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On the SPOT
with Tyler Wentworth

Senior producer of UNH social media, Tyler Wentworth, speaks to students in the crowd at a football game.

By Van Hendrickx
Staff Writer

Though UNH alumnus Tyler Wentworth ’08 graduated with a major in political science, the vast capability of social media has seemingly pulled his career path in a direction that he didn’t see coming.

Currently the senior producer of social media under the Communications of Public Affairs department, Tyler’s role is to help UNH students spread their voices on campus. As the resident social media guru, Tyler lights up students’ social media through his vast knowledge of social media.

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By Madison Neary
Staff Writer

UNH President Mark Huddleston and Provost Nancy Targett host open forum

Community urged to join the UNH Works advocacy effort after recent NH budget proposal

By Madison Neary
Staff Writer

UNH President Mark Huddleston, in an email sent out last Saturday, encouraged community members to join the UNH Works advocacy effort, in response to Governor Chris Sununu’s recent budget proposal that gives no increased funding to public higher education.

UNH Works is a group of 3,500 students, alumni, family and friends of the university who reach out to New Hampshire legislators on the role UNH plays in the advancing future of the granite state.

According to UNH Public Affairs Manager Thomas Cronin, UNH Works was created in 2011 in response to an almost 50 percent budget cut to the University System of New Hampshire (USNH), which includes UNH, Plymouth State College, Keene State College and Granite State College. UNH Works, run out of the public affairs office, updates its advocates on current New Hampshire legislation so they can reach out to state senators and representatives and promote UNH’s value.

Cronin added that the advocacy effort largely focuses on the budget and educational funding.

“The idea really was to bring together UNH students, parents, alumni and friends of the university to help better understand UNH’s value to the state,” Cronin said. “And then go to state lawmakers and tell them UNH’s story about why we are deserving resources and funding and support.”

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President Huddleston and Provost Targett host open forum

UNH holds an open forum once a semester to discuss any topics concerning the UNH community, which allows for a question and answer dialogue hosted by President Mark Huddleston and Provost Nancy Targett, and is designed to be more democratic than the state of the university address.

Hundreds of students attended last semester’s forum where the town hall style discussion was first implemented. In his opening remarks for the second forum, Huddleston mentioned that he wanted to move away from the state of the university address because of its “pretentiousness.”

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A Look Ahead

FEB. 16
- STUDENT RECITAL
#9, BRATTON RECITAL HALL, 1-2 P.M.
- UNH DIJON STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSION, MURKLAND 202, 5-6 P.M.

WEATHER:
34/21
A.M. Snow Showers

FEB. 17
- STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSION, MUB 330, 2:15
- MUSO PRESENTS: ALCOA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, 7-11 P.M.

WEATHER:
35/20
Sunny

FEB. 18
- ALPHA KAPPA PSI SUCCESS DAY - 1200 VISA STAMP CREDITS, PAUL COLLEGE, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
- MEN’S HOCKEY VS. BOSTON UNIVERSITY, WHITTEMORE CENTER, 7 P.M.

WEATHER:
40/32
Partly Cloudy

FEB. 19
- WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS VS. TEMPLE, 1 P.M.
- A TWO-PIANO RECITAL BY PAUL DVYKSTRA AND UNH FACULTY HSUANG-TJ, BRATTON RECITAL HALL, 3 P.M.

WEATHER:
44/30
Partly Cloudy

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ON THE SPOT
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partment (CPA), Wentworth now
works with the university’s social
media accounts to help promote
the multitude of stories that UNH
has to offer.
“When I was a UNH stu-
dent, Facebook was founded and
throughout my undergraduate
years, social media was coming
into its own and really became a
force when I started coming into
my career,” Wentworth said.
After graduating, family and
friends encouraged Wentworth
to get involved in the profession
of recruitment. He eventually
took a full-time job at La Kells Uni-
versity and then at the University
of Massachusetts Amherst, where
he worked for seven years. It
was at these universities that he
first found a passion for telling
the stories of campus community
members through his management
of Facebook pages and other so-
cial media platforms. Wentworth
began working for UNH in 2013,
and he now commands the univer-
sity’s social media realm.

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from the state.”
Conrin said he is “fairly con-
fident” that New Hampshire has
one of the smallest state general
funds in the country on a per capita
basis, which means there is high
competition among state uni-
cersities for the limited funds
collected through taxes such as
state, property and real estate.
Conrin added that it is crucial
to obtain as much money as possible
for the UNH due to the correla-
tion between how much money
the state offers to buy out tuition
costs and the costs of tuition for
in-state students.
Assistant professor of po-
itical science and director of the
Masters of Public Administration
program, Daniel Bromberg, says
that, in general, groups like these
can be effective in making change
as long as they are well organized.
“Well organized interest
groups do much better than those
that are not organized,” Brom-
berg said. “When you are able to
speak with one voice and essen-
tially have a pretty clear platform
for what you want, you tend to be
more effective.”
Now that Sununu has re-
leased the budget proposal, the
New Hampshire House of Repre-
sentatives will have until April 6
to make changes and submit the
revised edition. The state Senate
will then vote on it up until June 22
to do the same. By June 30, Sununu
will either pass or veto the house
and senate’s reconciled version.

