UNH alumna Lori Robinson ’81 has been selected to be the first ever female combatant commander in U.S. Air Force history.

By ASHLYN J. CORREIA
DESIGN EDITOR

Before Gen. Lori Robinson was breaking barriers by being named as the first female combatant commander (pending senate confirmation) by President Obama, she was studying for her classes like any other Wildcat. According to Gen. Robinson, “The kids have been great here... I have seen absolutely no difference in spirit in who they are, they are very different from other places... we have very strong dancers,” Nardone said.

“Magic” was performed by 26 dancers accompanied by a playlist of intense drums and vocals.

By MICHAEL VALOTTO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From March 30 to April 3, the UNH Dance Company held its annual concert, an elaborate performance that had people young and old filling the seats of the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC) every night of the week. The night was split into two performances; a jazz, tap, aerial (JTA Company) performance entitled “Magic” and a one-act ballet “Les Esclaves” inspired by famous ballet “Le Corsaire” performed by the Ballet Company.

Professor of Theater and Dance Gay Nardone, who has been dancing since the age of 3 and dancing professionally since the age of 17, directed “Magic” and choreographed performances at UNH since 1982.

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UNH takes 6th at Ann Arbor

Danielle Mulligan scored a team-best 9.850 on the uneven bars in a sixth-place finish for UNH at Ann Arbor.

Elinor Purrier sets a UNH school-record at the Colonial Relays in Virginia this past weekend.

Politics, predictions and bets

A UNH professor discusses PredictIt, an online system that treats the presidential election like the New York Stock Exchange, resulting in some accurate predictions.

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SCOPE lands Chase Rice to perform 2nd spring concert

By ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC
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The Student Committee on Popular Entertainment (SCOPE) has confirmed a second spring concert Monday during the day, just two weeks after announcing rap star Future. Chase Rice will be finishing his cross-country tour on the UNH campus.

The country singer will be performing at the Whittemore Center on Saturday, May 7 as part of his College Days Country Nights: The Chase Rice Back to College Tour just a week after the first concert on April 29.

Rice released his single, “Whisper,” in February, which will be featured on an upcoming album. The Platinum-certified single, “Ready Set Roll” was released in 2014 on his album “Ignite the Night.” He is also well-known for being a co-writer of Florida Georgia Line’s “Cruise.”

“This process was interesting. We were approached by our agent. They were the ones that actually approached us. They really wanted to come to UNH,” said SCOPE’s publicity director Amanda Chabot.

Rising stars Lacy Cavalier and Jon Langston will be the show’s openers. Langston’s self-titled album was released in December, and his third EP, “Feature,” is releasing later in the week.

Tickets will go on sale this Thursday at 8 a.m. on StubHub.com and will be the same price as the Future concert.

According to Chabot, some details are still up in the air, but there will most likely be a promo event later in the week.

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Nordane said her inspiration came from her own life experiences.

“I’m getting old… it started just about age… playing around with seasons and time, and as time ticks by you get older,” she said.

“It’s a wonderful dance family,” said lecturer in theatre and dance Mary Beth Marino, who co-choreographed “Magic” along with Nordane. Marino is an alumna of UNH and former student of Nordane. “I never left,” she said.

In Nordane’s notes within the brochure she says, “Sarah (Rachel White) remembers and relives the seasons of her life. Under the magical spell of the timekeeper (Driss Dallahi) and his three Enchantresses, she experiences the joys and losses of passing time.”

“Magic” was separated into four scenes and one closing scene. The performance incorporated aerial dance, a style where fabric, trapeze, and silks are hung from the rafters where the dancers twist and contour their bodies up and down using their own strength for minutes on end.

Driss Dallahi, a student at UNH, dancer of nine years and one of the central performers in the show said, “Before this show, I have never done aerial stuff on stage… I feel really relieved. It’s just really a lot of stress, worrying about if everything is going to go right. Then, afterwards it’s a sigh of relief.”

Just as much effort and time goes into the ballet, “Les Esclaves” was set in the Middle East and incorporated human trafficking, an issue of the past and present. Asaf Benhenti, the director of “Les Esclaves” and assistant professor of theatre and dance wanted to incorporate these two ideas.

The story was presented in one act, set in a dark kingdom ruled by the wicked King Sultan who runs the trafficking of the women. The ballet unfolds as slave traffickers from distant kingdoms have the intent to purchase new slaves.

One after another the frightened women are made to dance. When the King Sultan divides the women in half for the two slave traders, that is when the lone Mama Slave (Julia Fraser) takes action.

In her own interpretation, Fraser said, “I’m kinda the slave who has already been used, I’m the older slave who has seen so much and been through so much.”

Fraser was accompanied by Luke Thompson, (The Slave), whose character played the savior in the performance and frees the captive women heroically.

“I have been training since September for this performance… but only started doing ballet since I was eighteen,” Thompson said.

The inspiration comes from ‘Le Corsaire,’ which is a story about slavery, but around the idea of a love story and slavery is enough, it is such a big issue,” Benhenti said.

For Benhenti’s next show, he said he has ideas.

“Cinderella… but taking our own concepts and playing around with it,” he said.

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son’s official U.S. Air Force biography, she graduated from UNH with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1981.

“We are very proud that the first female [combatant] command selected to lead U.S. Northern Command in its defense of America’s homeland is our very own fellow Wildcat, Gen. Lori Robinson,” said Mark W. Huddleston, president of UNH.

“We’re honored to see her recognized by the president of the United States. She is a great inspiration to us all.”

After completing UNH’s Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps in May 1981, and earning the rank of Second Lieutenant, Robinson entered the Operational Air Force in 1982. She then continued her military education by completing the Basic Air Weapons Controller School at Tindall Air Force Base in Florida.

“She is a trailblazer… for her to be the first female four-star to command a combatant command takes on a bigger meaning,” said Lt. Col. Thomas Lee, commander of AFROTC Detachment 475-UNH. “As our Air Force continues to lead the way on diversity initiatives, General Robinson’s success is very important to our Air Force and especially for women and minority Airmen.”

