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Student orgs collaborate, bring DarkMatter to UNH

By RAOUl BIRON
STAFF WRITER

Hoping to foster solidarity, inspiration and acceptance, author and activist Dan Savage told LGBTQ+ youth around the world that “it gets better.” Since releasing his initial video in 2011, Savage’s message has exploded into a kind of marketed rallying cry for LGBTQ+ rights: anywhere from marriage equality to teen suicide.

What happens when a three-word sentence - even one spoken on camera by hundreds of thousands - stops being enough?

For Brooklyn based spoken word duo, DarkMatter, it gets bitter.

On April 1, the first day of UNH Campus Pride Month, the trans South Asian art and activist collaboration will occupy the Strafford room in the MUB. Sponsored in part by MUSO, UNH Alliance, Trans UNH, and The Kidder Fund, the event is largely designed to ignite a community-wide dialogue about perspective, the nature of privilege, and the missed subtleties of political movements as wide-ranging and general as LGBTQ+ rights.

“We try to bring programs, artists and speakers that have a social justice-centered message because as a group we really believe in inclusion and activism,” said a spokesperson for MUSO.

“We rarely get speakers who encompass multiple marginalized identities, so it’s always nice to have that,” she continued.

“Instead of just going, ‘It gets better,’ they’re saying, ‘It can get better,’” Savage said.

October’s Youth Be Proud Month, which the duo is sponsoring on UNH’s campus, is designed to support young and LGBTQ+ identities through a series of programming and events.

“I want people to feel included and to feel like they belong,” Savage said.

UNH sophomore Doug Marino campaigns for Durham Town Council position

By TYLER KENNEDY
NEWS EDITOR

Sophomore Doug Marino is one of seven people, and the only UNH student, running for a Durham Town Council position.

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One of the six people hoping to secure a three-year position on the council is Doug Marino, a UNH student currently in his sophomore year.

Students apply classroom knowledge to the ‘real world’

By KYLE KITTREDGE
STAFF WRITER

Many college students are probably, and understandably, more focused on course work than turning their idea for a business or original product into reality. However, at UNH, entrepreneurial goals can be achieved with a team, two-page proposal and 90-second video in the Paul J. Holloway Prize Competition.

The Paul J. Holloway Prize Competition is an “innovation to market competition” consisting of a multiple-step competition. The competition takes students’ knowledge from the classroom and applies it to real world applications by having the participants create products or services and then present them to a panel of judges.

“The competition is to promote entrepreneurship, and the students are the engine that drives that,” said Michael Merenda, the competition director.

Merenda encourages anyone thinking about being an entrepreneur to participate in the competition, especially students from majors outside of the business school.

“The more applied we can be,” Merenda said, “actually doing it, getting in front of seasoned professionals and putting ourselves on the line I think is pretty impressive.”

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Annual game night takes over

Meeple and Cardboard Syndicate hosted its annual weekend-long game event in the Strafford Room, bringing in a crowd of around 100 people.

Original paintings on display

Dong Ho paintings were on display this past Friday night in the MUB. The original artwork was presented by international student Diep Tran.

Leissner earns first team nod

Sophomore Tanner Leissner became the first Wildcat in a decade to be named to the All-Conference First Team.

Offense falters against Fairfield

The lacrosse team lost 16-6 on Saturday against Fairfield, who out-shot the Wildcats 33-19.

This Week in Durham

March. 7
• 2016 Undergraduate Prize Plays & Eurydice Auditions, Hennessy Theatre, 6 p.m.

March. 8
• The Hunt: Find That Internship/Job, Paul 110, 12:40 - 2 p.m.
• Improving Your Resume and Cover Letter - PAUL Students Only, Paul G45, 6 - 8 p.m.

March. 9
• Breaking All the Rules: A Princess Writes History in Constantinople, Demeritt Hall Room 240, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
• Visiting Artist Lecture Series: Liz Ensz, PCAC A218, 12:10 - 1:30 p.m.

March. 10
• UNH Writers Series welcomes novelist Rebecca Makkai, MUB Theatre I, 5 p.m.

Kappa Delta gets charitable

The Kappa Delta Sorority held its fifth annual charity silent auction and dinner. The event helped support Prevent Child Abuse in America and the New Hampshire Children’s Trust.

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His advice for students to work in teams proved to be difficult to achieve.

Tyler Kane, a senior environmental engineering major who participated in the SVIC with his team for Gardner’s class, recently submitted their second stage 5-page proposal and 90-second video for the upcoming round.

Kane’s team contained no business majors or students with a background in video production, only engineers.

Kane described his team’s idea, titled Streamline, as being “the Keurig of vending machines.”

Instead of having pre-packed bottles being dispensed in a vending machine, Kane and his team are trying to create a system where a vending machine can be similar to a restaurant or dining hall, and eliminate the bottled water and pre-packaged product industry, in order to be more efficient and environmentally-friendly.

While Gardner required his students to participate in the SVIC, business students weren’t required, making it difficult for students of varying majors to connect.

Kane mentioned that when his team was starting out, they weren’t business minded and tried to just solve the problem. They had difficulty with the video production aspect as well.

