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The newly purchased CVS on Orange Ave..
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The university furthers its expansion throughout West Haven

BY ALEX SOTO
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The former CVS property at 252 Orange Ave., now owned by the University of New Haven, has sat idle for over a year but will soon receive a makeover.

This comes as the university's plans for the site were recently approved by the city's planning and zoning commission. The touch-up is meant to give the property "more of an institutional appearance than a retail appearance," Louis Annino, the school's chief facilities officer told the New Haven Register.

The university bought the property last May, according to public land

records. The purchase is part of the university's "masterplan" to have "one contiguous piece of property which then opens up opportunities for us to consider strategic investments in those properties," Annino said in a November Charger Bulletin interview.

The former store is expected to include academic and administrative space for the Center of Advanced Policing and the Tow Youth Justice Institute, two establishments within the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences.

The planning commission's vice chairman, John Biancur, complimented plans for the site and said it would create

an exterior that visually blends with surrounding university properties, unlike the former pharmacy building.

This is the university's latest expansion plan approval throughout Allington since purchasing the former Railroad Salvage property at 1131 Campbell Ave. last December. The university is also considering a \$500,000 purchase of the city-owned North End Field behind the property. This after the West Haven City Council voted 7-1 to approve the sale of the field to the university. George Synodi, university vice president for finance and treasurer told the Register that while the university has no plans for

the field, it could address some of the university's needs.

"We have needs and recreational space is certainly one of them," said Synodi. "We don't have enough green fields for students, which is one of our needs."

City officials said the property has not been properly managed for roughly 20 years, with the narrow access point through the 1132 Campbell Ave. parking lot located between the former Railroad Salvage and Dunkin' Donuts on First Ave. This challenge, accompanied by flooding and poor lighting, led to the property gradually becoming abandoned and a hotspot for some criminal activity.

Jens Frederiksen, university president, told the New Haven Register the university views the property at the intersection of Boston Post Road and Campbell Avenue by the main entrance of the campus as a "gateway" to "signal we are very much an outward-facing university and not just hidden behind walls and ivory towers."

According to Annino, the CVS building will consist mostly of office space, but will also have a "classroom-sized community room," said to the Register.

The project is expected to take about a year according to Annino, and the building should be open by the next academic year.

Discussions over First Amendment rights amid “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” situation

BY ADAM RELKIN
Politics Editor
Perspective

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution has been regarded as the most important amendment as part of the Bill of Rights because it helps pave the way for democracy to function. The five components of the amendment give Americans the freedoms to free speech, press, assembly, religion and petition. However, there has been recent debate that the government could be infringing upon the rights Americans have in the First Amendment. One of the biggest debates is over the suspension and eventual reinstatement of ABC’s late-night talk show, “Jimmy Kimmel Live.” Since 2003, Kimmel has been one of America’s most notable late-night hosts along with people such as Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Fallon and Jon Stewart. Kimmel has been known for cracking jokes during monologues about various current events that occur in the U.S. and around the world, while also being willing to discuss and share his opinion about serious issues. On Sept. 10, after the shooting and death of Republican activist Charlie Kirk, Kimmel in an Ins-

tagram post called for nationwide unity citing that violence is not the answer and how despicable it is for someone to shoot another while also sending prayers to Kirk’s family and everyone else who has been victims of gun violence in this country. Then on Sept 15. Kimmel said in the opening monologue of his show, “We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them, and doing everything they can to score political points from it.” Following this, FCC Chair Brendan Carr, on a podcast with conservative influencer Benny Johnson said, “These companies can find ways to change conduct to take action on Kimmel or, you know, there’s going to be additional work for the FCC ahead.” Nexstar and Sinclair Broadcasting Group, which between them own multiple ABC affiliates, then refused to air “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” which ultimately led to the Walt Disney Co. suspending “indefinitely” “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” Outrage came from both political parties, and Disney was hit with boycotts from unhappy consumers, with many canceling

their streaming service subscriptions. Both Connecticut U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy expressed frustration over the suspension. Blumenthal, in an Associated Press interview, said, “Ultimately we will be the losers. Satire, humor, comedy are the stuff of political expression. Not just entertainment. And this kind of heavy-handed, ham-handed censorship is going to be a whirlwind that will come back to haunt the chairman of the FCC and others.” At a press conference, Murphy said, “That’s censorship, that’s state-speech control, that’s not America. Trump is making it 100% clear that he is going to ramp up his efforts to use the power of the federal government to harass and punish his critics because they have the audacity to oppose his policies.” Republicans also expressed displeasure and caution over the suspension. U.S. Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky who leans Libertarian discussed how he believes that the government shouldn’t get involved in firings or censorship, but that it’s up to the employers and companies themselves. “But it isn’t a governmental problem; then you have a First Amendment issue,” he said.