Zais Hall is not only home to the university, but also houses the UNH’s ROTC Hall of Fame. Robinson was inducted into the hall on Nov. 6, 2009. According to the UNH ROTC’s official webpage, “each inductee is honored with a glass etching, certificate, and plaque.”

As a female in the Air Force, “it’s incredible to have someone like her paving the way in such a male-dominated profession,” said Brielle Bissell, a UNH student currently serving in the Air National Guard. “She is definitely someone I look up to.”

Robinson’s official Air Force biography lists many different positions as an air battle manager in the Air Force including deploying as the Vice Commander of a 405th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia, Vice Commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, and Commander of Pacific Air Forces stationed out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

“Gen. Robinson’s remarkable abilities as a commander and strategist have been proven over more than three decades of dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force,” said Secretary of Defense Ash Carter in a Department of Defense press release. “Her deep operational experience will enable the men and women of NORAD and NORTHCOM to continue building upon the excellence they have demonstrated under Adm. William Gortney’s strong and steady leadership in this critical command.”

Robinson has received many distinguished awards and decorations during her 34 years in the Air Force, including the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters.

“We, as a detachment, definitely follow her career and we have a great deal of pride that she is a Detachment 475 Screaming Eagle and UNH Wildcat,” Lee said.
Most people think of calories as a way to gauge how healthy a food item is. Whether you are dieting or just trying to eat healthier, calories are what most people look to when deciding on which foods to eat. Jessica Pelletier of Eating Concerns Mentors (ECM) said that listing the calories on cards next to the food at dining halls is actually doing more harm than good.

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Eating Concerns Mentor

According to Pelletier, when students with eating disorders see the calorie listings, they may be driven away from eating the food.

"If you talk with people who have gone through it, it's a big trigger for them," Pelletier said.

ECM works with students to help them with their eating disorders or their body image issues, and Pelletier said the problems are widespread on campus.

"Eating disorders, eating concerns, body image issues; major concerns at UNH," said Pelletier.

"A lot of people are interested, a lot of people of people contact us concerned about their friends and how to deal with that, because it’s kind of just become accustomed to culture not to accept your body and love your body so a lot of people don’t come forward to get help," she added.

Pelletier said that removing the calorie tags at the food stations will make eating at the dining halls a more safe and comfortable experience for students with eating disorders.

Understanding that many students use the calorie listings as a dieting tool, Pelletier warned that the calorie information is not accurate for that purpose.

“They’re not accurate in the dining hall, because when you produce in mass quantities everything is inaccurate. You can ask the chefs and cooks in the back, they don’t measure everything out and the students working there don’t portion when they cut it,” said Pelletier.

Pelletier suggested that students who are dieting could look up the calories online instead or through the UNH app.

To advocate for the removal of calorie listings, ECM has worked with Emily Counts, chair of the Health and Wellness Committee.

“It’s helpful for some people who are overweight and obsessive because they have to really monitor how much they are taking in to help them lose weight,” said Counts, adding, “but for some people who have an eating disorder… it can be really destructive because they will look at the caloric intake and be like ‘oh no, that’s not okay, I can’t have that at all.’”

Counts, who also happens to be passionate about nutrition, said that serving size is an important point to consider in the discussion of the calorie cards.

“The process to roll out this plan has proven to be difficult for Counts and ECM. Waiting on the approval of several administrators and organizing meetings are some of the obstacles Counts has encountered in the process so far.

Some nutrition experts have suggested calorie counters (above) could be inaccurate.

Experts say calorie counting is potentially harmful
VIETNAMESE CUISINE HAS A COMBINATION OF FIVE FUNDAMENTAL TASTES

Hieu Nguyen
Cultural Connections Series Speaker

Nguyen, an international student from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, started his presentation Friday evening in the MUB Entertainment Center by explaining why Vietnamese food is considered to be one of the healthiest cuisines in the world.

“Vietnamese cuisine has a combination of five fundamental tastes,” Nguyen said. These are: bitter, salty, sour, spicy, and sweet.

The presentation was split into six sections, which included: classic Vietnamese food, comfort foods, street food, drinks, dessert, and unique fruits. All of the sections were presented with explanations and pictures of the food, along with some fun-facts.

According to Nguyen, Pho is the most popular classic Vietnamese food. Bunh Chung, or sticky rice cakes, are another classic, and are usually eaten during Lunar New Year.

Rice, noted Nguyen, is a Vietnamese comfort food. “Everything can be eaten with rice and I’m not kidding. I’ve had it with banana and mango,” Nguyen said. He also referred to caramelized cafish in a clay pot as a “must try.”

Braised pork with eggs cooked in coconut water and stir-fried morning glory with garlic are other comfort foods in Vietnam culture. Morning glory is also known as water spinach or Ong Choy. “It’s extremely easy to grow, but it’s very expensive in the US,” Nguyen noted.

The Banh Mi Vietnamese sandwich, of French influence because of the baguette it’s served on, is a very popular street food according to Nguyen.

Spring rolls, broken rice, sizzling rice pancakes, Hue beef noodle soup, and chargrilled pork with vermicelli are other popular street foods. Hue beef noodle soup, or bun bo hue, is a “cousin of Pho,” said Nguyen. The difference is that is contains a stronger flavor because it’s more spicy and is made with a thicker type of noodle.

As for drinks, Nguyen focused mainly on Vietnamese iced-coffee because it was served at the event. It was French-roasted coffee poured over condensed milk and served with ice. Sugar cane juice is another popular beverage noted in the presentation.

Vietnamese food is popular and include unique foods such as: mangosteen, rambutan, star apples, and durian, which Nguyen referred to as “the kind of fruits.” Sweet, sugar-based water or coconut milk soup with fruits, seeds, jelly, and tapioca is a commonly eaten dessert. These soups can be served either hot or cold.

Nguyen identified his favorite food as broken rice, which received its name from the fact that the rice grains are literally beaten in order to be broken into small pieces before being cooked. As broken rice is a common street food, it can be purchased as a late-night snack after midnight.

