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## “Maxcy Hall has been taken off my shoulders”: Chancellor Kaplan discusses early retirement

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Chancellor Steven Kaplan recently composed his farewell address, following multiple emails to the university community regarding the decision to step down from his current position of leadership.

On Aug. 22, Kaplan sent out an email addressing “Members of the University Community,” though the general student population was not included, following up from his initial announcement of retirement earlier in the month. This notice came as a request from the chair of the Board of Governors, Charles Pompea, who indicated that Kaplan should “provide to the community and to the Board a fuller explanation of the issues and events that led to [his] decision to retire next summer.”

In the email, Kaplan outlined the reasons for his departure, and said that he felt as if his initial announcement had resulted in what he referred to as a misinterpretation of facts. The message covered the processes surrounding transitions of leadership within the university’s administrative team, and provided insight on Kaplan’s perceived areas of dissonance in agreement between the university staff and faculty and himself.

Nearing the end of this email, Kaplan said “For those of you who wanted me to leave, I am doing what you allegedly wanted, though for my own reasons and not yours.”

After the start of the fall semester, Kaplan, who is currently working remotely from his property in southern France, spoke further on his reasoning for taking a step down from his position at the university. He said that his plans to retire started back in 2019; however, the Board of Governors asked him to extend his stay in order to



University of New Haven t-shirts lie on top of a chair in Chancellor Kaplan’s empty office, West Haven, August 31, 2022.

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support the university throughout the pandemic. More recently, he said that the shift in leadership plan, in which the role of Chancellor of the university was created, was established to serve as a compromise to again extend Kaplan’s stay to work at the university, despite his desire for a sooner retirement. The role was constructed to grant him the ability to step back and spend less time consumed by work, allowing him more time to spend with his family, which he repeatedly referenced as a primary motive for his retirement.

He said that the role of chancellor is not actually necessary due to

the size of the University of New Haven, and that it was merely a “creative solution” to extend his stay. There are no plans to fill this role after he leaves.

When voicing his feelings following his announcement to the university community, Kaplan said that it was as if “[the weight of] Maxcy Hall had been taken off my shoulders.”

He said he “reluctantly” took on the chancellor position, though he also reiterated his love for the university. These feelings came as a product of what he identified as his reasons for leaving, which centered around his grandchildren,

who he said sparked the need to spend more time at home, while also saying the reasons for retiring had “been building” for quite some time.

When describing his relationship with university staff, Kaplan said he had in fact hired “close to 90 percent of the faculty and a lot of the staff,” and that he “decided I was tired of the disagreements.” He said that issues with other members of university staff did not contribute to him stepping down early.

However, in his email a week prior, he wrote, “some members of the faculty had expressed deep

concern in a faculty meeting about what they claimed was a hostile work environment in response to our provost deciding to return to her former institution, and that the University was in serious financial difficulty. Dr. Guzman, who as Senate Chair was acting in good faith on behalf of the faculty, told me that the faculty planned to take up a vote of no-confidence in me, and also wanted to engage an outside firm to assess whether or not there is a hostile work environment at UNH.”

He acknowledged and refuted such concerns, speaking on tensions with the faculty, saying,

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## Football stumbles, still wins Elm City matchup

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It was not pretty, but when the final buzzer sounded on Saturday, the New Haven football team walked away with a 31-26 win over crosstown rival Southern Connecticut State University in an out-of-conference game.

Coming out of a late loss last week at No. 8 Bowie State, the Chargers welcomed fans into Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium for the first time in the 2022 season. It wasn’t just any game either, as the first installment of this year’s Elm City Rivalry

brought its usual chippy play and energy from both sides.

The New Haven offense got off to a sluggish start. After their first drive stalled, they got another chance when the Owls punted the ball back following a three-and-out. However, New Haven running back Christopher Ais fumbled on the first play, giving the ball right back. In under five minutes, it was already the fourth possession of the game.

Southern Connecticut took advantage of the fumble, finding the end zone after a roughing the passer penalty placed the ball on the 25-yard line. After a short

five-yard completion, Owls’ quarterback Marc Reali connected with Tylon Papallo for a 20-yard touchdown. The Chargers’ defense saved some momentum though as they blocked the extra-point attempt to keep the score at 6-0.

New Haven receiver and return man Terrell Ford built on this, returning the ensuing kickoff 49 yards to get the offense on the other side of the field. Returning QB Connor Degenhardt, coming off an All-Conference Second Team nod last year, connected with receiver Chris Carlyle for

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Shamar Logan cradles the ball after scoring a TD, West Haven, Sept. 10, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.



# WestFest unites university and surrounding community for celebration

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On Sept. 3, the University of New Haven's Mayor's Advisory Commission hosted WestFest, an annual festival that was held in Old Grove Park this year.

The event is designed to unite the university community with the West Haven community for an end-of-summer celebration with live entertainment, games, food trucks and inflatables. Additionally, the festival is organized to raise money for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce, which is a local food pantry.

As the tables were set up and students greeted each other, Sonja Denyse, a local DJ started to play a selection of lively, upbeat music that set the tone for the rest of the event. Food trucks lined the street as the sweet aroma of fried dough filled the air. Throughout the event, West Haven residents and university students gathered to visit old friends and make new ones. University Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) also host-

ed designated tables to advertise their organizations and recruit new members of the campus community.

Chi Kappa Rho, a Panhellenic sorority, was one of several organizations that tabled at the event. Molly Guillem, a junior forensic science major and Treasurer of Chi Kappa Rho, said that she hopes the organization has a big turnout during the fall recruitment process for greek life. She said, "[My hope] is that our passions are shown as really what they are to bring more sisterhood into the community."

