HoCo unveils newly constructed dining area

By ETHAN HOGAN
STAFF-WRITER

HoCo’s expansion cost 10.5 million dollars, took over 8 months and was the first step in a larger scale dining program at UNH according to Jon Plodzik, director of dining halls operations. The renovations and subsequent expansion started back in May 2015 and are finishing up as students arrive for the Spring 2016 semester. So what exactly did we get with the new HoCo expansion?

The biggest additions are the impressive new seating areas located behind the grill station to the right of where guests enter. The expansion added a three-floored dining area connected with terraces, balconies and split-level staircases. The modern style allows guests to move easily through the open areas between tables. Now the upstairs of HoCo opens up into the third floor of the new addition. Natural light floods the right of where guests enter. The expansion added a three-floored dining area connected with terraces, balconies and split-level staircases. The modern style allows guests to move easily through the open areas between tables. Now the upstairs of HoCo opens up into the third floor of the new addition. Natural light floods into the area.

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specific learning desires. For instance, the program has about 23 core courses and electives, from which students can choose. In fact, a lot of work goes into the program from both students and faculty.

The faculty and staff of the department put a lot of work inside and outside of the classroom to improve student learning experiences. This includes faculty research, team UNH professors are required to do some form of research.

“We achieved that [distinction] for a lot of reasons. The primary is probably that the faculty put a lot of time and effort into their research. I think that demonstrates a dedication to academic work and to helping students,” explained Chair of Hospitality Management Nelson Barber.

According to Innis, this recognition can be attributed to the leadership skills of one man, “the dean of the program, Dr. Nelson Barber is a great leader.”

By bringing in a great set of faculty, the program has earned this new rating. The department looks really done a great job there,” he said.

The Hospitality Management department motto, as found on their home webpage, is that this department is “where experience matters.”

Professor Carl Lindblade explained, “Our departmental recognition is the result of our newly enhanced program of industry engagement wherein all our students will have formal internships as well as 3 years of career development training to provide them the skills needed as they enter the professional workforce.”

According to Barber, “You really can’t understand more than the theory, you have to understand how to apply it. We have a partnership with Newmarket International, a hotel-industry software company. Students are practicing the software here in the classrooms. They can put on their resumes ‘I already know how to use hotel-industry software programs.‘”

Other hands-on experiences offered by the Hospitality Management program include a capstone project during which students plan, market, host, and run a three day event and a trip to New York City to tour restaurants, hotels, and more. Such hands-on experience and prior knowledge improves chances for career placement after graduation.

These types of training translate extremely well to employment post-graduation. Barber said, “Our placement rate is near 100 percent. We bridge the gap between students and alumni through networking events, seasonal work, and internships.”

While proximity is a strong factor for the success of the program, adding, “That’s been the case for a very long time. By the time they graduate they’re really built a solid background; with a mix of hands-on and classroom experience.”

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Circle K convenience store. “With the gun at the Gables, we had a guy in custody who said he threw the gun out of the window, with a UNH undergraduate, adding “That’s a powerful tool for orienting and recruiting students to campus” said Plodzik.

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As for the media expected to roll into town Thursday, Selig assures that “Durham and UNH are no strangers to media frenzy and will deal with it with grace and style.”

“New Hampshire citizens value the right to vote and robust political debate,” Selig said in the press release. “In that spirit, we welcome the Demo-
cratic presidential candidates to Durham and the UNH campus on Thursday, Feb. 4, for a his-
toric national debate which may well have a pivotal role in the outcome of the Democrat Presi-
dential Primary on Feb. 9.”

With Selig referring to Durham in the press release as a “quintessential New England college town,” she told candi-
dates will take to the battle-

ground in which could influence the outcome of the first-in-the-na-

tion primary.

Details regarding tickets or access to the event have not yet been released.
By ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC
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UNH Dining kicked-off the spring semester with a major accomplishment. Both Stillingds and Philbrook have joined Holloway Commons in being certified as official Two-Star Green Restaurants by the Green Restaurant Association (GRA).

To receive the two-star rating, UNH Dining has taken 51 environmental initiatives in six categories in order to reduce the campus’s overall environmental impact.

These six categories include sourcing sustainable food, conserving energy, reducing water usage, minimizing chemical pollutants, reducing waste through recycling, and using environmentally preferred disposables when required.

Stillingds Dining Hall received its certification late November of last year and Philbrook Dining Hall was also recognized as a Two-Star Green Restaurant in the first week of the spring 2016 semester.

“We take our sustainability practices really seriously and we’re very proud of this,” said David Hill, assistant director of culinary operations for UNH.

Hill worked closely with the Green Restaurant Association in taking the necessary steps for the university’s dining halls to be recognized by the organization.

The GRA uses a point system to assess the environmental impact that restaurants have in various categories and then provides strategies and recommendations to be implemented for sustainability improvements. Those GreenPoints™ determine how many stars the restaurant’s green certification gets. The levels start at a 1-Star Beta certification and go up to four-stars.

“We were really close to being one,” Hill said. According to Hill, the initial assessment was a long process, which included a lot of information about UNH’s dining practices. Invoices, pictures, and Skype video calls were a critical part of the assessment.

“I even had to count how many light bulbs were in each dining hall and provide their type,” Hill said about the process.

The final product along with the two-star rating was a certification report, which can be found online on UNH Dining’s website.

The Green Restaurant Association (GRA) is a non-profit organization that has been providing restaurants, food-distributors, and consumers with a platform to be more environmentally responsible since 1990. In the last 26 years, the GRA has certified thousands of restaurants across 47 states and Canada.

Dr. Nancy Targett appointed as the new provost

By ADAM COOK
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Last week, President Mark Huddleston appointed Dr. Nancy Targett, acting president of the University of Delaware as UNH’s new provost.

A provost is a high-ranking position that overlooks the administration in the university. According to UNH’s website, Dr. Targett will be “responsible to the president for the creation and implementation of the academic priorities for the university and for the allocation of resources that will support those priorities.”

She will be working closely with the dean of each college within the university as well as the head of each department to allow students to have the best academic experience they can possibly have.

Dr. Targett currently holds the acting president position at the University of Delaware, meaning she is the head of the school while they are in a transition period between two other presidents. Dr. Targett began her acting presidency on July 1, 2015. Before she took the position, Dr. Targett was the dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment at the University of Delaware as well as the director of the Delaware Sea Grant College Program.

Dr. Targett received her Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology at the University of Pittsburgh. From there, she went on to get her Master’s of Science in marine science and finally to the University of Maine to complete her Ph.D. in oceanography.

Throughout Dr. Targett’s professional career she has had held many different titles. Overall, Dr. Targett has served on many different boards and committees such as the National Research Council Ocean Studies Board, the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, the Surf Clams and Ocean Quahog Committee, amongst many others. All of her different positions have mostly been based around oceanography and science, showing that she has pursued her passions.

Dr. Targett is nationally recognized for her expertise in ocean issues. She held the treasurer position at the Sea Grant Association. This association, according to their website, “advocates for greater understanding, use, and conservation of marine, coastal and Great Lakes resources.” Dr. Targett has been a part of the organization for 9 years now as she began as a secretary in 2007.

Dr. Targett will finish out this academic year as the acting president of the University of Delaware and begin her new position as provost on UNH’s Sept. 1, 2016.
Police investigating vehicle arsons, thefts

PORTSMOUTH — Police are investigating a pair of early morning vehicle fires in Portsmouth.