The presentation received positive reactions from the audience. All of the cups of avocado shakes and iced-coffee were consumed and many people had questions for Nguyen about his own favorite foods, proper ways to eat certain foods, and the art of using chopsticks.
By ALEX BOSTIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UNH’s original all-female a cappella group, the New Hampshire Notables, recently celebrated 35 years on campus. On Saturday April 2, the group held the 35th Anniversary Alumni Show, hosting a full day of events which included a luncheon, reunion highlights at the Elliott Alumni Center and capturing the day off with a late-night ensemble of a cappella performances in Murkland Hall.

The New Hampshire Notables have been around since 1980, and, according to its WildcatLink page, the group has tapped into New England’s a cappella scene and gained a good reputation outside of the region as well. For instance, in 2011 the group’s cover of the song “Telephone” by Lady Gaga and Beyoncé began being sold on the national album, “Voices Only.”

The alumni page highlights the nation’s best collegiate a cappella group, the New Hampshire Gentlemen, and, of course, the Notables themselves. The Colby College a cappella group, the “Colby 8,” also made an appearance, opening the show in front of around 150 students, alumni and participants and sang the classic song “I Think About My Enormous Penis,” which instantly got the crowd cheering.

The Notables sang four songs to wrap up the show, but then added a surprise addition, which included all past and present notables performing “Carry On My Wayward Son” by Kansas.

Coordinator for the 35th Anniversary Show, sophomore Notable Colleen Irvine, said flurried congratulations from friends and audience members, talked of the months of preparation and planning and the growth of the Notables.

“This was the first time we got all the alumni together, which was really nice. The show took months of planning but with great help from our alumni, I’m so glad it was a success,” said Irvine.

The Notables host two shows annually for UNH, with the upcoming spring performance being scheduled for May 1 in Murkland Hall.

Current members and alumnae of the all-female a cappella group the New Hampshire Notables pose for a picture during their 35th anniversary alumni show April 2.

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By BRIAN MELLEY
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Nourish UNH sponsors its 3rd annual Nutrition Expo

By KIERA HOOD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

According to EatRight.org Managing Editor, the Nutrition Month, and UNH celebra- ted the occasion with its third annual Nutrition Expo on March 31. At the expo, students, fac- ulty, and other Durham residents had the option to explore the nutrition services available here at UNH and the Durham communi- ty. Located in the Granite State Room of the MUB, the Expo was thriving on Thursday with people interacting with informational ta- bles, games and raffles, and free foods.

Sponsored by Nourish UNH, a health services nutrition peer education group, the UNH Nutrition Expo is an annual event that helps provide a “diversity of information” about the different foods and other great nutrition options available in Durham, said wellness intern for Health Services Stephanie Schmeltzer.

Some of those great nutrition- al information options were available in various tables that were compacted in the Gran- ite State Room. Such tables in- cluded Nourish UNH organizations, pro- grams and clubs like Women’s Studies, Compassion Consulting Club, and American Red Cross Club. Durham businesses like The Juicey, and Young’s Res- taurant were also involved in the Expo, handing out food samples, fresh fruit, and juice samples.

Tasting one of the small cups of green juice and holding a piece of fresh fruit, UNH senior Daniel Stevens walked around the Granite State Room, enthusi-astically learning and appreciat- ing the information on the food they were offered. Where there were those food based organizations on campus, said Stevens, “I like that it teaches everyone about sustainability and where we are in the food chain.”

“It’s interesting because we can learn about how far back our food goes,” said the zoology ma- jor, “just like chocolate in a fac- tory...we want to know where our food comes from and this is a perfect event to learn about all of this.” Stevens mentioned his appreciation for the local busi- nesses and restaurants and their efforts to provide products that are locally grown. Like Stevens, many indi- viduals from Durham businesses expressed their support of sustainability and more efficient ways to “Go Green” for foods. Among them was Young’s Res- taurant owner, Tom Young who was proudly standing behind his ‘Green Giant’ 2013 Award and serving guests samples of chips and salsa and French toast, all of which attracted many people due to the delicious smell.

“This Expo is a great way to connect with students and lis- ten to what they have to say and that they want, which willulti- mately help us make ourselves better at the restaurant,” Young said, “I want to get the message out that things are changing for the better in the food industry.”

“We are starting to work on adding super foods, which are more nutritional options, to our menu,” Young said, “and what a better way than to have students sample some of it right here.”

During the summer months, all of the produce that is served at Young’s Restaurant, according to Young, is locally grown in his own backyard, and he is working on bettering his organic practices to satisfy his customers.

By BRENDON BURNS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Mobile food ordering appli- cations, such as Tapingo and Push For Pizza, have proven to solve common frustrations of waiting in line or calling on the phone for UNH students. Instead, the apps are available to grab the food of your choice in a matter of minutes.

“People don’t want to wait for their food,” said Tom Young, co-founder of Push For Pizza, “they are used to tapping into their phones, which are always in their pockets, and placing an order.”

Tapingo also allows ex- hausted students returning to their dorms from night classes to have a quick meal. Foley said he uses Tapingo once a week, while UNH student Talia Matrumalo said that she usually orders from mobile food apps one or two times a week, but sometimes even as much as four to five times a week.

“This app is very useful to me due to the fact that it has classes from 6 p.m. to midnight, so I can’t go in class or out of class the dining halls are all closed,” said Matrumalo. “The last thing I want to do is wait in line.”

Richard LeHoullier, retail manager of Wildcatessen, es- timates that about half of the student body uses Tapingo for ordering food at their restaur- ant. LeHoullier also stated that he believes this trend is due to costumers being uncomfortable waiting in big crowds late at night.

“People who wouldn’t have come in and ordered before now order,” said LeHoullier. Thomas Grau, professor and chair of marketing in the Pe- ter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, believes this trend to be based off loyal cus- tomer convenience, especially in terms of the delivery service of- fered. Grau stated that users of the application joined the trend after they heard how the app works and why.

“People want [their food] quick and they want it now,” said Grau. "People don’t want to wait in line or calling on the phone for receiving orders.

“The biggest problem they face is the chain of communication within the pizze- ria because most orders are sent via fax; to combat this problem, the company tries to shift a lot of their pizzeras to using tablets for receiving orders.

“One issue I have is the app stops working around a half hour before the restaurant closes and that is frustrating because if I were able to order then I would be able to be in and out,” said Matrumalo. “I can’t drive to go in and have to wait until I get there to make my order which would be closer to the closing time then if I were able to use the app.”

