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New Haven Football suffers first conference loss against Saint Anselm



New Haven celebrates against Saint Anselm, West Haven, Oct. 14, 2023.
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BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

Prior to the rainy homecoming game against Saint Anselm on Saturday, Oct. 14, the New Haven Chargers were undefeated in the Northeast-10 (NE-10) conference. Unfortunately, the Chargers were unable to keep this winning streak, suffering a tough 13-9 loss against the Hawks.

Saint Anselm took the 7-0 lead in the first quarter after a touchdown on a 10-yard run by wide receiver Anthony Brown and the Chargers were unable to answer back until after the half. After running 26 plays in the Hawks' territory, New Haven was only

able to score one touchdown on a busted coverage by Saint Anselm. The touchdown was scored in the third quarter by wide receiver Dev Holmes on a 44-yard pass from quarterback Daelen Menard. With just 30 seconds left in the third quarter, the Chargers took a two-point lead when linebacker Damon Burton blocked a punt, causing the ball to roll out of the end zone for a safety.

On New Haven's next offensive play, a 27-yard run by running back Christopher Ais put the Chargers in scoring position. However, they were unable to capitalize on this opportunity as two penalties pushed New Haven back and a fourth-down

pass fell incomplete.

Back on defense, Burton got to the Saint Anselm quarterback Anthony Santino on a blitz. Unfortunately, Santino threw the ball down the field against double coverage to Brown for a huge 63-yard gain. Brown scored four plays later on a five-yard run, taking the 13-9 lead over the Chargers.

In an attempt to answer back, New Haven drove into the red zone on the next drive after Menard's pass to tight end Kevin Foelsch resulted in a conversion on fourth down. The Chargers were unable to take back the lead, passing up a field goal and turning the ball over on downs when Foelsch was

tackled short of the first down marker.

The Chargers and the Hawks traded fumble recoveries with linebacker Joe Vitale forcing a fumble and defensive lineman Jack Quander recovering to give the Chargers an opportunity to take back the lead. New Haven was able to drive it down to Saint Anselm's 35, but they fell short once again after another pre-snap penalty and three straight incompletions.

In the end, the score remained 13-9 in favor of the Saint Anselm Hawks as the Chargers dropped a heartbreaking game that ended their undefeated status in the NE-10. It was a back-and-forth match-

up but costly turnovers, offensive struggles and the inability to capitalize on good field position were detrimental for the Chargers. After the upset on Saturday, the NE-10 standings are now dependent on the game between first-place Assumption and Saint Anselm next week. Either the Hawks will fall two games out of the NE-10 lead, or there will be multiple teams tied at the top of the standings.

New Haven will use its bye week to prepare for a big home game against Assumption on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. For more information on this game and more, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Ongoing war between Israel and Hamas reaches new tensions

BY ERIN SMITH
Politics Editor

On Oct. 7, Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist organization, launched an unprecedented attack by sea, air and ground on Israel. Rockets hit Israeli cities and thousands of militants crossed the border fence that separates the Gaza Strip and Israel. Israel formally declared war on Hamas on Oct. 8 and ordered the evacuation of civilians near the Gaza border.

Hamas is a Palestinian branch of the organization Muslim Brotherhood. The group calls for a Palestinian state instead of the state of Israel and they disagree with all agreements made between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel. They are primarily located in the Gaza Strip and areas of the West Bank.

The origins of the current conflict between Palestine and Israel dates back to 1948 when Israel's founding father David Ben-Gurion claimed the modern state of Israel. The state served as a safe place for Jewish people fleeing persecution and seeking a homeland which they cite to have deep ties over.

For Palestine, the abundance of Israelis blocked their hopes of statehood and resulted in them dispossessing the area. They were forced to flee their homes and ended up in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Israel still holds the claim that they did not drive Palestinians from their homes and says they were attacked by five Arab states the day after Israel's creation. There has been no formal peace between Israel and Palestine ever since.