FORUM
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handling of the Counseling Cen-
ter, which, since last summer, had
suspended the counselor’s abili-
ty to write letters for transgender
students seeking hormonal re-
placement therapy as part of their
transitions unless they had gone
through the proper World Profes-
sional Association for Transgen-
der Health (WPATH) training.
According to Durkin, nine
complaints were resigned due to
the suspension of this program and in-
creased workload. The university
required more training during this
time for counselors to be allowed
to write these prescriptions, even
though, as Durkin pointed out, it is
required by law.
“They didn’t realize the im-
portance of this program and that
a lot of these services can mean life
or death for those going through
their transition,” Durkin said.
Durkin commended Dean of
Students Ted Kirkpatrick’s com-
mittment to working on a solution.
Kirkpatrick has raised the idea of
integrating Health Services and the
Counseling Center, which Durkin
said would be amazing. Durkin
said he appreciated Provost Nancy
Targett’s support, but criticized
President Huddleston’s demeanor
which drew criticism after he told
a UNH student who asked Raul
Biron, that he would speak slower
so that Biron could understand an
answer to a question.
“I thought he was being very
evasive and petty with his ques-
tions and answers. He was very
demanding, like ‘oh it’s a very
complicated issue, you wouldn’t
understand.’ I certainly didn’t ap-
preciate that… For the answer he
gave me it was so evasive. I would
have had an entirely different tone
had he come at it by admitting it
wasn’t the best way they could’ve
gone about it. I would have had an
entirely different discourse with
him if he had been more open to
working with us,” Durkin said.
Huddleston later apologized for
his comments, which he ac-
nowledged were not the best ap-
proach to answering someone’s
concerns.
Nooran Al-Hamdam, a first-
year economics student, asked
about the steps the university is
willing to physically take to ad-
dress the travel ban and the recent
immigration raids.
“To be honest, we have lim-
lited ability to stop the federal
government from doing things. I
would be playing to the crowd if
I said we’d park our bulldozers in
the driveway. That’s just not a re-
alistic option for us. What we will
do is to continue the long-standing
practice of not allowing federal
agencies, like ICE (Immigration
and Customs Enforcement) to de-
putize our UNH [Police Depart-
ment] and essentially put them in
the immigration court [where that’s
not something we will do],” Hudd-
lston said.
Huddleston also reiterated his
support for counselors on campus
or campuses by saying that they
drew unwanted attention from the
federal government. He said he
didn’t want international students
to have anymore of a target on
their backs. Andres Mejia, Connect pro-
gram coordinator and student at
UNH, raised concerns over how
freely university professors are able
to say whatever they want, even if
that means ignorant or hateful
speech.
“What would you tell faculty or
staff that tell students for exam-
ple: ‘we know everyone voted for
Obama because he’s black, right,
Andres?’ And I’m the only person
of color in that class. That’s an is-
sue right there because you’re tell-
ing professors they can say what-
ever they want to a person of color
and the only person of color in the
class, because right there you’re
not only dealing with the mental
state of the student, but also the
retention of students of color on
campus which we all know is a hug-
ge issue,” Mejia said.
“I’ve seen a lot of efforts to
respond to the needs of underrep-
resented communities. Jaime No-
lan [associate vice president for
community, equity and diversity] is
here and she does a fabulous job
trying to encourage those efforts.
We are absolutely committed to it,”
replied Huddleston.
Durkin commended the prof-
deire who made the comment to
Mejia and said that while he found
that type of speech to be disturbing, he
declared that he is a free speech absolutist.
Provost Targett also defended the
university account, along with various
interns, whose respective majors
and studio arts, run the student ac-
tivities and other aspects of their
student life.
“Our UNH student Snapchat
account allows for organizations
around campus to show what they
do, and then we download the sto-
ries onto our Facebook page. It al-
low our students [stories] to live on...because the 24 hour time is
terrible sometimes,” Wentworth
said.
“Since Wentworth, social me-
dia is more than a platform for
self-expression, rather it opens
a gateway to pursue his passion to
provide a stronger voice to tell
the many stories of the UNH commu-
nity.”
According to Cronin, New
Hampshire has an aging work-
force and “we [UNH] are the pri-
mary educator.”
“If [New Hampshire] is go-
ing to continue to have a 21st
century economy, we need to have
21st century skilled employees
going out into the workforce, tak-
ing those jobs in order for those
demands and jobs to stay here in
the state,” Cronin said.

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The cancellation of the event. Targett
answered that it’s a tough issue to weigh
both the values of the university
and the protection of free speech.
Other topics included pro-
tecting scientific research, which
Huddleston said is a priority of the
university. Some students raised
concerns over the administration’s

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#Fight4HER
UNH Voices of Planned Parenthood raises awareness about the Global Gag Order

Representatives of the #Fight4HER campaign, Lexah Hall and Woody Little, table and gather photo petitions in the MUB Union Court on Wednesday afternoon.

BY ANITA KOTOWICZ
WEB EDITOR

As part of a national movement to raise awareness of the Mexico City Policy, which was recently reinstated by President Donald Trump on Jan. 23, the UNH student group Voices of Planned Parenthood (VOX) launched the #Fight4HER campaign in Union Court of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) on Wednesday afternoon.

This policy, often referred to as the Global Gag Order, bars international organizations that either perform or promote abortions from receiving funds from the United States. The policy also prevents international healthcare providers from providing information about reproductive rights and prevention, as well as abortion referrals.

Members of VOX, in partnership with the Population Connection Action Fund, gathered around a table in Union Court with the goal of raising students’ awareness about the potential effects of the policy, along with what could be done to combat it. Over the course of Wednesday and Thursday, this campaign will be spread over eight college campuses across the United States. These specific schools were chosen because of their location in states where the political identities are known to swing.

The group of volunteers sat at the table Wednesday with duct tape across their mouths, with the phrase “#Fight4Her” written on it. By doing so, the group of volunteers physically represented the “gag” order.

“It’s a policy that stifles free speech,” said Woody Little, an organizer for the Fight4HER Campaign.

