Counseling conundrum: staff resignations revealed

BY MADISON NEARY
NEWS EDITOR

Nine members of the UNH Counseling Center have resigned throughout the current academic year after the retirement of Former Director Dr. David Cross in June 2016. According to two previous counselors, their resignations were influenced by a “toxic” work environment that was allegedly present in the Counseling Center during this transitional period.

According to Interim Director Dr. Joan Glutting, the Counseling Center is currently transitioning to a more “direct care” oriented center where practices and policies revolve around the diverse needs and schedules of undergraduate and graduate students. It is during this transition that the Counseling Center lost nine members of its staff. Senior Vice Provost of Student Affairs Ted Kirkpatrick noted that the university did not fire anyone; they all left on their own accord.

“They [the former UNH counselors] made a decision on whether they could be part of this new center or not,” Kirkpatrick said. “Just like you or I can elect to take a job or not take a job, but no clinician was terminated.”

According to former UNH Counseling Center member Dr. Megan Tucker, the decision to leave the Counseling Center was not based on the expectations the new policies outlined, but the process and environment in which they were introduced. For Tucker, it was what she perceived to be a “toxic” work environment that was allegedly present in the Counseling Center during this transitional period.

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Relay for Life raises $92,000 during annual event

BY IAN LENAHAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Participants of UNH’s 14th annual Relay for Life laced up their shoes for the 18 hour fundraiser designed to raise money for cancer research and treatment in support of all those who have been impacted cancer.

The event, hosted in the Whittemore Center, began on Saturday afternoon and ended Sunday at 6 a.m.

UNH’s football head coach Sean McDonnell started the event Diversity continued on page 4

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Student Senate Update

Four Student Senate executive officers confirmed for next semester, nine resolutions passed.

BY TYLER JOHN KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

The latest Student Senate meeting, this past Sunday night, opened up with an appearance from David May, the associate vice president of business affairs at UNH, who spoke in regard to updates on the multiple initiatives that his office has worked with the senate on.

According to Student Senate Speaker Alexander Fries, May used this occasion to offer thanks to the students who have collaborated with him, many of whom are set to graduate next month.

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SEAC CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

SEAC celebrated Earth Day this past Thursday with their event Earthfest.

WILDCATS WIN ON SENIOR DAY

The women’s lacrosse team clinched a berth in the America East conference tournament with an 11-6 victory over Binghamton on Senior Day.

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A LOOK AHEAD

APRIL 24
- DROP-IN WELLNESS COACHING, HAMIL Recreation Center, 3 - 6 P.M.
- DROP-IN MEDIATION, HEALTH SERVICES SECOND FLOOR, 12:15 - 12:45 P.M.

WEATHER: 63/41 Mostly Sunny

APRIL 25
- SHARPP CLOTHESLINE PROJECT, GREAT LAWN, 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
- SIGMA ALPHA’S BUFFALO WINGS FUNDRAISER, BUFFALO WINGS, 5 - 7 P.M.

WEATHER: 48/43 Rain

APRIL 26
- LEADERSHIP TOOLBOX: THE SKILLS TO PAY THE (ORG) BILLS, MUB 302, 1 - 2 P.M.
- YEAR OF SERVICE PANEL, MUB 115, 3 - 4:30 P.M.

WEATHER: 55/51 Rain

APRIL 27
- STUDENT RECITAL #15, BRATTON RECITAL HALL, 1 - 2 P.M.
- SIGMA CHI DERBY DAYS LIP SYNC, STAFFORD ROOM, 6 - 7:30 P.M.

WEATHER: 71/56 Cloudy

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off with an opening speech that emphasized the importance of outreach of Relay for Life. His speech spoke of personal encounters with the disease through his friends and family, emphasizing the positive change a single cancer caregiver can have in the fight against cancer.

Relay for Life is the university's largest fundraising event of the year, which showed through the 67 registered teams, and over 1,000 registered participants. The event included multiple fraternities and sororities, student organizations and more.

