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## Dance and Cheer prepare for annual Homecoming half-time performances

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Over the last several weeks, the university Dance and Cheer teams have been rigorously training for their annual show-stopping half-time performances during the upcoming Homecoming games, scheduled for Nov. 5.

Taliyah Johnson, a junior criminal justice major and dance team member, said that she is ecstatic to perform at this year's halftime show, highlighting how the team's dynamic has changed since she first joined the organization. She said "We've had many ups and downs, but our team has continued to persevere. The hard work that the team has been putting in has allowed us to take part in the National Dance Association (NDA) camp, where we had instructors come in and teach us this really amazing yet hard dance, which pushed some of us past our comfort zone."

Johnson emphasized that the team put "[our] blood, sweat and tears into learning this dance in only one day. This in turn created a team I've never seen before. This opportunity allowed growth for us as a whole, and I'm excited to see what else is in store for us."



The New Haven dance team performs during halftime against Pace, West Haven, Oct. 8, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

Ashley Florianti, a junior forensic psychology major and trick liaison, said that she is looking forward to the team's Homecoming performance but wants to keep the details a surprise. "We have something really big planned for homecoming that will definitely surprise everyone in the stands! I want it to

be left as a surprise, but I can say that our choreography was taught to us during our NDA camp."

Florianti believes the dance team represents Charger pride at the university. She said, "In my opinion, I feel the team represents Charger pride in pretty much everything we do. Anytime we are on campus wearing UNH

or UNHDT uniforms we like to put our best foot forward with a smile and tons of energy to show how much we really love our school!"

Courtney Dias, a freshman interior design major and dance team member, said that she had a fantastic time during the NDA camp that took place recently.

"It was a great experience, and the dance itself helped the team bond and build a better connection," she said. "We have worked so hard on this, and I cannot wait to perform this dance during our homecoming football game."

Dias joined the dance team as a freshman, and said that she has team captains and teammates to look to for support and guidance. She said, "I am aware that this year, with the excellent leadership of our coach, captains, and teammates, we will accomplish so much. We have a lot of dancers on the team which is excellent for us this year. We've done fundraisers and exceeded our goal; just getting involved more is a great improvement for us."

Dias highlighted that the team "takes pride in supporting New Haven athletics and being representative of the university on and off campus." She said, "It was a great decision to join the University of New Haven Dance Team. The girls quickly became like family, and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

Olivia Napolitano, a junior dental hygiene major, said that her favorite part of being on the dance team is "having the best

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## Annual pride flag raising opens conversation about LGBTQ+ history

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On Monday Oct. 3., the university welcomed LGBTQ+ history month by raising a Pride Flag outside the Marvin K. Peterson Library.

Ian Shick, the assistant director of LGBTQ+ resource at the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion, opened the event. They discussed the history of the month as well as days of significance, such as National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11. "Each of these days are a reminder of celebration and mourning and so much more on our history and experience as LGBTQ+ people here in the United States."

Just before raising the flag, Shick said, "LGBTQ+ people do and deserve to exist as our full selves everywhere. This month we honor that existence, that history and that resiliency of creating the lives we want to live."

The Vice President of Community, Advocacy and Diversity for the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) Mary Lipa advocated for the learning of queer history,

saying that, "it is essential we hear [LGBTQ+] history and see those who came before us in and out of the classroom." She said, "Inclusion, pride, and community is everything we should strive for – not just in our professional positions, but in our personal lives, whether we are queer or not."

Liv Knight, the president of PRIDE, spoke movingly on their own experience as a queer person. "As I grew up, I was under the impression that I was weird and there was something wrong with me," they said. "These things are not unique."

Knight stressed that the university needs to do more when supporting LGBTQ+ students, "This university has to become more active in the fight against homophobia and transphobia, other than this performative raising of the flag that might be taken down next week or so. This university must change so that people don't worry about getting deadnamed when they receive accolades of any kind. So that people don't have to remove the pronouns from their zoom names and email signatures because no

one is using them. So they don't have to experience being misgendered by [their] administration. So they can go to the LGBTQ+ center we were promised back in 2019 and feel included. So that the milestone anniversaries of this campus LGBTQ+ RSO are

acknowledged and respected just as much as others."

Knight closed their speech with hopes for the future of LGBTQ+ history month and for the university. "In the Octobers of the future I hope whoever takes my place can participate

in this event without thinking in the back of their heads how they haven't been supported. I hope that with this month and every month afterwards, you all can become more educated and more proactive in being LGBTQIA+ allies and advocates."



The Progressive Pride flag and the American flag fly outside the library, West Haven, Oct. 3, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lindsay Giovannone.

# Miss Majorettes promotes inclusivity through dancing

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On Sept. 29, Miss Majorettes started tryouts for their dance team in the Beckerman Recreation Center. Tryouts took place over the weekend and allowed people to learn more about the organization as a whole.

Ariel Henery, a senior graphic design major and treasurer of the Miss Majorettes, spoke about what the Recognized Student Organization (RSO) does around campus on a given day. “We dance during basketball games and now football games,” Henery said. The team dances to hip-hop music and does a bunch of different styles such as “stand-style, bucking [and] milking to perform for the school.”

According to a Miss Majorettes Instagram post, they were also part of the Spring Showcase on the Bixler/Gerber quad this past April. The caption said, “Today in the quad... We’ll be serving milk at [2



Miss Majorettes dancers in the Charger Gymnasium, West Haven, March 8, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of @unh\_missmajorettes on Instagram.

p.m.]” Other RSOs performing at this event included the Monsoon Dance Crew, which is another UNH dance team that promotes diversity and dancers from different backgrounds.

Miss Majorettes was founded in 2018 by alumni Briana London, who is now a paralegal that continues to dance today. The organization was created as a safe space for Black wom-

en and women of color at the University of New Haven to dance and foster inclusivity.

Henery emphasized how “fresh we are to the school,” as the foundation of the team was

only four years ago.

