The curtailing operation

After watching the weather, many students lie awake hoping for a snow day, but few know of the efforts that go into determining whether or not to cancel classes. New England weather has always been unpredictable, but with the help of Dr. Eric Kelsey from the Department of Atmospheric Science and Chemistry at Plymouth State University, it becomes

By ADAM COOK
STAFF WRITER

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership (OSIL) awarded the Campus Collaboration award to the United Asian Coalition for the event last year. “That was really exciting, that was one of our huge motivations while preparing for this year’s event,” said Rachel Kim, president of the Korean Club about last year’s event. “What’s unique about this year are the performers,” said Kim about the Chinese Folk Art Workshop (CFAW) out of Boston, the team hired to perform at the event. The CFAW put on a powerful performance comprised of seven unique pieces. As the show began with a dramatic drum rhythm, two large lions emerged from the audience and made their way onto the stage. The large lion costumes fit over two men who brought the beasts to life. The lions snapped, growled and attacked in unison. The performances of the night ranged from all male to all female dance performances. The female performers often had props like

Students welcome the Lunar New Year

Dragons, Yo-Yos, swords and massive drums took over the Granite State Room at the MUB on Saturday night for the seventh annual Lunar New Year Celebration. The event was a collaboration put on by the United Asian Culture Coalition, the Korean Culture Club and the Vietnamese Student Association.

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Kelleher reaches milestone

Junior Tyler Kelleher tallied his 100th career point in a weekend double-header against the University of Vermont.

Stick It For The Cure, a success

The UNH women’s gymnastics team dazzled in front of a crowded Lundholm Gymnasium on Friday Night in support of cancer research.

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• Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
• Celebrating Black History Month: What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?, PCAC Museum of Art, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Power Napping Session, Campus Recreation Studio 2, 2 - 3 p.m.

Feb. 16
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• “Origin of Life” by Professor George M. Whitesides, Spaulding Hall Rm 120, 4 - 10 p.m.

Feb. 17
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• Paul J. Holloway Prize Entry Deadline, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Men’s Basketball vs. UMass Lowell, Lundholm Gymnasium

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Homeless students struggle

This winter’s weather brings new challenges to homeless people. UNH Police discuss this problem on campus.

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Dancers perform on stage at Saturday’s Lunar New Year Celebration in the Granite State Room. The UNH Police Department paired up with Larry Van Dessel, the executive director of the UNH’s facility services, to determine a plan for clearing the snow. The night ended with a beautiful display that included male and female performers all wearing white. There were more food and more variety of food,” said Thanh Dinh president of the Vietnamese Student Association adding, “We tried to give [the attendees] a bigger portion this year.”

After the last performance, a type of painting made out of rice was raffled off and Evin O’Shea, a sophomore physics major, was the lucky winner. “It was really flashy, the music was really high energy,” said O’Shea about the night.

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Megan Roche, a sophomore, said, “I think people hype it up too much. For some people it can be very meaningful, but especially mainstream media and a lot of advertisements just turn it into a meaningless means of selling you things that you don’t need.”

“I’m a slightly cynical human being. Maybe I’m biased because I’ve never had a Valentine’s Day when I’ve been dating before and I get really annoyed when my friends will parade their little Valentine’s gifts around and sometimes mock me for not having someone,” she said.

She continued on to add that part of her rationalization was also based on commercialism, adding, “There are many companies that really do oversell Valentine’s Day and rob it of any meaning.”

Still, some are able to find the fun side of Valentine’s Day, whether or not they are romantically involved. Junior Kira Clark-Viklund said that for her, “It’s just a holiday. It’s fun, even if you don’t have a date. I still enjoy eating candy.”

In fact, a common opinion was that Valentine’s Day is no longer the black and white of either uber-romantic or a day of desperation, but a day to enjoy life. “I used to not like it as much but I realized it’s just another reason to celebrate. Someone special can just be a friend,” said freshman Mary McLamb. Hanging out with friends for the evening was a favorite among singles who weren’t disenchanted with the holiday. Viklund said her plan is to, “Hang out with friends. It’s not like I’d do anything special just because it’s Valentine’s Day, unless I had a date.”

“This Valentine’s day I’m single, so me and a bunch of my girlfriends are doing Galentine’s Day. We’re all giving each other gifts and chocolate and watch cute movies together,” McLamb said.
Cold weather brings hardship for local homeless students

By RAOUL BIRON
STAFF WRITER

As records for the coldest Valentine’s Day are being shattered across New England, New Hampshire residents are being advised to keep warm, maybe curl up with a special someone, and most importantly, stay indoors. The sudden cold snap in Durham pushed most students inside and the mercury well below zero on Saturday night, but while much of UNH’s community is indoors and warm, there are still those without such a luxury.

“I think there are two categories of homeless, those who are in the UNH community. There are those who come to UNH and are not connected, and those who attend or work at UNH and are among us everyday,” said UNH Police Department Chief Paul Dean.

While accurate statistics are difficult to attain, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) estimated there to be more than 58,000 homeless students across the country from the 2012-2013 academic year. According to Shadee Ashtari from the Hampton Post, this marks a more than 75 percent increase over the previous 3 years.


However, according to the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), a major problem in gathering accurate data and directly addressing homelessness at universities comes from the stigma associated with being homeless. NAEHCY predicts FAFSA’s estimates to be significantly higher if the data included students that didn’t self-identify as homeless either due to the negative connotations associated with the term or because they weren’t aware they qualified as homeless.

