Gandhi’s grandson a ‘peace farmer’

By STEPHANIE MORALES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Arun Gandhi, grandson of icon Mahatma Gandhi, came to speak at UNH on Wednesday night as a part of the MUB’s Current Issues Lecture Series. Several organizations worked together to bring the peace and non-violence speaker to UNH, including Amnesty International, STAND, the Memorial Union Building, Residential Life, and Hillel.

Margaret Quick, UNH sophomore and STAND president, was excited to have Gandhi speak for the community in order to “educate” and “empower” individuals in the audience on the peace movement.

“You don’t see a lot of compassion right now,” Quick said. “What we’re trying to promote as an organization is his exact message that we need to bring humanity back to humanity.”

During the talk, Gandhi shared his grandfather’s philosophies on peace that were passed down onto him. Gandhi considers himself to be a “peace farmer,” planting seeds in the minds of individuals to “transform the world and make it a more peaceful one.”

Gandhi’s focus was on a wide range of issues related to peace and non-violence. He spoke of anger and the dangers that come along with it. Gandhi told the story of how he was sent to live with his grandfather in India after he became angry that he was facing discrimination while living in South Africa. With the help of his grandfather, he learned how to control his anger by understanding the nature behind it.

Gandhi also spent time discussing passive violence, which is “the fuel that ignites physical violence.” He shared how his grandfather told him that passive acts of violence are committed...

Panel discusses disability issues

By ETHAN HOGAN
STAFF WRITER

The Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities and Disability Services for Students believes that engaging the student body in discussion about students with disabilities can be a beneficial experience to all.

The commission is working to make the campus experience more accessible and manageable for all residents of the university. A panel of students with varying disabilities was held on Wednesday in the MUB to discuss these issues.

“Last winter was a real challenge,” said Georgie Kerns, co-chair of the commission, about the difficulty people with mobility issues had as a result of the storms last winter.

According to Kerns, students who needed personal care attendants to get out of bed and to get food were stranded in their dorm rooms because the personal care attendants could not get to them. “They couldn’t eat, they couldn’t get out of bed, they couldn’t shower, they couldn’t get dressed because they need someone to help them do that,” said Kerns.

The commission worked with the campus police to design a plan for these situations. In the event of a snow storm the campus police will escort the personal care attendants to the individuals who need personal care. However, according to Kerns, this winter did not have adequate snow fall for the plan to be properly tested.

Not every problem associated with disabilities is so obvious. Some students have conditions that you wouldn’t know they had by looking at them. The panel...
OSIL and missing ‘Jeffrey’

‘Jeffrey,’ the 6-month-old bamboo plant, has gone missing from the OSIL in the MUB. Learn what has happened since.

UNH journalism alum talks ISIS

Global business reporter for DefenseOne in Washington D.C., Marcus Weisgerber returned to UNH on Tuesday as the 2016 Donald Murray Visiting Journalist.

Team effort lifts ‘Cats

The Wildcat offense used 8 different players to score in a 16-6 victory over Holy Cross.

Dion has a day

Daniel Dion’s 23 points led UNH to a 56-51 win over Binghamton in the America East Quarterfinal Wednesday night.

This Week in Durham

March 3

- Paws and Relax with Hamilton, Various locations, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- UNH IT: Coffee Talk Series on Social Media, MUB, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Marilla Ricker & Harriet Wilson Celebration, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 4

- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House- Jerry Azumah Strength Center, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Biological Sciences Seminar, Spaulding Hall G70, 12 - 1 p.m.
- First Fridays Speaker Series welcomes Prof. Keith Botelho, ’06, Petree Hall, Room G10, 12 p.m.

March 5

- SyndiCON Cubed, Straford Room, MUB, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Fairfield University, Cowell Stadium, 12 p.m.

March 6

- SyndiCON Cubed, Straford Room, MUB, 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.
- UNH Concert Choir and UNH Symphonic Band, Johnson Theater, PCAC, 3 p.m.

A day that changed lives

UNH associate professor Julia Rodriguez discusses her memories of Sept. 11, 2001, and the impact the day had on her family.

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that there are currently no plans to expand the minor into a major option.

Marc Sedam, who serves as the associate vice provost for Innovation and New Ventures and is the managing director of UNHInnovation, said the industry’s expansion goes beyond New Hampshire: it is evident on a national level.

“The brewing industry has grown from just under 40 operating breweries in the entire U.S. in the late 70s to over 3,500 today, and the growth in N.H. is remarkable,” Sedam said. “We want to be responsive to industry needs proactively whenever we can.

Sedam added that UNHInnovation thought the program would be a good idea because it is an exciting prospect for the UNH community.

“UNHInnovation is all about bringing ideas to life,” Sedam said. “Whether those ideas are from students, faculty, or staff, we want to promote and support the passion behind those ideas from concept to reality whenever we can. And, people tend to be passionate about beer.”

According to the report, UNH Professional Development and Training will kick off the initiative with a five-day, non-credit course called “Craft Brewery Startup Workshop: The Business of Beer.”

“TheYoung people are going to be leaders of tomorrow and the leaders of this world,” Gandhi said. “I’m just hoping that, like a farmer, I go out and plant seeds of peace and young people will think about and let it germinate so change will take place.”

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Recently, New Hampshire’s beer industry has expanded to a “hobby brewing” status. The report mentions that there are more than 50 operating breweries in the state alone, which is a higher number than what existed in the entire country 40 years ago. Vasudevan said the creators of the initiative believe UNH’s resources will help employees with skills necessary to meet the industry’s high demand.

“The creation of an analytical testing laboratory will provide a key resource to the craft beer industry in the state,” Vasudevan said. “More importantly, students from different academic backgrounds will be able to take advantage of the minor and get internships and jobs in the state.”

According to the report, the university purchased the equipment for the pilot brewing system, which will be operated by the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA), from “a small local brewery” that expanded recently. Aside from student use, the report states local breweries will also be allowed to rent the equipment for “testing and experimentation.”

Vasudevan said the idea for the brewing minor arose from discussions between his department and “colleagues from COLSA, Cooperative Extension, UNHInnovation and others,” and on Wednesday also discussed, at length, these invisible obstacles.

“I had to learn how I function,” says Lea Macheras whose conditions make it hard for her to learn and to focus. Macheras spoke about the struggles of adapting to the college pace.