Ian Sacci, a junior sports management major and business manager of the radio station WNHU, said he enjoyed the atmosphere at WestFest. Sacci provided a few tips for students who may be interested in joining WNHU. He said, "The biggest reason why people could be hesitant about joining the radio station is 'Oh, I have to be really into music,' or 'I have to be a music industry major,' and that's far from the truth."

Sacci encourages students of all classes and majors to join



Franco's Fried Dough-Licious food truck at WestFest, West Haven, Sept. 3, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Saige Batza.



Chi Kappa Rho sorority tabling at WestFest, West Haven, Sept. 3 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Saige Batza.

the organization. "I'm a sports management major and I'm a part of the radio station. We have a communication major as our station manager." Sacci emphasized that the WNHU community is welcoming and inclusive for students of all majors.

Also in attendance was West Haven High School's Theatre Workshop, advertising their upcoming fall productions of "Grease" and "You Can't Take It With You." Cyehenne Sebas, a student working the Theatre Workshop at the high school, said that the university and

surrounding local community can help spread the word about upcoming shows by posting flyers and encouraging attendance at their shows. Sebas said, "Putting up flyers is always nice and just posting on social media, we have Instagram and Facebook accounts." Students and faculty of the West Haven High School continued to circle the event and pass out flyers about their upcoming shows this fall.

Those in attendance were also treated to live music from a variety of bands, including Midnight Boutique, Joe Neumann and

the Big Beat and Absfunkin-lutely. West Haven's Mulkerin School of Irish Dance also had a performance, which incorporated members of the audience to join in the performance. The crowd also heard from a panel of speakers, including West Haven Mayor Nancy Rossi and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Shaily Menon on the local issue of food insecurity in the area.

More information about university and local organizations can be found on Charger Connection.

# CSELO's Welcome Week celebrates university community

BY SAIGE BATZA  
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As the start of a new semester and year are in full swing, the events of this year's Welcome Week have united the university community, students and faculty alike. The Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation (CSELO) hosted the Welcome Week events that began at the start of classes and ran throughout the first week.

Activities and events during Welcome Week included Greek life open houses, flag football tournament, Twisted Thursday, Charger Pride barbeque, headphone disco and many more.

The events of the week kicked off Monday morning with a t-shirt giveaway at the Bartels Student Activity Center (BSAC) and Charlie's Snack Shack at the Sheffield Hall Gazebo. On Tuesday, SCOPE hosted their TOTE-ally SCOPE event for undergraduate students in the



Students sit in Gerber/Bixler Quad during Welcome Week, Sept. 1, West Haven.  
Photo courtesy of Instagram/@unehavenlife.

BSAC. Wednesday started off with a Greek Life Open House located in the Bixler/Gerber quad before the Graduate Student Involvement Fair took place in the Alumni Lounge. The festivities continued on Sept. 1 with a flag football tournament hosted by Charger REC at the Zolad Stadium on Thursday morning. Events

continued to take place Friday through Sunday with a trip to Lake Compounce and WestFest 2022, ending with an outdoor movie night at the Bixler / Gerber quad on Monday evening.

Jordyn Hackett-Slimm, a senior criminal justice major and orientation coordinator for CSELO, encourages new students to

get involved by using the Corq app to gain access to daily events happening around campus. "All of the daily events on campus are posted to Corq where it lists dates, times, and locations. Once a new student is logged into Corq they can also use their event pass to scan into events!"

Hackett-Slimm also encour-

ages students to check Charger Connection for upcoming events on campus this semester.

"My favorite aspect of being a leader is making new connections and helping new students find their way," says Hackett-Slimm. She recalls feeling overwhelmed as a new student in her first year. "I enjoy being able to help others find their place here whether it's as a member of an RSO [Recognized Student Organizations], or figuring out how to get an on campus job, or even just finding their favorite place to study."

Hackett-Slimm says that she believes Welcome Week can contribute to "creating a positive campus climate" as a way for students to make connections and that "Welcome Week is for all students and promotes togetherness through the different activities that occur. Taking the time to show up to even one event could be a great opportunity to meet someone new."



# Connecticut's major 2022 elections: updates and voter involvement

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Along with many other states across the United States, Connecticut is holding a general election this fall to elect new representatives for multiple positions. For Connecticut, these include electing a new governor and lieutenant governor, as well as five seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and one seat in the U.S. Senate. These elections are scheduled for Nov. 8, 2022.

Connecticut's gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial elections will be one of 36 taking place in 2022. The primary election scheduled for Aug. 9, to choose the Democratic and Republican governor candidates for the election in November, was canceled. Both the Republican candidate Bob Stefanowski and the incumbent Democratic candidate Ned Lamont ran unopposed. Michelle Louise Bicking of the Green Party, Independent Robert Hotaling, and Libertarian Aaron Lewis will also be running for the position.

The primary elections for Connecticut's Lieutenant Governor were also canceled, as both the Republican and Democratic candidates ran unopposed.



A picture of an "I Voted" sticker in the leaves, Nov. 6 2018.  
Photo courtesy of Unsplash/Josh Carter.

Incumbent Susan Bysiewicz of the Democratic party and Laura Devlin of the Republican party will be on the general election's ballot in November.

As for the U.S. House of Representatives, voters will elect five candidates, one from each of Connecticut's five U.S. House districts. Currently all of the incumbent candidates are from the Democratic party. To represent District 1, incumbent John Larson will be facing Republican

Larry Larson. Incumbent Joe Courtney is facing Republican Mike France in District 2, while Republican Lesley DeNardis and Independent Amy Chai are running against incumbent Rosa L. DeLauro. In District 4, Republican Jayme Stevenson is running against incumbent Jim Himes, while in District 5 both incumbent Jahana Haynes and Republican George Logan are running for a seat.