While Durham doesn’t have any homeless shelters itself, the town does have an active food pantry open to those in need. “Living at Waysmeet and being involved in the food pantry has been interesting because the patrons may or may not be homeless,” said Zachary Adinolfi, a non-traditional freshman interning with Larry (Brickner-Wood, the director of the Waysmeet Center), and called the experience “very confusing experience. It was well above the poverty line faces unique challenges in sheltering those without a home. “We had a homeless man that fell asleep at Breaking New Grounds.

Fortunately, not as many students rush to the spring, compared to the fall.

“We had a homeless man that fell asleep at Breaking New Grounds last fall, and it was a very confusing experience. It was very cold outside so me and my coworker did not want to throw him out or anything like that. Luckily we had the number to [Brickner-Wood] the director of the Waysmeet Center, and called him. He told me about how New Hampshire state law requires police officers to pick up and take care of any homeless person that requires shelter,” said Jake Werner.

A student worker at Breaking New Grounds.

Werner.

Nh Brief

Dartmouth College Winter Carnival theme honors Dr. Seuss’s Books

HANOVER — Dartmouth College is again honoring one of its most famous graduates with the theme of this year’s Winter Carnival: Seuss on the Loose.

Colorful posters advertising this weekend’s event show the Grinch suspended by ropes over a frozen pond. It’s the fourth time carnival planners have honored Dr. Seuss’s literary legacy by making his characters part of the carnival theme. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Geisel, graduated from Dartmouth in 1925. Donald Pease, a Dartmouth professor and Dr. Seuss scholar, said Geisel loved the carnival and sometimes invited his family to join him for the annual celebration of winter sports.

The carnival began in 1911 and has expanded to span three days and multiple locations across campus. In addition to ski events, the carnival includes an ice-sculpting contest and human dog-sled races on the college green. This year’s carnival, which ends Sunday, includes several Seuss-themed events, including a late night breakfast featuring green eggs and ham, and screenings of movies based on Seuss’s books.

We like friends. Follow us.
Valentine's Day letters

From: Chandler Baker
To: Ashlyn Correia

I love you with the fiery passion of 1,000 suns. You make me happier than I’ve ever felt in my entire life. I’m so glad that you were able to come out to Italy and we could spend time together. Ever since I met you, you lit a fire inside me. And as the days go by, that fire burns brighter and brighter. I’ve never been able to trust anyone as much as I trust you. Even though we’re 3,920 miles apart, we’ll get to kiss each other again in July.

I love you baby girl. I always will.

From: Anonymous
To: My favorite hockey broadcaster

I love your flowy hair and scratchy beard. You make my heart full with your constant charm.

Whenever, wherever we’re meant to be together.

Happy Valentine’s Day
to the most intoxicatingly beautiful, magnificently genuine, curiously irresistible and emphatically powerful woman I have ever known.

What is your favorite thing about Durham?

SAM
My Kappa Sigma brothers.

ALLIE
The sunsets.

TYLER
The coffee.

LIA
DHoP.

ELIZABETH
Being able to use Cat’s Cache at most businesses.

BRAD
Comfortable and safe environment to go to school.

YOURELL
The unpredictable weather.

MICHAEAL
The collegiate community feel.

ASHLYN
There’s food everywhere!

Student Body Elections

First comes the NH Primary and then comes an even bigger election...

Petitions to run for Student Body President/Vice President and USSB Representative can be found in MUB Room 119 in the Student Senate Office

Email senate.speaker@ unh.edu with any questions

Petitions are due by February 17th

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Investigation into 11-year-old girl's killing still active

"No one I know has talked to him. None of the family has been in touch with him. None of us knows anything."

Eunice Richards

Wendell Noyes' Mother

Staff Report

As of March 1, 2013, at least 2,900 people have been killed by handguns since the 1993 shooting of four youth in Randalls, Arkansas.

The Big? For February
Where am I studying abroad next year!?!?

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Tuesday, Mar. 22, 1-2 pm, 3701 PAUL

Can't wait to see everyone at these events! Contact me at: angela@angelaclin.com or 890-789-3456, ext. 6789, angela@angelaclin.com

NH Briefs

Man sentenced for human trafficking in NH

BRENTWOOD — A New Hampshire judge has sentenced a man to 8 years in prison for human trafficking, after the man pleaded guilty to pimping three women by controlling their access to heroin.

Prosecutors say the crimes Frazernt Fleurimond pleaded guilty to took place in Ports-

mouth from June through Oc-

tober of 2014.

Rockingham County At-

orney Patricia Conway said Fleurimond recruited the

Historic Kearsarge Peg Co. destroyed by fire

BARTLETT — A historic mill in Bartlett, New Hamp-

sire, was destroyed by fire Fri-
day afternoon after more than a century in operation.

The Conway Daily Sun re-

ported that the cause of the fire at the Kearsarge Peg Co. is still under investiga-

tion.

Bartlett Fire Chief Pat Roberts declared the building a total loss. No injuries were

reported.

According to its website, the original mill opened in 1865 in Andover and moved its op-

eration to Bartlett in 1878. Its original purpose was the manu-

facture of wooden shoe pegs, mostly out of white birch.

Bartlett was burglarized in the 2007. He told the newspaper the building was not

insured.

Soares said he was grateful no one was

injured.