One of the main conflicts between Israel and Palestine that have caused off and on fighting since 1948 is a two-state solution. A two-state solution would be an agreement that creates Palestine as an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that runs alongside Israel. Hamas, a heavy militarized group, has rejected this agreement and Israel will only allow this agreement if Palestine demilitarized so it poses no threat to Israel.

The Gaza Strip is a 25-mile-long by 6-mile-wide enclave, bounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Israel to the north and east and Egypt to the

south. Gaza is one of two Palestinian territories and the other being the Israeli-occupied West Bank. It is bordered by walls and fences from Israel. It holds more than two million Palestinians and 1.7 million of those are Palestinian refugees.

The strip has been held under a blockade from Israel and Egypt since Hamas gained control of the territory in 2007. Israel controls its airspace, shoreline and what goods can cross the border.

Conditions in Gaza have already been on a steady decline. About 63% of people in the Gaza Strip are food insecure and dependent on international assistance. With 81.5% of the population living in poverty, clean water is unavailable for 95% of the population.

Now in 2023 after the surprise Hamas attack, Israel has declared for a complete siege of the Gaza Strip. This entails cutting off water, food and power supplies, and sending continuous bombardments hitting schools, mosques and hospitals.

As death tolls rise in Gaza, Israel will not break the siege for humanitarian motives. The energy minister Israel Kratz said "electrical switch will be turned

on, no water hydrant will be opened and no fuel truck will enter" until Hamas releases their hostages. The United Nations have condemned the Israeli bombardment as "collective punishment," which is a war crime.

On Oct. 13, Israel announced that civilians have 24 hours to flee the northern part of Gaza to the southern part of the Gaza Strip in preparation for their upcoming ground invasion. This entails 1.1 million people fleeing across the strip. A United Nations spokesperson said, "The United Nations considers it impossible for such a movement to take place without devastating humanitarian consequences."

In Gaza, the number of deaths rose to 1,799, and there have been 7,388 wounded, according to the Gaza Ministry of Health on Oct. 13. Israel said on Oct. 12 that 1,300 people were killed during rocket attacks and deadly raids into Israeli territory. More than 3,000 people have been wounded. 27 of the deaths have been identified as American citizens.

The National Security Spokesperson John Kirby said on the number of Americans being held hostage in Gaza, "right now, we

think the number that we know, or we believe are held hostage, is very small, very small, like less than a handful. But that could change over time."

The United States, a long-standing ally to Israel, has said "There are no intentions, no plans to put American troops on the ground in combat," Kirby said to reporters at the White House during a press briefing. "There is no interest from the Israelis," he added.

"We are consistently and continuously consulting with them on their needs. What they have asked of us is to expedite security systems so that they are able to defend themselves," a U.S. senior defense official said.

The White House has not seen any evidence there are external actors looking to take advantage of the Israel-Hamas war. On behalf of The White House, Kirby said, "We haven't seen any other external actor indicate a willingness or readiness to widen and deepen this conflict."

The U.S. will continue to support Israel in the ongoing conflict and is strategically trying to get any Americans out of Israel safely.

House of Representatives lacking leadership

BY ERIN SMITH
Politics Editor

One week after Kevin McCarthy (R-Cal.) was ousted as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Republicans have still not found a replacement.

The Grand Old Party (GOP) is facing many internal divisions making it difficult to vote for a new Speaker.

A candidate needs to win a majority of the entire House to be elected speaker, which is 217 votes, due to two vacancies. That means a GOP speaker nominee can only afford to lose four GOP Republican votes if there are no absences.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise was a main player in the speakership bid. In a

vote against Scalise and Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Scalise won 113-99. Although this would not be enough, many Republicans decided to block Scalise's path to leadership which caused Scalise to withdraw from the race. After meeting with his critics in an attempt to win them over, the list of Republicans against him doubled.

After announcing his withdrawal, Scalise said "there are still some people that have their own agendas, and I was very clear we have to have everybody put their agendas on the side and focus on what this country needs. This country is counting on us to come back together. This House of Representatives needs a speaker, and we need to open up the House

again, but clearly not everybody is there, and there's still schisms that have to get resolved."

