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Football wins big against Lincoln University during family weekend

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Sports Editor

Rain was no match for the New Haven football team on Saturday, Oct. 7 as the team hosted the Lincoln University Oaklanders, shutting them out in a lopsided 38-0 affair. It was a special game day for New Haven, as families lined the seats to commemorate family weekend. It was also their annual breast cancer awareness game where many of the players and fans sported pink apparel to show their support.

After the first quarter, the team honored Pink Clover Foundation Comfort Care recipients Essi Hounsinou, Sylvia Rivera, Michelle Smith and Monica Herold. The recipients were each given a \$2,000 check to help with their ongoing battle with breast cancer. The Pink Clover Foundation was started by the friends and family of former New Haven football player Sam Sorbello in 2017, after he lost his wife, Colleen, due to breast cancer.

Considering the special occasions taking place, the Chargers were determined and ready to go at the start of the game. Running back Jayden Shwed started the momentum, recovering a muffed punt which set up New Haven's first score of the game. This touchdown was scored by tight end Kevin



New Haven celebrates a touchdown, West Haven, Oct. 7, 2023.
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Foelsch, receiving the seven-yard pass from quarterback Daelen Menard. When the Chargers got the ball again, kicker Vincenzo DeSimone connected on a 23-yard field goal to take a 10-0 lead. Lincoln attempted to answer back from their own 34, but failed to convert on fourth down, coming up a yard short.

New Haven was forced to switch things up on the offense after Menard suffered an injury due to a late hit on the second series. Backup quarterback Jack Chandler stepped up with a 21-

yard touchdown pass to Foelsch. Chandler continued adding to this success with a flawless pass down the sideline to wide receiver Javon Turner for an 88-yard touchdown.

Later in the first half, wide receiver Kha'lil Eason recovered and returned a blocked punt for a score. This was followed by another blocked punt and a two-yard scoring pass from Chandler to graduate tight end Zoltan Panyi for the final touchdown of the game. This was Panyi's first collegiate touchdown after switching positions from

quarterback to tight end for the benefit of the team. With so much excitement in the first half, the Chargers were nothing but elated for Panyi's achievement.

The score was 38-0 going into the second half, with the Chargers unable to add to the score. New Haven was able to hold the Oaklanders to 32 yards on 35 rushing attempts. Lincoln finished with 137 yards of offense. The defense for New Haven was led by linebackers Devin O'Malley and Joe Vitale, along with defensive lineman Jack Quander, with six

tackles. Interceptions were made by defensive backs Juan Rosario and Chima Opara.

After an all-out team effort, the Chargers dominated on the special day, defeating Lincoln University 38-0. This game concluded non-conference play for New Haven and advanced them to a 5-1 overall record. The Chargers are still 3-0 in the Northeast-10 conference and will host Saint Anselm on Saturday, Oct. 14 for their homecoming game. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Kevin McCarthy ousted as House Speaker

BY ERIN SMITH
Politics Editor

Kevin McCarthy (R-Cal.) was voted out of his United States House of Representatives speakership on Oct. 3 by a 216-210 vote. 208 House democrats voted to remove McCarthy and eight House Republicans joined them to remove McCarthy. This is the first time in U.S. history that the House of Representatives has removed its leader.

The vote to overthrow McCarthy's speakership was orchestrated by Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) on the "motion to vacate." He has been a longtime rival of McCarthy and tried to stop him from becoming speaker in 2023. Gaetz's motivations have been questioned on why he pushed to remove McCarthy. "This isn't a critique

of the individual - it's a critique of the job. The job hasn't been done," Gaetz said.

"Kevin McCarthy is a creature of the swamp. He has risen to power by collecting special interest money and redistributing that money in exchange for favors. We are breaking the fever now," Gaetz said after the vote.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) said in a letter to colleagues that he wants to work with Republicans, but he was unwilling to provide the votes needed to save McCarthy.

"It is now the responsibility of the GOP members to end the House Republican Civil War," Jeffries said, announcing the Democratic leadership would vote for the motion to oust the speaker.

In the past year, the Republican controlled House has brought the U.S. to the brink of a default on U.S. debt of \$31.4 trillion and a government shutdown.