Regardless, Streamline had success in the SVIC with making it to the final round, and has been picked up for the Holloway Competition’s second round.

“The through the SVIC we realized how much of a benefit this could be to all parties,” Kane added.

Even if Kane and his team don’t win the competition, he described the process as obtaining different perspectives as tremendous value to projects, and hopes to put more of the project together, including dealing with the business side of the project.

ITALIAN NOTTE DINNER

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Wednesday, March 9
Holloway Commons
4:30pm-9:00pm

View the menu: unh.edu/dining

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identities. In my experience, within the LGBTQ+ community, speakers are generally white cis-gender gay men. There’s nothing wrong with having those speakers, but it becomes a problem when those are the only people we are hearing from,” said UNH junior Audrey Johnson who spearheaded the booking of DarkMatter.

For the artists Alok Vaid-Menon and Janani Balasubramanian who make up DarkMatter and its performance entity #GetsBitter, the battle against systemic iniquity ranges beyond sweeping campaigns with catchy hashtags. Beyond marriage and beyond a fight for general acceptance, DarkMatter addresses cultural concerns of corruption, wealth inequality, racism, and appropriation that eclipse and threaten the pro-LGBTQ+ movement itself.

The duo directly addressed Savage and his message of optimism and anticipation in their poem titled ‘It Gets Bougie.’

It says in part: ‘Dear Dan Savage... when you said you were a homosexual, did that mean you wanted to f-k yourself? It seems like you and your friends were anal about just about everything - except for racial and economic justice... It gets bougie when every national gay organization in this country invests in private prisons and drone warfare... It gets bougie when marriage and not murder is the number one gay issue.”

Pushing slam poetry, fashion, rhyme and rage to limits beyond cultural context, DarkMatter works to ignite a balance between conversation and indignation.

“To be completely honest, I’m not exactly sure what to expect. DarkMatter is unpredictable in the best way possible,” Johnson said. “I wanted to hear from trans people, people of color, bi people... there are so many identities which do not get the same amount of airtime. Here’s an amazing act that can help turn the tides and bring a new perspective to campus. To help lift the voices of two queer, non-binary, South Asian activists is incredible.”

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Midway through last semester, Marino came upon the decision to campaign for the position. Marino, with a political science major and women’s studies minor in the process, initially became involved at UNH in his freshman year by joining a number of organizations, including the Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Student Senate and UNH College Democrats.

Marino, a native of Newfields, New Hampshire, has changed his legal residence to Durham since coming to UNH.

“I really do feel like Durham is my home,” Marino said. “I spend the overwhelmingly major part of my time here. I work here, go to school here, and I really feel a strong connection to the community... and I definitely consider it to be my home.”

As to what could good come out of having a student serve on the Town Council, Marino was confident that there could be many benefits.

“I think that when you have a student at the table, it gives representation to a very large community of people. You know that students represent a very big part of Durham, being a college town,” Marino said. “I fear that when we don’t have any representation on the Town Council, some of the issues that are really important to us as students don’t get talked about because of representation just isn’t there.”

Last Tuesday, a debate was held for the six candidates vying for the three open spots, and Marino remarked that, “[The debate] went pretty well. It was a good discussion.”

Topics brought up during the debate included student housing, town infrastructure, and environmental issues, among other key issues that affect the town.

Marino remarked that the Town Council has done a “pretty good job” in terms of establishing a relationship between students and the town government, but noted that there is room for improvement—and he hopes to accomplish such a goal if elected into the position. Marino noted that he would work to address topics including civil rights and sexual assaults.

“I think it’s an issue that the council, in my knowledge, hasn’t been able to address in the last couple years, and I believe it’s an issue that needs to be addressed,” Marino said of sexual assaults. “...if people don’t feel safe walking the streets of our town, that’s a really serious problem that we need to fix.”

If Tuesday’s vote doesn’t end in his favor, Marino remarked that he’d continue to be very engaged in town government, along with working to encourage more students to get involved.
A crowd of over 100 people sat playing board games in the Strafford Room this past weekend during Meeple and Cardboard Syndicate’s annual weekend-long gaming event. The convention ran for two days, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, with the games running until midnight for each day.

“This is our third year. Our first year we had 44 [in attendance], last year we had 118, so we’re up above that this year,” said graduate student Joey Misirvitch, the current president of the student organization. The games available for participants to play varied. Club officer and UNH junior Ellis Codd said, “Most are board games, some are card games, there’s a lot of dice. We’ve branched out this year to include roleplaying games and things like Magic [The Gathering].” Misirvitch specified, “There’s really three genres of games. Americanized, European, and Based with more integrated mechanics and skills, and Role-playing. European games always have some sort of end-game trigger, driven by the mechanics. We try to push [the Euro] games more because of the learning aspect. I’ve seen students improve their GPA from learning the mechanics of board games.”

Not only were the days spent gaming between friends, strangers, students and community members, but there were raffles and tournaments too. One raffle occurred around mid-afternoon on Saturday, after which Codd said, “The raffle just happened. We had a large amount of donations, dominantly from JetPack Comix, to do this.”

