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Drag and Cosplay extravaganza.  
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## What multicultural RSOs planned for Black and Latino Alumni Weekend

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The University of New Haven celebrates one of the biggest events for the Black and Latino student body, Black and Latino Alumni Weekend (BLAW). The 17-year-old tradition invites alumni to participate in or attend various events sponsored by the university's multicultural recognized student organizations (RSOs).

"Black and Latino alumni weekend brings our people together, and for a few days, the university looks like what it should be for us," said Patch Isaiah Bowen, a senior multiplatform journalism and media student. "That's thanks to the tireless, thankless work of underfunded and under-recognized Black and Latino student organizations."

RSOs come together each year to create events that students look forward to at the end of the spring semester. Student participation, attendance and volunteering continue to increase, allowing the weekend events to expand.

This year, the events began on Thursday, April 23, and ended on Sunday, April 26.

Thursday began with the Drag and Cosplay extravaganza hosted by People Rejoicing in Diversity Everywhere (PRIDE). The event showcased the many talents of queer Black and Latino drag and ballroom performers. The event featured special guest judges, alumni, performers from RuPaul's Drag Race and local performers from Connecticut's drag scene.

"The organization plans out themes that give contestants the opportunity to research and learn more about the queer/Latino/Black community so they can gain more inspiration for their outfits," said Dora Crespo, a senior international affairs student and fellow contestant of the extravaganza.

Crespo took home first place and the title of PRIDE Majesty with her stage persona, Celestia, a mermaid siren who finds her true self through dance. All eight contestants had to create their own outfits and talent portion of the com-

petition.

"This weekend to me means everything, it's a time where I feel united with the student body," said Crespo. "It means honoring the past of the Latino community in my family and alumni from the university."

Friday afternoon, the Gerber and Bixler Quad flooded with students for the Latin American Student Association's (LASA) Carne Asada event. The annual event featured a photo booth, a mechanical bull, a dunk tank, other games and Hispanic foods.

In the evening, the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) ended the night with another iconic event, the annual Fashion Show. During this event, student models and designers are given the opportunity to display their creativity and confidence to their campus community. This year's theme, Postcard from Paradise, was presented by CSA days before the event occurred.

Crespo also participated in the fashion show as a model. "The experience helped me gain more confidence within myself and also learn about

designers and their amazing work," she said.

On Saturday, the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Hermanidad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Incorporated hosted a stroll show competition where Greek letter organizations compete for a trophy. This event showcased the organizations' talent and traditional strolls. The evening ended with the Sankofa Ball, hosted by the Black Student Union. The event allows for students to celebrate themselves and the conclusion

of the school year.

The weekend of events ended with the Monsoon Dance Crew (MDC) Awards and the Miss Majorettes spring showcase. The showcase, along with the circus theme, allowed the team to highlight their talents.

"This tradition endures because students make it happen, and that's harder this time around," said Bowen.

For more information on BLAW, visit the university's website to learn more.

LASA's Annual Carne Asada graphic.  
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# Conflict rises between Trump and Pope Leo XIV

BY ADAM RELKIN  
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Amid the war in Iran, growing issues in immigration enforcement and posting images considered by some to be offensive, President Donald Trump is picking a fight with Pope Leo XIV.

Leo became the first pope from the U.S. after the death of Pope Francis. Leo is considered to have more moderate views compared to his predecessor, but he shares with Francis the same views on climate change and migration.

Following the start of the war in Iran, Pope Leo gave the *Urbi et Ori*, a blessing given every Easter Sunday, where he said, “We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social

consequences they produce, which we all feel.”

Pope Leo has since frequently called on the war in Iran to end and for peace talks between Iran and the U.S. to resume. Martin O’Connor, the university’s campus chaplain and professor in the fire science and emergency management department said, “It’s clearly a difficult one for the Pope because I think he was drawn into this against his will, but he feels compelled to respond because of the nature of the war.”

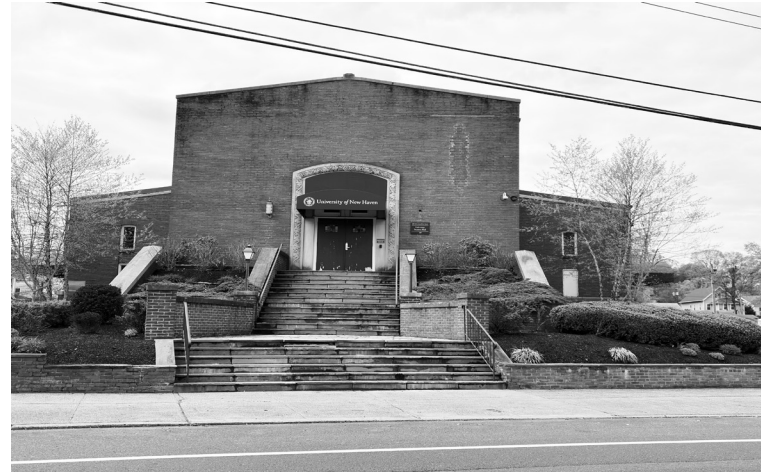
O’Connor also mentioned the “just war” theory from St. Augustine of the fifth century. The pope also has studied this and is well-versed in it. U.S. officials have used it to try justifying the war in Iran. But “despite what the vice president (J.D. Vance) says, the war in Iran cannot be justified on that basis,” O’Connor said.