NH Hiker dies after collapsing near summit

FRANCONIA — Ofi-
cials say a 65-year-old hiker who died after having a medical emergency near the summit of a New Hampshire mountain.

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Record cold hit Northeast for Valentine’s Day

By VERENA DOBNIK
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NEW YORK — For much of the northeast United States, Valentine’s Day was the coldest on record, with people bundling up for the not-so-warm embrace of teeth-chattering temperatures.

From New York and Boston to Providence, Rhode Island and Hartford, Connecticut, temperatures on Sunday morning dipped to as low as minus-40 — on Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

The National Weather Service said the temperature in New York City’s Central Park fell to minus-1, a record low for the date. The last time it was below zero in Central Park was in January 1994.

“I’m dumb enough to do this,” exclaimed John Male before starting a 12-mile park run on Sunday morning with two companions.

“I just always come out and I just decided not to do anything differently” — except to wear a furry tiger hat with two tails over his normal headgear, in addition to four layers of clothing.

His running partner also was wearing a tiger hat on top of the balaklava that covered her face — except the eyes.

“It’s zero degrees and feels like negative 19. I’m going to sue him for personal injury after this,” joked Molly Manning, a Manhattan attorney. “I’m here because they peer-pressure me to come out today. They basically made me feel like I was a wimp unless I came out.”

Boston reached minus-9, breaking the record set in 1934 by minus-16 in Worcester, Massachusetts, breaking the 1979 record of 11 below zero.

Providence hit minus-9 and Hartford minus-12, also breaking records from 1979.

In Montpelier, Vermont, the overnight temperature hit minus-19, tying a record set in 2003. And South Lincoln, Vermont, recorded 27 below zero.

Temperatures were so low in some spots they knocked out utilities. A frozen regulator left about 400 customers in Connecticut without natural gas service and officials believe extreme cold in Vermont broke a utility pole, knocking out service to about 1,500.

An emergency generator didn’t kick in for Sheffield Seaboard Chairman Walter Smith, who said he lost a greenhouse full of about 500 orchids. “I’ve got it working now but it’s too late,” he said.

The cold kept many people inside. In a New Jersey bagel shop that’s usually brimming with customers on Sunday mornings, Joe Weir was among a small handful of people who sat drinking coffee.

“I just came from a church service, and it definitely wasn’t as packed as it usually is,” the 60-year-old Toms River man said. “We have a lot of elderly parishioners, and when the weather gets bad or real cold like this, a lot of them choose to stay in and watch a Mass on TV instead of going to church. Can’t say I blame them.”

Temperatures were expected to climb before a winter storm already bringing snow to the Midwest moves into the region.

The storm was expected to bring 5 inches of snow to parts of Kentucky and up to 6 inches to parts of Tennessee before turning to rain.

West Virginia could see up to 9 inches of snow from the storm before it heads into the warming northeast.

The National Weather Service said up to 3 inches of snow was possible in Philadelphia and 2 inches of snow in New York on Washington’s Birthday.

In Brief

NOAA advises New England residents to stay away from seal pups

PORTLAND, Maine — The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is advising New Englanders to stay away from seal pups on islands and shores of the northeast United States, Valentine’s Day was the coldest on record.

Maine bobcat hunt ends as New Hampshire considers its own hunt

PORTLAND, Maine — Maine’s bobcat hunt is coming to a close for the year as New Hampshire regulators decide for whether to reinstate a hunting season for the animals in their state.

The hunt in Maine ends on Sunday, New Hampshire and Massachusetts from December to February.

The fuzzy pups are sometimes seen on their own while their mother is off feeding. NOAA advises residents that this is not uncommon, and the pup is likely not in danger. The agency asks beachgoers to stay away from seals and keep their pets at bay around the marine mammals.

NOAA also says the crying noise gray seal pups sometimes make is not necessarily a sign of distress. The agency says 150 feet is a safe distance for people.

But the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted in October to start the rule-making process for a new season that would include 50 permits for residents only, issued by lottery. State officials closed the public comment period on the proposal on Feb. 10.

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WASHINGTON — Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the Supreme Court, has died, leaving the high court without its conservative majority and setting up an ideological confrontation over his successor in the maelstrom of a presidential election year. Scalia was 79.

Scalia was found dead Saturday morning at private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas, after he’d gone to his room the night before and did not appear for breakfast, said Donna Sellers, speaking for the U.S. Marshals Service in Washington. The cause of death was not immediately known. A gray hearse was seen at the entrance to the Cibolo Creek Ranch, near Shafter, on Saturday. President Barack Obama made clear Saturday night he would nominate a successor to Scalia, despite calls from Republicans to leave that choice — and the certain political struggle over it — to the next president. He promised to use so “in due time” while paying tribute to Scalia as “one of the towering legal figures of our time.”

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Transcript: Teen called herself ‘monster’ in mother’s death

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ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A 14-year-old girl accused of putting with her soldier boyfriend to kill her mother last year called herself “a monster” as she pleaded guilty in exchange for a 35-year-to-life sentence, according to a transcript of the court proceeding.

The transcript of Thursday’s hearing also indicates that Jamie Silvonek has agreed to testify at the upcoming trial of Army Spec. Caleb Barnes, The (Allentown) Morning Call reported.

Silvonek pleaded guilty in Lehigh County to first-degree murder, criminal conspiracy, evidence-tampering and abuse of a corpse in the March 15 death of 54-year-old Cheryl Silvonek.