Before the removal, McCarthy worked with House Democrats to keep the federal government open, abandoning the right side's demands for spending cuts. A temporary funding bill was passed to avoid a shutdown and it was McCarthy's choice to work with Democrats on the bipartisan issue that triggered the motion to vacate his position.

"I fought for what I believe in," McCarthy said. "I believe I can continue to fight, but maybe in a different manner."

Legislative activity will come to a halt until a new Speaker of the House is elected. White House press

secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that President Joe Biden "hopes the House will quickly elect a Speaker," with another government shutdown looming if more funding is not passed by Nov. 17. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) will serve as the speaker pro tempore, according to House rules, until a new speaker is elected. The House will meet on Oct. 10 to discuss possible speakers and will vote on Oct. 11.

Possible candidates for the position are House Majority Leader Steve Scalise who serves as the number two Republican but currently has an ongoing battle with blood cancer. Kevin Hern, the chairman of the Republican Study Committee, the largest conservative group in the House, has "been approached by

multiple members and is taking it very seriously," a source familiar told CNN. House Judiciary Chair Jim Jordan and House Majority Whip Tom Emmer are also contenders.

However, Emmer is providing Scalise with support. "Steve Scalise has been a friend for a long time. He would be a great speaker," he said.

To elect a new Speaker, the House needs to be in a quorum, the minimum number of members are present to proceed. The speaker nominees from each party will be read aloud and then a roll-call vote will take place.

Members of the House will call out the name of who they vote for as speaker and whoever gets the majority of votes will become the new Speaker of the House.

Firearm open carry criminalized in CT

BY FAITH ARCURI
Staff Writer

As of Oct. 1, 2023, the open carrying of a firearm is now illegal in Connecticut. The new law came into effect due to complaints to police from people who were alarmed by the display of guns. The law will allow people to carry their guns, but they need to be concealed. Concealed carry is legal in the state with a Connecticut Pistol Permit (CTPP) or a Certificate of Eligibility for Pistol and Revolvers or Long Guns or Ammunition.

Paul Melanson, Avon's police chief and president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association said on the new law, "as far as open carry versus concealed, it makes our job easier in that,

when we are called for a person open carrying, we can now identify them and confirm they actually have a pistol permit, where in the past they could refuse to identify themselves and refuse to produce their permit."

The law also provides other important provisions. First, it limits the sale of handguns to three in any one month, increases training requirements for gun permit holders and raises the minimum age to purchase a semiautomatic rifle from 18 to 21. Second, it increases requirements for safe storage of guns. Third, it closes loopholes in the state's ban on assault weapons by including other firearms with banned features.

Gov. Ned Lamont

signed this bill back on June 6, 2023, which has recently come into effect in October.

"This bill that I just signed takes smart and strategic steps to strengthen the laws in Connecticut to prevent tragedy from happening," Lamont said. "As more and more shootings have occurred over the last decade - including mass shootings - federal and state laws have not kept up with the innovative ways firearm companies are manufacturing guns, especially those that are being designed with the sole intention of killing the largest number of people possible in the shortest amount of time."

Police will now be required to submit reports on anyone they stop for violating the

concealed carry law. Their reports will be sent to the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at the University of Connecticut, which will then report the findings to state leaders each year.

For first-time violations of the new law, it is a class B misdemeanor, a maximum prison term of six months and a fine of \$1,000. For multiple violations, it is a class A misdemeanor, a maximum term of one year in prison and a \$2,000 fine. An outline of a gun under clothing and while engaged in self-defense are not violations.

Throughout the United States, laws on open carry versus concealed carry vary from state to state. Florida prohibits open carrying of fire-

arms, whereas Pennsylvania allows open carrying and New York does not address open carry in state law.

Lamont said regarding the U.S. federal gun laws, "Our country still needs strong federal laws on firearm safety and gun violence prevention with the breadth to impact every state. The inaction of Congress on critical legislation to keep Americans safe requires each state to act individually. Over the years, Connecticut has shown time and again that we can improve public safety by implementing reasonable gun violence prevention laws while also respecting the rights of Americans to own guns for their own protection and sportsmanship."