“We’re all Black females and we added a Black guy to our team, so the fact that we take in anybody and show the diversity with the school and that the school can see,” Henery said. “That’s one of the best things I like about the team.” Finding clubs or groups to be a part of can be hard, especially when trying to find a space to be comfortable.

When discussing try-outs, Henery advises that “bringing good energy” is enough. “We don’t have any experience required,” she said. “If you are willing to come and dance, then you’re always welcome on the Miss Majorettes,” said Henery.

While tryouts concluded on Oct. 1, there is always next year if students are interested later on. If you want to cheer the Miss Majorettes on at any events, be sure to check out their Instagram page and keep an eye on the events posted on their Charger Connection page.

## Dance and Cheer prepare for performances

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relationships and endless support from the girls and coach no matter what!” She said, “I’ve loved dancing here at the university for the last three years and it has truly made my experience here so much better.”

Napolitano emphasized that the team represents Charger pride and school spirit in a multitude of ways, saying, “we are always so involved on campus supporting athletic teams which is so much fun and it’s been such a great experience.”

In addition, the university’s cheer team has also dedicated much of their free time to preparing for the Homecoming games next month.

Madeleine Gray, a junior forensic science major and cheer team member, encourages students who are interested in trying out for the team to “shake the nerves.” She said “Come tryout whether you have experience or not, we’re all here to learn together!”

Gray said that, in her opinion, the cheer team stands out from other organizations on campus because of “the drive of each athlete in the program and the drive the team has to get better and achieve [our] goals as one.”

She said, “We always make sure we are available for moments where cheering is needed for events like new student orientation and pep rallies, etc.

Wherever a welcoming environment needs to be created, cheerleading is on it.”

Gray highlighted her favorite aspect of the team’s Charger pride and school spirit: the university’s fight song. She said, “We work with the marching band to bring Charger pride into an already spirited environment and increase the Charger pride for Homecoming. We know it will be a good game along with senior night.”

Madisyn DiNello, a senior forensic psychology major, cheer captain and side base, said that the cheer team stands apart from other organizations on campus by “requiring a certain bond that other teams don’t have.” She said, “To do what we do, it takes a huge amount of trust and comfort with each other, as we are

responsible for the safety of each other in our stunts. One person can affect the safety of the entire team... so having and maintaining that bond is huge – it’s a big part of what makes our team so great!”

DiNello said that the team’s school spirit is evident in all that they do. “The Charger cheerleaders are the epitome of Charger pride. We’re such an active part of campus life, not only on campus but in the media too. We are at a lot of events hosted by the school, including pep rallies, games, accepted students day, and so much more,” she said. “We also have several members on the team who are actively involved in other organizations that help raise the school spirit!”

Jessica Armin, a sophomore forensic psychology major and

cheer team member said that the team is “both conditioned mentally and physically,” which helps them stand apart from other performing organizations on campus. She said, “We literally throw people in the air and flyers have to be fearless; those on the ground are trusted to know what to do if or when something doesn’t go perfectly.”

Armin also encourages students to attend as many events and games as possible this year. She said, “We cheer for the football players, both basketball teams, and go to hosted events like the annual Trunk-or-Treat and Make a Wish events.”

Charlotte Nicefaro, a freshman criminal justice major and cheer team member, said that students looking to join the organization should bring a positive mindset. She said, “If you have the right attitude, you are willing to learn, [you should be] determined to get better not only as an athlete yourself but with the team as a whole.”

Nicefaro said that having senior day and Homecoming games occur on the same day have made the team excited about performing during the halftime show and cheering on the sidelines. She said, “We have plans to make this game as special for our seniors as possible. It is going to be a big game and we are very excited to be a part of it.”



The New Haven cheerleaders perform at halftime, West Haven, Sept. 10, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Andrea Rojas.

### Corrections

A picture for Hispanic Heritage Month was incorrectly captioned on Page 2 of the Oct. 4 edition. Those in the photo were mistakenly labeled as “Sisters of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority.”

The subjects of the photograph were actually from a range of university organizations, including: USGA, the Gamma Delta Chapter of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha and the Latin American Students Association.

Another subject of the photo, Leo Levine-Aquino, was accidentally misgendered by the term “Sisters” in the caption. The Charger Bulletin recognizes and regrets this mistake and apologizes to Levine-Aquino for any distress the mistake caused.

A quote from the “Students voice concerns at USGA’s ‘Be Heard Forum’” on Page 1 was mistakenly attributed to Greg Eichorn. It was actually said by university President Sheahon Zenger.

The same article omitted part of Levine-Aquino’s name, both on Page 1 and Page 4.

# Hurricane Fiona hits Puerto Rico, causing extensive damage

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## Perspective

On Sept. 18, Hurricane Fiona hit the southwest region of Puerto Rico, with wind speeds as fast as 100 miles per hour. The category 1 hurricane caused infrastructural damage almost beyond comprehension. The entire island was left without power, thousands of crops were destroyed, bridges were swept away and dozens of citizens had to be rescued from the floods by the Puerto Rico National Guard.

This may seem like a tragedy, but this level of damage is not unique to Hurricane Fiona. Almost exactly five years ago on Sept. 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria left the island's infrastructure and economy in shambles. Unlike this year's storm, Maria was a category 4 hurricane with winds as fast as 174 miles per hour. Despite the disparity in the power behind these hurricanes, the effect on the island was virtually the same.

Although Fiona was much weaker, it still resulted in all 78 municipalities being declared disaster zones by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This can be directly attributed to the government's failure to rebuild Puerto Rico's infrastructure after the 2017 storm. According to the Center

for a New Economy, a think-tank based on the island, only 30% of the reconstruction of the power grid damaged by Maria had begun before Fiona hit.

This inaction has made living on the island an extremely fragile experience. Citizens on the island experience power outages frequently, putting people who depend on electricity to store medicine and power medical equipment particularly at risk. FEMA has promised residents of Puerto Rico that the recovery effort for Fiona will be much more efficient than in the past, but the people of the island have lost all confidence in both the local and federal government's ability to help them rebuild what they have lost.

