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FOD dining hall.

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From dining to aux, does FOD really know ball?

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Attention all New Haven night owls. The ones who love our city's nightlife, the ones who itch for Friday and Saturday night, I have some fantastic news. There's a new club in town and no, it's not Rumaj or Vanity, Toads or Secrets. President Jens Frederiksen has taken very important student opinions and made the executive decision to open a nightclub right on campus. Food on Demand has turned into Finesse on the Dancefloor (FOD)!

Rumaj and Vanity, the top two clubs in New Haven, see up to four different universities. A night in this part of Connecticut is not complete without a rager, but let's be honest. Is the \$20 Uber really worth it? Is 10 minutes in the car too long? Is the cover charge really worth it for two hours of partying? Let's face

it people, the whole process of going to the club is lacking. You know what would make that easier? A short walk to FOD!

The UNH Faculty has taken measures to turn the FOD dining hall into a state of the art nightclub, complete with a gigantic dance floor, a bar serving refreshing (virgin) cocktails, high tech lighting, V.I.P lounges and its infamous music scene. It is also rumored that students can receive a discount at the door just by showing their ID.

It's clearly known that FOD knows ball, and that ball knowledge translates to the aux. Do you feel like jamming out to today's hits? FOD has the Weeknd, Bruno Mars and Dua Lipa queued up. Perhaps rap is more of your thing? FOD only plays the best: Travis Scott, Drake (Drop Iceman already) and Kendrick Lamar. Or maybe you prefer to chill out and lounge in the club,

feeling like royalty. FOD plays the most iconic RnB including Usher, SZA, Chris Brown and Beyoncé who will all have you breaking out the dance moves. FOD has whatever you're in the mood for, all you need to do is walk through the door.

A review of anything is not complete without loyal customers, and in this case, loyal nightlife enthusiasts! Freshman Hunter Abruzzo gave his well-educated opinion, after attending the FOD club seven times! Abruzzo first heard about the club flyers around campus and decided to check out this new evening entertainment.

"Whoever the DJ is at this club knows what they are doing," said Abruzzo. "Never a beat is missed. It's always a vibe."

The night might be the DJ's territory but even when the sun comes up that doesn't stop them from serving the starving students of UNH the right

tunes.

Alright New Haven night owls, you've heard it here first. Rumor has it even the faculty are reporting higher student morale in early morning classes, probably from the sheer excitement of being able to enjoy Finesse on the Dance-

floor later in the night. It's also been rumored that some of the faculty members have made appearances in FOD. If you saw President Jens chilling in V.I.P. with Charlie the Charger... no you didn't! That's it for today, clubbers. I will see you on the dance floor!



Charlie the Charger.

Photo courtesy of @unehaven

Adding to the Kennedy saga: RFK Jr. caught taking Tylenol

BY ADAM RELKIN
Politics Editor

Despite his previous rhetoric of linking Tylenol to autism, a new report from a whistleblower revealed that current U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has used the pain and fever reducing drug in secret. According to the whistleblower, Kennedy used the drug to treat headaches that have been present since 2010, when a worm ate part of his brain. After staffers at the HHS began to notice Kennedy using the drug in large quantities, he reportedly then attempted to cover it up, using differently labeled pill bottles, putting colored dye in the pills and seemingly going as far as taking the pills while working out.

Tylenol has also previously issued a statement about the claims suggesting that Tylenol causes autism: “The facts are that over a decade of rigorous research, endorsed by leading medical professionals and global health regulators, confirms there is no credible evidence linking acetaminophen to autism. We stand with the many public health and medical professionals who have reviewed this science and agree.”

Amidst the whistleblower report, Tylenol has reportedly considered adding a label to their products in some retailers that would say that Kennedy endorses using the product to treat headaches.

The Autism Society of America has also previously issued a statement in relation to these claims made by Kennedy: “A

dangerous and inaccurate narrative is being spun around the Autism community—one rooted in fear, misinformation, and a profound misunderstanding of disability. Referring to Autism as a “chronic disease” or an “epidemic” relies on outdated medical-model language that dehumanizes Autistic individuals, perpetuates stigma and stereotypes, and undermines decades of progress in disability rights.”

Some were quick to point out the hypocrisy. Carly Salzano, the executive assistant for the university’s College Republicans, said, “it’s crazy, very hypocritical, I heard he at least washed it down with raw milk to get rid of it.”

Kennedy has also been a big proponent of raw milk, showing support for lifting regulations

and sanctions on it. Raw milk is also expected to be available to guests as a drink once the White House’s East Wing Ballroom opens.

The whistleblower report also mentioned that Kennedy discussed releasing a study that would show that windmills cause cancer, a claim that President Trump has supported before. The study would reportedly come in conjunction with the announcement of a cemetery for birds killed by windmills planned to be built on the National Mall in Washington.