Rainy Saturday did not damper Family Day

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
Arts & Life Editor

Family Day is an annual fall semester event that had many families show up and have fun with their students. Even with the rain on Saturday's event, nothing stopped people from going to different events held on Family Fun Day.

The day started with students and their guests checking into the event at the Beckerman Recreation Center. Check-in was busy, according to Ally Kocivar, the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation's (CSELO's) associate director for programming. Kocivar said that about 1,900 people registered, with many more getting tickets day-of.

"Folks seemed excited to be here," Kocivar said in relation to the busy check-in. Kocivar also said that despite the weather, "people still seemed excited" and the rain "didn't seem to dampen [families'] mood at all."

The excitement could be seen in the large number of people that showed up to different events held under Family Fun Day.

The Multi-Activity Court in the Rec Center had rows of chairs filled at 10:30 a.m. when the University



Family Day festivities in front of David A. Beckerman Center, West Haven, Oct. 7, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Amir Phelmetto.

of New Haven Interim President Sheahon Zenger held a welcome speech for the families.

Many events were canceled due to the rain, such as the Inflatable Fun Fest and the Lawn Games, however, it was easily replaced by a board game event with a cotton candy machine in the German Club.

Other events were able to get moved, such as the movie night at 7:30 p.m. that originally presented *The Little Mermaid* in the Bixler/Gerber quad, which was moved to the Bucknall Theater.

And some events such as the *Grit n' Wit* from 4 to 7 p.m.

at Kathy Zolad Stadium along with other indoor events were still held at their designated times and locations.

According to Kocivar, all these Family Fun Day events are brainstormed and planned starting in the July prior to the fall semester, and even advertise it during the summer's Student Orientation, Advising and Registration. "We know for our first-year families, it's especially important since it's their first time and first opportunity hearing about the event," said Kocivar. "So we want to make sure they know what it is and plan accordingly for their

schedules. We work with a couple of other offices on campus to plan the different events that happen on Family Day."

CSELO worked with a multitude of student affairs offices for the day such as the Office of Residential Life who held their open house at 2 p.m., and the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion who held their open house at 2:30 p.m.

Some campus organizations that had helped out were the Undergraduate Student Government Association and the Student Committee of Planning and Events, the latter of which holds the Inflatable

Fun Fest that turned into the rainy-day board game event.

And even with the rain, students and families still showed up showing off their Charger Pride by wearing New Haven gear, according to Kocivar.

"I love getting to see students and their families interact with us," said Kocivar. "It's just so nice to see that even the families are invested just as much in our campus community as our students."

If you're interested in attending CSELO's other events, check out their Charger Connection page or their Instagram page [unewhavencselo](https://www.instagram.com/unewhavencselo).

PRIDE's Second Chance Prom provides a "Starry Night"

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
Arts & Life Editor

"Starry Night" is a notably popular prom theme, used in high schools across the country. This theme laid the groundwork in constructing the aesthetic of PRIDE's Second Chance Prom held in the German Club this past Thursday night.

The Second Chance Prom was held for those who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community who were unable to attend or enjoy their prom in high school. PRIDE's prom promoted attendees to wear what they wanted, come with who they wanted and just have fun.

Attendees walking into the prom passed through silver door streamers and were checked in at a table with tiny fake stars on it. Table settings included small, fake clouds and golden table runners. Off to the side was a photo station with a gray-blue background and fake clouds and stars to decorate the setting.

Classic pop songs such as "Beauty and the Beat" by Nicki Minaj and Justin Bieber and "Don't Stop the Music" by Rihanna had played and got attendees to get up and dance. A couple of those dancers were members of the PRIDE executive board: PRIDE secretary and junior criminal justice major AJ Stack, and the president and senior cybersecurity and networks major Destiny Ray.

In an interview at the event, Ray said that the Second Chance Prom was open to everyone, including anyone who could not go to their prom for a variety of reasons, along with those within the LGBTQ+ community who did go to their proms but were discriminated against.

