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President Huddleston delivers final address



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President Huddleston acknowledges successes and talks transition in his final address to the university.

By Ian Lenahan
STAFF WRITER

A large crowd from the UNH community gathered in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) Granite State Room on Tuesday afternoon for UNH President Mark Huddleston's last "State of the University" address that carried a little extra emotional weight

before he steps down as president in late June. Huddleston has served as UNH's president since 2007, which will mark him as the longest president the university has ever had.

Huddleston opened the address with a nod to the often "under-looked unsung heroes" of UNH - the academic teachers and advisors, the maintenance workers, the dining hall staff and more.

He was quick to note that without their constant work and care for the university, the students wouldn't be able to live in such a nurturing environment and succeed in their college careers and beyond. Huddleston added that without such a foundation, UNH wouldn't rank seventh in the nation in student post-graduate performance, inciting a round of applause from all in attendance.

In transition, Huddleston noted a few university achievements that have occurred recently out of past events. He said an example of past events was in response to the outrage over students' discriminatory actions last Cinco de Mayo, over 1,500 UNH employees took diversity training courses. He said that in addition to other "acts of discrimination on campus last

year, over 1,300 students have taken part in UNH Safe Zones, programs that prevent hatred towards LGBTQIAP+ issues and focus on inclusion.

In addition to working on recent problems, President Huddleston addressed successes that have come out of university projects and programs, such as The Celebrate 150 program that launched in 2016 with the 150th university homecoming celebration. The program originally intended to raise \$275 million in what would become the largest fundraising campaign in the university's history, but the program has raised over \$300 million in the campaign with over \$25 million more than their target. With that, UNH has formed the "Granite Guarantee," a program starting this academic year that allows in-state students who are eligible for the Pell Grant will not pay any tuition.

With these triumphs, President Huddleston said that the university is currently in a "very good place." However, with that

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Facilities 'reduced' by five through 'disbanded' measures

By Madison Neary
STAFF WRITER

UNH Facilities and Operations "disbanded" its Facilities

Construction Team, a self-funded auxiliary unit, resulting in the loss of five university employees' positions, according to Associate Vice President of Facilities and Operations William

Janelle.

The Facilities Construction Team provided small-scale construction services throughout the UNH community, such as painting, carpentry, small renovations

and electrical work. This decision, Janelle wrote in an email, was a result of the team's

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Students hold rally in solidarity with UNH lecturers



Photos courtesy of Eden Suoth

UNH community members gather in Murkland Courtyard to stand in solidarity with lecturers with non-renewals.

By Jordyn Haime
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 students, faculty, alumni, and members

of the greater University of New Hampshire community crowded the courtyard outside Murkland Hall on Friday to stand in solidarity with the 16 lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

whose contracts weren't renewed this year, as well as the five UNH Facilities workers who recently lost their jobs.

The rally was organized by a group of six students who are

calling themselves UNH Solidarity. According to junior social work and women's studies dual

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Department in COLA starts hires

By Jordyn Haime
STAFF WRITER

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (LLC) is hiring five new lecturer faculty members in Spanish, French and Arabic, according to Holly Cashman, the chair of the department.

The development comes after 16 lecturer contracts in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) were not renewed for the next academic year, with six of the cuts affecting LLC, according to Cashman.

Two Spanish lecturers, two French lecturers, and one Arabic lecturer will replace those lost in each language. Holly Cashman, chair of the LLC department, said that the only program hiring fewer lecturers than the number lost is Spanish, where there were three non-renewals and one retirement this year. The net loss of faculty for Spanish is two with a total loss of six Spanish classes.

The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) website does not currently list the job openings and Cashman said she is unsure of when they will be listed.

"I think that the situation is obviously concerning to a number of students, whether they'll get the language that they want, and whether there will be enough classes," Cashman said, but these kinds of considerations "will just make it a stronger program going forward, fiscally."

COLA Dean Heidi Bostic has told *The New Hampshire* that the cuts were due to "the need to keep a UNH education affordable, a desire to strengthen programs and a need to retain faculty whose expertise most closely aligns with the current and future needs of programs."

Cashman said the minimum degree requirement for applicants will be a Ph.D. and all faculty hired will be lecturer faculty.

"There are several lecturer faculty members in the Department of LLC who have Ph.D.s, and there are many more across the College of Liberal Arts," Cashman said.

COLA Dean Heidi Bostic did not respond in time for publication.

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The swimming and diving team captured the America East title this weekend for the first time since 2014. It's the school's seventh conference title.

Argentine scholars reflect on mid-semester



Over 20 Argentine students are studying at the University of New Hampshire this semester. See what they have to say about their experiences!

Mask and Dagger presents "The Drowsy Chaperone"



UNH's Mask and Dagger Dramatic Society presents their Spring musical: "The Drowsy Chaperone."

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in mind, he was sure to admit that the tides could turn just as quickly in the future after his departure. Though he does trust the committee to pick a new president who will surpass expectations, he said that he has some concerns going into the future.

"Even with this recent success, I can't leave the story there," Huddleston told the crowd.

"It could be beautiful and sunny today but entirely different tomorrow."

His four major concerns for the university going forward surround the potential that outside forces could play in future endeavors. First, Huddleston spoke about "demographics" at the university are changing as school population declines, citing a need to keep students in-state rather than attend outside universities.

The topic segued into his second concern regarding outside competition from other universities, as 60 percent of New Hampshire high school graduates who attend college go out-of-state. He also mentioned how some people don't opt for college degrees but find work in non-degree credentialing programs.

Thirdly, Huddleston noted how this past year was extremely fiscally-challenging, as the main source of revenue was through

student tuition and fees while money from the state has decreased dramatically over 90 percent in the past six years.

Huddleston said that the university goal is to always spend three percent less than they take in, and while Huddleston assured the audience that it's not a crisis, he also stated that it's never easy to crunch the numbers in a fair and flexible way. Lastly, his final concern is regarding the nationwide decrease in college attendance rates.

He said that a study from 2016 showed that only 42 percent of Americans thought that receiving a college degree was essential, a drop from 55 percent from a decade before that. With this seemingly nationwide "war on college," Huddleston addressed that there needs to be measures that are taken so that higher education is more accessible and more economically feasible.

Even with the potential for these issues, President Huddleston let the audience know that the university would overcome any obstacle in the future with the hard work that they've always put in. On the contrary, he even gave his five focal points to improve upon to help some of these issues. He spoke about counteracting competition from other universities by deepening ties between liberal arts and professional programs, adding that

undergraduate general education courses need to be reexamined from the ground up. He added that those in the liberal arts are more versatile in the work force in comparison to those who are more STEM-inclined, proving that they are just as valuable.

He challenged the fiscal issue with notes on how to fix the financial management system and learning to be more flexible in their department programs and schedules. In terms of having more students want to attend UNH, he added that, while current university marketing tactics are great, there needs to be even more focus on it. Finally, in just the general sense of having a thriving campus environment, Huddleston pleaded for measures to be taken to plan on diversity and inclusion within the student body. He stated that with these things, the university will continue to carry on and succeed.

To close, Huddleston remarked, "UNH is in great shape even with unprecedented challenges ahead on the horizon. We have the resources and the ingenuity to succeed past them." Looking a little choked up, he closed his notes and addressed the audience, saying, "Thank you for your support over these past 11 years. No matter where I am or what I'm doing, I'll always be a Wildcat."

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struggle to generate enough revenue to meet their expenses over the last several years, forcing "the need to reorganize in order to match the reduced demand for services and meet budget/revenue expectations."

Previous supervisor of the Facilities Construction Team Colin Williams said he saw no such decrease in demand for services, but rather an outsourcing of work to non-university contractors.

Williams received his notification letter on Jan. 16, a month before his last day of work on Feb. 16. He noted that the letter was a "form letter," saying each individual received the same written message. In a phone conversation during which he transcribed the letter, it read, "As you know, the workload for the facilities construction team over the past few years has been inconsistent. Subsequently, profits for the department were not achieved, resulting in financial losses for the university."

"There was no thanks for your service to the university or good luck," Williams said.

According to Janelle, these were not cases of termination, but rather reductions in force, giving effected employees priority interview status for uni-

versity positions that meet their qualifications. Janelle said that employees were given either 30 or 90 days of notice, as required by non-union staff employment policies.

According to Williams, he was made aware of two openings within the university and, though he would like to come back to work for the university, he is unable to.

In regard to an expanding university, Janelle notes that the university will "see no negative impact to operations" as a result of these reductions as a new smaller Facilities Construction Team will be assumed by the Facilities' Operation D team. Janelle wrote that this group is "sized to meet the current demand of the university customers and will also assist with preventative maintenance tasks if time allows."