Jordan is the new GOP speaker nominee, but also lacks the 217 votes needed to take full control of the House. Jordan ran many House GOP investigations as the chair of the Judiciary Committee and helped form the House Freedom Caucus.

Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), a main contributor to the ousting of McCarthy, said "Jim Jordan puts us back on a path to fiscal sanity and he gets the Republican party back into the fighting posture we need to be in to win elections and push our policy objectives."

The House will remain paused until a new speaker is found.

There are important upcoming votes that need to be made for the country, so if the House still cannot decide on a speaker, it will push the United States behind. The government funding deadline will need to be voted on in mid-November and crises in Ukraine and Israel may need more support from the U.S. government.

House Representatives are feeling the pressure as they still have no one to fill this role.

"I just think the conference as a whole has to figure out their problem, solve it and select their leader," McCarthy said.

"This is petty, and I'm getting freaking tired of it," said Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, a New York Republican.

"We're all in there sharing our feelings, but the reality is we still need to get to 217."

Jordan and his team will have to "make phone calls to understand why people aren't there quite yet, and hopefully get them there," said Republican Rep. Mike Garcia of California.

Some House Republicans are considering giving more power to interim speaker Patrick McHenry of North Carolina. House Democrats have started speaking with Republicans about people that may have interest in working with them, reported by CNN.

Overall, the House of Representatives is still without a speaker as chaos ensues among the U.S. government.

Charger eSports Club paves their way on campus

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
Arts & Life Editor

Gaming and eSports is an area that has grown in popularity. According to Sports Business Journal, eSports enthusiasts have grown from 215.2 million people in 2020 to 261.2 million people as of Apr. 2022.

That popularity can be seen online and on the University of New Haven campus, where there is an eSports and gaming major and the Stable, a classroom dedicated to gaming. Aside from the program, there are clubs also dedicated to the activity.

The Charger eSports Club is an example of that; the club was founded in September 2013, according to Steven Fung, the club president and senior computer science major.

Despite there being the varsity eSports teams and the Gaming Club, the Charger eSports Club does a “pretty good job” at differentiating themselves, said Marcus Gordon, a senior cybersecurity and networks major and the

club’s vice president.

Gordon said that the varsity program focuses on training for highly competitive tournaments in the Stable and the Gaming Club focuses on board games and party games such as Mario Kart and Jack-box. “The [Charger eSports Club] tries to help people who are interested in playing these type of competitive games and [either] help them learn together via people showing up to general meetings or, if we get enough interest, bring together teams for a game and hopefully get them to tournaments appropriate for their combined skill levels,” said Gordon.

Fung further discussed those differentiations and said that the club has teams for games such as Omega Strikers and Smash Brothers Ultimate that the varsity teams and Gaming Club do not have.

Marc Marino, a senior music and sound recording major who is also the club’s sergeant at arms and co-captain of the club Smash Brothers Ultimate team, touched on how

the club wants to welcome everyone. “Whether you’re new to [eSports] and want to learn more or you just want to support your friends that are into [eSports], we accept and welcome anyone into the world that is [eSports],” said Marino.

Gordon gave a first-hand experience of how welcoming the club was when he first joined. “The club was super welcoming and the club members made it feel

like a family,” said Gordon. “Throughout the years of me being here, this sense of family never really left. Even as new people came and old people left, this connection we’ve built together as a club was always consistent and feels like it grows stronger every year.”

The club touched on an event that the club is planning for the beginning of November, but no date is set yet. The event will be held in the

Beckerman Recreation Center where they can get a projector and stage for a tournament so New Haven students and alumni can watch.

For now, the events that the club holds are general meetings every Friday at 7 p.m. in Buckman 120. They will also be traveling to Central Connecticut State University this Thursday for a Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament where they will be competing against other schools.



A member of the eSports club in the Stable, West Haven, Oct. 15, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Charlotte Basett.

If I’m in a car with Harry Styles and he gives me aux

BY ASHLEY SULLIVAN
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If you’re ever looking for songs to help fill the empty space during a long car ride, allow us to help you out.

