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CHARGER ATHLETICS

Making the Right Moves

When Brenda Pledger saw the negative influences in her Baltimore neighborhood start to turn their attention to her son, she sent the young basketball star to live with his paternal grandmother in Old Saybrook.

The move turned out to be a huge one, not only for Cassius Chaney '10 but also for UNH basketball. Without it, the Chargers might not count the reigning East Coast Conference Rookie of the Year among their ranks. Cassius won the award in 2007 after leading UNH in both scoring (18.5 ppg) and rebounding (7.9 rpg).

UNH basketball standout Cassius Chaney '10 is the reigning East Coast Conference Rookie of the Year

Chaney is quick to give credit where credit is due. Ask him about his polite demeanor off the court, where he'll address you as "Mr." or "Ms.," and Cassius will tell you "that's just how I was raised." He'll also give credit to his father, Arthur Chaney, for not only his manners but his basketball skills. Chaney was Arthur's first son to play college ball, but not the last — brother Allan is headed to Division I power University of Florida next fall.

Ask him about the key to his success and carrying that forward into 2008, and Cassius will dole out credit there as well.

"Everything comes from the team," he says. "This year we should be a lot deeper and have more size. Hopefully that means I'll get to do a lot more passing."

World Class Competition

The following is adapted from a story by Assistant Sports Editor Bill Cloutier in the New Haven Register on October 23, 2007.

It wasn't Robin Salters' goal to build an international team. UNH's women's volleyball coach says it just happened that way. But now Salters' goal to have her team become a national powerhouse in volleyball is happening, too.

This year, UNH was again one of the top teams in the conference and region, led by players from three states and five countries.

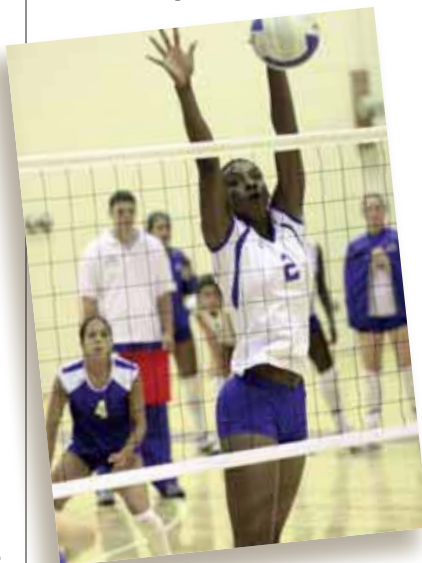
Barbados native Rhe-Ann Niles "kind of did everything for us last year," Salters said. "This year, she's had a supporting cast around her, and it's made the entire team better."

Graduate student Anicia Wood of Barbados was named conference player of the week several times this season. Adding to the global flair are Israeli setter Yael Rosner, who came to UNH after two years at Division I Maryland-Eastern Shore, and Barbados natives Akilah Phillips and Katrina Ali.

The Barbados pipeline actually began in the 1980's under former coach Deborah Chin, and since then Salters has

grabbed women who have played on both the junior and adult Barbados national teams.

"We've had a couple of bumps in the road, but we're on our way to bringing UNH volleyball back to the level where it was," said Salters, who has taken UNH to the Elite Eight six times.