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, while being supportive of Kimmel being taken off the air, still did not believe in the government intervening in the situation. “For government to put itself in the position of saying, ‘We’re gonna decide what speech we like and what we don’t, and we’re gonna take you off the air if we don’t like what you’re saying,’ that sets a dangerous precedent and should be denounced,” Cruz said. After a brief suspension, Disney and ABC announced Kimmel’s suspension was lifted and production could resume. Kimmel returned the next day with an emotional monologue. Kimmel also thanked those who spoke up in support of him including some Republicans. “Even though I don’t agree with many of those people on most subjects, some of the things they say even make me wanna throw up, it takes courage for them to speak out against this administration, and they did, and they deserve credit for it,” said Kimmel. Kimmel also would make it clear that his comments about Kirk’s assassination were not meant to be making fun of it and also doubled down on political violence. Kimmel pleaded for

attempts to limit the First Amendment to stop. “Let’s stop letting these politicians tell us what they want and tell them what we want,” he said. Despite the nationwide reinstatement, both Sinclair and Nexstar refused to air Jimmy Kimmel Live! While Sinclair does not own any stations within Connecticut, Nexstar owns WTNH News 8, in New Haven. Conn. Gov. Ned Lamont also advocated for Nexstar to reinstate the program on their channels. “I want WTNH to get him back on the air. I think that’s good in the interest free speech in Connecticut,” he said. Sinclair and Nexstar have since opted to air Jimmy Kimmel Live! Nexstar is also trying to acquire fellow broadcasting company Tegna for over \$6 billion which would expand their influence on television broadcasting and affiliates nationwide. If Nexstar’s acquisition of Tegna is approved by the FCC, both Nexstar and Sinclair would own a combined 76 out of 205 ABC affiliates in the country. The FCC has been open to changing a rule which limits the amount of households a broadcasting company can reach which would enable the proposed merger.

UN declares Israel’s actions in Gaza genocide and nations recognize Palestine

BY ADAM RELKIN
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The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) released a study that conclude Israel’s actions in Gaza since October 2023 meet the criteria for genocide. Since the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas, Israel has retaliated with the intention of eliminating Hamas within the Gaza strip. Over 65,000 Gazans have been killed since the almost two-year long conflict began. The 72-page report found that under the Genocide Convention established in 1948, Israel is complicit in failing to prevent genocide, as well as committing genocide in Gaza. The report said that Israel’s actions match four out of the five criteria for genocide. Israel has reportedly discussed permanently relocating Gazans to other countries which, if that were to occur, could result in all five actions being fulfilled by Israel. “The Commission concludes on reasonable grounds that the Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces have committed and are continuing to commit the following actus reus of genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, namely (i) killing members of the group; (ii) causing serious bodi-

ly or mental harm to members of the group; (iii) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and (iv) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group,” the report said. The conclusions also mention leaders such as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli President Isaac Herzog and former Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant as responsible for genocide. Israel also continued their attacks on Gaza on the same day as the report maintaining that their actions are in self-defense and they have no plans to stand down while also accusing the UNHRC of being pro Hamas and antisemitic. Genocide refers to crimes committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a race, ethnicity, religion, or nationality. The UNHRC consists of 47 member-states that work to investigate alleged human rights offenses committed around the world. Reactions nationwide were sparked by this report. Politicians from both political parties have called Israel’s actions in Gaza a genocide. On Sept. 21, Canada, Portugal, Australia and the United Kingdom officially recognized