Additionally, volunteers gathered photo petitions from students that stated their reasons for opposing the policy. These photos will later be sent out via social media to thank leaders, such as Senator Jeanne Shaheen, for standing up for international reproductive freedoms. According to Lexah Hall, a UNH junior linguistics major and treasurer of VOX, the campaign also hopes that these images will eventually reach Trump and might lead him to revamping the policy.

The policy also prevents international healthcare providers from providing information about reproductive rights and prevention as well as abortion referrals. Doing so would cut all government funding of the healthcare practice.

“It’s a rule that prevents millions of women, all because of a few men,” Hall said.

VOX will be putting on a screening of the documentary “Vessel” on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Room 233 in the MUB; this film showcases a doctor who provides abortions in international waters for women who wouldn’t have access to them otherwise.
Harvard professor presents psychological case study on Trump

Elizabeth Lunbeck, a professor in residence at Harvard University, presents a psychological case study of President Donald Trump in MUB Theatre II.

BY CARLOS MARTENS

Elizabeth Lunbeck, a professor in residence at Harvard University, presented a psychological case study of President Donald Trump in MUB Theatre II.

Using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) by the American Psychiatric Association, Lunbeck guided her audience through a discussion of the disorders and their symptoms. Though Lunbeck's lecture was vastly insightful, the discussion that followed was also saturated with views and opinions from those who attended the Tuesday lecture. About a dozen curious individuals stayed after to continue discussing Lunbeck's case study of Trump and with back and forth debates, the post-discussion lasted almost 45 minutes.

Throughout the lecture, Lunbeck stressed the importance of opening up one's eyes and ears to see the potential personality disorders that America's new president might have. After all was said and done, the amount of evidence she provided shows the great lengths she went through to ensure the utmost accuracy of her statements.

Lunbeck teaches courses at Harvard in the history of psychoanalysis, psychiatry and the psychotherapies. She is also the author of a number of books, including the most recent "The Americanization of Narcissism" (Harvard 2014) and, with Lorraine Duston, "Histories of Scientific Observation" (Chicago 2011).

By Carlos Martens

STRAFFORD, N.H. (AP) — A snowmobile rider is recovering after she jumped to safety from a burning snowmobile in Strafford, New Hampshire.

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Giuffrida's snow pants were burned and she suffered burns to her leg and foot. No one else was hurt.

Officers are still investigating the accident. They say mechanical failure appears to be the major factor.

By Carlos Martens

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire senator who supported the Affordable Care Act has introduced a bill to expand access to national parks for disabled veterans.

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Shaheen, a Democrat, and Collins, a Republican, said under a 2004 law, individuals must be permanently disabled in order to be eligible for a free pass, creating uncertainty on whether all wounded veterans have access to the program.

“A new bill clarifies the language,” Shaheen said.

By Carlos Martens

Scientists say global warming is warming the Arctic, but apparently not fast enough for a 17-year-old snowmobiler.

Snowmobile catches fire, driver injured

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A snowmobile rider was burned after jumping from a snowmobile that caught fire Saturday in Strafford, New Hampshire.

The snowmobile was operated by Cecilia Giuffrida, 17, of Meriden, Connecticut, who was not injured.

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DMV switches to new computer system

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The state's Division of Motor Vehicles is implementing its new driver licensing computer system over Presidents Day weekend.

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By Carlos Martens

NH Teacher saves student life at lunch

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire teacher was honored by city officials for saving a child's life.

WMUR reports that Katrina Mackey, a special education instructor at Henry Wilson Elementary School, received a special honor at Manchester School district board meeting Tuesday night. In January, Mackey saved a child who was choking at lunch by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

Mayor Ted Gatsas gave the 15-year district veteran a resolution and thanked her at the meeting.

By Carlos Martens

TENT COLLAPSE RESULTS IN CHARGES, DEATH

LANCASTER, N.H. (AP) — A Florida-based circus opera- tor has agreed to pay $25,000 in fines to resolve criminal charg- es in New Hampshire following a tent collapse in 2015 that killed two people and injured dozens.

The Caledonian-Record reports a prosecutor says the plea agreement resolves eight charges, including operating without a license, and ensures the state will receive money from a defendant who has limited funds.

Sarasota-based Walker International Events initially faced more than $200,000 in fines.

The agreement will need court approval. A March 8 hearing is scheduled.

The company, now out of business, also settled some lawsuits and agreed to pay federal safety fines.

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**Current Issues Lecture hosts poets as part of annual MLK Jr. tribute**

**BY AIDAN REO**
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

UNH Students, faculty and community members packed the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) on Wednesday night for this semester’s first installment of the Current Issues Lecture Series, titled “The Spoken Word of Janae Johnson and Porsha Olayiwola.”

Johnson, a spoken word poet, teaching artist and educator, bases her work out of California. While highlighting the issues of black queerness and black masculinity, Johnson became the 2015 National Poetry Slam Champion as well as the 2015 Women of the World Poetry Slam Champion.

Accompanying Johnson was Chicago South-Side native Porsha Olayiwola. Olayiwola now resides in Boston where she organizes, writes, teaches and participates in slam poetry competitions. According to her website, she “separates herself from the field of issue-based performance poets by applying advanced political analysis to examine injustice while providing perspective on concrete solutions.”

Both poets took turns performing new and routinely rehearsed content, with topics ranging from misogynistic experiences at black barber shops to police shootings in Chicago.

“Today I protest by calling my parents on speakerphone,” said Johnson during her final poem about black pride. “I thank them for raising me on this [Stevie Wonder] music.”

Both Johnson and Olayiwola left the audience impassioned as almost every stanza was met with “snaps,” the standard applause during slam poetry sessions.

“I thought it was very powerful,” said sophomore anthropology and international affairs dual major Julia Paddock. “There was a lot of emotion and they really connected with me.”