Stack agreed with Ray and shared their own experience of going to a traditional prom, and how proud he is of the Second Chance Prom. "I wasn't really out yet. I wasn't comfortable with myself," said Stack. "So even though I'm in the background, setting it up, it's just nice to see everyone



Attendees of the Second Chance Prom, West Haven, Oct. 5, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Alexis Dawkins-Maldonado.

having fun and you know, getting [to have] the experience that they truly deserve because, you know, their identities and their experience, they matter."

Ray then talked about the different recognized student organizations (RSOs) for helping set up the event. Dance-based RSOs such as Incendio Dance Project, Monsoon Dance Crew and Illuminate Dance Club to cultural organizations such as the Latin American Student Association and the Muslim Student Association, among many more, had helped set up the event. Stack said that he and Ray were "extremely grateful" for the support from these RSOs, who helped make the event memorable and special. The event's specialness was seen in the large amount of people who came out to have fun at the prom and seen in the fun they were having, between the dancing and hanging out. Stack and Ray both said how excited they were to reveal the winners of the night's prom royalty.

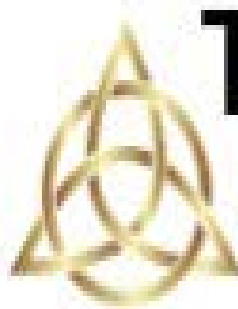
Out of thirteen contestants, one of them being a solo contestant, one duo

took the crowns: the prom royalty winners were Laila Haughton, a senior criminal justice major, and Teyah

Greene, a senior psychology major.

If you are interested in attending any more of

PRIDE's events, check out their Charger Connection page or look at their Instagram page, unewhavenpride.



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Get spooky for Halloween

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If you're looking to get spooky this Halloween season, there are places to visit all over the country to get in the Halloween spirit. If you are in the New Haven area, Halloween season is one of the best times of the year, so be sure to go out and check out some of these locations.

Fright Haven

Fright Haven is a non-profit aimed to support their Stratford, Conn. community. Only a 20 minute drive, this 20,000+ sq. ft. location has different themed haunted attractions to walk through. That is, if you make it through. The actors have unbelievably realistic costumes and makeup which only add to the fear factor of their jump scares.

Crawl-O-Ween

This is an annual bar crawl at 124 Temple Street, New Haven on Saturday, Oct. 28 running from 12 to 11:59 p.m. There will be over 12 bars, spooky drink specials, cash giveaways, \$5,000 costume contest, DJs and so much more is available. Rated R and must be 21+ for admittance!

Fright Fest Six Flags

They are notorious for their rides, decorations and hired scarers, so check out the park until Nov. 5 for Fright Fest. Day passes go for \$45 and you can experience the park's thrills and haunted attractions on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 to 11 p.m., 12 to 10 p.m. and 12 to 9 p.m., respectively.

Salem, MA

If you're really in the ghostly spirit this October, check out the different events going on

in infamous Salem. Just past Boston, this family-friendly but equally spooky town hosts many events during the day and nighttime through this month and most of November. Be a part of a live trial of the 1692 Salem Witch Trials at the Gallows Hill Museum and find out if you're innocent or guilty. Afterward, get some feel-good fair food at the Salem Common Food Court, or experience Lanterns in the Village by strolling through the Historic Pioneer village (similar to that of the movie Hocus Pocus) lined with jack-o-lanterns while listening to spooky tails on the trails.

Summertown, Tennessee

If you're really into all things ultimately scary, we don't recommend participating but instead looking up the infamous Tennessee haunted house called McKamey Manor. Going for 20 years strong, Russ McKamey's extreme haunted house requires more than a standard haunted attraction. One would need a doctor's note of good health, a 40-page waiver, must pass a background check, have their phone screened and much more to go. McKamey initially offered a grand prize of \$20,000 to anyone who completes the challenge but eventually had to get rid of it because it was "attracting the crazy ones." Since there is much controversy over whether McKamey is actually running an illegal torture chamber of sorts, he records every participants' experience and posts them for viewing to show exactly what goes on in these up to 6-hour tours. Just head to www.mckameymanor.com and you'll be frightened enough.