At a White House press conference, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt refused to answer any questions about the whistleblower report. Leavitt accused reporters who asked about the report without any evidence

of them being paid and bought by Kenvue Inc., Tylenol’s parent company. However, family members of Kennedy have mentioned that the report is not shocking amidst his willingness to admit to obscure and bizarre things such as snorting cocaine off toilet seats, hiding a dead bear in Central Park and making it look like a bike hit it in 2014 and also flying on deceased sex offender and trafficker Jeffrey Epstein’s plane on multiple occasions. Kennedy has also been previously investigated for taking the head of a dead whale and driving it home.

You never know what shenanigans RFK Jr. will end up in, and this whistleblower report on his usage of Tylenol is just another example of this saga.

U.S. government kidnaps groundhog for sabotage to military operations

BY ADAM RELKIN
Politics Editor

In a bizarre moment in U.S. history, Punxsutawney Phil, the main figure of Groundhog Day celebrated every February, was arrested following a military raid on his burrow in Young Township, Pa.

The operation, dubbed “Operation Excessive Drinking,” was executed on Friday. Over a hundred soldiers were deployed to the burrow belonging to Phil at about 3 a.m. Despite the burrow not covering more than 200 feet, it took over 20 minutes for the soldiers to take Phil into custody. He was then handcuffed and taken aboard a CIA-owned plane and flown to face federal charges in Miami, Fla. where judge Aileen Cannon presided over the case. His charges include sabotage and espionage for obstructing and delaying the mili-

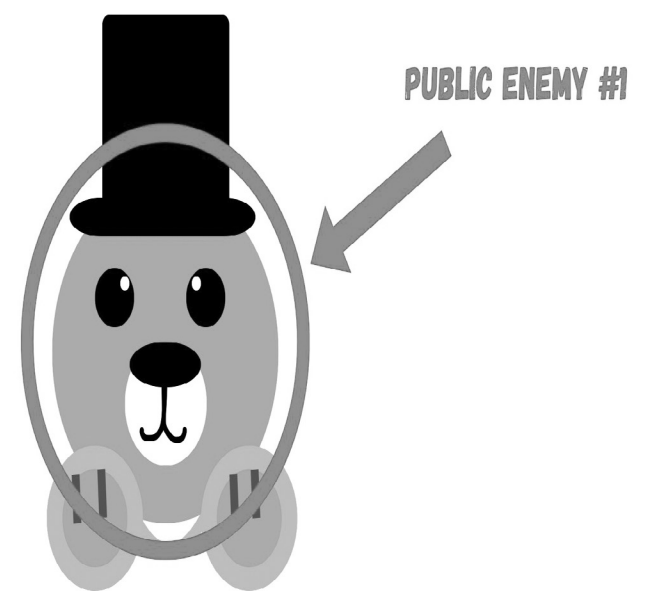
tary’s planned and current operations in other countries.

U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was questioned on the scene about the bizarre decision made by President Trump, who said that the groundhog needed to be held accountable for stalling his agenda due to all of the blizzards and heavy wind he summoned back on Feb. 2. Hegseth also mentioned the decision came due to Trump’s wish for Greenland to be warmer year-round. Hegseth declined to comment on whether or not Trump still intended to attack Greenland as he’s previously suggested. Hegseth said that no other groundhogs were captured or killed in the operation, however, at least three groundhogs were found to be dead in the burrow in the aftermath of the operation by site exploitation teams. Surveillance audio and video also found that Hegseth was seen brag-

ging about making social media content out of the operation.

Amidst the capture, some are hesitant about the decision to go after Phil, specifically due to his accuracy being as low as 35% according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some are wondering why Trump didn’t go after Staten Island Chuck of New York, who also predicted six more weeks of winter and has an accuracy of 85%, or General Beauregard Lee of Georgia, who also predicted the long winter and has an accuracy of 75%. Phil has also garnered the reputation of an American icon, hence why others were baffled.

Punxsutawney Phil also appears four times in the Epstein files, and is the first mammal and American both to be arrested following the file drop. Leo LeBlanc, vice president of University of New



The groundhog a.k.a. ‘public enemy #1’.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Natalia Lizak

Haven PRIDE, said, “it’s about time they corrected someone who was in the Epstein files. This is the first ever time that a government official who predicts weather is actually given corrective action. Ever since I saw Punxsutawney Phil in the Epstein files I was wondering if they were going to get him and I guess they did.”

U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said that this situation is a complete co-

incidence and that Epstein had nothing to do with the intention of raiding the burrow. She also said no charges against Phil will relate to any activity in the files as well, fearing that more powerful people could get indicted. Phil has also hired the surviving members of the OJ Simpson “dream team” to serve as his lawyers in the case. It is unclear if Phil will speak at all during hearings and the trial.