Amid the criticism, Trump has repeatedly attacked the pope’s views, such as a Truth Social post where he wrote, “Pope Leo

is WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy.” Following the post, the pope said that he was neither afraid nor intimidated by Trump’s attacks and that he would continue to speak on the war. Pope Leo also criticized those who spend billions of dollars on war, but later said that comment was not aimed at Trump.

Leo has also been supportive of migrants and has urged nations to care for them, as he criticized the U.S.’s current immigration policies. At a press conference after a trip across African nations, Pope Leo said, “They are human beings, and we have to treat human beings in a humanitarian way and not treat them worse ... than house pets or animals.” The pope has also previously criticized the mass deportations of migrants and a lack of access to basic needs in detention centers.

After his post on Truth Social criticizing Leo, Trump posted an artificial intelligence generated image of himself dressed like



University student hall.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Evan Pecorale

Jesus and putting his hand on the forehead of a sick man. The post was later deleted, but Trump refused to apologize for the post, and said he wasn’t supposed to be considered a religious figure.

“I viewed that as a picture of me being a doctor in fixing — you had the Red Cross right there, you had, you know, medical people surrounding me,” said Trump.

Religious and faith leaders in New Haven gathered after the post, and were led by Bishop William J. Barber II who criticized Trump’s actions and what

he called a misuse of religion.

“I can only say as someone who is a practicing Roman Catholic it was highly offensive, and many members of the community I serve were not just offended but incensed by it,” said O’Connor.

Some students at the university also said they felt offended by the post. Samantha Latorelli, a graduate student in cellular and molecular biology said, “The picture looked like an insult on a Bible story that when I at least saw it, timed horribly with what week it was in the catholic calendar.”

## Trump sues Connecticut and New Haven over sanctuary status

BY ADAM RELKIN  
Politics Editor

The Trump administration is facing a lawsuit filed against the state of Connecticut and the city of New Haven over their sanctuary status. Sanctuary jurisdictions are states and cities that limit or refuse cooperation with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) activity within their boundaries. In these areas, local officials are prohibited from sharing information, detaining anyone or using funds to support ICE activity.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, names Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong and New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker as defendants. Lamont and Tong are both required to file a response to the case by May 6, and Elicker must file by May 7.

Judge Alvin W. Thompson is presiding over the case. Thompson, a senior judge for the district, was appointed by Pres. Bill Clinton in 1994. Thompson previously presided and sentenced defendants in prior criminal immigration cases such as handing a 57-month sentence last December to a man from the Dominican Republic who was convicted for fraud and immigration violations.

The lawsuit targets Connecticut’s Trust Act which was expanded last year. The Trust Act prevents law enforcement in Connecticut from sharing information with ICE, allowing only the most egregious cases as exemptions.

In a letter from Janelle Medeiros, Special Counsel for Civil Rights, she said, “The United States of America is a republic with a limited federal government, reserving many powers to the sovereign states. As one of those sovereign states, Connecticut retains the right

to decide how and when it will assist the federal government in carrying out federal functions, including, but not limited to, immigration law.”

The lawsuit seeks to determine if the Connecticut law violates the Supremacy Clause, Article IV, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The clause, which was a response to a lack of superiority in the Articles of Confederation, states that federal laws should be considered superior to state laws.

The lawsuit says, “Such blatant disregard for federal laws that have been on the books for decades is not merely a political disagreement or passive abstention; it is deliberate, disruptive action that jeopardizes the public safety of all Americans. The Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution prohibits a state or locality from thus obstructing Congress and the Executive.”

The lawsuit also targets an executive order signed by Elicker in 2020 known

as “An Executive Order to Affirm New Haven a Welcoming City.” The executive order prohibits city officials and workers from asking residents about their immigration status and from cooperating with ICE agents. In 2023, a city official was placed on leave for allegedly sharing information with ICE about marriages involving non-citizens in violation of the executive order.