“It was very easy when I was younger to play into the disability thing. It’s cool because now I see it as, it’s just a difference, it’s just a learning difference,” said Macheras adding. “I just have to find out how I’m different, how to accommodate myself and to not quit.”

Macheras explained that when she decided to look for assistance the university was able to help her. Weekly planners and different test taking systems have helped her to feel on track and successful.

Panel speaker Christopher DePierto suffered a traumatic car crash that left his brain without oxygen for nine minutes. DePierto discussed what it’s like to recover from that accident and how it has affected his learning.

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As I am coming out of this iceberg state, my brain is thawing and I am becoming a person again,” said DePierto. DePierto also spoke on what it was like deciding his path in life after the accident.

“I am struggling between two parts of me, one that says ‘Do this, it’s what you want to do’ and the other part that says ‘Do what you have been genetically pre-disposed to do’,” said DePierto.

Dave Zamansky, the assistant director of the MUB, was given the 2016 UNH President’s Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities Award for his efforts in making the campus a more comfortable and accessible place for all.

The panel also included Rebecca Robichaud who has chronic pain and Kevin Erinis who has mobility issues because of his condition. Both students acknowledged the accommodations that the university has made available.

The panel members’ individual conditions were not discussed at length. Instead, the panel discussed how they have personally coped and how the university has given them the opportunity to learn.

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Weisgerber ’04 talks war reporting in the age of ISIS

BY HADLEY BANDDOLLAR STAFF WRITER

It was an infamous day in 2001 that caused Marcus Weisgerber to take a look at his career path.

Weisgerber, a 2004 UNH alum, was enrolled in a writing class when the World Trade Center collapsed. A Long Island native, the stories of Weisgerber’s family and friends were directly impacted by the tragedy that struck the nation. He looked to his cousin, who escaped from the attack, and asked if he could tell her story.

Now the global business reporter for DefenseOne in Washington D.C., Weisgerber returned to UNH on Tuesday as the 2016 Donald Murray Visiting Journalist. Weisgerber reports on the intersection between national security and business. He’s reported from Afghanistan, the Middle East, Europe and Asia, usually traveling alongside the defense secretary and U.S. military officials.

“The first bit of military reporting I ever did was embed with the New Hampshire National Guard and cover Hurricane Katrina,” Weisgerber said of his time working for Foster’s Daily Democrat in Dover. From there, he climbed the ladder, going from NewsDay to DefenseNews to Inside Defense.

“I only know how to write about the military when they are at war,” he said, noting that the United States has been at war for 15 years.

Weisgerber spoke on how the war with ISIS is different than any war the U.S. has fought.

“It’s nearly impossible for journalists to get into Syria,” he said.

“The Pentagon beat is the most complete beat corps in Washington, according to Weisgerber. “Everybody is after the story,” he said. “Everyone wants the truth.” He spends a lot of time going through government documents, which can take months or years to “connect the dots.” Press conferences, speeches, coverage and intensive research are also part of the job.

Weisgerber’s advice to UNH journalism students was simple. “Never stop digging, keep asking questions. Ask hard ones.”

Bills aims to bridge gaps in child protection system

BY HOLLY RAMER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — A trio of bills aimed at protecting New Hampshire’s abused and neglected children got a favorable reception from a Senate committee on Tuesday, though the chairman questioned whether one measure would work and state workers too much access to sensitive information.

The Health and Human Services Committee held public hearings on bills that would require the Division of Youth, and Families to keep records on file for longer periods of times, would give police and DCYF investigators already can get a child’s medical records by going to court and getting a warrant. But the bill’s supporters, including several police officers who testified, said that can take a long time, particularly if a judge decides to review the records before granting access. In most cases, a parent will gain access to the records, but that is not the case when the parent may be the abuser.

“We think we would use this fairly sparingly, when the suspects are guardians who are denying us the records,” said Lt. Nicole Lexos, who supervises the Juvenile Unit at the Manchester Police Department.

“There is no other crime I can think of where the burden of proof is on the victim that may help you determine what happened to the victim.”

Under the first bill, reports deemed unnecessary to investigate would be kept for seven years instead of one, reports deemed unfounded after an investigation could be kept for 10 years instead of three and reports deemed credible would be kept indefinitely instead of for seven years.

Sanborn suggested that records should be destroyed after a child turns 18, but supporters of the bill noted that the goal is be able to see potential patterns of behavior.

Sen. David Boutin, a Hooksett Republican, and chairman of the commission that wrote the bills, called them critical steps toward making the state safer for children.

“I think we wish we could all wave a wand and this problem would go away, but that’s not possible,” he said.

NH student expulsion rate findings, far below national average

BY HOLLY RAMER ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — Students are far less likely to be suspended from school in New Hampshire than elsewhere, according to a new report, while the frequency with which students are suspended out of school is more in line with national trends.

From 2010 to 2014, the national expulsion rate of 2.7 percent was more than 100 times higher than New Hampshire’s rate, which was .02 percent for middle and high school students, the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire found. The study’s authors said Wednesday they don’t know why there is such a big difference and urged policymakers and education officials to use the data to delve more deeply into the issue.

New Hampshire schools were closer to the national averages in some categories of exclusionary discipline. For example, 10.1 percent of secondary school students nationally were suspended out of school in 2011-12, compared to 9 percent in New Hampshire.

“There were considerable differences, however, in how often students who are from low-income families were suspended. Under the model, suspension at urban middle and high schools was 14 percent, or twice as high as the rate for non-urban schools. Students in urban schools were given out-of-school suspensions three times as often as their peers at urban schools.

“The most important function of any behavior management program is the funding of relationships between students and staff,” David Ryan

Assistant superintendent in Manchester

“‘There’s something going on in the schools here’ and their likelihood to turn to these practices that is very real,” said research professor David Ryan, assistant superintendent in Manchester. “The relationship, his science has implemented programs that use alternatives to suspension and positive reinforcement to encourage better behavior. In middle schools, suspension is a last resort unless the student’s behavior is dangerous, coming after counseling, meetings with the principal and other steps. In high schools, students are rewarded for good citizenship, and assistant principals work hard to maintain positive relationships with students, he said.