Laundry day on campus continues to age students

BY GARGI DOGRA
Contributing Writer

Laundry day on campus can challenge your patience with a rowdy combination of pleasant odors, unfortunate timing and poor judgment, all taking place in a room brightly lit by fluorescent lights that seem to have been installed just to test you.

You come with a basket of clothes, determined to get things done, only to discover that every washer and dryer is occupied. Every. Single. One. The whole place looks like a rotating metal zoo, and you are the newest attraction. You nervously walk back and forth, trying to find a free machine, but in vain. Some machines are loaded with clothes that have been there longer than they should be.

The dryers are just as bad. You circle back time and time again to find the same clothes sitting in the same machine hours later.

At last, you hear the sweet sound of a machine being opened as someone takes out their clothes. You quickly put your clothes in, press the start button and take a deep sigh of relief. You check the Speed Queen app to find out how much time is left. It confidently tells you 12 minutes. You come back 15 minutes later. Still 12 minutes. The universe laughs. You check the app everytime knowing it lies. Every. Time.

Then, the real amusement starts. If you do not remove your clothes from the washer or dryer on time, your laundry might end up on top of a machine or worse, on the floor. Yes, your socks, your T-shirts and your fresh smelling hoodie, they are now lying on the floor as if they have been the casualties of a small, ridiculous war. Some clothes are clean, some are dirty and all of them are sad.

When a dryer is finally free, you quickly put in



Sheffield Hall laundry room.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Alex Soto

your clothes, praying to the laundry gods. You go out to do some work, completely trusting the machine that a turning drum provides. When you come back, it is too late. Once again someone has thrown the clothes on the floor. Your lovely T-shirt is under a heap of other people's socks and your hoodie got a little damp from the wet towel tossed on top of it.

Eventually, you come to the realization that the laundry room doesn't only

wash clothes, it also challenges bravery, patience and one's ability to handle mild domestic disorder without screaming.

At last, after hours of evading floor piles, spin cycles and unreliable apps, your clothes are folded and back in your basket. Socks are mostly matched. T-shirts are sort of folded. Your hoodie may have shrunk, but you made it through another laundry

hell. You lug your basket back to your dorm, feeling worn out, victorious and a bit traumatized.

Campus laundry days are a battle. Machines are continually on, clothes are all over the floor, timers give false information and socks disappear without a trace. Nevertheless, week after week, students come back, baskets in hand, ready to face it again, one missing sock at a time.

New Haven falls in yet another tournament, who's shocked!

BY MAYA PACHECO
Campus News Editor

As March comes to a close, Yikyakians from all over are on the edge of their seats for the fifth round of March Yakness. A single elimination Yik Yak tournament where college teams compete in multiple rounds to determine the Yik Yak champion.

"My gamepigeon cup pong days in high school have prepared me for March Yakness," said a yik-yakker.

Yik Yak is a social media application that allows users to anonymously share posts only visible to their college community, and has now incorporated friendly competition between colleges.

How does March Yakness work? The instructions are simple.

"Play for your school.

Beat the other campus. Progress in your bracket. Win the grand prize," as instructed on Yik Yak.

The tournament is a single-round elimination; beat your opponent in the matchup before the round ends to advance in the bracket. The app gives you a countdown before the round is over. The more players from your school, the stronger your chances of winning.

How do you get points for your school?

Yik Yak launches new games for yakkers to play at midnight every day. Cup pong being the main game, along with a memory game, a scramble game, a jigsaw puzzle game and Yakle, inspired by The New York Times game Wordle.

Play these games multiple times daily to boost XP points for your school.

What are the prizes?

The school to come in third place wins a bronze Yak school icon, one month of Yak+ and campus bragging rights forever.

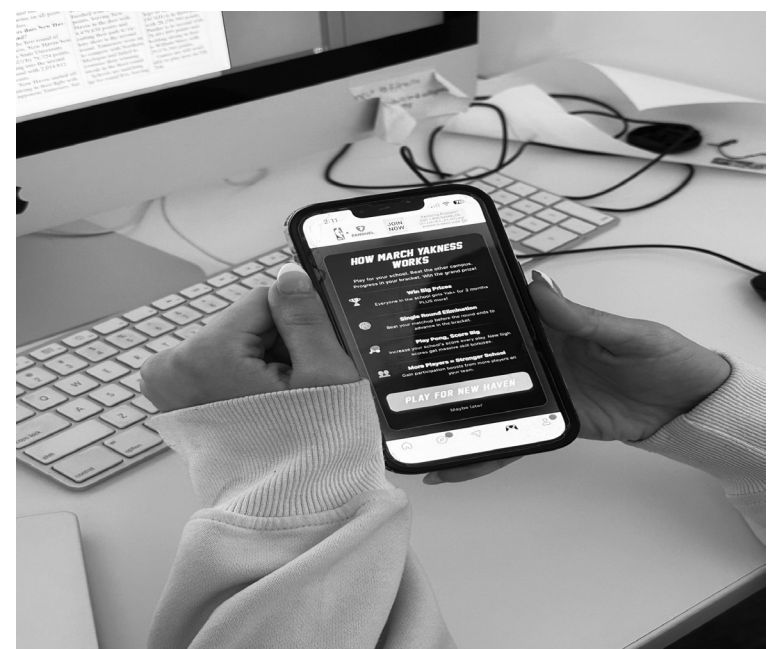
Second place earns the silver Yak school icon, two months of Yak+ and three days of 2x Karma.