"At UNH we have Greek Life, student organizations, majors and resident halls all creating teams which can really help strengthen bonds with those you might not normally create," said one visitant. "Relay for Life puts cancer in the history books," said another.
the “toxic work environment” influenced by a lack of “process,” “consultation” and “discussion” that contributed to her decision to leave UNH.

“That was really difficult that we were fighting against the process, not the changes,” Tucker said. “But the narrative was often switched so that we were made to look like the ones who weren’t adaptable and couldn’t adjust to the new system.”

Dr. Sonya Shropshire-Friel also left the UNH Counseling Center because of a “toxic” work environment. Shropshire-Friel said that at the time of her departure on Sept. 2, staff meetings had been decreased from two hours to 30 minutes a week, sometimes less.

“So over time I began to voice my concern more explicitly [...] saying that we [staff] would love to be involved in the process of helping to shape Counseling Center policies, particularly since we are going to be the ones who are implementing them with students,” Shropshire-Friel said. “And one of the ways in which we could do this was meeting once a week for two hours a week as a senior staff.”

Some of the new implementations Glutting discussed being introduced in the Counseling Center include extended evening hours on Tuesday and Wednesday (where individual and group counseling will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.), 24/7 on call service hours to support residential life and the police during the later hours of the evening and night, outreach liaisons between the Counseling Center and colleges within the university and a focus on how to better serve the international community who may have language and cultural barriers that may create difficulties for them to seek help.

According to the Counseling Center’s website, the extended hours are already available and Glutting hopes the 24/7 service will be in effect next fall.

“You guys don’t have emergencies, most of the time, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,” Glutting said. “Stuff happens in the middle of the night, and our residential life staff and our police need this support of this office to help them with these mental health emergencies in the middle of the night.”

Shropshire-Friel noted that after a workday that lasts to at least 5 p.m., and sometimes later, making decisions late at night could be challenging.

“If you had an emergency situation at the end of the day that you need to attend to or someone one needs to be hospitalized, that could be a very difficult thing in terms of making rational decisions if you are sleep deprived day after day,” Shropshire-Friel said.

According to Kirkpatrick, at the end of the last academic year the waitlist for the Counseling Center was 30 students long. Kirkpatrick noted that all students pay for counseling services through fees and, like having a broken arm, mental health issues cannot wait to be treated. In order to increase direct service for students, clinicians are expected to see 24 to 26 students a week, which, according to Glutting and Kirkpatrick, is the national standard for a public university the size of UNH.

As of April 3, the waitlist consisted of eight students. However, as of the April 19, it has increased to 25, which according to Glutting, is normal for this time of the year.

According to Tucker, the waitlist never remained at 30 for the duration of the semester. The long wait was in between the fall and spring semesters and fluctuated because students remain on the list while the center reaches out to them to begin counseling.

“In the time I was there, I can’t remember a time when the waitlist was that high other than between semester breaks,” Tucker said.

Glutting acknowledges that the amount of transition has been disruptive to some, but not all, of students receiving services. However, she assures by the end of the semester the center will be “refocused” on their first priority: serving students.

According to Kirkpatrick, the Counseling Center has hired three new psychologists and three social workers. There is an ongoing search for a permanent director and a senior staff psychologist. The two remaining positions will be left open for the new director to fill once they are appointed.

“I am absolutely committed to a diverse group of clinicians to provide services for our students, undergraduate and graduate so that every student, any student at UNH can look at those faces in the Counseling Center and see a piece of themselves,” Kirkpatrick said.

Among the new hires are members specializing in veteran services, ADHD, Asperger’s syndrome and students on “the spectrum,” according to Glutting. Glutting added that from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 8, there will be an open house at the Counseling Center, located in Smith Hall, for students, faculty and staff to meet the new staff.

According to Shropshire-Friel, there is a misconstrued notion that the resignations from the counseling center were solely a result of the temporary suspension of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Though she said that suspension was an issue, it was not the only determining factor.