“Under the most important func-
Professor remembers brother and reflects on 9/11

By MARK KOBZIK
STAFF WRITER

UNH associate professor Julia Rodriguez arrived to her child’s day care on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 to find several par-
ents talking about planes hitting the World Trade Centers. Imme-
diately, Rodriguez had a bad feel-
ing. Her 3-year-old son, Logan, had
left a voicemail telling her there was an
accident at work, he was okay and
that to tell his wife that he loved her.
To this day they do not know what
the accident was and what exactly
took place. But Julia and her family
would later find out that Gregory
was one of 2,969 victims to die that
day from the attacks at the Al-Qaed
headquarters.
Every year, Julia’s parents would have some type of memo-
rial for their son, and that day was
usually travels to New York to
Join them. She has never gone to
any of the memorials that have
been made and instead keeps her
mourning private. Later, a pro-
gram was set up to send the
families of the victims down to
Guantanamo Bay to see the pre-
trial proceedings of the alleged
perpetrators. The Office of Mili-
tary Commissions invited Julia
and her mother down just a few
months ago.
Guantanamo Bay has been a
United States military base for
more than five decades. After the
Spanish-American War, the US
took over many nations either
directly or indirectly, and after
the Cuban revolution in 1951, Guanta-
manno was still held by the
U.S. After Sept. 11, a prison camp
was set up there and the al-
leged perpetrators of Sept. 11 and
other alleged terrorists were held
and interrogated for years. Many have been found not guilty or
clearly innocent, others are still
there awaiting trial or are in the
middle of trials. Dozens have been
deemed appropriate for re-
lease. Julia, her mother, and about
eight other members of different
families were allowed to view the
trips from behind glass.

“After Sept. 11, the Bush
administration had completely
mishandled the situation. I
knew that my people and my brother were criminals, but
I wanted the government to bring
them real justice,” Julia said.
“They would have had national
cooperation to bring them to jus-
tice. My parents and family felt
the same way.”

Julia feels the Obama admin-
istration inherited a tough situ-
ation and that moving the Sept.
11 Five, the alleged masterminds
behind the attack, is highly un-
likely. If convicted they will face
the death penalty. Julia’s problem is
how the U.S. is carrying out the
prosecution and the detention of
the prisoners.

“Julia said, ‘What’s the law? We
should do the law. We should
prosecute them in the United
States. But that’s not going to
happen for the Sept. 11. Five. The
law should be upheld. After Sept.
11 we abandoned a lot of our prin-
ciples.”

It is now almost 15 years
later since the terrorist attack in which almost 3,000 Americans
lost their lives. Since then, the
Bush administrations went into
two wars, thousands have died,
and trillions of dollars have been
spent, and numbers of war crimes
were committed. The Middle East
is still enmeshed in many wars
and factions leaving much of that
region in chaos. The Obama
administration has done little to
reverse that course. The justice
and law that Julia and thousands
of others are looking for is still
pending.

Lawmaker accused of trying to lure teen into sex encounter

By KATHY MCCORMACK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — A man who pleaded guilty to sending a friend’s abusive stepfather in a case that went unsolved for years is asking for a sen-
tence reduction.
In 2006, Eric Windhurst, of Hopkinton, pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the 1985 death of Danny Paquette in Hook-
sett and was sentenced to a 15 to
36-year prison term. He’s served
about 10 years.
WMUR-TV reports that his lawyer has petitioned a Merri-
mack County judge under a law that allows for a reduced sentence after serving two thirds of the min-
um. The lawyer said Windhurst isn’t a threat and has worked to improve himself.
The state has 30 days to file an objection. Paquette’s brother, Victor Paquette, calls the request a slap in the face.

“He’s where he deserves to be. He should be inside for the rest of his life,” he said. He tried to meet the girl
and was greeted by law enforcement, authorities said.
After his arrest, police searched his home and said they found brownies cooked with mari-
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By JENNIFER HORN
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Chan says he hopes the community is reassured because there haven’t been any connec-
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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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By MICHAEL VALOTTO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On the cold Monday evening of Feb. 22, Jacob Reny sat down at his big square desk and began his nightly shift in the OSIL room at the MUB. As Reny was grabbing some keys out of a drawer, he heard fellow OSIL staff member Will McKernan scream, “Where the hell is Jeffrey!” Panic ensued in the confines of the OSIL room as the two of them, in a state of utmost hysteria, rushed around the room in search of their six-month-old bamboo plant, Jeffrey. 

Gena Kalampalikis was Jeffreys original adoptive mother. After she graduated from UNH in 2015, she entrusted the OSIL group to protect and care for her innocent little bamboo shoot. At that point in time, Jeffreys leaves were just only trimming out of his glass pot.

Jeffrey did not come alone. Kalampalikis also mothered another bamboo plant named Larry, who in turn was the brother of Jeffrey. Sadly, Larry succumbed to the same fate prior to his brothers disappearance, as he has been missing since early fall.

“Larry and Jeffrey are not replaceable,” McKernan exclaimed, adding that, “you cannot replace a member of our MUB love community.”

The ordeal with Larry has carried over in the fall and classes officially began, and the arrival of the freshman class created much more “foot traffic” in the MUB, but nothing seemed to be out of the norm. “Larry represented the community well, he was a great Wildcat,” Reny said of the plant.

In reference to the freshmen, Reny said “We didn’t know them yet,” and sure enough, when the MUB training day came around, Larry was gone.

Reny and McKernan were both under the impression that the bamboo plants were in a “safe place.”

When asked if these two separate incidents could be connected, McKernan responded by saying, “It is not outside the realm of possibility that their plants could be interconnected.” He added, “I don’t think a bam-boo plant just sprouted legs and walked off at its own volition.”

Both Larry and Jeffrey experienced exceptional lives up until the time of their disappearancess. The two of them lived upon Renys desk, right next to each other. They were always watered, which kept them a vibrant green and Reny noted that they “always had people talking to them.” Ac-

New England cod fishermen face new cost, fear future

By PATRICK WHITTLE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Some of New Englands embattled cod fishermen say they might go out of business because of a new cost imposed on them on Tuesday.

Fishermen of important commercial species such as New Englands bound from fishing.

The change has been the subject of a lawsuit filed by fishermen in federal court in Con-

The federal government had been paying the bill, but fishing regulators say there isn’t enough money to do so anymore because of other obligations within the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Fishermen, advocates for the industry and a host of New England politicians have said the cost will sink a fleet already struggling with tight catch quotas and dwindling cod populations. Some services can cost more than $700 per day, collect data to help determine future fishing quotas.