“I was a monster. There is no sugarcoating it and there is absolutely no sympathy,” she said, according to the transcript.

Silvonek said the couple discussed killing her mother for a week and Barnes talked about weapons he planned to use, the transcript said.

“He had proposed that we kill her and we had discussed things such as luring her away, me luring her away,” Jamie Silvonek said, according to the transcript. “And he made a comment such as, ‘I already have my knives picked out.’”

The hearing was not on any public court schedule and reporters weren’t told about it, the newspaper reported. Judge Maria Dantos subsequently allowed a viewing of the transcript; lawyers in the case are subject to a gag order.

Silvonek, who was charged as an adult, was accused of conspiring with Barnes via text to kill her mother in the driveway of her home near Allentown after returning from a concert. Authorities alleged that Barnes, 21, stabbed the woman, and he and the teenager then ate at a restaurant and went shopping for gloves, bleach and other cleaning supplies.

Barnes’ trial on charges of homicide, abuse of a corpse, tampering with physical evidence and conspiracy is scheduled for April 11.

“I spent months lying about, about what I did. I can’t go on with the rest of my life doing that,” Jamie Silvonek said, according to the transcript. “My mother was . . . the glue that held everyone in my family together, including me. And I can’t look at myself in the mirror knowing that.”

She told the judge, however, that Barnes did not force her to take part in the slaying, according to the transcript.

“I did it myself. No one made me do it,” she said. “I wasn’t under the influence of anyone, or under any drug, or under anything, but my own selfishness.”

She also said she didn’t care how much time she served in prison because “there is nothing, there is no punishment on Earth that can, that can ever compare to how I feel about myself.”

Authorities said Barnes and Jamie Silvonek met in October 2014, when she was 13, but she told him she was 17. Cheryl Silvonek found out about their relationship in early March 2015 and ordered them to end it, and a day later, the teenager told Barnes she wanted her parents dead, authorities alleged in court documents.

On March 14, Cheryl Silvonek learned that Barnes, who was based at Fort Meade in Maryland but was off-duty at the time, intended to take her daughter to a concert in Scranton, and she threatened to hurt her daughter that he would not be allowed at the house. The teenager then texted Barnes, “She threatened to throw me out of the house. I want her gone,” authorities said in a affidavit, and she later wrote to him “just do it,” authorities said.

Police found Cheryl Silvonek’s body in a shallow grave a few miles from the Silvonek home and the victim’s blood-soaked car was found nearby.

Recordings reveal lies former sheriff told prosecutor

STAFF REPORT  ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Former Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca told three lies to federal authorities who were investigating corruption at the jails he ran, according to a transcript of the court proceeding.

The Los Angeles Times reported Saturday that recorded interviews reveal Baca denied knowing about efforts to stifle an investigation, that deputies had interrupted an interview with a federal prosecutor, and Baca portrayed himself as a hands-off manager who knew nothing about attempts to keep the informant away from FBI agents.

“Isn’t aware of any of the . . . particulars,” he said.

Baca, who headed the nation’s largest sheriff’s department for more than 15 years, had ended a jailhouse interview with a federal prosecutor in January 2014. He consistently dodged questions about any connection to the corruption even as former underlings pleaded guilty or were convicted.

During his four-hour interview with a federal prosecutor, Baca portrayed himself as a hands-off manager who knew nothing about attempts to keep the informant away from FBI agents. He also denied knowing that deputies had interrupted and ended a jailhouse interview between FBI agents and the informant, or knowing that deputies went to the lead FBI agent’s home and threatened to arrest her.

On Wednesday, he pleaded guilty to lying to federal authorities.

According to the plea agreement, Baca ordered that the informant be isolated and instructed deputies to approach the FBI agent and “do everything but put handcuffs on her.”

Court papers show a lieutenant working in the jails had apologized to Baca for allowing the FBI agents to speak with the informant.

During the interview, Baca said a threat by one of the deputies to arrest the FBI agent was impulsive and an “impulsive reaction.”

When asked whether the deputy actually intended to arrest her, or was bluffing, Baca replied: “I don’t believe anyone should lie under any circumstances.”

He faces up to six months behind bars when he is sentenced on May 16.

The New Hampshire

In Brief

People hit by blow darts on Golden Gate Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO — Authorities say two pedestrians were hit by blow darts while walking across the Golden Gate Bridge.

The California Highway Patrol says an officer patrolling the bridge on bicycle was flagged down Friday by a man who had been hit in the leg.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports the 5-inch long dart had sunk about 2 inches into the man’s skin.

Officials say that as emergen- cy personnel were speaking with the man, a woman approached them and said she too had been hit by a blow dart in the knee. Both were evaluated by paramedics and released at the scene.

The CHF says it has opened an investigation and that officers are looking for surveillance video of the attacks.

Hikers warned not to feed the goats on trail

CLARK FORK, Idaho — A hiking trail in northern Idaho re-opened Saturday, but with an admonishment to hikers: don’t feed the goats.

The U.S. Forest Service closed Scotchman Peak Trail in Kaniksu National Forest last fall after human handouts had made mountain goats aggressive.

One of the hoofed animals bit a hiker. Others had tried to head-but hikers in an attempt to get food. The agency said some hikers had even let the goats eat from their hands.

Visitors should practice good goat etiquette, which means not feeding the wild animals and educating hikers that do.
By FRANK ELTMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALVERTON, N.Y.—Walter Yakoboski scrounged together nearly every penny he made as a short-order cook in 1979 to begin buying a small collection of rare comic books for $10,000, hoping his boyhood passion could one day pay off as an investment.