According to the organization’s president-in-training, Ben Schalek, “Every semester you get free raffle tickets for showing up to events, just for being a member.”

Although there were games available provided by the club, event-goers were encouraged to bring their own games as well. Codd said, “About 90 percent of the games being played were brought by students and community members.”

“The club is all about spreading the love for board games, that effort that community businesses contribute to. Misirvitch said, “JetPack Comix donated over a thousand dollars in stuff to give away.”

Next year, the plan is to expand the event even more. “We’re going into e-sports and online games, like League of Legends. That’s the next goal,” Schalek said.

The participants came from far and wide to enjoy the event, with some even traveling from Massachusetts and Maine. Diana de Alvaré of Dover, spent the event with her friends playing Shadowrun: Crossfire. “This game is more like a role-playing game meets a board game because when you win a game you get experience points. It changes the game each time you play it because you can make the objectives harder each time you play it,” she said.

Freshman Michael Fitzgerald said of the event, “It’s really fun. There’s so much variety, you can play a shorter game or a longer game…. I’ve played some [games] with other people I didn’t know.”

De Alvaré also enjoyed the event overall saying, “It’s a great event, we’ve come to them ever since they started. This set up where everyone can bring and share games is one of our favorites.”

Patients warned of exposure to scabies

MANCHESTER — New Hampshire health officials say patients and staff at two Manchester clinics may have been exposed to scabies.

Health officials in Manchester issued the scabies alert after WMUR-TV reported that a patient was treated at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. The patient reportedly was treated for scabies March 2 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock clinic in Manchester. The same patient reportedly was treated at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester in February.

Scabies is not a public health threat, but has uncomfortable symptoms that include severe itchiness and a rash. The Manchester Health Department is preparing preventive clinics from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 9, 10, and 11 for anyone who may have been exposed. The clinics will be held at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and CMC in Manchester.

“We have everything ranging from a trip to Costa Rica to a vacuum cleaner,” said Erica Spino, a sister of Kappa Delta. Spino said that each year the silent auction is a learning process as they try to figure out ways to enhance it for the next year. Last year, Spino and the sisters of Kappa Delta raised $25,000, which is a very large increase from their first year, which brought in $6,500.

Along with the silent auction, there were many other events that went on during the evening. The University of New Hampshire’s own all-male acappella group Not Too Sharp put on a performance, and there were also raffles happening throughout the night. The raffles consisted of a wide range of items such as movie tickets and a life jacket.

“Chapter members also offered their services such as tutoring, swimming lessons, skeet shooting or babysitting,” Spino said. “There is something for everyone.”

Along with the auction, performance and various raffles, guests were also treated to a gourmet buffet style dinner.

“When we do this, the proceeds go to Prevent Child Abuse America and the New Hampshire Children’s Trust.”

Both of these organizations help by trying to create stable environments for children to grow up in where the risk of child abuse is very low.

Prevent Child Abuse America does a broader take on the entire United States, where as the New Hampshire Children’s Trust focuses their efforts locally helping families within the state.

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Annual gaming event takes over Strafford Room

By GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE STAFF WRITER

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By ADAM COOK STAFF WRITER

Kappa Delta holds 5th annual charity silent auction and dinner

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The New Hampshire
By ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC
STAFF WRITER

Original Vietnamese Dong Ho paintings were displayed by Diep Tran, an international student at UNH, on Friday evening in the MUB Entertainment Center. Tran spoke about their creation and the cultural significance of the paintings.

Dong Ho Paintings, often described as the art of Vietnamese people, are traditionally used as decorations for the celebration of the Lunar New Year and are made using "unusual" and natural materials.

These paintings originated in the 16th century and are handcrafted in the Dong Ho village in the Bac Ninh Province in Vietnam.

Forty people filled the intimate setting on Friday at 3:30 p.m. for Tran’s second Cultural talk. She spoke as part of the Cultural Connections series last year. Tran introduced her talk with a map of Vietnam, highlighting where she is from and the location of Dong Ho Village.

Tran’s talk was divided into five short sections about the paintings including materials, process, content, categories, and meanings.

“It takes a long time, but it pays off,” said Tran in regards to the process of creating a single painting.

The paintings are made of all natural materials. The “Dzo” paper is made by hand and requires multiple steps prior to being ready to be painted on. The production of the paper alone can take up to a month.

Even the colors that are commonly found on the paintings are natural. Tran explained that they are made of red gravel, burned bamboo leaves, flowers, and sea shells.

Artists paint with one color a day due to the nature of the paint and a specific order of colors is followed, starting with reds from the red gravel.

According to Tran, today there are only two individuals that are considered true artisans in the craft. These two artisans are Nguyen Dang Che and Huu Sam.

Nguyen Dang Che’s paintings were the ones displayed. Tran played a short video for the audience with English subtitles showcasing the process of creating both the specific materials and the works of art as a whole.

“They wanted to not only paint a picture, but deliver a comment on society,” said Tran about the artists. “It’s really not just about the picture. They contain many values as well,” she added.

Members of the audience asked questions in regards to the popularity of the paintings, where they can be purchased, and the selling price.

