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Open house at Railroad Salvage, Photos courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Alex Soto

Open house attracts regional leaders and over 300 attendees to campus

BY ALEX SOTO
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Soon, students will work hand-in-hand with industry leaders to prepare for the future.

Last Thursday, the university hosted around 300 individuals from across academia, industry, government and the nonprofit sector in what used to be Railroad Salvage as part of an open house showcasing the university's vision for the Center for Innovation and Applied Technology.

In early September, the university announced it had secured \$10 million of its \$25 million goal for renovating the 130,000 square-foot property that it purchased late last year.

Overseeing the develop-

ment of the center is Paul Lavoie, who was hired by the university in July after serving as a chief manufacturing officer for the State of Connecticut, having been named one of the top five chief manufacturing officers in the world.

"Developing our Center for Innovation and Applied Technology is a bold step in bridging academic innovation with industry application," said Lavoie. "Whether in manufacturing, biotech, data science, or national security, the Center will serve as a hub for industry collaboration that drives innovation and fuels economic growth across the region."

While benefiting the regional economy, the center will also benefit students

directly, giving them experience and a network that will help them be ready for work straight out of university. "Through the work of the Center, students will gain significant experience working directly with companies on real-world projects," said President Jens Frederiksen. "This approach will enable students to gain the knowledge, experience, and confidence they need to be better than ready to be successful in the workforce of the future. Our focus is on building pathways where companies will work with our students and then be in a position to hire them when they graduate."

Plans for the center align with the State of Connecticut's goal to invest in

high-growth sectors like advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence and quantum computing. Daniel O'Keefe, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, has supported such public-private partnerships as necessary tools to generate a "transformative impact" in the state's economy. This program will help accelerate the adoption of new technologies, improving competitiveness, training the workforce of our future and boosting vibrancy in host communities and surrounding regions," said O'Keefe.

The Connecticut Innovation Clusters Program, announced last May by Connecticut Governor Ned

Lamont, will use a mix of public and private funding to speed up innovation in fast-growing industries where Connecticut is already strong.

During the event, renderings were on display, showing off the plans for "white boxing," the strategy of preparing a space to be blank to create a cutting-edge facility that will allow industry partners to move in seamlessly, work directly with faculty specialists, and offer students practical, real-world learning experiences.

While the university has yet to reach the full \$25 million goal set for the center's renovations, renovations of the site are believed to begin next year.

SCOTUS refuses to revisit Obergefell v. Hedges

BY ADAM RELKIN
Politics Editor

On Nov. 10, in a unanimous decision amongst all nine U.S. Supreme Court judges, the landmark ruling from 2015 of Obergefell v. Hedges which legalized same-sex marriage nationwide under the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution will not be revisited.

The denial comes in the case of Ermold v. Davis in which former Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis tried to appeal to the Supreme Court a decade old case involving her denying marriage licenses towards multiple same-sex couples shortly after the ruling of Obergefell v. Hedges. She refused to give the licenses because of her religious views. Despite multiple court orders and multiple failed appeals, she kept denying licenses until her eventual arrest for contempt of court.

Davis was ordered to

pay \$100,000 to the couple of David Ermold and David Moore and an additional \$260,000 towards the attorneys in the case. However, in an attempt to avoid paying the money, she tried to argue that her religious beliefs were protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

As part of Davis’s appeal initially filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, one of the questions considered was, “Whether the First Amendment free exercise clause provides an affirmative defense to tort liability based solely on emotional distress damages with no actual damages in the same manner as the free speech clause under Snyder v. Phelps.” When the case was petitioned for the Supreme Court, no comments were made by any of the nine judges besides the petition to revisit the landmark ruling being denied.

There were fears that the

court may have revisited the case due to the court being a 6-3 conservative majority compared to the 5-4 conservative majority back in 2015. In the case that overturned Roe v. Wade (Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization), Justice Clarence Thomas had also expressed interest in having the court eventually look into Obergefell v. Hedges. Since the court did not take up Kim Davis’s appeal, the constitutional right to same-sex marriage remains intact.

Reactions to the denial were met with feelings of celebration from many. In a statement, Human Rights Campaign President Kelley Robinson said, “Today, love won again. When public officials take an oath to serve their communities, that promise extends to everyone — including LGBTQ+ people. The Supreme Court made clear today that refusing to respect the constitutional rights of others does not



pride flag flying in Maxcy Quad.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Alex Soto

come without consequences.”