That day may soon be here.

Yakoboski’s copy of “Amazing Fantasy” No. 15 from 1962—which introduced the world to Spider-Man—could fetch $400,000 or more when it goes up for auction later this month.

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She has said the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Connecticut in 2012 helped con- vince her to share her story, and that she couldn’t get the images from the book to mental health charities and research.

“I think of a day that goes by where I don’t think of the people that Dylan harmed,” Sue Klebold said.

“… That he would, he could talk to me about any- thing,” she continued.

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The death of 79-year-old Antonin Scalia, someone many students have likely never heard of until the news broke Saturday, leaves an open spot in what is arguably the most influential and powerful group of decision makers in the United States—the justices seated on the Supreme Court bench.

Typically, the death of a Supreme Court justice creates a void for the nation. For better or for worse, they have had a significant social impact for years to follow. Nonetheless, the justices who ruled on these cases. Wouldn’t it be compelling to know more about the men and women that have such authority and make such difficult decisions that have enormous implications? Although his death deserves proper respect, it’s difficult not to speculate on who his replacement might be and his potential impact on the country.

Scalia, who had conservative tendencies when it came to decisions, dissented in the June 2015 ruling that declared laws preventing same-sex marriage unconstitutional. Theoretically, a more liberal-leaning justice could potentially open the door to more liberal legislation being declared constitutional, especially if Democrats gain control of the White House and Senate in the next few years.

For over 140 years, there have consistently been nine Supreme Court justices seated on the bench. Justices are introduced by the president and then voted on by the Senate, requiring a major confirmation. The most recent justice added to the bench was Elena Kagan in 2010. Despite the power the Supreme Court has, recent studies suggest that a majority of Americans are not entirely knowledgeable of those presiding on the highest bench in the United States. Disturbingly, data from FindLaw.com found that only 34 percent of Americans could name a single justice seated on the Supreme Court. That’s shocking when considering the implications it has on virtually everyone in this country.

Typically, The New Hampshire staff is skeptical when it comes to making generalizations based off of survey collections. However we would be willing to bet that an overwhelming majority of Americans could not name every justice, or even more than a few on the highest bench.

More or less, the Supreme Court’s role is to determine whether or not acts of our government’s legislative and executive branches are constitutional. More specifically, the court serves as an important means of checks and balances. Throwback to high school civics, we know.

For example, Barack Obama took the Affordable Care Act into law in 2010, but it was officially found constitutional when the Supreme Court ruled it so in 2012. On the other hand, the Affordable Care Act would not be enforceable by law if it had been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 2012.

The men and women on the United States Supreme Court serve an important role in our nation, and The New Hampshire respects the difficult job they have at hand. However, we implore the student body, and our greater readership in general, to take some time to research the sitting justices.

Political views and thoughts on decisions aside, our thoughts are with the Scalia family, and we condemn those who have readily expressed poor taste in light of his death.
Shaking the establishment

From the Left

Mark Kobzik

Trump has access to the media, a populist message for everyone who is white and, of course, has deep pockets. If Cruz isn’t the one to bring this game to a stop, maybe it’s Kasich. More likely Rubio. But he just got embarrassed for being a robot. Bush? He got the money for now, but when will his bank rollers get sick of fourth place? These are all important questions I can’t answer. All I know is that Trump is on top of the world right now.

The GOP will have to rally if they’re serious about getting the protoypical moderate in the ring. But this campaign season has been about really only one thing. Not policy or politics. It’s been dominated by personality, and Trump has an authoritarian personality that all those other candidates—and all their practice can’t copy. He’s the anti-PC crusader who can say whatever the hell he wants with apparently no repercussions. He understands his crowds more than any other politician I’ve ever seen. That’s why, even if I hate the guy, I can understand why angry people think he’s the answer. Not justifying him, just rationalizing what’s happening. Bernie, the messenger of love, the democratic socialist from Vermont, destroyed Clinton in the New Hampshire Democratic primary by a margin of 22 points. Sen. Sanders also became the first Jewish candidate to ever win a primary, and that’s something we should all be proud of. Unfortunately, it only took us like 224 years, and I’m sure makes me wonder why it’s taken this long. Anyway, his message and personality rings with authenticity and the grassroots movement. The Clinton headquarters must be in freak out mode. The coronation process was all planned and everything would have been okay if it weren’t for those rotten kids. Literally, those rotten kids like an episode of “Scobee Doo.” Bernie took the young vote by an embarrassing margin.

This voting thing isn’t even close to being over. We have months to go before even electing a nominee for both parties. We will have to see if populists Bernie and Trump can keep rolling or if the moderates will come out on top. We will have to watch CNN and that horrible orgy of graphics and displays and hours of John King pointing to things on a screen. And don’t forget Wolf Blitzer announcing “Breaking News.”

I’ll stop torturing you and be on my way. Go out and vote. Be involved. And hopefully you can drown out all the noise and read a book or enjoy a good television show. I recommend any of the following: “Game of Thrones” (my favorite), “Mad Men,” “Breaking Bad,” “Hannibal,” “Twain Peaks,” or “Orange is the New Black.” That should hold you over until November.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was once a part of a political revolution. A young, charismatic candidate was our guide. He promised change. He was going to reform the political system as we knew it, and he was going to do it with the goodwill of support driving his revolution. It was going to be a once-in-a-generation phenomenon.