The lawsuit seeks to overturn the executive order, which says, “The New Haven Executive Order is in conflict with and reflects an obstacle to the Federal Government’s enforcement of the immigration laws. Specifically, in rejecting congressionally authorized means of enforcing federal immigration law, including detainers and administrative warrants, the Executive Order unlawfully regulates the Federal Government.”

Some Connecticut officials have expressed opposition to the lawsuit.

U.S. Rep Rosa DeLauro, who represents Connecticut’s 3rd congressional district which includes New Haven said, “New Haven is not a ‘sanctuary jurisdiction.’ The description has no legal meaning. Our state and local laws reflect a longstanding constitutional principle that the federal government cannot commandeer local officials to carry out its inhumane enforcement agenda.”

Additionally, John Larson, who represents Connecticut’s 1st congressional district said, “The real lawlessness here is the President’s transformation of federal immigration enforcement into his own secret police force. On his watch, agents have executed citizens in our streets, snatched mothers from their children in communities right here in our state and threatened peaceful protesters with excessive force across the country.”

Similar lawsuits from the Trump administration have been dismissed.

## ARC hosts Disable the Label: How to break the stigma surrounding disability

BY MAYA PACHECO  
Campus News Editor

About 20% of undergraduate students report that they have some form of a disability. On April 21, the Accessibility Resources Center (ARC) and the Beta Lambda Chapter of Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society hosted Disable the Label, an annual event focused on spreading disability awareness.

“We do have a vision that is an inclusive campus that is universally accessible,” said Yvonne Sanders, assistant director of ARC. “Where program services and environments are usable by all people to the greatest extent possible without the need for adaptation, accommodation, exceptions, and special design.”

The event was created by the efforts of multiple resident student organizations (RSOs), clubs, school organizations and outside vendors. The fair contained many tables spread across the Maxcy quad, each with an individual mission and message.

The RSOs were in charge of choosing different disability topics to help spread awareness of. They created activities, games and crafts to give information about their chosen topics in an engaging and fun way.

“Something interesting that I learned at the event was the differences between service animals and emotional support animals and how the laws differ between the two,” said Justin Mercado, a sophomore mechanical engineering student.

This was Mercado’s first time attending the event, and he was eager to participate in winning a free T-shirt by going to at least 14 tables. Mercado ventured to the athletics center table for some athletic trivia and then to the graduate forensics table, where he learned about color blindness by watching them perform a presumptive test of blood reacting to hemoglobin, which resulted in it turning pink.

“My favorite part of the event was the blindfold activity, where one partner was blindfolded and had to

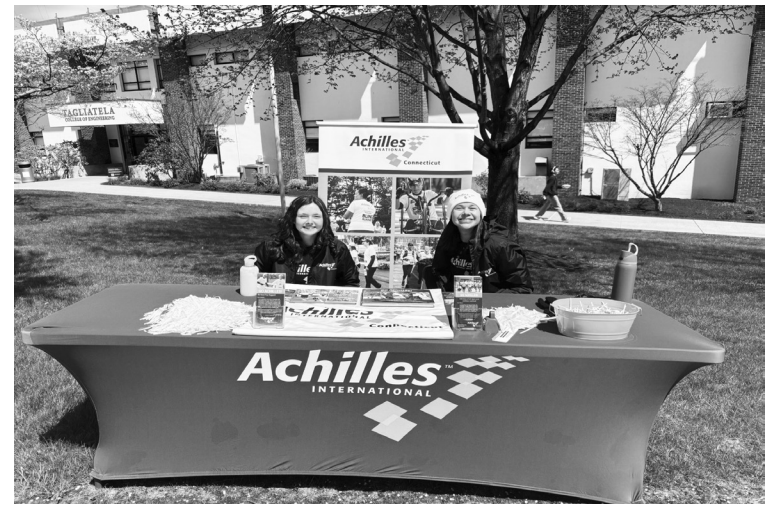
locate something while the other partner had to direct the blindfolded partner,” said Mercado. “It was a fun activity while also being very informative.”

The Indian Student Council simulated everyday situations, but restricted participants’ sight, hand use or challenged them to use their non-dominant hand. Along with activities came crafts; some tables took a different approach and had students paint rocks for PTSD awareness or create picking pads for OCD.

This year’s event also included tables of outside vendors, who brought experience in aiding the disability community.

Students were able to hear from organizations that help the community all across Connecticut. Achilles International is a statewide organization that focuses on athletes with disabilities.

“We pair athletes with disabilities with guides to participate in races and various enduring sports,” said Sarah Craig, who was representing Achilles International at the event. “We



Achilles International table.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Maya Pacheco

mostly hold group workouts for the athletes over the weekends, and they are all over the state.”