Lambda Legal CEO Kevin Jennings put out a similar statement and he said, “Today, the Supreme Court affirmed what we all know: marriage equality is the law of the land. This is a victory not only for the LGBTQ+ community, but for everyone who believes in our Constitution and the rule of law. The Court’s decision reaffirms a simple fact: equal protection of the law applies to all, not just some.”

Anne Lee, a sophomore forensic science major and treasurer for University

of New Haven PRIDE said, “I think it really just shows how especially after the ruling that people realized that gay people getting married didn’t end the world, people became more accepting of it because it really just makes them happy and also just makes taxes and everything that a family is supposed to do together a bit easier.” “I think she (Kim Davis) totally deserved to have hundreds of thousands of dollars to have to pay to the couple who she refused to marry and the other couples,” said Lee.

Ned Lamont running for third term as governor of Connecticut

BY ADAM RELKIN
Politc Editor

After months of speculation, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont announced he would seek re-election in 2026 for a third term.

However, his path to victory could be rockier this time around. Lamont, 71, has been involved in politics within the state since the late ‘80s, starting with municipal positions in Greenwich, such as selectman and member of the town finance board. Lamont also served as Connecticut’s chairman of the State Investment Advisory Council (SIAC) for four years. He made a run for state senate in 1990 but lost to Emil Benvenuto.

In 2006, he made a run for the U.S. Senate as a challenger in the Democratic primary against Sen. Joe Lieberman and beat him by nearly 10,000 votes.

However, Lieberman ran under the Connecticut For Lieberman Party in the general election and beat Lamont back to keep his seat by more than 10% of voters. Lamont then ran for governor for the first time in 2010 in the Democratic primary, but he lost to Dannel Malloy, who went on to become the state’s 88th governor. After two terms, Malloy retired in 2018. That’s when Lamont,

despite his electoral history, ran again and finally triumphed in the Democratic primary by defeating Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim.

Lamont won the general election by a narrow 3% over Republican businessman Bob Stefanowski. Lamont was sworn in as the 89th governor of Connecticut on Jan. 9, 2019.

Known for being socially liberal and fiscally moderate. For example, he signed bills into law such as Connecticut’s biggest income tax cuts in state history, legalized marijuana, increased funding for childcare and an increase of the minimum wage in Connecticut. Lamont then won a second term in 2022 by a much wider margin in a rematch against Stefanowski.

In the U.S., 13 states besides Connecticut don’t have term limits for governors. Of the 14, currently only governors Greg Abbott of Texas and Phil Scott of Vermont are serving more than two terms. Abbott is running for a fourth term, and governors JB Pritzker and Tim Walz of Illinois and Minnesota intend to run for third terms. Most states have term limits that limit governors to two terms. Lamont’s announcement has raised questions about whether Connecticut should have term limits or not. In January, Connecticut

State Rep. Christie Carpino, a Republican, introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment that would limit governors to two terms. Others viewed the situation differently.

Jordan Mancuso-Cermola, a sophomore political science major, said that while Lamont deserves a third term and he hopes he succeeds, he does believe in tightening restrictions on qualifications to run and serve as governor.

“I would like to see a little more structure in the sense of regulations on being able to run but in this circumstance I think that Lamont has deserved a third term,” Mancuso-Cermola said. Ava Suto, a freshmen political science major said, “I don’t think they should be as strict as the presidential ones, and I think it should be maybe three or four terms instead of two.”

While his path to victory may not be as difficult as it was in 2018, Lamont faces some hurdles. For example, he is receiving a primary challenge from the left in state representative Josh Elliott who represents the 88th district. Elliott, who is 30 years younger than Lamont, is running on more progressive ideas such as raising taxes on the wealthiest residents of Connecticut, instituting ranked

choice voting in the state’s elections, expanding affordable housing, and expanding the Child Tax Credit, among other promises.

Lamont also has received criticisms for some of his decisions, such as vetoing a bill that would’ve built more housing throughout the state. If Lamont succeeds in the primary, he will face either state Sen. Ryan Fazio or outgoing mayor of New Britain Erin Stewart, both of whom are Republicans. Lamont acknowledged he needs to do more for the state for him to win a third term in his campaign announcement video post.

“Connecticut is moving forward, but too many families are impacted by rising costs. We’ve worked to lower the cost of childcare, energy and healthcare but we’ve got to keep fighting for a more affordable future and building an economy that works for everyone,” he said. If Lamont is successful, he will become the first governor to successfully win a third term since John Rowland, who was convicted – twice – of multiple federal crimes, resigned as governor in 2004 and served two stints in prison.

