with University of New Haven journalism students in October.

Longo did not identify the other cases, nor did state police.

Should the tapes contain viable leads, they would be offered to the State Police Major Crime Squad, Longo said.

“Those historical cases are both interesting and challenging,” said Dr. Henry C. Lee, founder of the Henry C. Lee Institute of Foren-

sic Science at the University of New Haven and a former state police commissioner.

Sgt. Dawn Pagan, a state police spokeswoman, did not offer information on the other case and cases undergoing review by the retired cold case detectives. She said, “Any cases being actively reviewed as a result of the confession tapes would be considered active and ongoing and would not be available for

public release.”

Pagan declined to say what might be learned from the other tapes. However, she said, “Any leads developed from the confession tapes... would be incredibly valuable to police.”

Brian Foley, assistant to the state police commissioner, weighed in on the potential value of the tapes in efforts to solve other missing persons cases.

“For a detective, a cold case never really goes cold,” Foley said. “The department is always looking for ways to reinvigorate or bring attention to help solve a crime that would be helpful for the victims’ families.”

The notorious signatures of the Mad Dog killers were gunshots to the head and chest and pistol whippings to the head.

The following is a list of murder victims with some details about each case. The Mad Dog killings by Taborsky and Culombe followed Taborsky’s

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## A breakdown of the university's news sources

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO  
Student Life Editor

With the Weekly Roundup, Weekly Gallop, Charger Nation News, Charger Blog, Charlie's Event Roundup and the Charger Bulletin, students at the university have multiple methods of receiving campus-related news.

Matthew McCullough, executive director of digital services, and Renée Chmiel, digital content producer, explained the distinction between each source.

Although they are very similar and somewhat interchangeable, each new source does hold its own unique duty. The Weekly Roundup and Weekly Gallop are typically more geared towards announcements and upcoming events at the university.

McCullough and Chmiel said that the Blog covers soft news pieces, whereas Charger Nation News covers the hard news.

“We just wanted to give [the students] a chance to see some good news that they might not be reading on if they don't go to the website,” said McCullough.

McCullough said that although the university is not as big as neighboring schools, such as Yale University or the University of Connecticut, there are still a lot of good things going on that should be highlighted.

“This is a way for us to let people know about it and get the story out there,” said Chmiel.

The main difference between those new sources and the Char-

ger Bulletin is that McCullough and Chmiel work for the university and specialize in public relations. This differs from a journalistic source like the Charger Bulletin, which covers any event considered newsworthy—good and bad—whereas their jobs are to highlight the best of what the university community is doing. Despite this, although not publicizing it, they work behind the scenes to resolve any negative reports or complaints heard.

Chmiel said, “We are not here to put out bad things out there about the university, I mean we are the marketing department, right? We are not doing that.”

As a part of marketing, McCullough said that these sources, along with the Charger Bulletin and Charger Bulletin News, are showcased to prospective students. They hope that these new sources continue to give value to the school and its positive reputation.

The two encourage students to reach out and pitch any stories to get involved.

“Bring all stories,” said McCullough, “If people have things, whether they bring it to Charger Bulletin, whether they bring it to our office—we just want to know about the things and what's happening.”

If interested in writing for any of these new sources please reach out to McCullough at mmccullough@newhaven.edu, Chmiel at rchmiel@newhaven.edu or the Charger Bulletin at chargerbulletin@newhaven.edu.

## University gives thanks during the start of the holiday season

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO  
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During the week leading up to Thanksgiving, in the spirit of giving back, the university community showed their thanks in a variety of events being hosted by organizations on campus.

On the Undergraduate Student Government Association Vice President of Community Advocacy and Diversity's Instagram story, a schedule of events for the “Thanksgiving Week of Celebration” was posted. This week-long celebration was sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership & Orientation, Campus Career Closet & Pantry, ACE Women's Network, Office of Advancement, Myatt Center for Diversity & Inclusion, Undergraduate Student Government Association, University Dining, Alpha Phi Omega and Happy UNew Haven.