Long road trips can feel like they’re dragging on, even with your favorite people filling the seats, but right music can help kill time and make the experience a lot more fun. No matter what your music taste is, you can put any of these songs on and simply have

a good time just listening to music.

For the full playlist, scan the QR code to the right and stream our full collection, which includes:

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Night Moves - Bob Seger
Fernando - ABBA



USGA and SCOPE get students to show Charger Pride at 2023 Homecoming pep rally

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH
Arts & Life Editor

Charger Pride across the University of New Haven campus was high at the beginning of Homecoming Weekend. Celebrations for Homecoming started on Thursday, Oct. 12 when the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) and Student Committee of Planning and Events (SCOPE) hosted the annual pep rally.

The pep rally was held in the Bixler-Gerber residential quad and featured a wide array of performances and giveaways.

Before the event started, there was a line forming around the table where Homecoming t-shirts designed by Brisa Velazquez Perez, the USGA vice president of engagement, were being given out.

There was another table hosted by Westies Nutrition, a local West Haven business that sells smoothies and energy teas, who were giving out 200 energy teas of two flavors: blue blast and pineapple.

Amanda Forst, the co-owner of Westies Nutrition, said that the company opened four years ago and soon afterward began ties with New Haven athletics. “We started doing fundraisers for all the different teams: cheerleading, softball [and] volleyball,” said Forst. “Last year, we actually got on campus because of the relationships that we built with the athletic department.”

Students can get 15% off an order at Westies using their student IDs.

The Fire Science Club, claimed their usual spot at the grills, hosting a pep rally barbecue that they are known for at university events.

Performances by student groups brought even more life to the pep rally. Both the New Haven cheer team and dance team, who gave it their all to get the audience excited for the upcoming Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The cheer and dance teams were not the only ones to show off their blue and gold, as the next performance showcased the Charger



Members of the New Haven dance team at the Homecoming pep rally, West Haven, Oct. 12, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Presley DePugh.

K-pop Dance Crew.

Other dance groups such as the Monsoon Dance Crew and Illuminate Dance Club also came out to pump up students who gathered on the quad.

Anabelle Davis, a senior criminal justice major and president of SCOPE, said that the organization helped coordinate the dance performances and activities such as pot painting.

Davis said that this year’s pep rally was spearheaded by Velazquez Perez and two members of SCOPE’s Spirit and Traditions Team: Teyah Greene, a senior psychology major and Allison Stevenson, a junior criminal justice major.

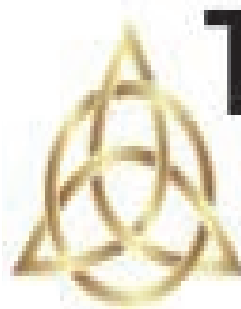
Davis also said that while SCOPE was not too involved in the pep rallies in past years, the organization “really wanted to get more heavily involved.” SCOPE loves being part of the Homecoming events “because it makes us feel really connected to, you know, why we come to this campus,” said Davis.

With Charger Pride being a large part of Homecoming, Davis touched on how much she loved the school’s spirit. Davis said, “I love being here on campus. I love

talking to the other students. There’s so many intelligent, kind [and] just amazing people here and it’s so nice

to be in a spot with so many different people all at once.” The New Haven football team took to Dellacamera

Stadium for their homecoming game against Saint Anselm College, in which they suffered a 13-9 loss.



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Division of Student Affairs brings in campus partners for the Health & Wellness Fair

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Last Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Division of Student Affairs had multiple offices across the University of New Haven participate in the Health and Wellness Fair. This fair had different tables with different resources and activities for students to do.

One table was set up by the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation (CSE-LO), and sitting at it was Anais Gardere, a member of CSELO and graduate student studying cellular and molecular biology. Gardere said that the table's activity was set up for students to either write a positive message on a piece of paper and leave it in a bowl or take a positive message.

Another table set up at the fair was hosted by the Counseling and Psychological Services, which had Community Wellness Advocates (CWA's) there. CWA Alexis Robert, a senior forensic science major, said CAPS' table had an activity called "Trash the Stress." The activity allowed students to take a construction paper leaf, write on it what was stressing them out and crumble it then throw it into a bowl.