First place will earn the golden Yak + exclusive school icon, three months of Yak+ and one week of 2x Karma on all posts and replies.

Where does New Haven stand?

In the first round of yakness, New Haven beat Penn State University (PSU) by 76,724 points, going into the second round with 2,014,812 points.

New Haven started off strong in their fight with opponent Tennessee, but couldn't push through to the end. Tennessee finished with 4,479,658



The March Yakness rules on Yik Yak.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Natalia Lizak and Mikaela Motz

points, leaving New Haven in the dust with 4,411,712 points and cutting their path to victory short in the second round. Tennessee went on to compete with Northern Michigan and failed to continue their winning streak in the third round.

Schools are matching up for round five, leaving four more rounds to go

to determine the March Yakness champion. As of right now, Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) is in third place with 28,230,380 points, Purdue is in second with 28,481,099 points and holding strong in first is William Mary with 29,676,366 points.

Games are still available to play now on Yik Yak.

New student exhibition leaves Sodexo with sour reviews

BY NEVAEH LUGO
Arts & Life Editor

Seton Gallery recently announced its upcoming exhibition, a student's art collection titled "Tribute to Sodexo: Said No One Ever," which is projected to open for public viewing on Wednesday, April 1.

The exhibit features multimedia works that critique the university's choice of food service company. For instance, one acrylic painting features a sad clown eating a chicken wrap, a rotting sandwich with live flies buzzing around it and a signed doctor's note prescribing the recipient with "Sodexo intolerance."

Sources from the gallery say that the artworks arrived in a large crate, with a letter attached including the name of the exhibition and a call to "Let them know." The letter did not mention the name of the creator.

"We smelled something really bad coming from

outside the gallery," said one faculty worker. "We thought it was a misplaced dumpster at first."

After reading the letter and realizing that the source of the powerful stench was meant to be art, staff got to work displaying the pieces in the gallery. The task proved to be difficult, as some staff members fainted from the smell of the rotten pieces. One even contracted food poisoning after mistaking one of the pieces for their lunch.

"I don't even think that one was expired," another staff member said. "It was just really gross."

While the art department is struggling to find the artist, conversation was sparked among the student body. Some even felt inspired by the works. "Honestly, this made me realize that I'm not hating to my full potential," said one student, who asked not to be named in fear that their next Sodexo-supplied meal



Seton Gallery in Dodds hall.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Natalia Lizak

would be their last.

Every Sodexo representative the Charger Bulletin attempted to reach declined to comment on account of feeling "personally disrespected by this delinquent's hate game."

Marketplace dining hall.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Natalia Lizak



Chappell Roan with the biggest plot twist of the year

BY NEVAEH LUGO
Arts & Life Editor

Amidst harsh criticism, pop star Chappell Roan took to social media to send another shockwave through her fanbase with a coming out post.

"I mean, I think we can agree being into women is way better than hating kids," Roan said in reference to an incident that took place in São Paulo on March 21.

In the post, Roan announced that she identifies as lesbian and apologized for keeping that identity a secret for so long. While most fans weren't outright enraged with the "Femininomenon" singer, the confession sparked confusion among those familiar with her music.

"I never would've gotten that just by listening to her music," one fan said. "She could've at least been a little clearer. Did no one else think the girl on 'The Subway' was just her friend?"

While the "Good Luck, Babe!" singer apologized for keeping this secret for so

long, she also said that she didn't do so on purpose.

"It just never came up," Roan said. "It's not the sort of thing I talk about all the time."

Despite this, she did admit to hiding sapphic themes in her music over her career.

Some fans argued that it was pretty obvious, while others accused them of "listening to her music with their ears plugged."

Online debates sparked over who Roan was implied to be singing to in tracks like "Naked in Manhattan," in which she sings that she and the subject "both have a crush on Regina George," the main antagonist in "Mean Girls," or "Good Luck, Babe!," which includes the lyrics "You can kiss a hundred boys in bars / Shoot another shot, try to stop the feeling."

However, fans were still left with questions.

"Wait," one fan said. "That still doesn't explain 'The Giver.' What job is she getting done?"



Music note graphic.
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Natalia Lizak



Chappell Roan at MTV VMAs in 2024.
Photo courtesy of IMDb

GEN Z IS NOSTALGIC

Y2K

Gen Z witnessed a recent resurgence of early 2000s fashion and music

90s

37% of Gen Z feels nostalgic for the 90s despite being born from 1997-2006

Nostalgia charticle.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Nevaeh Lugo

Gen Z LOVES to travel!!!