According to Tran, the 20 Dong Ho paintings that she brought to display for the talk only cost about 20 dollars.

The presentation lasted half an hour with members of the audience sticking around to ask questions and observe the paintings.

Tran’s talk, as well as all Cultural Connection events are co-sponsored by the Office of International Students and Scholars and the MUB.

The Dong Ho paintings pictured above are traditional Vietnamese art. The original paintings were displayed by international student Diep Tran on Friday night in the MUB Entertainment Center.
In Brief

Man convicted, transporting and selling female as prostitute across state lines

PORTLAND, Maine Federal prosecutors say a Maine man has been sentenced to more than four years in prison after being convicted of transporting a woman to New Hampshire to sell her as a prostitute.

Maine U.S. Attorney Thomas Delahanty says 49-year-old Leo Gronin of Biddeford was sentenced in federal court Friday to 51 months in prison. Gronin pleaded guilty in September to transporting an individual in interstate commerce with the intent that she engage in prostitution.

Prosecutors say Gronin convinced the woman to travel from southern Maine to model in Dover, New Hampshire, on July 15, 2015, where she performed sexual services on clients for money.

Law enforcement officials say they tracked Gronin through an online ad for escort services.

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Mushers heading to Willow, Alaska, for start of Iditarod

By MARK THIENSSEN
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WILLOW, Alaska — The re-laxed atmosphere surrounding the world’s most famous sled dog race is a stark contrast to the days that led up to it.

Mushers were making their way to Willow, Alaska, on Sunday, for the competitive start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

In Willow, mushers make the final preparations for the nearly 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) race to Nome. This includes saying goodbye to friends and families and making the final checks of their sleds.

The winner is expected in Nome, along the Bering Sea coast, in about nine days.

On Saturday, thousands of people lined the streets for the sheriff’s fan fair and the ceremonial start in Anchorage.

The event is designed for fans, allowing them to interact with the mushers, take photos and pet some sled dogs.

The “ceremonial start is hon- estly the most fun day, because you really get to show everyone what you are,” said Aliy Zirkle, a fan favorite who has four top-five finishes in the last four Iditarods.

“On a fun day, for me it’s fun and easy to show off your team, your sleds, the sled dogs,” said Zirkle.

The event ended with fans throwing snow with their Iditarod dollars to create a “3-m (4,833-kilometer) route.”

Race organizers said trail conditions are “likely to largely improve” for mushers after the official start in Willow.

The mood changes Sunday from the party atmosphere of the ceremonial start, where beer tents popped up on downtown streets and reindeer dog vendors were selling to the crowds, Zirkle said.

“It’s a little more serious, kind of pull up your brimches and get ready to race,” Zirkle said.

There are 85 mushers signed up this year for the race, which crosses lengthy stretches of unfor-giving terrain, including two mountain ranges and the wind-swept Raton Pass.

There are seven former champions in the field, including Dallas Seavey. He has won three out of the last four races, and his only loss in that span was to his father, Mitch Seavey, in 2013.

Seavey, who finished second in this year’s 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race between Alaska and Canada, said it’s an incredibly talented field of mushers in the Iditarod and any one of them could be the favorite to win.

“I’m not even going to begin to mention them because there are at least 20 teams that could win this race this year,” he said, in- cluding one of three returning mushers in the race from Norway.

Two-time champ Robert Sorlie, 58, is a firefighter in Oslo, Norway. In 2003, he became only the second man born outside the United States to win the race, a feat he repeated in 2005. He says this is likely his last Iditarod, cit-ing age and costs associated with the race.
Blustery storm brings rain, snow to dry California

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO

Steady rain fell in Northern California on Monday, blanketing the Sierra Nevada as the first of several powerful storms expected to slam Western states this week. The rain was welcomed by farmers and tourists, ending a dry spell and raising hopes the drought-stricken state can get much needed precipitation.

Droves of snowboarders, skiers and sledgers packed Sierra slopes for the season opener and spent the day visiting and san francisco landmarks before an even more blustery storm arrived later in the day.

“It doesn’t matter if it rains, we want to see as much as possible because we only have four days,” said Ole Kleiborn, a tourist from Sweden wearing rain jackets for himself and his family, who waited for a cable car on Saturday afternoon.

“We want to go to Alcatraz this afternoon. But if it rains too hard, we’ll go shopping instead.”

Down the coast to flights into San Francisco International Airport were delayed by more than two hours, and dozens more airlines canceled flights, officials said.

California is not the only place experiencing rainy conditions. Conditions are especially ripe for tornadoes in the Southeast and Great Plains. Specifically, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, southern Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina and parts of Virginia.

Back in the Sierras, the Sugar Bowl ski resort near Donner Summit reported 7 inches of new snow at the summit overnight and slopes full of people Saturday.

“When we come up here, we can’t get anxious to get up here and get to those fresh tracks,” said Lloyd Garden, Sugar Bowl’s marketing coordinator. “Die-hard loves to ski when it’s snowing. It’s very peaceful, it’s quiet and the turns are fresh and great.”