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Confirmed list of resignations during the 2016-17 academic year

Tricia Hanley, Ph.D.
Linda Guttman, Psy.D.
Paul Cody, Ph.D.
Danielle Gissinger, Ph.D.
Xiaoyan Fan, Ph.D.

Sonya Shropshire-Friel, Ph.D.
Colleen Cook, Ph.D.
Kimberly Tappen, Psy.D.
Megan Tucker Psy.D.

Dr. Megan Tucker’s public letter of resignation to the Counseling Center.

Editor’s Note: The personal address of Megan Tucker has been redacted for privacy reasons.

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COURTESY OF MEGAN TUCKER
By Katherine Lesnyk
Staff Writer

In celebration of Earth Day, Earthfest brought live music, food, henna and tie-dyeing to the Mills Courtyard.

Thursday’s event, hosted by the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), promoted some of SEAC’s campaigns. SEAC promotes awareness on campus for sustainability and conservation of the environment.

One of the campaigns featured at the event was Divest UNH, a group of students who devote their time to making petitions for the university administration toward converting the school’s energy usage from fossil fuels to eco-friendly options.

“[Divest] pressures the University of New Hampshire to divest their endowment from the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies,” junior integrated agricultural management major, Dylan Carney, said. Carney placed an emphasis on switching to local, renewable energy sources, such as Offshore Wind from Maine.

According to Carney, studies have shown that Offshore Wind can supply up to 60 percent of New England’s required energy.

Choose to Reuse, another campaign under the umbrella of SEAC, focuses on banning plastic disposable water bottles on campus and educating students on using reusable bottles instead.

“Anywhere you see a Dasani water bottle at any retail location at UNH, is where [the bottles] would be taken out.”

DANIELLE FLANAGAN
Junior Psychology/Sustainability Major

Howland explained that the inner structure was comprised of cans found around campus. Howland, along with first-year student Kyra Laberge and first-year environmental engineering major Lucas Theoharidis, passed out small flyers addressing the Northern Atlantic Right Whale and how to reduce pollution and litter to those who visited their table.

SEAC hosts several events per year, including Trash 2 Treasure and Solarfest, which will be on the Mills Courtyard on Sunday, May 7, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., according to sophomore recreation management and policy major Ben Kremer. The event will be entirely solar-powered and free for students, featuring nine bands and over 30 vendors.

SEAC Celebrates Earth Day with Earthfest

Courtesy of Danielle Flanagan and Mikayla Mallett

(Above) Alexis Prinz, Jacqueline Sullivan and Margaret Clarkson sit at a table where students could bob for apples and learn about their mission. (Below) Earthfest coordinators Allison Christie and Veronique Ok pose for a picture in Mills Courtyard.

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Bruno Pape

About 12 years ago, Bruno Pape asked his daughter if she would like a unicycle for Christmas, and now he is known amongst many UNH students as the man who cycles around campus while juggling.

“It’s children that do [these] things to you,” Pape said. “I tried to ride [my daughter’s unicycle] and realized that it’s like a big person riding a really little bicycle... so I had to get myself [one].”

It used to be easy for Pape to get out for a ride around campus. From 2007 to late 2013, he worked in Morris Hall at the Space Science Center. During his time there, he worked on satellites and developed a flight software for a satellite instrument. During his lunch breaks, he would go out on his unicycle and go for a spin. At the time, his oldest daughter was attending UNH as well, so he said that it was a great time for him to be working there because he got to spend a lot of time with her. His younger daughter attends UNH currently and is finishing up the semester.

“At lunchtime I would ride my unicycle out of Morris Hall [and] ride around campus, and everybody kind of smiled and it seemed to brighten up people’s day... now it’s just good to get out and get some exercise and see everybody still having fun,” Pape said.

Pape added that students always react positively to his unicycling and juggling when they see him around campus.