Other vendors, like Our Journey of Sight, a low-vision blind support group, shared information on walking canes and the different types of walking canes. They discussed how canes are used and what it means when someone using one comes up against a crack on the sidewalk.

“It was pretty special bringing individuals from the community,” said Sanders.

This event brought out-

side vendors to showcase to students what is being done within the public community regarding disability awareness.

“Events like this are really great for us to connect with other organizations around the state and make connections with them, also just to get the word out,” said Craig.

Disable the Label expands community, knowledge and opportunity for everyone attending. If you find something not accessible on campus, contact the Accessibility Resource Center at [arc@newhaven.edu](mailto:arc@newhaven.edu).

## Faculty promotions announced following period of uncertainty

BY ALEX SOTO  
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Following a time of financial stress and job uncertainty for the University of New Haven (UNH) staff, university president Jens Frederiksen announced the names of faculty who are being promoted and receiving tenure.

“I am pleased to share the names of the faculty members who are being promoted in rank and granted tenure. These decisions are based on a comprehensive review of each professor’s teaching, scholarly work, and service to the University,” said Frederiksen.

Danielle Cooper, who was one of those promoted to the rank of professor for the Department of Criminal Justice has waited more than a decade for this position.

“Immediately after earning my Ph.D in Criminology, Law & Society from

the University of Florida, I moved to New Haven with my husband and began my work here in the Department of Criminal Justice the next week,” said Cooper. “I have spent the past 11 years proudly as a member of the Charger community.”

In the same email, Frederiksen praised those promoted for their performance in their previous positions.

“Being promoted to the rank of professor is a most noteworthy professional accomplishment,” he said. “Faculty members must excel as educators and scholars and dedicate themselves to service activities that benefit the University and their fields. Only the highest-performing educators achieve the rank of full professor.”

This news is a relief for those awarded tenure and receiving promotions, following a term of downsizing. After a 16-17%



Maxcy quad.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Natalia Lizak

reduction in overall revenue for the university following Trump’s administration revoking over 8,000 international student visas and the rejection of many hopefuls since early 2025, many employees have been laid off from the university in an effort to realign operational expenses.

“The current ‘international student cliff’ was clearly beyond our control, and I remain extremely bullish about the future of the University of New Haven,” said Frederiksen in February regarding the university’s financial state. “Our best days are still ahead.”

For these newly-appointed professors and associate professors with tenure, this will not be a cause of concern. As they finish off the term in their current positions, they now begin to prepare for their new positions beginning Sept. 1.

# “Invincible” season four ends with a trauma-fueled masterpiece

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## Perspective Spoilers ahead

How do you survive a battle that never ends?

For Mark Grayson, the main character of the Amazon Prime animated series “Invincible,” the destruction of the planet Viltrum did not end conflict. Rather, it became the start of a mental warzone and the battlefield is inside him.

Despite toning down the action of previous episodes, the season four finale of “Invincible” delivers a quiet, impactful conclusion that proves to be the perfect ending to the season.

Following the destruction of the planet Viltrum by Mark, Thaedus and Nolan Grayson (Omni-Man), the season finale, “Don’t Leave Me Hanging Here,” examines the physical and mental toll of the Viltrumite war, rather than immediately beginning with a new battle. The episode focuses on Mark’s post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) following his return to Earth after ten months. His PTSD stems from his fear of Viltrum leader Thragg (Clancy Brown), and the emotional weight of his decisions. It causes him to experience graph-

ic and intrusive hallucinations of those he cares about being killed. The show’s animation provides a visceral portrayal of these hallucinations, and it creates a tangible sense of unease in viewers.

The first time these hallucinations occur is when Mark speaks with his mother, Debbie.

In the middle of a conversation about the state of his half-brother Oliver, Mark suddenly turns around to see Thragg holding Debbie by her throat. Stunned, Mark’s vision shows Thragg ripping his mother’s head off her body. He suddenly snaps out of the traumatizing nightmare as his mother shouts his name, and Mark realizes that nothing he saw really happened.

That was only the first vision he experiences throughout the episode.

Another occurs when he is walking with his girlfriend, Eve, his best friend, William and William’s boyfriend, Rick, where he sees the Viltrumites massacring students at their university. While sharing an emotional moment with Eve, Thragg shows up again and grabs her by the face, and the scene that follows is horrific.

By repeatedly showcasing these graphic hallucinations, “Invincible” forces viewers

to experience Mark’s trauma firsthand, and that creates a tense atmosphere where the line between reality and nightmare vanishes. When this imaginary Thragg reappears during a meeting with Cecil, the scene feels like another one of Mark’s traumatic visions. However, as the scene and its horrors persist, the initial assumption of another hallucination turns into genuine dread, mirroring Mark’s own inability to distinguish truth from fear. This technique efficiently puts the audience inside Mark’s traumatized psyche, and ensures that when Thragg finally makes his appearance, viewers become just as unsettled as our protagonist.