For the U.S. Senate voters will

elect one candidate to represent Connecticut. This election will fill the seat held by Democrat Richard Blumenthal, who first took office in 2011. The outcome of this election will affect the partisan balance of the U.S. Senate, with 35 of 100 seats currently being up for election across the country this November. Fourteen of the seats being put up for election are currently held by Democrats while the other 21 seats are held by Republicans.

In Connecticut, Leora Levy defeated Themis Klarides and Peter Lumaj in the Republican primary, with 46,665 of the 92,325 votes. The Democratic primary was not held as incumbent Blumenthal ran unopposed. John Flynn of the Independent Party, as well as Independents Andrew Hyduchak and Kristi Talmadge, are also running for the position.

Connecticut's upcoming general election is just one of many occurring around the country. Those who are eligible to vote can check their registration status online to make sure they are ready for this November. Voters can also look up key election information, per state, in order to prepare for the general election. Out-of-state students who are interested in voting can also register for an absentee ballot in order to participate in elections by mail. Students should check if their home state allows for absentee voting and review the registration deadlines.

University of New Haven students interested in getting more involved with politics may be interested in organizations such as the University of New Haven College Republicans or the College Democrats of America.

# Monkeypox: an update on the 2022 global outbreak

BY LILLIAN NEWTON  
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Since the beginning of May 2022, reports of monkeypox cases have risen across multiple continents. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, with the White House releasing a similar declaration. While this is not the first time monkeypox cases have been reported globally, it is the first time that the virus has become a serious public health threat in the United States.

Monkeypox was first discovered in 1958 after the occurrence of a pox-like disease outbreak within two colonies of monkeys that were being used for research. While the virus is named "Monkeypox," there is currently no known source of the virus; however, it is believed that African rodents and non-human primates, monkeys included, can possibly carry the disease.

The first human case of Monkeypox was recorded in 1970. Prior to the current 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in multiple central and western African countries. All reported cases have been linked to countries where the disease commonly occurs or through imported animals.

According to the Center for

Disease Control, as of Sept. 8, there have been 21,504 cases within the United States and 56,609 cases reported globally. In Connecticut alone, there have been 107 reported cases.

Monkeypox is a rare viral zoonosis, a virus that is transmitted to humans by animals, with similar, although clinically less severe, symptoms seen in smallpox patients. The virus is transmitted to humans through close contact with an infected person or animal, or with material that is contaminated. Through human-to-human contact, Monkeypox can be spread by

"close contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets, and contaminated materials such as bedding."

The most common symptoms of Monkeypox include a rash, fever and swollen lymph nodes. The rash will typically look like pimples or blisters that travel through several stages, including scabs, before healing. Other symptoms may include chills, exhaustion, muscle aches and backache, headache, as well as respiratory symptoms. Monkeypox symptoms typically start showing within 3 weeks of exposure and last 2-4 weeks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, data suggests that men who have sex with men currently make up the majority of reported cases in the 2022 outbreak. While this is true, anyone who has come into close contact with a person who has monkeypox is at risk, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

University students were sent an email by Health Services before the start of the semester, detailing the outbreak and symptoms of monkeypox. In the email, Health Services described what students should do if they

believe they have been exposed to monkeypox, writing "The University is closely monitoring the global monkeypox outbreak... Individuals with an unknown rash and who are not feeling well are encouraged to contact Health Services to be assessed. Individuals who are concerned about possible exposure to monkeypox should contact Health Services at 203-932-7079 for guidance regarding possible vaccination."

Furthermore, the email describes the university's new regulations pertaining to isolation for both COVID-19 and monkeypox for the fall semester: "As a reminder, the University will not provide housing or meal plan accommodations for students who live in University-sponsored housing who require isolation should they test positive for COVID-19 or monkeypox."

While the virus is continuing to spread around the globe, the version of the virus spreading from West Africa has a very low fatality rate. According to the CDC, more than 99% of patients are expected to survive. However, the infection may be fatal in patients under 8, those with compromised immune systems and those who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

The most common outcome of the virus is scarring from the rash.



A doctor removes a testing swab, Sept. 7, 2020.  
Photo courtesy of Unsplash/Mufid Majnun.



# University gathers to honor anniversary of 9/11

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As of Sunday morning, it has been 21 years since two planes struck the World Trade Center at 8:46 and 9:03 a.m. In a continuation of university tradition, community members gathered on the morning of Sept. 8 to hold an early remembrance ceremony for all that was lost, and how far we have come since the tragic incident.

Every year, the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) organizes a memorial ceremony in honor of 9/11. This year's president, Saniyah Brinney, gave the opening remarks following a moment of silence for the lives lost 21 Septembers ago.

The university's color guard marched in with the flags of the military branches, which was then followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Throughout the morning, Brinney introduced a number of speakers from the university who took to the podium. The first speaker to tell their story was Martin O'Connor, campus chaplain and assistant chair of criminal justice.

"There are times, and there are events and there are people that change us and our world," O'Connor said, standing before the crowd gathered across the Maxcy Quad as he led into the impact of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

In part of his monologue, O'Connor spoke on the present-day role of those within the community, saying, "We gather for a few minutes in the midst of all that is going on in our world and in each of our lives and we pause to remember, and to commit ourselves to honoring the memory of so many lives lost; so many lives changed on that most cruel of days."

Nearing the closure of his speech, he said, "21 years ago we found solace and support in each other's company, and today we do the same," before the micro-

phone was then passed back to Brinney.