Along the coast at the Montrey Bay Aquarium, a sea otter sought shelter from stormy seas in the aquarium’s Great Tide Pool so she could give birth, and she her pup in full view of a crowd of visitors and staff.

“Their is it!” someone shouted. During an interview, the sea otter was fol lowed as the single pup came into the world on a large outcropping of rock amid a smattering of rain. Morales, witnesses said, called out the warning. The rain and snow will be accompanied by blustery winds, possibly up to 60 mph. The strong winds could bring down trees and power lines leading to scattered power outage.

The National Weather Service reported a seven-day total could app roach 20 inches of rain in North ern California and up to three inches in the southern end of the state, where rain is expected to ar rive over the weekend.

Bob Benjamin, a forensic consultant with the National Weather Ser vice, said the agency has issued a slow moving cold front, leading to days of rain for a large swath of the central and southern U.S. stretching from the central Gulf Coast up through to the Ohio Val ley.

Heavy rainfall and flooding are possible throughout Okla homa as a storm system makes its way into the state. Oklahoma’s strongest storms capable of producing large hail and damaging wind gusts, forecasters said.

The Sierra snowpack, which normally stores about 30 percent of California’s water supply, was only 83 percent of the March 1 average when it was measured Feb. 28 this week. That’s much better than a year earlier, but after years of drought nearly all the state’s major reservoirs hold far less water by this time of year, the Department of Water Resources said.

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sions about his life and work. In the screening of “The Great Santini,”
The event culminated with a 70th birthday party in his honor.

“His health and depression. “The reason I write is to ex-
plain my life to myself,” Conroy said in a 1986 interview. “I’ve
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accident or crime? VA worker faces trial in patient’s death

A federal grand jury in Charleston returned a 17-count
indictment charging Kevin Harris, with manslaughter
in the death of his patient and a violation of the
Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
in Charleston. Harris was employed as a registered
nurse and worked in the hospital’s acute mental health
unit.

A coroner’s report isn’t publicly
available, but it cited bruises on Johnson’s neck
and the presence of blood on his forehead as
factors in the death. The report also noted
that Harris had interacted with Johnson
about 100 times before the death.

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In Brief

Marine dies in a boating accident near base

By TERRY SPENCER

KAILUA, Hawaii — A spoke- man for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii confirms that a Ma- rine died early Saturday morning after the boat he was in capsized in the vicinity of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports.

The 17-foot boat overturned with three men onboard near the northern tip of the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports.

Two of the men were able to swim back to shore and notify au- thorities, the fire department told the newspaper. At 8:25 a.m., the man was found unconscious under 30 feet of water, the Star-Advertiser re- ports. He was breathing and had a pulse, fire officials said.

Chuck Little, a Marine corps spokesman, said the man “is an active-duty Marine stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.”

Little said he would not iden- tify the man until his next of kin are notified.

The changes are the latest by the military looking to improve its abilities to recruit and retain personnel in a cyber-warfare strategy and faces competition from a rebounding economy.

A 2014 Pentagon study found that roughly two-thirds of Americans would not qualify to enlist in the armed services as a result of health problems, obesity, and the failure to complete a high school education.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said the service is not lowering standards but rather adjusting to reality: People today, in general, are bigger but not necessarily fat.

The Navy is also considering larger uniform sizes for the first time in two decades.

“It’s far more realistic,” Mabus said of the new body fat standard. “We were kicking more people out of the Navy for failing that, than for drugs.”

The number of sailors booted from the Navy annually because they did not meet physical stan- dards has more than doubled from 694 in 2011 to 1,536 in 2014.

The changes come amid de- bate over whether the physical re- quirements demanded of service members across the board are still relevant or should be adjusted ac- cording to the job so the armed forces can maintain the pool of talent it needs for today’s high- tech warfight.

“There’s been talk in the Army of easing up on strict body fat re- quirements because its cyber-warriors, for example.

All branches are reviewing their policies to deter- mine their forces and prepare for the opening of combat posts to women.

From drone operators to cy- ber-warfare officers, “there are a number of officers in jobs where it is really obvious why it would not make whole lot of difference what their weight is, other than to the extent that the culture in the military disapproves it and there- fore, they can’t lead,” said former Army officer James Joyner, who works for the Marine Corps Uni- versity.

He believes the military must change policies.

“It’s absurd the percentage of high school teenagers who are considered to be too fat to join the military,” Joyner said. “May- be there are two problems: One, our standards are out of date and not relevant.”

Some 34,900 sailors, or roughly 10 percent of the force, have failed the physical require- ments at least once since 2011, mostly because of body fat, Chris- tensen said.

The Navy’s old policy al- lowed for 22 percent body fat for males ages 17-39, and 33 percent body fat for females ages 17-39. Sailors age 40 and older were al- lowed one additional percentage point or 23 percent for males and 34 percent for women over 40.

The new lower body fat line with the Department of Defense standards and allow sailors to pass with a maximum 26 percent of body fat for men and 36 percent for women.

Service members have long complained that the Defense De- partment’s method of estimating body fat punishes bulkier, muscu- lar bodies.