This lack of confidence was cemented shortly after Hurricane Maria. After the storm, the outrage toward the government's inaction was so strong it resulted in two weeks of protests and the resignation of the governor at the time. In an effort to help the island in ways past administrations have not, Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Pierluisi issued an executive order that declared a state of emergency on the island on Sept. 17. On Sept. 21, President Joseph Biden issued a disaster declaration that would allow for more financial support to the island.

Other government agencies

are playing an active role in the island's recovery as well. The Department of Homeland Security chose to suspend the Jones Act, a law that allows only U.S. ships to transport cargo between American ports, in order to supply the island with the diesel it desperately needs to fuel generators. New York Governor Kathy Hochul sent a delegation of State Troopers to aid in the removal of debris and in long-term support for the island. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also mobilized food distribution on the island, partnering with the Puerto Rico Department of Education to establish shelters in which local families can receive free meals.

As with any natural disaster, the response and support for the island have been overwhelming. Many of these responses, however, are designed to last a few weeks at most. The patchwork done in the last five years has proven to be insufficient in the face of power outages and subsequent natural disasters. In order to improve the quality of life for the people of Puerto Rico, both the federal and local governments need to form a more unified effort to rebuild the island's infrastructure.

This is the only way to prevent widespread power outages and increased damages due to natural disasters in the future.



A Puerto Rican man battles flood waters during Hurricane Fiona.  
Photo courtesy of Openverse/The National Guard.

# Biden announces pardons for those convicted of simple marijuana use

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On Thursday, U.S. President Joseph R. Biden announced a plan to pardon thousands of individuals who were incarcerated at the federal level for simple marijuana use.

This plan, titled "A Proclamation on Granting Pardon for the Offense of Simple Possession of Marijuana," also outlines plans to urge states to take similar actions at a state level.

More specifically, the pardon grants a "full, complete, and unconditional pardon" to those who "committed the offense of simple possession of marijuana in violation of the Controlled Substances Act." These pardons will impact more than 6,500 incarcerated individuals, not including those who were prosecuted for D.C. Code offenses.

The pardons will impact those who have been convicted of simple marijuana use or possession, but it will not impact those who have been convicted of any other marijuana-related

offense.

Biden's proclamation comes at a time when many states are legalizing marijuana, greatly opening up the market for the drug. The proclamation is also sparked by the fact that tens of thousands of Americans are still incarcerated to this day

for marijuana-related offenses—largely Black and Brown people.

In a video statement issued Friday, Biden addressed these disparities, saying "Criminal records for marijuana possession have led to needless barriers to employment, to

housing [and] to educational opportunities—and that's before you address the racial disparities around who suffers the consequences."

He elaborated, saying "While white and Black and Brown people use marijuana at similar rates, Black and Brown people

are arrested, prosecuted and convicted at disproportionately higher rates."

At a state-wide level, Biden is also taking action to urge governments to issue pardons for incarcerated individuals. In the same video statement, he said that he is "calling on all governors to do the same for state marijuana possession offenses."

He also said that he would ask the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General to review how marijuana is scheduled as a drug under federal law. Currently, the drug is classified as a Schedule I substance, which Biden says is "the same as heroin and LSD, and more serious than fentanyl."

Although the only immediate effects of Biden's plan will be to issue pardons to those who are federally prosecuted, the potential for state governments to follow suit, and for marijuana to be rescheduled as a less serious drug could help mitigate the high level of marijuana-related incarcerations.



A portrait of U.S. President Joseph Biden in front of the American Flag.  
Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

# Troubles in Savin apartments displaces 3 students

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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On the morning of Sunday, Oct. 2, senior Melanie Kirtman woke up in her Savin Ct. apartment to “the ceiling actually raining” from where their bathroom sits above the kitchen. The leak turned into much more as Kirtman and her roommates, seniors Jaden Salazar and Becca Castleman, were shuffled into different housing arrangements and left in the dark about when they would be able to return to their apartment.

Kirtman also said that the floors were hot, which turned out to be an exploded heating coil.

They called the emergency duty line, who dealt with the issue immediately, and within just a couple of hours, the three seniors were evacuated from their apartment and relocated to emergency housing in the first-year residence hall, Gerber Hall, into a room that was previously the Office of Admissions show-room.

However, not long after, they said that they hit a roadblock in information, as the Office of Res-

idential Life (ORL) told them the issue was now in the hands of the property owners of the Savin Ct. apartments.

The three clarified that all interactions with University of New Haven facilities staff and workers were “incredible,” but had concerns surrounding management of the third-party contractor from which the university leases apartments, in addition to the proactiveness of the ORL in resolving this issue.

“I know that they are contracting this out, so this has nothing to do with UNH facilities; they’ve been nothing but nice to us; they’ve been great,” Salazar said.

They said the first thing that the university asked them, over the phone, was “Do you have anywhere else to go?” They were all asked if they were able to go home or stay with someone else.

In terms of accommodations following the relocation, the women didn’t get access to the dining halls until lunchtime on Monday. The meal plan provided three swipes a day which could be used in the Marketplace and FOD, and did not include

any dining dollars. They said that “emergency protocol is bare-minimum.”

Area Coordinator Wendy Johns facilitated the group’s access to Westside Hall for kitchen usage, but were not granted access until Thursday, when they received

a single key to access the hall to cook. The three repeatedly discussed their very different schedules, meaning it would be difficult to coordinate using the one key amongst the three of them.

Questions from administrators



Inside of the kitchen in the apartment on Savin Ct., mid-construction, West Haven, Oct. 7, 2022  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Melanie Kirtman.

about their former Savin Ct. included “Did you shower or bathe for too long?” which they said made it feel as if the administration “tried to blame us for what happened.”

The group honed in on their experiences with one man who handled the issue in their apartment. The name of the worker was never given to them; Salazar said that “We don’t even know technically who owns [the property] and we were never offered that information either.” They did say that the worker identified himself as “maintenance.”