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Police chief: Officer responding to robbery is ambushed and fatally shot in park

**STAFF REPORT**

EULESS, Texas — A man who had just been released from jail burglarized a North Texas house, stole a cache of guns and fired into the air before hiding in a drainage ditch and ambushes responding officers, fatally wounding one of them, the city’s police chief said Wednesday.

Police Chief Mike Brown said David Hofer, 29, who was among the officers responding to the “shots fired” report at J.A. Carr Park in Euless, spotted movement in the ditch and ordered the person to come forward.

Jorge Brian Gonzalez, 22, then rose and opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Hofer before the other officers brought Gonzalez down with multiple gunshots, Brown said.

Gonzalez had been arrested Monday on a public intoxication charge and was released late Tuesday morning after being sentenced to community service, Brown said.

After that, Gonzalez forced his way into a house on a street adjoining the park, leaving with guns that he took to the park and fired several times, Brown said. Three officers were dispatched about 3 p.m. to the park where Gonzalez had taken cover in a drainage ditch, Brown said.

“It is our belief, based on the facts known to us, that the suspect took this position to ambush the responding officers,” he said. Brown later added, “In my honest opinion, he was there to do as much damage to the responding officers as he could possibly do.”

The park is in a residential area near an elementary school and two nearby schools were placed on lockdown until the situation was resolved.

Brown said Gonzalez did not appear intoxicated at his court hearing Tuesday, but was calm and responsive. That is at odds with what his family contends.

Jorge Antonio Gonzalez, the gunman’s father, described his son to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a drug addict who was high on methamphetamine when he was jailed.

The elder Gonzalez said Hofer had been called to the family’s apartment before and knew his son. Brown said he could not confirm that.

The father was remorseful for his son’s actions but also questioned why he was released from jail if he was still under the influence of meth.

“It’s their fault,” Gonzalez said. “Why would they let him out when he was on that stuff?”

Tarrant County court records show the younger Gonzalez had a criminal record that included charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and threatening family members.

Many people paid tribute to Hofer on Wednesday by leaving flowers, stuffed animals and other items in front of the Euless police station, with some saying quiet prayers.

Hofer had moved from New York to the Dallas area in 2014 because he wanted to be somewhere safer, his mother has said. A 2008 graduate of New York University, Hofer served in the New York Police Department for five years before coming to Euless, Brown said.

“He was wonderful child, a wonderful police officer,” his mother, Sofija Hofer, told the New York Post. “He was working this very difficult precipice, so he had a lot of traumatic experiences ... He decided to go to a safer place.”

Hofer’s fiancée was out of town on Tuesday and needed to be called home and given the news, the Post reported.

Sofija Hofer said her son wanted to write a book about his experience with the NYPD.

“I thought he might be a sci- entist, like his father, but he al- ways wanted to be a policeman, ever since he was a little boy,” she said.

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TNH Test Kitchen:
Tasty Taco Pockets

By ABIGAEL SLEEPER
ARTS EDITOR

Tired of tasting the same old tacos? Need your Mexican-fix but no time for a sit-down dinner? Never fear, taco pockets are here. Follow our recipe for classic beef taco pockets, or mix things up and substitute ground turkey, pulled pork, grilled chicken or your favorite taco filling. Whether you’re hitting the road or just looking for an easy weeknight snack, these quick and tasty pockets are sure to hit the spot!

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb lean ground beef*
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp dry oregano
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 2 cups Mexican-blend shredded cheese
- 2 tubes crescent roll dough

*Not a fan of beef? Keep things hot by using the same spice-mix on chicken, pork, turkey or any other substitute.

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Brown beef in medium skillet.
3. Add spices, remove from heat.
4. Roll out dough and press down to close perforations.
5. Using a sharp knife or a circular cookie-cutter, cut dough into 8 rounds.
6. Fill pockets with beef and cheese, fold over and roll edges over.
7. Bake for 13-15 minutes, until golden brown. Enjoy!

Check back next week for more from the TNH Test Kitchen!

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**Newsroom Noise presents...**

**SONGS THAT GET US PUMPED FOR PRODUCTION NIGHT**

**ASHLYN**
“Jordan Belfort”
- Wes Waker

**MICHAELA**
“AM to PM”
- Christina Milian

**TYLER**
“Power”
- Kanye West

**ABBI**
“Paradise Waiting”
- Vacationer

**SAM**
“Get the Party Started”
- P!nk

**ALLIE**
“Sunday Candy”
- Chance the Rapper

**ELIZABETH**
“No Sleep”
- Wiz Khalifa

**YOURELL**
“Bet on It”
- Zac Efron

**BRIAN**
“X Gon’ Give it to Ya”
- DMX

**TOM Z.**
“Green Lantern”
- 50 Cent
Utah Senate narrowly passes death penalty repeal

By MICHELLE L. PRICE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah senators on Wednesday voted to abolish the death penalty, advancing what had been considered a longshot proposal in the conservative state.

The measure measures a turning point in Utah, where a year ago lawmakers voted to reinstate the use of the firing squad as a backup execution method. Lawmakers argued last year that if the state has a shortage of lethal injection drugs, it must still find a way to kill death row inmates.

Sen. Steve Urquhart, a Republican, pushed this push this year to repeal capital punishment, citing conservative themes of imperfect governments and capital punishment as a costly and inefficient policy.

“We’re going to pass it,” Urquhart told reporters Wednesday.

When his bill was unveiled three weeks ago, Urquhart acknowledged it would be an uphill battle to win approval in a state with a strong history of support for the death penalty. But he said the libertarian leanings of the Legislature gave him hope.

The proposal cleared the GOP-controlled Senate 15-12 Wednesday, advancing it to the Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Urquhart said he does not yet know how many supporters he has in the House, but he has backing from the chamber’s Republican Speaker Greg Hughes.

Hughes told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he’s been a bit quiet on the topic of a death penalty repeal.

Graham’s disappearance prompted a massive manhunt and gripped the Charlottesville campu

The New Hampshire
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — There’s nothing like a blast of fresh, frigid air to welcome you back to the planet after nearly a year cooped up in space.

That’s the word from astronaut Scott Kelly, NASA’s space endurance champ who returned to bitterly cold Kazakhstan on Wednesday, along with his roommate for the past year, Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko.