Plastic surgeons in commu- nities near bases have said up to a third of their business comes from service members seeking liposuc- tion to pass the exam.

In a so-called “tape test” relies on measures of the neck and waist to calculate one’s body fat percent- age. Firms have ques- tioned its accuracy.

The Air Force in 2013 start- ed allowing airmen who fail the tape test but pass physical fit- ness exams to be measured using the Body Mass Index, which is a chart based on an individual’s weight and height. The Navy adopted similar rules, expanded gym hours and provides fitness help to post-punt sailors.

Petty Officer Lentoyi White, 26, feels great for her career, after fail- ing twice.

“I am very grateful for a sec- ond chance with this new policy,” said the single mother of a 5-year- old girl.

White, based in Coronado, California, uses a calorie-tracking app and does 30 minutes of cardio a day.

She has gone from 212 pounds to 188 and is confident she’ll pass this spring.
Opinion

Creating Connectivity

Sophomore Douglas Marino will appear on the ballot for a position on the Durham Town Council Tuesday. He will be one of six candidates running for the three open spots with three-year terms.

As a staff, The New Hampshire supports both Marino’s endeavors and the principle of having a student voice on the Town Council.

Whether real or perceived, there is an air of tension between many of the town’s residents and the university. Having a student sitting on the council would help mitigate this apparent tension.

The New Hampshire lauds Marino’s courage to run for a position at such a young age relative to the rest of the Town Council members, including those currently holding a seat and the others who are running.

We imagine that the act of running itself, participating in forums and expressing political ideologies to elders would be at the very least intimidating to most students.

Marino said during his opening remarks at a forum held for the candidates last Tuesday, March 1, that he has noticed “a fundamental disconnect between the student body and the rest of Durham.” He added that he hopes to “bridge the gap” by adding a student voice to the Town Council.

Marino stressed such importance in his candidate’s article on the front page. Marino stated, “I think that when you have a student at the table, it gives representation to a very large community of people. You know that students represent a very big part of Durham, being a college town. I fear that when we don’t have any representation on the Town Council, some of the issues that are really important to us as students don’t get talked about because that representation just isn’t there.”

Though we can’t necessarily speak to the content of the Durham Town Council’s discussions at meetings, The New Hampshire agrees with Marino that having a student voice on the Town Council would be beneficial for all parties involved.

Plus, Marino’s young age is deceiving in terms of experience. The political science major said in the forum that he began his political career at 11 years old. He added that he served on the New Hampshire Legislative Youth Evaluative Council while he was in high school. Additionally, Marino has served on the UNH Student Senate. That’s about as impressive of a political résumé as a sophomore in college conceivably have.

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Lastly, The New Hampshire encourages students to do some research on the six candidates running and vote Tuesday. However, it would be worthwhile to pay special attention to Marino and strongly consider the idea of having a student on the Town Council.

The election will be held Tuesday, March 8 at Oyster River High School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Got an opinion? Are you politically inclined? Do you want your ideas read by thousands? Contact Sam Rabuck at tnh.editor@unh.edu for more information.

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A diverse party

Thumbs Up

Thumbs Down

The conservative message is a simple one: All men are created equal with certain unalienable rights. Abraham Lincoln, who founded the party in 1861, certainly agreed with this as he broke barriers of living the American dream and making the lives of all Americans better for future generations to come. Today, that message hasn’t changed. The true party of diversity lies within the Republican Party.

Most recently, three of the last five standing candidates to be the GOP nominee this November were minorities. Dr. Ben Carson, who is African-American, grew up in a household with a single mother who was illiterate and had him at the mere age of 13. Ted Cruz’s father was beaten and tortured as a youth fighting in the Cuban Revolution before coming to America to wash dishes for 50 cents an hour and one day became a preacher. Marco Rubio’s parents fled the same communist Cuba in 1956 hoping to give their children better lives than their own. The only two Latin-American governors in United States history, Nikki Haley (R-South Carolina) and Bobby Jindal (R-Louisiana), both learned similar principles from their parents, who left India in search of a new life. Brian Sandoval (R-Nevada) and Susana Martinez (R-New Mexico) serve as Hispanic governors of their respective states. Tim Scott (R-South Carolina) serves as only one of two African-Americans in the Senate. The list goes on. However, they are conservatives for the same reason I am. It’s the idea that only you, and not the government, are in charge of your own destiny.

The Republican Party is truly, as explained by Senator Rubio, “the party of the maids and the bartenders.” Anyone can live up to his/her potential in America, if he or she strives to work hard and get a great education. Limited government intervention helps people break barriers in the great story of America, not more interference. We are a land of immigrants who have come together to believe in a certain set of values that are instilled in us at birth. Most importantly, we have all come together to become Americans.

The party is growing because it is expanding to reach more people and change more lives than ever before. The Republican Party has helped countless citizens realize the “American dream” since its inception. Abraham Lincoln would be pleased to see how far it has come. We will continue to expand and grow because, unlike our opposition, our beliefs have not changed with the times.