After an emotional sequence of Mark flying through the sky to the melancholic sounds of “Fragments from the Decade” by Death Cab for Cutie, Thragg appears. What Mark assumes to be another hallucination proves to be false.

His fear finally becomes reality.

Mark punches the figure in front of him, though the Grand Regent is not here to fight. He presents Mark with an emotional dilemma; let his people live among those on Earth peacefully, and that any attempt to find or remove them will end up with billions of humans killed.

The way Brown delivers this



“Invincible” television show poster.  
Photo Courtesy of IMDb

speech in a calm, condescending way amplifies Thragg’s overall authority and the terror he is able to admit to others. He knows Mark is strong, and forcing him into this inescapable, horrific deal, leaves one feeling dread for those on Earth, and the weight that further gets put on Mark’s shoulders as a hero. The scene showing how the Viltrumites have begun to live their own lives on Earth takes viewers back to season one of the show with Omni-Man, and that was just one Viltrumite living among humans.

Mark initially rejects Thragg’s ultimatum. However, after a flashback of his traumatic visions, a brief, calming image

of Eve results in Mark agreeing to the compromise.

Despite previous criticism regarding its animation, the season finale overshadows any stylistic imperfections. Viewers examine the psychological impact that being labeled a “superhero” has. These heroes have the power to protect those who cannot protect themselves, but who will protect them from the impact of their decisions while they must do the protecting?

The episode does conclude with a cliffhanger, but it is a strong setup for season five. The stakes are higher following Mark’s decision, leaving viewers in suspense for what is to come.

# Spring Weekend approaches! Here’s what to expect



Spring Weekend outfit ideas graphic.  
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BY NEVAEH LUGO  
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The Driver Era and Jay Sean will be the headlining artists for this year’s Spring Weekend concert, which is organized by the Student Committee of Programming Events (SCOPE).

The Driver Era is a musical duo consisting of brothers Rocky and Ross Lynch, both of

whom are also former members of the disbanded band, R5. Ross Lynch is also a former Disney star, famous for his role as Austin Moon in sitcom “Austin & Ally.” Jay Sean, born Kamaljit Singh Jhooti, is a British R&B singer, known for singles like “Down.”

The artists will perform in Friday night’s Shoreline Sounds in the Beckerman Recreational

Center, and they’ll be joined in the lineup by emerging local acts, singer-songwriter Sam Menos and rock and roll band LOVETAP.

Hugh Gilroy, the bass guitarist of LOVETAP, described the opportunity to perform alongside The Driver Era as a “full circle moment.”

“[Ross Lynch] is someone I used to look up to as a kid like ‘I want to do that,’” said Gilroy. He also said that he was “just happy to be included.”

The Rec Center doors will open at 5:45 p.m., with the show beginning at 6:30 p.m. Security and campus police will be present and entering students may be subject to search by the UPD.

SCOPE by the Shore’s Spring Weekend will continue into Saturday with SCOPE by the Pier, a carnival from 2-8 p.m. that will span across the Dunham parking lot, Dunham Quad, Celentano Quad, Bixler/Gerber Quad and the German Club parking lot. Students who want to participate in the carnival must fill out a waiver beforehand.

Forensic science junior Hadleigh Sargent said she was excited for this year’s Spring Weekend and loves the yearly tradition. She said she thinks of the event as a celebration of the end of winter.

Tickets for the event are available through Eventbrite to undergraduate students and will remain available until 9 a.m.

Wednesday. Tickets are limited to one per person per event. On Wednesday, SCOPE intends to offer any remaining tickets to current graduate students. Campus IDs and Eventbrite tickets are required for entry to both events.

The representatives of SCOPE could not be reached for further comment.



SCOPE Spring Weekend ticket graphic.  
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# Spring sports conclude first Division I season

BY MIKAELA MOTZ  
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The New Haven Chargers have completed their first spring season competing in Division I NEC.

The men's and women's track and field teams competed in multiple invitationals, have continuously broken program records and have been constant podium finishers throughout the season. For the first time in over ten years, the women's team won the 4x400 meter relay in the CTC section at the Penn Relays. The men's NEC Championship is May 2 and 3, followed by the New England Championship on May 7 and 9. The women's NEC Championship is May 7 and 9.

The women's golf team finished second in the Dr. Edwin B. Cottrell Invitational and placed 11th in the NEC Championship. The men's golf team competed in three tournaments and tied in sixth place at the Roar-EE Invitational. Hermann Gavilan tied for

seventh place at the NEC Championship.