For Williams, this decision came "out of the blue" and according to Williams, there is no way the university will save money hiring outside employees.

"They [outside contractors] pay their employees more than UNH does, [and] they are not as familiar with the campus as we were," Williams said.

This is a developing story that will be updated in a later issue of *The New Hampshire*.



Photos courtesy of Eden Suoth

Over 100 members of the UNH community attended a rally for lecturers this past Friday, some holding signs to demonstrate their sentiments.

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major Emma Chinman, one of the rally organizers, 40 students, alumni, and fellow lecturers gave testimony for nearly two hours. She also said that UNH Solidarity will be delivering a packet of all the testimonies as well as two demands of the administration to COLA Dean Heidi Bostic.

The demands, which Chinman read at the beginning of the rally, assert that COLA administrators should hold an open forum to explain why the decisions not to renew lecturer contracts were made, and for COLA administrators to hold office hours where students can explain their concerns and give input about COLA programs.

"It opened up a lot of reasons why UNH is fiscally irresponsible, and I think people are realizing that more. This isn't the only bad decision that they've [made]," Chinman said.

In an email correspondence with Dean Bostic last week, she

said the decisions were made due to "a variety of reasons including declining enrollments, the need to keep a UNH education affordable, a desire to strengthen programs and a need to retain faculty whose expertise most closely aligns with the current and future needs of programs," and that the decisions were made "in the best interest of our students." Bostic was not in attendance at the rally.

Lecturers were also told that their contracts were not renewed because they did not have Ph.D.s.

"This is an atrocity, in my opinion. We have worked so hard for so many years to get lecturers to where we are now, and this is an attack. It is nothing less. And the only way to respond to an attack like this is to fight back, because we cannot let this stand," Sarah Hirsch, a lecturer in Spanish whose contract was not renewed, said.

Senior linguistics and communication dual major Robert Maynard took classes with Anna Sandstrom, Claire-Helene Gaudissart and Ruwa Pokorny, three of the lecturers in the Department

of Languages, Literatures and Cultures whose contracts were not renewed. Pokorny and Gaudissart are native speakers of the languages they teach, Arabic and French, respectively, and that's what made them great teachers, Maynard said at the rally.

"Everyone at the university having a Ph.D. has a nice ring to it, but sorry scientists, you didn't grow up speaking chemistry," Maynard said.

Sophomore economics and political science dual major Nooran Alhamdan is a native Arabic speaker who was close with Pokorny. She attends Arabic chat hours and said she was deeply impressed by the language skills of Pokorny's students as well as her passion for teaching.

"Passion cannot be measured by a Ph.D.," Alhamdan said.

Some students pointed out President Mark Huddleston's salary of \$415,000 per year, according to USNH Salary Book Report found online, in their testimonies, and questioned other financial decisions that UNH has made in the past, like a \$1 million scoreboard

and a \$17,000 light-up table for one of the dining halls.

Dean of Students John T. Kirkpatrick attended the entirety of the rally. He said that in his position, he played no part in the non-renewals, but he wanted to be there to support the students.

"I think it's important for me to be here today to hear what the students have to say," Kirkpatrick said. UNH Facilities and Operations "disbanded" its Facilities Construction Team, a self-funded auxiliary unit, resulting in the loss of five university employees' positions, according to Associate Vice President of Facilities and Operations William Janelle.

"But we have to pull together as a community to deal with the realities that we face [financially]."

"While they claimed these were extremely difficult decisions to make, they failed to acknowledge that there are always alternatives to making cuts... Maybe people could have been asked if they were willing to contribute half a percentage of their

salaries for a year or two, or perhaps more than half a percentage for our higher paid administrators," Eva Ford, another UNH Solidarity organizer and a junior communications and philosophy major with a minor in Spanish, said.

"Every year, we try to allocate the resources that we have in the best way that will meet student needs and student demands for classes and academic quality. So we've been doing this kind of shifting and tweaking for a number of years," Provost Nancy Targett said following the rally, citing the sharp decline in enrollment in English as a Second Language classes. She wasn't able to attend the rally, and said she received more messages in support of the non-renewals from students rather than in opposition.

Hirsch said she was optimistic about the administration reviewing their decisions, but Targett said she doesn't see that happening.

"I don't think there are any plans to change any of the decisions," Targett said.

Senate Speaker José Calvo resigns

By Benjamin Strawbridge
STAFF WRITER

The UNH Student Senate announced in a press release on Sunday that José Calvo would be resigning from his post as Student Senate Speaker, effective immediately.

Speaker Calvo, who was

elected as Speaker in Dec. 2017, per the Feb. 18 press release, is leaving the Senate for “personal reasons,” and his post will be filled in the interim by Student Senate Parliamentarian Douglas Marino; SAFC Chairperson Jake Adams will pull double-duty as Interim Parliamentarian until a special election can be held to fill Calvo’s position.

The Student Senate took the

time to thank Speaker Calvo’s accomplishments and commitment to the institution during his tenure, including praise for his efforts to lay down “the groundwork for a successful 2018 General Election with an overhaul of election policies,” especially those targeting campaign corruption. In addition, the body commended the outgoing Speaker for his “reforms to its public relations and communica-

tion” to strengthen ties between the Senate and the student body as a whole.

The press release noted that both the Senate and Speaker Calvo are “saddened” by the “unexpected” resignation, but also that Calvo will continue to be a “resource to students” for the next several months.

As announced at the Feb. 18 Student Senate assembly, the elec-

tion process has begun to select a new Senate Speaker, with the final election being held on Feb. 25. As of Feb. 22, Interim Speaker Marino, Health and Wellness Council Chairperson Emily Cochran, Academic Affairs Council Chair Audrey Getman, Campus Structure Council Chair Ethan McClanahan and former SAFC Member Shannon O’Hara are the current eligible nominees for the position.

Student Senate Update: Provost discusses lecturers

By Benjamin Strawbridge
STAFF WRITER

A visit from Provost Nancy Targett to discuss the lecturer controversy, as well as the first week of nominations for the next Student Senate Speaker, led the agenda for the Feb. 18 UNH Student Senate meeting.

Targett, one of many UNH administrators who has been criticized by members of the student body in recent weeks in response to pending layoffs of 16 lecturers from the College of Liberal Arts, paid a visit to the Senate meeting on Sunday to allow members to field out questions regarding the issue, as well as receive clarification on the circumstances that accumulated and resulted in the present series of events.

As she kicked off the discussion, she claimed that she was “excited about our students’ passion and their activism,” but that students should “make sure they have all the facts before they step out and say things.”

One inquiry questioned the provost’s absence from a protest rally regarding the layoffs held on Friday, Feb. 16 outside of her Thompson Hall office. Targett said that her schedule for that day was “absolutely booked.” Another inquiry explained how new requirements for lecturers, such as having a terminal degree, would make various programs more attractive to potential students both in the Granite State and beyond its borders.

A more assertive set of critiques came from Community Development Council Chair Elena Ryan, who explained to Provost

Targett that among other contentions, the latter had been “scapegoating” the lecturers’ union and doing only the “bare minimum” through “snail mail” in terms of keeping the affected professors in the loop about their potential unemployment status.

Targett responded that the administration had been negotiating with the union for some time and that they had requested to have direct communication with the affected lecturers, a move the union prohibited.

“We had to do everything through them,” explained the provost as she countered Ryan for labeling the situation as a “scapegoat,” stating that the difficulties faced by Targett and others in the UNH administration were “requirements” enforced by the lecturers’ union. In addition, Targett stressed that “as fast as they asked

the questions, we responded; as fast as the union would ask us for things, we provided materials to them.”

Ryan, in response, said that it “honestly baffles me that so many people managed to be blindsided” by the administration’s management of the controversy.

Targett maintained throughout the forum, “These are hard decisions, they’re not easy decisions and no one likes to make those decisions,” Targett maintained throughout the forum, despite calls of criticism from various members of the Senate.

“And yet, in leadership positions you’re between a rock and a hard place, and you are called to make those decisions, and it’s no fun to have people misrepresent and misquote you” despite working in what she called “the best interests of the institution.”

Following Targett’s visit, the Senate began seeking nominations for the body’s next Speaker, whose position has been left vacant since José Calvo’s resignation on Feb. 18. According to the Senate’s bylaws, read by Interim Senate Speaker Douglas Marino, the Speaker, whose term ends April 30 of the academic semester, is required to have been a “member of Student Senate for no less than 75 percent of at least two academic semesters,” and is prohibited from running, or endorsing candidates, for any other Student Senate office during their

term.