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The class of 2016 plans for what’s next

By ADAM COOK
STAFF WRITER

Another school year will soon be coming to an end, and another batch of seniors are preparing to move on and join the real world. However, a common problem is not all seniors have an idea of where they will be going or what they will be doing after receiving a degree.

On Saturday, May 21, UNH’s graduating class of 2016 will be outside on Memorial Field listening to Richard Haas, the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, as he delivers the commencement speech. All of the students listening to Haas’ speech hope to have a plan, whether it be beginning a job, medical or law school, or going to graduate school. Unfortunately, not everyone has started thinking about what they are going to be doing.

“The future should be nervous about me,” said Tom Lynch, an economics major with a minor in justice studies and philosophy. “I’m going to get in touch with a family friend who said she would set me up with a medical device sales job,” Lynch said. Lynch joked around about the idea of getting a job, but when asked what would happen if his potential job falls through, he started to be more serious.

“Realistically I would look at some of the law offices around my hometown,” Lynch said. “I would look at Fidelity, and a pharmaceutical company one of my friends works for in Boston who said they are hiring.”

Although Lynch is a sociology major with a minor in justice studies and philosophy, he chose to look for jobs in the pharmaceutical and medical sales fields because of the salary.

“There is so much more potential for salary growth in those fields,” Lynch stated. “I am holding out for more money.”

Lynch is hopeful that his lead in medical sales will turn out to be a job. Unlike Lynch, some students are not looking for a job immediately. Jennifer Durkee, a senior studying human development and family studies, is going to be continuing her education at UNH in pursuit of her Master’s degree.

“I decided to enroll in the University of New Hampshire’s graduate program because I feel like I could get a better job with a Master’s versus a Bachelor’s,” Durkee said.

“I’m excited for the real world, but am still anxious because of the uncertainty of the real world.”

Ricky Chamberland
UNH senior

It is a difficult task to get accepted into UNH’s graduate program and continue schooling. According to the university’s website, requirements to apply to the graduate program include a personal statement essay, proficient GRE test scores, three letters of recommendation, prior college transcripts, an application fee and any additional requirements that the particular department asks for.

“The application was tedious and took a lot of effort,” said Durkee. “I was very nervous while I waited to hear back from the university letting me know if I was accepted.”

Although Durkee has a plan to continue her education, she has not applied for any jobs yet and does not have an idea of what she is going to do after graduation. “I wish to continue down this path in student affairs.”

Chamberland does not know which offer he will be taking, but he does have opportunities due to people he has met in the past.

As the end of May is quickly approaching, these students will soon take the next step in creating their future.

Alaska cancels standardized testing after Internet problems

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Alaska education department said Friday that it was canceling its computer-based statewide student assessments amid Internet problems at the University of Kansas where the test developer is based.

Standardized testing is on hold in more than a dozen other states because of the problems.

The university’s Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation provides general end-of-year assessments for students in Kansas and Alaska. It also offers testing for students with significant cognitive disabilities in those states and 14 others — Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Issues arose Tuesday when a backhoe severed a major fiber cable. Testing was canceled for the rest of the day before resuming Wednesday but was again suspended Thursday afternoon because of service disruptions.

Students also experienced problems Friday morning, causing testing to again be suspended.

Marianne Perie, the center’s director, said the suspension is causing “huge problems,” especially for larger districts.

“They have very specific schedules about which students can go in which lab at which time and this outage has really messed up their schedule,” she said.

Alaska cited technical disruptions and concerns with the validity of the test results in canceling its tests for the year.

Federal rules call for state education departments to administer standards-based tests for students in grades three through eight and once in high school, but they also say the tests are to be high quality, valid and reliable and of adequate technical quality, according to Alaska’s interim education commissioner, Susan McCauley.

“I do not believe at this point that this assessment meets those federal requirements,” McCauley said in an interview. There is no way for the state to come up with a different test that it can administer yet this year, she said.

At the University of Kansas, Perie said efforts were being made to move servers off campus, at least until the damaged cable is repaired. She said she hoped the issues would be resolved by Monday.

“We will be working all weekend,” she said. “We are doing the best we can under a horrible situation.”

Two years ago, a cyber-attack caused widespread problems after test designers resolved internet technical glitches that had previously slowed testing. No student information was compromised, but the testing was so disrupted that Kansas didn’t report 2014 scores to the federal government.

Following the attack, the testing center moved its servers, which had been on the campus so they would be better protected. Perie said the center would again review the situation again before determining the best location for the servers going forward.
Predicting political polls: The money behind predicting elections

By ALEX BOSTIC
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Within the scope of predict-
ing political elections, polls such as those from Gallup can only go so far. Take the Michigan democratic primary for example, in which Hillary Clinton was fa-vored to win by 21 points before the election. On the evening of March 8, most political pundits and poll-readers were comfort-ably settling in to watch the wave of votes cascade towards Clin-
ton’s campaign. But instead, Bern- nie Sanders won; Clinton’s mo-
ment began to dry up simply because of Michigan’s unpredict-
ed outcome. This is just the sort of thing that can change political-tides. And it did, in both barrels.

But again, there is only so much polls can do, and some-
times they can be at odds with political news and reports.

There is one organization that is the flip side of the coin when it comes to polls—PredictIt, which can turn the incessant meta-analysis of polls, incredible political speeches and the American election process into what it really is: a game. PredictIt is the largest political trading system in the U.S., and in the past few days before the March 8 primary, Sanders “shares” in Michigan went up, much past Clinton’s; the PredictIt market was making a very clear prediction that the polls and pun-

dits did not see.

And the Michigan polling bundle made ripples in the elec-
tion. Not only did Michigan light a fire under the Sanders cam-
paign, it undermined the subse-
quent elections whose polls and pundits predicted Hillary Clinton to win. Up until Michigan, Clin-
ton was winning 64 percent of the voted states, but she went on to only win 53 percent of the states that voted after. And most recent-
ly, Sanders has won 5 of the last 6 states.