a Palestinian state in a landmark move to try to pressure Israel to stop their attacks on Gaza. Then, at the United Nations General Assembly held in New York City, five more countries, most notably France, would also recognize a Palestinian state. There are currently 156 nations in the world that recognize a Palestinian state. The U.S, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and South Korea are amongst the nations that still do not recognize Palestine, and President Trump said that recognizing Palestine is a gift for Hamas. In response, a letter was penned by Democratic congressman Ro Khanna from California that urged Trump to recognize a Palestinian state which received 46 signatures, none of whom are from Connecticut’s congressional house delegation. In Connecticut, there was an event known as Pedal for Palestine held on Sept. 21 organized by Jewish Voice for Peace members. Members and participants rode bikes after meeting in New Haven along a seven-mile route to get more people to understand and learn about the conflict in the Middle East. They also want the U.S. government to halt all funding to Israel as they believe they

are complicit in genocide as accused by the report. In Connecticut, a 2023 estimate shows the state Palestinian population is close to 700 people which would make up 0.02% of the state. Another demographic study suggests that West Haven has the largest Palestinian population in the state by city or town with being home to almost 21% of the Palestinian population within the state. Connecticut is also home to the first ever Palestinian themed museum opened in the U.S., the Palestine Museum in Woodbridge which opened in 2018. The museum includes exhibits related to Palestinian history, art and culture. Trump has additionally urged Israel to not annex the West Bank, which they have threatened to do so amidst nations recognizing Palestine. During the UN General Assembly, Palestinian Author-

ity leader Mahmoud Abbas addressed remotely after the Trump administration denied him a visa. He called Israel’s actions in Gaza genocide, and asked that Hamas not control Gaza after the conflict ends and that Palestinians not be relocated from Gaza and the West Bank. Abbas also warned that Israel could potentially go beyond Palestine and into other Arab nations for a Greater Israel proposal. When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke at the UN General Assembly, a large number of delegates walked out of the room which led him to speaking to a nearly empty room. Throughout his speech, Netanyahu continued to deny that Israel has engaged in genocide, denounced Palestinian statehood and committed that Israel would finish their intended operations in Gaza despite international pressure.

If you were a UNH student enrolled in any UNH course as of March 24, 2020 (other than a non-matriculated high school student) and you did not opt out of the Settlement of Krystian Wnorowski, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated v. University of New Haven, Case No. 3:20-cv-1589 (D. Conn.), you will receive the one-time \$200 Non-Cash Tuition Credit described in the Settlement if you enroll or have enrolled in a UNH course commencing in September 2023 or later. Go to www.unewhavensettlement.com for more information.

The university’s Hillel club kick off the Days of Remembrance

BY ALEX SOTO
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Last Monday marked the beginning of celebrations for Rosh Hashanah, with celebrations taking place on the university’s own campus as well.

Rosh Hashanah, which translates to “Head of the Year,” is the Jewish New Year, and it is celebrated on the first day of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. The holiday, which is one of Judaism’s most important holidays, is known as the Day of Remembrance as its purpose is to celebrate the creation of the world, and typically falls in September or October.

The Day of Remembrance also marks the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance, or the Days of Awe, a ten-day period of reflection that leads up to Yom Kippur.

To celebrate Rosh Hashanah this year, the Student Committee of Programming Events (SCOPE) partnered with University Of New Haven Hillel to host a presentation educating attendees on the holiday.

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Hillel is a club meant to represent the university’s Jewish population, with the goal of sharing Jewish customs and traditions through the activities and events they host, inviting all students and staff to explore Judaism alongside them.

During the presentation, students were able to ask questions about not Rosh Hashanah, and other Jewish holidays, along with holiday traditions, restrictions during Rosh Hashanah vs Yom Kippur and more.

The holiday comes with a number of traditions. Some of these include the blowing of a Shofar (ram’s horn) as a “spiritual wake-up call” and celebration, and a number of three unique sets of special prayers which are added to morning service: Malkhuyot, used to celebrate God’s kingship, Zikhrontot, to remember the past and God’s promises, and Shofarot, which is the final prayer using biblical verses which mention the Shofar.

A number of customs accompany the holiday. Similar to how many others will greet each other with a “Happy



Hosts pose in front of presentation.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Evan Pecorale

New Year” on Jan. 1 every year, those who celebrate Rosh Hashanah will greet each other with “shanah tova,” which translates to “Have a Good Year!” from Hebrew. Another common phrase is “shanah tovah umetukah, which means “have a good and sweet year.”