The flyer read, “Enjoy a weeklong celebration of social, education and civic engagement opportunities before Thanksgiving break!”

Some donations that are currently occurring are the Class of 2021/2022 Gift Program, Socktember for Integrated Refugee & Immigration Services (IRIS) and Penny Wars for United Way. The Gift Program allows December graduates to donate to any University of New Haven college of their choice. Those who donate

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\$5 or more, receive a green and white philanthropy cord for commencement. Socktember allows students to donate new socks to the Bartels Info Desk, Career Development Center, Charger-REC and the Office of Residential Life. All socks are donated to the IRIS of New Haven. Finally, all of those who participated in the Penny Wars, which is used to benefit United Way of New Haven, are entered into a raffle for the chance to win a \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift card.

Some other events that were hosted for this celebration included the educational presentation of “The Whitewashing of Thanksgiving,” which took place on Nov. 16, the harvest market on Nov. 18 and ChargerTrot for IRIS Nov. 19.

University dining also was in the festive spirit as both FoD and Bartels offered Thanksgiving-themed foods to students. On Nov. 17, 60 commuter students without meal plans were given the opportunity to eat for free. They served food such as pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, stuffing and herb-roasted turkey breast.

Other departments and RSOs also hosted events. Many organizations wrote out “thank you” including USGA, who sent them out to faculty and staff. Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha and the Myatt Center hosted the Bundle Up Clothing Drive. Other events that occurred are Sharing Gratitude with HappyU New Haven and a Care Package Drive with Chi Kappa Rho.

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# The value of the university's Honors Program

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The University of New Haven Honors Program allows admission to students with "exceptional academic qualifications." As a member of the program, undergraduate students are granted access to a number of special privileges and opportunities.

Financially, honors students are granted \$1,000 in scholarships annually, with the opportunity to apply for the Hatfield scholar award for \$3,000 during their second and third years.

Honors students gain access to a panel of honors-exclusive courses each fall and spring semester, of which, honors students must take at least four to graduate. This comes alongside the privilege of early registration as part of the university's "special populations," coming just after senior credential enrollment.

Comparing our 3.3 GPA program requirement to others in the area, Quinnipiac University requires a matching 3.3 throughout students' time of enrollment; the University of Connecticut requires a 3.0 by the end of freshman year, 3.15 by the end of sophomore year, and 3.3 by the end of junior year. For comparison, the University of New Haven has an 83% acceptance rate while Quinnipiac has a 70% acceptance rate, and UConn has a 49% acceptance rate. For a less competitive school overall, the university actually has a more competitive honors program numerically.



A graduation cap and gown adorned with honors accolade cords.  
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Matthew Wranovix, the head of the program, confirmed the selectivity of the program. He said that the number of incoming first-year students fluctuates, but in the last few years has been averaging between 115 to 120. Compared to the school's overall population of about 5,000 undergraduate students, only about 3.5% are enrolled as honors students.

Now the true question comes down to the value of our school's Honors Program. After all, how much of an impact does being an honors student at the University of New Haven have?

For students in competitive majors, with high-demand course requirements, the perk of being part of the second group to register for classes eases some of the tensions of securing seats in certain courses. Fulfilling both requirements and desires every semester is arguably exponentially easier when you are able to register before the standard pop-

ulation dates assigned to juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

The Honors Program also allows for more hands-on experience with research, presentation and grad-school style work with an honors thesis requirement. The university thesis process begins with a class on developing a thesis proposal process in the spring semester of students' junior year, and ends in their final semester with thesis presentations. Through this process, students work on firsthand exploration on a topic of their interest alongside selected faculty members for a more individualized experience. Honors students also integrate their work into the honors community through their final presentations. This process enhances the undergraduate experience by breaking the monotony of standard in-class learning, as well as providing early experience on thesis work before graduate-level studies.

However, the course offerings

at the Honors level are limited, and favor some areas of study over others. These limits force many students to spend credits studying content that does not enhance their degree work or personal aspirations.