In her own time on the podium, standing between the Connecticut and U.S. flags, she spoke on how despite her generation not having direct memories from the events, the impact of the tragedy still carried through to them.

Brinney also spoke on the pride and admiration she has for her peers that are part of first responder studies, activities and leadership.

"Having this annual ceremony also gives me pride," she said, "because it shows that our university will never forget and will always be the strong, supportive Charger family as we all know it to be."

Interim President Sheahon Zenger succeeded Brinney with his own anecdotal account of 9/11, which he experienced from Kansas.

He said that even from 1,200 miles away, his community gathered to light candles and host a vigil for a community on the other end of the country.

Zenger said that after joining the community at the University of New Haven, being present for the annual memorial ceremony and hearing the anecdotes presented in his first years here, "it became clear to me that I could not ever grasp from 1,200 miles away what those of you who lived here experienced on that day, and the days that followed."

Zenger considered this memorial ceremony one of the best traditions at the university, and voiced hopes that it would not stop in coming years.

Interim Provost Nancy Savage was the last from the staff and faculty to speak, in which she reflected on the dark times that followed the tragedy, the need for motions towards increased safety after it and ended with the value of university programs which promoted dedicated work for the betterment of the country.

The presidents of both criminal justice Recognized Student Organizations on campus had their times at the podium, the first



Captain Spencer Ferreebe addresses the university community in front of Peterson Library for 9/11 ceremony, West Haven, Sept. 8, 2022  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Erick Cuatzo

being American Criminal Justice Association President Destini Craven.

She called the attack a "pivotal point, not only in national history, but in world history," before proceeding to speak on the growth, development and unison of national forces on all levels working to strengthen the country's national security.

"These students have an overwhelming desire to protect, honor and serve our control to the best of their ability," Craven said about those who pursue involvement in any branches of national security.

Representing a younger organization, Critical Criminal Justice Association President Kira Litchblau spoke about the "unthinkable attack" on U.S. soil.

"The sense of gratitude to our first responders: firefighters, police officers and military personnel, is not something that can be quantified," she said. "We continue to be thankful for their daily sacrifice for our country."

"Today, we are so much more than the scars of the past," said Litchblau in closing, "We are a nation of people united in our resolve, to band together and support one another in all of our endeavors."

USGA Senator for First Re-

sponder Students Devin Robenolt followed, and spoke as an active first responder on the impact that he found surrounding the day's events. Robenolt said that even though he was seven days old when the Twin Towers fell, "this day alone had affected my decision greatly" when reflecting on his motives to become a firefighter.

Trevor Holmes also stood before the crowd as president of the Fire Science Club. He gave another speech on the value of memorializing the lives lost on

9/11. He gave specific mention to those who died in the Pentagon and on Flight 93.

Members from the university's marching band played a rendition of "Amazing Grace" before the gathering relocated to the memorial tree behind the Charger statue. Here, members of the community took turns placing American flags around the tree and memorial plaque, completing the memorial ceremony with a garden of flags waving in the Connecticut wind.



American flags placed behind 9/11 memorial plaque in memory of the late victims  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Mia Adduci

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"Speculation about a dire financial future, I told her, was not based in fact and dangerous to our future. Her response to this was that faculty found my public statements about our finances hypocritical and even 'schizophrenic.'"

Later, Kaplan said he found the university "struggling" when he came into it, and now, as he is retiring, he claims that the institution has become "strong and thriving."

"Of course I'd like to think

when I leave you'll be losing something," he also said on the departure.

He then said it was "time for new ideas" to circulate, as he voiced his hope that those who succeed him will bring new light into the university community.

When reflecting on regrets surrounding his time as President and then as Chancellor, Kaplan said that he had not spent enough time with the student body, and called it a "trade-off" that he has "always been frustrated by."

In an example, Kaplan said he would tell student athletes that

"I can come to your games, or I can meet with donors who can support you," reiterating the idea that he felt unable to succeed in his role of maintaining financial stability while also being a present figure in student life.

In advice to President Sheahon Zenger, Kaplan said he hopes for him to spend more time immersed with the students. He said it is important for the president to focus on student life, as opposed to the time he focused on academics and funding. Zenger later voiced identical plans of his own going into the fall semester.

Zenger repeatedly said that students lie at the center of his peripheral focus, in what he referred to as a mosaic. He said that he saw the uptaking of the presidency as "an opportunity to help move the institution forward," and would have taken it regardless of Kaplan's timeline of retirement.

Zenger also said that his current relationship with the staff and faculty members is entirely positive with no foreseeable issues or concerns arising in the future.

To students, Zenger closed by saying "my door is always open,"

and that he thrives off of an abundance of interaction with students day-to-day.

Kaplan, in his email, wrote "I am the first to admit that I have made my fair share of mistakes as your president over the past eighteen years. And I do not begrudge anyone for feeling I have somehow failed them."

Kaplan equally spoke in gratitude by saying, "I'm ready to move into the next phase of my life, but I will really miss the university and what I've been doing. I feel honored to have served in the role I was in."



## Veteran Success Center creates “new home” for university military members

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The Veteran Success Center has officially opened as a resource center for members of the university community who are veterans or hold military affiliation.

During its grand opening ceremony, which took place on Sept. 8, those in attendance found a sea of flags, each representing one branch of the United States Armed Forces, flying beside the podium where Manager of Military and Veteran Affairs Ryan Noonan stood making his opening remarks. Noonan, who is also a former student veteran who served in the Marine Corps, spoke not only to the veterans within the University of New Haven, but also to those who live day-to-day around them.