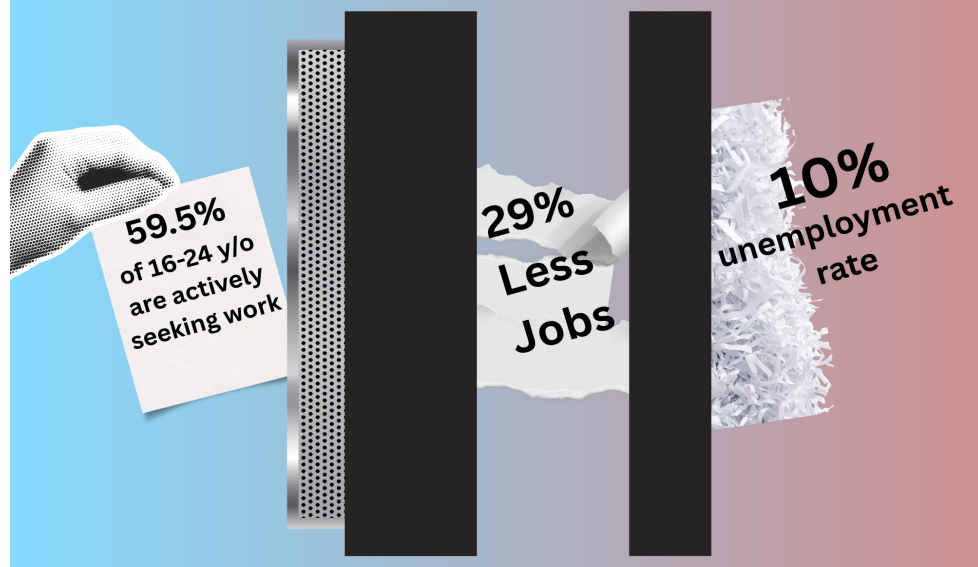
- “Voice of a Generation” survey reported 69% of respondents would prefer to visit less-crowded destinations
- 66% of respondents admitting to having booked a trip based on a TV show, movie, or book



Travel charticle.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Jennifer Arena

A Gen Z Resume's Lifespan



Resume charticle.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/ Patch Bowen

Majority of Gen Z and Millennials prefer paid time off (PTO) over a raise

A survey conducted by tour company ConTiki found that over a thousand American travelers between the ages of 18 and 35 showed that 54% respondents would prefer additional paid time off over a raise.



Travel is more of a recovery than relaxation

The same survey recorded that 67% (SIXSEVEN) of respondents used travel as a way to escape burnout from the workplace, compared to just a bit of R&R

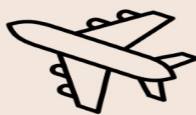


Travel charticle.

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SET-JETTING GEN Z

- 78% of Gen Z want to recreate a trip they took during their childhood.
- 66% of Gen Z admit to having booked a trip inspired from a TV show, movie or book.
- 52% say skipping meals out is worth it, if it gets them closer to their next trip
- 65% of Gen Z think traveling and exploring the world is the most essential way to spend money



“Travel is a way to escape stressful environments and really focus on the now,” said Alex Soto.

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WHERE TO NEXT. GEN Z?



Set-jetting charticle.

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That's all for satire, folks!

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The NFL's officiating problem: when one call changes everything

BY ADAM SIGAL
Sports Editor

Have you ever watched an NFL game, seen a bad call and questioned if one of the teams paid the referee? You wouldn't be alone.

Officiating in the NFL has become one of the most debated topics in professional sports. While the league reports that officials are accurate on around 98.9% of calls, that statistic doesn't align with how fans experience games in real time. In a sport where most contests are decided within one or two possessions, even four to five missed or incorrect calls per game can change the tide of an entire matchup, even a season.

After a December contest between the Baltimore Ravens and the Pittsburgh Steelers, the NFL acknowledged that officials were wrong on a key call that involved Ravens tight end Isaiah Likely. Likely was pulled down by a defender and a defensive pass interference should have been called. Instead, no flag was thrown. The missed penalty occurred at a critical moment and would have significantly changed field

position in a tightly-contested divisional matchup.

Moments like this fuel frustration, they reinforce how thin the margin for error is. Replay overturns about one-third of reviewable plays, which means officials are confirmed roughly two-thirds of the time. Some unofficial analyses estimate missed call rates around 8% for holding and 15% for pass interference. Even if those numbers are rough, the perception remains that certain penalties are inconsistently enforced.

High-profile situations illustrate the impact of missed calls. The 2018 NFC Championship between the New Orleans Saints and the Los Angeles Rams featured a late no-call on obvious pass interference that many believe altered who advanced to the Super Bowl. The 2012 "Fail Mary" game between the Green Bay Packers and the Seattle Seahawks during the replacement referee era also damaged league credibility.