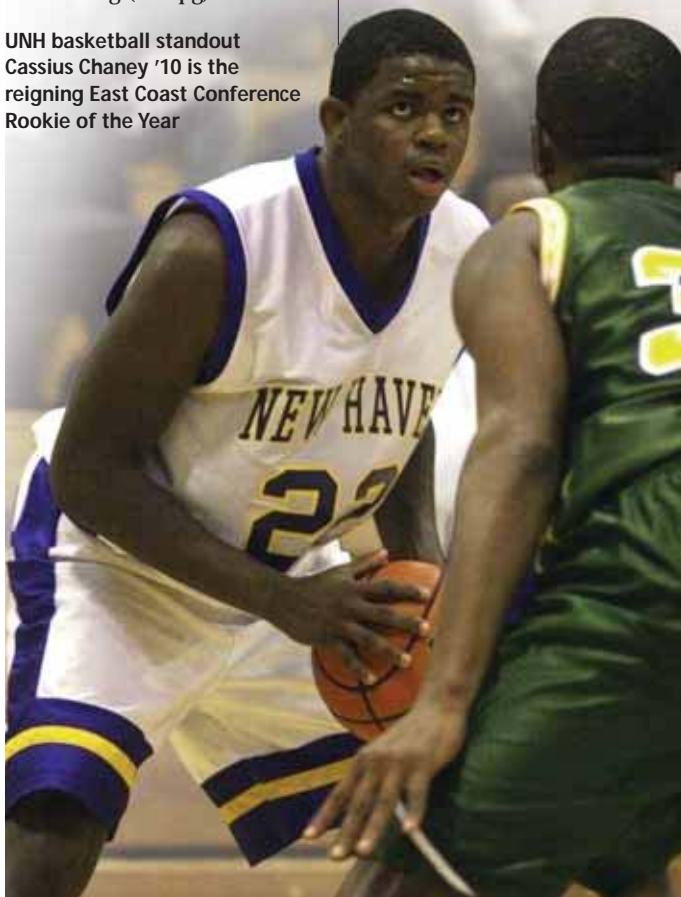


Barbados native Anicia Wood made an immediate impact on the UNH lineup, earning First Team All-Conference and AVCA All-Region honors in her only season in blue and gold

Playing for the USA

UNH women's basketball player Keri-Anne Jetter '08 was selected to participate in a traveling team tour of Italy. Here she shares her experience.

"When I received an invitation to play in the American International Sports Invitational, my May 23 departure couldn't come quick enough. Making friends on the plane to Italy was





easy; it was a 9 1/2 hour trip. We landed in Rome, and we were fortunate enough to spend the next few days touring everything from the Coliseum to Vatican City and everything in between.

Despite being nervous, we won our first game. I played great, and as a team we played amazing together, considering no one knew anyone else.

The next day we drove to the Tuscany Region. The scenery was like a painting. There were flowers everywhere, farms surrounding the open fields, and wineries throughout. Soon it was time to get back to business. In our next game we came through with another win against a professional team. Visits to Florence and San Marino followed. Our third game was against a professional team from Italy. It was the biggest arena we played in so far, and the adrenaline was pumping. We went into overtime and sadly lost by one point. Things went much better at our next game. We really

Guard Keri-Anne Jetter '08 (back row, left) shows off the medal she won last summer in Italy while playing for a team of select American collegiate players

gave it to this team. We were so mad for losing that this team got the brunt of it. After the game, we walked the streets of Cuomo to celebrate.

As we prepped for the championship game I was really nervous because I wanted to win and come home with a medal. Our team played well again together and it was neck and neck the entire game. We finally pulled away in the last minute and a half and won the game by ten. They had a party for us at a café around the corner from where we were staying.

This experience helped me see a beautiful country and refine my basketball skills. Now I'm turning my attention to my senior year and helping the UNH team capture our third straight East Coast Conference title and another NCAA appearance."

Football Makes a Comeback: Invite to Join Northeast-10 Spotlights University's Strong Athletic Potential, Academic Profile

The University has joined a new athletic conference that brings football back to campus.