“To say that life in the military— whether it be four years or 40— changes you would be an understatement,” Noonan said. One of the main motifs of his speech surrounded the difficulty that veterans encounter when transitioning out of service and back into the rest of their lives.

He said that “one of the biggest hurdles our veterans encounter is this transition back into the civilian world.”

“The very opening of this center speaks to that transition and

the progress that we’ve made,” he said, as he continued to talk about the growth that occurs from one’s time in the military and in their life following it. The center is operating in hopes to help veterans with this growth, which Noonan said should never stop.

Noonan provided a message to veterans in the community and acknowledged their conditioned discipline gained from their time in service, saying “don’t leave it behind, but harness it with a purpose.”

At the conclusion of his speech, the center unveiled the VA Work Study student Mural Project, which was said to have taken 225 hours to fully complete. It reads “service to scholar” and depicts a man in uniform and a woman holding academic supplies, both standing proudly with the university’s charger head between them and a star printed with the American flag behind the school’s logo. The mural is now on display inside the lounge of the Veteran Success Center.

Noonan closed by welcoming everyone into their “new home” on campus.

Following the ceremony, Noonan spoke further about his role in the development of the center, and what can be expected and hoped for now that it is in operation.

He said the process began back when he was a student veteran attending the university, when his role involved being a voice for what the student veteran population wanted and needed, serving as what he described as a

representative and advocate.

He said that his biggest goal is for the university to become green zone certified, and to become the number one school for veterans within the next 10 years.

Now, Noonan holds the role of being the advisor for all of the military affiliated students and student veterans on campus. He is here to help aid them in any realm inside or beyond academic affairs, whether that entails getting them in contact with the Counseling and Psychological Services, or assisting them with Accessibility Resource Center contact if they are having trouble taking tests.

“They can always come to me with any issues that they have, and I will do my utmost to resolve them,” he said.

He also said his office is located inside the center and that students could ask questions and get immediate answers there.

“A part of the difficulty in transition is the trepidation that student veterans have with breaking out of their shell early,” he said, “and helping them to break out of their shell, and blossom as a person” is a goal of the center.

The Veteran Success Center can be found at the back end of Sheffield Hall, and is open to all students seeking further resources and support.



The mural inside of the Veteran Success Center in Sheffield Hall, West Haven, Sept. 8, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.

## Dorms avoid flooding after storm

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After the University of New Haven was struck by a pair of strong storms, Tropical Storm Henri and Hurricane Ida, last September, students living on the first floor of Gerber Hall were forced to move out of their rooms and into other temporary housing arrangements. This was due to flooding that occurred in the building, making students use the extra COVID housing provided by the university to become a dorm-style living space.

Gerber wasn’t the only dorm that experienced issues with heavy rainfall during the storm. Each of the older freshman dorms, Gerber, Bixler and Bethel all have similar problems according to Gerber resident assistant (RA) and junior political science major Vincenzia Johns.

Johns was a Bixler Hall RA last year and said that the dorm also struggled with flooding issues, because of how it is situated on an incline that brings water towards the building. Now, as an RA in Gerber, Johns said that a repeat of last year is on students’ minds.

“I would say that first floor residents are worried about Gerber flooding again because there is

a chance their possessions are damaged,” she said. “Overall, it’s a huge inconvenience to have to deal with flooding or even entertain the idea of it.”

On Sept. 5 of this year, those fears were tested as a storm dumped .75 inches of rain in less than 12 hours. While the rain wasn’t as heavy as last year, some parking spots on campus were blocked due to flooding while other roads around the university were nearly impassable.

According to Johns, the university did take precautions to avoid the flooding happening in the dorms again. Facilities and ResLife were both monitoring weather warnings in the area to see if there was potential for flash flooding. Sandbags were also placed outside of the first floor emergency exits to block water from building up there, she said.

It is a good sign that there were no issues following the most recent storm. However, it is something that residents of the hall must be prepared for at all times.

“I’ve taken precautions to ensure that if it did [flood], my possessions would not be ruined,” Johns said. “All of my possessions are packed in bins... I do not believe that any of my possessions would be damaged.”

## Transitions in leadership continue within provost position

BY MIA ADDUCI  
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Multiple shifts in leadership have emerged between the spring and fall terms. The school’s top positions— chancellor, president and provost—are all changing.

Danielle Wozniak was hired as provost of the university for the last spring semester, and her acceptance of the role was announced on Nov. 23, 2021. Wozniak announced she would return to her prior job at Yeshiva University, and Nancy Savage, deputy provost, stepped in as interim provost leading for the fall semester.

Savage spoke to President Sheahon Zenger and Chancellor Steven Kaplan about the position around the end of July. This followed news that Wozniak accepted a position at Yeshiva University, where she worked before the University of New Haven, where she is now given the opportunity to “build some global partnerships and do quite a bit of international travel,” said Savage.

Savage has played a number of roles within the university prior to her work in the Provost’s Office. She came to the university in 2005 as a faculty member in the chem-

istry department as an assistant professor. She has also worked as chair of the department of chemistry and biomedical engineering, and associate dean of the Tagliatella College of Engineering.

Savage said that now, as interim provost, she “get[s] to guide these initiatives and keep up the momentum. It is a great opportunity to impact the institution.” She said she was excited for the opportunity.

She also says that now, her focus is “doing my best work for both my colleagues and for students each day.”

“We are piloting a new academic program review process as well as launching a new software program for coordinators to use in course assessment,” she said. “We started the semester with a Faculty Development Day and will add additional faculty development opportunities as the semester progresses. We are looking at ways to support majors that cross disciplines and involve faculty from multiple departments.”