The first blaze was reported at about 2 a.m. Saturday on Chapel Street. The fire on the interior of the vehicle’s passenger side had been put out by the time police arrived.

The second blaze was reported at about 4:30 a.m. on Melbourne Street. Police say the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames when officers arrived and has been deemed a total loss.

In addition, police say they received several reports Saturday of vehicles that had been gone through or had items inside them stolen or set on fire.

Portsmouth Police are asking anyone else who had their vehicle gone through to contact them.

Car smashes in to a local Derry Restaurant

DERRY — No one has been seriously hurt after fire officials say an out-of-control vehicle drove into a Derry restaurant.

It happened shortly after 3 p.m. Friday at T-Bones Great American Eatery on Crystal Avenue.

The Derry Fire Department says the vehicle ran into a column supporting part of a roof over the entranceway to the restaurant after the driver lost control.

Airlifted man is charged with DUI for crash

PETERBOROUGH — New Hampshire state police say a man was charged with aggravating driving while intoxicated and airlifted to a Massachusetts hospital with possible life-threatening injuries after a three-car accident in Peterborough.

Police say 54-year-old Leonard Gonthier of Jaffrey swerved into the oncoming lane of Route 202 near the Peterborough-Jaffrey line and side-swiped one vehicle before crashing head-on into another.

Climber falls nearly 30 feet rope, rescued

HARTS LOCATION — A man ice climbing on cliffs in New Hampshire has been taken to a hospital after he fell about 30 feet and was rescued by other climbers and emergency responders.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department says 24-year-old Kevin Garcia, of Providence, Rhode Island, was climbing at Franconia Cliffs on Saturday when he fell from near the top of a route called Pegasus and continued falling until his rope stopped him.

The department says Garcia lost consciousness then came to and was lowered safely to the ground by other climbers; he was placed on a litter and taken to a parking lot, where an ambulance took him to Memorial Hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire.

A hospital spokeswoman says he didn’t have an update Saturday night on his condition.

UNH professor co-authors book on GOP

By MARK KOBZIK STAFF WRITER

Dante Scala, a UNH political science professor and faculty fellow at the Carsey School of Public Policy, recently co-authored a book with his associate Henry Olsen called “The Four Faces of the Republican Party: The Fight for the 2016 Presidential Nomination.” The book looks at the four main factions that the Republican candidates must win over to gain the Grand Old Party nomination.

Scala said they wrote the book because, “we thought the Republican electorate… weren’t as well understood as we thought they should be.”

They chose to write a profile of the divisions within the party that make up a more diverse constituency than they thought was represented in the mainstream political discourse. According to Scala, the story of how Republican nominees attract their voters is not well represented.

The usual theory is that Republicans are more conservative during the nomination process and then move to the middle once they must contend against a Democrat. However, Scala and Olsen, is too simplistic. This is where the name of their book comes into play as they discuss the four parts of the party and how the real nomination happens.

The four parts go as follows: there are moderate voters, somewhat conservative voters, very conservative, evangelical voters, and then finally there are the secular conservatives.

By using exit poll data dating back to the 2000 primary, the authors were able to see how voters go through the process of picking their candidate.

While writing the book, Scala found what surprised him the most was how important moderate and even liberal Republicans are to the nomination process. According to Scala, they amount to about 3/10 of the Republican vote.

Scala said, “Typically we think of the Republican Party as the conservative party, but in reality the more liberal side of the party makes up a large percentage. Especially in more liberal states like New Hampshire where they will make up about half of the voters.”

Scala also talked about the 2016 Republican race in which Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are in first and second place while the more moderate candidates like Jeb Bush and John Kasich have had little success in gaining a strong following.

Scala said that if a moderate like Marco Rubio could win second place in New Hampshire, he might be able to eventually weed out the more anti-establishment candidates. Once moderate voters see a stronger candidate, that’s when they will make their decision about who they think should represent the Republican Party come November.

Scala said that Donald Trump has made a mess of the nomination process in that he is very difficult to place on the spectrum of ideology. In other words, Trump is not a moderate or very conservative. Trump, as Scala described him, is a big government conservative. Although he may have some extreme views on immigration, he doesn’t have any plans to privatize social security. Scala said that Trump sounds like a conservative, but his policies show otherwise.

The biggest things to keep in mind about the Republican Party and more importantly its voters, according to Scala, “The conservative party doesn’t always elect the conservative candidate. Republicans do in fact care about the party. There is a divide in the party between the religious and the less religious who believe in keeping religion out of the politics. The big takeaway is that Republicans are more diverse than people might think.”

Republican voters will go out this week for the Iowa caucuses and then next Tuesday, New Hampshire will fulfill its role as the first-in-the-nation primary.
Trends are the hottest thing at the moment and trending now is how carbon emissions from colleges and universities have declined 13 percent per square foot between 2007 and 2014. The UNH Sustainability Institute collaborated with Sightlines, a company that “helps universities better manage their facilities investments,” according to its website, and produced The State of Sustainability in Higher Education, a report on energy usage from a total of 343 U.S. colleges and universities.

UNH has seen its carbon emissions considerably reduced compared to other schools, “38 percent per square foot since 2007 — than the national average,” cited in the report.

Also, cited was an “absolute decline in emissions was significantly smaller, with a 36 percent reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions,” at UNH.

“At UNH, two factors to cutting carbon emissions included the cogeneration plant and the EcoLine,” said Jennifer Andrews, project manager at the Sustainability Institute.

“Cogeneration is producing heat and power instead of just one thing, producing two things using the exact same fuel,” Andrews said.

“EcoLine was a way to bring fuel to campus that had been purely wasted before. We were asked by the state to quell the gas coming from landfills and transform it chemically to carbon dioxide, instead of burning it,” Andrews explained, “so the gas was used to power the cogeneration plant.”

The data of the report was analyzed using the Campus Carbon Calculator (CCC), which was created by UNH and Sightlines.

“We also made it online, called the CarbonMAP, to be more user-friendly and be able to track schools easily,” Andrews added.

“There has been so much tension in higher education in leaders in climate change, so we said ‘hey if we can improve the tool, put all data in one place, said ‘hey if we can improve the tool, put all data in one place, what we are doing well, and aren’t doing well, it would be really useful,” Andrews said.

The CCC is now the precursor tool for calculating college and university levels of emissions, being used by “more than 550 North American campuses to measure energy use and emission levels,” according to the UNH-Sightlines report.

However, the report’s data says that, “since 2007, the amount of space built on campuses has increased 10 percent. During the same time period, enrollment increased 7 percent.”

As enrollment trends currently decrease, campuses have more space, thus obtaining more buildings to consume energy, with fewer students to fill it.

An increase in space is not the only factor that contributes to carbon emissions. Buildings with an older age profile are more likely to spend more to keep up consumption.

The report suggests, “Campuses with aging buildings need to invest at higher levels to maintain the same level of efficiency for their systems.”

While emissions levels are being monitored and technologies being used to enable cleaner energy, some states have poor energy efficiency policies that make it harder to monitor emissions.

Fortunately, “The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) produces a yearly scorecard that ranks states based on the strength of their energy efficiency policy,” also included in the UNH-Sightlines report.

States with stronger policies will have fewer emissions. New Hampshire was ranked No. 22 out of the U.S. and is the lowest in New England, based on the ACEEE scorecard.