“He takes our broom or our mop and starts ripping down the ceiling, not telling us he was going to do that,” Castleman said.

“He said ‘no, this is just a small leak, it’s nothing big; it won’t be that bad to fix.’ Because apparently he is known for cutting corners and not doing what he’s supposed to,” Castleman also said. She referenced an occurrence back in 2018, during which a Savin apartment not far from their own was repaired by the group who owns the complex, but was determined by facilities upon a follow-up inspection that

## ‘Out at Work’ panel facilitates conversation about being LGBTQ+ in the workplace

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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Just a few days before National Coming Out Day, the Myatt Center hosted an event in light of LGBTQ+ History Month during which a set of individuals tuned in via Zoom to speak to students about being open about their identities in their place of work. This is the second year in a row that the Out at Work panel was conducted.

Assistant Director of LGBTQ+ Resources Ian Shick opened the event with an introduction to its goals and purpose, saying, “This is an event that allows and is for LGBTQ students to get an opportunity to talk to people in the real world who are LGBTQ employees about their experience and what it was like for them in their respective fields.”

Shick said that questions asked aimed to learn more about “their journeys, and sort of how being out or not being out played into their professional roles or professional journeys.”

The two panelists for the evening were Geronda Wollack-Spiller, who is a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) manager at a small company based out of Seattle, and Erika Sabovik, who currently works in a school system and is based out of Shelton, Conn.

Wollack-Spiller introduced herself, speaking on her background in human resources and how she

transitioned into DEI work. She discussed the struggles of finding other members of the community in her workplace, and the downfalls of having limited resources to support LGBTQ+ people.

“Going through my career, I just kept feeling like I wish I had somebody who could tell me how to navigate all of this,” she said. In her prior line of work, Wollack-Spiller felt herself drawn to the realm of DEI work, and the potential to guide others in marginalized communities.

In terms of how her identity played into her decision to enter DEI work, Wollack-Spiller said that she “felt othered” often, which she found made it challenging to be herself at work.

As a lesbian Black woman, Wollack-Spiller also spoke on how there is an overlap when you have identities that fall into different minority groups, and also said that she felt she had to “mold myself to fit into that particular culture” of the professional world she had entered, and said “I didn’t know that I also had the choice to be myself.”

Wollack-Spiller discussed how she grew to realize what she would and would not tolerate in the workplace and, in a message to individuals entering the working world, she said to “really think about what you value and what you identify yourself with and try and find companies and do things that align with that.” She said that getting work experience is important, but not if it

tears down your identity or who you are as a person.

Sabovik talked about how their identity, which was trivial for them in college, was expected to play a large role in her career, until the pandemic hit and landing a job became more essential.

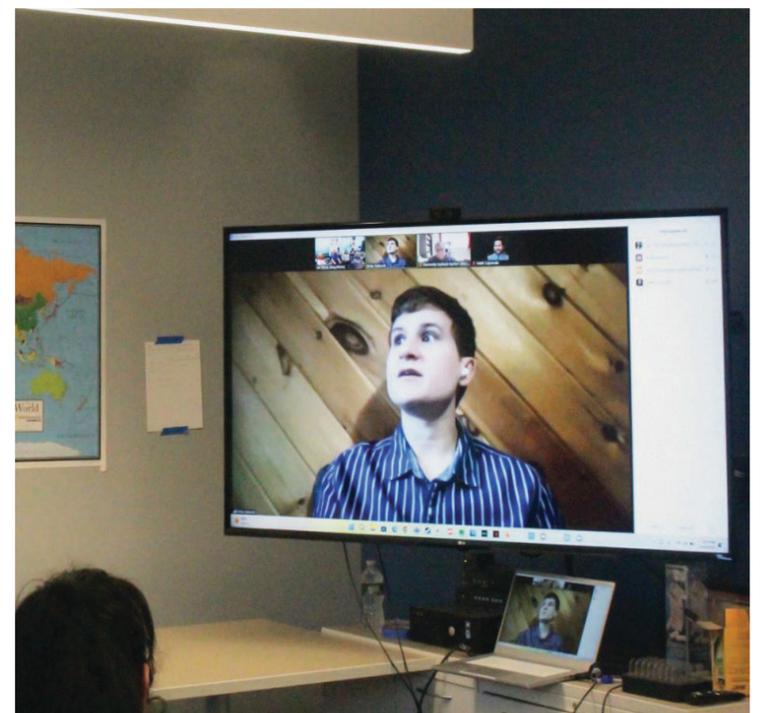
They currently teach in a middle school, and said she is only one of about two members of a 50-person staff who are out to their students.

In her entry to the workforce, Sabovik said that “I definitely was never going to pretend that I wasn’t queer,” as it is a large part of who they are.

Sabovik said that “It’s been an interesting time for me to go from college and really being involved in GSA [Gay-Straight Alliance] and with a lot of queer people, to a place where, even though I don’t really think about it a lot, I am one of the only queer people.” They ended up starting a lunchtime GSA program for the students at her middle school.

At one point in the panel discussion, Shick asked both guest speakers how their identities empowered them in their careers.

For Wollack-Spiller, “being lesbian and advocating for the community started giving me some confidence in advocating not only for myself but different projects that I’m working on; processes I want to update, and I would look at things in the lens of how it’s going to affect other



Erika Sabovik speaks to students via Zoom, West Haven, Oct. 6 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

people.”

She said it was important to consider historically marginalized voices and groups often, and that “coming with a different experience [from people who are not LGBTQ+] I was always okay to be vulnerable,” and advocate for other marginalized voices and share an open perspective on how others could be impacted.

For Sabovik, starting the GSA program for the middle-schoolers was very important to them. For many kids, parents may not be welcoming, or kids may not be out yet. At Sabovik’s school, after-school programs required transparency with parents to give

permission for students to attend, so in order to avoid having to out them in order to host the program, she found the solution of hosting the open space during lunchtime.