In a NASA interview before heading home to Houston, Kornienko said it was “amazing” to feel the cold air when the hatch of his Soyuz capsule popped open after touchdown.

“I don’t mean to say it’s not fresh on the space station,” he said, “but there’s nothing like new cold air coming into the capsule.”

Both Kelly, 52, and Kornienko, 55, yearned for nature throughout their 340-day mission at the International Space Station, a daily thought for the Russian for eventual trips to Mars.

“Just like Scott, I wanted to see fresh air and I wanted to smell that fresh air. This is an unforgettable feeling,” Kornienko said.

It was the longest an American ever lived in space, although nothing new for the Russians. The world record is 438 days, set back in the mid-1990s at the former Mir space station. Even before that, a pair of Soviet cosmonauts had racked up a full one-year spaceflight.

“Congratulations on your record,” former cosmonaut and Kazakh space chief Talgat Musabayev said at a welcoming ceremony. He couldn’t resist: “Of course, it was already done 28 years ago.”

President Barack Obama joined the chorus of praise pouring in.

“Welcome back to Earth, @StationCDRKelly! Your year in space is vital to the future of America’s space travel. Hope gravity isn’t a drag!” Obama said via Twitter.

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The White House said Obama spoke with Kelly on Wednesday, thanking him for his service and for sharing his journey through social media. Kelly posted hundreds of photos of Earth.

After landing, the latest one-year space subjects quietly packed up their supplies and went back to Houston and Kornienko to Star City, Russia, near Moscow. While en route, Kelly tweeted a picture of his first salad back on Earth, noting it will be important to grow fresh food during Mars expeditions, like his space station lettuce crop.

Kelly acknowledged it was bittersweet leaving the space station — his home since last March, currently staffed by three men until the arrival of three more in two weeks.

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Neither will be saying goodbye — in Russian, do slivya — to medical tests anytime soon.

Minutes after emerging from their capsule, they were whisked in chairs to a medical tent where they did their best to stand, walk, navigate obstacles — everything an astronaut might need to pull off this mission, noting: “It’s really not about us.”

Maybe so, but their sacrifice was duly noted by grateful well-wishers at NASA and in the future generation.

On this flight alone, the pair traveled 144 million miles through space — the average distance between Earth and neighbor Mars — and were exposed to cosmic radiation. They tackled 400 experiments, some of them unpleasant. And like other station residents, Kelly downsized recycled urine and sweat — nearly 200 gallons over the year.

Make no mistake, “a year’s a long time,” according to Kelly. He checked into the space station last March and by the six-month mark last September, “I felt like I had been up there all my whole life.”

Six months is the typical space station stint; that was the mission length for Russian cosmonaut Sergey Volkov, who pilot ed Kelly and Kornienko to a safe Soyuz touchdown.

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The exams — along with blood, saliva and urine collections — will continue for weeks if not months. In the case of Kelly and his identical twin, retired astronaut Scott Kelly, the testing could last a year if not longer. The brothers served as guinea pigs — one in weightlessness, the other on the ground.

Kelly’s last tweet from orbit Tuesday provided a cliffhanger: “The journey isn’t over. Follow me as I rediscover #Earth!”

The brothers will be reunited at Ellington Airport near Johnson Space Center in Houston early Thursday. The welcoming committee includes Scott’s two daughters, ages 21 and 12; his girlfriend who’s been chronicling his mission as a NASA public affairs officer at Johnson; and his sister-in-law, former Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Mark’s wife.

Also joining in the celebration: Vice President Joe Biden’s wife, Jill, and NASA Administrator Charles Bolden.

As for his space legacy, Kelly said he and Kornienko “were a small part” in setting the stage for Mars.

“Expanding our envelope and our ability to operate in space is something that’s going to take us further from this planet,” he said.

He stressed that it took too much to deliver a yearlong spacemen embrace fresh, frigid air back on Earth
By BRUCE DOUGLAS ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO — A Facebook executive was detained in Brazil on Tuesday for refusing to give law enforcement information about users of the WhatsApp messaging service, which was bought by the company's part of a tuple between authorities and technology companies that make up the U.S. government's digital blockade between Apple and the FBI.

Facebook's most senior representative in Latin America, Diego Dzodan, left Brazil on Tuesday after one night in custody. A judge ruled he was wrongly detained.

Another judge in the northeastern state of Sergipe has issued an arrest warrant accusing Dzodan of repeatedly failing to comply with a judicial order to cooperate with an investigation into drug trafficking and organized crime. Monica Horta, a spokeswoman for the federal police, said the investigators have requested content from a WhatsApp messaging group as well as other data, including geo-locations.

Investigators first contacted WhatsApp — which was bought by Facebook in 2014 — about four months ago but have yet to receive a response, Horta said. Starting two months ago, WhatsApp began to incur a daily fine of 50,000 Brazilian reais ($12,700) for every day it ignored the order. The company has not yet paid the fine, which has been 1 million Brazilian reais ($250,000) in recent weeks, she said.

The Brazilian authorities have now delivered products to their customers that are much more secure from the NSA and the Brazilians are now complaining that they’re too secure.

Principal technologist of the American Civil Liberties Union

By VLADIMIR ISACHEKOV ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAARZAF, Syria — Just days into a U.S.-Russia brokered cease-fire, many residents in a peasant village in Hama province long engulfed in fierce fighting in a central province expressed hope Wednesday that the truce will prevail and that a sense of normalcy could soon return.

The town of Salamiyeh, on the northern edge of the province, has been a front line between government forces and Islamic State fighters. The Syrian army had been making gains in the area, recently securing the desert highway from Salamiyeh to the village of Althria on the border of Raqqa province.

But the cease-fire is partial and the main town has still been under attack. A weapons depot was set on fire Tuesday and a car bombing, which also caused widespread damage in the area.

We all hope it will help make the area safer,” villager Ali Atiyah Muhammad said of the deal.

“We are all very thankful to Russia for their efforts in helping to end the conflict in our country,” he said.

It seems like what govern-mental actions that are secure from foreign governments, but that allow their own government to spy,” Sogho- nian said. “And the fact is that those tools don’t exist.”

“If you want your commu-nity to be sufficient to see the NSA then they will also be se-cure from your local law enforce-ment.”