“Sometimes they’re texting on their phones and look up at the last minute and go, ‘oh my god,’” Pape said. But most of the time, he says that people are enthusiastic about his hobby.

“It’s a great crowd,” Pape said.

You’ll probably see Pape riding around campus on days with good weather, and preferably with no wind. Wind makes juggling a bit harder for him because it is harder to tell what directions the pins will fly in after he throws them in the air.

Pape has been juggling for quite some time, as well. He says that he taught himself using the Klutz Book of Juggling.

After learning to unicycle, some of Pape’s friends gave him some old juggling pins that they found in their garage and told him to learn how to juggle them while riding his unicycle, so he did.

Some students may be reminded of the UNH Joggler as they see Pape riding around campus. The Joggler was a UNH student who used to run around campus while juggling, around the same time period that Pape used to unicycle frequently. Pape stated that the Joggler jokingly once referred to him as his “adversary.”

As advice for students interested in learning to unicycle or juggle, Pape said that imagining that you can do it will make it really easy. He stated that being stubborn helps, too, in addition to being just “a little bit crazy.”
MODEL UNITED NATIONS’ FUNDRAISING EFFORTS PUSH GROUP TO NEW HEIGHTS

BY TYLER JOHN KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

Crystal Napoli, the president of the UNH Model United Nations (Model U.N.) student group, remarked on Friday afternoon that at the beginning of this academic year, she wasn’t all too familiar with the Republic of Congo. However, that’s changed drastically over the last seven months. From April 9-14, after months of research, she and 21 other members from her student organization represented the African motion at the annual National Model United Nations conference in New York City.

Napoli, a junior with a double major in history and justice studies, noted that while the student organization customarily attends the conference annually, UNI’s attendance this year’s was unprecedented. According to her, fundraising efforts were a driving force behind this accomplishment. Dave Zamansky, assistant director of the Memorial Union Building, highlighted such monetary accomplishments this past Tuesday night as he awarded UNI’s Model U.N. as the Student Organization of the year at the 2017 Student Leadership Award Banquet. Alex Buckman, treasurer of the group, was one of three students to receive the award of Unsung Hero that night.

In preparation for the spring conference, the group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., but according to Napoli, much of the work is done outside of these gatherings. In the beginning of the fall, the group must debate and choose their top 10 choices of the country they wish to present at the conference—their first choice this year was Belgium, but Napoli highlighted that she and the other members of the UNI group had a keen interest in being a part of the African block, as this area contains the largest amount of countries represented in the U.N. Upon being assigned a country each year, the group begins to research the nation’s background and positions on notable issues that’ll be discussed throughout the course of the conference. Once the spring semester starts, the group’s attention turns towards debate practice and speech writing, among other skills applicable for use in the conference.

Napoli said that at the beginning of each year, it’s nothing out of the ordinary for the group to have upwards of 50 members with an arrangement of differing majors, but over time, that amount dwindles down and by the time they are deciding on who will be going to the conference, normally everyone who is still involved with the organization goes on the trip. However, prior to this point, all members must submit a paper regarding the research they’ve done independently.

With the overall cost of this year’s conference trip being approximately $14,000, Napoli described the fundraising aspect of the process as “always kind of a mess,” as current Student Activity Fee Committee policies only allow for a certain amount of funds to go towards travel accommodations—but that has pushed the group to be more creative in the ways they raise funds, she said. While the group typically asks for support from various UNH offices, Napoli said that in past years, much of these donations were one-time solutions and doesn’t necessarily mean that a similar contribution will be given to them for the next year.