These moments endure because of their magnitude.

Then, there too, is a duality in fan perception. When a borderline call benefits their team, it is seen as fair.

When the same type of call goes against them, it becomes proof that officiating is broken. Outrage is almost always louder when the ruling hurts rather than helps. Passion drives fandom, but it also shapes perception.

For many observers, the biggest issue is consistency. Michael Mannino, a security and defense policy junior, said he thinks officiating will never be fixed because it is strictly human error.

"There will be no calls all game and then in the final minutes of the game the officials go all out on calling penalties," Mannino said. "One word to describe everything is consistency." Mannino suggested the NFL establish a more structured training system for aspiring officials or consider hiring former players, coaches or league employees who better understand the game's speed and physicality.

Zach Beaman, a cybersecurity junior, said he thinks the league should implement something similar to FIFA's video assistant referee technology to assist referees in key moments.

Thomas DeLucia, a sports management sophomore,



ESPN NFL Live Logo.
Photo courtesy of IMDb

said officiating has been "getting worse and worse each year." He proposed fining officials for major mistakes, similar to how players are fined, and expanding the use of AI to reduce human error. He said that the NFL has improved review angles and broadcast production.

While the spotlight is brightest on Sundays, the same dynamics exist at the college level, including at the university. Charger fans feel the same way as NFL fans do. One holding call, pass interference flag or questionable spot can completely swing momentum in a tight game. Unlike the

NFL, there are fewer replay resources and less national scrutiny, but the impact is no smaller for the Chargers. When a call goes our way, it's part of the game. When it doesn't, it becomes the moment everyone remembers.

Research says that perceptual limitations in high-speed sports environments contribute to officiating mistakes, which means human error is inevitable. The debate then is not whether mistakes will happen, but whether leagues at every level can create systems that prioritize consistency, transparency and trust.

Lacrosse comes up short in two close conference games

BY DONOVAN RODRIGUEZ
Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team faced two tough NEC opponents this week, falling short in close games against the Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) Knights and Long Island University (LIU) Sharks.

In their matchup against Fairleigh Dickinson, the Chargers lost 11-8 after a difficult start. New Haven fell behind early, allowing five goals in the first quarter while only scoring once. The Chargers responded with improved offensive play, narrowing the deficit before halftime and keeping the game within reach.

Throughout the remainder of the game, New Haven showed consistent effort on both ends of the field. Attacker Helena Dunwoody led the

Chargers with three goals, followed by attacker Caitlin Seleny with two of her own. Midfielder Summer Castiglione and attackers Taryn Murphy and Sophia Minnion each scored one goal. Despite matching Fairleigh Dickinson's pace in the second half, the Chargers were unable to fully close the gap created in the opening quarter.

New Haven took 25 shots, 14 at goal, and went 1-for-5 in free-position shots. The Chargers had nine draw controls compared to FDU's 11 and had 10 saves. As a team, New Haven committed 16 turnovers.

Three days later, New Haven returned home to face LIU in another conference matchup that remained close from start to finish. The Chargers ultimately fell 11-9. Unlike the earlier contest, New

Haven maintained a steady presence throughout, trading goals and keeping the score tight across all four quarters.

The difference in the LIU game came down to execution in the final minutes. The Sharks scored three goals in the third quarter to secure the lead for the remainder of the match. Attacker Sophia Devaney and Dunwoody both put points up for New Haven in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough to secure the comeback.

Dunwoody struck the back of the net three times again for the Chargers followed by two goals each from Seleny and Devaney. Midfielder Lucy Sahfer added another point for the Chargers along with Minnion. Seleny had two assists and in 60 minutes of play, the Chargers' goalkeeper Ainsley Bourbeau



Elisa Longanecker playing defense.
Photo courtesy of Charger Athletics / @unewhavenwax

had 11 saves.

Across both games, New Haven demonstrated resilience and the ability to compete at a high level within the conference. The team showed depth in scoring, adaptability during play and the capacity to respond after setbacks. However, small breakdowns in key moments, particularly early in games and late in

close situations, ultimately influenced the outcomes.

New Haven now has an overall record of 2-7 and 1-3 in conference play. The Chargers will host the Le Moyne College Dolphins on Saturday for a conference game. Draw is at 1 p.m. at Kathy Zolad Field. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Baseball splits four-game week, taking a conference series win against Wagner

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN
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The Chargers had four games on the schedule this past week, with a mid-week matchup against the Sacred Heart University (SHU) Pioneers and a three-game home series against the Wagner University Seahawks.