Peter Hinman is a senior majoring in political science.
Goldrich, Anderson named football MVPs

Senior co-captains Sean Goldrich and Aik Anderson were named to the All-New England Football Players to highlight the University of New Hampshire football program’s annual team banquet, which was held Sunday inside the Memorial Union Building on the UNH campus.

Goldrich, a four-year starter who overcame a leg injury that sidelined him for more than a month early in his career, played in 45 games with 26 starts during his four-year career. Anderson racked up 56 tackles, including 34 solo stops, in 11 games to earn All-CAA Third Team honors. He was named to the Dave Rimington Trophy watch list as a right tackle (junior) and left tackle (senior). Blackwell totaled 5.0 tackles for loss, a sack, an interception and two fumble recoveries.

Emma Nelligan, of Manchester, N.H., received the Barros Family Award, voted by the team, after posting two goals and an assist in the three-game tournament. She also named Murray on the NEWSA All-New England First Team.

Senior Caroline Murray and sophomore Brooke Murphy collected co-MVP honors for the University of New Hampshire women’s soccer banquet, Sat- ursday morning at the Sky Box Lounge.

The Wildcats celebrated a season which finished with a 6-9-4 record overall and a 4-4 mark in America East play. UNH competed in the America East Championships for a sec- ond consecutive season and was one win shy of the regular sea- son champion honor. The team’s defense of the title was undone after an America East Champi- onship Quarterfinal loss to the University of Maine, 1-1, in two overtimes. The Wildcats dominated the game with a 22-10 shot advantage as well as a 2-2 edge in corner kicks. In the overtime periods, the Wild- cats outshot the Black Bears 4-1 in total shots. Murphy finished the season leading the team in scoring with one goal and eight assists for 10 points, earning her Amer- ica East Midfielder of the Year honors. She was an All-Con- ference First Team Selection as well as an All-Academic team honoree. After the season, Murray was named to the NSCAA All-Region Third Team and the NEWSA All-New England First Team. She was also selected for the 2015 NEWSA Senior Bowl, which features se- niors from schools throughout New England representing all three NCAA Divisions.

The Wildcats closed their sec- ond season as a Wildcat with America East Midfielder of the Year honors after leading the league with 32 goals and 18 assists. Leissner is the first Wildcat All-Mid- delton as a co-MVP.

Sophomore Tanner Leiss- ner and junior Jalen Smith of the University of New Hamp- shire men’s basketball team were named America East All-Confer- ence First Team and Second Team selections, respectively.

Belanger enjoys a successful freshman campaign in a Wildcat uniform. She ranked fourth on the team in scoring (5.5 ppg), fifth in reboun- ding (3.4 rpg), and second in blocks (22). She also became one of two Wildcats in history to score more than 1,300 points and collect more than 650 rebounds.

Last year, Belanger also earned a spot on the All-Con- ference First Team. She was a member of the All-Conference Second Team during her sopho- more year, after being named to the All-Rookie Team during her freshman campaign.

Junior Andrew Belanger and senior Ashley Stone were named to the America East All-Rookie Team, respectively, Friday evening at the annual women’s basketball awards ban- quet.

Belanger finished the regu- lar season leading the team in scoring (16.9 ppg) and rebound- ing with 7.1 boards per game. She also led the team in steals (21), free throw percentage (.800) and minutes per game (35.5). For Belanger, the senior season was marked by a 32-point game against the University of Massachusetts Lowell on Jan. 21. Two games later, at Stony Brook University, she tied that career-high with an- other 32-point game.

Belanger had a 1,000-point milestone against the University of Pennsylvania on Nov. 22 this season. She holds the fifth spot on the all-time scoring list with 1,453 points and is just four points out of fifth. Her 703 ca- reer rebounds are fourth best ever among All-Rookie and Second Teams. This year, Leissner was named America East Rookie of the Year and was placed on both All-Rookie and Second Team. This season, the sophomore scored a career-high 30 points at the Uni- versity of Maine on Jan. 18, in a 99-91 victory, the first Wildcat to break the 30-point mark since 2011. Leissner scored more than 20 points in 11 games this season and the Texas native ranks third in scoring and fifth in rebounding throughout the conference.

Leissner is the first Wildcat to be named to the All-Conference First Team since Blagoj Janev in the 2005-06 season. He also a Texas native, who ranks sixth in the con- ference in assists per game, dishes out four assists and he leads the conference in free-throw shooting with an 88.9 percent mark.

UNH set a new school re- cord for most wins in a two-season span, winning 38 games going back to last season. UNH boasts a 19-11 overall record.

Women’s soccer celebrates 2015 season at banquet

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The Wildcat gymnastics team placed third in a tri-meet with Utah State University on Friday night, recording a score of 193.825.

UNH was limited in lineup choices. Only 14 athletes made the trip, a decision dictated in part by travel cost and in part by the team’s need to bring in or out of the mix. Jennifer King had the top performer on beam, Casey Murdock, who is still recovering from a stress fracture,” UNH head coach Gail Goodspeed said.