However, Andrews added, “UNH’s goal is to reduce 50 [percent] of its carbon emissions by 2020 and that a lot of it comes down to awareness.”

“While the report is a hopeful example for others, overall, we still have a ways to go,” Andrews said.
Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have dozens of proposals to consider as they look for New England grid capacity for tens of thousands of homes to meet their clean energy goals. All told, 51 proposals need to be vetted in coming months as the three states look to sign long-term contracts for electricity from wind turbines, dams and solar projects, said Matthew Beaton, secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

“Tens of competition out there and that’s exactly what we were trying to accomplish,” Beaton said. “It’s a very encouraging sign to see such intense interest.”

The three states are seeking up to 600 megawatts of power, roughly the amount of electricity produced by the now-defunct Vermont Yankee Power. The proposals were submitted Thursday and will be made public in the coming days. The timeline calls for a selection of winning bids by late 2016. Then the winning proposals would be submitted for regulatory approval the following year.

Several proposals call for wind power from northern New England, with infrastructure projects that could generate hundreds of jobs and pump millions of dollars into the economy. “If you’re looking to build wind in Maine, you’re going to need long-term contracts of this sort, so this is the next infusion to get more wind built,” said Tim Schneider, the state’s public advocate.

The three-state effort is one of several ways New England states are trying to reduce green housegas emissions, ensure ample energy supply and lower energy costs. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is advocating for an even larger proposal that would purchase 1,200 and 2,400 megawatts of electricity — by tapping into Canada’s ample hydropower supply for New England. There also are several proposals to bolster the natural gas pipeline system in New England to eliminate bottlenecks. Then there’s the proposed Cape Wind Project off the coast of Massachusetts.

The latest plan by the three states called for both long-term power contracts needed to get new wind projects moving along with improvements to ensure there are pipelines to get the energy from rural New England to the regional power grid.

In Maine, there were at least two different proposals, one from Central Maine Power and another in which Central Maine Power and Eversource are collaborating.

Another proposal called “The Wind and Hydro Response” calls for a partnership between renewable energy operator Inverergy and developers of the proposed Vermont Green Line, which calls an under-ground power cable beneath the waters of Lake Champlain. Those projects would be funded by electric ratepayers in the three southern New England states that initiated the process.

BY DAVID SHARP ASSOCIATED PRESS

The LePage administration will travel to Ayer, Massachusetts, to sign the lease for the rail facilities owned in a company called Opie, of which members loaded the containers onto flat rail cars. “We’re not looking at Maine as being at the front door, but as the front door to a different part of the world.”

The new facility allows containers to be moved between ships and trains, and between trains and trucks. Pan Am Railways began the service Friday, hauling Poland Springs bottled water packed in blue Eimskip containers. This is the first phase of a pilot project. Three days a week — Friday, Saturday and Sunday — a train carrying 15 containers of bottle water will travel to Ayer, Massachusetts. Those, the containers will be put on trucks and delivered to wholesale suppliers.

Until now, Maine companies that lack rail access to truck containers to terminals in Ayer and Worcester, Massachusetts, have had to ship their goods to New York or New Jersey. “It’s generally cheaper to have movement through the ports,” said Chop Hardenbergh, editor of Atlantic Northeast Rail & Ports, a trade publication, said he is skeptical the new terminal will be successful. He said he has seen others in Maine fail because there hasn’t been enough demand to make the operations economical.

“The big unknown is what Eimskip can bring to this,” he said. “Can Eimskip add enough volume to Pan Am to say it’s worthwhile to run a train?”

New rail link to Maine waterfront to revive port

PORTLAND, Maine — Freight trains are rolling through New England carrying the first ever shipping containers loaded on the Portland waterfront. The new train service is the product of years of planning and millions of dollars in public and private investment, of the rail line, which previously moved at one time with lower fuel costs and fewer workers.

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Leave us alone’ — people in Oregon town tired of standoff

The FBI on Thursday released a video showing Finicum's death, to counter claims he was shot to provoke his killing. In the aerial video, Finicum can be heard saying he was a farmer, and he did nothing to provoke his shooting. He then fell to the ground, and the FBI later released a video showing he was shot and killed.

Meanwhile, 4 people arrested so far in Oregon are facing criminal charges.

The FBI also released a video showing the death of Finnegan, a Portneuf County Sheriff's deputy, who was shot and killed during the standoff. The video shows Finnegan being shot multiple times, and he later died at a hospital.

The FBI said the video will be released on its website, and it is seeking the public's help in identifying any other suspects involved in the incident.

The FBI has also released a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the shooting.

The FBI said it will continue to investigate the incident and will release more information as it becomes available.

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Massive fire destroys Lexington stockyard, many businesses

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A massive fire destroyed a 70-year-old building on Lexington's Southland on Tuesday, charring up a plume of thick, black smoke that darkened the skies for miles as the flames consumed several nearby businesses.

No one was injured in the fire, which destroyed portions of the stockyards operated by the Blue Grass Livestock Marketing Group, but Chief Operating Officer Jim Akers said he didn't know how the 20 beef cattle in the facility could have survived.

Firefighters were alerted to the fire at 2:20 p.m. and quickly called for backup as the building billowed through the streets near busy Leestown Road. Fire officials warned anyone living within a half mile of the fire to stay inside and turn off their heating and air conditioning units to keep the smoke out of their homes.

At least 120 firefighters battled the blaze for several hours Tuesday afternoon in a wood-frame structure that Interim Fire Chief Harold Hoskins described as “a standing lumber yard.”

A man who later testified he had been in the same building, wood, a lot of combustibles. Its’ been here forever, so it’s dried out and it’s ready to burn,” Hoskins said.

“The wind is what caused it to cross the street,” Hoskins said.

Hoskins said several busi-
nesses were destroyed over one city block, including several vehi-
cles parked at a towing company, but he didn’t know how the damage was everywhere,” said Steven Parrot, who lives and was nearby and was walking down Leestown Road when he pulled out over his nose to shield him from the smoke. “It was big even before the firefighters got there.”

Fire department public relations urged anyone who noticed how the fire started. He said investigators were interview-
ing witnesses to figure out what happened. Akers said about six businesses were destroyed at the stockyards when an employee driving a Bobcat first noticed the smoke. He said the company erected a temporary fence to keep other businesses in Mount Sterling and Stanford, but he did not know whether Lexington would be re-

“I'd like for the smoke to clear up and to find out what the situa-
tion is,” he said.

Hoskins said it was the larg-
est fire he has seen in his 35 years of experience teaching grades one through five as a juvenile.

“After he disappeared, Selas’ alleged background literally in public service,” Hawkins said in an email.

A company called Szeles Enterprises touts the owner’s experiences teaching grades one through five as a juvenile.

“The kids wanted to be on the show,” Hoskins said.

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Szeles was also removed from “all positions related to chil-
dren” at his Mormon congrega-
tion, said in a statement.

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No one answered the door at Szeles’ home on Wednesday.

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Neal Selle, 65, a former Chula Vista Elemen-
tary School District is reviewing whether Szeles had connections with any of its 45 schools, which enroll roughly 30,000 students.

A flier promoting Szeles Enter-
tprises’ programs for kids said the district was distributing it “as a public service.”

“When someone is mentioned in any way to kids you want to be on it,” said Gary Miers, who started working at KNOE as a radio disc jockey at the age of 5.