New Haven took a hard loss against SHU, with the Pioneers jumping on the ball early as they put up four runs in the first inning. The Chargers chipped away at the deficit with one run in the top of the second, after a single from third baseman Joe Frazzetta brought in catcher Casey Cerruto. It was not long before Sacred Heart extended their lead after two big scoring innings, putting up seven runs in the third and four runs in the fourth, leaving the Chargers down by 14 runs going into the fifth. New Haven tried to answer back with an RBI single from Cerruto and a sac fly RBI from designated hitter Jake Russo. They couldn't keep the offense moving, and the Pioneers added their final run of the game to end the match, 16-3.

After a tough loss on Wednesday, the Chargers needed to get back in the win column. It was a back-and-forth game, but New Haven ultimately took the victory after 10 innings of play. Wagner started the scoring in Friday's

game after Dylan Immel was hit by a pitch with bases loaded. The Chargers answered back quickly, putting up three runs in the bottom of the first. Cerruto reached on an error to bring in left fielder Jaylin Manon, followed by an RBI double from center fielder Nick Ungania that brought in Russo. First baseman Cam McGugan then lined out to center field, which brought Cerruto home and gave the Chargers a two-run lead. The Seahawks tied it in the top of the second, scoring two runs after a walk with bases loaded and a fielder's choice. New Haven second baseman Mike Christian brought home Ungania off a single to the right side in the third inning, tying the game at three.

The Seahawks took the lead back in the fourth, and extended it further in the fifth, scoring two runs in both innings while the Chargers couldn't find a groove offensively. New Haven chipped away at the deficit in the sixth, after Cerruto singled to right field and brought Russo in. Down by two, the Chargers had a huge eighth inning, taking an 8-7 lead after RBI singles from Frazzetta and McGugan, and a run by Ungania off an error by the Seahawks' right fielder. Wagner tied it back in the top of the ninth, and the Chargers were unable to walk it off before extra innings. New Haven held the Seahawks in the tenth, giving the Chargers another chance for

a walk-off win. McGugan started the two-out rally with a single to left field and then advanced to second on a wild pitch, leaving the winning running in scoring position as Frazzetta stepped up to the plate and was intentionally walked by Wagner. With two on and two out, Christian drew a walk to load the bases and bring up shortstop Aedan Forde, who drew another walk to bring home McGugan for the 9-8 victory.

Game two of the series saw a similar pattern, with both teams trading runs throughout nine innings. The Seahawks started strong with three runs in the top of the first, quickly answered by right fielder Shaun Callahan, who hit a two-run home run to bring in Manson. Both teams traded two runs each in the second inning, with Wagner leading by one going into the third. New Haven took the lead in the third off a two-RBI single from Forde. The Seahawks took the lead back in the fourth, but the score was once again tied after Cerruto brought in Russo. After an offensive battle throughout the first half of the game left the score tied at seven, both teams kicked up the defense, and the next four innings of the game went scoreless. It was the ninth inning when Wagner took a one-run lead, giving the Chargers their third chance at a walk off on the weekend. New Haven was successful, with McGugan's RBI single bringing Callahan in for the



Nick Ungania sliding into third base.
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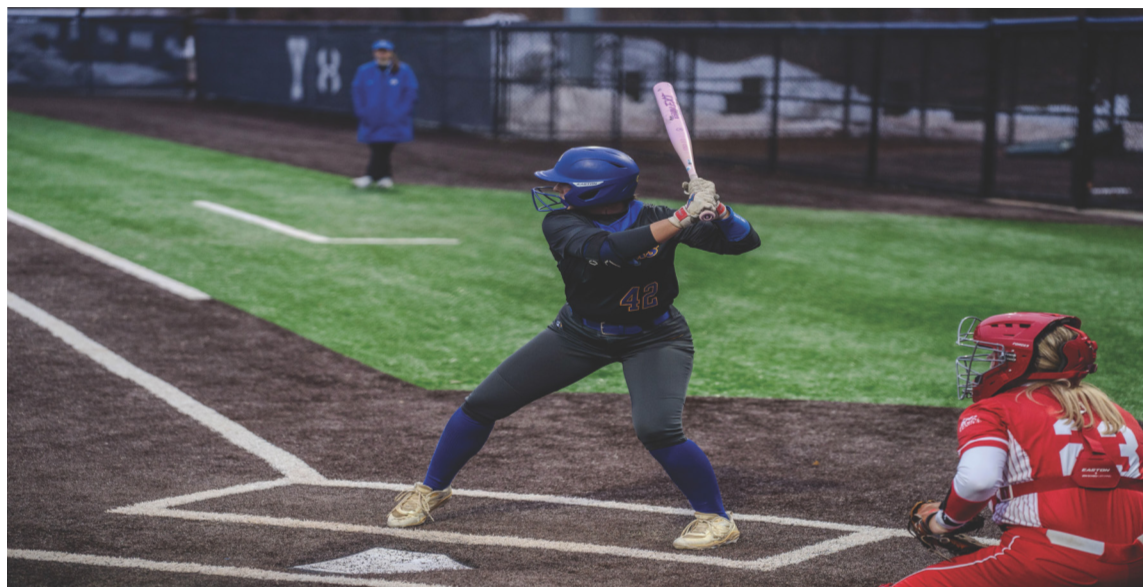
tying run, followed by Frazzetta's walk-off RBI single that brought Ungania home, finalizing the score at 9-8.