Along with customs, a number of foods are also closely tied to the holiday. During the celebration in the Henry C. Lee building, students were

open to take apples, honey and cinnamon sugar from a bar.

Apples dipped in honey symbolize a wish for a sweet new year among friends and family, being the holiday’s most famous tradition. Other symbolic foods during Rosh Hashanah include challah bread with raisins. Challah, a soft, rich, braided egg bread, reminds many that time and life move in cycles. The addition of raisins is meant to add a sweet-

ness meant to give hope for a joyful year ahead. Pomegranates contain hundreds of seeds in their interiors, which during Rosh Hashanah represent the hope to fill the new year with just as many good deeds.

While this celebration leads up to Yom Kippur, University of New Haven Hillel has no events currently planned on ChargerConnections, however this may change as we get closer to Yom Kippur itself.

A student guide to get to New York City from campus

BY ANNE LEE
Contributing Writer

Have a ticket to a concert in New York City? Want to visit one of the many events held in the Big Apple such as the NYC Wine & Food Festival, the Village Halloween Parade or Oktoberfest? Public transportation can get you to NYC, even without a car!

Before you start anything, though, ensure your own safety.

“I tell this to my kids all the time,” said Robert Clark, UNH’s Army ROTC coordinator.

“Take the earbuds out of your ears, stay aware of your surroundings. Have a buddy, watch what you put in your systems, and don’t trust anybody.”

You might also want to consider bringing an extra pair of walkable shoes for walking to and from the train station or subway.

“I normally wear boots, and I’ve learned they are not the most comfortable for doing a lot of walk-

ing,” said sophomore Asher Martin, who recently went to New York City via public transit to see Chappell Roan. “So if you wear shoes like that, I’d definitely recommend bringing a different pair for walking around NYC. But if you’re wearing sneakers, you should be fine.”

First, get to a train station. The nearest train station to campus is the West Haven train station. The most popular method to get there are by bus or ride-share.

You can find bus schedules on the public transportation app, Transit or by using Google or Apple Maps to search up route times. CT Transit also has PDFs of their bus schedules on their website.

One-way bus tickets are \$1.75 and day passes are \$3.50. Tickets may be bought at the front of the bus using a debit card, credit card or cash.

The Token Transit app allows users to buy tickets on mobile devices. After activating the tickets, you

may show the screen to the bus driver after boarding.

If you ride the bus often, you can also buy a semester-long bus pass on Charger Connection and pick it up from the Student ID office.

For people who have trouble walking or are in a wheelchair, the CT Transit buses have a ramp built-in, as well as a section to buckle in wheelchairs while the bus is moving.

Now? Buy train tickets. To get to Grand Central in NYC from Connecticut, you’ll take the New Haven Line on the Metro-North Railroad. You may use their app, MetroTime, or buy a ticket to NYC on a kiosk at the station. At the kiosk, you can purchase one-way or two-way tickets.

When purchasing tickets, the kiosk or app will have you select either “peak” or “off-peak.”

From the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) website:

“Peak fares are charged during weekday rush hours

on trains scheduled to arrive in NYC terminals between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. or depart NYC terminals between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. On Metro-North, peak fares also apply to weekday trains that leave Grand Central between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.”

All other times are off-peak. If your trip is on a weekend or holiday, you don’t have to worry about paying an extra buck for your ticket.

Outside of morning peak times, elderly, disabled and Medicare recipients qualify for reduced train fares. Trains typically run from 5 a.m. to 2 a.m. the next day. Train stations also typically have a ramp to get to the rail itself. Grand Central Terminal has an elevator to get back above ground once your train ride is over.

Next? Ride the train to Grand Central.

The ride takes approximately two hours from West Haven to Grand Central. Get comfy! Grand Central will be the last stop the train makes.

Finally? Find the venue.

Now that you are in New York, the maps app or the Transit app comes in handy, with subway and train schedules that can help you find your destination.

Many, but not all, the subway stations are wheelchair accessible. According to the November 2023 accessibility report by public advocate Jumaane D. Williams, 29% of New York’s subway system is accessible through elevators.