She said that they realized that “in the future of my career, I want to be doing more for the community.”

Throughout the rest of the month, a number of events are taking place across campus to highlight LGBTQ+ History and experiences. To stay up-to-date, check the Myatt Center’s calendar for a rundown of what’s to come.

# University addresses air quality safety concerns in dorms

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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Students have been voicing a number of air quality concerns in university housing, both on and off-campus, for a number of semesters now.

Images shared by students on social media, only halfway into the first semester, have displayed large amounts of dust and debris clogging ventilation units, after taking them apart for cleaning.

One post, submitted anonymously to the Instagram account @unh\_afterdark on Sept. 14, showed a student's bathroom air vent that they removed. Inside, a large collection of mold was found. Comments under this post revealed more students' concerns.

One read "No wonder why I'm always coughing in there," while another shared a different story, saying, "we had moths living in our vents in cell last year lmao..... Help."

The following day, another post was made of another anonymous student cleaning out what was identified as

a Forest Hills Apartment air conditioning unit. The submission comment read "felt inspired by the last post and decided to clean my air conditioning vents in forest... figured out why I've been sick the last two weeks."

In prior semesters, students have captured visible patches of black mold growing on walls and windowsills.

Recently, Associate Vice President for Facilities Lou Annino was contacted on the premises of student concerns arising from these incidents. Annino clarified that the university does not routinely test the air quality of residential properties, saying that "We test the indoor air quality in all spaces in the university where potential concern has been raised with air quality. We don't test as a matter of routine."

Concerns are constituted by "if there were a matter that came through Health Services, then we would test, but generally we would inspect and clean first." Cleaning would, however, remove any proof of

problematic elements, potentially.

"I don't know that it's necessarily factual, at least from where I sit, unless you have different information, to say that students have been sick," he said when beginning to address concerns that students may be getting sick from conditions within their housing situations. "I don't have any data to support that; it's never been reported to me. Having said that, there are cases over the years that we have dealt with."

He said that the foundation of clean spaces is "good quality maintenance systems." These include cleaning and disinfecting routinely and changing filters in air systems. Filter changes are conducted at minimum biannually, he said.

"If there were a health concern, we would always encourage students to seek medical services first," he said. "If there is a concern that is raised from our medical personnel, or from outside, but that's not absolute either. If there were

a physical concern that were identified, we would consider testing as well."

He said "Students should report anything related to their health concerns directly to University Health Services." Annino said if concerns are brought to health professionals who deem testing could be beneficial, then facilities will base their air inspections off of these suggestions or requests. Health concerns, he reiterated multiple times, should begin by being addressed from Health Services prior to contacting his office.

When they do test, they bring in an industrial hygienist, which is a lab technician who specializes in testing for molds and air quality in workplaces.

The results from any testing are reported back to Health Services and the Dean of Students Office, as well as any students involved in the concerns or impacted by any results.

Annino has no concerns about not routinely testing these factors. This is because,

in his over ten years of working at the university, "there have only been two cases that I am aware of where we have identified potential hazards, and they were very quickly addressed and corrected. Two times in ten years, and multiple tests."

"The underpinnings of all of these and why I have such a high degree of confidence is because at the same time that we are not doing routine testing, we are routinely evaluated on the quality of performance on our maintenance and on our cleaning programs...and we routinely score very high."

"I don't think it's an under-representative number, but it wouldn't be appropriate for me to say absolutely, there's no other potential out there," Annino said in regards to the two incidents being the only records of any concerns. "I can tell you that I have a very high sense that the university is doing a very good job in terms of being proactive; in terms of keeping our airline systems well-tuned."

# UPD discusses campus concerns during safety forum

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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Chief of the University Police Department Adam Brown served as the keynote speaker in a Campus Security Forum, which was co-sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) and Graduate Student Council (GSC) on Monday, Oct. 3.

The event consisted of a panel of university staff, though Brown was the primary speaker who addressed the crowd, which was made up of seven students: all of whom were members of either the USGA or GSC e-board.

When opening the forum, Brown said that "safety is everyone's responsibility," and that students hold responsibility in addition to UPD. He told students that when transport vans are not available they can call dispatch and request an escort to their next location if they find discomfort or a sense of lack of safety in walking.

Brown discussed the new gates at many university entrances, and spoke with heavy emphasis on the new golf cart, having the subject consume a significant portion of his rundown of security during the forum. He also told students that UPD has hired more security guards and that they are in the process of hiring another

police officer.

This is all in addition to the security guard booth that is now visible in the library parking lot, for which construction was completed last week.

Brown said that it "doesn't seem like a lot, but it does help" in regards to his summary of the changes and additions being made to campus safety.

After he spoke on the new measures being implemented, Brown opened the floor for those in attendance to ask questions.

The members of the student government e-boards asked questions primarily surrounding transportation and security concerns to locations off-campus and at the Orange campus.

At one point during the forum, Brown said, "I was waiting for all those parking pass questions" in reaction to not being presented with an inquiry on the subject.

When asked about how he sought to improve transparency with the student body in the event of instances on campus such as the recent thefts and

robberies, Brown said that "There's some things that we can put out, and there's some things that are against the law to put out."

"I put out as much as I legally can to you guys," he also said.

When asked about whether student voices were a considered factor when deciding what additions to make to campus security, Brown said that he met multiple times with USGA, as well as other groups of students and some staff, and that when it came to items such as transportation, they took student suggestions about more nighttime transportation into account. He also said that much of what they have implemented was decided on by campus security.

"When it comes to gates, we have some people that think it's a great idea, and some people that think it's a bad idea," Brown said about the controversy surrounding the gates being put up at many entrances. "Some people want the university to be a closed campus, and some people want it to be a wide open campus."

"I think that the things that we're putting in are good things," he said in reflection of the controversy surrounding some of the changes. "There are ways we can try and make [campus] safer as long as we all work together."