The popularity of Szeles’ air persona didn’t extend to his co-workers or teachers.

“People could stand him,” Coe said.

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BONITA, Calif. — Neigh-
bors in a well-to-do section of this San Diego suburb knew him as Frank Szeles, a friendly Cuban immigrant who frequently gave swimming lessons to young children in his backyard pool.

He was aWhom who arrest-
ed him last week knew him by a different name: “Mr. Wonder,” the host of a popular children’s television program in the 1970s.

The fugitive suspect to the com-

KNOE employee Tom Cole said Wednesday but didn’t speak with the community near the Mexican border in the days after the fire.

“His main interaction was hind his “Mr. Wonder” creation.

The Rapides Parish owner who hired Selas in 1979, but it allowed him to promote the children’s camping program.

“The parents and Szeles were so close friends and Szeles was with children a lot you never knew,” Gammon said.

The website for Szeles En-
terprises touts the owner’s experi-
ence teaching grades one through five as a juvenile.

Neighbors said parents fre-
quently took their children to Szeles’ large cul-de-sac house for swimming lessons.

Hilton, who works at a towing company, said he couldn’t en-
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Earl Hilton, now Rapides Parish’s sheriff, said the family told him he asked our most veteran officers if they knew anything and the consensus was that they had never heard of him,” Marron wrote in an email.

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After arrests, focus turns to how 3 men escaped from jail

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Nooshafarin Ravaghi, a 44-year-old children’s book author, gave Nayeri a paper copy of a Google Earth map that showed an aerial view of the entire jail compound, sheriff’s spokesman Lt. Jeff Hallock said. She was booked on suspicion of being an accessory to a felony and was being held pending a court appearance set for Monday.

Hutchens said the men’s capture clears the way for an intensive probe into how they were able to escape.

“We’re going to do everything we can in our power — and it’s not enough to say, ‘Gee, we have an old jail, it’s a challenge,’” she said.

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Water crisis spurs calls to change Michigan open-records law

By DAVID EGGLETT
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LANSING, Mich. — Under fire for his administration’s role in Flint’s lead-tainted water emergency, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder did something that would be legally required in most other states by releasing his government emails related to the crisis.

He did not release them all, however.

The 274 pages cover 2014 and 2015, including an 18-month period, during which the city switched its water source to the Flint River while under state fl"a machinery. Snyder had coun-
tered exhausting mechanical problems on his earlier trip from New York to Washington and a shorter than expected break, lose track of where he was.

The NTSB said Bostian’s cellphone wasn’t in use, but could have been using a burner cell phone, as he has in some cases?

Or, perhaps the ACS-64 locomotive — far more powerful than the other model primarily used on the Northeast Corridor — accelerated faster than Bos-
tian, who had only been on the route for several weeks, antici-
pated.

The only person that really knows for sure is the guy who was sitting in the cab of that locomotive,” said David B. Clarke, a railroad expert at the University of Tennessee.

Even then may not be the case. A few days after the crash, the 32-year-old Bostian told the NTSB he did not recall anything after ringing the train’s bell as he passed through the North Phila-
delphia station about three miles before the curve.

Did that startle Train 188’s engineer, Brandon Bostian?

The train was accelerat-
ing along the same tracks report-
ed being hit and passengers on an-
other Amtrak train said something struck their train.

Snyder was one of only a few dozen state governors who have released any kind of email related to the Flint water crisis.

It was a major victory for open government advocates who have been pressing for the release of internal documents.

The governor’s public corn- 
cer that state and federal offi-

The Associated Press vis-
ted Bostian at his parents’ va-
cation home in Arkansas in late December.

He said he couldn’t speak about the accident while the investigation was pending, citing instructions from a law-

Amtrak installed a auto-

matic speed control at the Phila-
delphia station for rolling freight. ‘‘If you’re on the verge of civil unrest,”

He also learned of health risks as-

The emails that Snyder did release show he was aware of Flint’s water troubles.

In October 2014, he received a memo about e-coli detections that led to boil-water advisories.

The following February, an aide sent background information men-

tioning a Flint-area legislator’s let-
ter to Snyder warning that people were ‘‘the verge of civil unrest.’’

The emails show Snyder was aware of the severity of the challenge.

They say that given other is-
sues with the water — boil-water advisories, high levels of a dis-

fect microorganisms that can cause serious illness.

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Hope for answers as release of Amtrak crash evidence nears

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
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PHILADELPHIA — Eight months after a deadly train der-

railment, federal investigators are poised to release evidence and re-
ports that could help clear up the mystery of why the train streaked into a sharp curve at double the speed limit.

The release, expected Mon-
day, will be the first major de-
velopement in the investigation since a preliminary report a few weeks after the May 12 crash in which the National Transportation Safety

Board pinpointed excessive speed as a key factor. A final re-
port isn’t expected for months.

The train was accelerat-
ing out of an 80 mph speed zone when it should have been slowing to 50 mph for the coming curve, investigators later said. It reached 106 mph just before the engine ac-

David Hernandez, who lives near the crash site, said the crashing train sounded like shooting cars smashing together.

“They just keep on going,” Hernandez said.

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Corrections officer and motorcyclist group member fired gun during deadly brawl, 7 injured

By SADIE GURMAN
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DENVER — A Colorado Department of Corrections officer fired his gun during a weekend brawl at Denver motorcycle show that left one dead and seven others injured, an attorney said Sunday.

The corrections officer was a member of a motorcycle group made up mostly of off-duty law enforcement that, on Saturday, clashed with members of another club at the crowded Colorado Motorcycle Expo, a gathering of such groups from around the country.

The two biker groups on Sunday blamed each other for inciting the violence. Three of the wounded were hit by gunfire. Another person was stabbed and three others suffered injuries from a fistfight, police said.

The melee started when members of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club, made up of predominantly police and military, were jumped by members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club, said John C. Whitfield, an attorney representing Iron Order and a member himself.

But Las Vegas attorney Stephen Stubbs, who represents the Mongols, said it was Iron Order members who instigated the violence. Three of the Iron Order members in attendance, Whitfield said.

“None of the Mongols involved in the altercation had a gun, not even one of them,” Stubbs told The Associated Press.

The Colorado Motorcycle Expo was being held at the National Western Complex and was scheduled to go through Sunday, but the city ordered organizers to cancel its Sunday events after the incident.

A statement posted on the event’s website said it didn’t have any information and apologized to vendors and patrons for any inconvenience.

Antiquities dealer searches for lost treasure hunter and fan

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An antiquities dealer who inspired tens of thousands to search the New Mexico Mountains for $2 million in hidden treasure now leads an increasingly desperate mission to find one of his fans.

The latest Fenn said has been flying out in chartered helicopters or planes, searching remote stretches in the upper Rio Grande for a sign of Randy Bilyeu, now missing in the wild for more than three frigid weeks.

Fellow treasure hunters are using to narrow their search. He also left a sandwich, in Yellowstone National Park, where he was last seen on Jan. 5 while trying to solve Fenn’s mystery.

“The very first thing we do and don’t find Randy is discouraging we’re not going to give up,” Fenn told The Associated Press.

“There are still places out there that I want to look.”

That investigation had noth- ing, Whitfield said one Iron Or- der member was shot, another stabbed and a third beaten.

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We know that Randy studied this area very well. He even noted that certain areas were dangerous when the weather was bad and he had done quite a bit of research, said Sacha Johnston, a treasure hunter helping to coordi- nate searches.