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As part of a long-time running joke within the Student Senate, Interim Parliamentarian Jake Adams humorously offered to nominate former Student Senate member Gabriel Hoffman as Speaker, who is ineligible due to being a graduate student. Interim Speaker Marino turned down the proposal.

In other Senate proceedings, a resolution scheduled to be voted on that night, brought up by Academic Affairs Council Chair Getman, was pulled from the agenda for further revisions; External Affairs Chair Hayden Stinson gave an update on last week’s postponed Farmers’ Market resolution, in which Associate Vice President of Business Affairs David May was in the process of granting the Seacoast Growers’ Farmers’ Market access to the “Fishbowl” area on campus for their summer festival; and Fairchild Student Senator Alexander Brown was unanimously removed from his post with, as of Feb. 22, no immediate successor in place.

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The Candy Bar sales see increase after hot chocolate broadcast

By **Zerina Bajramovic**
STAFF WRITER

The Candy Bar & Creamery in downtown Durham has seen an increase in sales since its hot chocolate was featured on an episode of “New Hampshire Chronicle” just last week, according to owner Chris Guerrette.

The episode aired Feb. 12 and highlighted New Hampshire businesses that, according to the show, have “perfected” the art of hot chocolate.

The Candy Bar was one of the four hot chocolate-making businesses featured in the episode. While each of the businesses possesses unique hot chocolate, at Guerrette’s shop there are 17 flavors of the much-liked treat. In addition, there is a secret menu flavor that is not advertised: marshmallow cream and Nutella.

Guerrette voiced that his business was chosen in part because of its social media presence. Photos of the unique hot chocolate flavors found on Instagram (@candybar_nh) and Facebook captured the attention of Chronicle.

While The Candy Bar has had hot chocolate on the menu

prior to Guerrette’s acquired ownership in December of 2014, he said some people were still surprised when they saw it on “New Hampshire Chronicle.”

“It’s been here, we just expanded it,” he said.

The timing of the episode was “interesting,” according to Guerrette. The episode aired two days before Valentine’s Day, one of the busiest times of the year for chocolatiers. This year at The Candy Bar, some people were buying cups of hot chocolate for themselves along with their chocolate purchases.

“It was a lot of fun,” Guerrette said about the filming process. “It was kind of crazy because they called me the night before and said they’d like to come at 11 the next morning. It was a snow day that day and they still came,” he said.

According to Guerrette, the entire process of filming the short segment took about an hour and a half. During that time, Guerrette showcased three out of the 17 flavors. On the show, he demonstrated how he makes the toasted marshmallow, a fan favorite. According to Guerrette, making the marshmallow cream

from scratch is “key” and he makes it weekly.

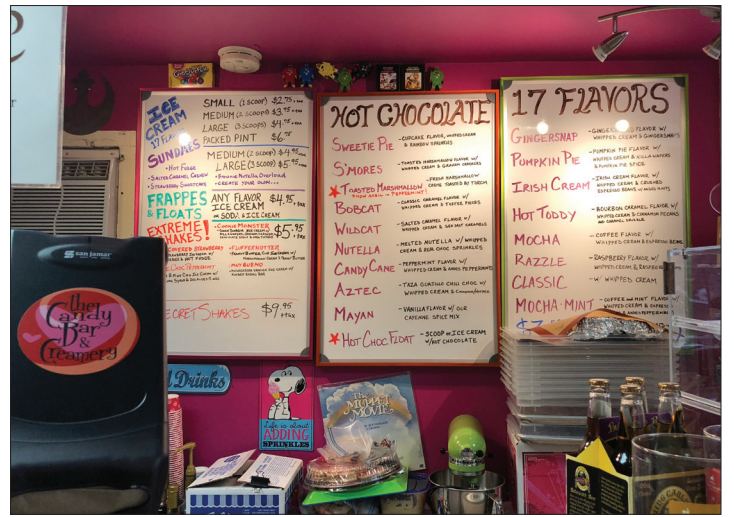
Guerrette’s hot chocolates are made with melted whole chocolate and high-quality chocolate powder. The combination of two types of chocolates then meets the unique flavors and ingredients. One of the flavors created by Guerrette is the “Mayan,” which includes a house-made cayenne spice.

“We never claimed to be the best, but we try to do our own unique thing,” Guerrette said. “I was honored to be featured; it was nice of them.”

Guerrette is not stopping at 17 flavors. Currently, he is working on a new hot chocolate flavor: banana cream pie.

In addition to experimenting with new flavors and constantly bringing in new items for the store, Guerrette expressed his excitement for a Dover candy store that is in the works.

Guerrette’s new store is scheduled to open in the summer of 2018. It will feature 40 to 50 seats, so not only will patrons be able to try one of the exclusive hot chocolates, but they will be able to sit and drink it in a café-meets-candy-store environment.



Zerina Bajramovic/ TNH Staff

Hot Chocolate is a large seller at The Candy Bar in Durham.

Student orgs come together to celebrate social justice

By **Adrienne Perron**
STAFF WRITER

Members of the UNH Community representing various student organizations came together to celebrate World Day of Social Justice at the Waysmeet Center in Durham this past Wednesday for a dinner that was organized by UNH GenUN, which allowed student organizations to celebrate their dedications to social justice and share information about their organizations over a pot-luck style dinner.

According to the United Nations’ (UN) website, World Day of Social Justice was established by the UN and occurs on Feb. 20 of every year. The website says that social justice stands up for the rights of all people, no matter their race, religion, age, gender, ethnicity, culture or disability.

Carolyn D’Olympio, a senior occupational therapy major from Wakefield, Massachusetts and president of GenUN, said that GenUN reached out to certain organizations on campus that are social justice-oriented to come to this dinner to celebrate World Day of Social Justice, to share the social justice issues that are important to them, and to talk about what they do within their organization for social justice. D’Olympio hoped that the dinner would help in recognizing the organizations for the hard work they do.

“I feel like right now it’s easy to get discouraged because there are so many social justice issues,” D’Olympio said. “But we should also be highlighting and celebrating the work that is being done, so that is what tonight is all about.”

D’Olympio also stated that a goal of the dinner was for GenUN to be able to share its purpose with student organizations, and to discuss how the organization is interested in partnering with other student organizations to offer resources from the UN in an effort to further their social justice-related goals.

According to D’Olympio, GenUN stands for Generation United Nations, and their goal is to bring the work of the United Nations (UN) to a local level, and carry out their goals at UNH.

“We do projects that align with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN which range from zero hunger no poverty, to good health and wellbeing for all,” D’Olympio said. “Our goal is... to partner with other UNH student organizations... and guide them with resources that are from the UN in aligning with SDGs.”

Senior political science major from Exeter, New Hampshire and managing director of GenUN Joe Scheidler agreed with D’Olympio’s statement about partnering with other organizations on campus. He extended the invitation for organizations who are in alignment with any

of the UN’s 17 SDGs to partner with GenUN in an address to all attendees of the dinner.

“Our main goal is to carry out the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN at a local level,” Scheidler said. “We are looking to partner with any organization on campus that shares a common interest working toward any of those goals.”

GenUN became a student organization in the fall of 2017, making this their second semester as a recognized student organization. GenUN currently has nine active members, many of whom are also involved with the UNH student organization Model UN, including D’Olympio. According to D’Olympio, Model UN is an organization that simulates the UN and is more academically based than GenUN.

“GenUN is different because we carry out community-based projects that align with the goals of the UN,” D’Olympio said.

D’Olympio said that GenUN is currently working with organizations like Amnesty International and UNH Students for Global Health in order to help them in aligning with the 17 SDGs.

GenUN treasurer Cameron MacDonald, a sophomore economics and political science major from Rye, New Hampshire said that he joined GenUN because of his involvement in Model UN and because of the “hands on” nature of the organization.

“A lot of the stuff we talk

about in Model UN... isn’t really hands on,” MacDonald said.

According to D’Olympio, the decision to have the dinner at the Waysmeet Center was influenced by the fact that the mission of the center is based off of social justice oriented ideas.

“We thought it would be a fitting place to be,” she said.

Larry Brickner-Wood, chaplain and executive director of the Waysmeet Center, stated that the center is a place where people can visit to find common ground and express their opinions.

“Our communities need to be places of justice and equity, even in our diversity, and beloved communities are not segregated places,” Brickner-Wood said. “We try to model that beloved community in small and large ways and really try to believe and stand for a community and a world that is peaceful and sustainable.”

During the dinner, representatives of the present organizations spoke about the focuses of their organizations, how they are related to the topic of social justice, and about upcoming events that each organization will be holding in the near future. Organizations represented at the dinner included WildACTS, Delta Xi Phi, UNH Students for Global Health and the Student Organization of Social Work.