UPD Chief Adam Brown speaks in the Alumni Lounge, West Haven, Oct. 3, 2022.  
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## University offers unique opportunities for those that take it

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

There are times where we can get caught up in the negatives we see at the university. When everything is not up to the quality students expect, we speak out to seek improvements. With that said, it is important to recognize some of the major positives of this institution.

One of these positive attributes is the opportunities that being a relatively smaller university offers its students. Every major, whether it be through alumni networks or on-campus clubs, has a way for people to get meaningful experience in the field they want to pursue.

Students interested in the sports world, for example, can find their way onto the staff at North

Campus to work in the world of sports, whether it be with media or game-day operations. Business students have the chance to manage the money for clubs, or explore the process of procuring advertisements. Criminal justice students have a vast array of alumni, symposiums and professional experiences to rely on as they enter the workforce. And there are many, many more chances for students of all majors to get some kind of meaningful experience.

While students going into college expect some level of this, it's not always what they find when they step onto a campus. The University of New Haven offers their students these opportunities at a level that bigger institutions may not.

Students also have access to a variety of development centers that help to build resumès and prepare to enter the working world upon graduation. The Career Development Center is a hub for resources that students, and even alumni, can rely on to assist them across all stages in the path to constructing their future. Students can seek guidance on landing internships in their field, which are often required prior to graduation.

Across a variety of our university's programs, highly accredited professors are found integrating their experiences into our classrooms. From members of the university who hold a Pulitzer Prize, to an Emmy, to professors who are making breakthrough contributions in fields such as cancer

research, toxicology and even youth justice, there are many faculty members that can help students get meaningful experience even if it's just in the classroom. Regardless of your major or area of study, it's almost guaranteed that you will cross paths with a professor that holds high repute in their area of expertise.

Students, especially those entering their junior or senior years, would be smart to get connected with the university to find these opportunities and set themselves on the path to a successful professional life.

However, it falls on advisors and the university to highlight these resources for students, as there are times where the opportunities sometimes go unrecognized.

## Page Six View

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
Copy Desk Chief

### Column

I heard the phrase "chronically online" a while ago, and I think it is one of the best terms to describe parts of Generation Z and Generation Alpha. Chronically online, sometimes referred to as terminally online, is when someone spends so much of their time consuming content on the internet – usually a social media platform – that they lose touch with reality. This usually comes in the form of social justice and politics.

Chronically online people can mostly be found on Reddit, TikTok and Twitter. I was born in 2002, making me an early Gen-Zer. I have grown up as the internet has. When I was younger, my family had a wall phone and a television shaped like a shipping container. The iPhone came out when I was six, and social media soon followed, which inadvertently created echo chambers – communities that reiterate to legitimize their outlandish ideas.

An example of echo chambers is the quarantined Reddit community, The Red Pill, which describes itself as a place for "Discussion of sexual strategy in a culture increasingly lacking a positive identity for men." Many men who partake in this discussion are incels, or the term for men who are considered "involuntarily celibate." Based on the comments on a post where a redditor describes losing his virginity, I don't think many of these men interact with women

in the real world much.

Social media started out as a fun way to share photos and messages with family and friends. Now, I go onto Twitter and see people saying that they support a California serial killer because he is only targeting men between the ages of 35 and 55, and since men are oppressors, this is "aspirational." No, it isn't.

Another great example of being chronically online on Twitter is someone tweeting, "has anyone tried making edibles but without weed? Like virgin edibles or something?" to which they received the reply, "you mean food?"

On TikTok, there are people making videos saying they identify as a lesbian despite having a boyfriend, or how people identify themselves with absurd neo-pronouns and genders such as "Cakegender." I also saw a TikTok of a creator replying to a comment asking, "What pride flag is that?" in reference to an Irish flag in the background.

Stitches or duets by other creators who (correctly) call out this behavior as ridiculous, have the comment sections flooded with these same chronically online individuals calling them now-bastardized words such as "transphobic" or "gaslighter."

This needs to end. Everyone needs to close their laptops, shut their desktops off or put down their phones and go experience the real world. We all need to have real conversations that lack internet jargon or extremist ideas. For the chronically online people, go touch some grass.

## Pornography as art

BY MIA ADDUCI  
Campus News Editor

Pornography, if the term is to be used in a loose application, is in all good truth the most raw form of art that we as humans can create. With this in mind, we should be working to remove the stigma surrounding creating content that displays the beauty of the human body, the power in our voices and the intricacies of our movements.

To address the elephant in the room before speaking any further, this by no means is an attempt to defend the modern porn industry, as it stands in all of its exploitative, anti-feminist glory. It is no secret that major faces in the industry hold unfortunate ties to the mistreatment of their actors, especially women, and by no means should an unsafe work environment be condoned. Corporate commercialization aside, we should be speaking on the power that is held in this medium of content creation, when the acting artists also hold power in dictating their creation.

There is a reason that ancient Greek and Roman gods were chiseled in the near nude, or why brush strokes outline the curves of history's greatest figures. Every human body, with all of its unique attributes is, by nature, a work of art as it stands on its own. To manipulate it at your own will is to create a masterpiece and to collaborate with another is to build a gallery.

There is a power in vulnerability when you, as an individual, grasp it by the throat. Sex is normal, and to shy away from the word as if pleasure is something which should carry shame taints the image of human existence. To be able to experi-

ence pleasure is one of the most promising experiences in this life, especially when so many of our experiences hold the power to yield pain.

To produce raw, authentic content, whether that be in the form of videography, photography, paint, print or sculpture, is to harness the power of love, for both ourselves and each other.

In a society which preaches body positivity and the removal of stigma in so many other areas, it is only sensible to begin studying pornography and its creation, as we would any other art form. Especially now, as gender expression has become such a significant part of growing in self-image and empowering one another to be proud of how we identify, pornography, or truly any form of self-expression otherwise viewed as "taboo," is an art form that we should be focusing on when trying to grow within the human experience.