Pres. Trump pardoned Rowland in May.

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.

Starbucks bear cup frenzy sparks a conversation on modern consumerism

BY NATALIA LIZAK
Arts & Life Editor

At the crack of dawn on Nov. 6, the scene outside of Starbucks stores looked more like the line for the new iPhone. The product of desire was a glass cup shaped like a bear, the Bearista cup. As part of Starbucks' 2025 holiday merchandise, the cup caused chaos in several Starbucks stores, including customer brawls, a splurge of resellers and a discussion of how this little bear defines modern consumerism.

Retailing for \$29.95, the limited edition 20-ounce glass cup looks as its name suggests: a bear wearing a green knit beanie adorned with the Starbucks name. The product's cuteness and exclusivity caused them to sell out immediately in stores, and customers also claimed that some locations received only one or two of them in their stock.

At some locations, customers were seen fighting over the cup, while others argued with employees, claiming they were being bought by them before the stores opened.

"I waited hourish before open to get the Bearista cup and we witnessed an employee pulling both off the shelf and buying

both 2 minutes before store open right in front of us waiting outside. I knew this was a possibility but I'm definitely disappointed," one user said on Reddit.

After waiting in line for hours, many customers left empty handed because there were limited cups and they expressed disappointment and frustration on social media.

"Not cool marketing Starbucks to only have 1-2 at each store and allow your baristas to buy them before customers. You should have had additional stock for your baristas and at least 10-20 for each store. People camped out all night to not even get one," said a comment under a Starbucks Instagram post.

Starbucks responded to the chaos and disappointment by issuing an apology to People where they said, "The excitement for our merchandise exceeded even our biggest expectations and despite shipping more Bearista cups to coffeehouses than almost any other merchandise item this holiday season, the Bearista cup and some other items sold out fast."

"We understand many customers were excited about the Bearista cup and apologize for the disappointment this may have caused," the Starbucks



The local Starbucks off of Boston Post Road.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Evan Pecorale

statement said.

Alternative cups began to pop up online, with some retailers such as Walmart creating their own version of the Bearista cup. Though for people who want a real one, some are being resold on websites such as eBay for more than \$200.

"Despite duplicate products being created in response to crazes, they will never truly deteriorate the hype," said executive assistant of the university's Marketing Club Garrett Dagenais. "When consumers wait in lines to buy such products, sure it could be because they like the product,

but it's mainly driven by status. I have this rare cup that everybody wants. This stems from the factor of scarcity, and duplicate products only increase that rare value. We've seen similar trends recently with Stanley cups and the PS5."

The situation has also sparked discussions about modern consumerism, specifically how limited edition or exclusive items and the resulting cultural craze are amplified through social media, spreading a "need it" mentality to consumers.

"The frenzy around the Starbucks bear cup shows how

consumerism today is about more than just owning a product, rather it's about identity and belonging," said president of the Marketing Club Caxton Conner. "People see the cup as a symbol of being part of the Starbucks community, and social media amplifies that feeling by turning it into a cultural moment.

"When feeds are flooded with videos of people lining up or showing off their cups, it creates a fear of missing out, similar to the Labubu trend. The hype isn't just about the cup itself, but about being seen as part of the trend," said Conner.

What the transition to DI has in store for the Jeffrey P. Hazell Center



BY ALEX SOTO
Campus News Editor

On July 1, the University of New Haven began the transition to Division I athletics, however its facilities haven't...yet.

Following the university's announcement of a transition into Division I athletics, it received a \$5 million gift from alumnus Jeffery P. Hazell '83, '10, the largest individual contribution to the university's athletics department. The funds are designated for helping with the operational costs tied

to the transition and for "continued renovations and improvements" to the Jeffrey P. Hazell Center, the university's game site for basketball and volleyball.

The center used to be known as the Charger Gymnasium, however it was renamed in 2022 following a \$3 million gift from Hazell which allowed earlier renovations.

Hazell's philanthropic commitment will support a number of transformations during renovations,

including refurbished locker rooms, increased seating capacity, new viewing areas and more.

"I believe in the University of New Haven, and I believe in what Charger athletics can become," said Hazell. "Moving to Division I will raise the University's profile, energize the campus community, and create new opportunities for our students. I'm proud to help make that happen."

The renovations are expected following the start of

the men's basketball season, as the New Haven Chargers played the UCONN Huskies and Penn State Nittany Lions, whose basketball arenas hold roughly 10,000 and over 12,000 spectators. The Jeffrey P. Hazell center currently holds less than 900.