Brazilian authorities also clashed with Facebook in De-cember, when a judicial order forced Brazil’s telecommunica-tions companies to block What-sApp over its refusal to cooperate with a police inquiry. The move shut down communications for many of its 100 million users in Brazil for around 12 hours. Face-book CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the time said he was “stunned” by the “extreme decision.”

Robert Muggah, research director at Igaurage, a Rio de Jainero-based think-tank, said the latest conflict over the What-sApp messages served as a “good case” for the tech companies to push for legislation that would allow judges to make such demands of tech com-panies.

“We have been fighting for five years, and we have proven ourselves worthy by holding out,” said Sogho-nian.

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In neighboring Lebanon, thousands of supporters of the militant Hezbollah group at-tended the funeral Wednesday of senior military commander Ali Fayyad, who was killed while fighting Syrian government forces in the Aleppo province last week. The funeral was held in Fayyad’s southern hometown of Ansar.

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The New Hampshire
Opinion

The old ‘college try’

Follow your passion, even if it means switching majors

The old saying goes, “Do something you love, and you’ll never work a day in your life.” Imagine that.

Arguably, the first step in any career—at or least your first career—is choosing a major. Most students at UNH chose their majors during their first few semesters as college students. In fact, if you’re a freshman or sophomore reading this, you may still be undeclared. And that’s perfectly fine. What is important, however, is to make sure you’re studying something you’re passionate about, especially if it’s going to lead into your career. Moreover, it’s equally important to have the courage to switch majors if you find yourself bored, unhappy or longing to study something else.

A great example of someone doing just that comes in the form of this year’s Donald Murray Visiting Journalist, UNH Alumnus Marcus Weisgerber ‘04. Weisgerber was a journalist covering global business for DefenseOne, a publication based out of Australia and the United States. His work has taken him across the globe. However, he didn’t start out as journalism major, or even an English major for that matter. Actually Weisgerber wasn’t even in the College of Liberal Arts. Rather, he was an engineering student in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Let that sink in for a moment.

What made him change his mind? He was enrolled in a writing class when the United States came under attack on 9/11. For a class assignment, he told the story of some relatives who were present at the attack site. Weisgerber said he enjoyed telling their story so much he decided to switch his major to study journalism.

It’s amazing to think that someone pursuing a degree in CEPS would make such a drastic change academically. But for Weisgerber, it’s safe to assume the change was a great move. Granted, not everyone is going to have an experience like Weisgerber but many people do something to which many of us can relate.

UNH has an abundance of majors and disciplines. Check out the front page to read about the new “brewing” minor that’s being offered. Seriously, there’s a minor in brewing beer. How cool is that?

Additionally, there are a number of extra-curricular activities available to students that could potentially complement their academic interests. Visit Wildcat-Link sometime, there are over 300 organizations to choose from. If you find yourself unhappy academically, don’t be afraid to make a switch. It’s okay to try something and not like it. That’s the essence of the old “college try,” anyway.

Trust your instincts, and pursue something if it lights a spark inside of you. It worked for Weisgerber, and it just might work for you.

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The song “Both Sides Now” by Joni Mitchell, although slow, is a profound analysis of nostalgia, memory and how we understand life. Lyrics for the song show life’s progression from childhood, through the symbolism of clouds to teenage and young adult years in the references to love, ending with a middle-aged/older person’s perception of life as a whole. Overall, the lyrics discuss the surrealism and subjectivity of individual viewpoints, by saying, “...it’s life’s illusions I recall/I really don’t know life at all.” In fact, our emotions shape and change the way we remember past situations or events.

The song starts out showing a childhood perspective, represented by the line, “Bowes and flows of angel hair and ice cream castles in the air” — all things that imaginative or that are important to young children.

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The next stage of life as described by the song is represented by young love, which we look at much differently before it happens than we do later in life. Mostly, we romanticize it more, which is shown by the lyric, “…as every fairy tale comes real; I’ve looked at love that way.”

However, her ending thought is about how life goes on, despite positive or negative life changes, as she sings, “But now old friends are acting strange; they shake their heads (they say I’ve changed). Something’s lost but something’s gained in living every day.”

It still astounds me that despite the size of my graduating class of 2013 from Exeter High School, despite our different friend groups and socio-economic stratification, when there is a loss: we all feel it and we rally together, for comfort and consolation. To heal. In fact, it reminds me of a small town community. Not everyone is a close friend of everyone else, there are bullies and clowns, there are “richies,” “delinquents,” and “geeks”; but we become one united faction when there’s a life-changing event, such as graduation or a loss of a classmate. I’ve even seen this effect at UNH, which is even more unlikely due to the large size of the university population, though there is less social division between grades or based on age. We see each other through the thickest and thinnest, though during the in-between stages we are somewhat divided. I take pride in the fact that during Senior Week and graduation, even I felt like our senior class was one huge group of friends.

It’s situations like these that remind me of one of the opening lines of the movie “Love, Actually,” “...Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. General opinion’s starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don’t see that. It seems to me that love is everywhere. Often it’s not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it’s always there - fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends. When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know none of the phone calls from the people on board were messages of hate or revenge - they were all messages of love. If you look for it, I’ve got a sneaky feeling you’ll find that love actually is all around.”

So this week’s column is in the memory of Malachi Davis and Hunter Vars. I take great pride in calling myself a part of the EHS Class of 2013.

Gabrielle Lamontagne is a junior majoring in French and business administration.

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**Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down**

- Thumbs up to the new beer brewing minor. #BottomsUp
- Thumbs down to the high price of craft beers.
- Thumbs up to running shoes.
- Thumbs down to getting blisters on your feet from breaking them in.
- Thumbs up to bananas.
- Thumbs down to banana peels. Especially in Mario Kart.
- Thumbs up to mustache March.
- Thumbs down to shaving cream and razor blades.
- Thumbs up to Steph Curry.
- Thumbs down to shooting less than 10 percent in intramural games.
- Thumbs up to SpongeBob re-runs.
- Thumbs down to Planetok.
- Thumbs up to beautiful drawings done by hand.
- Thumbs down to your skills being limited to stick figures.
- Thumbs up to men’s basketball beating Binghamton in the playoffs.
- Thumbs down to the high probability of a road game in the semifinals.

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Leissner said. “It is always real tough playing against these guys. They’re a great team.”