On both the subway and train, each stop is announced through on-board speakers. On the CT bus system, only certain stops are announced.

And then, after the party’s over, do it all backwards!

New York’s subways run 24/7. Be mindful that the last trains typically leave Grand Central at 2 a.m., and the line from Grand Central to New Haven restarts service at 6 a.m. The buses on CT Transit typically make their last stops around midnight or 1 a.m., and they start running again at 5 a.m.

FTC sues Ticketmaster and Live Nation over ticketing practices

BY NATALIA LIZAK
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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and seven U.S. states are suing Ticketmaster and its parent company, Live Nation Entertainment, over illegal ticket resale practices and deceptive pricing strategies. The agency also alleged that the ticketing platform allows brokers to obtain tickets and resell them at an inflated price, “costing consumers billions of dollars in inflated prices and additional fees.”

At least one university student says a settlement can’t come too soon.

“I am angry about the price markups,” said junior forensic science student Mia Zullo. “I am overpaying for tickets and it is upsetting. I agree with the FTC. I wish Ticketmaster was more transparent so I wouldn’t overspend on tickets anymore.”

In a recent press release, the federal agency outlined a list of accusations against Ticketmaster that explained the alleged deception, scams and illegal tactics of the company.

Joined by the Attorney Generals of Virginia, Utah, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, Nebraska and Colorado, the FTC claims that the practices of the ticketing site violate

their “prohibition on deceptive acts or practices in the marketplace,” and the 2016 Better Online Ticket Sales (BOTS) Act. This act prohibits “circumvention of a security measure, access control system, or other technological control measure used online by a ticket issuer,” and “selling or offering to sell an event ticket obtained through such a circumvention violation if the seller participated in, had the ability to control, or should have known about the violation.”

The first set of claims alleged that the company easily allows brokers to purchase tickets and resell them on their site, causing customers to purchase overpriced tickets and allowing brokers to profit from markups and additional fees, despite security measures they have implemented. They said an internal review showed “just five brokers controlled 6,345 Ticketmaster accounts and possessed 246,407 concert tickets to 2,594 events,” and in response to brokers purchasing excessive amounts of tickets, a senior Ticketmaster executive admitted that the companies “turn a blind eye as a matter of policy.”

The next set of claims focuses on the alleged lies and deception customers encounter when purchasing tickets through the

site. The claims said “Ticketmaster deceived the American people by advertising list prices for tickets that were substantially lower than the actual cost consumers paid after fees and markups were added.” The FTC also alleged that despite telling customers that they know the “full cost of their tickets from the start,” they still use deceptive pricing tactics, aware that if customers knew the true cost of their tickets upfront, they would be less likely to purchase them.

In a statement, Andrew N. Ferguson, FTC chair, said, “American live entertainment is the best in the world and should be accessible to all of us. It should not cost an arm and a leg to take the family to a baseball game or attend your favorite musician’s show.”

Ferguson also mentioned a March executive order signed by Pres. Donald Trump that was aimed at targeting ticket price-gouging.

The discourse surrounding ticket prices is not new. Discussion of scrutiny surrounding Ticketmaster and Live Nation began gaining traction in 2022 during ticket sales for pop star Taylor Swift’s The Eras Tour, where not only did Ticketmaster’s website crash due to the high demand of tickets,



Ticketmaster logo.
Photo courtesy of Brand Fetch

but consumers also saw ticket resales reaching highs of over \$20,000. Since then, concertgoers such as Zullo have expressed their distaste towards the ticketing company and have demanded something be done about their practices.

Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino also said how he thinks concert tickets should be more expensive. “Music has been under-appreciated,” he said. “In sports, I joke it’s like a badge of honor to spend 70 grand for a Knicks courtside [seat]. They beat me up if we charge \$800

for Beyoncé.”

He continued to compare concert tickets to basketball games. “We have a lot of runway left,” he said. “So when you read about ticket prices going up, the average concert price is still \$72. Try going to a Laker game for that, and there’s 80 of them. The concert is underpriced and has been for a long time.”