"This extraordinary gift from Jeff Hazell is a game-changer for our university and a catalyst for the bold future of Charger athletics," said university President Jens Frederiksen. "His leadership, generosity, and belief in our vision for Division I will benefit generations of student-athletes and lift our entire community. We are deeply grateful for his continued commitment."

The renovation is expected to not only benefit Charger events, but Charger morale as well. "I believe that renovating the Hazell Athletic Center is an amazing move that will add an exclamation mark to the fact that we are a D1 program, with D1 athletes in a D1 facility," said women's basketball player

Merit Innocent. "A new renovated gym would be a great morale boost for the athletes and the students/fans who come support the teams at home games."

This optimism is a shared sentiment among the team. "The vision for the new center makes me excited about the future of the chargers, and I think it will bring a lot of attention to athletics," said teammate Lindsay Hogan. "I think the new arena will attract new fans and generate more excitement around the program."

The center has also hosted a number of other events in the past such as the Special Olympics, New Haven Convocations, a number of musical concerts and camps and clinics for the surrounding community, among other events which this move is expected to improve should they be hosted there again

Should everything go to plan, the university's transition to Division I will be more than just a label.

Jeffrey P. Hazell Center on North Campus
Photo courtesy of University of New Haven

A look into season two of “The Vince Staples Show”

BY ASHLEY CRAIG
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Perspective

Vince Staples has always blurred the line between music and storytelling, and with “The Vince Staples Show,” he crafted a series that captures the weirdness of everyday life through a dark, funny, surreal lens. In season two, now streaming on Netflix, the Long Beach rapper returns with more confidence, sharper writing and a deeper look into identity, grief and family.

In season one, viewers met a fictionalized version of Staples trying to navigate life in Long Beach, Calif., a version where normal events quickly turn strange. A trip to the bank led to a police chase, a simple errand unraveled into chaos and every episode balanced humor with anxiety. That mix of reality and surrealism became the show’s identity.

Season two opens with

the death of Staples’ uncle James, sending the character into an existential spiral. The five new episodes follow Staples as he deals with family conflict, community drama and the ongoing absurdity of being himself. He encounters shady businessmen, unsettling dinner parties and bizarre coincidences that force him to reflect on loss, masculinity and identity. The plot is loosely connected, but that’s the point. Life doesn’t always move in straight lines, and neither does “The Vince Staples Show.”

Critics have noted how the second season elevates both the tone and storytelling. The A.V. Club said how “in season two, the rapper’s Netflix series raises emotional stakes without watering down its chaotic comedy.”

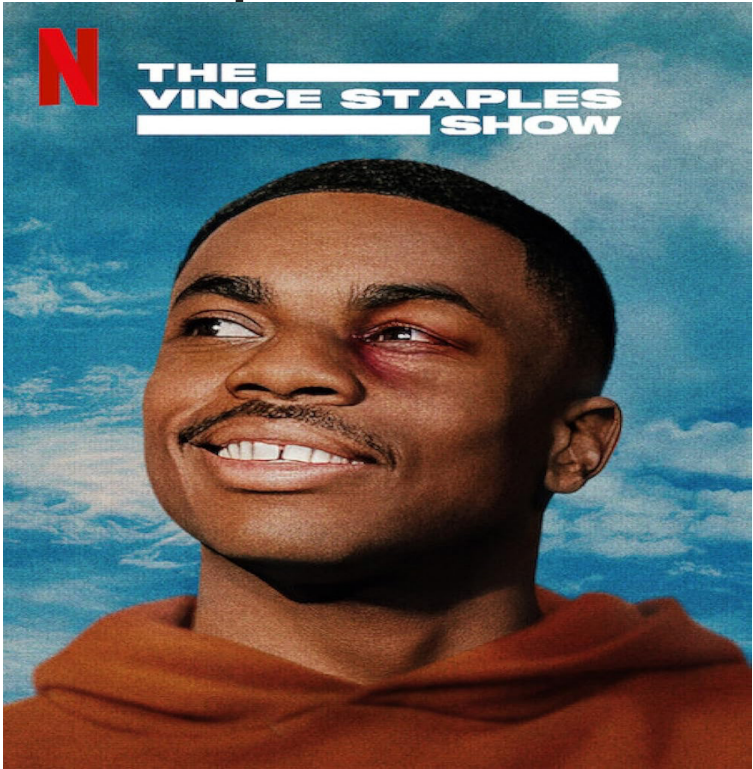
In an interview with BET, Staples said, “There isn’t that much dry humor within the Black comedic space...