New Haven went into game three looking for their first Division I sweep in the NEC conference, but could not bring it home and fell short, 14-5. It looked good for the Chargers early on after McGugan scored on an error, followed by two RBIs from Callahan and one from Cerruto. The Seahawks answered quickly and scored four runs of their own in the top of the fourth, taking back a one-run lead. Russo was

able to tie the game at five after a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth. That would be the end of the scoring for New Haven, but Wagner did not step off the gas and added nine total runs in the final four innings of the series.

After the split week, the Chargers have an overall record of 3-16 and 3-6 in conference play. The baseball team will return to action on Tuesday against Stony Brook University, followed by a three-game series against Mercyhurst University. For more information visit NewHavenChargers.com.

Chargers softball falls to 5-17 after a hard road stretch



Alivia Imbimbo up at bat.
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This week, the Chargers hit the road again to face off against the University of Connecticut (UConn) Huskies, as well as their NEC rivals, the Wagner College Seahawks.

On Tuesday, UConn struck early, with shortstop Cat Petteys singling to center field to bring in Kai Kibling, followed by an RBI from right fielder Kai Breslin to take a 2-0 lead. The second inning was quiet, but the third inning saw UConn's offense erupt, scoring eight more runs through key hits and home runs to reach 12-0.

In the fourth, the Huskies added five more runs, pushing the lead to 17-0 and triggering the NCAA Division I mercy rule, which ends a game early when a team leads by eight or more runs after five innings.

The Chargers returned to face the UConn Huskies in game two, determined to stay competitive after a lopsided first game. Unlike the earlier matchup, this contest was much closer, with both teams trading runs early. UConn jumped ahead with early RBIs from Petteys, Kaitlyn Breslin and Caylee De Meo to take a 3-0 lead. New Haven responded in the

second inning, scoring five runs on timely hits from shortstop Bri Pellicone, catcher Jaelyn Piazza and designated hitter Brianna Trueman to take a 5-3 advantage. The Huskies quickly tied it with homers from Ava Calciano, Haley Coupal and Petteys, taking a 7-5 lead. In the third and fifth innings, UConn added more runs with key hits from Kaitlyn Kibling, Savannah Ring and Emma Willers to extend the lead to 11-6. New Haven kept fighting, scoring twice in the sixth, but late homers from Breslin and Willers helped UConn secure a 15-8 win. Unlike the mercy-rule shut out in game

one, the Chargers stayed competitive throughout, forcing UConn to earn the victory at every inning.

The next day, the Chargers took on the Fairfield University Stags. The matchup was closely contested, with both teams trading hits early. The Stags struck first in the second inning, as Lauren Osland tripled to send Delaney Whieldon home, giving Fairfield a 1-0 lead. After a scoreless third inning, the Stags added another run in the fourth on a single by Sarah Bielski, which drove in Anna Paravati to make it 2-0. The Chargers responded in the sixth inning, beginning their comeback with second baseman Kylie Thorpe who singled up the middle to bring first baseman Lucia Ceccarelli home for their first run. Shortly after, Pellicone's hit brought in third baseman Allison Murai adding another run to tie the game at 2-2 heading into the seventh and final inning. At the top of the seventh, with no one on base and no outs, Trueman led off for the Chargers with a homer to left field, giving New Haven a 3-2 lead and the eventual win, as the Stags were unable to respond.

For the final series of the week, the Chargers hit the road to Staten Island, NY to take on the Wagner College Seahawks. After a three-day break and a big win over Fairfield University, the Chargers

struggled to find offense, as Wagner jumped out to early leads in both games. In the first matchup, Alayna Giampolo's RBI in the fifth and Sydnie Trujillo's single in the sixth gave the Seahawks a 2-0 win. In the second game, Wagner broke things open with a three-run third inning that led them to a 3-0 victory. On Sunday, the Chargers looked for a comeback in game three, but fell short 8-2. New Haven scored early, putting up the first run of the game after an RBI double from right fielder Jessica Petit brought home Piazza. Wagner answered back quickly and added a run of their own to tie the score at one. The Seahawks found a rhythm in the third inning, taking a four-run lead over the Chargers. Despite a comeback attempt when New Haven's Thorpe singled to bring in Ceccarelli, the team could not even out the score, and gave up three more runs in the fifth inning.

With the week complete, the Chargers leave the road stretch with a 5-18 record and will look to regroup at home before a busy slate of upcoming matchups. New Haven will host Fairfield University on April 1, followed by a three-game conference series against Long Island University on Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit NewHavenChargers.com.