Robert said that the activity was centered around wellness during midterms, which took place the week of Monday, Oct. 9. "I feel like being a student is very hard, so it's really good to promote mental health and [to promote] wellness so that you can put your best foot forward in your academics because you need to make sure that you're okay first before you can do your best in all your classes," said Robert.

Another campus office with a fun activity was the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC), who had a

wish tree at the table, and students could write down a wish they have and put it onto the tree.

There were Defeating Roadblocks in Education through Awareness and Mentoring (DREAM) Ambassadors at the ARC table, one of them being Erica Golia, a graduate student studying clinical mental health counseling.

Golia is also the campus life and social coach for the More than Access program, an ARC program that takes in about five students per semester who have autism spectrum disorder. Golia said that this is an opportunity for those students "who are really looking to enhance their social skills on campus and get involved." The program also helps students navigate any conflicts they might encounter, such as roommate problems or trouble navigating social situations.

Another important topic discussed at the ARC table was mental health, which was touched upon by Noah Maayani, another DREAM Ambassador and a junior forensic psychology major.

"Health and Wellness [are] definitely important topics because mental health, specifically, is a very new and very not talked about subject," said Maayani. "So, bringing awareness of that definitely helps show that we are all human and that together we can just help each other and all be ourselves."

There were other tables that were set up that had been centered around physical health and wellness as well. For instance, Health Services had a table and was held by Alicia Dias, an advanced practice registered nurse at the campus' Health Services. Dias said that the tabling was meant to "encourage [students] to learn how to



DSA's table at the Health & Wellness Fair, West Haven, Oct. 10, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin, Logeswaran Ganesan Kattikulam.

navigate the healthcare system" and that it is a lot of what Health Services does.

"That's why it's important for us to feel like we need to encourage them and provide a welcoming space for people to feel comfortable with that, because a lot of times, all it takes is one bad experi-

ence in healthcare for people to not really be interested in engaging moving forward," said Dias.

Dias said that the office wants to give students a safe space to talk, not just for Health Services to be a place to go to when you are sick. "Also, if they're concerned with mental health, if they're

concerned with their relationships - be it abuse or safety - we encourage [them to] come in and talk to us," said Dias.

If you are interested in keeping up with more campus events, be sure to check the Happening on Campus tab on MyCharger and check Charger Connection.

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Let's have a great year!

BY INTERIM PRESIDENT
SHEAHON ZENGER

At this year's Move-In Day, I had a great time interacting with our students and their parents and families, seeing their appreciation firsthand and excitement about the upcoming year. It got me thinking about the real "why" behind why we are all here and what makes up the Charger experience.

One of my favorite writers is Robert Fulghum. In *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Fulghum writes, "Knowledge is meaningful only if it is reflected in action. [...] We are what we do, not

just what we think." In other words, how you show up — for yourself and for others — matters." And that's a choice you get to make each and every day as an individual and as a Charger.

It's also important to remember that, as I told our newest students at Convocation, it's all about working together and supporting one another. Fulghum agrees, adding, "It's almost impossible to go through life all alone." College can, should and will be difficult. It should challenge you. It also can, should and will be fun. Make time for joy.

So whether you're a new student or in your final year at the Uni-

versity of New Haven, ask yourself: How am I going to make this year count? Who do I want to see reflected when I look in the mirror on the first and final day of classes and all the days in between? What do I want to make happen and who am I going to invite along for the ride?

I often refer to "the dare in me." If there is one thing I am certain of in my time at the University, it is that each of you, our students, has some dare in you. There are certain things in life that we can't change, but we create everything else. Find your inner dare. Embrace who you are, be your authentic self

and reach out and build community. Bring the passion, find your purpose, make your mark on the world and most importantly, don't forget to enjoy the process.

What are you most looking forward to? What are some personal bests you're trying to beat? What are some ways in which you're excited to make new friends or engage with other students? Email me at officeofthepresident@newhaven.edu to tell me more about the Charger story you're planning to write this year.

I can't wait to see what this year has in store.