With just over three minutes to play, UNH held a 48-45 lead. The Wildcats missed two shots in one possession, but the key was the three offensive rebounds. The third shot by Dion dropped. From then on the Wildcats were able to hold off the Bearcats and corral the 56-51 victory.

“Every time we play these guys, we just grind,” Jaleen Smith said. “They play hard and I feel like their style of play is like ours, that’s why we see both teams grinding.”

Albany, the three-time America East champions, fell to the seventh-seeded Hartford Hawks 68-59, which helped the Wildcats avoid top-seeded Stony Brook for at least the semifinals. With a win over Maine, 99-82, Vermont advanced to the next round as the No. 3 seed.

The matchups are set. Hartford will travel to Stony Brook. UNH will hit the road to take on Vermont on Monday night. Vermont is a team the Wildcats have lost to twice this season. Both teams ground the ball and McHoul’s third goal gave the Crusaders very little chance to gain ground.

Nicole Grote set a new career-high in points to pace the Crusaders in a 16-6 victory over Holy Cross on Wednesday. The win ends a three-game losing streak and lifts the Wildcats to 2-3 on the season.

Holy Cross got onto the board first, scoring 1-minute, 23-seconds into the game, but Grote answered with her first goal less than a minute later and the Wildcats built a strong 7-1 lead throughout the first half. Grote had a hat trick in the first half, but the Wildcats also scored on efforts from Catherine Sexton, Krissy Schafer, Laura McHoul and Marissa Gurello.

“Definitely a team win,” Grote said. “I think we had five or six girls with points, so that was awesome.”

The Wildcats in fact had eight players score at least one goal in the win, with McHoul, Sexton, Schafer and Gurello all tallying multiple goals.

The Crusaders made a small comeback in the waning minutes of the first half, sneaking two goals past Wildcat goaltender Kate Clancy to make the score 7-3. Both goals came with less than three minutes left.

The Crusaders opened the second half with another Holy Cross goal, a mere 18 seconds into play. But the ‘Cats were quick to respond again, as McHoul beat Holy Cross goaltender Julia Maloney for her second goal of the game.

McHoul’s goal marked the score 8-4, and goals from Schafer, sophomore Carly Wooters and McHoul’s third goal gave UNH an 11-4 lead with 24:08 to play. But UNH’s offensive pouring didn’t stop there.

Grote scored her fourth goal, then Gurello her second of the game. Devin Miller and Devon Croke got involved with a score apiece, but former America East Rookie of the Week Sexton added her second tally of the game. The 16-4 lead was enough to go down the clock, and the Crusaders’ final two goals came with less than 3:30 to play.

One reason the Wildcats were able to control the ball from the faceoff. The team out-drew Holy Cross 10-1 in the first half and 18-5 overall, allowing the UNH attack to keep the ball and chew time off the clock and to set up good scoring opportunities.

“Devin Miller did a great job throughout the game of drawing to herself, and getting the draw control and running through it,” UNH head coach Sarah Albrecht said. Miller handled faceoff duties for most of the game and won 10 draws on her own.

Defensively, the Wildcats were stout, forcing a number of errant shots and causing turnovers before Holy Cross could get good looks. The few times the Crusaders could fire off a quality shot, Clancy was there to aid the defensive effort. The sophomore goalkeeper tallied four saves in 43:15 of play before Sarah Lambert took over late in the game.

“We were just being aggressive on defense, and I think having a support system behind and playing as a team, that really helped us out this game,” Albrecht said. “[Clancy’s] been doing well all year and being really consistent for us. She put in a lot of work in the offseason so I think that is showing right now.”

The eight points Grote scored raised her career totals to 52 goals and 30 assists, allowing her to surpass 80 career points. Her co-captain, McHoul, continued to cement herself as one of the program’s top scoring threats of all time. Her three-goal effort raised her career total to 71 goals, and an assist on Sexton’s first goal means that McHoul now has 178 career points.

Wooters’ goal marked her fifth straight game with a goal.

The Wildcats will try to continue Wednesday’s team energy into another win when they face off with Fairfield University at Cowell Stadium on Saturday at 12 p.m. Grote feels as though the team is prepared for another strong showing.

“We have a big game Saturday,” she said. “I think we’re already ready for the next one.”

LACROSSE

Grote’s career day ends losing streak

Senior co-captain Nicole Grote’s eight points helped UNH defeat Holy Cross at home
The University of New Hampshire is gearing up to host the 2016 women’s hockey Frozen Four this upcoming spring break. The tournament decides who will be crowned the Women’s NCAA Division I champion and provides plenty of opportunities to see some of the most elite women’s hockey players in the nation.

The Whittemore Center Arena will host the tournament on Thursday, March 3rd through Saturday, March 5th. This year marks the Frozen Four in New Hampshire for more than just a few hockey games. This year there will be an emphasis on making the event an experience for the aspiring youth players, fans, athletes, and personnel female hockey players.

“I think that at the end of the day people won’t think of it as attending just another hockey game, they’re going to remember it as the Frozen Four at UNH,” UNH women’s hockey alumni Kelly McManus Souza said.

“From a fan and parent perspective I think that this is something that works great. As a parent, the kids are so excited about it, it feels special. They’re actually involved in the event so they feel a part of it,” Souza said of having youth players heavily involved in the tournament.

Souza, along with the athletics department, is currently working with youth teams from around the area to have them part of the action during the event. Certain youth teams will be able to stand on the court with the players during the national anthem and participate in mini competitions on the court.

“The WHL, the National Women’s Hockey League which has started this year, will also be here during the week and they’re going to host their awards ceremony live from the Whittemore Center. They’re going to have their Isobel Cup here, which is the equivalent to the Stanley Cup, to try and draw their fans here to unite and make it a good experience for everyone,” Souza said.

“Part of one of the packages we offer is a fundraising incentive so people can purchase tickets and part of the proceeds will go back to the Denna Laing Foundation,” said Souza. On top of everything professional players involved, the athletic department is doing their part. Hilary Witt, the head coach of the women’s hockey team, has had the support of the hockey community since.

Jon Danos, the senior athletic director for external affairs, explained the reason UNH is hosting the Frozen Four.

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But fit in she did. Belanger has established herself as one of the best players to come through the Whittemore Program. Her 1,389 career points and 688 rebounds put her on the all-time leader board for Wildcat players. Solidifying herself as a star was no accident—Belanger’s competitive nature allowed her to grow into the collegiate player she is.