Eight years later, I find my fellow millennials looking at another “political revolution,” led by a crazy-haired old white man. A socialist, he calls himself. A man who promises change, because the political system is still broken. Another man who, just like the great revolutionary before him, ultimately did, will likely fail to keep his promises. It’s an imperfect analogy, yes, but it is one that surprisingly works. The parallels between our first revolutionary victory of 2008, Barack Obama and the most recent beacon of liberal hope, Bernie Sanders, should be obvious. Which means that the lessons America learned from Obama’s successes, and failures, should apply to a theoretical Sanders presidency.

Just what do those lessons tell us? They tell us that, without a Democratic majority in the House and Senate, the extremely liberal policy promises Sanders offers will likely be broken. That’s because real change does not happen unless there are one man. Simply look towards President Obama’s greatest political policy achievement, the Affordable Care Act. It was passed before the GOP officially took over in 2010. It was passed with absolutely zero, I repeat, zero, Republican votes.

While compromises can be achieved, it’s not certain whether the headstrong Sanders — whose unwavering passion behind his beliefs is a part of his appeal — will be willing to concede points in a negotiation with leading Congressional Republicans to get a hypocritical single-payer bill. And if he does, whether his supporters will be content with the compromise.

So, how do we achieve change in politics? How can we make liberal dreams — like a single-payer health care system, affordable higher education, criminal justice reform, or gender equality — a reality? If the Republican Party has taught Americans anything since the Reagan era, it is that you achieve change in 2018 with the midterm elections, when citizens line up to vote for the less sexy, less inspiring positions of U.S. Senator, state senator, or city mayor. The Republicans have created political change by showing up simply by electing them during those elections, which allows them to be uncompromising when they sit down on the negotiation table. Why would they, after all, concede to a Democrat when they remain theoretically unconcerned during their re-election campaign?

Liberals, on the other hand, have failed to show up to the polls on off years; hence why we find the likes of Senator Joni Ernst in Iowa. We lack the bargaining position that comes with numbers, and its why no “political revolution” in 2016 will result in a wholesale change of government. After all, once the excitement of “Feeling the Bern” subsides, all my fellow millennials — or, more broadly, my fellow liberals — will fail to show up come the midterm elections. They did in 2010 and again in 2014. In 2017, when they don’t, America will remain where we stand today: gridlocked. Then the country will become disenfranchised with a man who promised change, yet stands no chance against a political environment that punishes compromise.

Adam Babinat

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

‘Cats struggle vs BU

By MARK GARBINO
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats dropped both games of a home-and-home series with the Boston University Terriers over the weekend. UNH let a 3-1 lead slip away in the third period to lose 6-4 on Saturday at BU and could not complete a comeback on Sunday, losing 6-2 at the Whit.

With the pair of losses, the Wildcats’ record falls to 10-21-1 on the season, with just two games remaining. They are currently in possession of the fifth seed in Hockey East, but can’t finish any higher, as the fourth place University of Connecticut has pulled out of reach.

Despite not getting the desired results, head coach Hilary Witt liked the effort she saw out of her team.

“I’m proud of the way we fought,” she said. “If we fight like this in all our games, we always have a chance, and that’s what we need to continue to do.”

Junior forward Cassandra Vilgrain and senior goalie Kyra Smith both scored a goal heading into the locker room. UNH led 24-21.

“We kind of helped their run a little bit as UNH prepares to take on Maine in its last shot came up short and UNH won 49-46.

The Wildcats really did not have much to boast about in this game, as they were out shot 37-21, with 30 of those shots coming in the last period.

“We missed a lot of easy shots, but we knew if we focused on defense we would win that game,” Belanger said.

The ‘Cats weren’t going to let the big conference game slip away. Clutch free throws by Pogue and sophomore Aliza Simpson gave UNH a slim lead. Stony Brook had the last possession to try and tie the game, but its last shot came up short and UNH won 49-46.

“Rebounds ending the possession, that was huge, only giving them one chance. I thought we did a great job defensively,” Belanger said.

The win caps a tough streak of games, as the Wildcats have now faced the top three teams in America East in their last three games. The schedule eases up a bit as UNH prepares to take on the middle of the conference standings.

“We’re hoping this (win) can help us roll into March,” Copes said.

“I think we can do something special at the end of the season,” Belanger said.

UNH is back in action at Umass Lowell on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and back home on Saturday, Feb. 20 against Hartford.

For more information on the UNH women’s basketball team, visit the UNH athletics website, unhwildcats.com, or follow the team on social media, @UNHHoops.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Defense propels ‘Cats past Seawolves

By SAM ROGERS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Although it was Valentine’s Day, there were no displays of love between UNH and Stony Brook. The two America East rivals went back and forth in the final few minutes of play, but the Wildcats held on to their game-long lead and escaped with a 49-46 win.

The Wildcats typically see themselves faltering early on in games and Sunday was no different. UNH only scored 11 points in the first quarter, but was fortunate that the Seawolves couldn’t capitalize either.

The ‘Cats’ aggressive defense and constant rebound control allowed six Stony Brook points in the first ten minutes.

Assistant Coach Brendan Copes noticed the flat start but was happy on how his team defended the basket.

“Our Achilles heel all season has been our first quarter things get away from us and we have to climb back in the second half,” Copes said. “Today was the opposite. We came out and defended, we held them to six points and built a little bit of a lead.”