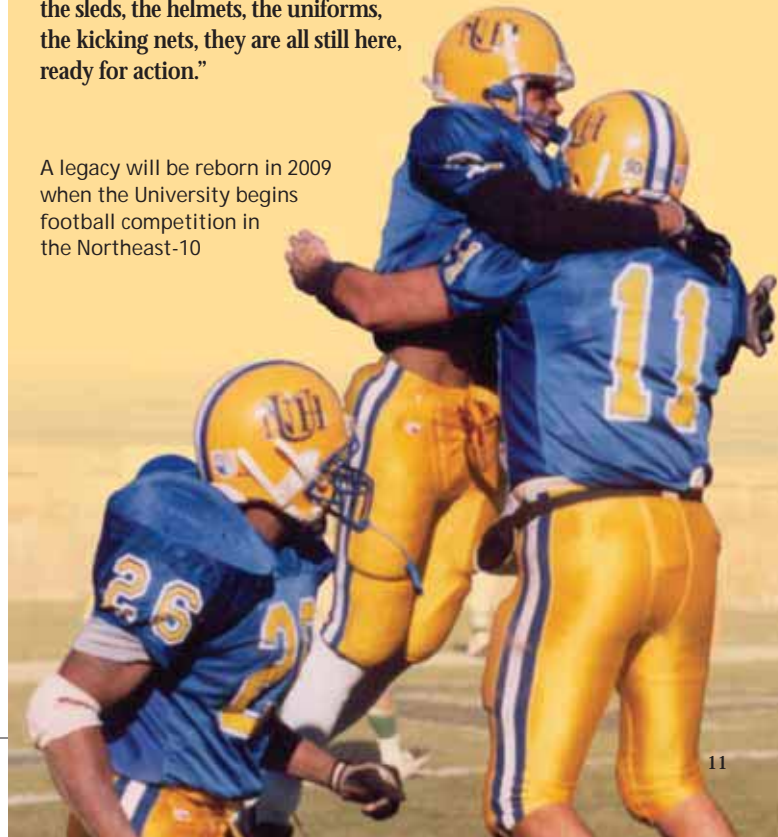
On Nov. 13, UNH announced it had formally accepted an invitation to join the Northeast-10 Conference as a full-time member, effective in the fall of 2008. The football team will begin competing in 2009.

"I'm very pleased," says University of New Haven President Steven H. Kaplan. "I'm thrilled that we will be able to begin competition as soon as this fall, particularly because the Northeast-10 provides a terrific fit for our athletic programs. It allows us to revive our football legacy and compete athletically with some of the strongest college teams in Division II today. We here at the University of New Haven are unquestionably ambitious, and this fits well into our continued quest for excellence in all we do."

With the addition of UNH, this marks the first time since 1999 that the Northeast-10 will add a member. Franklin Pierce, UMass Lowell, Southern Connecticut, Southern New Hampshire and Saint Rose joined the conference for the start of the 2000-2001 academic year.

UNH Athletic Director Deborah Chin is ready. "I never threw anything out," she says. "The shoulder pads, the sleds, the helmets, the uniforms, the kicking nets, they are all still here, ready for action."

A legacy will be reborn in 2009 when the University begins football competition in the Northeast-10





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2007-2008 Men's Basketball

Al Seibert, Head Coach

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 20-21	at Pepsi/DoubleTree Tournament	
Thurs., Dec. 20	at Lynn University	7:00
Fri., Dec. 21	vs. Barry University	5:00
Wed., Jan. 2	at American International College	3:00
Sat., Jan. 5	NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY*	4:00
Sat., Jan. 12	at Dowling College*	3:00
Wed., Jan. 16	C.W. POST*	5:30
Sun., Jan. 20	BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE	4:00
Wed., Jan. 23	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE*	7:30
Sat., Jan. 26	CONCORDIA COLLEGE (N.Y.)*	4:00
Mon., Jan. 28	QUEENS COLLEGE*	7:00
Thurs., Jan. 31	at Mercy College*	8:00
Sat., Feb. 2	UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT*	3:00
Wed., Feb. 6	at Queens College*	7:30
Sat., Feb. 9	MOLLOY COLLEGE*	4:00
Wed., Feb. 13	at New York Institute of Technology*	7:30
Sat., Feb. 16	at Adelphi University*	3:00
Wed., Feb. 20	DOWLING COLLEGE*	7:30
Sat., Feb. 23	at C.W. Post*	4:00
Sat., Mar. 1	at St. Thomas Aquinas College*	3:00
Wed., Mar. 5	ECC Quarterfinals (on-campus sites)	
Sat., Mar. 8	at ECC Semifinals (Flushing, N.Y.)	
Sun., Mar. 9	at ECC Finals (Flushing, N.Y.)	
March 15, 16 and 18	NCAA Northeast Regional Championships	
March 26, 27 and 29	at NCAA Elite Eight (Springfield, Mass.)	