Sincerely,
Dr. Z

The intimacy of violence

BY MATTHEW SCHMIDT
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It is the intimacy of violence that shocks us. It shouldn't. It does so only in relation to our ignorance of the world.

Many students here, not all, pride themselves on a commitment to public service, while declaring that they hate politics.

But politics matters.

Politics is the process of deciding who decides the big questions for our chosen communities of identity and our larger civic one as citizens of one country or another, one culture or another, one creed or another, or some mash-up of all. It is this process that decides the standards and expectations you come here to study and to master. Under different political leaders those standards would be different, have been different, have been both more and less humane. What has changed those standards over time is politics, the people granted the responsibility to use power to set the standards of public action.

What I can say about the par-

ticular violence in Israel-Palestine today is only that there is no easy way out.

What you see on your phone screens is the choices of political leaders made real by the decisions of men, almost always men, to carry them out to the ethical standards the men, almost always men, in power have set. The leaders of Hamas have chosen terror in order to force the leaders of Israel to choose force. The risk of a spiraling out of control to Iran and elsewhere is real. When kids are taught that Jews are animals, some subset of men (almost always men) will grow up to see terror as glory.

But you live in a moment of your lives before you will be asked to carry out careers according to the moral narratives of political power. You still have a chance to learn the questions you'll need to carry with you and use at the moment of decision you will eventually face. It doesn't matter if you choose security fields, finance, healthcare, or education. You will need good questions, the best questions, to guide you when there is no

longer an easy way out. Find those questions.

You have a luxury before you. You have time to study and to reflect with each other. But as a teacher what I see is that too many of you avoid the intense grappling with a subject that is required for real study. To be a real student is to incur a sacrifice on the altar of learning. It's a sacrifice of time and a sacrifice of comfort. Get below the screen. Get uncomfortable in your ignorance and do something to change it.

There are things you can do here, things that not only those interested in politics or security should take the time for.

Login with friends to a Brehm-Boucher Speaker Series lecture and learn from people who have been at the heart of these events.

Read deeply. Read outside your comfort zone. Read Edward Said on Palestine and Hezbollah's manifesto; watch Shoah and read Ellie Weisel on the Holocaust. Go to the University's Holocaust Memorial every Spring and hear from survivors. Read *Mein Kampf* and ask yourself how it was

people could come to believe it. Read Nelson Mandela on Apartheid, watch Amandla (whose director came to UNH), read MLK and Ibram Kendi. Learn about the Black Panthers' food programs and history in New Haven.

Read and listen to the arguments. They're by no means equal and in no way do I condone the terrorism of Hamas or Hezbollah. But I also despise the cynicism and corruption of Benjamin Netanyahu's politics.

If not these questions about racism, violence and politics, then others. The point is to learn deeply for once in your life, for maybe the only time in your life when you'll have the freedom to do so. This is a gift and a luxury. Don't waste it.

You must pick something to learn. Get close to something hard to know, embrace it and learn its questions if you want to someday find answers to the questions that matter most to yourself and your communities. You must sacrifice time and effort to do the work of learning, and ease and comfort to attain the fruits of it. Start here. Start now.

How words can lead to the othering of the poor

BY KAYLEE SALAZAR
Interpretive Editor

Published in Horseshoe Magazine

It is a nice thing to believe that the media was created for the sole purpose of reporting salient issues within communities, whistleblowing undercover evils, highlighting accurate and unbiased stories and other similar factors following that optimistic theme.

Unfortunately for us, that does not always seem to be the case. While the media can prove to be helpful at times, it also has its fair share of negative influence—specifically when covering poverty. For example, the particular framings and rhetoric used when covering poverty have led poor people to be seen in a certain light and ultimately aided in their overall “othering.”

The media continues to do harm through intentional and unintentional othering. Put simply—as explained by Danny Balfour, Guy Adams and Ashley Nickels in their book “Unmasking Administrative Evil”—to other someone or an entire group of people is to use them as a scapegoat, see them as something lesser or conceptualize them as unequivocally different in an irreparable way. This can be displayed perfectly by the American “bootstraps” mentality, with people often blaming the homeless and poor for their situations and attributing



Newspaper graphic
Photo courtesy of Pexels, Brotin Biswas.

their misfortune to a testament to their hard work or lack thereof. By sensationalizing poverty and not dedicating attention to the real root of the issue, poor people continue to be othered and looked down upon, and society continues to thwart the potential for change and reform.