Ciara Blanchette, a sophomore nursing major from Erie, Colorado, was one of a few representatives from UNH Students for

Global Health.

“Global health... affects everybody... [we are] advocating for people whether they are in our own community or abroad,” Blanchette said on the topic of social justice and her organization. “Different cultures, different languages, different races, different ethnicities... what are issues these people are facing and how can we best get those people the help that they need?”

According to D’Olympio, the next GenUN event being organized is a celebration of International Women’s Day on Thursday, March 8.

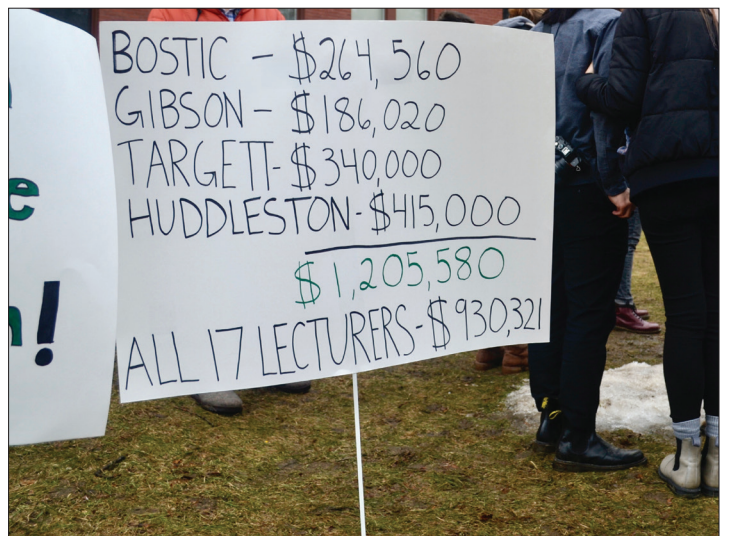
GenUN hopes to encourage UNH students to wear purple to celebrate this day, and they hope to hold an event in the MUB near Union Court where organizations that represent the recognition of women or women’s rights will be encouraged to “table” and share information about their organizations with passersby. Also, this spring, GenUN is bringing the US Youth Observer to the UN, Munira Khalif, to speak on campus.

GenUN meets on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. in MUB room 321, and according to D’Olympio, members talk about international celebration events related to the UN that they want to focus on for each semester, brainstorm what issues they want to focus on, and talk about what speakers they want to bring onto campus. All are welcome to attend GenUN meetings.

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Fulbright Scholars Program brings 21 Argentinian students to UNH

By Aaron Soroa
STAFF WRITER

There are 21 Argentinian students who are spending time at the University of New Hampshire this semester through the Fulbright Scholars program.

The Fulbright Program was established on Aug. 1, 1946, after President Harry S. Truman signed a bill drafted by Senator J. William Fulbright, calling for the promotion of “international good” through academic exchange programs for students. According to the Fulbright Program website, “Approximately 325,400 Fulbrighters, 122,800 from the United States and 202,600 from other countries, have participated in the Program since its inception more than sixty years ago.”

The international exchange

was arranged and prepared by UNH’s Global Education Center. According to an article from UNH Today, “The Argentine students are older, between 20-24,

“It’s amazing how all of the different majors and students of different interests come together and create this community. It’s like nothing I’ve ever seen,”

-Ariana Giselle Seuert, student in the program

and well into their majors. As a result, they were steered toward taking 600 and 700 level classes.”

The students were not accepted by UNH faculty, but by the highly competitive and selective Fulbright Program.

“The students selected are the best and the brightest in Argentina,” director of global initiatives at the Global Education Center, Gregg Orifici said.

While the Argentine students are in Durham for academic purposes, the program offers much more than academics. For example, students have been matched with an American student through a “buddy program.”

“They get together a couple of times a week [with their buddy]; they go to hockey games together, the dining halls together and I’m sure that they go out in Portsmouth and Durham together,” Orifici explained. The hope of the program is to “have them understand what the U.S. education system is like, so that they can consider U.S. schools for graduate school,” Orifici said.

Students are taking two required classes: one through the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, and the other Spanish 526, titled “Latin American Civilization and Culture.”

“It’s an enriching experience for them and the American students because they learn how to collaborate on a project with someone from another country,” Orifici explained.

According to students from Argentina interviewed by *The*

New Hampshire, the impact that the Fulbright Program has had on them can be described as a positive one.

“It’s amazing how all of the different majors and students of different interests come together and create this community. It’s like nothing I’ve ever seen,” Ariana Giselle Seuert, a student participating in the program, said.

“The whole experience of staying on campus and being part of a campus community, I will never forget,” Nicolás Pablo Gilassi, another student, said.

The students arrived at UNH on Jan. 18 and are set to return back to Argentina on March 10. They don’t receive grades for their classes but receive a certification for participating in the program. It’s also important for UNH students to know that the Fulbright Program is offered for American students to go abroad.

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On the Spot

with Alpha Epsilon Delta President Kelsey Hatter

By Gates MacPherson
STAFF WRITER

Kelsey Hatter, senior Occupational Therapy major with a minor in anatomy and physiology, kinesiology and disability studies, is president of the pre-professional health honors society Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), and is also a member of the Red Cross Club and the Student Occupational Therapy Association.

However, there was a time when Hatter wasn't sure how involved she would be when she joined last year.

"I usually am not a public speaker," she said. "I'm not really very social, so getting out there and being the president was a big decision for me."

AED is comprised of students that have majors within the College of Life Sciences and the College of Health and Human Services who meet an overall and major GPA requirement of 3.2. Meeting once a month, Hatter says she has tried to make the meetings longer and more social than they have been in the past.

"When I started as a member, the meetings were very short; 15-20 minutes. A lot of times people are running from the library or another meeting or work," she said. "So this semester we tried to make the meetings a little more social and a little longer just to get people out and moving and have more fun."

Throughout each semester, members of AED plan various volunteer-based events with other health-focused student organi-

zations. This semester, Hatter is pushing for more collaboration with other organizations on campus.

"We did an event last semester with the College Diabetes Network [and] we helped volunteer at the walk they had. We do a lot of walks in the community. We do a walk for Multiple Sclerosis, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, juvenile diabetes [and] juvenile arthritis," she said, noting that those are just some of the few causes the organization works to raise awareness for.

Hatter said that not only is it good for members of AED and other organizations to volunteer and take a break from rigorous and demanding academic schedules, but it also helps to prepare them for what they'll be doing in the future.

"Whether they're going to be a physician's assistant or if they want to be a nurse, they'll be working with people who have these types of illnesses. It's great to [get] awareness as well as raising money for research," she said.

Reaching out to other clubs on campus was something that initially intimidated Hatter, but since she's been president of AED, she said that she's realized how accessible and interconnected student organizations on campus are, regardless of how different the clubs may be.

This semester, Hatter said that AED is planning to put on a larger version of a doctor panel they have within the club, where



Courtesy of Kelsey Hatter

Kelsey Hatter is a senior occupational therapy major who will be attending the UNH occupational therapy graduate program next year.

healthcare professionals from hospitals in the area come to a meeting and answer questions about the healthcare field. This semester, Hatter wants to open it up to the entire campus.

"There are so many people who want to be in a health care major and haven't switched yet, or they're curious and not in the organization, so we just want to open it up to everyone and get representation from different ar-

eas of health care," she said.

Hatter also wants to focus on asking the panel what their educational experience was like, and how they found their way to health care.

"Getting those stories of real-world experience gives you that perspective that you don't exactly get in the classroom," she said.

Hatter is going to be in UNH's OT graduate program

next year and says that the reason she left her home in Long Island, New York to come to UNH is because of the opportunities for involvement that she has been able to take advantage of.

"If you want to be part of something, just take little steps and go to one meeting or talk to someone who's in it. Reach out, there's so much support here and you have so many opportunities."

with Sigma Chi President Samuel Howard

By Elizabeth Seidman
CONTRIBUTING
WRITER

"Sigma Chi has introduced to me what brotherhood really means," junior sociology major Samuel Howard said. "The men in my chapter are men that would do anything for me and I would do anything for them."

Howard, from Henniker, New Hampshire, chose UNH because he moved to New Jersey his sophomore year of high school and wanted to reconnect with his home state. When he toured UNH, he felt an instant connection and was hooked.

UNH's chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity recently took on

Howard as its new president this spring semester. Howard chose Sigma Chi out of all the other fraternities on campus because a lot of his friends were already in Sigma Chi. He was able to observe the whole process of becoming a member and admired how the fraternity shaped his friends into the best people they could be.

He explained that he witnessed a lot of his friends go through the recruitment process into Sigma Chi and saw it change them into more genuine, outgoing people. Howard found out that his grandfather also was in Sigma Chi, which made him realize that it was the right place for him.