PredictIt is legal, vetted by the CFTC (Commodities Futures Trading Commission), but there are still risks of insider trad-
ing, which, according to Travis, is mostly done on nonpublic information,” said Kilbride. “Most students of the market know [the market] is much smarter than them: the me-
dia, really, is afflicted with the ‘to catch a trader’ mentality.”

For those who see the pol-
itical trading site, it’s simply an interesting way to profit off the U.S.’s crazy elections.

“...political knowledge...”}

Connor Courtwright
Sophomore UNH finance student and PredictIt user

To UNH finance professor Richard Kilbride, the market al-
ways knows best.

“The market itself is a poll-
ing and voting machine,” said Kilbride.

He also explained that the market predicts election out-
comes through value (of shares) fluctuations, but should not be seen as superior to polls, just different to them. And when asked about the PredictIt concept and prediction markets as a whole, he gave a thumbs up.

“I think it’s a fabulous [po-

titical] barometer, and usually politics is more noise than sig-

nal. But I can also tell you that...”

Scooter rental system in development for UNH community

By CARLOS MARTENS
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A proposal to provide Dur-
ham and the neighboring towns with an electric scooter rental system has been put into motion. Inspired by the bicycle rental sys-
tems sprouting up in major cit-
ies around the world, the aim is to have scooter rental stations in such towns as Newmarket, Dover, and Durham. For UNH commut-
ers, this plan will provide a green alternative for getting to campus. And with costly parking fees and inconvenient commuting issues, these scooters will provide a wid-
er range of options for students and faculty.

“Parking is a nightmare here on campus,” said UNH junior Ju-
die DeGregorio, “I either have to pay a lot of money or be lucky to find a convenient parking spot for just one 50 minute class.”

The team currently working on the design and prototype con-
cepts for the project is composed of computer engineers Eduardo Estrada and Chris Yellick, who both work for Spectex, a materi-
als and manufacturing company based in Rochester. The project is currently funded by Ted Fuller, an investor who is dedicated to the portability of going green.

“I can’t say much now, but I can promise you that these scoot-
ers will look and function like the future,” said lead computer engi-
neer Eduardo Estrada. “We are currently working on the proto-
type design and it is rather excit-
ting.”

By obtaining membership in the scooter rental program, indi-
viduals will be able to sign up for daily, weekly, monthly or yearly memberships. They will then be

allowed access to a scooter for a specific amount of time, which has still yet to be determined.

“We obviously can’t have people taking off with the scooter for hours on end, so we are still calculating a time limit of usage, based either on distance or time,” explained Estrada. “We want to provide something that is efficient, eco-friendly and conve-

ient.”

When asked about the idea of scooter rentals for campus commuting, UNH senior and commuter Molly Anderson said, “[The rental program] sounds fun, and it will definitely open up more options for the unpredictable lives of college students.”

The goal is to have a working prototype on for the UNH camp-
us by the summer of 2017, with plans to expand nationally after initial testing.

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For four centuries, the works of William Shakespeare have entertained audiences in venues ranging from royal courts to prison cells. UNH hosted a man who brought Shakespeare’s plays to the latter on March 30 at 7 p.m. Curt Tofteland, founder and producing director of the program Shakespeare Behind Bars, spoke in MUB theatre II before what he described as “a great crowd with terrific questions.”

The inmates are identified by their first names in the documentary. There is Hal, who plays Prospero. Hal was in jail for killing his wife.

Tofteland is aware of the violent pasts of his actors, but it doesn’t disturb him. “I have worked in houses of correction for 21 years, and never felt threatened or in danger,” Tofteland said.

As for what performing Shakespeare does for the prisoners, Tofteland described his experience as “bearing witness to the transformational change in human beings from who they were, and who they are, and who they wish to be.”

One anecdote that stands out in Tofteland’s mind as an indication of what Shakespeare comes to mean for the prisoners was that of Billy Wheeler, an inmate who played Julia in a production of “Two Gentlemen of Verona.” One month before the performance, the board offered Wheeler parole. But Wheeler did not want to disappoint his friends and cast mates, so he turned down the offer in order to perform the show, and was granted parole after that.

Shakespeare Behind Bars has been operating for 21 years. It is currently accepting requests for public performances of a production of Twelfth Night by the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex on the program’s website.
Activists try to calm fears over transgender bathroom access

By DAVID CRARY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Stung by setbacks related to their access to public restrooms, transgender Americans are taking steps to play a more prominent and vocal role in a nationwide campaign to curtail discrimination against them.

“We welcome the support of our allies, but it’s crucial that trans people build our own political power and speak with our own voices.”

Hayden Mora Veteran transgender activist and director of Trans United

Two such initiatives are being launched this week — evidence of how transgender rights have supplanted same-sex marriage as the most volatile, high-profile issue for the broader movement of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists.

One initiative is a public education campaign called the Transgender Freedom Project that will share the personal stories of transgender people. The other, the Trans United Fund, is a political advocacy group that will engage in election campaigns at the federal and state level, pressing candidates to take stands on transgender rights.

“We welcome the support of our allies,” said Hayden Mora, a veteran transgender activist who’s director of Trans United. “But it’s crucial that trans people build our own political power and speak with our own voices.”

From a long-term perspective, there have been notable gains for transgender Americans in recent years — more support from major employers, better options for health care, a growing number of municipalities which bar anti-transgender discrimination.

But there were two setbacks in the past five months that humbled the movement in its own political power. On March 23, North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory signed a hastily drafted law that barred Charlotte and other cities in the state from implementing similar ordinances.

In both cases, conservatives opposed to the ordinances focused on the issue of transgender people using public restrooms, as the most volatile, high-profile issue for the broader movement of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists.

Rihanna, Shonda Rhimes, Clinton appear at Black Girls Rock!

By MESFIN FEKADU ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — Pop star Rihanna and TV mogul Shonda Rhimes were among the honorees at this year’s Black Girls Rock! event, where Hillary Clinton made an appearance and told the audience “my life has been changed by strong black women in particular, so a gathering like this filled with so many powerful, strong women is a rebuke to every single one of those barriers,” Clinton said.

All of our kids, no matter what zip code they live in deserve a good teacher and a good school, a safe community and clean water to drink,” Clinton spoke before introducing Beverly Bond, who founded Black Girls Rock! in 2006.