College is a major period of self-discovery in many peoples' lives, and one in which the construction of confidence, or lack thereof, will drastically impact how an individual may develop.

To be open is empowering, not "unprofessional" or "embarrassing," or any sort of display of "low self-regard." To instill these negative connotations into the minds of proper consensual adults is damaging on nearly every possible front.

If reading this makes you uncomfortable by any means, then again consider the power of freedom of choice. You can remain modest, but stay non-judgmental to however others find they can empower themselves, even if this means doing so in the most raw, authentic and shameless forms.

# Troubles in Savin apartments displace 3 students

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damages were still present and the work done by those outside of the university was “unacceptable.”

They described their feelings surrounding the situation as feeling “stressed,” “uncomfortable” and “anxious,” and expressed issues with a drastic change in diet due to their accommodations, and an inability to properly eat or sleep.

On Sunday, they were told that they would be placed back into their housing “Wednesday at the latest.” Their updated timeline as of this past week has them returning to their apartment on Oct. 14, more than two weeks after the leak began.

“Being in emergency housing for three days is one thing, but keeping us in Gerber for two weeks is another,” Salazar said.

Castleman discussed what occurred when the group went back to their apartment to pick up some of their belongings last Monday, Oct. 3.

She said that they waited in her car before going inside, and watched “maintenance” begin cleaning and working on the unit.

“And then he walks up to our unit, notices that he locks himself out of our unit; he then decides to grab our screen from our window, pull it off and open up our window, and unlock the door

from the inside,” she said. “And he doesn’t replace the screen afterwards; he just leaves it and then does his business and then later leaves.”

“Even though he locked the door, our apartment was still accessible because he didn’t lock the window again.” They went to check the window inside after he left, and found it still accessible from the outside.

They also said that they were not aware of and did not see anyone else in their apartment other than the one referenced worker during any of their visits.

“We didn’t get to inventory what we had; we didn’t give permission for our items to be touched,” Salazar said. “And so we’re emailing the director [of ORL] about all of this and it was just ‘we’ll talk to them’ and ‘we’ll get back to you.’ For all of Monday, it was ‘we’ll get back to you,’ and it was so incredibly frustrating because we were told we were supposed to be back in by Wednesday.”

Kirkman voiced other concerns, saying that since the leakage only impacted the kitchen and bathroom, they closed off their bedrooms for privacy. She said that when they went back, though, “I went into my bedroom to go get things, and there was evidence that people were in there, in my space. There was stuff on my bed, on my sheets,

that I didn’t put there.” Their items from other areas of the apartment were moved into their sleeping quarters.

Upon returning for later visits, more of the bedrooms had items from outside placed into them.

“It’s just a blatant disregard for our belongings,” Salazar said.

Curtis Clark, director of campus life in the ORL, and Tammy Mulrooney, the associate director of residential operations, spoke on the protocol, policy and approach taken to incidents such as the one previously described.

Clark said that when it comes to relocation, whatever rooms are available are where students are placed, ideally with as similar accommodations as the original housing as possible. If any

university-sponsored campus housing is available, then they will not be cleared to relocate students to a nearby hotel. “If we have a space on campus that we’re able to use as a temporary space, that’s where students will be placed. In this case, we’re pretty full, occupancy wise, but we happened to have a couple of spaces that we use,” he said.

Rooms are not set aside for these instances prior to housing registration, as they do not want to take any beds from potential residential students.

“All of our spaces remain secured; all of the staff that are in our spaces are obviously either vetted through the university or they’re employees of the university that have to follow

our policies,” Clark also said. “With these third party management companies, a lot of times they’re responsible for contracting the work out.” This process is updated through the Office of Facilities.

He also said that although students are highly encouraged to carry renter’s insurance, the university will try its best to reimburse for damaged goods in events like these.

When asked about how they attempt to ensure comfort of students who must be relocated, Clark said that they try to find the most comparable space they can, though honoring this is not always possible. He added that the university is at 98% of the residential capacity.

Clark also described that it is policy for the university to cover the cost of a meal plan during residential relocation if a kitchen space is taken away from students.

Mulrooney spoke on the grounds that emergency housing relocations are for “strictly temporary,” with expected stay up to 72 hours, before “permanent” relocation is established.

They both emphasized that above all, they felt safety and security of students held priority in terms of considerations of relocation.



Items inside of the apartment’s living space, West Haven, Oct. 7, 2022  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Melanie Kirkman.

# New Haven’s comeback falls short, loses 2-1 to Assumption

BY CHRISTOPHER ELWELL  
Sports Editor

The New Haven women’s soccer team hosted the Assumption Greyhounds on Saturday night at Kathy Zolad Stadium, looking to get back in the win column. Following two first-half goals by Assumption, New Haven looked to mount a comeback with a late goal from Madison Blonde but could not get another shot on the net. The Chargers fell to 4-7-2 (2-6 NE10) with the loss, extending their losing streak to three games.

Both teams came out firing early and often, registering three shots each within the first 20 minutes of play. Starting in goal for the Chargers was graduate student Amanda McQuillan, tallying seven saves for the match, bringing her to an even 60 saves on the season.

Assumption broke the scoreless tie in the 30th minute with a goal by midfielder Haleigh Ward, assisted by forward Ashley Wenzel. The lead continued to stay at one until the 40th minute when the Greyhounds increased their lead to two on a goal from midfielder Kate Carleson, sneaking another goal

past McQuillan.

New Haven entered the second half looking to erase the deficit, putting pressure on Assumption with 12 total shots with four shots on goal. They finished the game with 18 shots compared to Assumption’s 17 but were outscored nine to seven in shots on goal. Greyhounds goalkeeper Julia Walsh was successful for most of the game keeping New Haven off the board with six saves for the game.

Forward Madison Blonde notched the only goal for New Haven with her goal in the 81st minute to cut the deficit to one, assisted by defender Riley Drosopoulos. With nine minutes remaining in the game, New Haven would tally three more shots, but none reached the net, giving them their third consecutive loss.