Howard explained that he

shares a strong bond with his whole fraternity, and they would go long lengths for each other.

Howard said that the fraternity has opened up many opportunities that he feels he would not be available to anywhere else, such as a position on the executive board of Sigma Chi. He served as risk manager last semester, which included responsibilities such as assigning sober monitors to all social events and formulating risk and crisis management plans for the chapter. It was his job to care for the overall safety of his fraternity, and to make sure no one was at risk for any endangerment. If there were issues with this, they would be brought to him, and he would sort the situation out in

an appropriate manner, he said. After this position, he wanted to continue to positively represent this fraternity in a larger way.

Howard wanted to become president because he cares so much about his chapter, and wanted to continue to improve Sigma Chi. As president, it is his job to run all chapter meetings, inspire younger brothers to follow his qualities of leadership, form strong relationships with UNH and the campus community and overall truly represent what it means to be a Sigma Chi. According to the UNH chapter's website, the core values of the fraternity are friendship, justice and learning.

Howard describes himself as a "courageous" leader so this

opportunity was perfect for him, as he explained. He explained that leadership is something that is very important to him, and that he proudly represents Sigma Chi with passion and confidence.

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Recycle

UNH faculty speaks on American Heart month

By Alison Eagan
CONTRIBUTING
WRITER

February is American Heart Month, and while most people associate this month with Valentine's Day and love, it's important to show love to your heart too.

Heart Month was first declared in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson and is now recognized annually to remember those who have died from heart disease and to educate the public on ways to treat, detect and prevent it. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, as one in three deaths that occur

every year are directly correlate with heart disease.

UNH Health and Wellness community health nurse and wellness educator Judy Stevens focuses primarily on public health concerns. She said that heart disease is something that most students aren't thinking about, but that it is the most prevalent public health concern.

"It's not something you think about at a young age," Stevens said. "I think students need to realize that what you do now affects you later."

Her biggest concern is that students aren't taking precautions into consideration as much as they should. Each year, according to AHA 2018 statistics on healthmetrics.heart.org, rates of heart-related deaths have in-

creased in recent years as well as the rates of obesity and physical inactivity. Approximately one in three people are physically inactive.

Health and Wellness partners with the Hamel Recreation Center (HRC) to promote and emphasize a variety of ways to get students to improve health. Thrive, a health and wellness program at HRC, provides a space for students to come learn about meditation, well-being, interact with therapy dogs and learn how to cook healthy meals in the test kitchens.

"We do anything we can to promote relaxation, good nutrition and good exercise," Stevens said. She also mentioned that it's important to manage stress as not many people know that it can be

directly correlated with cardiovascular health.

Stevens said the status of heart health for the UNH community isn't any different from the rest of the U.S. population.

So far this month, Health and Wellness or the HRC have not seen an increase in the amount of students coming in to learn about a healthier lifestyle.

"I feel like most folks don't feel comfortable coming in and asking about ways to improve their health," said Stacey Hall, director of the Hamel Rec Center. However, both Stevens and Hall have emphasized that it's important to be aware of one's health, and to utilize these available resources.

Hall talked about the ways in which they attempt to

bring awareness to the students throughout the year. These include going to the residence halls and talking to students, tabling, pamphlets, blogs and more.

While National Heart Month is only recognized during the month of February, Stevens said the Health and Wellness center really tries to bring awareness to heart health for the whole year.

As for immediate prevention, Stevens has some advice. "Exercise, I can't say it enough, helps to improve mood, helps with relaxation and stress and can promote a connection between people," she said, "Pay attention to your numbers too, especially cholesterol and blood pressure." She also encourages students to pay attention to what they eat and have a healthy, nutritious diet.

MUB increases recycling awareness efforts

By Grace Hanley
STAFF WRITER

Have you seen the signs attached to every trash and recycling container in the Memorial Union Building (MUB). With help from bright colors, intense capitalization and underlining, the recycling signs urge readers to "STOP & LEARN" before they throw recyclable materials in the trash, or vice-versa.

The new recycling signs highlight the complexities of reducing waste, a University of New Hampshire (UNH) priority. In 2017, UNH became one of only three universities in the nation to earn a platinum-level STARS sustainability certification, according to the Sustainability Institute's website.

MUB Assistant Director of Facilities Nora Molloy designed the new signs to show what is and isn't recyclable. Over close to seven years on the job, she said she observed that "the traffic in the [Union] food court has continued to increase... the barrels in the food court are basically getting filled up faster than we [MUB staff] can deal with them." As she examined the trash problem, she noticed that the overflowing trash was migrating over to the recycling containers next door, "contaminating recycling."

Molloy explained that paper and metal products, like empty soda cans and cardboard boxes, are recyclable in the MUB. However, she said that the building's recycling system cannot handle food containers and plastic drink containers, this includes plastic water bottles. The MUB's waste management contractor does not remove food waste from recyclables, so one food-contaminated container in a bag of recycling means that the whole bag has to go in the trash dumpster, and later a landfill.

Although the new signs may reduce the quantity of materials recycled, Molloy said that the goal is to "have less contaminated recycling going into the

recycling dumpster, ultimately." "Recycling is less 'black and white' than the public perception that everything that's paper gets recycled, and very little things go in the trash," Molloy said. "I would imagine it's something the university needs to constantly evaluate and reeducate."

Molloy said that single-stream recycling, the system used in academic buildings like the Dimond Library, would not work in the MUB because "there's vast similarities in the kind of trash that's generated in an academic building... the different dining halls will all have similar trash generated. Here [in the MUB], because of the nature of wide varieties of things that happen, there's no other model for what kind of trash is generated."

Students interviewed near trash bins outside Union Court at lunchtime had a wide variety of responses (and non-responses) to the new signs.

"Honestly, not really," senior biomedical science major Erik Blecharczyk said when asked if he had noticed the signs. He said that because he only uses the MUB a few times a week to study, he doesn't have much to throw away or recycle there.

Freshmen political science majors Liam Riehs and Kelsey Scott also drew a blank when asked about the signs. Riehs and Scott said they spend time in the MUB every day, but do not generate much waste here.

"Usually, just, like a cup from Dunkin's," Scott said in reference to consumer products she buys and recycles in the building.

In contrast, sophomore environmental conservation and sustainability major Maggie Albert noticed and approved of the signs.

"I think it's pretty cool," Albert said of them. Albert said that while she recycles regularly and finds the directions from the signs helpful, she has noticed other people not following the instructions.

Junior biomedical science major Kristen Sack said that she had noticed, read and reread the new signs.

"It's not just a 'glance up and know' [situation]," Sack said of the signs, adding that because she is often in a rush when recycling, the instructions on the signs don't always sink in.

Anything can happen in the MUB: it's the most diverse space on campus, hosting study groups and movies and everything in

between. It's this variety of activities that makes the MUB arguably the most popular building on campus—and produces an astounding variety of trash and recyclables. Dunkin' Donuts cups. Food wrappers. Plastic bottles. Cans. Empty Amazon boxes. Posters advertising yesterday's events. All of this detritus has to go somewhere. The question now is if the new recycling signs will encourage students, staff, and visitors to the MUB to be more

aware of the trade-offs present in their everyday choices—and the MUB recycling policy.



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Judge considering dismissing lawsuit

By Michael Casey
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire officials on Tuesday urged a judge to dismiss a lawsuit challenging a state law that requires additional documentation from voters who move to the state within 30 days of an election, suggesting it wasn't harming anyone.

The state Democratic Party and the League of Women Voters filed lawsuits against the state last year, claiming the SB3 law was confusing, unnecessary and intimidating. A judge in September allowed the law to take effect but blocked penalties of a \$5,000 fine and a year in jail for fraud and said further hearings were necessary. The lawsuits have since been consolidated.

The law was passed after President Donald Trump alleged widespread voter fraud in New Hampshire, though there's been no evidence to support that. Democrats challenged the measure during legislative debate, but Republicans contended existing state laws create the potential for fraud.

On Tuesday, lawyers for the state argued the lawsuit failed to allege any injury from the law. They said the plaintiffs had no trouble voting, arguing

two were already registered voters and a third eventually voted in a local election.

"Under SB3, everyone gets to vote. No provision of SB3 prevents a person from registering to vote, voting in an election," Assistant Attorney General Anthony Galdieri told the court.

A lawyer for the League of Women Voters, Bruce Spiva, argued the law creates an atmosphere of confusion in which people would be dissuaded from voting and places a burden on the organization, which now must spend money to educate voters and encourage them to endure the long lines and piles of paperwork expected to accompany it.