“We’re really grateful for that each year, but we never know about the next year if that’s going to happen,” she said, while also noting that one of the biggest donations this year came from the office of Christopher Clement, the university’s vice president for finance and administration. Other donors included the College of Liberal Arts, UNH President’s Office, Center for International Education and Global Engagement, Haneel Center to Undergraduate Research, Careey School and the offices of Finance and Administration. Other donors also included the College of Liberal Arts, UNH President’s Office, Center for International Education and Global Engagement, Haneel Center to Undergraduate Research, Careey School and the offices of Finance and Administration. Other donors included the College of Liberal Arts, UNH President’s Office, Center for International Education and Global Engagement, Haneel Center to Undergraduate Research, Careey School and the offices of Finance and Administration. 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Visit my dog, I’m already here by choice.
-Tyler
A quaint Sunday Brunch of course.
-Andrew
Watch movies all day.
-Brendon
Sleeping for once.
-Allycia.
Watch the Sox. You’ll cash me outside in College Woods.
-Zack.
I get to watch the Bruins! Oh, wait...
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TNH PHOTO ALBUM *Hamilton Smith Hall Update*

On April 21, Project Manager Richard A. Rouleau gave TNH a tour around Hamilton Smith Hall as renovations are still in progress. The renovations are expected to be completed by the start of the fall 2017 semester.

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We want to hear it.
The Whittemore Center was busy this weekend. Thursday night, SCOPE presented the spring concert Galantis. The following Saturday, UNH hosted the annual Relay for Life event from 12 p.m.-6 a.m.. Check out some of the photos from this weekend’s events!

PHOTOS BY CHINA WONG/STAFF
Students showcase efforts at URC

BY AARON RAGO
STAFF WRITER

Since its introduction as a university-wide effort in 2000, the Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) has grown to be one of the largest and diverse showings of scholarship, research and academic excellence in the nation, a place where more than 1,800 students, mentored by over 400 faculty members, can showcase their findings in their area of expertise via poster boards, oral presentations or creative demonstrations according to the URC 2017 Program Booklet.

The 18th annual URC kicked off with the UNH Manchester URC Oral Presentations on Tuesday, April 18, in Pandora Mill from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will conclude on Saturday, April 29 in Paul College.

The event was organized by Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research’s URC coordinator, Katie Donnelly.

Over the upcoming weeks, the URC will take place in Holloway Commons, the Memorial Union Building (MUB), Murdock Hall, Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC), Parsons Hall, the Whittemore Center, Pettie Hall, Cole Hall, Paul College, McConnell Hall and even UNH Manchester.

Co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (ISE) Symposium Tara Hicks Johnson outlined the conference’s mission, specifically referring to the ISE Symposium that took place on Wednesday in the Whittemore Center.

“The students that participate in the URC ISE event receive many benefits. It is a chance for students to collaborate with students from other departments, a chance they can effectively organize their research, develop timelines and concisely present their findings to those in industry and academia,” Johnson said.

ISE featured poster presentations from students from 17 scientific and engineering disciplines. A total of 74 judges evaluated those presentations and chose winners and honorable mentions from those 17 disciplines according to Johnson. She added, each winner was awarded a prize of $500 for their research.

The URC was organized by the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research, which is the administrative home of the URC. The mission of the conference is to provide students with the resources and financial support to pursue research for scholarly and creative projects, according to the undergraduate research conference’s 2017 Program Booklet. “In every research process, the final stage is the communication of findings to the wider public, and the URC enables students to share the results of their scholarship with fellow students, faculty, staff, family members, federal and state agency personnel, business and industry representatives, and members of our local community.”

The URC is essential in giving students practice in public speaking, communicating complex ideas, sharing ideas with fellow colleagues, and developing a deeper understanding of their field. These knowledge and skills prepare students for graduate school and meaningful and successful careers, according to the 2017 program booklet.