“The treasure hunters — led by Fenn — have not given up. We know that Randy studied this area very well. He even noted that certain areas were dangerous when the weather was bad and he had done quite a bit of research,” said Sacha Johnston, a treasure hunter helping to coordi- nate searches.

“Unfortunately, we just don’t have anything to go on right now,” said Matthew Whitfield, Sgt. Elizabeth Armijo said. “If someone were to find clothing or any other items that might be indicative of the hiker, then we would have an area to go to that we just have not found that yet.”

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That investigation had nothing to do with the people at Sat- urday’s show, said Stubbs, who disputed Whitfield’s self-defense claim.

Iron Order had about 15 members in attendance, Whit- field said.
After arrests, focus turns to how 3 men escaped

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Now that the three violent inmates who escaped from a California jail are back in custody, the focus will turn to how they were able to saw, crawl and climb their way out of a maximum-security facility.

Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens said she was elated to announce the arrests of the final two fugitives Saturday after eight days on the run from the jail she oversees. But the tough work is just getting started to determine and fix the security lapses that allowed the escape.

“Believe me, we will be looking top to bottom on that,” she said. “We do not want another escape from an Orange County jail.”

The last two escapes were caught after a civilian flagged down officers near San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park and pointed out a van that looked like one believed stolen by the trio of inmates during the brazen escape. The man also said someone who looked like one of the fugitives was in the area.

Police approached Hossein Nayeri, the suspected mastermind of the escape, after a short foot chase. The second fugitive, 20-year-old Jonathan Tieu, was found hiding in a van with his pregnant girlfriend but no gun. He surrendered without a struggle.

By the trio of inmates during the escape from an Orange County jail, they were missing for 16 hours, authorities say it’s unclear why. Hutchens said she was elated to announce the arrests of the final two fugitives Saturday after eight days on the run from the jail she oversees. But the tough work is just getting started to determine and fix the security lapses that allowed the escape.

“The intensive search and investigation produced no tangible results for days and then, on Thursday, authorities arrested a woman who taught English at the jail.”

Nooshfarin Ravaghi, a 44-year-old children’s book author, gave Nayeri a paper copy of a Google Earth map that showed an aerial view of the entire jail compound, sheriff’s spokesman Lt. Jeff Hallock said. She was booked on suspicion of being an accessory to a felony and was being held pending a court appearance set for Monday. It wasn’t clear if she had a lawyer.

Authorities say she and Nayeri — who both were born in Iran — exchanged letters and had a relationship that was closer than it should have been, but stopped short of calling it romantic. Nayeri is a former Marine who grew up in the Fresno area, and authorities say it’s unclear why as an English speaker he was in her class that teaches English as a second language.

The day after the escape, Duong responded to a Craigslist ad for a white GMC van and stole it during a test drive, authorities said.

Hutchens said the men’s capture clears the way for an in-depth probe into how they were able to escape.

“We’re going to do everything we can in our power — and it’s not enough to say, ‘Gee, we have an old jail, it’s a challenging place,’” she said.

Built in 1968, the jail that housed the men holds about 900 inmates. It was the first break-out from the facility in nearly 30 years.

The three will now return to the jail from which they escaped, Hutchens said. “I can tell you they won’t be together,” she said.

Rodriguez reported from San Francisco.

Correction officer fired gun during brawl

DENVER — An attorney says a Colorado Department of Corrections officer fired his gun during a weekend brawl at a Denver motorcycle show that left one dead and seven others injured.

John C. Whitfield said Sunday that the corrections officer fired in self-defense during the melee. He would not identify the officer but said he was not in police custody as of Sunday night.

Attorneys for two biker groups are blaming each other for instigating the Saturday afternoon clash. Whitfield said the officer was a member of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club, which is made up mostly of police and military.

He would not say whether the officer fired the fatal shot.

Attorney Stephen Stubbs said the man killed was a member of the Mongols Motorcycle Club.

Police said they have made no arrests. A Department of Corrections spokeswoman did not immediately return calls for comment.

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Money in politics fight over indicted Texas attorney general

By PAUL J. WEBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who says he won’t resign despite criminal charges of defrauding investors in an online real estate adver-
sation into a profitable land deal, may soon be allowed to set up his own office outside legal bills.

A state ethics board is ex-
pected to decide Monday if the Republican can lean on donors to fill his office without facing a lengthy and expensive courtroom battle. Financial gifts to politi-
cians are generally prohibited but the board is considering letting Paxton only accept money from out-of-state sources, who are less likely to have cases or business with the Texas attorney general. But even under those restric-
tions, the idea is still unpalatable to critics: the state’s top prosecu-
tor taking outside dollars for the higher stakes of avoiding possible prison time.

“No one is outside his juris-
dict. Christ, we just sold Volk-
swagen in Germany,” said Craig McDonald, director of the left-
leaning watchdog group Texas for Public Justice, referring to the state’s lawsuit against the auto-
maker over claims regarding its emissions. “The arm of the attorney general is very long.”

If the Texas Ethics Commis-
sion decides otherwise — and bars Paxton from letting donors pick up the check for his de-
cense — the governor could force him to find another means of financing a lengthy legal battle while simulta-
aneously running one of the na-
tion’s most high-profile attorney general offices. In March, Paxton will go before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend abortion restric-
tions in a case that is likely to re-
verberate nationally.

If the ethics board lets Paxton being distracted or the appearance of undue influence bothers Repub-
lican leaders, they’re not saying publicly.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick declined to comment over whether they would be OK with Paxton tap-
ing donors for his high-
powered defense team. Neither has publicly pressured Paxton to let donors pay for his legal fights, but they also haven’t enthusiastically come to his defense.

The proposal before the Texas Ethics Commission would only allow out-of-state donors to help Paxton, but opponents say it would allow other conflicts with his job.

Paxton attorney Bill Mate-
ja, who is handling the criminal case, said he was not involved in the ethics matter, and the attorney general’s office did not return messages seeking comment.

Paxton was indicted six months after taking office last year on state securities fraud.

He is accused of deceiving wealthy investors in 2011, when he was still a state legislator, by encouraging them to put money into a high-tech startup called Servery Inc. without disclosing that the company was paying him for such referrals.

He pleaded guilty with two fel-
one counts of securities fraud. If convicted, Paxton could get a lengthy prison term.

Mateja has also confirmed that two special prosecutors are investigating a suburban Dallas deal and in which Paxton and others, including a district attor-
ney, profited from the sale of a tract that later became the site of a county courthouse.

Mateja said Paxton is cooperating and that he’s confident the attorney gener-

al will be cleared of wrongdoing.

The governor cannot remove an elected official from office. Abbott, who was attorney general for 11 years before he was elect-
governor, has tried making tighter ethics rules a centerpiece of his early administration.

He criticized legislators for watering down a package of reforms he or-
dered last year.

Paxton breezed into office behind the support of tea party activists and a rich endorser from Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who called him a “true conserva-
tive warrior.” Michael Joyce, a spokesman for the Texas Republic-

tan Party, said Monday that the chairman believes “Paxton de-
serves a fair trial and not a trial of public opinion.” He declined further comment.

Matt Mackowiak, a Republi-
can consultant, said Paxton isn’t calling himself a “true conserva-
tive warrior.” “I think things are going to have to get much worse for Paxton for him to resign,” he said.