"This law, with all its byzantine contours, with its threats of criminal penalties if one checks the wrong box, is certainly in open conflict with the League's mission," Spiva told the court.

Spiva said the League wants to amend the original complaint to add three more plaintiffs, students who would need to register in New Hampshire and "don't have or are not certain they have the requisite documentation they would need."

"They find the law confusing and intimidating," Spiva said. "Our position here

is that it burdens the right to vote."

A judge said he would consider the motion to dismiss but wouldn't say when he would rule.

The two sides also sparred over a request from the League for additional documents from the state, including the state's voter database and communication between the state and local officials regarding the law. Lawyers for the League argued the data was necessary to better understand the harm the new law poses and the potential burden it is putting on local election officials.

Galdieri, the assistant attorney general, countered that the state had already given the League more than 1,000 pages of documents related to the law. He argued providing the voter database could open the state to hacking and hurt efforts to register voters if they knew their personal information would routinely be fodder for court cases like this one.

"The database is full of very sensitive information, poses unique security risks," he said.

The judge said he would take the request for the additional documents under consideration.

NH BRIEFS

RECORD TEMPATURES FOR NEW ENGLAND

Enjoy the warmth — it's about to vanish.

Northern New England experienced record and near-record temperatures on Wednesday.

The National Weather Service says in Concord, New Hampshire, and in Portland, Maine, the all-time record high temperature for the month of February has been broken. It reached 72 in Concord and 64

in Portland before 3 p.m.

In Burlington, Vermont, it was 61 on Wednesday morning, already breaking the record for the date. But there were flood warnings issued for Vermont rivers, including the Lamoille, the Missisquoi and the Winooski.

Typical winter weather is returning Thursday, with highs in the 30s and a chance of light snow or rain. by Taboola

STUDENT ALLEGEDLY MADE THREAT AGAINST HS

SOMERSWORTH, N.H. (AP) — Police in New Hampshire say a student allegedly threatened to commit a mass shooting at Somersworth High School.

Somersworth police said Tuesday they had received information that the student had threatened he or she was going to "shoot up the school." Foster's Daily Democrat reports police were unable to verify with certainty the statement was actually made, so no charges have

been filed.

The student in question was removed from class and interviewed. Police say no weapons were found on the student's person or on the student's property.

Superintendent Lori Lane says the student was dismissed for the day after meeting with school officials. An automated call went out to parents informing them of the alleged threat around 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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Mom with 3 kids: Expanded Medicaid program is her 'rock'

By Holly Ramer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A single mother who works part time while attending college and caring for her ill father urged state senators on Tuesday to continue New Hampshire's expanded Medicaid program, saying it has allowed her to set a strong and healthy example for her three girls.

Carrie Martin Duran, of Wolfeboro, spoke at a public hearing on a plan to continue the program, set to expire if lawmakers don't reauthorize it by December.

"I am on my own, taking care of my kids and taking care of my dad," she said. "I'm on my own, and I have to stay healthy. It's my foundation. It's my rock. I don't have a partner through this, but the state of New Hampshire and Medicaid is my partner."

The program has put about 50,000 low-income people on private insurance and relies on voluntary contributions from insurance companies and hospitals to cover some of the state's costs, a funding mechanism the federal government has rejected.

A bill proposed by Senate Republicans would continue the program for five years but change its structure to a managed care model to save money and encourage wellness, impose new work requirements on enrollees and use 5 percent of liquor revenues to cover the state's cost as federal funding decreases. The state would seek other federal money to continue the services that money currently funds.

Sen. Jeb Bradley, R-Wolfeboro, called it "a good compromise."

"People are gonna need to stretch a little bit to get to yes, because that's what compromise is all about," Bradley said. "It's something that helps the 50,000 people, helps the providers, helps the employers in the state through a healthier workforce ... it's just good for the state of New Hampshire."

Those who spoke at the hearing were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the program, though some raised concerns about the work requirements, including a provision that a single parent is subject to the requirements once a child reaches age 6.

"The idea that a 7-year-old can be left alone un-

supervised for up to 25 hours a week all summer long when school is out or in the evenings or on weekends when the parent is working is not who we want to be as a state," said Rep. Cindy Rosenwald, D-Nashua. "Kids are going get hurt, they're going to get in trouble, and child welfare is going to be involved."

Dr. Gary Woods, a retired surgeon representing the New Hampshire Medical Society, argued that the work requirement is punitive because rather than helping someone get more care it provides a mechanism to delete people from the rolls. He rejected the argument that getting people to work will make them healthier.

"You get someone healthy, and then they can work, that's how it really works," he said.

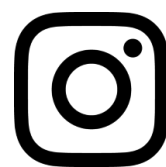
Several hours into the hearing, the only opponent was the group Americans for Prosperity. Greg Moore, state director for the conservative group, said the program has failed to stabilize the individual market, failed taxpayers and failed to move participants toward self-sufficiency. He also said the work requirement proposal includes too many exemptions.

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MAN ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING CHILD

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Police in New Hampshire say a stranger has been accused of breaking into a home, taking off his clothes, and assaulting a sleeping child before he was restrained.

Police say the man entered the Concord home shortly after 4 a.m. Monday. He made his way into the child's bedroom and disrobed. Police say he then assaulted the child, who

was able to run away and alert family members.

A man who lives in the house was able to restrain the man while other household members called police. Police arrested 28-year-old Miles Anderson, of Concord, on charges of burglary, indecent exposure, and simple assault. Anderson faced arraignment Tuesday; it wasn't immediately known if he had a lawyer.

DRUG RECOVERY CENTERS CLOSING

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire organization that helps people with drug and alcohol addiction is closing four of its five locations due to mounting costs. Hope for New Hampshire Recovery Executive Director Melissa Crews says the outreach and support in Manchester has been strong, but that hasn't been duplicated in other communities. The majority of the organization's funding sources have been Manchester-area businesses,

organizations, and donors.

The board of directors voted to close satellite centers in Franklin, Concord, Claremont, and Berlin by the end of the month.

Last year, Manchester-based Serenity Place, one of the state's largest drug treatment centers, was put into receivership due to financial problems. The state is working with Families in Transition, which was appointed to takeover Serenity Place, to ensure services aren't interrupted.

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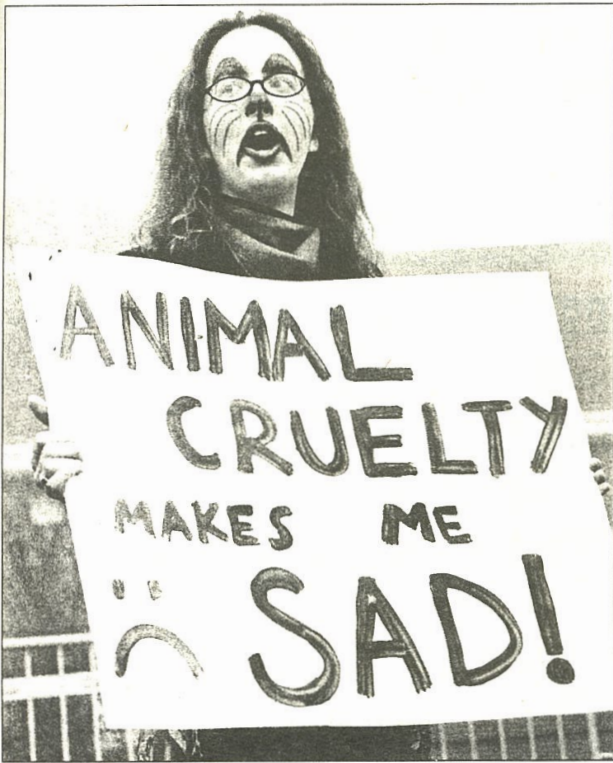
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Big top controversy at Whitt



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A protest for animal rights takes place outside the Whittemore Center while The Sterling and Reid Bros. Circus is being set up inside.

By James J. Allen
Staff Writer

It was advertised as the biggest that it has ever been. The Sterling and Reid Bros. Circus rolled into town Thursday to put on two shows that promised flying trapeze, the human canon ball and the highlight of it all, a giant parade of clowns, performers and three rings of exotic animals.

While the circus was being set up beneath the Whittemore Center big top, demonstrators from the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), the UNH Animal Rights Alliance (ARA), and other area animal rights activists from around the area staged a picket parade of their own. The group protested the frequent violations of the animals' treatment, the circus' misrepresentation of the animals to “children of all ages,” and the University's irresponsibility in staging such an event.

The Sterling and Reid Bros. Circus has had a string of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) violations in the past three years.

Written USDA violations incurred by Sterling and Reid include mistreatment in a variety

of areas including structurally unsound animal enclosures, insufficient roaming space and failure to provide shelter from the elements. Among the most repeated violations have been citations for not having written programs for veterinary care and failure to provide veterinarian-approved diets for the animals.