It just translates better for who I am.”

“If I go in a room by myself and record 12 songs, I have an album. But if I go sit in a room by myself with a camera, I don’t necessarily have a show,” Staples said.

Visually, the show has improved. The camera work feels more intentional, often using still frames and muted colors to emphasize how detached Staples feels from his world. The editing is sharp but disorienting, mirroring the way his life constantly goes back and forth between ordinary and surreal. The sound design, with its sudden silences and bursts of noise, adds to the unease.

What makes season two special is its willingness to explore emotional depth beneath the comedy. The absurd situations act as metaphors for how Black men are often forced to suppress emotion in public yet laugh through pain. The humor is subtle, and some might find



“The Vince Staples Show” cover
Photo courtesy of IMDb

the pacing slow or confusing, but the quiet moments hit hardest.

As Screen Rant said, “It’s as funny and charming as its title star, it’s as wonderfully surreal as Atlanta, and it breaks away from the usual format of a conventional TV comedy.”

Final Verdict: Season two of “The Vince Staples Show” earns an A- for its visual storytelling, emotional complexity and fearless originality. Staples isn’t just starring in a TV show; he’s redefining what television comedy can look and feel like.

Olivia Rodrigo responds with heat after DHS uses her song in a post

BY MAYA PACHECO
Contributing Writer

Pop singer Olivia Rodrigo responded to a video posted on the official Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and White House Instagram that featured one of her songs, “All-American Bitch.” The video was posted to encourage undocumented immigrants to voluntarily leave the U.S.

“Don’t ever use my songs to promote your racist, hateful propaganda,” Rodrigo commented under the post.

The video contains Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents detaining people with video text reading, “IF ICE FINDS YOU.” The video transitions to “scenes of immigrants seemingly choosing to self-deport,” said The Guardian.

The video concludes with “...instructions on how illegal immigrants could access the Customs and Border Patrol website and find government assistance in self-deporting. A graphic showed that illegal im-

migrants could ‘receive a \$1,000 exit bonus,’” according to Fox News.

The post’s caption said, “LEAVE NOW and self-deport using the CBP Home app. If you don’t, you will face the consequences,” according to Fox News.

In a statement from The Guardian, a DHS spokesperson responded to Rodrigo’s comment, saying, “America is grateful all the time for our federal law enforcement officers who keep us safe. We suggest Ms. Rodrigo thank them for their service, not belittle their sacrifice.”

“Grateful all the time,” as the DHS spokesperson said, is a line from Rodrigo’s song that was used in the video; it is unclear if that was intentional or not. The video is still up on the White House and DHS Instagram account but the audio has been removed. Rodrigo’s comment has since been deleted or removed; it is unknown who removed the comment, whether it was the DHS account or Rodrigo’s team.

Rodrigo makes it clear

where she falls with the Trump Administration after an Instagram story she posted in June regarding ICE deportations in her state of Los Angeles.

“I’ve lived in LA my whole life, and I’m deeply upset about these violent deportations of my neighbors under the current administration. L.A. simply wouldn’t exist without immigrants. Treating hardworking community members with such little respect, empathy, and due process is awful,” she said.

Many fans responded to Rodrigo’s reply to the DHS by copying her message into comments. Some tried to suggest that she should sue the Trump Administration for using her music.

Throughout history, musicians have always pushed back against politicians using their songs without permission. In 1984, Bruce Springsteen’s classic hit “Born in the U.S.A” caught the eye of many politicians, especially Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole and Pat Buchanan. Springsteen publicly



“Guts” album cover.
Photo courtesy of Spotify

criticized Reagan, questioning whether he had really listened to his music. Both Dole and Buchanan then tried to use this hit song, but were shut down by Springsteen.

Other artists have taken direct action against politicians as well, including the Swedish pop group ABBA. In 2008, John McCain referred to one of the band’s top hits, “Dancing Queen,” as one of his favorite songs and would play it in campaign events. ABBA responded by sending a cease-and-desist letter to his

campaign, demanding that he stop using the song.

In January 2015, punk band Dropkick Murphys responded bluntly on X, formerly known as Twitter, to Scott Walker for using their song “I’m Shipping Up to Boston.” The tweet said, “@ScottWalker @GovWalker please stop using our music in any way... we literally hate you!!! Love, Dropkick Murphys,” according to a Rolling Stone article titled, “Stop Using My Song: 35 Artists Who Fought Politicians over Their Music.”