Women in Cybersecurity celebrates first year as official RSO

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-
MALDONADO
Staff Writer

"The origin of this organization began in 2019 with Courtney Hassenfield, an alumnus of our school," said Sankofa Benzo, a senior cybersecurity student and president of the organization.

Benzo said the organization "is essentially about giving professional and technical development to women and focusing on the marginalized gender in cybersecurity."

She explained that the organization's name could be misleading; the organization welcomes people of all genders, races and majors. "It is always nice to not just have the people that we are representing, but also have allies, we have done things such as resume workshops and interview skills for all different students," said Benzo.

Other events that the organization have done include collaborations with the CDC and doing a facilitation and advocacy workshop with the MIT center. They have also done a CTF competition, similar to Jeopardy,

while discussing well-known cybersecurity topics such as cryptographs, forensics, open-source intelligence and other topics. "It's all-encompassing, but with our organization we like to take it step by step and we cater to what our members want to learn," said Benzo.

"I will always ask what you want to do," Benzo said, "please tell us [what you want] because we are here to serve you, we will always chime in with things that we [the seniors] have learned from internships and classes."

When asked about the future, Benzo said that the organization wants to begin a Personal Branding Workshop, "in which we are already talking to the CDC about, as a collaboration." The organization also plans to host a Cryptography Workshop on Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "This will be with the Hacking Club and Boston Cybernetics Institute. It will be fun and signups for RSVP will be up soon," said Benzo.

"Also, the month of Oc-

tober is Cyber Security Awareness Month, so we are thinking about tabling to advertise our organization sometime this month," Benzo said. "We also plan to put flyers up advertising our club, as well as this newspaper article, to spread word about our program and what we are offering."

"After some icebreakers, we then get to a brief presentation on what we will be covering that day, whether that be Wireshark and how the exploit works, trajectories of certain attacks and other topics," said Benzo. Benzo also dove into the hands-on experience of the weekly meeting, explaining how each one has some interactive portion that takes up much of the allotted time.

"Join our organization, you do not have to be a genius, everyone was a beginner at some point, no need to feel as if you are not qualified to join," Benzo said.

For more information, follow the organization on Instagram page at [wicys_unewhaven](https://www.instagram.com/wicys_unewhaven).

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University's 2023 Security Report is overtly vague

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The University of New Haven Police Department (UPD) released their annual Security and Fire Safety Report earlier this month. Following a detailed rundown of definitions and legal guidelines for the items measured in the report, the document provided a severely broad rundown of the safety measures and events recorded in recent years on campus. The information, which did not begin until page 27, was displayed in a table format outlining records from 2020 through 2022.

In 2022, three rapes were reported in residential facilities on campus — a drop down from the eight reported in the previous calendar year. There was also one account of domestic violence reported in 2022, the first of any in recent years. We cannot know much more, in a proper respect of victims' privacy.

There were two incidents of aggravated assault in 2022, following a clean streak of none in 2020 and 2021. 2022 also saw two burglaries, one of which occurred in an on-cam-

pus residential facility, and one motor vehicle theft. These numbers are identical to those in the previous year. It would be helpful here to know just slightly more on the location of the incidents, so that students can be more mindful of where violence and malice have been successfully inflicted on the small campus.

Drinking holds its place on every college campus, but students have no transparent idea of how often punishment is dealt for those underage. In 2022, the university filed 47 liquor law violations which were referred for disciplinary action. This is almost 30 less from 2021, which recorded 76 of said violations. No arrests have been recorded from 2020-2022.

Drug usage reports have been much less frequent on campus, with 14 disciplinary actions in 2022 and 16 in 2021. Like with alcohol, no student arrests have been made.

In a diverse campus like the one of the University of New Haven, protection of values surrounding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging are of importance to the community. Last calendar year saw no hate

crimes reported on campus, and only one per year reported in 2021 and 2020. It can be noted that the report defines a hate crime as "an offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim." This bias can be as a result of a person's "race, gender, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, or disability."

The report also tallies unfounded crimes in relation to the university, which are deemed such if "sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel make a formal determination that the report is false or baseless." While there were none reported in 2021-2022, there were three on record in 2020.