After finishing the fall season undefeated, the tennis team concluded their season with an overall record of 9-9 and 3-1 in conference play. The Chargers endured a four-game losing streak but defeated the Queens College Knights 4-3 to finish their season.

Under new head coach Kathelene Kim Green, the women's lacrosse team finished with a .444 percentage and an overall record of 5-9. The Chargers started their season strong with a 10-7 win over Sacred Heart University and finished their time in Kathy Zolad Stadium with a dominant 17-11 senior day win over cross-state rival, Central Connecticut State University. The team traveled to face Delaware State University this past weekend and finished their season with a 19-7 win over the Hornets.

The baseball team currently has an overall record of 8-27 and 7-14 in conference play. The Chargers

faced off against larger opponents University of Missouri and Texas Christian University to begin their season. New Haven did not sweep any competitors during their series but had notable wins against the University of Bridgeport where they defeated the Purple Knights 12-4 and Norfolk State University where the Chargers won 15-4 against the Spartans. The baseball team still has multiple games left but will conclude the season with a three-game series against the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Hawks.

The softball team stands at 10-33 overall and 8-16 in conference play. The Chargers won two out of three games in their series against Fairleigh Dickinson and Mercyhurst University. New Haven will host Holy Cross University for a doubleheader on Wednesday to conclude the season.

New Haven Athletics has completed their first year as a Division I program and will return in the fall.



Media day photo collage.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Athletics and Olivia Faulkner

## New Haven dominates Delaware State 19-7 in season finale

BY DONOVAN RODRIGUEZ  
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The women's lacrosse team closed its season with an impressive 19-7 win over the Delaware State University Hornets, dictating pace, possession and execution from the opening draw.

New Haven established a dominant lead and outshot Delaware State 15-6 in the first quarter and built a 6-1 lead. Sophia Devaney opened the scoring off an assist from Caitlin Seleny, who functioned as the primary facilitator throughout the game. Less than 30 seconds later, Sophia Minnion converted a player up opportunity, signaling a mismatch Delaware State never corrected.

Minnion was the most efficient scorer on the field, finishing with five

goals on six shots on goal, including a free position conversion. Her ability to find space inside the eight meter arc exposed structural weaknesses in Delaware State's defense. Seleny drove the offensive system, recording seven assists and directly contributing to eight of New Haven's 19 goals, while also forcing three turnovers.

The second quarter eliminated any remaining uncertainty. New Haven added eight goals, extending the lead to 14-3 at halftime. Helena Dunwoody and Summer Castiglione were central to that surge. Dunwoody produced three goals and one assist, while Castiglione controlled possession with five draw controls and added two goals. The Chargers executed

efficiently in situational play, converting two of five free position attempts and scoring five player up goals overall.

The third quarter maintained the same pattern. Seleny continued to dictate the game's tempo, assisting on goals by Ellie Wilson and Devaney, while also adding a goal of her own following a turnover. By the end of the quarter, New Haven extended its lead to 17-4, effectively removing any competitive tension from the final period.

Delaware State showed brief activity in the fourth quarter with three goals, including a second from Ceanna McGirt, but the outcome was never in question. Castiglione added a late player up goal, and Olivia Kaelin scored off another Seleny assist to finalize the Chargers'



Charger lacrosse team.  
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total.

New Haven finished with 37 shots compared to Delaware State's 22 and placed 25 shots on goal compared to just nine allowed. The Chargers also committed only five turnovers, half of Delaware State's total, indicating disciplined possession and decision making. Clearing was flawless on

both sides at 11 for 11, but New Haven's ability to capitalize after clears created the separation.

New Haven closes its first Division I season at 5-9 overall and 4-5 in conference play, but more importantly, demonstrates measurable late season improvement. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