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Belanger has always been Belanger’s passion. Hitting the chutes, coming away with big rebounds and leading the Wildcats day in and day out is natural for a warrior. But what Belanger does on the court shows her true character.

“Besides basketball, I am involved in SAAC, which is the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. We organize things run on campus and help out with community service in any way possible,” Belanger said.

A lot of the community service we do, and the off-the-court stuff, she’s always trying to represent the program and the school in the best way possible,” Copes said.

Belanger was the last shot at the America East crown, Belanger remains confident in her team. Whether it is the first game, mid-season, or playoffs, Copes has noticed that Belanger “always brings the energy.” Going into her last tournament, Belanger remains positive and focused.

“I want to make sure to enjoy every moment. Make sure I have fun, at least,” Belanger said.

When the game is on the line, it seems that for the Amer- ica East Tournament, there is one thing Copes has noticed about Belanger.

“She wants the ball,” he said. “That’s why she’s a special player.”
It’s do or die for the Wildcats now. No. 10 UNH will battle it out with the No. 7 Merrimack Warriors in a best-of-three series in the opening round of the Hockey East tournament.

Game one will mark the third time the Wildcats and the Warriors face off this season. UNH holds the season series advantage with a 1-0-1 record. UNH won the first matchup 4-2 on Oct. 31, then tied the second game 3-3 on Nov. 14. Both games were at Lawler Rink.

The Warriors are the hot team coming into the opening round. Last weekend, the team finished the regular season with a series sweep of Vermont, which secured the seventh seed in Hockey East and the right to host a playoff game. It will be the first time since 2011 the Warriors will play a home playoff game.

The Wildcats on the other hand, ended the regular season in horrible fashion. In a position to capture the eighth seed, UNH failed to defeat UConn and dropped to No. 10 in the conference. The team has now lost three straight heading into playoffs.

The Warriors are strong behind the blue line due to the efforts of their freshman goaltender Drew Volger. Volger posted a phenomenal .980 save percentage last weekend stopping 49 of 50 shots in two games. His effort earned him his second Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week honor this season.

The Wildcats are currently led by the offensive production of both Andrew Poturalski and Tyler Kelleher. Poturalski finished the regular season with 50 points total, only the fourth Wildcat to do so in the last decade. Kelleher finished just below him with 43 points. However, Kelleher has led the team in points against Merrimack with eight, that included a goal and two assists in the most recent matchup.

History revealed the Wildcats have bested the Warriors in the postseason. Through the years, UNH is 8-1 in the postseason against Merrimack. In the last matchup, Merrimack defeated UNH in the Hockey East semifinals to advance to its first Hockey East championship in program history.

The goal for UNH in this weekend’s opening round is to score first and score often. The Wildcats are 6-2-3 when they have scored the first goal. They’re 4-16-3 when they do not.

To put it in perspective, Ara Nazarian scored first for the Wildcats in the first matchup that resulted in a win. Craig Wyzomirski drew first blood in the second matchup for Merrimack and the teams tied. The first goal will be a major tipping point for both teams this weekend.

The road to the TD Garden will go through North Andover, Mass. For a live video stream of the game and all of the opening round matchups, visit hockeyeastonline.com. You can also follow sports editor Brian Dunn @bdunny17 this weekend for live updates.

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| Highest seed to advance | @ UMass | @ MAUKE |

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Regular season points scored by sophomore forward Andrew Poturalski.

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Brian Dunn, Sports Editor: UNH defeats Merrimack in three games.

**Coach Umile’s Take:**

“We put [UConn] behind us and now you got to focus on everybody’s starting a new season. The teams that are playing now, this is the second tier of the league.”

Head coach Dick Umile
The New England Patriots parted ways with wide receiver Brandon LaFell and tight end Scott Chandler, cutting both players on Wednesday.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Dion shoots UNH into semifinals

By SAM DONNELLY
STAFF WRITER

For the third time this season the UNH basketball team met the Binghamton Bearcats, and for the third time, the game was ugly.

The difference in the game came not in the offense or defense, but in the little things. UNH used effort down the stretch to win the game. That effort came in the form of offensive rebounds. The Wildcats out-rebounded the Bearcats 13-2 on the offensive glass. Those 13 rebounds led to 16 second chance points for the Wildcats. Binghamton only accounted for two.

“We’re obviously very happy we won the game,” head coach Bill Herrion said. “I think at this time of the year, when it’s kind of one and done, you don’t have to evaluate how you played, but we won.”

UNH got a 23-point outburst from Daniel Dion, including four three-pointers. Tanner Leissner chipped in with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while the Bearcats were paced by Willie Rodriguez, who finished with 17 points and five rebounds. Freshman Timmy Rose tallied 15 points, eight rebounds and five assists for Binghamton.

The Wildcats struggled early, missing five of their first six shots. They needed a spark offensively. That spark came in the form of the hot-shooting Dion, who scored 11 points in the first half, including two pivotal three pointers.

“My teammates were looking for me a lot while they ran zone in the first half,” Dion said. “I was just ready to shoot on the outside. I’ve been in a slump this year and to break out of it at this time is a good feeling.”

The Wildcats as a team shot just 27.3 percent from the field. If it wasn’t for the 5-1 offensive rebounding margin and the 12-4 bench point margin, the Wildcats would very likely have been down heading into the second half.

“I was not happy with the first half,” Herrion said. “I think you have to give Binghamton a lot of credit defensively. They press, they control tempo, they switch up man and zone and they really keep you off balance.”

Rose was a big reason the Bearcats were close in the first half. The freshman guard scored seven points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out two assists. Fellow freshman Everson Davis had 10 points in the first half.

“I thought [Everson and Rose] got places we should not have allowed them to get to,” Herrion said. “They hurt us offensively.”

The second half was more of the same: A slow, physical slugfest. Binghamton opened the half on a 4-0 run to take the lead 29-27. UNH got two big three-pointers again from Dion to retake the lead.

The theme of the half was simple. UNH would stretch the lead to five or six points, then the Bearcats would crawl back into it. The play down low could only be described in one word: physical.

“At the point it is always really physical,” Dion said. 

Dion scored 23 points to lead the Wildcats in a tight matchup.