Texas Democrats, who have not won an elected statewide of-
fice in more than two decades, say they don’t believe the GOP will ever reach a breaking point with Paxton.

“As long as he’s a strong party rule they’ve ‘had, they don’t feel they have to be accountable to anything,” said Manny Garcia, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

How to permit the future rollout of self-driving cars?

By JUSTIN PRITCHARD ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Californians are deciding how to permit the future rollout of self-driving cars, a decision that raises questions about whether a cautious approach was right on, and by companies developing the technology that the current course will help pave the way for vehicles that promise huge safety benefits.

The state’s Department of Motor Vehicles is holding the com-
ments Thursday at a workshop as it wrestles with how to keep the public safe as the imperfect tech-
ology moves to the roads and ul-
imate so heavily that the agency sti-

fles development of the vehicles.

The agency suggests gath-
erning possibilities of changes to a draft of precedent-setting regu-
larions released last month. Those regulations will govern how Cali-
ifornians can get the cars once companies move beyond their current prototypes.

Because California has been a hotbed for the development and regulation of the technology, what happens in the state has ripple ef-
fec nationally.

What the DMV had hoped would be a technical discussion Thursday about legal language instead ended up with a broad state-
ments about the technology’s merits.

Most vocal were advocates for the blind — a group that has not been central to the regulatory debate. Several argued the tech-
ology could change their lives, and the agency should not get in the way.

“In order to get a reliable car for the blind, we need access at a price that’s not possible today,” said Craig Lorenz, who is blind and the agency should not get in the way. Many, including Lorenz, would prefer to use a self-
driving car that Google’s car project, told the agency.

Google has concluded that human error is the biggest danger on the roads, and the company wants to remove the steering wheel and pedals from cars of the future, giving people minimal ability to intervene.

Urmson said that if the draft regulations are not changed, Google’s self-driving car would likely be available in California. While Google has been testing on roads here for several years — with trained safe-
drivers behind the wheel, just in case — it might deploy cars without steering wheels in Texas, where regulators hailed the tech-
ology when Google began test-
ing prototypes there last summer. Google wants California to clear the road for the technology — and has expressed disappoint-
ment in the DMV’s draft regul-
ations, which say self-driving cars must have a steering wheel in case onboard computers or sensors fail. A licensed driver would need to sit in the driver’s seat, ready to seize control.

“We need to be careful about the person sitting there that having a per-
don behind the wheel is a safe driving driver, Chris Urmson, the leader of Google’s self-driving car said Tuesday. “Google says it will require a manufacturer self-certifica-
tion to test in California. Google and traditional automak-
ers want manufacturer self-certifi-
cation to sit in the driver’s seat, ready to seize control.

“Please don’t leave my fam-
ily out in the waiting room,” said Jessie Lorenz, who is blind and relies on public transit to get her 4-year-old daughter to preschool. Lorenz would prefer to use a self-
driving car for that — or even a “spontaneous road trip.”

She said she has taken a ride in a self-driving car that Google Inc. has been developing, and “it was awesome.”

DMV attorney Brian Sou-
bled said the agency appreciates the potential benefits for disabled people, but its focus has to be on the safety of the entire motoring public.

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Once a company receives that verification, manufacturers would receive a permit for three self-driving cars. The agency will not issue nearly as many have permis-
sion to test in California. Google has promised that its model could be ready for limited use sooner than the public realizes.

Several topics during Thurs-
day’s workshop, DMV officials urged commenters to offer spe-
cific changes to the draft regula-
tions, sometimes in reaction to comments that the regulations fell short.

Speaker Curt Augustine of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers said his organ-
ization did not agree with the DMV’s third-party certification requirement.

DMV attorney Soubled asked for proposed fixes, invok-
ing a saying his father told him: “It only takes one wreck ball to demolish a house, but a whole crew to build one.”

The agency has been work-
ong on regulations for testing and now deployment for nearly three years — and regulations on de-
ployment were supposed to be finalized a year ago.

Oxfam reports $1.9B in Ebola aid not delivered by international donors

By ROBBIE COREY-BOULLET ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Aid orga-
nizations have failed to deliver $1.9 billion in prom-
sed funds to help West African countries respond to the Ebola epidemic that killed more than 11,000 people and decimated al-
ready weak health care systems, the U.K.-based charity Oxfam said Sunday.

The remaining $3.9 billion pledged has been difficult to track because of “scarce informa-
tion” and a lack of transparency, the group said.

“We’re finding it hard to un-
derstand which donors have given — on what money, to whom and for what purpose,” said Aboubacry Talla, Oxfam’s regional director for West Africa.

Oxfam is funded on donors and the governments of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea. At the three West African countries hardest hit by the disease, the orga-

nized health care, parents or caregivers, while some 17,000 survivors are trying to re-

began battling mysterious, lingering side effects.

The international commu-
nity already has been criticized for how it handled the crisis. A United Nations Associated Press investigation found the World Health Organ-
ization failed to provide the inter-
national emergency for political and economic reasons. Emails, documents and interviews ob-

tained by the World Health Organization and other responders failed to organize a quick and effective response. None of the se-

ior leaders involved in directing the Ebola response has been dis-

izable or fired.

Meanwhile, the disease has not been stamped out entirely. Though the WHO declared an end to the international outbreak in early August, the disease continues to rage in West Africa.

Oxfam said the slow re-

sponse to recent flare-ups in both Sierra Leone and Guinea showed that they are still not able to deal ef-

fectively with new cases.

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Opinion

SOTU: A2-way street

Tuesday’s State of the University address will provide students the chance to speak directly with Mark Huddleston

T	omorrow, Feb. 2, UNH President Mark Huddleston will hold his annual State of the University address in what is assumed to be an effort to bridge the communication gap between students and administrators. Doors will open in the MUB’s Granite State Room at 12:30 p.m. and the address is scheduled to begin at 1.

The 2016 State of the University address is a university-wide town hall meeting and answer session. The address is a great opportunity to reflect on our challenges, accomplishments and strategic planning, and for members of the UNH community to ask questions and offer ideas following the remarks,” according to the press release sent to students via e-mail on Jan. 19.

Though we acknowledge the importance of the address, it is not necessarily the most ideal. The New Hampshire strongly encourages all students without class or work obligations to attend. This event serves as an opportunity for students to express grievances directly to President Huddleston. The email states that students can also submit questions to Huddleston via email at UNH.sotu@ unh.edu or through Twitter using #UNHSOTU.

While we would like to see moves that include the backbone of our campus, the students, in more events, it is often difficult to feel as though our student body is represented. The 2016 SOTU certainly helps foster such representation. The address certainly helps garner an idea of what students are thinking, why they feel as though our student body is represented and how they feel the university can become more involved.

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From the Left

Mark Kobzik

and centuries later. Paine’s birth- day was on Friday, Jan. 29.

We do suffer from a brutal case of amnesia.

The most popular examples are our holidays and the birthdays of our long dead American heroes and villains.