This upcoming spring semester, there are courses offered in a select range of subjects; however, they do not take into account the vast majority of students' disciplines. There are upper-level chemistry and biology courses, just one in each of the areas of arts, economics, finance, history, music and sound recording, management and two health sciences courses.

These courses only accommodate a small selection of the population, and for those in some of the largest areas of study such as criminal justice, psychology, forensics and homeland security, these courses with limited seating may not benefit students in all disciplines. Limited seating and course content forces many students to enroll in classes unrelated to their areas of study in order to fill honors requirements. These credits could otherwise be applied to information relevant to their fields.

In an effort to resolve the lack of diverse representation of course offerings in the university's Honors program—which seems to be its only true shortcoming—the university should consider allowing more professors in different fields of study to offer honors sections of their standard courses, or even special topics courses in the underrepresented areas in the program.

## New tapes

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first murder six years earlier. A bizarre series of events leading to freedom for Taborsky marked the interlude.

**March 23, 1950** – On his 25th birthday, Joseph Taborsky fatally shot West Hartford liquor store owner Louis Wolfson under the right eye. Taborsky's brother Albert Taborsky drove the getaway car and testified against his older brother Joseph. However, Albert Taborsky was declared legally insane after trial and sentencing and was institutionalized. The declaration ultimately freed Joseph Taborsky from death row because his brother was the only witness against him. He would become the only person in Connecticut to twice reside on death row.

**Dec. 15, 1956** – New Britain gas station owner Edward Kurpewski and Daniel Janowsky were shot execution style in the back of the head while kneeling,

by Arthur Culombe and Joseph Taborsky. Janowsky's toddler daughter was found alive in the back seat of her father's car.

**Dec. 26, 1956** – East Hartford liquor store owner Samuel Cohn was killed by a gunshot to the chest.

**Jan. 5, 1957** – Shoe store customers Bernard and Ruth Speyer of Meriden were pistol whipped and shot fatally in the head in North Haven. Store owner Frank Adinolfi, pistol whipped and left for dead, told police one of the killers asked for a size 12 shoe.

**Jan. 26, 1957** – The final murder victim, Hartford pharmacist John Rosenthal, was shot twice in the chest.

Rome, the detective who solved the Mad Dog case, was one of 12 children of immigrant parents. He grew up on Bellevue Street in the North end of Hartford. He applied to be a state trooper in 1937 and rapidly worked his way up to detective level. According to the late Hartford Courant reporter Gerald Demeusy in his book, "Ten Weeks of Terror," Rome gained renown in the department

and with the public for tricking rapists and robbers into confessing by engaging them in conversation, sometimes appearing to empathize with them and their plights.

"If ever there was a time we needed a Sam Rome, it's now," then Gov. Abraham Ribicoff said when the state police took over the case in the late 1950s. Ribicoff's comments are reported in Demeusy's book, which is an exhaustive and detailed account of the Mad Dog case.

Ribicoff changed his stance opposing the death penalty following the killing spree which primarily targeted liquor store owners. The legislature changed the closing times for liquor stores from 11 p.m. to 9 p.m. as a result of the murders, then to 8 p.m. in 1967. In recent years liquor stores have been allowed to stay open later, but many still opt to close by 8 p.m.

Rome pieced together finer details of the murders. His recollection that Taborsky wore size 12 shoes linked the killers to the beatings and murders at the North Haven shoe store. Rome

also brought in Taborsky's mother to persuade him to confess. Police also bugged the room where they met.

"When you hear the voices of the people from 1957... it's stunning," said Longo, also a retired state police detective sergeant.

Longo recalled Taborsky saying on the tapes, "Eh, I shot the guy in the chest," then admitting he followed up with a shot to the head as the victim whined and cried.

"Just like that – nothing," Longo said on Taborsky's lack of emotion or feeling.

Longo said requests to hear the tapes will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The public can arrange to visit the museum at 294 Colony St. in Meriden, by calling 203-440-3858 for appointments and tour information.

"The Connecticut State Police encourages those interested in the history of the department and its accomplishments on such high profile cases as the 'Mad Dog Taborsky' case," Pagan said.