Any writer or logophile can tell you just how much meaning words can carry. As an example, while “depressed,” “dejected” and “down” are all synonymous with the much more customary “sad,” they each have a more specific, more saturated meaning attached to them. It might seem meticulous to be so attentive to words, but it is similar to choosing paints for a house. While red and pink are technically the same color, they are not

interchangeable as they are their own unique shades.

This same idea can be extended to writing and the word palette chosen to discuss certain topics. Many journalists and media sources tend to speak about poverty and the poor in similar ways; this is to say, poor people are framed in a harmful way that is not an accurate overall representation of their situation. Common vocabulary banks often include syntax that blame the individual for their situation and the actions that they must do to survive rather than blaming the underfunded and nonexistent systems that have failed them. For example, the media often covers stories about people stealing food or supplies from grocery stores without ever giving context to the situation. It is true

that stealing is seen as a generally bad thing to do; however, people can and do steal for survival. Alternatively, coverage of poverty can also fail to treat the poor as people; rather, they are framed as sad, teary-eyed shelter animals that need you to save them, yet again giving blame and guilt to the individual rather than the system.

To look deeper, the research article “Talking About Poverty,” published by Appalachian State University, goes into detail about the way that poverty is covered in the media. It states that news coverage of poverty and the actual rate of poverty is so skewed because they are not correlated. Additionally, the article says that “social responsibilities are largely ignored, while individual causes and solutions

are repeatedly emphasized.” This leads me to a specific point that was made in the article that I would like to bring attention to; that is, the misconstrued association of poverty with promiscuous or “impure” sexual behavior, laziness and lack of education. By discussing poverty in addendum with these topics—and phrases that are associated with these topics—it continues to perpetuate the idea that poverty is caused by the individual rather than being an intentional structural cancer. In turn, this makes it difficult for the rest of a population to view high poverty rates as something systemic rather than a series of bad decision making and a lapse in individual character, essentially othering poor people.

Men's soccer defeats College of Staten Island 1-0

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Coming off a rough 4-1 loss against Southern New Hampshire University, the New Haven men's soccer team were back in action as they took on the College of Staten Island on Wednesday, Oct. 11. New Haven had an opportunity to get back in the win column and give them over a .500 record on the season. With a 1-0 win over the Dolphins, New Haven now stands at 5-4-2 overall on the season with a 2-3-2 record in Northeast-10 (NE-10) play.

The first half was dominated by the Chargers as they tallied five shots on goal to Staten Island's one. Neither team was able to get any momentum going early on offense and break the scoreless tie. Midfielder Augustus McGiff was a major catalyst for New Haven's offense in the first half with three of the team's five shots, but none were able to get past goalkeeper Nicholas Shields.

The opening minutes of the second half was a back-and-forth affair where neither team could maintain possession of the ball. After a yellow

card in the 56th minute by Staten Island defender Aidan Sivio, the Chargers offense broke out again as McGiff fired another shot to the net that missed left. Just 33 seconds later, defender Sean Lane-Turnbull put New Haven ahead by one with a goal assisted by forward Fabio Bastina Andreu.

Following the goal, the Dolphins looked to cash in on a scoring chance and tie the game at one in the later minutes. The Chargers defense stood strong all game, forcing goalkeeper Mattia Palanca to face just two shots and saved them both.

New Haven continued to send shots to the net as they finished the game with 13 and seven reaching the net. Their consistent pressure allowed them to control the game and take advantage of Staten Island being out of position to take a lead and hold it all the way to the end of the match. It was an all around great game for the Chargers, who shut down every scoring chance for Staten Island. New Haven is in the midst of a rebound season as they enter the final four games of the season with a trip to the NE-10 playoffs on the line.