In a surprising twist, the lineup that recorded the highest score for the Wildcats was the vault. UNH tallied a score of 48.825 on the apparatus, with all six gymnasts recording at least a 9.700. Freshman Erin Carroll and sophomore Elizabeth Mahoney were the top Wildcats, with scores of 9.825 and 9.800, respectively. Carroll’s performance was a new career-high, and was also enough to score second place overall on the meet. Only BYU’s Sin To recorded a higher score, edging Carroll with a 9.850.

After beam, the team transitioned to floor exercises. In their last meet, the Wildcats had five gymnasts score 9.850 marks on floor, but the floor routines cooled off a bit on Friday night. The team scored 48.400 points, though Megan Pfleger impressed with a solid 9.800 showing to lead the squad.

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The America East playoffs began on Saturday at Binghamton.
One of the best rivalries in the conference wrote a new page in its storied history. The UNH Wildcats faced off against the Maine Black Bears in a No. 2-seed against No. 7-seed matchup. Despite some impressive individual efforts and enormous energy and heart, UNH fell 58-47.
The Wildcats finish their season 12-18 overall and 5-10 in conference play. Despite a late season surge, UNH couldn’t manage any postseason magic this year. The team’s record may not show it, but the Wildcats were competitive all year long and they proved they could be a top team in the league.
A great first quarter by Maine proved to foreshadow the outcome. The Wildcats found themselves up three at one point in the first quarter but trailed 21-14 at the end of the period. UNH has had a hard time coming out of the gate all year long and Saturday was no different. The seven-point deficit proved to be too much for the ‘Cats to comeback from.
Senior Elizabeth Belanger led the game in scoring with 23 points. Belanger ends her career as the fifth all-time in scoring and seventh in rebounds. Sophomore Carlie Pogue and freshman Ashley Storey led the way down low with 17 points and 10 rebounds combined.
An inability to come out of the locker room and play great basketball has plagued the Wildcats all year. Another slow start in the second half proved to rain all chances for a Wildcats comeback. The ‘Cats only scored nine third quarter points, but their defense only allowed six points. UNH only trailed by three points heading into the final frame.
Maine’s offensive explosion was too much for UNH. Maine improved their second half scoring total with 14 fourth quarter points, while the Wildcats notched 11 points in the final quarter. The Black Bears were able to control their lead despite the constant Wildcat pressure.
Maine advanced to a semifinal matchup against Stony Brook.
Stony Brook defeated UNH on Sunday, March 6, by a score of 51-48 and will face top seed Albany in the America East Championships. Albany throttled the Binghamton Bears by a final score of 79-43 after cruising past Hartford 60-40 in the first round of the playoffs.
UNH’s loss marked the end to two valuable Wildcats’ careers. Belanger and Stephanie Spoto finished their time with the UNH program and leave a legacy on and off the court.
The ‘Cats’ youthful talent gives some signs that the program may bounce back next year.
Albany and Maine will face off at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11 for the America East crown.
Conor McGregor was defeated by Nate Diaz via submission in the second round of Saturday night’s UFC 196 event, a 170-pound matchup.

**Men’s Hockey**

Wildcats forced from Hockey East playoffs

By **MARK GARBINO**
STAFF-WRITER

Hockey season is officially over at UNH. The Wildcats went to battle with the Merrimack College Warriors in a tight three-game opening round series on the road, but fell short, losing two straight after winning the opening game. The offseason came especially early this year, as UNH has made it to the Hockey East Championship each of the past two seasons. UNH finished with an overall record of 11-20-6, including 4-13-6 in conference play.

Sophomore goalie Danny Tirone had an impressive weekend and gave his team every chance to win, stopping 132 of 138 shots faced across the three games.

“He played great,” head coach Dick Umile said. “That’s who he is.”

Every minute of action between these two teams was hard fought, with every inch of the ice needing to be earned. The tone for the series was set in the opening game, when it took almost 35 minutes of action before the first goal was scored.

The two teams remained fairly even in the score column for a good portion of the first half. With 18:39 left in the half, the score was 3-2 in favor of Merrimack. Krissy Schafer and Devon Croke were responsible for the first two Wildcat goals. "I think we need to work harder off ball [and] on ball, I think we need to work harder with our fundamentals. It’s something that we really harped on,”

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Men’s hockey could only muster one win at Merrimack in the Hockey East playoffs this weekend.

**Lacrosse**

Stags stampede past ‘Cats

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Sophomore goaltender Kate Clancy recorded a career-high 13 saves on Saturday, but it wasn’t enough to stop the stampede.

The Wildcat lacrosse team fell at home to the Fairfield University Stags by a final score of 16-6. The team is now 2-4 on the season.

The Stags fired a total of 33 shots and forced an attack that was too strong for the Wildcats to overcome.

“We didn’t have a lot of positives out there. I think we really shot ourselves in the foot with a lot of things,” head coach Sarah Albrecht after the game. “I think we need to work harder off ball [and] on ball. I think we need to work harder with our fundamentals. It’s something that we really harped on.”

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**Stats of the Week**

Kate Clancy’s career high number of saves in Saturday’s loss to Fairfield University.

Points for senior Elizabeth Belanger in her final game as a UNH Wildcat, to go along with five rebounds.

UNH gymnastics’ score on vault in Friday night’s meet against Utah State and BYU.