Ticketmaster has not yet officially responded to the claims of the FTC. The case is ongoing and will be decided by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Jordan Peele-produced horror “Him” swings big and fumbles late

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Perspective

Jordan Peele has built a reputation for reimagining horror through a cultural lens, so expectations were high when he signed on as producer for “Him,” directed by Justin Tipping. Advertised as a football-meets-horror psychological thriller, the film takes bold risks that have left critics and audiences divided.

“Him” follows Cameron “Cam” Cade (Tyriq Withers), a gifted young football player who is recovering from a traumatic head injury. When invited to a remote desert training camp by his idol, retired superstar Isaiah White (Marlon Wayans), Cam believes he’s been given a shot at redemption. Instead, the camp becomes a nightmarish descent into rituals,

paranoia and body horror, as Isaiah is revealed as something far more sinister than a mentor.

The movie explores obsession, sacrifice and the cultural worship of athletes as almost godlike figures.

For Wayans, stepping into Isaiah meant embracing a role unlike anything in his career. “Some movies are ahead of the curve,” he said in response to early criticism. “Innovation is not always embraced ... art is to be interpreted and it’s subjective.”

Withers described his role as being similar to his time as a Division I football player at Florida State University. He said, “I just went to a different place where nothing was in the room, just a river of emotion and speaking from a real place.”

He also recalled filming a particularly intense scene in

the movie.

“I was proud of that because it wasn’t acting at that point. It’s coming from a real place. I was most anxious for that, but I learned that sometimes you just have to let go, and that’s the best performance,” he said.

Cinematographer Kira Kelly crafted haunting desert visuals that magnify Cam’s isolation, while Bobby Krlic’s score merges hip-hop beats with ominous orchestration. Wayans delivers a magnetic, unsettling performance as Isaiah, with ritual sequences that blur the line between sport and sacrifice, standing out especially memorable and chilling.

But the film falters under the weight of its ambition. The Guardian called it a “disappointing fumble.” Critic Andrew Lawrence writes, “Without firm grounding in reality, ‘Him’

can only skid, hopelessly, into the realm of kabuki theater and make a muddle of its football critique. It’s too bad because the film has some interesting things to say about the game - specifically, its conflation of white Christian values and American jingoism.”

Hip-hop artist and podcaster Joe Budden slammed “Him” during Episode 862 of The Joe Budden Podcast. Criticizing the marketing that leveraged Jordan Peele’s name, Budden said, “If you see somebody say something good about this movie, they have been paid, they are a bot, or they don’t mean well for you.” “This movie is worse than you thought it would be,” he said, a statement that reflected the disappointment shared by some viewers.

Some critics found merit in the risks taken, particularly praising Marlon Wayans’ performance as

Isaiah White. Brandon Zachary of Screen Rant said, “Him’s best element is Marlon Wayans’ performance as Isaiah White, which stands out as one of the actor’s most impressive turns ever.”

On TikTok, however, the conversation has taken a different turn. Clips of Tyriq Withers as Cam Cade have exploded across the platform, with fans dubbing him “America’s new heartthrob.” Edits of his most intense scenes, paired with captions like “he’s HIM for real,” have gone viral. Users are creating fan edits and thirst posts that focus more on Withers’ charisma than the film’s flaws.

Ultimately, “Him” is a messy but fascinating addition to Peele’s expanding horror universe. It doesn’t fully deliver on its promise, but its ambition, visuals and standout performances make it worth watching.

The Chargers fall short against Duquesne, 44-18



Charger offense getting ready for the snap.
Photo courtesy of Kat Swistak

BY ADAM SIGAL
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On Sept. 28 The Chargers traveled to Arthur J. Rooney Field to face off against the 1-3 Duquesne Dukes in Pittsburgh, Penn. The Chargers were coming into this game with a record of 2-2, after two back to back wins.

To start the first half, the Chargers would win the coin toss, electing to defer. To start the game the Charger defense initially found success, and were able to get the Dukes off the field in three downs. The Chargers offense and quarterback AJ Duffy would take advantage of the stop and find the endzone quickly with a long 56 yard touchdown throw and catch from Duffy to receiver Joshua Tracey. Making the score 6-0, pending the extra point which would be missed.

Through the remainder of the first quarter, both teams went back and forth, neither able to find the endzone due to strong defense and costly drive-killing penalties.