#23 Sean Lane-Turnbull celebrates a goal in New Haven's 1-0 win over CSI, West Haven, Oct. 11, 2023. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

The New Haven Chargers will be back in action at Kathy Zolad Stadium this upcoming Tuesday, Oct.

17 as they will be taking on Adelphi University. Kickoff is scheduled to be at 7 p.m. as the Chargers look to

collect another win. For more information, you can go on NewHavenChargers.com.

Women's soccer falls 4-1 to Molloy for sixth straight loss

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On Wed. Oct. 11, the New Haven women's soccer team faced off against Molloy University looking to snap their five-game losing streak. Both teams looked to play with a lead and go ahead early, but the Chargers were unable to hold off Molloy's attack as they stretched their losing streak to six games with a 4-1 loss. It was an offensive game on both sides as the Lions outshot New Haven 20-15 for the game.

New Haven's aggressive play in the opening minutes of the game led to quality scoring chances with three corner kicks in the first ten minutes, but were unable to get anything past Molloy goalkeeper Shannon Kilian. Forward Caitlyn Toom had the Chargers best chance to score early with a shot to the top left of the net that

was stopped by Kilian.

The first half unfolded in a tightly contested manner, with both sides displaying commendable defensive efforts. However, Molloy broke through in the 36th minute with a goal by forward Olivia Ingenito. This early breakthrough set the tone for Ingenito's performance, finishing the game with a hat trick, displaying remarkable precision and finesse.

New Haven goalkeeper Caitlin Daley kept her team in the game in the first half with nine saves. Her presence between the posts provided a crucial anchor for the Chargers, even in the face of relentless attacks from the Lions.

The halftime break brought a shift in momentum, as the Lions added to their lead with Ingenito's second goal of the game. Just two minutes later, forward Caitlin Kennedy added to the tally with a penalty kick in the 49th minute after a foul by de-

fender Caroline Ennis. The Chargers found themselves on the back foot, yet their spirit remained unbroken.

In a testament to their resilience, New Haven orchestrated a swift response. Forward Macy Litalien, with a stroke of brilliance, found the back of the net in the 51st minute to make it a 3-1 game. The Chargers offensive attack was finally able to push through as defender Janayah Body, who made her first appearance in the second half, was able to disrupt Molloy's offense and generate a quality scoring chance for her team.

Ingenito completed her hat trick with a third goal in the 61st minute that snuck past Daley and gave them a three-goal lead. Her five shots on goal were a huge part of Molloy's offense as the Chargers had no answer for their relentless opportunities as they came away with a big 4-1 win over New Haven.

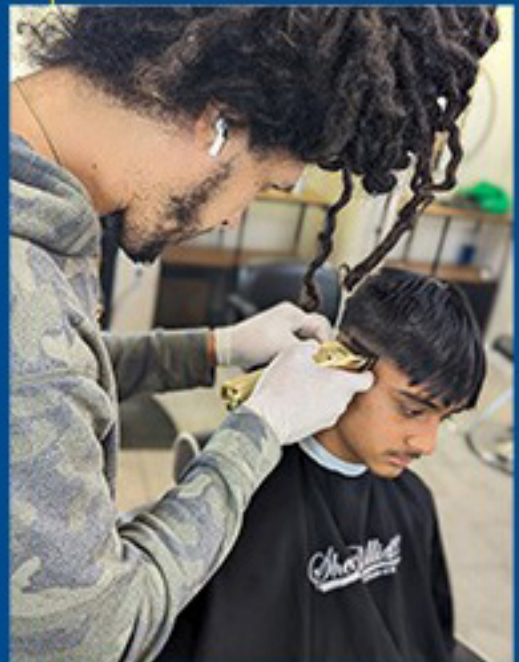
The Chargers will be looking to end their losing streak this Sunday, Oct. 15 as they take on the Assumption Greyhounds in Worcester,

Mass. who are currently coming off 2 back-to-back ties. For more information, head to NewHavenChargers.com.



Members of New Haven's starting lineup in their 4-1 loss to Molloy, West Haven, Oct. 11, 2023. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

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