The university's Tuscan campus in Prato, Italy, saw no reports of criminal offenses or disciplinary referrals in 2022 or 2021.

From a perspective standing inside of the student body, the tallies of incidents in which students are victims feel severely underreported. This comes in a combination of students being afraid to speak

up and an environment that is not doing enough for students to feel comfortable opening up about being a victim of any sort of on-campus incident. Sexual violence is much more common on campus than this report reflects, and other incidents of violence or malice occur with a certainty of more frequency than this report seems to have accounted for. Students need to be given a platform to feel more comfortable reporting their experiences so that these incidents can be accounted for and those in perpetrating positions held liable. At the very least, we need administration to know that these minimal numbers do not tell the entire story.

Full copies of the report are available digitally and across campus. It was also distributed in a PDF format to faculty and staff, but was not made equally accessible for the student population, and was not properly advertised for students to educate themselves on the campus climate from a safety angle. For more information, or to report any concerning incidents, contact UPD at (203) 932-7014.

The trials and tribulations of leading an RSOBY WILLIAM HINCK
Columnist

Running a Recognized Student Organization (RSO), is a challenge for those wishing to accept it. You have to deal with the various rules and regulations of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), the internal rules and regulations of your RSO, as well as marketing your club to new and prospective members. I have been fortunate enough to be on the executive board of multiple RSOs and have run the gambit of quality in terms of leadership. I hope this article can stand as a guide for what to do and what not to do when you take over as a leader in an RSO.

Tip 1: Have a Plan For the Semester

Many clubs on campus

have a specific activity associated with it. For example, the Gaming Club focuses around video games and tournaments (and does a fairly good job with it). Some clubs, however, struggle to find activities to have for each meeting. Having a specific topic or area that a club must work around can be a challenge, especially with an inexperienced e-board. Some clubs that I have been a part of in the past struggled to find their focus until well into the semester. It would be similar to a musical group not deciding which song to perform for weeks and filling that time with completely unrelated activities. That's why it's important to at least have a rough outline or target of how the semester should go. Maybe there's a specific event or trip

your club wants to host. Maybe there's a joint project the club will be working on throughout the semester. Regardless, a solid plan with room for improvisation is key to a successful RSO.

Tip 2: Train in Transition

Almost every club has to hold elections every semester in order to decide the e-board for the next semester. However, certain clubs only host elections when an e-board member is leaving that position. Replacing a member of the e-board can be difficult for some clubs, as sometimes a lack of interested members can leave the club stuck on how to replace that member. Sometimes the candidate that is chosen is ill-equipped to handle the weight and responsibility of their

respective position. In any event, proper training is essential. Make sure that the e-board-to-be is trained sufficiently to take over where the member who is stepping down left off. Too many times have I seen someone come into a role that they were completely unprepared for and make a detrimental impact on the club and its functions.

Tip 3: Have Fun

I know it's cliché but clubs are meant to be an enjoyable thing at the end of the day. As students, we have to deal with classes and work in addition to all the other stresses that life throws at us. Having an RSO that members can come to knowing that they can decompress after a long week should be the aim. It's not a class or a professional team, it's a club.

Sun shines down on LGBTQIA+ history month flag raising

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
Arts & Life Editor

A bright sun lit up the University of New Haven on Monday, Oct. 2 as campus organizations came together to start LGBTQIA+ history month.

The Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion hosted the LGBTQIA+ flag raising in front of the Marvin K. Peterson Library. Sam Ortiz, the Myatt Center director, introduced everyone to the event before bringing out the first speaker, Barbara Lawrence, who is the vice president for institutional equity and inclusion.

Lawrence thanked the audience for coming to the event before asking everyone to have a moment of silence for members of the LGBTQIA+ community who laid down their lives to help others acknowledge the community.

Once that moment was over, Lawrence then encouraged those in attendance to celebrate this month with life and joy, along with the hardships faced by the LGBTQIA+ community.

“For those of you who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community, I am part of that family as well,” said Lawrence. “I want to celebrate life. I want us to acknowledge the challenges and the struggles that we all continue to go through here.”