"The ongoing review by students of the confession tapes reflects this interest."

# Language matters, especially when it was here first

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“A language is not just words. It’s a culture, a tradition, a unification of a community, a whole history that creates what a community is. It’s all embodied in a language,” said philosopher and father of modern linguistics Noam Chomsky in “We still live here – âs nutayuneân,” a 2011 documentary on the Wampanoag people’s journey to reclaim and revive their language.

If language is culture, then the English language, used as a tool to imperialize, colonize and genocide full populations of Native Americans is telling in its co-optation and perversion of Native American language.

Interactions between the Wampanoag people and Europeans were brutal. Members of the Wampanoag culture were murdered, stolen from and colonized. Although the same thing has happened repeatedly with other indigenous populations, the Wampanoag were the first in North America to experience it.

First, their population was decimated by disease by the first wave of English slave owners overtaking their shores. Then in 1620, the Wampanoags made the

strategic decision to aid the newly-arrived pilgrims by teaching them agricultural practices that would sustain them in trade for alliance, which was needed after two thirds of their population was killed.

This decision was followed by a long colonial history of withstanding legislation that was meant to destroy native populations. At the core of this legislative scheme was the destruction of native culture, largely through the methodical prohibition of native dialects.

The cultural importance of language, and subsequent national strength, is so important that in working to conquer native peoples, the U.S. spent the modern equivalent of \$2.81 billion to fund boarding schools whose purpose was to Americanize native children to speak English and practice Christianity.

A 2018 article released by The Administration for Native Americans said that of the 245 recorded indigenous languages, 65 were extinct and 75 were in danger of extinction. This has led to a native language revitalization effort in recent years.

What has been saved of native languages is commonly misused or perverted by English speakers, so much so that it is ingrained

in the English lexicon without much conscious thought from speakers.

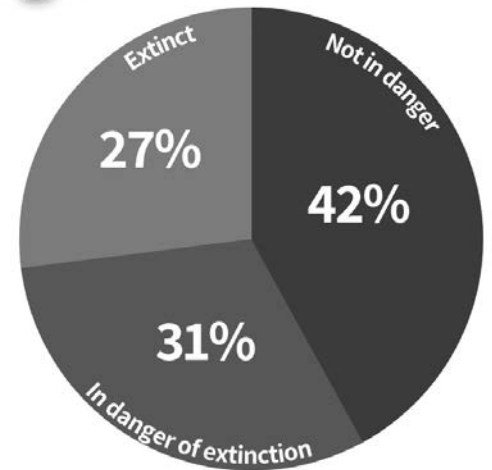
The most obvious, but overlooked example, is the use of the word “Indian” to describe indigenous Americans. First coined because Christopher Columbus thought that he had found the people of the West Indies, the word has continuously been misused. It has expanded to other terms such as “indian-giver,” “indian summer” and “and indian burn”—all similarly misappropriating the term harmfully.

Although controversially discussed, the word “chief,” used to denote senior positions in companies such as Editor-in-Chief, Chief Executive Officer and, ironically, Chief Diversity Officer, is another instance of misused language. While each native population had their own term for their leaders, upon European colonization of the region, each leader was generalized to the term “chief” derived from the French language.

Some indigenous people reject the term, while others have accepted and chose to revere it. In either perspective, whether a term of disrespect or reverence, chief is a term used by the English language to effectively homogenize all indigenous people

## Native American Language

AS OF 2018



Percentages based on 245 recorded languages

Data taken from the Administration for Native Americans: An Office of the Administration for Children & Families  
A subsection of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Graphic courtesy of Isabelle Hajek.

as one, and to reappropriate it in the English language is to further degenerate native culture by either perpetuating disrespectful language or stripping away the dignity of the title by so liberally bequeathing it.

The pièce de resistance of the co-optation of native language is the renaming of prolific Native Americans. There is a mainstream understanding of their original names, yet from history lessons to Thanksgiving articles

the Westernized monikers continue to be used.