Johnson and Olayiwola’s performances were part of the 27th annual UNH Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute, “Art as Resistance and Remembrance.”

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, located at 30 Madbury Road in Durham, will host the MLK Spiritual Celebration from 4 to 5 p.m. to remember those who have worked to build the community that MLK dreamed about.

Additionally, Ken Nwadike, CEO of Superhero Events and creator of the Free Hugs Project, will be in the MUB Strafford Room on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 8 p.m. to discuss his efforts in fundraising for homeless student athletes.

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**In Brief**

**FIRE IN DISNEYLAND PARKING LOT DESTROYS MULTIPLE CARS**

ANAHEIM, Calif. – A fire broke out in Disneyland’s main parking structure that burned eight cars and caused seven people to be treated for smoke inhalation, authorities said.

No foul play was suspected but authorities haven’t given a cause for the Monday blaze at the Mickey & Friends Parking Structure.

Four cars were destroyed and four more had major damage from the fire, which brought losses estimated at $180,000, the Anaheim Police Department said. Thousands of cars are tightly packed into the structure each day.

Disney employees were treated for smoke inhalation, four of whom were taken to hospitals. None of the injuries were life-threatening, Anaheim fire Sgt. Daron Clark said.

Gray smoke could be seen pouring out of the structure when the blaze was first reported at about 5 p.m. It was extinguished about 30 minutes later. Hundreds of park visitors and employees were stuck outside the structure unable to get to their cars until the evacuation and shutdown ended after about two hours.

“A lot of people are just tired; they’ve been here all day. It’s more of a nuisance than anything,” Darren Clark, whose family of four couldn’t get to their car because of the shutdown, told KNBC-TV. “I’m kind of hoping it’s not my vehicle.”

The Mickey & Friends Structure, with sections named for Disney characters and trams that take visitors to the entrance to the Disney Resort’s two theme parks, is a familiar spot for millions of visitors who pay $18 to park.

The Disney parks remained open as usual until 8 p.m. Disney representatives referred questions about the blaze to fire officials.
By Mead Gruver
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Unusually deep snow in Grand Teton National Park has made life dangerous for bison lumbering on the park’s only plowed highway and for motorists traveling the route, prompting park workers to escort the big animals to safer areas and urge drivers to slow down, park officials said Tuesday.

The problem is that bison, which can weigh up to 2,000 pounds, prefer to use the road rather than struggle through the 3 feet of snow that accumulated recently. Vehicles have killed at least one and possibly two bison in the park so far this year after cars and trucks killed five in all of 2016. On Saturday, a truck killed a bison on U.S. Highway 26-89-191. A bison hit in January has yet to be found.

Hoping to prevent a run of collisions that can be just as dangerous for motorists, park officials in trucks guided small groups of bison along several miles of the highway twice over the last four days.

“They’re definitely very tired. So we make a long, slow escort to get them to safer areas,” said park spokeswoman Denise Germann.

Park officials also plowed a side road they usually don’t bother clearing to help bison move to areas with less snow covering the shrubs and grass they like to eat. Moose have also been spotted taking advantage of the plowed route through Grand Teton, Germann said.

Deep snow has put wild animals in close quarters with people elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain region this winter. Oregon wildlife officials recently killed five coyotes that left the snobby wilderness to feed on pets and chickens in a town.

Wintry weather in the Rockies also has been unusually hazardous for antelope, which have been stranded on river ice, and horses unlucky enough to get stuck out in deepening snows.

On the National Elk Refuge just south of Grand Teton, supplemental feeding of elk and bison with alfalfa pellets began March 19, 2016, after a deep hit at peak season.

By Josh Cornfield
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. – A Catholic hospital denies that it unfairly discriminated against a transgender man who sued after the hospital refused to allow a surgeon to remove the man’s uterus as part of his sex transition.

Saint Joseph’s Healthcare System said that a court rating in Jonni Conforti’s favor would violate its constitutional right to freedom of religion. The hospital filed its response to the lawsuit Friday in federal court.

The 33-year-old Totowa man had scheduled the hysterectomy at St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Paterson in 2015. His lawsuit alleges a hospital administrator told him the surgery couldn’t be performed because it is a Catholic hospital.

He later had the surgery performed at another hospital, but Conforti is seeking a court order requiring the hospital to perform any needed medical care for transgender patients. He is also seeking monetary damages.

“The damages caused by the delay, as well as the humiliation and the stress caused by being discriminated against, is something that cannot be excused and are contrary to the law,” said Conforti’s attorney, Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, of Lambda Legal.

“St. Joseph’s purportedly prides itself on having a patient-first approach. When you discriminate against a patient because of who it is that really is not putting the patient first.”

The hospital said in its response that Conforti’s claims are barred by the First Amendment and that the court system shouldn’t be able to interpret ethical and religious directives from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops followed by the hospital. The directives say procedures judged “morally wrong” by the church don’t have to be performed.

It also cites state law that says no hospital can be required to provide sterilization services or procedures.

Conforti said a nurse in charge of surgery confirmed the procedure could be scheduled but his doctor was told later it wouldn’t be allowed because it was for gender reassignment.

An email cited in the lawsuit from the hospital’s director of mission services, Father Martin Rooney, said it couldn’t allow the surgery because it’s a Catholic hospital.

In Briefs

DEEP SNOW CAUSES INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS WITH BISON IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL DENIES TRANSGENDER MAN OPERATION, CLAIMS RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION
A peek inside a Moroccan restaurant in London.

BY STEF KHAIRALLAH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am sitting on the floor of a Middle Eastern restaurant with my dad. The restaurant is authentic, just like he is. The food arrives in waves as my father describes the manufacturing process of each and every item. The more he talks, the less I want to eat it.