# Baseball takes the series against CCSU Blue Devils, 2-1

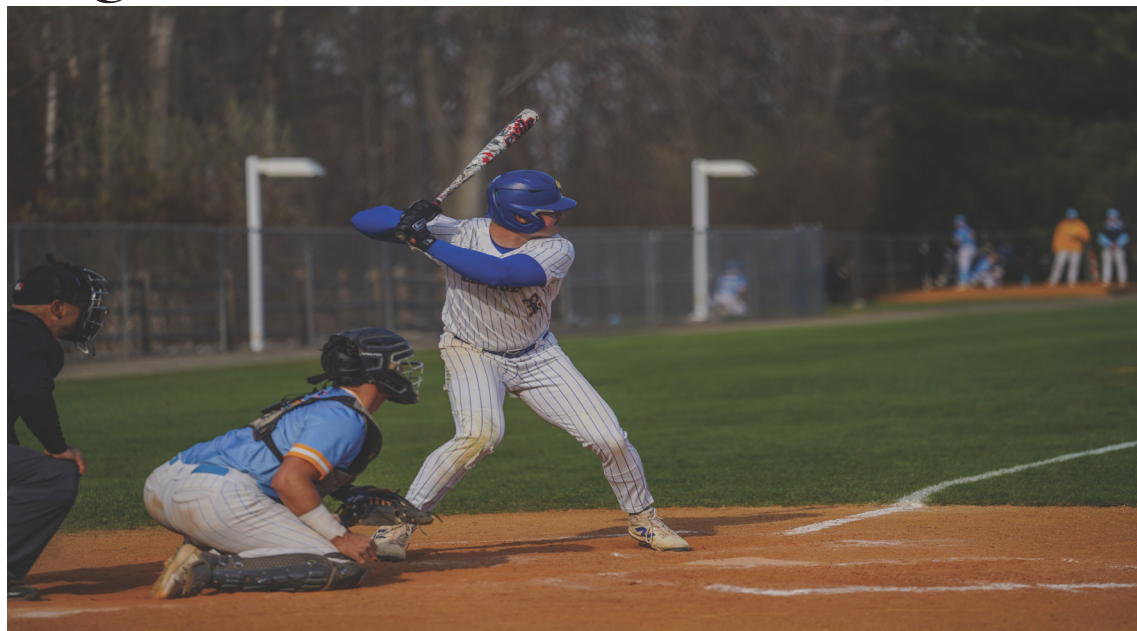
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Coming off of a tough loss on Wednesday to the Quinnipiac University Bobcats, the Chargers went into the weekend looking to get back in the win column against cross-state rival Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Blue Devils. After a three-game series, New Haven came out on top, winning two of the three.

In game one, the Chargers struck first with a sacrifice fly from third baseman Joe Frazzetta. CCSU answered back in the second with two unearned runs. The Chargers tied it up in the fourth with an RBI from center fielder Nick Ungania and then took the lead back in the fifth with another RBI from Frazzetta. New Haven continued with the offensive action, while the CCSU Blue Devils were held to two runs. The sixth inning saw RBIs from right fielder Shaun Callahan and designated hitter Casey Cerruto. The sixth and final run for the Chargers was brought home off an RBI single from

shortstop Aedan Forde in the seventh, ending the game at 6-2. New Haven starting pitcher Max Hilsenroth took the win, going all nine innings and allowing zero earned runs on seven hits and two walks. Hilsenroth also totaled 10 strikeouts on the day.

Game two of the series started slow on the offensive side, with both teams going scoreless in the first two innings. The Chargers had a huge third inning and put up five runs, started by a walk from Callahan with bases loaded, followed by a right field RBI single from Cerruto. Frazzetta then hit into a fielder's choice that brought home designated hitter Jake Russo, and then third baseman Bobby Herzman singled through the right side to bring in Callahan. The final run of the inning was unearned, with the RBI accredited to Forde. New Haven went scoreless over the next three innings, while CCSU chipped away at the deficit. The Chargers were up by one going into the seventh, until Herzman singled



Matt McIntire up at bat.  
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to center field to bring in Cerruto. In the eighth inning, Russo hit an RBI double to bring in first baseman Cam McGugan. The Blue Devils attempted a comeback in the eighth but fell short by one run. The game ended with a score of 7-6.

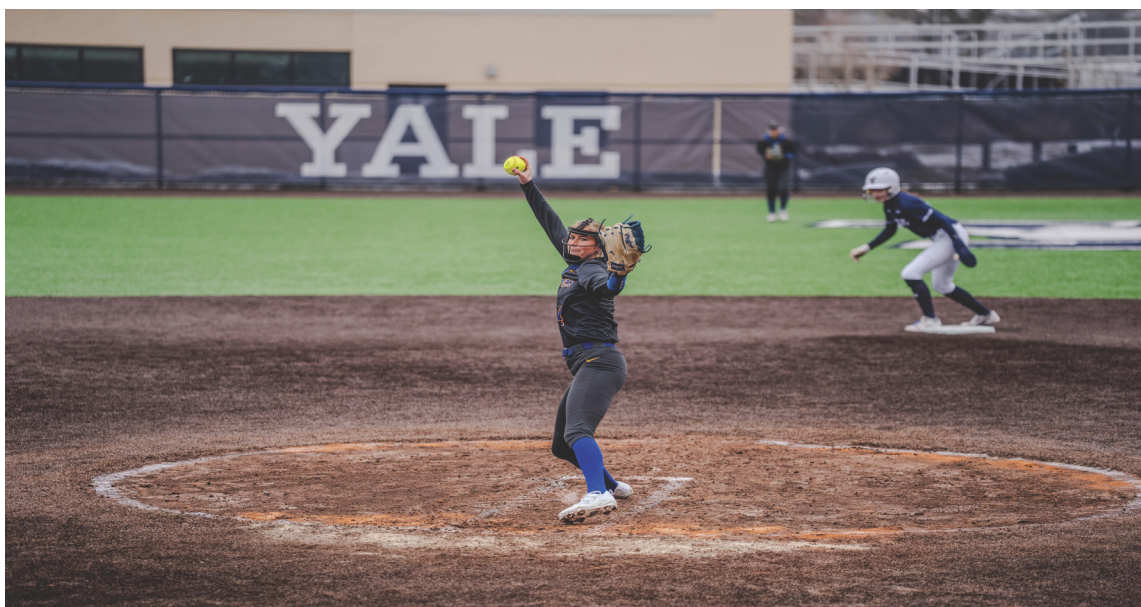
Game three saw lots of offensive action on both sides. The Chargers started the scoring in the first inning with an RBI single from Cerruto. CCSU added two runs in the second to take the lead, but the score was quickly tied after an RBI tri-