It’s not Geronimo. It’s Goyathlay of the Bedonkohe Apache. It’s not King Philip. It’s Metacomet of the Wampanoag. It’s not Joseph Brant. It’s Thayendanegea of the Kanien’kehá:ka. It’s not Chief Joseph. It’s Heinmot Tooyalakekt of the Nez Perce.

Names are important. They’re an identity, a cultural ode, so learn them. Learn theirs.

# Romance and relationships: Is it all just a façade?

BY SAIGE BATZA  
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Have you ever been in a relationship and questioned if it was love at first sight? What about those of you who have never been in a relationship, what is it like for you? There is a plethora of highs and lows in mature relationships; the pros, cons and cliches that many of us have witnessed in television and the media.

Being in a relationship requires a copious amount of commitment, dedication, communication and loyalty. However, it is easy to recognize when couples are struggling with their communication, which often happens at the beginning of the relationship when they are still learning about each other. Although there are problems that every couple faces at the beginning of their relationship, it becomes easier when you figure out the best way to communicate and stay committed to your partner. You’ve heard it said before that “actions speak louder than words,” and in the case of relationships, this statement remains true. A relationship can only survive if each person is whole-heartedly willing to compromise, make sacrifices and



Two people hold hands while outside.  
Photo courtesy of Unsplash/Brooke Cagle.

communicate effectively.

I’ve always considered myself a hopeless romantic, as I often spend my time watching romantic comedies on Netflix and reading romance novels written by Nicholas Sparks. Since I was a little girl, I have been considered a romantic at heart.

Although I’ve only dated a few guys before and don’t have

much experience with long-term relationships, I can certainly attest to being the third wheel in many of them. As my friends start to engage in serious, committed relationships with their partners, it is hard to interact with couples who are so invested in their relationships all the time, simply because you can often feel like an outsider. In my

personal experience, I’ve learned to whole-heartedly embrace my friends’ relationships and support them in ways that make me feel like less of an outsider and more of an ally.

Have you ever watched a romantic movie and laughed to yourself, thinking, “This kind of love isn’t real, it doesn’t happen this way in real life?”

You may think that love-at-first-sight is simply a façade made up by hopeless romantics such as myself, but I know firsthand that it is real and does, in fact, happen in real life. My parents, for instance, met in elementary school; my mom was the typical popular girl and my dad was a quiet, reserved student. Cliché, right? Well, one summer day 20 years into the future, my dad made a call to a woman he found listed in the White Pages phonebook. She answered reluctantly, and the rest was history. Fast-forward again, 25 years after their wedding day, my parents are still just as in-love as they were when they met the second time around.

My parents’ story affects my optimistic perspective about love by positioning the bar just in the right place, not too high and certainly not too low. I personally believe that my outlook on relationships stems from my parents’ ability to show a healthy amount of affection towards each other, and to me growing up alongside them. I am grateful to have learned so much about love and relationships, just by witnessing their love story everyday.

Just think – you may have already met the love of your life and you just don’t realize it.

# Football wins Bentley rematch, advances to second round

BY TYLER WELLS  
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"We'll be back," a player from the Bentley University football team said to the crowd as New Haven celebrated their Northeast-10 (NE-10) Championship on Nov. 7; they got their wish. In a surprising NCAA first round matchup, Bentley made the trip back to West Haven to face the Chargers for the second time.

In a rematch of the NE-10's top teams, No. 18 New Haven walked away with a win over No. 20 Bentley, 38-13. The Chargers were in control for the entire game, playing at their pace and outplaying the Falcons in arguably their most impressive win of the season.

Bentley received the ball first looking for an early lead to put New Haven on their heels. Instead, the Chargers defense showed why they were the conference's best, forcing Bentley to a quick three-and-out. A short punt placed New Haven just past midfield, giving the offense an opportunity to score early.

Quarterback Connor Degenhardt started the drive with a pass to wide receiver Dev Holmes for 11 yards, and later connected with WR Kasi Hazzard for a 19-yard gain to enter the red zone. The drive stalled there, as Bentley held New Haven to a field goal.