Fall sports conclude their first Division I season



BY MIKAELA MOTZ
Managing Editor

The New Haven Chargers have completed their first fall season competing in the Division I NEC. Though teams faced intense competition and increased pressure to perform at a higher level, the Chargers are ineligible to compete in NCAA or conference championships until the 2028-29 season. The university's field hockey team finished 0-15, took a total of 57 shots against their opponents and tallied 165 defensive saves. Forwards Jalia Cooper and Erin Smith each scored one goal this season, while forward Emma Beaujouan scored three.

The women's soccer team did not find a spot in the win column and concluded the season with a record of 0-15-1. The Chargers finished the season with 152 saves, 125 shots and nine goals. Midfielder Emma Mitchell led New Haven with four goals while midfielders Esthefany Aguilar and

Antonia Henao each added one. Forwards Kelsey Landers, Grace Simpson and Caleigh Wynter also found the back of the net once apiece.

The men's soccer team finished with a .500 winning percentage and overall record of 5-5-6 and 3-2-3 in NEC play. The Chargers scored 16 goals and had 67 saves. Goalkeeper Alessandro Bizzini received three NEC honors during the season, including two prime performers and a player of the week recognition. Forwards Lukian Lawro and Ryan Kipness both earned player of the week honors. After a goal against Dartmouth College, defender Guilherme Meria was also named rookie of the week in the NEC.

The women's volleyball team finished the season 5-22 overall and 4-12 in conference play. The Chargers totaled 1,294 digs, 1,066 kills, 973 assists and 123 aces. Opposite side Lauren MacKellar reached 500 kills this

season and earned two recognitions as an NEC prime performer. Middle blocker Naliah Grannell earned NEC defensive player of the week alongside Josie Foster who also was recognized as a prime performer. In the final week of the season, right side Kassadi Avent earned NEC rookie of the week, and setter Juli De Acharan was named an NEC prime performer.

After coming off an NE10 Championship last fall, the women's tennis team finished the season undefeated, 4-0. Combined with their Spring 2025 schedule, the team has an undefeated overall record of 12-0. Seven players completed their singles matches undefeated while Laura Ortner and Leni Bischof led the doubles teams with a 9-0 record.

The men's golf team finished in first place at the Mercyhurst Laker Fall Invitational and tied for second place at the Metropolitan Intercolle-

giate Championships. The women's golf team competed in five tournaments, and finished tenth in the Bucknall Invitational and seventh in the Sacred Heart Fall Classic.

The men's and women's cross-country teams competed in three invitational before the New England Championships. The men's team finished 17 out of 24 and the women's team 22 out of 25. Mohammed Abunar earned an NEC prime performer honor and earned a first team All-Conference.

The women's rugby team finished the season 1-5, with their only win against Davenport University. In October, center Sereana Vulaono was selected for Team USA to compete in the Global Rugby Series in Australia.

Senior LaLa Guimaraes said that though the rugby team struggled on the field, they were able to remain close because of the potential they knew they had.

Fall sports games from the 2025 season.
Photo courtesy of Olivia Faulkner

"A bad record doesn't erase the work, and it doesn't change how much we care about each other," said Guimaraes. "We've tried to focus on growth more than the scoreboard and showed up for each game ready to fix something from the week before."

The football team completed the season, 5-5. In his first season with the Chargers, quarterback AJ Duffy received four accolades from the NEC and earned the New England Football Writers Gold Helmet Award in week three. Five players earned preseason all-conference honors while four players received prime performance honors from the NEC throughout the season.

Following a transitional fall season at the university, winter sports have begun, and the Chargers continue to make history in their Division I debuts.

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By Lynelle Fernandez

ACROSS

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Common file format for submitting documents on Canvas
- 4