2007-2008 Women's Basketball

Jessica Smith, Head Coach

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri., Dec. 21	at Holy Family University	6:00
Dec. 28-29	at Surf n' Slam San Diego Hoop Classic (San Diego, Calif.)	
Fri., Dec. 28	vs. Assumption College	10:00A
Sat., Dec. 29	vs. Southern New Hampshire University	12:00
Mon., Dec. 31	at California State L.A.	1:00
Sat., Jan. 5	NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY*	2:00
Wed., Jan. 9	ADELPHI UNIVERSITY*	7:00
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* East Coast Conference game / Home games in CAPS / All times local to game site.



Holly Dawson '11, a native of Banffshire, Scotland, broke the school's all-time single-season assists record with 12 in her first season at UNH this fall. She helped lead the Chargers women's soccer team to its fourth consecutive season of 11 or more victories. For more information on UNH athletics, visit www.newhaven.edu/athletics



UNH athletic teams can now play like the pros on the University's new \$1.3 million turf field, aka Kayo Field, located behind New Hall. The field provides playing and practice space for UNH's men's and women's soccer teams and women's lacrosse team, as well as for the University's strong intramural program.



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UNH to Induct Five into Hall of Fame

The University of New Haven will induct five former Chargers into the Athletics Hall of Fame on January 25, 2008, at a ceremony at Race Brook Country Club. UNH invites alumni and friends of Charger Athletics to join us for this special occasion, honoring some of the best in program history. For more information on tickets, please call 203.932.7016 or 7017 or e-mail szawacki@newhaven.edu.

UNH Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2008

For complete biographies on each of this year's inductees, log on to www.newhaven.edu/athletics.

Christine Huber, Basketball and Soccer, 1996–2000

The definition of a two-sport star, Huber was a four-time all-conference selection and is second all-time in scoring for the women's soccer program with 63 goals and 144 points. Equally adept in basketball, she was a three-time all-conference selection and still ranks eighth in career scoring (1,453 points) and tenth in career rebounding (764).

Cazzie Kosciolk, Football, 1997

Kosciolk quarterbacked UNH to the national championship game in his only season in the blue and gold, then moved on to a position as an assistant coach for the Chargers. He now

coaches at College of the Holy Cross. Kosciolk finished third in the voting for the Harlon Hill Trophy, Division II's version of the Heisman, after passing for 3,232 yards and 32 touchdowns to lead the NCAA's highest-scoring offense (43.3 ppg).

Joe Maher, Men's Soccer Coach, 1981–90

Maher is second all-time in program history with 108 victories in ten seasons, including two trips to the NCAA Elite Eight and an appearance in the NCAA Final Four in 1984. He led team to school-record six consecutive seasons with ten or more wins, including a school-record 17 in 1983.

Kim Schmidt, Softball and Women's Volleyball, 1984–88

A four-time all-conference selection and an all-region pick as a senior, Schmidt still ranks among the softball program's all-time leaders in seven different hitting categories. She is the program's career leader with 15 triples and is in the top 10 in career at-bats, hits, runs, doubles, RBIs and stolen bases. She helped the team to a 97-66 record in her four seasons. As a defensive specialist, Schmidt helped the volleyball team to a pair of NCAA Elite Eight appearances and one

berth in the Sweet Sixteen, with a combined record of 107-21.

Robert Skinnon, Baseball, 1998–2001

The NECC Player of the Year in 2000, Skinnon batted .479 that season and hit exactly .400 during his four-year career at UNH. He is the program's all-time leader in base hits (233), led the nation in runs scored in 1999, and drove in 113 runs during his career. Led team to a 103-45-1 record and two NCAA appearances, including College World Series in '98.

Charger cheerleaders entertained the crowd that flocked to the University's Midnight Madness event in October, which kicked off the men's and women's basketball seasons