She then read aloud a quote from the late Audre Lorde, her favorite writer who was also a famous American poet, intersectional feminist and civil rights activist.

The quote read, “When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.”

Lawrence finished her speech by asking everyone to “fearlessly” go out and celebrate the month and to acknowledge “those that are still out here.”

The next two speakers were student leaders, the first one being AJ Stack, a junior criminal justice major and the secretary of PRIDE. Stack started their speech off by saying that the Pride flag



LGBTQIA+ flag in front of Marvin K. Peterson Library, West Haven, Oct. 2, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

“is a symbol of unity, diversity and inclusion within the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing that people within our community have a wide range of identities and experiences. It promotes understanding and support for all individuals regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation and background.”

Stack then went into talking about their experiences as a transgender person and how their coming out required resilience, persistence, perseverance and determination.

“The intense pressure to cater to binary standards while making others comfortable with my identity tore me to pieces,” said Stack. “Nothing worried me more than [the] negative reactions of others knowing I’m [transgender] every time my identity was invalidated, and my heart was crushed and I shut down.”

However, Stack said he had overcome these challenges and realized that he was transitioning for no one but himself. “I am my own definition of [transgender] and I don’t need to let myself to be seen. I don’t owe anyone an explanation regarding my identity,” said Stack. “Most importantly those who care for me will see me for who I am, regardless of how I present myself.”

Stack then directed their speech to people in the transgender community and told them to remember how powerful they are despite the world being against them.

The next speaker was Destiny Ray, a senior cybersecurity and networks major and president of PRIDE. Ray started her speech off by saying, “Growing up, I felt the weight of societal expectations and norms pressing down on me.”

Ray further said that that internalized pressure had told her to hide who she truly was and it forced her to carry that burden throughout her childhood. She also said that this was something that many members of the LGBTQIA+ community felt as well.

Ray also talked about how there is a lot of fear within the LGBTQIA+ community, specifically fear of being rejected or becoming a victim of hate crimes. “[LGBTQIA+] History Month is not only about celebrating our rich and diverse history,” said Ray. “It’s about acknowledging the struggles discrimination that many individuals have faced and continue to face.”

Some advice that Ray gave to the audience was to create an inclusive environment on campus. Ray advised everyone to respect pronouns, ask for someone’s pronouns, use

someone’s correct pronouns and to share your pronouns wherever you go.

“This simple act goes a long way and validating someone’s gender identity [means to] be an advocate, not just an ally,” said Ray. The final speaker of the event was Ortiz, who talked about how society will try to put everyone into a box when it comes to their identities, with some of those people being from the LGBTQIA+ community. “There’s an opportunity for everyone, regardless of your personal identity, to be more clear simply by challenging what society tells us we’re supposed to be for the comfort of others,” said Ortiz. Ortiz told the audience to “express yourself in your most authentic, loving way possible.”

After the speeches, the leaders who spoke helped raise the LGBTQIA+ history month flag was raised.

Women's soccer falls short to Southern for third year in a row

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The New Haven women's soccer team fumbled their at-home advantage against Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) on Thursday, Oct. 3, losing 3-1 in a game that put them on a three-year losing streak against their biggest rival.

In just the first minute of play, the Owls claimed their gamelong advantage with a goal by forward Victoria Vera, assisted by midfielder Taylor Hennig. This seemed to set the momentum for SCSU, until the seventh minute where the Chargers managed to claim their first and only score of the game in a penalty shot earned and taken by forward Vickie Fleming.

With the score having quickly tied, the play was almost immediately followed by an attempt by SCSU defender Caileigh Driscoll that was saved by goalkeeper Caitlin Daley. However,

forward Kelsey Burr made it a 2-1 game on a penalty kick in the ninth minute.

Fleming soon after made a hopeful second attempt on goal that found itself out on the top left.

Vera had two more strong chances to add to SCSU's lead, but both were not converted as the score remained 2-1, leaving hope for a Chargers comeback in the second half.

Back-to-back corner kicks from the Chargers were followed by a good chance for midfielder Alida Bates to tie the game at two and another chance for defender Janayah Body, who was out on top and defender Cypress Levitt, who was blocked in the bottom center of the net.