To open the second quarter, the Dukes retained possession of the ball and finished a lengthy six and a half minute drive to find the

endzone on a short dump off pass from quarterback Tyler Riddell to Joey Isabella. The Chargers continued to be unable to move the ball which would start to become a common theme throughout the game.

The Dukes took advantage of the Chargers' faults and in the second quarter, scored on a short six yard pass from Riddell to Isabella, making the score 14-6 with the Dukes scoring an extra point. The Chargers quickly stalled out, punting the ball back to the Dukes, which led to another quick drive plus touchdown from Riddell to Isabella on a 61 yard throw and catch, making the score 21-6. Through the remainder of the second quarter, neither team scored, and the Chargers would look to regroup at halftime as they would start with the ball to open up the second half.

The Chargers opened the second half with a steady drive across midfield but were set back by a penalty and forced to punt. The Dukes wasted no time responding with a 78-yard march capped by quarterback Tyler Riddell's ten yard touchdown run to push the

lead to 28-6. Moments later Avery Morris intercepted Duffy and returned it 34 yards for a pick-six to extend the margin to 35-6.

The Chargers answered late in the third quarter when Zaon Laney ripped off a 51-yard run and later finished the drive with a one yard touchdown plunge to cut the score to 35-12. Early in the fourth Duffy connected with Kevonne Wilder for a 19-yard touchdown with a successful two-point conversion making it 37-18. The Dukes leaned on their rushing attack to regain control, with Ness Davis, Taj Butts and Dazhaun Hopkins churning out big gains. Riddell added another rushing touchdown to extend the advantage to 44-18 before Hopkins broke free for a 30-yard run that set up the Dukes to kneel out the clock.

Following the loss, the Chargers fell to 2-3 on the season. Next week, the Chargers will host Pace for their homecoming game as they look to get back on track. For more information on the Chargers season, check out NewHavenChargers.com.



Luke Kelley running on defense.
Photo courtesy of Kat Swistak

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Like the big wolf in a fairy tale
- 11

On the ___ (routinely, in slang)
- 12

Repent for a misdeed
- 13

"Either he goes ___ go!" (2 words)
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Smooth out, as a shirt
- 16

2 or 4, but not 1 or 3
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Perceiving attentively
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Browned breakfast bread
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We ___ The Chargers (Lyric in the UNH Fight Song)
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Portable defibrillators found across campus, for short
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Zodiac sign for most October birthdays
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Makes one unable to pay their debts
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Pre-surgery numbing procedure
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Leak out slowly
- 35

Word after "sewing", "survival", or "first-aid"
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Student account ending in @unh.newhaven.edu
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Historical period of time
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Approximate landing hour (abbreviated)
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Faulty fireworks that don't explode
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___ Vegas, Nevada

DOWN

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Quartet minus one
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Basil, oregano, or sage
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Alter ___ (separate identities)
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Two fives for ___ (2 words)
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Overnight place to stay

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Word often paired with "spay"

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Taiwanese bubble tea

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Greek god of war

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Surface for rural roads

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PFP accompanying a username, for short

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Gets closer to

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December 24th or December 31st

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___ operandi (method of operating)

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Like a film for mature audiences

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Abbreviation before an alias

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Erie, Huron, or Tahoe

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"What's ___ for me?" (2 words)

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Still in the testing stage, as software

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Round piece on a necklace or bracelet

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Left untouched, defects and all (2 words)

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Zip, nada, zero

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Open, as an orange

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Prefix bigger than mega- or giga-

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Places to get massages and facials

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"Get in touch" in text slang

Women’s volleyball drops two and wins one in a three-match week



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New Haven setting up for a strike.
Photo courtesy of Olivia Faulkner

The Chargers volleyball team fell short against the Bryant University Bulldogs on Tuesday, 0-3.

The Chargers came out strong in the first set in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and scored first

off a kill from middle blocker Kira Lynch. The match was back and forth until the Bulldogs went on a six-point run that New Haven could not match. Despite a last-minute surge that tied the set 23-23, Bryant came out on top with a

score of 23-25, barely taking the game. New Haven totaled a match-high of nine kills in the first set.

The Bulldogs kept their foot on the gas during the second set of the match and went on a seven-point run early on.