Sterling and Reid Bros. Circus has also been cited for mishandling of their animals as many as two times in one month in April 1999.

Between April 8 and 9 of that year, there were reports of the “exotic cats” being hit with hockey sticks across the body and face. Later, on April 15, 1999, it was reported that the cats' trainer poked, prodded and jabbed the animals. During that day's USDA inspection, one tiger escaped the tent where there was no barrier between the animals and the public onlookers.

Sterling and Reid Bros. Business Manager Niles Garden said that the reports were a “mix of different stories.”

“The trainer has a stick that he uses to control the animals,” said Garden. “He doesn't hurt the animal.”

Garden also stressed that the escaped tiger was in no dan-

ger of hurting anyone. “There was a problem with the gate and the tiger walked [off course,] and we corralled it back into its cage.”

Whittemore Sales Manager Jonathan Saur, said that he was unfamiliar with the circus's past record but from what he has seen, the animals are well taken care of.

“The trainers take better care of their animals than they do themselves,” said Saur. “It might look like chaos back stage to us but it's actually not.”

Julie Corson of UNH Animal Rights Alliance disagreed, saying that it is the venue's job to research and become up-to-date on the circus's past.

“For a university like this that talks so often about responsibility, bringing this circus here is pretty irresponsible,” said Corson.

Corson also believed that fault lay with the circus. “By not keeping records [of the animals veterinary care] the circus is acting irresponsibly to the animals and in their own sense of business.”

Matt Soycher of SEAC also spoke against the circus' presentation of the animals.

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No help wanted

Soon-to-be graduates search for jobs to no avail

By Shannan Goff
TNH Reporter

Jill has gone on 15 job interviews but has received no offers. Erik sends out five resumes a week but has resorted to working “odd jobs” for friends. Megan is “networking,” even driving for hours to attend business dinners, but still has no job plans. Kathalene found herself stuck in a job with no growth potential and now is planning to go back to school.

In the face of a struggling economy, UNH graduates and seniors are discovering that good jobs are tough to come by. As they get their first taste of “the real world,” these students are being forced to cope with the reality of life during a recession.

For Erik Evensen, that reality has meant months of searching in vain for a job in his career field. Evensen graduated in May of 2001 with a degree in studio art, hoping to find a career in graphic design. But despite his intense efforts – he says that at one point he was sending out two or three resumes a day – he has come up empty-handed.

“I guess I expected more,” says Evensen, who is currently doing freelance graphic design work and working part-time at a comic book shop to supplement his income. “A few years ago, everyone was saying that this was a great field to be in. But by the time we graduated, it was common knowledge that the economy was going down.”

Now, as he waits to hear back

about a job for which he's competing against 300 other applicants, Evensen is working on his graduate school application and trying to decide if further schooling is what he really wants to do.

Other UNH graduates are finding themselves in similar situations. Kathalene Cairns, who graduated in May with a degree in English and Philosophy, admits that she “didn't think it would be that tough” to find a job after graduation. Cairns hoped to find an administrative position and work her way up in a company. “I didn't think it would be a big deal,” she says.

But when her search efforts came up short, Cairns turned to a temp agency, where she has been employed since last summer.

“I've bounced around between dozens of different jobs,” she says.

Hoping to find more stability and growth potential, Cairns is planning to return to UNH for her MBA, which she hopes will make her “more marketable.”

Stories like Evensen's and Cairns' are becoming more and more common due to the decline in the economy. Evidence of the weak job market is visible even on the UNH campus.

According to Career Services director David Holmes, this year's Career Day, an event that usually draws so many companies that some have to be turned away, came up short on employers this year. While 68 companies came to last year's Career Day, only 54 showed up this year, Holmes says.

“And we really had to beat the bushes

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Sigma Nu suspended



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

The Sigma Nu fraternity is suspended from University recognition until the end of 2002 due to a failure to comply with a sanction that was required of the brothers as part of the probation imposed last May.

By Chelsea Conaboy
Staff Writer

The Sigma Nu fraternity will be suspended from University recognition until the end of 2002 after the fraternity failed to comply with a sanction that was required of the brothers as part of the probation imposed last May, according to an official statement from UNH Judicial Services.

After an incident last February when a female student alleged that she had been sexually assaulted by members of the fraternity, the UNH chapter of the fraternity was found responsible for bystander responsibility by the UNH Judicial Board.

No members of the fraternity were found responsible for sexual assault.

According to the Judicial Services statement, the fraternity was put on probation for failing “to consider student development, citizenship and safety (physical, emotional, spiritual, psychological) of paramount importance.”

Steve Pappajohn, Director of Greek Affairs, said the brothers of the fraternity were in a high risk situation when they allowed an intoxicated woman in their house without attendance and without anyone taking action to find out if she was a guest or calling

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Howdy 'Cats! Hope your semester is going well. Lovely weather we're having, eh? Sounds good, talk to you later. Okay mom, love you... Okay mom, yep... love you too. Okay I will mom... yes mom, I will. Love you too mom... don't worry mom, I will... Mom I will, Mom don't wor-

Photo courtesy of Brian Rippert

"Drowsy Chaperone" inspires laughter... not snores

By Grace Hanley
STAFF WRITER

Mask and Dagger Dramatic Society's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone," billed by the student organization as "a musical within a comedy" opened Thursday night to a standing ovation and peals, hoots and snorts of laughter.

Mask and Dagger's Wildcat Link page describes the group as a "completely student run organization" that seeks to "provide a safe and fun environment where anyone can feel welcome to get involved as much as they want in helping create professional quality theatrical performances for the UNH community."

Director Amanda Giglio said that "Drowsy," with five non-theatre and dance majors in the 14-person cast, was unusually diverse for a Mask and Dagger production.

"Normally we don't get too many non-majors in the show, just because of time commitments," she said.

Giglio, a senior theatre and dance

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major, said this production of “Drowsy” took risks in terms of venue, budget and song choice.

The madcap musical unfurled in the intimate black box Hennessy Theatre, located in the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC). The black box theater looks and feels much as the name implies: a room painted black, with snugly spaced seats on three sides of a stage that’s much lower to the ground than in a traditional theater.

Giglio said that in this production of “Drowsy,” the black box works to create a greater connection between the audience and the actors.

“Traditionally, it’s a very, very big show with a lot of money needed,” she said. “But, we managed to scale it down, and I think that black box helped.”

Giglio said that she chose the play and applied to Mask and Dagger to direct, choreograph and stage it because she really loves the show. She hopes that audience members

leave the show realizing the importance of the art and realizing that “it can move you, it can heal you. I just want the audience to see themselves in the Man in Chair, whether they’re a theatre person or they’re not,” Giglio said.

The Man in Chair, Sam Empey, is both the narrator of and the central character. He starts the show by breaking the “fourth wall,” inviting the audience to “disappear into the decadent 1920s” with him as he puts his favorite record (yes, an actual record) on.

As the needle drops, the “musical inside a comedy” begins. The characters from a fictional 1928 musical, also called “The Drowsy Chaperone,” take over the stage and proceed to sing and dance in the style of the Jazz Age. Or, in the case of the titular chaperone, musical theatre senior Molly McKay, stumble drunkenly, martini glass in hand, instead of doing her one job of keeping the bride and groom, senior musical theater major Branwyn Ritchie and sophomore musical theatre major Nick Hall, apart until their wedding.

All the while, the Man in Chair commentates from his armchair on the sidelines, alternately praising and skewering the early Broadway tropes. He’s the first to admit that the plot, if you can call it a plot, is ludicrous. The action centers on an on-again-off-again wedding, disorganized crime, and the overconsumption of “ice water” (that’s Prohibition speak for vodka).

“It really makes fun of old musicals in just such an ingenious way,” Giglio said in reference to “Drowsy.”

From a banana used as a phone to outrageously exaggerated moustaches, the production was full of farcical touches.

Giglio said her mindset during rehearsals was, “All right, I don’t know if anyone else is going to find this funny, but I personally think it’s hilarious’... there were times when I’d say something and the cast would be like, ‘Are you serious?’”

Giglio and Molly Fenn, the assistant director, also had to make more serious decisions. “Song of the Nightingale” is

easily the most controversial song in the entire musical. Featuring white actors in exaggerated Asian costumes singing in cringe-worthy accents about Asians and Caucasians, the song indirectly critiques the racist tropes of 1920s theatre. The Man in Chair cuts the song short and directly critiques it as “offensive” and “a degrading piece of chinoiserie.”

Giglio said that although some productions cut “Song of the Nightingale” out altogether, she “knew that [she] wanted to keep that in there,” because it exposes important truths about the history of the art form.