The score almost tied in the final seconds of the first half when Bates, seeking a comeback following back-to-back fouls on her teammates, made a flawless shot that wound up saved by SCSU goalie Abby Aughe in the bottom right.

The Chargers outshot the



New Haven's Alida Bates maintains possession, West Haven, Oct. 3, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

Owls again in the second half, but they were unable to capitalize on any of the chances as they played from behind all game.

Possession was not the name of the game this time around, with the Chargers racking up missed opportunities despite their dominating control of the ball.

New Haven forward Macy

Litalien put in the greatest effort of the game from both sides, taking a whopping four shots on goal by the end of the second half.

It took all the way until the final minutes of play for Southern to secure their third point, with Hennig seeing her second assist of the day in a goal by Burr.

Bates made one final

attempt to score before the clock ran out, locking in another unfortunate Charger loss in the Elm City matchup.

New Haven will return to the field on Wednesday, Oct. 11 when they face up against Molloy University back on their home turf at 4 p.m. For a complete rundown of upcoming matchups, head to NewHavenChargers.com.

New Haven field hockey upsets Southern New Hampshire in a 4-2 home victory

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After suffering a loss to Southern Connecticut State University on Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Chargers hosted the fourth-ranked team in the Northeast-10 conference, Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) on Saturday. Despite entering the game as underdogs, New Haven fought hard for the 4-2 upset over SNHU. The victory was nothing

short of a team effort with every player giving it their all.

At the start of the first quarter, SNHU was quick to put pressure on the defense and earned an offensive penalty corner in the first three minutes. Goalkeeper Hallie Reiger gave it her all to shut down this momentum, protecting the goal cage with two diving plays.

New Haven took the opportunity to score first in the seventh minute of play. Midfielder Paige

Garrett brought the ball up the sideline and sent it back over to the middle, finding forward Abby Nixon's stick. Nixon then passed it over to forward Kat Trammel who was denied by the opposing goalkeeper after a shot on the goal. The forward line refused to back down as they fought for the rebound and Nixon gained possession and scored the first goal of the match.

The rest of the first half was back-and-forth between the two

teams with multiple offensive opportunities on both sides. New Haven tallied a total of six shots on goal in the first half. On the defensive side, Reiger held down the goal cage, facing six shots and tallying six saves. Neither team was able to find the net in the first two quarters, leaving the scoreboard to display 1-0 at halftime.

The Chargers started the second half ready to add to their lead and continue their momentum. The opportunity to accomplish this goal arose early in the third quarter when New Haven was awarded an offensive penalty corner. The ball was inserted by Trammel, finding midfielder Sophia Ruh at the top of the circle. Ruh dished the ball over to defender Eliza Caven, who drove the ball into the cage, earning the second goal of the night.

SNHU was quick to answer back, pressuring the defense with multiple shots on goal. Reiger collected two back-to-back saves and added a third with a diving play. However, this dive left her unable to block the lifted ball from a SNHU offender, resulting in the first goal by the Penmen. Unfortunately for New Haven, SNHU capitalized on this momentum and tied the

game at two on a penalty corner in the fourth quarter.

With the score now tied, the pressure was on for both teams. Forward Emma Beaujouan stepped up for the offense, with an unbelievable assist that would arguably be the highlight of the night. Taking the ball up the field, Beaujouan attempted to pass the ball around a defender, sending the ball just a bit too hard up the field. With no forwards up the field to receive the pass and prevent it from going out of bounds, Beaujouan sprinted to the endline and dove to keep the ball in play. It was a tremendous effort that sent the ball into the circle, allowing Trammel to take advantage of the save and scoring the third goal for New Haven. Now back in the lead, the Chargers were ready to finish strong.

Desperate for the tying goal, SNHU pulled their goalkeeper with just one minute left, allowing them an extra offensive player in an attempt to find the equalizer. Instead, Caven sent the ball out of the defense and into the stick of Trammel. With just 16 seconds left and no goalkeeper to defend the shot, this breakaway allowed for the final goal of the action-packed night.



New Haven's offense celebrates a goal vs SNHU, West Haven, Oct. 4, 2023.
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