Another who earned loud applause was Rihanna, the final honoree of the night.

“Thank you so much for celebrating us in a world that doesn’t celebrate us enough,” she said on stage.

“The minute you learn to love yourself you will not want to be anybody else,” the Grammy-winning singer and fashion trendsetter added. “Role model is not the title they like to give me, it’s the energy that’s behind women to be themselves and that is half the battle.”

The Barbados-born singer also praised her mother and grandmother for being strong black women and excellent role models.

“Hopefully one day I’ll be raising my own little black girl who would say the same,” she said.

Other did just that: Rhimes, the creator behind TV hits “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Scandal” and “How to Get Away with Murder,” brought her mother on stage at the end of her performance. Other performers include Brandy, Andra Day, Lupita Nyong’o, who also attended.

“Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of this amazing group,” said Lupita Nyong’o, who also attend Black Girls Rock!

Gladyis Knight, who performed a medley of her hits as the audience stood up and danced, was also honored.

“It is the best award, the greatest trophy that I’ve ever received,” she said. “More than a Grammy. More than so many other awards that I’ve gotten that I appreciate.”

Other honorees included

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SALT LAKE CITY — A Burmese refugee found guilty of killing a 7-year-old girl from his Utah neighborhood was badgered by a police interpreter in an interview where he acknowledged an accidental role in the girl’s death and his conviction should be overturned, his lawyer argued before the Utah Supreme Court on Friday.

Euar Met, now 29, was new to the country and had a deep fear of authorities after the destruction of his home village and experience in refugee camps, making him particularly vulnerable to the aggressive volunteer interpreter who also mangled the reading of his Miranda rights, attorney Her- schel Bullen said.

“He was treated very roughly, he was frightened of authority to start with, he’s in a brand new country,” he said.

While prosecutors acknowled- edged problems with the interpreter, they say the conviction should stand. The basic elements of Met’s story made it through the language barrier and the judge tossed out the full police interview before his trial, said Assistant Attorney Gen- eral John Nielsen.

The trial judge did decide she would allow parts of it to come in if Met decided to testify, and his lawyer argued that decision helped keep the defendant off the stand. Justice Deno Himonas was skeptical.

“There’s not a shred of evi- dence now that your client was going to testify inconsistent with what he said at his confession,” he said. “We should do the trial all over again just on the possibility that he might.”

No deadline was immediately set for the high court to rule in the case.

Authorities say Met kid- napped, raped and killed Her Ner Moo, a Burmese refugee who had fled to the U.S. with her parents in 2006.

Her battered, tiny body was found inside the South Salt Lake apartment he shared with four other Burmese men.

Prosecutors called it a sexual assault that escalated into a killing when the girl tried to run away, and said that 21 blows to the child’s body and signs of strangu- lation show he intended to kill her.

Met had been in the U.S. just months when he was at a 2014 sen- tencing hearing that he loved the girl and played with her, and was in his aunt and uncle’s house when she was killed.

His lawyers also argue that trial Judge Judith Atherton blun- dedly told him he had been “sentenced to life without parole in the case.” Bullen argued that the “proper sentencing date for sentencing was a lighter 20 years to life, and that the deci- sion should have been left to the jury since the aggravated murder charge originally carried the possi- bility of the death penalty. He was also convicted of child kid- napping.

The defense has also brought the case of a police interpreter in an interview with Met that wasn’t investigated but could have im- plicated his roommates.

One of the most contentious there is overwhelming evidence against Met, including her blood on his jacket and male DNA found under the girl’s fing- ernails. Tests found it could not have belonged to his roommates.

The victim’s mother Pearly Wa spoke to reporters outside the courtroom Friday, thanking police and prosecutors who have worked on the case.

“He bless America,” she said.

PD: Knife found at O.J. Simpson’s home not murder weapon

By JOHN ROGERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — After nearly a month of testing, Los An- geles police detectives have con- cluded a knife found at the former estate of O.J. Simpson was not the weapon used to kill Simpson’s ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in 1994.

Investigators ruled out the knife after weeks of forensic tests, Police Capt. Andy Neiman said Friday. “We have confirmed, we have determined, there is no nex- us,” he said.

Police revealed last month they had recently discovered the knife had been in the possession of a retired Los Angeles police of- ficer for more than a dozen years.

The officer said he received it from a construction worker who told him he had found it while working on a crew tearing down Simpson’s old Brentwood estate.

Simpson was acquitted of stabbing to death his wife and Goldman on June 12, 1994, out- side her condominium, which was not far from the estate.

Over the years, police have examined several knives, but have never found one they could con- nect to the killings.

Simpson, meanwhile, has steadfastly maintained that he did not kill his wife and her friend.

He is serving a sentence of 9 to 33 years in a Nevada prison for a bungled 2007 Las Vegas hotel robbery in which the former foot- ball star tried to retrieve sports memorabilia he said had been stolen from him.

After the items were seized from memorabilia dealers held at gunpoint, he was convicted of robbery and kidnap- ping. He is eligible for parole next year.

Investigators previously said it was unlikely this knife was the murder weapon, noting it was too small to inflict the damage the victims suffered.

A lawyer for retired Officer George Maycott has said the con- victed of robbery and kidnap- ping — could have given his client the knife after meeting him on a film set where the officer was providing security.

Attorney Trent Copeland said his client, who by then had retired, attempted to hand the knife over to the 1994 film PD, but he was told there was no need be- cause Simpson had been acquit- ted.

Chicago police ‘confident’ selfie shooting video is no hoax

By MICHAEL TARM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chicago in- vestigators have no reason to question the authenticity of a so- cial media posting that seems to show a man taking a selfie video being struck by gunfire, a police spokesman said Friday.

The video, which police found during a now-standard online search following a shoot- ing Thursday on the city’s South Side, shows a man chatting into a camera on a smartphone during dark hours when what appear to be shots ring out. An apparent gunman is seen stepping over the camera lens and extending his arms as he fires more than a dozen times.

“We are confident (it) isn’t a hoax,” Anthony Guglielmi, the police spokesman, said in a brief statement emailed Friday afternoon.