However, he spent his whole life watching his mom slave away while making this food, and he wants us to get it; so I make a plunge into a plate full of hummus and grape leaves. He asks me in between bites if I like what I’m eating. I nod – swallowing a resulting for the last 10 years. I am sitting on the floor of a Moroccan restaurant in London, looking for Benadryl. When I lost consciousness, I was taken to the hospital, directly in front of my violin. I open the thin, bendy box to reveal a thick layer of sesame seeds coating the surface of noodles. I eat the whole thing and fall asleep drunk. I wake up not dead. I call my dad and apologize. I tell him he was right about allergies and that I should have been eating sesame this whole time. He scolds at me with a well deserved, “I told you so.”

Nine months later, I am sitting in a booth of a Moroccan Restaurant in South Kensington, London with 13 other study abroad students. We bask in cheap mojitos and bad jokes. The restaurant is traditional, so they deliver large plates for the table to share. The waiter places a feast of hummus and falafel in the center of the table, directly in front of my violin. I eat more than my fair share. “Hummus is SO good,” I squeak in between bites. “I never really had it before.”

Tipsy and full, I feel a great sense of pride toward the notion that I am enjoying the food of my culture, of which I have been neglecting for the last 10 years. Suddenly, I am running down the street, in no particular direction, looking for Benadryl. When my first hive appeared on my forearm, I tried to ignore it. No one else could tell. But as my throat began to close, to the ICCA, this made us a little nervous,” Dallaire said. “It was slightly ironic, because nearly every competitive a cappella group that arrives at the ICCA wants to draw the magic number that would put them last in the lineup so that they could draw off the built-up energy of the crowd and be the freshest performer in the judges’ minds.”

Each group then got 15 minutes to sound check before taking their turns to perform. After all of the performances were over, the judges discussed their picks. All of the nine competing groups were then called on to the stage for the awards and the announcement of the winners. Of the NH Notables’ members, senior psychology major Asa Gomberg, received an award for “Best Soloist” for her performance of the song “Rise Up” by Andra Day.

“When they announced that we had second place, we went crazy, crying and hugging each other,” Dallaire said. “It was so surreal, and it’s still so surreal, thinking about how a group of 11 ICCA amateurs had collectively scored higher than larger co-ed groups that competed year after year. I’ve always loved a good underdog story, but it’s a whole different feeling to actually be a character in one.”

After the quarterfinals, the NH Notables were given score sheets from the judges, on which comments were left about what worked and what didn’t in terms of their performance. The group, who normally rehearse three days a week for a total of six hours, will be adding more time to that schedule as they prepare for the next section of the competition.

“Moving forward, we definitely have a lot of work to do,” Dallaire said. “While we don’t have quite enough time to learn and choreograph an entirely new set, we do have a lot of time to perfect (and add to) the one we already have.”

“It was one of the most incredible experiences I have ever had because I was able to share such an empowering moment with the best girls I know,” co-music director of the NH Notables, Danielle Lewis, added. “We have worked so hard to get to where we are and I can confidently say we left it all on the stage that night.”

The Notables drew the number nine, which meant we would perform last. And, as newcomers to the ICCAs, this made us a little nervous,” Dallaire said. “It was slightly ironic, because nearly every competitive a cappella group that arrives at the ICCA wants to draw the magic number that would put them last in the lineup so that they could draw off the built-up energy of the crowd and be the freshest performer in the judges’ minds.”
Socratic Society moves to Freedom Café

BY KATHERINE LESNYK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UNH's Socratic Society, an organization run by the philosophy department, met to discuss the philosophy of art in the Freedom Café on Friday, Feb. 10, as part of their weekly discussion meetings.

Subtopics included what is classified as art and how it has changed over time, how art is valued, the differences culture brings to art and more. The respectful, flowing conversation bounced between students with very few silent moments and a variety of contributions.

Questions were posed during the discussion, which kept the conversation going. The major focus of this particular conversation was centered on whether or not artists need talent or creativity to create art. Though other discussion topics were brought up, including education, the existence or nonexistence of alternative facts and millennials.

For several years, the Socratic Society was not a recognized organization on campus. It was not until juniors Andrew Ware and Eden Suoth persisted on its acknowledgment that it was fully established November 2016.

Originally, the society met in the basement of Hamilton Smith Hall, but once construction on the academic building began, the meetings moved to the Freedom Café, where students were offered pastries and beverages courtesy of the philosophy department. Overall, students expressed enjoyment in conducting the meetings there, though common complaints were the distracting noises of the music, other conversations and beverage machines. However, students make do and continue to attend these discussions.

Ware and Suoth, the unofficial leaders of the Socratic Society, emphasized at the end of the discussion that the organization welcomes all students, regardless of major, even though it is associated with the philosophy department. They plan on keeping the meetings in the Freedom Café, even after the renovations of Hamilton Smith Hall are complete.

The Socratic Society meets on Friday afternoons in the Freedom Café from 2:10 to 3:30 p.m., although the conversations often extend past this time due to the exuberance of students, student availability on Friday afternoons and enthusiasm about the topics.

For more information on the organization, visit their page Wildcat Link or the Facebook group, "UNH Socratic Society (2016 – 2017).” They can also be seen advertising on flyers around campus. The next discussion, on Friday, Feb. 17, will be about cultural globalization: the concept that one day, world cultures will converge into one single culture of the entire human population.

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(Above) The Socratic Society engages in discussion at their meeting this past Friday. (Below) Attendees of last Friday’s meeting pose for a group shot.

Newsroom Noise presents...