Senior Elizabeth Belanger scored nine out of the first 11 points for the Wildcats. Belanger went on to lead the team in scoring with 19. In addition to being the game leader in scoring, she notched ten rebounds and played the entire game.

Sophomore Carlie Pogue, who struggled finishing in the rim early, grabbed eight rebounds and tallied 13 points to lead UNH forwards.

The ‘Cats saw themselves with a 10-point lead with two minutes remaining in the first half. But after a few costly turnovers, Stony Brook cut the lead to three heading into the locker room.

“We kind of helped their run with a couple key turnovers and missed shots,” Copes said.

The third frame was more of the same. UNH controlled the first eight minutes of the period, playing solid defense, limiting turnovers, and controlling the glass. The Wildcats held a nine-point lead in the final minute of the third, but let the Seawolves back into it and trailed by one heading into the fourth.

“The game as a whole, we didn’t shoot the ball particularly well,” Copes said to explain the team’s utility to their loss. “We missed a lot of easy shots, but we knew if we focused on defense we would win that game,” Belanger said.

The ‘Cats weren’t going to let the big conference game
It was a bend-but-don’t-break weekend for the Wildcats as they hosted Vermont for a weekend doubleheader. UNH dropped Friday night’s decision 3-2, then tied Saturday’s game 2-2 to grab a single Hockey East point. The Wildcats gave Vermont a jump over UNH in the Hockey East standings, and the Wildcats’ probability of securing home ice in the Hockey East playoffs remains questionable.

“Just told my team that we spent some time in our own end. They outcompeted us in our own end,” head coach Dick Umile said after Friday night’s loss. “We couldn’t get the puck up to our forwards and we spent too much time in the defensive zone.”

Although Umile’s words weren’t optimistic, the team had a strong start to Friday night. Tyler Kelleher scored the first goal of the game, his eighth goal of the season, on the man-advantage to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead 7-minutes, 54-seconds into the game.

It became a much more physical battle going into the second period, making power plays critical. Vermont, who came into Friday night with the nation’s worst power play efficiency, surprised the fans and tied the game on a power play goal from Liam Coughlin.

“Everyone looked good. We played really well, and as a team,” head coach Sarah Albrecht said after Saturday’s game marked Umile’s 1,088th game as a head coach, a milestone only 11 other coaches have reached in history. “Played a lot of games with a lot of great kids,” Umile said. “The UNH alum is currently in his 26th season as a UNH head coach. “I’m just thankful and fortunate.”

Next up for the Wildcats is a home-and-home series against the Boston University Terriers next week. Friday night’s game will be at the Whittemore Center and will be televised on NESN at 8:30 p.m.

Wildcats open with a win at Cowell Stadium

By BRIAN DUNN
SPORTS EDITOR

The cold never bothered them anyway.

On a freezing cold Saturday afternoon in Durham, the UNH women’s lacrosse team opened up the regular season with a 14-8 win over Hofstra at Cowell Stadium. Nine different Wildcats scored in the winning effort, including a hat trick from sophomore attacker Kaisa Schaefer. The team improved its overall record to 24-16 in season-opening games.

“Up and down the field we played really well, and as a team,” head coach Sarah Albrecht said, wa just happy he could help. “He is a great player and it definitely was a special moment for him,” McNicholas said. “It was nice to be a part of that, for sure.”

“It was pretty cool, unfortunately we didn’t get the win, but it was a cool feeling though,” Kelleher said.

The Wildcats mustered a meager six shots in the third period after a controversial goal call for Vermont. While Umile and the UNH fans appeared irate, the goal was upheld by the officials, and proved to be enough for the Catamounts to secure the 3-2 victory.

UNH looked to salvage lost ground and flip the script against lips of the polls, the Wildcats beat the Pride on their home turf. McHoul expressed optimism moving forward in the season after the victory.

“Being on a high right now, coming in with your first win definitely marked a statement,” McHoul said, who despite the team’s 6-10 overall record last year, is looking forward to the season ahead. “I think by win- ning, this has really got us going for the rest of the season.”

The team will look to remain unbeaten as it travels to Amherst to take on the UMass Minutemen next Saturday at 3 p.m.

SKIING

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at the University of Vermont Carnival and fourth in the classic sprint at the Bates College Carnival.

“We have a great blend between upperclassmen and fresh- man,” Nordic coach and ski co-ordinator Cory Schwartz said. “There is a great atmosphere among the team. They train well together, our team is deep.”

Last week, the ‘Cats took third in the UVM Carnival with a strong showing from all ath- letes. Historically, UNH has always been a top three contender in its conference, the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association. Although Vermont and Dart- mouth College consistently lead the polls, the Wildcats bridged the gap a bit in their latest meet- ing, falling just short of the top two teams in the conference.

The Williams College Car- nival lies ahead for UNH. It will begin on Feb. 19 and wrap up the following day. Alpine races are slated to be held at Jiminy Peak, while the Nordic events will be held at Prospect Mountain.

For more information on the UNH ski team including schedules, visit the UNH athletics website, unhwildcats.com.
The Wildcats have experienced a rash of injuries in the last couple weeks, and it was never more clear than in Saturday night’s Stick It For The Cure meet against Southern Connecticut State University. But with several gymnasts out, junior standout Meghan Pflieger rose up to lead the ‘Cats to a 194.100-190.425 win.