Guglielmi said the 31-year- old victim was in critical condi- tion in hospital. He added the man was known to police and that detectives were waiting to speak with him. Investigators were ex- ploring whether the man videeing himself was targeted in retaliation for previous violence, he said.

The gunman fled and no suspect is in custody.

There is no indication the man was hit inadvertently or that it was a case of mistaken identity, said Guglielmi, the police depart- ment’s communications dir- ector. “He was certainly targeted,” he said. “We are trying to find out why.”

Among the theories inves- tigators are considering is that the shooting might have been retaliation for taunting rival gang members live online. Another possibility is that the man taking the selfie was taunting ri- vals after straying purposely into another gang’s territory, Gugliel- mi said.

In gang-related shootings, in- vestigators typically search social media sites for clues when a call comes in. In this case, they found the video on Facebook, Guglielmi said.

“More and more of these in- cidents either originate or escalate from some type of activity that is on a social media platform,” Gugliel- mi said. The term police use for the phenomenon, he said, is ‘cyber-banging.’

In the video, the man smiles as he looks into the camera, turns around with the camera focused on him and talks about a small store behind him. Some people can be seen standing on a side- walk nearby. A few seconds be- fore shooting starts, he says, “I can’t believe this store is still open.” He adds, “I need somewhere to duck and hide for cover.”

He glances to his right a split second before the first sounds of gunfire.

After about 30 seconds of si- lence, people can be heard talking about rushing to the hospital. And then a woman is heard crying and screaming, “Oh my God, no! ... I don’t believe this!”
NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders were on opposing sides of certain types of biomedical research while they served in Congress, differences on opposing sides of certain types of biomedical research while they served in Congress, differences

Clinton, Sanders opposing views on biomedical research

By KEN THOMAS
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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The CEO of PepsiCo, Inc., has endorsed forms of human cloning, including those from Hewlett Packard. He has signed on to a letter criticizing other 10 company executives that released Friday the names of an growing list of company heads and municipal officials joined the growing list of companies that could eventually lead to regenerative medicine.

Sanders, a Vermont senator, has supported stem cell research in the Senate. But advocates within the industry contended his voting record in the early 2000s in the House when he repeatedly supported a ban on all forms of cloning was a disturbing one that included one therapeutic cloning intended to create customized cells.

“We were looking for signs that he is going to be a supporter of what science and technology can do and I think everyone in the country ought to be worried about that,” said Dr. Harold Varmus, the NIH’s director during President Bill Clinton.

“I am quite concerned about his voting record in the Senate and I am disappoin...”

Sander’s campaign policy director, Warren Gunnels, said in a statement Saturday that Sanders “strongly supports stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells. The American people today understands that stem cell research holds the possibility of remarkable discoveries, even for many illnesses — from Parkinson’s and diabetes to Alzheimer’s and arthritis.” He noted that Sanders supported 2006 legislation to lift funding restrictions on embryonic stem cell research.

While serving in the House, Sanders voted to ban therapeutic cloning in 2001, 2003 and 2005 as Congress grappled with the ethics of biotechnology and scientific advances. Patient advocates approved in February that would have extended protections to gays and lesbians as well as bisexual and transgender people while excluding those who are heterosexual. Charlotte also would have allowed transgender people to use the restroom aligned with their gender identity.

Also on Friday, Pepsico CEO Indra Nooyi sent a letter to McCrory calling on him to reconsider the repeal measure when the General Assembly convenes in Raleigh later this month.

Nooyi said she was taken aback by the law as well as McCrory’s decision to sign it so quickly. She said the move was “inconsistent” with the way her company treats its workes, and that it undermined North Carolina’s long-term interests.

However, the company traces its roots to North Carolina, where it was created in the late 1890s by New Bern pharmacist Caleb Bradham.

PepsiCo’s annual shareholder meetings have been held in New Bern in the past several years. The company’s revenue venture capital arm of Google’s parent company confirmed it won’t invest in North Carolina businesses while the law is in place.

GV spokesman Jason Ohlson cited written comments by CEO Bill Maris in which he said the firm’s partners to fail possible North Carolina investments because of the law. He directed all state workers to stop all nonessential travel to North Carolina for conferences, meetings and training, and beyond North Carolina’s governor about the state’s new law excluding LGBT protections, making clear if it re... remains in place it will affect the state’s chances hosting major college athletic events.

A rally was held early Friday night in front of the Legislative office building to protest people and to oppose the law. Support- ers of the new law held prayer vigils in front of government building and locations in eastern North Carolina.

One was held across from the Executive Mansion, where McCrory lives.

Supporters of the law say hundreds of businesses support the law. They were signed on to their own letter praising McCrory and the legislature.

McCrory and a key lawmaker they opposed the law have been cagey about public or any possible to the law. But Senate leader Phil Berger, has no appetite for reversing the passing majority of North Carolinians we’ve heard from support” the McCrory. McCrory said in a release. The General As- sembly reconvenes April 25.

Clinton, Sanders opposing views on biomedical research

PepsiCo CEO asks North Carolina governor to repeal law

by BISHR EL TOUNI
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BRUSSELS — It was an emotional send-off on Sunday for a Brussels Airlines flight heading to the Portuguese capital of Lisbon. The 777 passenger plane took off from Brussels Airport since suicide bombings on March 22 ripped through its check-in counters and killed 16 people.

Safety at the airport was tight with new check-in proce- dures for passengers in temporary structures.

Two other planes were leav...
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Who Run The World? (UNH)

Who runs the world? Some might say the president of the United States, the United Nations, Wall Street bankers or even the mysterious “illuminati.” “Beyonce” makes her argument via the title and lyrics of her 2011 chart-topping pop song “Run The World (Girls).” But the recent accomplishments of some UNH alumnae suggest Queen B might have been on to something.

The United States Air Force General Lori Robinson, who graduated from UNH in 1981 with a degree in English, was recently nominated to lead the U.S. Northern Command. If confirmed by the Senate, she would become the first woman in United States history to be the head of a combatant command.

If you haven’t already, be sure to check out Ashley Corella’s front-page story on Gen. Robinson. As a staff, The New Hampshire is tremendously proud of Gen. Robinson’s accomplishments and collectively feels that this type of achievement reflects well on our university, thanks to her courage, competence and success in the Air Force.