Trailing 3-0, Bentley entered their second drive needing a score to settle into the game. They put

together an extended, 75-yard drive, chipping away New Haven's standout defense, leading to a rushing touchdown. Bentley missed the extra point attempt and took a 6-3 lead in the second quarter.

After a pair of short drives for each side, New Haven lined up at midfield looking to retake the lead. Degenhardt led the drive, starting by connecting with WR Javon Turner for a nine-yard catch. He then found Holmes once again, this time for a 16-yard gain to put the ball at the 19-yard line.

Degenhardt and running back Zach Mauro combined to rush for 18 yards over the next four plays to place the Chargers on the goal-line. With the Bentley defense jamming the middle of the line, Degenhardt pushed his way through on a sneak to give New Haven a 10-3 lead.

With 4:31 left in the first half, Bentley had the ball for under a minute before punting again, giving New Haven a chance to extend their lead before the break.

The Chargers eventually found themselves on the 12-yard line with just 25 seconds left; Degenhardt took the snap and kept it on a read option, looking for the end zone. He ran to his left and cut back, finding a lane for a touchdown. He dove into the end zone and rose with an emphatic yell, punctuating a first half that gave New Haven a two-score lead over Bentley.

New Haven received out of half with a chance to effectively

bury the Falcons. They did just that, as Degenhardt connected with Holmes over the middle of the field, breaking past the corner and shaking off a tackle from the safety. Holmes was able to walk the remaining 30 yards into the endzone and give New Haven a 24-6 lead.

On the ensuing Bentley drive, linebacker Khalim Cisse forced a fumble that the Chargers recovered at their own 41-yard line. In the blink of an eye, New Haven's offense was on the field again.

The Chargers turned to the run game to start taking time off the clock, as Mauro ran for 34 yards in the drive to help set New Haven up for a field goal attempt. This attempt was no good, but the third quarter was now nearly over.

Bentley's offense drove deep into New Haven territory before facing a fourth down at the nine-yard line. Rather than taking the points and cutting the lead to 15, they elected to go for it. The New Haven defense came up with the stop to effectively end the game.

After taking time off the clock and eventually punting, Bentley's offense took over. However, defensive lineman Addison Hunter forced and recovered a fumble on Bentley's 19-yard line as the Falcons failed to hold onto the ball again.

After 18 rushing yards from Mauro, Degenhardt punched in his third rushing touchdown of the game to make the lead 31-6. On the very next Bentley play,



The New Haven defense lines up against Bentley University, West Haven, Nov. 20. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon.

defensive back Khyon Fitzpatrick picked off a pass and returned it for a touchdown, turning the game into a complete 38-6 blowout.

Bentley went on to score a touchdown before losing an onside kick and giving New Haven the ball with just over two minutes left. Three Mauro rushes later and the game clock hit zero, with the Chargers advancing in the playoffs.

Degenhardt finished with 144 passing yards, 38 rushing yards and four total touchdowns. Mauro led all rushers with 123 yards on the ground, while Holmes added 104 receiving yards and a touchdown. Defensively, New Haven was led by LBs Jermell Brandon and Ryan Hodgins, who had seven and six tackles respectively. Fitzpatrick also had five tackles to go alongside his interception.

"All week Bentley has been saying that two weekends ago was a fluke," Mauro said. "That kind of fired us up all week and we came back with a purpose today."

With the win, New Haven moves onto the second round of the NCAA playoffs and will face the top-ranked team in the region Kutztown University. The Golden Bears are 10-1, with the only common opponent being Assumption University whom they beat 19-0 earlier this year.

"Work starts tomorrow," New Haven head coach Chris Pincince said after the game. "Learn as much as we can about Kutztown [before] heading out to Pennsylvania and see what we can do."

Kickoff at Andre Reed Stadium in Kutztown is scheduled for 12:05 p.m. Saturday. Information can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Volleyball battles, loses championship to American International

BY TYLER WELLS  
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The New Haven women's volleyball team came up just short in the Northeast-10 (NE-10) Championship on Saturday, losing to American International College 3-2. It took the full five sets, but the one-seed Yellow Jackets pulled ahead in the final frame to walk away with the title.