Aioli ingredient whose letters can be found in "aioli"
- 7

Computer systems often pit against 1-Down in debates
- 11

Chicken enclosure
- 13

Having no practical application
- 15

Shallow sandbank that might be dangerous for boats
- 17

Machine that releases items, like soap or hand sanitizer
- 18

Sign in front of a free sample, maybe (2 words)
- 20

Aspect that causes someone to lose interest, or the opposite of 21-Across
- 21

University of New Haven slogan, or the opposite of 20-Across (2 words)
- 23

_____oid (rocky space object) or _____isk (star keyboard symbol)
- 24

Free Wi-Fi, laundry services, swimming pool access, etc.
- 26

_____ Day (tree-planting holiday)
- 29

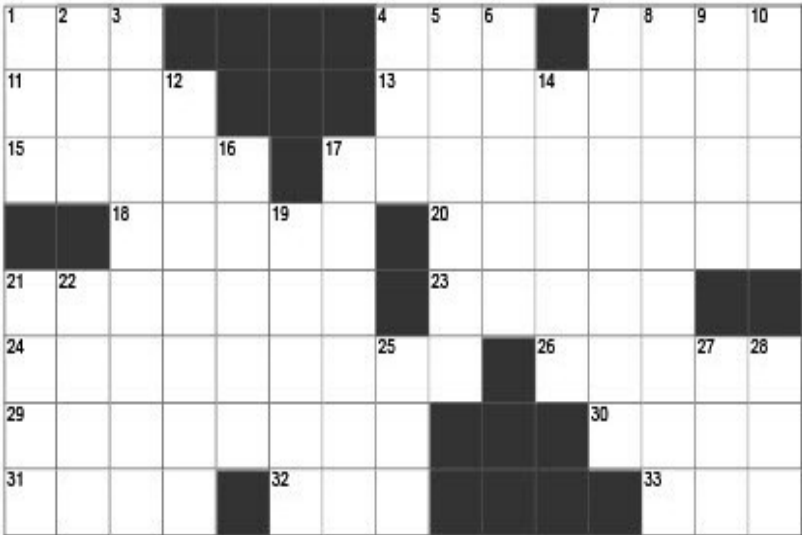
Swipe suddenly, as a purse
- 30

Gaming company behind Sonic the Hedgehog
- 31

Knightly titles
- 32

Opposite of NNW on a compass
- 33

"Spring forward and fall back" adjustment (abbreviated)



DOWN

- 1

Computer systems often pit against 7-Across in debates
- 2

Play-_____ (modelling clay that kids are advised not to eat)
- 3

Crocs, clogs, or cowboy boots
- 4

French "yes"
- 5

Nicknames for accounts that post Reels
- 6

Canis _____ (wolf scientific name)
- 7

No elbows on the table, saying "please", e.g.
- 8

Soaked up knowledge like a sponge
- 9

Treble or bass symbol
- 10

Lowly feudal worker
- 12

Moms and dads
- 14

Mattress company with sheep mascots
- 16

Line on a karaoke screen
- 17

Refuses to accept
- 19

Light-loving night insects
- 21

Alternative to "play" in "Family Feud"
- 22

Prefix meaning "all"
- 25

Suffix for Japan or Sudan
- 27

Rap pioneers, in slang
- 28

Remy from "Ratatouille", for one



Bergami Center
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Evan Pecorale

Women’s basketball secures first DI victory with a strong win over Purchase College

BY DONOVAN RODRIGUEZ
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After beginning the season with losses to Xavier University and Iona University, the Chargers hosted the SUNY Purchase College Panthers.

The Chargers snatched their first win of the season with an impressive performance and dominant 99-53 victory over the Panthers. This marked head coach Debbie Buff’s 300th career win.

The Chargers held the Panthers to only 13.25 points per quarter, allowed four three-pointers in the entire game and forced 29 turnovers. Guards Lindsay Hogan and Schuyler Coles as well as forward Aniya McDonald-Perry each had four steals, while the entire team had 20 combined, which led to 37 points off turnovers.

“Our goal for this is to play hard every time we step on the court, and to have energy,” said McDonald-Perry. “Nobody cares that we are D1 so we use that for our momentum.”

McDonald-Perry finished the game with 12 points and five rebounds while only missing two shots.

Guard Teaira Kelley and Hogan led the Chargers with 16 points each. Kelley had 100% efficiency in the game, and finished shooting 8-for-8 from the field. New Haven had 54.3% total efficiency on offense, 38-70, which set a season high. Hogan also led the Chargers in rebounds, grabbing nine boards which helped lead New Haven to victory. The Chargers dominant force in the paint led to 47 total rebounds while Purchase was able to grab 28, their leading rebounder only having five.

As a team, the Char-

gers had 24 assists, three three-pointers, four blocks and shot 62.5% from the free-throw line. The bench scored 42 points.

“The team has been working hard both on and off the court mentally to secure wins and perform well as the newest D1 team” said center Merit Innocent. “Our practices are more focused and intense, we emphasize on being disciplined and doing all the big and little things to ensure we play to our potential every time we step on the court.”

The move to D1 overnight, while a great opportunity, comes with new challenges for this strong Chargers team to face. “We had to prepare for a different level of competition with little time on our hands,” said Innocent. “Regardless of that I’m proud of how focused we’ve been and embracing the whole process as a team. Embracing the whole process as a team, doing our best to catch up, and prepare for this new level of play.”