Songs to express how we feel about snow

COLLEEN
“Gravedigger”
-Dave Matthews Band

BRIAN
“Jesus take the Wheel”
-Carrie Underwood

ZACK
“Let it Snow”
-Sammy Cahn

TYLER
“I Want to Break Free”
-Queen

ELIZABETH
“Sad” - Maroon 5

ANDREW
“Boys Don’t Cry”
-The Cure

ALYCIA
“Snow (Hey Oh)”
-Red Hot Chili Peppers

ALLIE
“Ain’t No Sunshine”
-Bill Withers

How are you feeling about the snow, wildcats?

Tweet your song at @thenewhampshire or hashtag #TNHnoise, and don’t forget to check out “TNH’s Snowy Songs” on Spotify!
TNH Test Kitchen: Quinoa, Turkey & Black Bean
One-Pan Taco Dinner

BY ABIGAIL SLEEPER
ARTS EDITOR

Here’s the deal, ‘Cats: One-Pan Taco Dinners don’t photograph well. This whole “one pan meal” thing promised to save me major time on dishes, so naturally, being super lazy, I took the bait. Admittedly, I have to hand it to this meal; had I not decided to make some fresh salsa as well, I would have had substantially less dishes to wash. One, to be specific. However, the downside of everything cooking together is that your food, while delicious, is gonna look kinda like brown mush. Doesn’t exactly pop in a picture.

Still, letting the quinoa cook right in the pan with everything else was way simple and added some great flavor to a healthy food that I generally find to be sort of blah. Anyways, here is a recipe for delicious and nutritious brown mush and some photos of tasty fresh salsa that you can serve on top of it. Say cheese, and as always, happy cooking, ‘Cats!

Directions
1. In a large skillet, brown turkey burger over medium–high heat.
2. Add corn and black beans (both rinsed and drained), as well as dry seasoning. Combine until well–mixed.
3. Stir in quinoa. Add 1 1/2 cups of water. Bring to a rapid boil, then reduce to medium–high heat and simmer, covered, until quinoa is cooked (20–25 minutes).
4. Serve over a bed of fresh greens, with tortilla chips, in tacos or alone. *Optional: pair with homemade salsa and/or queso fresco (Mexican-style fresh cheese).

Ingredients
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1/2 cup dry quinoa
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
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n Feb. 4, Penn State sophomore Timothy Piazza tragically passed due to injuries from a fall down a set of basement stairs at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house at 11 p.m. on Feb. 2. Members of the fraternity, where Piazza was pledging, almost immediately moved him upstairs. However, an ambulance was not called until 10:49 a.m. on Feb. 3. The medical examiner stated that Piazza sustained, “multiple traumatic injuries from a fall,” also adding that he had been intoxicated.

Although Piazza’s death was ruled “accidental,” criminal charges could be filed if there is evidence of reckless endangerment, according to attorney Stewart Eisenberg of Eisenberg Rothweiler in Philadelphia, a personal injury law firm, because of the 12-hour gap. As of Feb. 7, Penn State University and its Interfraternity Council has called for a, “halt [to] all social activities for IFC chapters until further notice.”

The release also stated that the cause for this suspension was not only for “a tragic student death associated with activities in a fraternity house,” but also, “growing allegations of misconduct in these organizations, including hazed and sexual assault, compel this joint action.”

Twelve hours. Twelve hours passed where an ambulance could have been called to save a life. Twelve hours where this 19-year-old sat injured and intoxicated with no one concerned enough, or paying close enough attention to take action. Although there is no official ruling, the heartbreaking news was that Piazza was reliably morally incompetent. There is never any amount of “trouble” you could get in that you couldn’t get over by saving a life. And this is a tragedy that could happen on any campus, including ours.

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It is no secret that students at our university drink, go to parties and the bars multiple times throughout the week. While these late-night parties often create fun memories and harmless regrets, it is always important to sit back and take a look about how much alcohol we consume and our personal consumption limits, not to mention the way we treat one another.

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According to the 2015 study by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 58 percent of full-time college students ages 18–22 drank alcohol in the past month compared with 48.2 percent of other persons of the same age. About one in four college students report academic consequences from drinking. This included missing class, failing being behind in class, doing poorly on exams or papers and receiving lower grades overall. And, 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor-vehicle crashes.

The members of The New Hampshire send our deepest condolences to friends and family of Timothy Piazza.
Thumbs UP

Thumbs up to skiing and snowboarding.

Thumbs down to snow getting in your boots.

Thumbs up to house plants.

Thumbs down to forgetting to water them.

Thumbs up to pet cats.

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Thumbs up to Valentine’s Day love letters.

Thumbs down to still not knowing who your secret admirer is.

Thumbs up to hot cocoa.

Thumbs down to burning the top of your mouth.

Thumbs up to TNH digital newsletter.

Thumbs down to the unsubscribers... We know who you are.

Thumbs up to Valentine’s Day candy on super sale.

Thumbs down to feeling chocolate sick.

Thumbs up to #instaunh!

Thumbs down to not using the hashtag on wicked awesome UNH photos.

Maybe it’s because I’ve been binge-watching “Criminal Minds” lately, but I feel the need to discuss a song or three about abuse. Whether it’s abuse of children or adults, whether it’s physical or emotional, it can leave a scar. Luckily, I have never been involved in abuse myself, but I’ve been friends with a few victims and I’ve seen so much on the news that it’s really a sore topic in today’s society. That’s probably why there are so many songs about the subject.

I was just going to pick one song to talk about, but I couldn’t narrow it down. So here are my top three: “Alyssa Lies” by John Michael Carroll, “The Little Girl” by John Michael Montgomery and “Goodbye Earl” by the Dixie Chicks.