Opinion
Three sides to the story

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Letters to the editor

In response to the SHARPP White Ribbon Campaign

I have very mixed feelings about this project and I am hoping not to come off as hostile, as many of my friends are involved in this program. I am also not devaluing all the wonderful work that SHARPP does on this campus, but I feel the need to share these thoughts and feelings. I am all for men taking a stance on sexual assault, but I will not put ANYBODY on the back for publicly pledging to not sexually assault anyone. To me that pledge is one of the most obvious and fundamental aspects of morality, respect, and humanity. Sometimes, campaigns like this can do more harm than good. We hear a lot about sexual assault and harassment at UNH, which is great, but the education often isn’t deep enough. Society has a very singular view of sexual assault: vicious, planned out, and violent. While that is sometimes the case, there are many other ways people get sexually assaulted. When people take pledges like this, it makes them feel vulnerable and probably our knowledge, giving them the skills needed to resist assault. However, some days I felt angry and had to resist standing up in class and confronting him. I ended up watching him give a 15 minute long group presentation on sexual assault on campus. I was stunned. I sat there, marveling at the most twisted and ironic event of my life. Like I said, he had no clue. He felt well versed and probably twisted and ironic event of my life. Like I said, he had no clue.

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Congratulations to the former counseling center staff

I want to congratulate my former Counseling Center staff for receiving a “Social Justice Recognition Award” at the 25th Annual LGBTQ Pancake Breakfast on April 18. Their commitment and devotion to social justice issues as well as their dedication to the mental health of UNH students over the past 25 years has been remarkable. I wish them all good fortune in their future professional endeavors and want to thank the LGBTQ Presidential Commission for bestowing upon them this much deserved recognition.

-David M.J. Cross Ph.D. Former Director, UNH Counseling Center (1988-2016)

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Competition leading us into the final stretch of the season.”

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1. CLEVELAND BROWNS

Myles Garrett
DE, Texas A&M

This selection for the Browns appears to be a no-brainer as the 2017 community tends to agree that Garrett is a can’t-miss talent. If Cleveland is completely sold on one of the quarterbacks however, the pick could go toward that position. The Browns have swung and missed in this spot before, so the apparent certainty of Garrett’s abilities appears too much to pass up. The Browns and their fans will be happy with this selection as it’ll provide the team with a dominant pass-rusher for years to come.

2. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Mitchell Trubisky
QB, North Carolina

After signing on as the newest head coach of the 49ers, many expect Kyle Shanahan to attempt to sign his former quarterback of the Washington Redskins, Kirk Cousins, to a deal. The Redskins franchise tagged Cousins this offseason and I don’t anticipate Shanahan patiently waiting to see if he enters the free agency pool next offseason. If they believe that Trubisky can be a franchise quarterback, then they won’t hesitate to add the North Carolina starter. He appears to have all of the tools and the 49ers need to start their rebuild somewhere.

3. CHICAGO BEARS

Jamil Adams
S, LSU

The Bears were once candidates to select a quarterback in this slot, but after they signed Mike Glennon to a three-year, $45 million contract, they recalculated and opted for Adams instead. Jakob Nissly is a run-stuffing beast that will add to an already threatening defense. The Jaguars could look to add an offensive play maker here, such as Leonard Fournette or Christian McCaffrey. Both players would add to an already improving defense and offense.

4. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Jonathan Allen
DT, Alabama

This is a best-player-available selection for Jacksonville. Allen is a run-stuffing beast that will add to an already threatening defense. The Jaguars could look to add an offensive play maker here, such as Leonard Fournette. Fournette could be a can’t-miss talent, and it’s a no-brainer to add him to a defense that already has Leonard Fournette and Marcell Harris. The Jaguars could look to add a receiver to help out Blake Bortles, or a tight end to help out Blake Bortles.

5. TENNESSEE TITANS

Marshon Lattimore
CB, Ohio State

The Titans need secondary help and could look to go with a safety in this spot, but Lattimore’s potential as a shut-down corner should be their choice if he falls to this pick. Tennessee did sign former Patriots cornerback Logan Ryan this offseason and will need Lattimore to complete the duo. Similar to Jalen Ramsey last year, it would be a surprise if Lattimore slipped past the top-5.