After the strong victory, the Chargers hosted the Boston University Terriers, and fell short, 65-58.

The Chargers took a two point lead in the first quarter but after back-and-forth play, the Terriers regrouped and entered halftime with a 31-25 lead over New Haven.

Boston University scored 30 points in the paint, and had seven second chance points. New Haven was unable to get any fast break points, which was a dominant factor in their victory against Purchase College.

Boston University shot 63.3% on three-pointers, while the Chargers only shot 26.7%.

“We played a great overall game against the team we have never faced,” said Buff post-

game. “Lindsay Hogan looked like a senior on both sides of the ball. Freshman point guard Jasmine McKay came in and gave us quality minutes and some big buckets. Merit was outstanding in 23 minutes with 14 points and four rebounds. Definitely something to build on.”

Hogan finished with 21 points, four rebounds and a steal. Innocent was the second leading scorer for the Chargers with 14 points after shooting 70% from the field.

New Haven totaled 28 rebounds, 14 assists, eight three-pointers and a perfect 6-for-6 on free throws.

The Chargers now have an overall record of 1-3. New Haven will be back in action Nov. 25 when they travel to face the Fairfield University Stags. Tip-off is at 11 a.m. in Fairfield, Conn. Tune in on the NEC Frontrow app stream. For more information, visit NewHaven-Chargers.com.



Schuyler Coles and Kaitlyn Simpson against Boston University
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Chargers improve to 2-3 after big wins over Umass Lowell and Delaware State University



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This week, the Chargers had a lighter schedule after grinding through a tough opening stretch, facing the 1-2 University of Massachusetts (UMass) Lowell River Hawks and the 0-3 Delaware State University Hornets. With both opponents also dealing with early-season struggles, this stretch offered a real opportunity for New Haven to build rhythm, establish confidence and start turning their season in the right direction.

The Chargers earned their first win of the season with a hard-fought 73-67 victory over UMass Lowell, after erasing a seven-point deficit at halftime. The Chargers struggled to find rhythm early but stayed within striking distance as Jabri Fitzpatrick carried the offense with 14 first-half points on his way to a game-high 23, including 2-for-4 from the three-point arc. New Haven completely turned the game around after the break, shooting an impressive 59 percent from the field and scoring 43 second-half points compared to just 30 from the River Hawks.

Andre Pasha played a major role in the comeback and finished with 10 points, eight rebounds and three steals while anchoring a defensive effort that held UMass Lowell to 34

percent shooting in the second half. Najimi George added 17 points and hit a key three-pointer during a momentum-shifting run that helped the Chargers erase the deficit and build a lead they wouldn't give back. Bench production also proved huge, as Kheni Briggs scored 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting and gave New Haven a spark during multiple scoring lulls.

Statistically, the Chargers dominated the interior with a 34-22 points-in-the-paint advantage and secured 35 total rebounds, including nine offensive boards that led to 10 second-chance points. Despite the game featuring 15 lead changes and six ties, New Haven maintained composure down the stretch, knocking down free throws and stringing together stops to close out the win. After an 0-3 start, this performance marked a clear step forward, showing both resilience and improved efficiency on both ends of the floor.

For the second game of this week's slate, New Haven kept its momentum rolling with a 65-52 win over Delaware State, controlling the game on both ends from the opening minutes. The Chargers built a 30-22 halftime lead behind efficient scoring from George, who knocked down three three-point

shots to finish the game with 16 points, and another steady all-around performance from Fitzpatrick, who finished with a team-high 18 points and nine rebounds.

New Haven continued to pull away in the second half by shooting over 52 percent from the field and locking in defensively to hold DSU to just 35 percent shooting for the game. Stefano Faloppa added 11 points and eight rebounds, while Pasha anchored the interior with six points, nine rebounds and strong defensive presence that limited the Hornets to only 24 points in the paint. The Chargers also won the rebounding battle 41-26 and got timely scoring from Briggs, who chipped in seven off the bench. Delaware State tried to stay close behind 13 points from James Ponce and 11 from Zion Bethea, but New Haven controlled the pace throughout and closed the game on a composed offensive stretch, securing its second straight win.

After the series of wins, the Chargers have an overall record of 2-3 and look to continue this upwards trend. The Chargers will travel to face the Seton Hall University Pirates on Tuesday. Tip-off is 7 p.m. in South Orange, N.J. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Najimi George dribbling the ball.
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Jabri Fitzpatrick shooting.
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Kheni Briggs dribbling the ball.
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