The other figure whose radicalism (and it cannot be wiped clean from our collective memory) is Martin Luther King Jr. We remember his walk in Selma and the last bits of his “I Have A Dream” speech. The radical King, who was put on the FBI watch-list, whose phone was tapped by none other than the ruthless brute J. Edgar Hoover, the man who dubbed the United States, “the greatest pur-veyor of violence in the world,” is a man who is but a whisper amongst those who still fight for African Americans and all other men, women and children who suffer in this country. Dr. King spoke like a Christian who really obeyed and preached Jesus’ basic philosophies. King excoriated the evils of capitalism while proclaiming himself a democratic socialist. King was shot and killed after years of abandon-ment by white liberals who didn’t want to join his Poor People’s Movement or crusade against the war in Vietnam. Over the last few decades the radical, who believed in compassion and resistance, has been adopted by a political class that has morphed and distorted his legacy into one that conforms to rigidity and complacency.

History is such an important tool to understand the world around us. I won’t claim that I have some superior knowledge of what happens in this country, but the more I read and listen, the more I cannot submit myself to the illusion of our nation’s mythology. I would love to truly believe we are the best or greatest nation on earth. That kind of narcissism is delusional. There is no greatest or best nation. There is only the ability to improve on the present well-being of the people here and abroad. We cannot forget the past as it was some abstract notion. It guides and influences everything we do. Instead, let us begin by unblock- ing ourselves from the ignorance of mythology and propose a new story for this country: the truth. As a country, Americans must reflect upon our collective his- tory and what it means to us. If we fail to do so, we have failed future generations in our promise to carry the torch of unbiased, truthful knowledge.

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VOTING INFORMATION

Read to find out important information for registering to vote in the Feb. 9 NH primary

If you have not yet regis-tered to vote and wish to do so on Feb. 9, you will now need to register on Election Day itself. (The last day to have registered at the Town Hall was Saturday, Jan. 30.) Under state law, qualified individuals may register to vote at the polling place (Oyster River High School) on Election Day at all elections.

If possible, bring photo iden- tification (a below), proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, etc.), and proof of where you live (such as a mail showing your current street address).

If you don’t have any of these documents, you may still register by affirming your age eligibility, citizenship, and/or domicile by signing affidavits.

“No matter when or where you register to vote, you will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form, and you will be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. These qualifications may be established by signing affidavit(s).” (“NH Secretary of State’s “Frequently Asked Questions” website http://sos.nh.gov/ HowRegVote.aspx)

You must be domiciled in the state in order to vote and you must vote where you are domiciled. “Domicile” for voting purposes is defined as “that place where a person, more than any other place, has established a physical presence and manifests an intent to maintain a single continuous presence for domes- tic, social, and civil purposes relevant to participating in demo- cratic self-government.” There is no minimum requirement of how long you must live here before being allowed to vote.

Even if you are a registered voter, you will be asked to show a photo ID. However, if you do not have one with you, you may still vote by first signing an affi-davit. Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

• Driver’s license issued by any state or federal government;
• Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state;
• Photo ID card for “voting identification only” issued by NH DMV;
• United States Armed Ser- vices Identification Card;
• United States passport or passport card;
• Student ID card (NH high school or public/private college) as authorized by statute;
• Any other form of photo ID deemed acceptable by the elec- tion officials.

You cannot be denied your right to vote if you do not have a photo ID with you on Election Day. If you forget your identifica- tion or choose not to show it, you may vote without it by signing a “challenged voter affidavit.” In addition, the voter shall have their photographs taken by the moderator or assistant moderator, which shall be attached to the challenged voter affidavit. If the voter objects to the photographs requirement because of religious beliefs, the voter may execute an affidavit of religious exemption that will be attached to the chal- lenged voter affidavit instead of the photograph. Unless you have fulfilled these steps, then you will not have met the requirements to receive a ballot.

If you filled out a challenged voter affidavit in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification from the Secretary of State requesting con- firmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to deter- mine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

For more information, the website for the NH Secretary of State includes, among others, pages on:

• The Voter ID Law http://sos. nh.gov/votedid.aspx
• Voting as a College Student In New Hampshire and Voter Registration http://sos.nh.gov/nh_sos_content.aspx?id=12816
• FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) http://sos.nh.gov/ HowRegVote.aspx

Thumbs Up

Thumbs Down

Thumbs up to the Democratic presidential debate coming to UNH.

Thumbs down to candidates not re- specting the moderators. Chill.

Thumbs up to Neil deGrasse Tyson’s understanding of math and science.

Thumbs down to people who think Earth is flat. It’s not. Read a book.

Thumbs up to early spring semester ski trips.

Thumbs down to the lack of fresh powder.

Thumbs up to the mild weather we’ve been having lately.

Thumbs down to not trusting that it will last.

Thumbs up to being back in Durham for another semester.

Thumbs down to this being the class of 2016’s last semester.
GYMNASICS

Balanced at the top

By ANDREW YOURELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Lia Breeden recorded a career-best 9.900 on the balance beam at the Don Tonry Bulldog Invitational on Saturday, earning second place. Breeden and the Wildcats are currently the No. 3 team in the country on beam, behind Florida and Oklahoma.

By RYAN PAGLIARO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

“Phenomenal vaulter,” she said. “This truly is the best team we’ve ever had,” she said.

The Wildcats return to form, posting an impressive 195.800 score, which was more than two points better than the second place University of Bridgeport.

Pflieger and Lauter tied for the top score in the all-around with 39.150 scores, followed closely by Doolin in third place with a 39.100. Pflieger posted a 9.900 on floor and was second in the vault, where UNH finished second, third, and fourth, with O’Leary and Lauter following Pflieger.

Mulligan and Jess Gracia noted a one-two finish on the uneven bars, with Mulligan taking the top spot at 9.900. Gracia’s score of 9.825 tied for a career-high. Asuncion, Doolin and Lauter all posted a 9.925 on floor routines.

On the team, UNH once again dominated, taking the top five spots. Lauter claimed the top honor with a 9.925, and Lia Breeden set a career-high 9.900 in the team scored a 49.375 on the apparatus.

“As for the team, we’ve been excited for over 35 years and she had a bold statement about this year’s squad,” Doolin said, adding that she had never had that experience…seeing it in ranking now is great for us."

While team has been the team’s strength, the Wildcats have been excelling on all fronts early in the season, having been ranked as high as the No. 15 team in the country. A hiccup score of 193.225 against Pittsburgh on Jan. 23 dropped the team’s average down, keeping UNH from the top-25 for the first time this season. The team rebounded over the weekend with a 195.800 score at the Don Tonry Bulldog Invitational, defeating the University of Bridgeport, Yale and Southern Connecticut State University.

While upperclassmen have provided a strong backbone for the team, part of the reason for the team’s success is the performance of the freshman class.

UNH graduated three talented seniors in May, including two of the top beam routines, but has replaced them with a nine-person class.

One of the brightest young stars for the Wildcats is Danielle Doolin, who has earned recognition as the Eastern Atlantic Gymnastics League Rookie of the Week in each of the past two weeks. The New Jersey native became the first winner after her first home meet, against Yale, where she recorded a 39.025 score to claim the all-around title. She defeated talented sophomore Casey Lauter and All-EAGL junior Meghan Pflieger.

“Everyone can count on each other and we know if someone messes up, we know to step up,” Doolin said, adding that she had been surprised by how team-oriented collegiate gymnastics were compared to high school and club teams.

While Doolin has earned the conference awards, she hasn’t been alone in receiving praise from Goodspeed, who raved about the contributions her freshman class is already making.

“(Danielle) Mulligan is our top performer on bars, and she has a bar routine that can compete with anyone in the country,” Goodspeed said. She also singled out Juliana Belar and Courtney Bonanza, but had especially good things to say about Nicole O’Leary.