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“Alyssa Lies” is a song about a little girl who is being abused at home, but lies about it in school and covers up the bruises. Her teacher doesn’t recognize the signs, but the daughter of the singer does — in a way — not understanding what she’s seeing. It’s a very sad song that ends sadly to make a point. Before the singer can do something to fix the problem, the girl has been killed by her abuser. This points to a flawed system of protection for children against abuse, since it’s very coincidental and difficult to determine, and children aren’t routinely checked for such symptoms (such as wearing long sleeves in summer and explaining that they have a lot of bruises because they “fall” a lot). When these children sometimes do speak up, they are often considered to be lying or making up stories to get attention.

“...And I told her that Alyssa wouldn’t be in school today. She doesn’t lie. In the classroom. She doesn’t lie./ Any more terrible fate in general for a child to have to spend so much time watching parents abuse them.

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Thumbs up/Thumbs down represents the collective opinion of The New Hampshire’s staff and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the student body. But it more than likely does.

And the drinking, and the fighting just got worse every night. Behind their couch she’d be hiding. Oh what a sad little life./And like it always does, the bad just got worse./With every slap and every curse/Until her Daddy, in a drunken rage one night/Used a gun on her mom, and then took his life./And some people from the city took the girl far away./To a new Mom and a new Dad./Kisses and hugs every day.

Now for something completely different, as Monty Python would have it. “Goodbye Earl” is a fun, upbeat song with lyrics that discuss physical abuse in a relationship and one – rather extreme and illegal – manner of dealing with it. I don’t really like the song for the way that it considers dealing with this kind of problem, but it’s done in a fun way which makes it interesting to me. However, the way in which the song describes the processes of dealing with the abuse legally but needing to take illegal action to make it stop is another way of pointing out the limitations of systems in place to protect people from physical abuse.

“Well she finally got the nerve to file for divorce./She let the law take it from there./But Earl walked right through that restraining order/and put her in intensive care.”

I’m starting to think the protective services we have already in place need to be put in the ICU. Since there seem to still be so many problems implementing these systems, maybe it’s time to re-work the system a bit.

You can follow Gabrielle on Twitter @bookwormwillow.
Thomas has been sensational for Boston, but will it be enough?

Hello Green Teamers, it has certainly been a long time since we last spoke. Listen, I understand all of the confidence that has been surrounding the New England region as of late, but let us take a step back. I also understand that Tom Brady has passed the championship torch to Isaiah Thomas, but the NBA Finals in June are a long time away. For now, let us focus on what positive steps head coach Brad Stevens and the team have taken toward the overall No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference. At 37-19 the Celtics are 2 1/2 games back of the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers, otherwise known as LeBron James’ team. With the Celtics on a four-game win streak, fans have every reason to be excited as the first half of the season winds down. They’re 7-3 within the Atlantic Division and hold the top spot with a 4 1/2 game lead on the Toronto Raptors. Yet, the Raptors have improved most recently by trading for Serge Ibaka from the Orlando Magic. More importantly, the Celtics are missing out on my opinion, on capitalizing on another key addition.

I fully understand that Isaiah Thomas has been playing like the NBA’s most valuable player, but let us be real. He is not going to get it. That award, my friends, will go to a player like James, Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook or James Harden. Although, Thomas’ numbers have been impressive. He is averaging 29.8 points per game, which is ranked third in the entire league with 1,554 points. Only Westbrook and Harden have more. He has eclipsed past Celtic records with a 52-point performance in a game earlier this season. His hustle, drive and mental edge have provided the team with a boost, even as all-star shooting guard Avery Bradley sits absent on the bench with an injury.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, I just know that once the playoffs start Thomas will be held in check. Adding Al Horford has been beneficial for the team, but they need another forward. Marcus Smart has been instrumental on defense and seeing young Jaylen Brown perform at a high level is encouraging, but they need more.

Right now, you all deserve to smile. With Kevin Love out for six weeks and Cleveland struggling as of late, the No.1 seed could be up for grabs. James will do what he does best to carry the team, but right now the Celtics have the edge. If the team won’t trade a first round pick for Chicago Bulls star Jimmy Butler then where does the team turn to? Danny Ainge, you must find another presence down low. DeMarcus Cousins has been out of the question, but adding another big time player could help bring banner 18 to Beantown.

For now, Celtic pride has been infused within the city. Nothing bleeds green more than the Celtics in a city where tradition and pride glow within the streets. After another win over the Philadelphia 76ers, the time to pay attention to this team has come and gone. Hop on the bandwagon now if you have not. Just pump the brakes and highlight Feb. 26 on your calendar. The Celtics will head up to Toronto to challenge the Raptors. These kinds of games you do not want to miss.

Anyways, it was great to talk to you again Green Teamers. Keep doing you.

The win improves UNH’s regular season record to 16-11 and 7-6 in the America East standings thus tying them with UMBC record-wise. UNH stays home and will face the University of Hartford Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

Got any photos you want published in *TNH SPORTS*?

The sports desk is looking for contributing sports photographers.

If interested, contact us at *TNH*Sports@yahoo.com.

### Men’s Basketball

**America East Standings**

**TEAM** | **AE RECORD**
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1. Vermont | 14-0
2. Stony Brook | 11-2
3. Albany | 8-5
4. UMBC | 7-6
5. UNH | 7-6
6. UMass Lowell | 5-9
7. Binghamton | 3-10
8. Hartford | 3-10
9. Maine | 2-12

### Women’s Basketball

**America East Standings**

**TEAM** | **AE RECORD**
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1. UNH | 12-1
2. Albany | 9-4
3. UMBC | 9-4
4. Maine | 8-6
5. Hartford | 7-6
6. Binghamton | 7-6
7. Vermont | 5-9
8. Stony Brook | 3-10
9. UMass Lowell | 0-14
TNH photo album: Light Up Lundholm

On Feb. 15, the UNH men’s basketball team defeated the University of Maine Black Bears 64–51 in a glowing Lundholm Gymnasium. Attendees were given a LED light baton to “Light Up Lundholm.”