New Haven will now go on the road to Colchester, Vt. for their next matchup with the Saint Michael’s Purple Knights on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Duffy Field. Kickoff will be at 3:30 p.m. as the Chargers look to put an end to their losing streak. More information can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



New Haven’s Macy Litalien battles with the Assumption player, West Haven, Oct. 8, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Andrea Rojas.

# Tennis falls just short of Le Moyne 4-3

BY TYLER WELLS  
Editor-In-Chief

The New Haven women's tennis team, in the middle of a strong Fall 2022 season, hosted Le Moyne College in a matchup of Northeast-10 (NE-10) playoff hopefuls on Sunday afternoon. The Chargers, who entered the match in fourth place in conference play, sat one spot ahead of Le Moyne with just three matches remaining in the regular season.

A back-and-forth match ensued, with each side battling for the advantage. In doubles, the tandem of Valentinna Ferrarini and Karim Carreras continued their undefeated season, collecting their fourth win together in a 6-4 advantage. This was the only victory for the Chargers in doubles, as Le Moyne won the next two to capture the overall match point in doubles.

Ferrarini followed up her victory in doubles by winning her singles match. The freshman, who was named as the NE-10's Rookie of the Week earlier this season, collected her seventh individual win of the year after dropping the first set 6-1. She rallied, winning the next two sets 6-3 and 6-2 to take the win in three sets.

Carreras, a sophomore, also



New Haven's Karim Carreras celebrates a point against Le Moyne, West Haven, Oct. 9, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Andrea Rojas.

added a straight-sets win of her own, collecting two 6-2 wins on her way to the 2-0 sweep. The win helped give the Chargers a 2-1 advantage over Le Moyne.

Graduate student Gaayatri Shankar also walked away with a win, splitting the first two sets with a 6-1 victory and a 7-5 loss. She came away with a 6-4 win in the final set, capturing the match

and giving another win for the Chargers.

It was the final victory of the afternoon for New Haven, as they dropped the final three singles matches. Senior Kacie Banks' match went the distance, with the final set going 7-6 in the Le Moyne player's favor. Seniors Katherine MacPhail and Alexa Orlando both dropped their

matches in straight sets, giving Le Moyne the 4-3 overall match victory.

With the loss, New Haven falls to 6-4 (4-3 NE-10) and drops to fifth in the conference rankings. On the other side, Le Moyne improves to 7-4 (5-3 NE-10) and sneaks past the Chargers for fourth in the NE-10.

New Haven returns to the

court on Tuesday for another conference match, this time against Bentley University. It is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the North Campus tennis courts, and will be the penultimate match of the Chargers fall regular season. For more information on their upcoming schedule, results and potential playoff implications, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Football makes statement with 38-7 win over Pace

BY TYLER WELLS  
Editor-In-Chief

Returning to Ralph F. Della-Camera Stadium for the first time in two weeks, the New Haven football team wasted little time energizing the home crowd on Saturday. They jumped all over visiting Pace University, playing a well-rounded game to take home a 38-7 victory and remain undefeated in conference.

Running back Christopher Ais, the reigning Northeast-10 (NE-10) Player of the Week, made his presence felt again on the first drive of the game, breaking off a 40-yard touchdown run to give New Haven a 7-0 lead. After a three-and-out from Pace, the Chargers connected for another touchdown, this time when quarterback Connor Degenhardt found wide receiver Zhyaire Fernandes for the 13-yard touchdown reception.

With the score at 14-0, the two sides got nothing going on offense as the second quarter began. It was now the defense's turn to step up, as linebacker Chisom Okoro forced a fumble deep in New Haven's own territory. It was scooped up by safety David Onyemem, who returned the ball 71 yards to Pace's 3-yard line.



New Haven's Damon Burton Jr. celebrates a third down stop against Pace, West Haven, Oct. 8, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

Degenhardt then took over, finding tight end Dante DeLorenzo wide open in the flat for a two-yard touchdown. With a 21-0 lead, the Chargers looked to fully pull away from the Setters.

The score would stay this way through the first half, with Pace opening up the third quarter looking to chip away at the lead. They embarked on a threatening drive, nearing the New Haven red zone before defensive back

Devonte Myles intercepted a pass at the New Haven six-yard line. Once again, the New Haven defense came up with the stop to keep the shutout intact.

On the ensuing drive, Degenhardt took to the air and picked apart the Pace defense. He connected with tight end Kevin Foelsch for a 23-yard reception, then with WR Chris Carlyle for a 22-yard catch in the end zone, stretching their lead to 28.

With the big lead, New Haven

took to the ground the rest of the game, winding down the clock and limiting the Pace offense. New Haven RB Hunter Cobb, who has quietly put up solid games on the ground in recent weeks, continued to show his value in the ground and pound game.

With the game clock winding down, Cobb rushed for a 20-yard touchdown to give the Chargers a dominant 35-0 lead with just over five minutes left.

On the next drive, Pace would find the end zone for their first score, ending the shutout and game's scoring. When the buzzer sounded, New Haven walked away with a standout 35-7 win, controlling the game in all 60 minutes.

Offensively, Degenhardt finished 12-17 on completions with 159 yards and three touchdowns. Cobb led the team in rushing with 59 yards and a touchdown, while Ais tallied 54 yards and a touchdown of his own. WR Dev Holmes led in receiving yards with 56, while Carlyle finished with 36 yards of his own.

On defense, Onyemem led the team with eight tackles and a fumble recovery. LB Joseph Vitale added 6 tackles of his own, while DB Khyon Fitzpatrick and LB Damon Burton Jr. both registered five.

With the win, New Haven improves to 5-1 (4-0 NE-10) and captures their fifth win in a row. Meanwhile, Pace drops to 3-3 (1-2 NE-10) with the loss.

The Chargers return to the field next Saturday when they host Post University in an out-of-conference matchup. Kickoff is slated to begin at 1 p.m., and more information can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).