“Phenomenal vaulter,” she said. “She does a vault that’s better, and I’ve told her this, than our only All-American, from 1980-91...and Nicole does that vault and she does it, actually, better than UNH’s only All-American.”

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“Great weekend to rebuild the team confidence and enjoy the meet,” Goodspeed said of the meet. “We’ve never really had this great of a start before.”

Asuncion said, “Before, we’ve built up to these kinds of scores, but we’ve never started off that way. So to know that’s just our starting score and we have much more room to improve is really exciting for the entire team.”

UNH returns home for the Wildcat Invitational on Sunday, Feb. 7. The Wildcats will host Bridgeport, Brown and Towson, starting at 1 p.m.

The ‘Cats look to continue their success on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the University of Rhode Island.
Despite loss, UNH heating up

By MARK GARBIN

SPORTS WRITER

While We Were Gone

The Wildcats have seen their most successful stretch of the season so far. During this time, the team has won five of the last six games, dating back to December 4. They earned a record of 6-4-0 during that span, which included an impressive streak when they claimed victories in four out of five games.

During this run, UNH defeated both Merrimack College and the University of Maine, twice, while also picking up victories over Dartmouth College and Yale University. The two wins over Maine on January 23 and 24 were two of the most dominant wins of the season for the Wildcats. They marched into Orono and walked away with four points in the conference standings, winning 5-1 and 3-0 over their rivals.

After an 0-7-0 start to begin the season, the ‘Cats have worked their way up the standings, currently sitting just three points behind the University of Connecticut for fourth in Hockey East with a conference record of 7-11-0. Their overall record is 10-17-1 this season.

Save by Smith

Freshman goaltender Kyra Smith was named the Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in December. She posted a 4-1-0 record with a .905 save percentage during the month. Smith was also awarded another accolade on January 25, when she was named the Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week, for her stellar performances against Maine. She stopped 52 of 53 shots (.981 save percentage) between the two matchups, which included her first career shutout on January 24.

The Littleton, Colorado native has been an undoubted success story in net for UNH this season. Since taking over as the team’s starter, Smith has provided stable play in the crease, and has earned praise from head coach Hilary Witt.

“Kyra has really played well, and we expect her to continue to,” said Witt. “She has confidence and has given us a chance to win every game she has played.”

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Jonna Curtis leads the rush up ice. Curtis has posted a team leading 29 points.

Smith’s two-goal effort ends Wildcats’ skid

By BRIAN DUNN

SPORTS EDITOR

For many students, the winter break was relaxing and enjoyable. The UNH men’s hockey team, on the other hand, had a stretch that was rather forgetful.

During a five-week span, the Wildcats played ten games and only recorded 3 wins. Two wins came at the hands of the Maine Black Bears and the most recent one was a 3-1 decision against No. 4 Providence College on Saturday night. The ‘Cats hold a 9-14-4 overall record and stand tied for 10th in the conference standings, with only eight games left to play.

It’s been a slippery slope for UNH ever since. The ‘Cats could not nab a win in their next five contests, losing to UMass-Lowell, twice, to Northeastern, and twice to the University of Notre Dame. The team held a season-high six-game losing streak.

After a long drought, the Wildcats sought to right the ship against an old foe. No. 4 ranked Providence College, the defending NCAA champions.

The first game took place Friday night, and UNH’s struggles continued. Though they battled, the Wildcats dropped their seventh straight game to the Friars by a 3-1 decision.

“[Providence College] is a tough team, they compete hard,” said head coach Dick Umile. “We did not do a great job covering them, but they move the puck.”

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By SAM ROGERS

In their first home game of the second semester, the Wildcats welcomed the University of Natural Sciences from Sweden to the Whittemore Center. Despite trailing by one halftime at that point in the first half, UNH dropped the Retrievers to 6-55-55.

Sophomore Carlisle Pogue led the Wildcats in scoring with 15 points. Senior Elizabeth Belanger continues to make history as she added 13 points to her current point total, which eclipsed 1,000 points earlier this year.

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"I think we missed a lot of easy shots,” Herrion used a lack of motivation as a reason that the Wildcats have lost. They might be a top-four program, but in the eyes of Herrion, the Wildcats aren’t one of the elite programs in America East.

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hamton away meet with another pair of victories. On one-meter, she led a team sweep of the events, notch first with 228.07 points followed by teammates Erin Cullather and Savanna Desmarais. The sophomore also won the 3-meter, beating Maine’s best competitor by over 25 points. Cullather took bronze in the event.

"A lot of things have come together for [Miller] the last couple weeks, so I expect her to be in finals,” Willman said. “I expect to see a couple of [divers] in there, and a lot of it is going to be how nerves affect some of the new people.”

Also winning multiple events for the Wildcats were freshmen Linnea Lennereis and Vivi El-Sibay, who each won both backstroke and butterfly events, respectively. Lennereis also took the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley event, with El-Sibay coming in third.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Baykova’s record sinks Bears

Liza Baykova has been one of America East’s most dominant performers since her arrival on campus last fall, and she proved it again on Friday night with a pair of gold medals to pace the Wildcats past Maine in the team’s final regular-season meet.

Baykova’s first swim of the night broke a Swasey Pool record, as she cruised to an easy victory in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:50.31. The talented sophomore already has the school record in the event, earning an NCAA “B”-cut time of 1:47.48 at last year’s America East conference meet.

“It was pretty good,” the Moscow native said of her new pool record. “I was kind of excited.”

For Baykova, the record was a matter of unfinished business; last season’s final dual meet saw the then-freshman finish the event in 1:51.11, just missing the pool record. She promised head coach Josh Willman then that she would break the record this year.

Baykova also crushed her competition in the 100-yard freestyle, earning first with a 50.98 second time. She is within striking distance of former All-American Denise Leckebush’s school record, and her 10:03.78 was less than 3 seconds from Lauren McCandless’s school record in the 1,000-yard freestyle, and won the 3-meter springboard events.

While Baykova’s performance may have stolen the lion’s share of the spotlight, she was not alone in the victory. UNH won every single event en route to a 161-125 victory, which was only so close in score because UNH swimmers elected to compete exhibition towards the end of the meet.

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Underdogs no more

The Wildcats season to this point can be boiled down to one word. Interesting. The UNH men’s basketball team has a 12-9 record and a 5-3 conference record. They have won five of their last six games and currently sit in the fourth position in the America East Standings. All of those things sound good right? Well here’s the downside.

The improvement, at least by the record, hasn’t come. This time last season the Wildcats were in the same position at 13-9. The three teams above the Wildcats are their three conference losses (Stony Brook, Vermont, Albany). The Wildcats played closest on the road at Albany, losing in overtime 80-75, but at home against Vermont and Stony Brook, that wasn’t the case.

UNH lost 80-50 to Stony Brook and on Monday night lost 66-50 at the hands of Vermont. What is the trend in those losses? Shooting. In those two games the Wildcats shot a combined 29 percent from the field and made just six three-pointers on 29 attempts.

“I think the next step that our basketball needs to take is a sense of urgency in those games,” head coach Bill Herrion said. “We effort…she said she backed off a lot in the 500.”

Despite conserving her energy for the team’s conference run, Harper nearly broke a team record as well. The Easthampton, Massachusetts native already holds the school’s 500-meter time with a 1:51.11, just missing the pool record. She promised head coach Josh Willman then that she would break the record this year.

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