These two teams played earlier this year, with the Chargers winning 3-1. This was a different Yellow Jacket team, though, that won 19 of 20 matches following the loss, with the victories coming in a row.

New Haven got out to a hot start, a contrast to the semifinals. A series of attack errors from American International and kills by freshman outside hitter Macy Brown and senior middle hitter Asiya Way gave the Chargers an 11-5 lead. The Yellow Jackets went on a run of their own, scoring nine straight points to take the lead.

The two sides went back-and-forth, but New Haven never made up the deficit. A kill from conference Player of the Year Andrea Serra-Rosa ended the set and gave American International the early lead.

In the second set, New Haven again benefited from errors to build



New Haven's Jessica Akiona spikes against an AIC player, Springfield, Mass. Nov. 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

a lead. Senior right side Jessica Akiona, who helped carry the Chargers in the semifinal, added three early kills to build a 14-11 lead. The score remained close until the end of the set, when consecutive Yellow Jackets kills made it 24-23. An attack error would end the streak, preserving the second set win for New Haven.

Each side looked to take an advantage in the third set, with everyone on the New Haven attack getting involved. Akiona and Brown started it with a pair of kills, while junior outside hitter Emily Barry and sophomore middle hitter Emily Smith contributed kills of their own. The two sides traded kills, and the score remained within a few points the

entire set.

Three straight kills from Barry gave New Haven a 16-14 lead, before a small run by the Yellow Jackets evened the score at 18. The Chargers went on a run of their own, outscoring American International 5-1 off three Akiona kills to take a controlling 23-19 lead.

The Yellow Jackets, sensing the importance of winning the set, came back with four unanswered points to tie the match at 23. With the crowd at American International getting loud, Way provided the silencer: back-to-back kills to give New Haven the set and 2-1 advantage in the match.

Facing elimination, the Yellow Jackets showed why they are the top-ranked team in the region

during the fourth set. Their attack, led by the powerful right arm of Serra-Rosa, was nearly indefensible, picking apart the New Haven defense each point. The Chargers' play was also sloppy, giving the Yellow Jackets points off uncharacteristic errors. An exclamation point from Serra-Rosa gave them a 25-17 win and had the home crowd buzzing as the match went into a deciding fifth set.

American International seemed poised to run away with the set as three straight points had New Haven reeling. However, the Chargers turned to the players that got them to this point; Barry and Akiona both had kills as New Haven tied the set at three. Kills by Akiona, Brown and Way kept the score even at eight as each side was just seven points from an NE-10 Championship.

The Yellow Jackets opened a slim 13-10 lead before a kill by Smith gave serving privileges back to New Haven. On the ensuing rally, a bump from Barry sailed to the top of the net. It traveled to the other side, as two defenders and Leon-Tabor jumped for it. The American International players hit the ball first, as Leon-Tabor tipped it back up on the way down. The ball was then set for Brown in position, who sent a spike to the back corner; however, the play was

blown dead, and a point awarded to the Yellow Jackets.

The official ruled that it was a back setter violation meaning that Leon-Tabor, who started the rally in the back court, hit the ball when it was above the net. Replays showed that this wasn't the case, but the point was not overturned. Instead of cutting the lead to one, New Haven now faced match point. The next play was a service ace, giving American International the NE-10 title.

Akiona finished the night with a team-leading 16 kills, while Barry and Brown added 12 kills each. Way contributed 10 kills and a team leading six blocks. Leon-Tabor also had 52 assists, capping off a great debut season for the freshman setter.

New Haven's focus will now shift to the NCAA Regionals, where they should have an at-large bid. Coming into the week, they ranked seventh in the region; a dominant win against Stonehill and a near-victory against American International should help a case to improve their rankings.

More information on their upcoming schedule can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com). Recaps on New Haven's entire playoff run can be found at [ChargerBulletin.com](http://ChargerBulletin.com).