Photos by China Wong
UNH vs. No. 4 Boston University

Friday at 6 p.m.; Agganis Arena in Boston, Mass.
Saturday at 7 p.m.; Whittemore Center in Durham, N.H.

UNH is 12-14-4; BU is 19-9-2

The Scouting Report

The Terriers' Offense
For a couple years now, the Terriers have had one of the top-ranked offenses in Hockey East and this year is no different. With the departure of standouts Matt Grzelcyk and Brandon Fortunato last season, much of the offensive firepower now comes from a pool of young talent. This includes goal-scorers such as Clayton Keller and Boston Bruins product Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, who have combined 27 goals on the year. Speed will be tough to match against this highly talented offense. Stride-for-stride defensive coverage will be the best chance for the Wildcats to slow down the young guns.

The Terriers' Defense
As much as the Terriers offer on the offensive side, they bring as much, if not a better, defensive presence to this two-game series. The player to watch for will be yet another Bruins product and USA World Junior Hockey Championship team standout, Charlie McAvoy. In 29 games played, McAvoy has three goals and 13 assists combining for 16 points overall, which is seventh on the team in points. McAvoy’s durability makes him dangerous, which many saw during the World Junior Hockey Championship run when he amounted for most of the time on ice. McAvoy is a shot creator. The 'Cats will have to bear down and get in McAvoy’s shot lanes to take the edge off Danny Tirone.

The Terriers' Goaltending
The central theme around BU’s fourth-ranked team is the plethora of young talent and freshman Jake Oettinger has been the primary goaltender for the Terriers this season. Starting in 26 games, Oettinger has posted a .932 save percentage with an incredible 1.93 goals against average. His GAA leads the Hockey East leaderboard and in virtually every other stat, he cracks the top-3 only behind the likes of Merrimack goaltender Collin Delia, Joseph Woll and Hayden Hawkey in some categories. Oettinger will be a handful for the 'Cats this weekend. Rebounding will be the key. Low shots and rebound generation will have to be priorities because it will be seriously tough to beat Oettinger standing up.

Stats of the Day

Tyler Kelleher leads Division I with 31 assists in 30 games.
Matias Cleland's team-leading total blocked shots.

TNH Picks

Brian Dunn, Sports Editor:
4-2 BU over UNH; 7-2 BU over UNH
Zack Holler, Sports Editor:
5-2 BU over UNH; 4-3 UNH over BU in overtime.
By DANIEL CLARE
STAFF WRITER

The ‘Cats stayed true to the theme of ‘Light Up Lundholm’ night at Lundholm Gymnasium as the Wildcats put together an impressive performance against the University of Maine.

On Wednesday, the 15-11 Wildcats faced the 6-22 Black Bears in a late season America East matchup. UNH beat the Black Bears convincingly 64-51 in a game that saw the trident of senior guard Jaleen Smith, junior forward Iba Camara and junior forward Tanner Leissner play to their expectations.

Smith was the game’s leading scorer with 21 points and six assists. Smith also came within one rebound of a double-double, grabbing nine. The game was a return to form for Smith as he had a string of sub-par games going into Wednesday night’s contest.

It was the first time Smith had a 20-point game since the double-overtime loss at UMBC on Jan. 28 where he earned 21 points and 10 assists. Camara continues to improve and cement his place as one of the most reliable players on the Wildcat team. Camara notched his eighth double-double of the season as he netted 12 points and grabbed a sizeable 16 rebounds for the game.

“His development is great. The thing with [Camara] is now he is starting to get confident,” head coach Bill Herrion said of Camara’s improvement over the course of the season. “The whole issue in the past was constant foul trouble and it hurt his production. Now he’s learning to stay on the floor longer.”

Camara has played a crucial role in the Wildcats’ development of a strong frontcourt all season, but that wouldn’t be such the case if it were not for the production of big man Leissner.

Leissner had 20 points and six rebounds for the game. Leissner’s strong performance is a step in the right direction as the Texas native is coming off a night against Binghamton on Feb. 14 where he put in a 27-point performance. As for the game itself, it was a slow start for the Wildcats against the lowly Black Bears.

In one of its final road tests of the season, UNH traveled to rival Maine for one more regular season meeting. The ‘Cats continued their conference success as they defeated the Black Bears for the second time this year, this time by way of 65-57.

Junior Carlie Pogue led the ‘Cats as she recorded her second straight double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guards Brittni Lai and Olivia Healy added 14 and 13 points respectively. The two also combined for seven assists. UNH as a team only had 12 turnovers in the contest.

A team with proven talent in the frontcourt doesn’t usually get out worked down low, but UNH was outscored 36-34 in the paint.

The ‘Cats never trailed in the game and their largest lead was 15. Although, UNH held on for the win, Maine outscored the Wildcats by five in the second half.

UNH builds on its conference success as it improves its America East record to 12-1. The Wildcats have led the conference all season and with just three games left, they own a three-game lead over both Albany and UMBC.

A historic season for this UNH team might add another accolade to their accomplishments. The Wildcats have a record of 22-4 which is only one win away from tying a program best, which is 23 wins, a mark set in the 1982-83 season.

The record heading into this game, 21-4, is the programs best record through the first 25 games. The success has been grabbing attention nationally as UNH was ranked No. 22 in the Mid-Major top-25 poll.

Setting regular season records are fantastic for team success, school spirit, national exposure and confidence but, as duly noted in the past, it doesn’t mean anything without a championship. In the Wildcats’ case, an America East championship.

UNH has never won the America East title, but this year the ‘Cats