She also discussed lingering concerns about recovery from the pandemic, and said that “it changed our expectations for how we learn and work and shifted how we, collectively, value our personal relationships and mental

well-being. It is a necessity that we adapt to this post-pandemic era while continuing to meet the mission of the university.”

Savage said she takes her role seriously as interim provost and realizes that the decisions of a provost can hold a long-lasting impact on the university. She said she wants to make well-informed decisions in administration, as she works alongside Charles Skipton, the new deputy provost.

Updates on new hirings within the administration can be found at ChargerBulletin.com.



Nancy Savage, Sept. 8, 2022, West Haven. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Mia Adduci.



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# A message from our Editorial Staff

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The Charger Bulletin Editorial Staff is made up of all the section and administrative editors that dedicate significant time to researching, writing and producing news stories across multiple platforms. This group will collectively have its own voice, but that will not be the voice of the whole paper. Our goal is to, using our own experiences and opinions, push further discussion on pressing issues on campus, in the country and in the world.

In this section of the paper, editors have their own voice and beliefs. However, the reporting done in every other section will be impartial, truthful and without bias.

Editorials will appear with-

out a byline to highlight the staff agreement on the piece to be published. We recognize the importance of conveying personal opinions and exercising our First Amendment rights, something that extends to anyone interested in having their opinions published in the paper.

In fact, we encourage you as readers to take a step further and use the platform available to you to share your opinions on topics that you find important. Readers can respond to the staff in a "Letter to the Editor" format, where they can respond to whatever the Editorial Staff wrote about this week. Students and faculty can also contribute with their own columns or guest pieces. This is the student news source of the university,

after all, and hence student voices are the backbone of our publication.

We only ask, as we ask of ourselves, that articles are supported by evidence and avoid any unwarranted harm. Any publication decisions are made as a team and we take full responsibility for them. We will explain the decisions that are made and support the reasoning

for doing them based on the uniform standards across the journalism field.

As a reminder, the opinions spoken by individuals who submit to the paper are not reflective of the editorial board or the paper on the whole.

We are looking forward to hearing from all of you in the coming year.

## Page Six View

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
Copy Desk Chief

### Column

Roe v. Wade was a landmark Supreme Court decision that ruled the Constitution conferred the right to an abortion under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, which considered the medical decision a right to privacy.

Forty-nine years later, on June 24, 2022, after a 5-4 majority ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Roe was overturned. This came less than two months after the draft opinion was leaked. While the Supreme Court said at the time that the draft opinion was not the final opinion of the Court, it is now evident that this was true. Justice Samuel Alito of the Court's conservative bloc penned the 108-page majority opinion that bluntly declared, "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start."

Alito concludes the Opinion of the Court by citing both Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey and Roe as those that arrogated states' authority. He upheld that the individual states will regulate abortion and "the judgement of the Fifth Circuit is reversed, and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. It is so ordered."

The Court's majority opinion argues that the federal government has no Constitutional basis for protecting reproductive rights, and that this is a decision left for each state. However, if we are to truly defer to the most basic level of the Constitution – as the Court's ruling majority has – it is obvious the framers of the Constitution would have wanted

reproductive rights codified.

Codifying reproductive healthcare rights means that the decisions of Roe and Casey would be federally enacted laws and state governments would be unable to interfere. The majority of the framers of the Constitution did not want people excessively controlled by their government. The Constitution's purpose is to create a structurally sound and powerful federal government, while also limiting its power through checks and balances so that fundamental rights would not be at stake. Interfering with personal autonomy violates the inherent right of self-governance.

There is a trickle-down effect of overturning Roe; while the Supreme Court majority opinion believes that abortion is a state matter, and have thereby limited federal interference, they actually have increased it. What could have remained an absolute decision of the past has now been federally forced into states' hands, who now must decide.

Should reproductive rights be federally - and forever - protected? The American government would abstain from prying on its citizens' choices. If a federal law were enacted, the government could wash its hands clean of regulating any further privacy decisions.

Freedom and liberty are the foundations of American society. Thomas Jefferson, one of the framers, wrote, "The policy of the American government is to leave their citizens free, neither restraining nor aiding them in their pursuits." True freedom is found when the government removes itself from its citizens' decisions and affirms their inherent right of autonomy, as was intended by the founders of this country.

## A new year for the Bulletin

BY TYLER WELLS  
Editor-In-Chief

After winning our second consecutive first place award for student journalism from the American Scholastic Press Association, the Charger Bulletin is back with high expectations for this school year. My name is Tyler Wells, and I am the Editor-In-Chief (EIC) for the 2022-2023 school year. I am a communication: journalism major, honored to head a diverse staff that welcomes people of all majors, educational backgrounds and journalism experience.

Following in the footsteps of our last EIC Kayla Mutchler will be difficult, but her work on the paper's layout will allow us to explore new avenues to improve the Charger Bulletin this year. You will first notice new sections: "Campus News" replaces "Student Life," "Arts & Life" replaces "Entertainment" and the "Opinions" section is now "Editorials" and "Opinions." These changes are in an effort to make the entire paper more centered on the University of New Haven and the surrounding area, allowing students more opportunities to cover local events. Have a concert in New Haven you're going to? Feel free to review

it and write for "Arts & Life." Want to write a guest column or opinion piece? See your work in "Opinions." And there are many more opportunities for whoever wants to get involved.

These are not the only improvements we aim to make. We plan to have renewed collaboration between the paper and our broadcast, Charger Bulletin News, allowing writers to explore the multiplatform skills that are required from journalists today. We are also in our second year of working with WNHU to bring the talents to the radio as well.