However, Robinson isn’t the only UNH alumna to be recognized for her hard work, talents and achievements in her respective field. 2014 UNH commencement speaker Jennifer Lee wrote and co-directed “Frozen,” which won the 2013 Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. Winning an Academy Award is such an impressive feat and mark of accomplishment that is not easily done. Just look at how long it took Leonardo DiCaprio, a terrific actor, to win his first Oscar. What you may not know is that Lee graduated from UNH in 1992. Now that’s pretty cool.

Current NBA columnist for ESPN.com and former Boston Globe sports reporter Jackie MacMullen graduated from UNH in 1982. According to UNH’s website, she has received recognition for her abilities and successes in her field, including national awards for investigative writing, feature writing and received the New England Women’s Leadership Award in 1997. She is also a regular on ESPN’s “Around The Horn.” Oh, and MacMullen could play ball, too.

She was a member of the Wildcats’ women’s basketball team while studying at UNH, and, according to the university’s website, MacMullen served as the team’s captain during her senior year. With her awards for journalism, leadership and athletic prowess, it’s no surprise she was inducted into the UNH Hall of Fame in 2001.

If we had the physical space on page, I would write about the dozens, if not hundreds, of other UNH alumnae that have been recognized for their talent, ability and success that places them atop their respective fields.

If I were a member of the UNH admissions committee, the successes of these alumnae are certainly something I would consider promoting to prospective students. Let the success of these women, and all UNH alumni for that matter, soothe any anxiety you may be experiencing as a senior looking to accomplish your dreams and achieve success. They may not actually “run the world,” but UNH alumni definitely have a lot going for them.

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ners of that team include Lauren Perrodin, Alysson Messina, Danielle Gajewski and Elinor Purrier. However, that was not the only new school record on the day. The 1,500-meter relay team finished in 18:34.27. This relay team consisted of Laura Rose and Cassandra Kruse, Shannon Murdoch and Elinor Purrier. Aside from the two relay teams, Purrier set a new school record for the 800-meter race on Friday with an impressive time of 2:06.63. Donegan also took an individual fourth place finish of 2:06.63. Donegan also took a new personal record on the discus throw and first place in the hammer throw. Shanahan contributed 14 points total on the day.

The women’s team placed second with 130 points in Maine, falling behind to the University of Maine’s 149.5 points. The Cats saw some impressive performances including seven first place finishes and four new personal records. Jessica Hackett (100-meter), Samantha Blais (1.500), Hannah Kimball (5.000), and Emileigh Glode (400 hurdles) all set new personal bests while capturing first for their events.

Another first place finishes include Shelby Streickleman in the high jump (5.4 feet), Emily Werner in the discus (129.59 feet) and Carly Orlacchio with a throw of 113.09 feet in the javelin. “Early in the season you’re talking weather conditions, 44 degrees and slight rain, so opposed to being in a building that’s being 68 degrees, no wind, warm and toasty,” Boulanger said on the difference between outdoor track and indoor track. The teams did the jumping events indoors this weekend due to the weather.

“We took a break between seasons and now we’ll try to progress towards conference which is only five weeks away. It was a good way to start off with everyone,” Boulanger said of both teams. “The Cats will look to build on last weekend and put out some terrific performances at home next weekend on Saturday, April 9 at the Reggie Atkins Track & Field Facility. UNH will compete against Holy Cross, Maine and UMass Lowell.

Spring is finally here! It was a good way to start off the outdoor season, and we are extremely proud of our staff, and credited to being a significant reason for the program’s consistent success during her tenure, which includes 33 Regional Championship appearances in the 35 years that the NCAA has hosted women’s championships.

“With our versatile athletes, we are starting to put together a competitive team that will make our outdoor season exciting,” Boulanger said. “We’re looking forward to the upcoming season and we’ll try to build on our experiences.

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“Confidence is a big thing to have during conference play but it is something built, not on the wins that we have had, but on the small wins on the field of executing game plan, executing fundamentals, competing and getting together as a team,” Albrecht said. “I believe that we are starting to do those things during games and if we keep on focusing in on those small wins then we will keep on getting better as a team, which is our ultimate goal during the season.”

 Several Wildcat players have contributed in the past two wins against America East opponents. With the bulk of the conference schedule coming up, Albrecht believes the team is hitting its stride at the right time.

“I believe the team is starting to come together as a team as we hit conference play. They are starting to figure out their own strength and weaknesses as well as their teammates’ strengths and weaknesses,” Albrecht said. “Not everyone can do everything in a game, but if everyone contributes their piece of the puzzle we can have a great combination out there.”

The Wildcats face another tough test on Saturday when they return home to take on the University of Vermont Catamounts in the “All ‘Cats Wear Pink” game starting at 6 p.m.
The Wildcats’ season came to a close Saturday night after a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Regional Championship in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The meet featured six of the top programs in the country, and UNH was joined by Auburn University, Stanford University, the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Pennsylvania State University.

“I think the team did well as whole,” said junior Meghan Pflieger, one of UNH’s top performers in the meet. “We had a couple mistakes, but we really pulled through.”
Pflieger paced the Wildcats on both the balance beam and floor exercise, scoring a 9.825 in each of the two events, placing her in 11th and 15th overall respectively.

“I’ve been a little shaky on beam the last couple of meets, so to be able to go out there and hit clean, and just be able to be confident in my skills was rewarding for me to be able to say I hit my last beam routine of the season,” she said. “For floor, it was a lot of fun. I didn’t feel any pressure from anybody else; I was very calm going into it, so being able to shine on my last routine was awesome as well.”

The team has faced many obstacles throughout the season, including injuries and illnesses, but head coach Gail Goodspeed has taken notice of the gymnasts who have stepped up in the wake of adversity.

“Lia Breeden stood out with a 9.8 on both beam and floor after a week of illness and limited practice,” she said. “She gave it everything she had to hit both sets. Carly Wooster had a 9.775 on floor, and it was tough for her to go after such a rough week, but she was able to put it together. For beam, she had a 9.65, she had a couple miscreations, but she was able to pull through.”

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