“I feel definitely a lot better,” Pflieger, who has been nursing shoulder injuries of her own this season, said. “I took a little bit of a rest this week, just doing quality work.”

Pflieger, usually a fixture in the all-around, has yet to return to form because of her shoulder injury, but the Barneveld, New York, native dazzled on the three events in which she did compete. Pflieger stuck a 9.850 on the vault, placing second only to teammate Elizabeth Mahoney’s 9.900. On beam and floor, Pflieger again scored 9.850s, which was the top score on beam and tied with freshmen Danielle Doolin on floor.

The Wildcats were with out two of their top performers. Kelsey Aucin and senior Jeanette Driscoll are two of UNH’s greatest athletes that leave a void. However, sophomore Casey Murphy was not content with bronze. In the 400-yard individual medley, the freshman crushed her personal record to win the event with a 4:21.47. On day four, she followed up the win with a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly and was vital in relays all weekend, eventually winning the Outstanding Rookie of the Meet award.

The freshmen did amazing this year. We had a lot of pressure on us, but all of us were able to step up,” Driscoll said. “Now that it’s over, I feel relieved that I made it through my first season and [I’m] hungry to do even better next season.”

Driscoll was not the only freshman to win an event. After finishing second place in the 100-yard backstroke and seventh in the 200-yard individual medley, New Hampshire native Lindsay Lemerise torched the competition with a 2:00.28 in the 200-yard backstroke.

The Retrievers proved to have too many swimmers to overcome. Despite UNH winning 10 events to UMBC’s eight, the Retrievers seemingly had a swimmer or two for each UNH swimmer in the final heat of any event. UMBC was also paced by the America East Swimmer of the Meet, Emily Escobedo. The junior only got better as the weekend went on, helping her team win the 200-yard medley relay and then crushing her conference records in the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard backstroke, where her 2:00.21 winning time was the best the Wildcats have seen all season.

“The seniors made this meet special for the freshmen, Moffat and Driscoll finished second and third in the 500-yard freestyle behind Harp er, and Moffat was second in the 200 and 1,650 free as well,” Har ter said. “They did a great job.”

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UNH finished second at America East Championships behind strong performances in each of the freestyle events

**Swimming & Diving**

The Wildcats celebrate on the podium after the 500-yard freestyle finals. Bridget Miller (front) took sixth. Brittany Driscoll (left), Brittany Moffat (center) and Jess Harper (right) took the top three spots.

By ANDREW YOURELL SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, the Wildcats scored 777 points and won 11 of the meet’s 20 events, but were outdone by the superior depth of the talented University of Maryland, Baltimore County squad, and finished as runner’s up.

This season, despite some truly dominating performances, the story was the same. UNH finished second to the Retrievers by a score of 885.5-824.5, followed by Vermont, Maine and Binghamton. Depth again proved to be the team’s Achilles heel, as the ‘Cats ultimately won 10 of the 20 events, including every single individual freestyle event.

“I think that everyone, especially the freshmen, stepped up and did a great job,” head coach Josh Willman said.

The Wildcats were led by their star sophomore duo, Liza Baykova and Jess Harper. Baykova won all three of the sprint freestyle events, while Harper cleaned up the distance freestyles with new team and conference records in the 500-yard and 1650-yard freestyle.

“I think the whole team swam really well,” associate head coach Jarrod Zwirko, who also trains mainly with the distance team, said. “Day in and day out that’s our goal, is to be as fast as we can be here and to be able to compete for those top spots.”

Baykova and Harper teamed up for several relays, including the conference record-setting 800-yard freestyle relay on day one. The two were joined by freshmen Brittany Moffat and Brittany Driscoll, and the quartet all went under 1 minute, 50.48 seconds to set the new record, 7:16.14.

Baykova’s powerful stroke was too much for the competition to overcome, and she recorded times of 23.44 seconds and 1:47.68 in the 50 and 200-yard freestyle events. But in a stunning swim, the sophomore broke the program’s only All-American Denise Piazza, Purrrier climb national rankings

By RYAN PAGLIARO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The men’s and women’s track teams completed a busy weekend, but the looming America East Conference Championships haven’t kept them from posting some impressive times in this week’s races.

On the women’s side, the ‘Cats sent several top athletes to the competitive David Ho- mery Valentine Invitational on Friday. Sophomore Elinor Purrrier stamped her name into history once again with a blistering mile time of 4 minutes, 29.17 seconds. Purrrier broke her own school record of 4:36.14 that she set her freshman year, and her new time is currently the fastest collegiate mile time in the entire nation. Running this race against profession- al runners, her incredible time was good for fourth in the race.

Laura Rose Donegan also performed well in the mile, setting a new personal record by almost five seconds with a time of 4:57.48, earning her a 26th place finish. The time qual- ifies Donegan for an Eastern Collegiate Ath- letic Conference appearance as well. She was followed up by a 26th place finish by teammate Shannon Murdock. Brianna Boden, Amber Short, and Amanda Szymanski also qualified for Conference Championships in the 3000 meter race.

While many accomplishments were being made Friday night in Boston, the other half of the women’s team went head to head with University of Maine. The ‘Cats enjoyed their first place finish with Angelyn Masters taking first in the mile with a time of 5:12.28 and two first-place finishes in the throwing cir- cles. Abigail Kaplan tossed the shotput for 40 feet, 9.75 inches, and Emily Wernig set a new.stat. of the week

Team records broken by UNH swimming this weekend.