I am extremely confident and excited to showcase the work of this group of editors, some returning and some new, to once again prove why the Charger Bulletin has become one of the best student run news organizations in the country. Thank you to all of our readers, viewers and contributors, we look forward to another year of bringing you the news.





# A new quad on campus: Does it really help anything?

BY PRESLEY DEPUGH  
Contributing Writer

University of New Haven students started their fall semester classes on Aug. 29, 2022, and many noticed some big changes across campus following their return since the spring semester. The campus security, traffic circulation and greenspace upgrades of 2022 included practical changes ranging from guard kiosks to road configurations, according to a display on campus. However, a new quad by the sophomore residence halls Dunham, Sheffield and Winchester was not expected.

A greenspace was made for residents to hang out and have fun in between classes. While there are other quads, like the ones between Bixler and Gerber Halls or by Maxcy Hall, the administration believed the addition of this new greenspace to be an overall benefit to campus life. Students have seen the new lawn space and many have conflicting thoughts.

Concerns are coming from students because the new quad is located where there were many parking spots last year. Parking is an issue that has plagued the

university for a while, and unfortunately for many, the situation could get worse from here.

Amaya Andujar, a sophomore criminal justice student, said, "It was a little annoying because there were no spots for us to park in." While Andujar says the parking spots will be missed, the situation was not too upsetting to hear.

Andujar also said, "I think it'll be fine other than the parking spots, but it was definitely a change I was not expecting." Marcus LeGare, a junior forensic science major, says the new quad could be a good change. "I guess I'm gonna miss the parking but I do enjoy at least some sort of community around there," LeGare states. More greenery and open space can allow students to get more fresh air while hanging out with their friends.

The existing quads, such as the Bixler/Gerber, are used for hosting events, especially at the beginning and end of each semester. This new greenspace can allow for students to have an outdoor hangout space far from the main areas of traffic on campus.

Predictions for the effect this new quad will have on the



The new quad outside of Dunham Hall, West Haven, Sept. 3, 2022.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Presley Depugh

campus and student life seem positive. The new greenspace can cover the "car traffic" that LeGare and others saw in this area, but it can not cover the parking problems the university has. However, if the university can put time and money into building

a new quad, it seems they can do the same concerning new parking spaces.

The new greenspace is a bitter-sweet addition to the university, but it's better to enjoy it now and hope the parking problem gets solved in the future. Despite the

decrease in campus parking, the new quad is not too bad of an update. This new area could boost morale and community among students.

# Campus sprinklers hurt conservation of water amidst state-wide drought

BY JULIANNA PEGNATARO  
Contributing Writer

During the first week of classes, many students, including myself, noticed peculiar changes that were made across campus.

Due to the abnormally dry weather and little rain recently in Connecticut, grass in many areas of West Haven began to turn yellow, with the exception of the University of New Haven. Students noticed that the grass on campus is nearly as green as it was after the conclusion of the Spring 2022 semester.

Mary Lippa, a senior forensic psychology major, says that she believes the sprinklers on campus are ultimately helping the grass. "I also believe, and know, that there are more non-invasive ways to do it. It makes the sidewalks slippery, gets students and their materials wet, and wastes water much of the time."

Lippa says that they have had to change their walking route across campus to avoid the invasive sprinklers. "In my experience, I have had to change paths because of the sprinklers taking up so much of the sidewalk. Plus the wind, the water gets carried farther than one would think,



A sprinkler outside of Celentano Hall, Sept. 1, 2022, West Haven.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Julianne Pignataro.

which has gotten me soaked."

The distinction lies in property maintenance on campus differing in comparison to the surrounding areas of West Haven, highlighting the excessive irrigation of land throughout the summer season. A few of the sprinklers at the university, which students could see passing from Main Campus to Harugari Hall, continuously sprays the sidewalk, parking lot, cars and students with water. Although many people may find humor in the new sprinklers on

campus that wash the sidewalks and cars, not many people know that the United States is facing one of the biggest droughts in history.

On Aug. 18, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont declared that Connecticut is in a Stage 3 drought in the Southeast Area and a Stage 2 drought in the Southwest areas of Connecticut, including the University of New Haven.

There is also important information to know about lawn maintenance within the univer-

sity campus and its surrounding areas that is contributing to this issue. Rather than owning pro-native flowers, plants and gardens, lawns, like the ones we have on campus, need much more water in order to sustain themselves compared to pro-native gardens, who don't require as much nutrition.

Up to 60% of freshwater from aquifers in urban areas are used to maintain lawns by using irrigation systems and sprinklers. With places that are experiencing

drought, such as Connecticut this is not a sustainable way to be using our water supply. Lawns within our university also lack ecological value, which means that they lack environmentally beneficial biodiverse species, such as pollinators. Although this may sound unsettling, there are plenty of changes that can even be made within our campus, including altering water usage and increasing advocacy for sustainable resource consumption. One such step could be communicating to our university about how simply turning off the faucets to irrigation and sprinklers for lawns can make a huge difference.

If you are interested in contributing to a better university climate on campus and in New Haven, you can also sign my petition – "U'NewHaven, Turn Off The Sprinklers & Contribute To Saving Our Environment" on Change.it – and share it with others who feel the same way about the sprinklers. The most important thing to do is to educate those around campus about the effects we have on the environment and what we can do to contribute to a more sustainable world moving forward.



## “That’s Our Ball, Ain’t It”: Women’s soccer loses 0-2 to AIC

BY CHRISTOPHER ELWELL  
Sports Editor

A new crowd favorite chant took over the crowd on Saturday night at the Kathy Zolad Stadium as American International defeated New Haven 2-0 in the first game of Northeast-10 (NE-10) play for women’s soccer. American International College (AIC) was able to put the Chargers away with two second-half goals and impenetrable defense. With the loss, New Haven falls to 2-2-2 on the year (0-1 NE-10).