6. NEW YORK JETS

Deshawn Watson
QB, Clemson

The Jets get their quarterback. The one they’ve been searching for since Joe Namath. This organization has made several blunders when drafting a quarterback over the years (Mark Sanchez, Geno Smith and Kellen Clemens to name a few) but taking Watson could end the futility. Watson performed his best when it mattered most and led Clemson to a National Championship victory over undefeated Alabama in January and deserves to be the first quarterback selected. He’s a proven winner and that’s exactly what the Jets need leading them moving forward.

7. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Mikal Hooker
S, Ohio State

Baltimore Ravens safety Eric Weddle had a very productive bounceback season in 2016 while the Chargers, who he left in free agency, struggled with their secondary play. Now that the organization has bolted from San Diego to Los Angeles, they’ll need a new safety to protect the back end of the defense. Hooker is a playmaking free safety that should complement the Chargers’ corners well in pass defense. Los Angeles could also look to add a wide receiver here to give Phillip Rivers another weapon on offense, but the defensive efforts should be the priority.

8. CAROLINA PANTHERS

Leonard Fournette
RB, LSU

Fournette would be a luxury pick for Carolina. Unlike most teams with a top-10 pick, the Panthers don’t have a ton of holes to fill and could be a playmaker away from returning to Super Bowl contention. Fournette could be that guy. His arrival to the NFL has been highly anticipated after three successful seasons at LSU and he’ll make an excellent complement, and eventual successor, to Jonathan Stewart.

9. CINCINNATI BENGALS

Solomon Thomas
DE, Stanford

The Bengals could absolutely use this selection on a wide receiver to play opposite A.J. Green and take advantage of a star’s star. However, Cincinnati also needs defensive line help after finishing in the bottom third of the league in both rushing yards allowed per game and sacks. Thomas is a lineman that can give him a boost both against the run and by rushing the passer.

10. BUFFALO BILLS

Mike Williams
WR, Clemson

The Bills need to get Sammy Watkins some help in the receiving department, and Williams can provide that. Williams is a premier red-zone threat and that propels him into this spot, for me, over Corey Davis and John Ross. Tyrod Taylor was brought back after a lot of speculation about the Bills letting him walk and the proper way to repay him would be to get another receiving threat.

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NFL DRAFT

THM Mock Draft

By Zack Holler
Sports Editor

The 2017 NFL Draft kicks off with the first round Thursday, April 27, at 8 p.m., followed by rounds two and three Friday at 7 p.m. and rounds four through seven Saturday at 12 p.m. Big storylines for the first night include the Cleveland Browns and Tennessee Titans each holding two of the top-18 selections, when running backs such as Christian McCaffrey and Leonard Fournette will end up and whether the Patriots will trade back into the first round.

This year’s draft should be a wild one, as there are various quarterbacks that could go on the first night, a weaker offensive lineman class than usual and some very strong running back and tight end groups. There are multiple teams looking for their answer at the quarterback position, whether it be for the present or the future, which should add to the event’s intrigue.

Just a reminder, this mock draft is based off of what I think will happen, not what I would do if I were each team.

11. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS:
Haason Reddick, LB, Temple

12. CLEVELAND BROWNS:
Garren Conley, CB, Ohio State

13. ARIZONA CARDINALS:
O.J. Howard, TE, Alabama

14. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES:
Christian McCaffrey, RB, Stanford

15. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS:
Forest Lamp, OG, W. Kentucky

16. BALTIMORE RAVENS:
Derek Barnett, DE, Tennessee

17. WASHINGTON REDSKINS:
John Ross, WR, Washington

18. TENNESSEE TITANS:
Corey Davis, WR, W. Michigan

19. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS:
Dalian Cook, RB, Florida State

20. DENVER BRONCOS:
Garrett Bolles, OT, Utah

21. DETROIT LIONS:
Kevin King, CB, Washington

22. MIAMI DOLPHINS:
Reuben Foster, ILB, Alabama

23. NEW YORK GIANTS:
Jevare Davis, ILB, Florida

24. OAKLAND RAIDERS:
Adoree’ Jackson, CB, USC

25. HOUSTON TEXANS:
Patrick Mahomes III, QB, Texas Tech

26. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS:
Cam Robinson, OT, Alabama

27. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:
Takk McKinley, DE, UCLA

28. DALLAS COWBOYS:
Jabril Peppers, S/LB, Michigan

29. GREEN BAY PACKERS:
Taco Charlton, DE, Michigan

30. PITTSBURGH STEELERS:
De’Shone Kizer, QB, Notre Dame

31. ATLANTA FALCONS:
Tre’Davious White, CB, LSU

32. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS:
David Njoku, TE, Miami

Wildcats of Note:
Cornerback Casey DeAndrade, offensive tackle Andrew Lauderdale, tight end Jordan Powell and running back Dalton Crossan all have entered the draft processes and held pro days in hopes of catching on with an NFL team, either by being drafted or as an undrafted free agent. Crossan’s stock has been rising around the league after an impressive pro day performance and he could see himself drafted on Saturday, even as high as the fifth round.
The finishing touch

AFTER SLOW START TO SEASON, UNH PUNCHES TICKET TO CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Seniors Devon Croke (left) and Marissa Gurello (right) each scored two goals to help lead the Wildcats to an 11-6 victory over Binghamton on Senior Day.

**BY CHRIS BOKUM**

STAFF WRITER

The stakes couldn’t have been higher for the UNH women’s lacrosse team on Saturday against Binghamton University, and they were relatively simple to grasp: win, and you’re in the playoffs. UNH accomplished that task, defeating the Bearcats, 11-6, at Wildcat Stadium on Senior Day to deliver the ‘Cats the No. 4 seed in the America East playoff tournament.

“It was do or die,” head coach Sarah Albrecht said. “But we gained confidence as the game went on and we were able to finish off shots.”

The Wildcats battled early with strong defense, limiting Binghamton to just eight shots in the first half. Their defense transitioned to offense, and the ‘Cats had Binghamton chasing. With an even-strength goal from freshman Rylee Leonard at 28:06 and a man-down goal off of a free position shot from junior Rebecca Sennott at 21:48, UNH controlled the pace of play with a 2-0 lead.

“We had a lot of teamwork and pace running up the field, so I’m really pleased with that,” Albrecht said.

Binghamton would respond with a trio of goals and establish its own lead at 3-2. After scoring their first, the Bearcats would score again just 43 seconds later, and Jacqueline Kennedy gave her team the lead at 10:57.

A time out from Albrecht composed the Wildcats, and they found their rhythm from the early stages of the first half of the period.

“I think we started off a little slow and a little nervous,” Albrecht said.

UNH went on the attack to close the period, and scored a pair of goals in the process. Senior Devon Croke mustered an unassisted, even-strength goal at 10:03 to even the score at 3-3. Junior midfielder Teagan Northrup regained the lead for the ‘Cats at 2:39.

**COURTESY OF ELISE AUSTIN WASHBURN**

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**COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Senior Brandon Allen took first in the 100m and 200m dashes on Saturday in the Wildcats’ loss to UMass Lowell.

**Allen shines as ‘Cats come up short at UMass Lowell**

**BY TIM KNIGHTLEY**

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UNH track and field teams are off to fast starts as the America East Championships near. This past weekend, the Wildcats’ star Brandon Allen showed up to help the team in a big meet.

The ‘Cats headed down to UMass Lowell for a meet against the River Hawks and Bryant University over the weekend. The men’s team out-scored Bryant 104-44, but was beaten out by the River Hawks, as senior sprinter Brandon Allen led the team.

Allen participated in both the 100-meter and 200m dash. He won both races and gave the Wildcats energy to help the team in Lowell.

“He was great for us,” Albrecht said.

Brandon Allen also had a great day for us. We consider him one of our leaders and he went out there and pro-