ple from Callahan in the top of the third. The Blue Devils took the lead back with a two RBI single through the right side. Down by two, New Haven fought back and tied the score again in the fourth inning, with RBIs from second baseman EJ Ettinger and Ungania. CCSU added a combined three runs through the fourth and fifth innings, and then a solo home run from left fielder Matt McIntire left the Chargers down by two going into the sixth. The Blue Devils extended

their lead with two more runs in the sixth, which was answered back by another Cerruto RBI. CCSU added one more run in the seventh, unearned, leaving the final score at 10-6.

After the series, New Haven is now 8-27 overall and 7-14 in conference play. The next game will take place on April 28 when the Chargers host the University of Rhode Island. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

## Chargers softball splits late-season stretch and heads into final series



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The Chargers' softball team continued its late-season schedule with a three-game stretch against the Yale Bulldogs and the Stonehill Skyhawks, finishing the week with a split of results as the regular season nears its end. The Chargers faced a mix of non-conference and out-of-conference competition, closing the stretch with one win and two losses, while

continuing to battle through the final portion of the 2026 schedule.

The stretch opened on April 22 against the Yale Bulldogs where the Chargers lost, 9-6. New Haven finished with seven hits and six runs, while Yale totaled nine hits and nine runs. The Bulldogs built an early lead with three runs in the first inning, one in the second and two in the third allowing them to go up, 6-1. The Chargers responded in the third inning with an RBI single from Jess Petit, with

Katie Rhodes pitching.  
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Bri Pellicone scoring. In the fourth inning, New Haven scored four runs and tied the game at 6-6, highlighted by RBI contributions from Gianna Haniff, Pellicone and Brianna Trueman.

Offensively, Pellicone went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Petit added two hits and an RBI. Trueman recorded a hit and an RBI, and Haniff drove in two runs. The Chargers finished with

two doubles in the game. On the mound, New Haven used multiple pitchers, allowing Yale to score three runs in the fifth inning, resulting in them retaking the lead and securing the win.

Two days later, on April 25, the Chargers faced the Stonehill Skyhawks which resulted in a 5-2 loss. New Haven recorded seven hits and two runs, while the Skyhawks totaled nine hits and five runs. Stonehill scored in the fourth inning and broke the game open with four runs in the fifth, capitalizing on defensive miscues. The Chargers were held scoreless through five innings before breaking through in the sixth.

Bella Chenet provided the key hit of the game. She delivered a 2-RBI single in the sixth inning which brought in Allison Murai and Marzia Johnson. Haniff and Kylie Thorpe each added two hits, accounting for a large portion of New Haven's offense. Despite the late push, Stonehill's pitching held the Chargers scoreless in the final frame to

close out the game.

New Haven finished the series on April 26 with an 8-4 win over Stonehill. The Chargers recorded nine hits and eight runs, while Stonehill finished with nine hits and four runs. New Haven scored in four separate innings, including a 4-run third inning that shifted control of the game. The Chargers added runs again in the fifth inning to extend the lead.

Offensively, Chenet finished with a triple and three RBI, while Trueman went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Emily Ricci also added a hit and an RBI, and Petit contributed an RBI sacrifice fly. Pellicone and Haniff each added hits as part of a balanced lineup effort. In the circle, New Haven used multiple pitchers to combine for the win, limiting Stonehill after the third inning.

The Chargers will close their season with a two-game series against the Holy Cross Crusaders on Wednesday to wrap up the 2026 schedule. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).