The Chargers struggled to keep up and remained at a ten-plus point deficit. Bryant secured the second victory of the match after a service error from New Haven that finalized the score 11-25.

The third set started with a five-point run from the Bulldogs, but the Chargers fought back with a seven-point run of their own. Eventually, New Haven was down, 14-15 when Bryant pulled off an eight-point. The final set ended, 15-25, in favor of the Bulldogs.

Middle blocker Naliah Grannell led the Chargers with four kills and four blocks, with New Haven Lauren MacKellar close behind with three of each. Hannah Adderly also added three kills, and Lynch had two

kills and two blocks. Setter Caroline Johnston totaled a team-high five kills and 11 digs, while also adding five assists to her stats. Setter Juli De Acharan also had 11 assists and five digs.

The Chargers also took on the Stonehill College Skyhawks at the Skyhawk Invitational on Friday and Saturday. New Haven lost a close match on Friday, 2-3, but they bounced back on Saturday night and took their second win of the season, 3-2.

The Chargers now have a record of 2-8. They will host the Fairleigh Dickinson University Knights at 6 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Field hockey loses in conference play to Rider, 4-0

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN
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New Haven took on the Rider University Broncos for a non-conference matchup on Friday afternoon and lost 0-4.

The first goal of the game came off the stick of Rider’s Anna Finn about 13 minutes into the first quarter. The Chargers’ defense was able to hold back the Broncos until the second quarter, when Finn added her second goal less than a minute into the quarter for the Broncos, elevating their lead to 2-0 at halftime.

The third quarter went scoreless on both sides, which meant the Chargers were going into the final 15 minutes down by two. Unfortunately for New Haven, the Broncos brought the energy, scoring two goals in the last quarter. The first one came from Rider’s Emma

Bonshak off of a corner shot, assisted by Megan Normile. The second and final goal for the Broncos was off Valeria Perales, once again assisted by Normile.

New Haven senior defender Eliza Caven tallied the only shot on goal of the night for the Chargers, and junior forward Emma Beaujouan also finished with one shot. Sophomore goalkeeper Rae Kline totaled eight saves on the night, a career high.

Senior midfield captain Courneen said, “We are playing against very talented girls, more international styles of play, and on a whole new surface. Our non-conference play has been very challenging but we look to get more competitive as conference play opens up in the NEC.”

The Chargers are now 0-8 overall and have an



Jalia Cooper and Lauren Schoonmaker subbing in the game.
Photo courtesy of Kat Swistak

0-3 record in the Northeast Conference. New Haven will take the field again on Friday, Oct. 3 at Merrimack College. The game is slated for 4:00 p.m.

“We’ve learned a lot already this season and I think we have a lot of

determination and potential on this team. I’m looking forward to putting everything we’ve learned so far together and playing a consistent 4 quarters,” said senior forward captain Sydney Moda.

“Although this season is different than we thought

it would be, every piece of it is a part of making history. I look forward to making more history with this team and enjoying the time we have left on the blue.”

For more information, visit www.newhaven-chargers.com.

Women’s soccer drops close match with cross-state rival, 1-0

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The Chargers took on the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Blue Devils on Sunday for a Northeast Conference (NEC) matchup. After a close fight, New Haven fell short 1-0.

New Haven came out strong to start the match, with two shots in the first eight and a half minutes of the game. Despite the strong start, the Blue Devils were able to find the back of the net with CCSU’s Emma Gupta, who scored the only goal of the night.

The second half of the game was a defensive battle, with



Caitlyn Toom dribbling up the field.
Photo courtesy of Olivia Faulkner

neither team able to score. New Haven senior goalkeeper Caitlin Daley held it down throughout the game, coming out with eight saves compared to CCSU’s five. On

the offensive side, the Chargers totaled 11 shots on the day, with shots on goal from Grace Simpson, Caitlyn Toom, Janayah Body, Lola Wood and Laya Coppola. The

Blue Devils also tallied 30 shots.

New Haven now has an overall record of 0-8 and are 0-3 in the NEC. The Chargers will take the field at home for another con-

ference game against the Saint Francis University Red Flash on Thursday. For more information visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Scenes from the university’s first Division 1 season

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