The student section of the audience was lively, yelling out “that’s our ball, ain’t it?” every time the ball was kicked out of bounds by AIC. Of all the chants they came up with, the out of bounds chant seemed to get the most laughter and response from both teams.

It was a high-spirited matchup between the two sides, as New Haven could not get anything going offensively. The Chargers got the ball to start the game, generating some early scoring chances but were unable to capitalize. AIC was mostly in control for the first 45 minutes, outscoring New Haven in shots-on-goal six to four. Both teams escaped without allowing a goal in the



Caitlyn Toom winds up to kick the ball in a match against American International College, West Haven, Sept. 10, 2022. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

first half, setting up an intense, evenly played second half.

AIC was able to break the scoreless tie by converting a penalty kick in the 52nd minute by Rachel Newman, beating Chargers goalkeeper Amanda McQuillan. Following another

goal in the 73rd minute by Leya Vohra came New Haven’s best scoring chances from Dakota Cimetta, who narrowly missed cutting the deficit to one with a shot that just barely missed the crossbar.

New Haven was able to gener-

ate more opportunities with shots from Madison Blonde, Alyssa McMahon and Caitlyn Toom. Blonde and Cimetta both registered three shots, with McMahon and Toom each registering one each.

New Haven will next head to

Long Island to take on Adelphi University on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Motamed Field. Kickoff will be at 6 p.m. as the Chargers look to get back in the win column. More information on upcoming games can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

## Football stumbles, still wins Elm City matchup

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a 24-yard completion to set the Chargers up deep in Southern Connecticut territory.

Two rushes from Ais and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty put the ball on the eight-yardline, where the New Haven drive stalled out. This forced them to settle for a 32-yard field goal, which kicker Briant DeFelice drilled to cut the lead in half.

After New Haven forced a punt on the next drive, it looked as though all the momentum shifted towards the home team. However, Southern Connecticut responded in a big way as Degenhardt’s pass was tipped, intercepted and returned for the touchdown by Owls linebacker Joe DiGello. The shocked crowd was stunned and silent as Southern Connecticut made the extra point and opened a 13-3 lead.

Looking to swing the game back in their favor, Degenhardt set out firing in the next drive. He found WR Dev Holmes, a First Team honoree last season, for a 40-yard jump ball, which Holmes hung onto as he came crashing down out of bounds. The ball was then handed off to RB Shamar Logan who found the whole and accelerated past the Owls’ defense, taking the ball 22 yards to the end zone to make the score 13-10.

It was a special moment for

Logan, who has seen an evolving role since being named the Northeast-10’s (NE-10) Rookie of the Year in 2019. The now-senior welcomed his son early in training camp this August, and this was the first game he was able to be at. After scoring, he took a second to rock the football as if it were his baby.

“It felt good... having my son come to his first college football game just is very emotional,” Logan said after taking pictures with his newborn on the field following the game. “It was a fun experience.”

Southern Connecticut didn’t back down though, as they began putting together an extended drive into New Haven territory. The stout defense, which the Chargers were well known for last season, came alive though, with Damon Burton Jr, an Albany transfer, picking off the pass from Reali.

The next drives stalled for each team, as the two sides traded punts until less than five minutes remained in the half when Degenhardt found a wide open Carlyle who evaded the defense and scored the 22-yard touchdown. This was another emotional score as Carlyle, a graduate student, scored his first touchdown since 2019 after missing all of last season with an injury.

“It feels good, especially the first home game,” Carlyle said.

“It honestly just feels good to get a win, in the first home game back in three years. Felt good to go out there and do what I could, and obviously feels good to score.”

Just before halftime, the Owls’ drive placed the ball on the New Haven two-yard line with a few seconds remaining. That’s when LB David Onyemem forced the QB to fumble, not allowing the Owls to get any points before the break.

The offenses for both sides were at a stalemate in the third quarter, as neither team was able to put points on the board.

The fourth quarter quickly proved to be a different story. Just two minutes into the period, Degenhardt found tight end Kevin Foelsch in the seam for a one-handed catch in the end zone, putting New Haven up 24-13.

As time continued ticking off the clock, Southern Connecticut was able to score to climb back to within five. However, with just five minutes remaining, the Owls were unsuccessful in recovering the onside kick. In the next drive, as New Haven tried to take time off the clock, Ais made his presence in the running game known.

The sophomore split through the defense for a quick 15-yard gain, before he exploded for an even bigger run. Ais took the handoff through the middle of



Carlyle (2), Holmes (0) and Kasi Hazzard after a touchdown, West Haven, Sept. 10. Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Wells.

Southern Connecticut’s defense, bounced off a tackle, shed two more, then outran every other defender to bring the 37-yard rush into the end zone. This gave New Haven a 31-19 lead with under two minutes left, all but securing the win.

Southern Connecticut went on to score another touchdown, but that was it as the Chargers walked away with a 31-26 victory.

On offense, New Haven was led by Degenhardt who threw for 211 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Ais and Logan served as a two-headed attack in the backfield, each scoring a touchdown and charting 104 and

46 yards respectively. Carlyle led the receiving core with 92 yards on four catches, with Holmes adding 51 yards and Foelsch 33 yards.

With the win, the Chargers improve to 1-1 on the season with conference play beginning next week. Meanwhile, Southern Connecticut falls to 0-2.

New Haven returns to DellaCamera Stadium next week as they host American International College on Saturday, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. More information on the upcoming schedule, along with a live stream and stats for next week’s game, can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).