“The show takes place in the ‘20s, and a lot of musical theatre from that era was not politically correct at all... vaudeville evolved from blackface, and musical theatre evolved from vaudeville, so [the song is] really pointing out, ‘Remember that thing? That was bad. We’ve learned from it, and we’re not doing that anymore in musical theater.’”

Giglio said that when the song started, she and Fenn “were just kind of like grip-

ping our seats, because you don’t know how that’s gonna be taken.”

The risk-taking tied in with Mask and Dagger’s mission statement, which was printed in the “Drowsy” program and reads in part: “It is the goal of Mask & Dagger to use these works of theatre to provoke thought, test ideas, and broaden perspectives on the UNH campus.”

The audience seemed on board with the risqué elements in the production, applauding enthusiastically at the end of every number. The loudest moment of audience appreciation came when Hall, as Robert, went from tap dancing to successfully executing a full split, bringing whoops of appreciation from all sides.

House manager Kayla Cortina, a musical theatre junior, was responsible for counting attendees at the door, said that about 70 people came to the performance opening performance.

Mask and Dagger meets on Thursdays at 12:40 p.m. in Memorial Union Building Room 203.

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All you wanted to know but were afraid to ask about DJing

By **Nikita Serdiuk**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Electronic Dance Music (EDM) is considered to be one of the most popular music genres in the U.S. According to fastcompany.com, there were 2.7 million albums purchased and 24.7 million tracks by EDM fans in 2015. There are lots of EDM communities throughout different colleges in the U.S. UNH also has one named UNH EDMC. The club holds DJ school events biweekly where they teach ordinary people the art of being a DJ.

UNH EDMC has existed for two years, but the DJ School was just founded last year and has been running for about three semesters. Teachers in

this school are giving lessons in music mixing, beatmatching, phrasing skills and lessons how to feature tracks using DJ controller. The purpose of these events is to promote EDM in the UNH community, help people develop their DJ skills and to raise interest among UNH students.

The process of learning by itself is not that hard. There is a DJ controller from which the songs are mixing. Using this machine, musicians can change the speed, sound or the excerpt of the two songs playing. To do this one only needs a controller and a DJing program on their computer. The most important thing in this is to match the beats because otherwise the mix would sound unhappy. It

is also important to turn on the right register of the song at different points so it would sound more melodiously. Most of the job is practicing and mixing the songs to get skills and perform at events. Usually, most of the DJs use some common technics to mix songs. However, big artists have their own techniques to do this.

Another important thing in the process of mixing songs is an application used for mixing tracks. The two most popular programs are "Virtual DJ" for beginners and "Serato" for more advanced users.

To get more information about the background of the committee who run these events and about the organization as a whole, Kirk

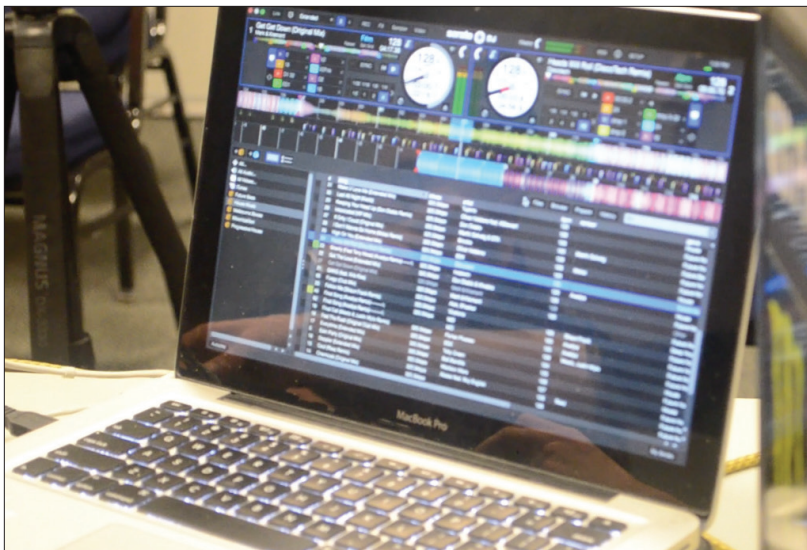
Sandstrom, a senior studying Information Technology here at UNH, was able to speak on behalf of the club. Sandstrom's interest in EDM came to him in high school when he heard the music genre of dubstep.

He found a video of dubstep artist MT EDEN on YouTube and was hooked. But he didn't start practicing DJing until sophomore year in college. At some point, he went to a house party and saw a DJ in there and liked it very much. After this guy started to mix songs in his bedroom, having no idea how to do in the beginning. Then he joined EDMC to find more people interested in electronic music and get some DJing skills for himself. After this he started to perform in

the basement of the Memorial Union Building (MUB). His future plan is to perform at Libby's and other local clubs and bars.

Interest in EDM music came to UNH after Kygo's concert who was performing at the school a couple years ago. After this, people started listening to songs of this genre and got more interested. So, it can be said that UNH is following interest in electronic music.

Unfortunately, DJ classes are not popular now. There were only two students including a representative from *The New Hampshire*, who came to get skilled in the art of DJing. Despite this fact, it can definitely be said that guys who run it are almost professional DJs.



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Above: Contributing Writer Nikita Serdiuk gets schooled by UNH EDMC's Christopher Percy.

Top Left: Two applications are popular in mixing songs; Virtual DJ for beginners and Serato for experienced DJs.

Bottom Left: Participants at the UNH EDMC DJ School event learned a plethora of DJing techniques at the bi-weekly event. Members of the UNH EDMC club look to expand popularity among the UNH community.

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The MUSO Open Mic: An Accepting Outlet for Student Creativity

By Caleb Jagoda
STAFF WRITER

Creativity, honesty and catharsis are all very important elements to humanity. To deal with all the stresses that life brings, having an outlet or welcoming place to voice one's individuality can be vital to growing and maturing as a person. This may ring even more true during college, where the pressures of classes, eventual adulthood, and social norms can put a lot of strain on one's psyche. Luckily for UNH students, there are MUSO Open Mic events.

Once a month, MUSO puts on an open mic for the UNH student body, inviting all students to come and say, well, whatever is on their minds.

There are no constraints or restrictions put on performances, rather the mic is open to any and all self-expression. There were two headlining acts last Tuesday Feb. 19, Josh Velez and Julie Maduro, but aside from this, nothing was set in stone. The floor was happily open to any and all acts.

Right from the start, it was clear that students use these events as a place of humor and confession; a relaxed setting to blow off steam from the pressures of college existence. Nothing is taken too seriously, as comedy and admitted-apprehension is commonplace.

The first act set the tone for the whole night, as the student told witty jokes and observations from his life with a loose ease. Following this, the event rolled

on with jovial haphazardness. Whether it was divulging in an admittedly way-too-long joke about a moth attending a podiatrist appointment or it was a heartfelt poem about social anxiety, student after student stepped up to the mic to deliver something unique, enjoyable, and overall, something that was distinctly theirs and theirs alone.

The humanity is what stood out above all else. Everybody appeared so sincere and accepting, and this reached all the way from the audience to the performers. The small collection of people who came to watch in the Memorial Union Building theatre frequently snapped, hooted, and urged on the performers when they appeared anxious or uneasy.

Many of the people presenting admitted before they began that they were extremely nervous; one student even explained, "I'm not scared, I might just have a heart attack." It truly was a breath of fresh air to be in such a creative and embracing setting. Through all of the poems, laughs and audience snaps, the pure benevolence stood out as the best quality of the open mic.

The headlining acts were riveting and intimate performances. Josh Velez and Julie Madura both read several poems, covering everything in their spoken word from family problems to social justice. Their free-flowing presentations were full of introspection and honesty; a wonderful combination of bluntness

strewn together with rhythm and poetic devices. After reciting several poems, including a fast-paced duet, the headlining acts stepped down off of the stage and the open mic night began winding down.

Having a background in poetry or music is absolutely not necessary to attend a MUSO Open Mic night. Any student who wants to relax, have a few good laughs, and observe some well-performed poetry should definitely consider attending, even if they decide not to step up and take hold of the mic. They do occur only once a month though, so if you're feeling bold, there's plenty of opportunities to have all of the attention focused on you, even if it's only for a couple of fleeting minutes.

Newsroom Noise...

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***Short Skirt, Long Jacket* by Cake - Tyler**

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The best actors are behind the microphone

Comedians are the most underrated actors; and here's why. They're not afraid of performing in front of people, entertaining others is their passion, they make some of the best story tellers and they don't mind getting laughed at. In fact, laughter is their goal. Of course, not all acting happens on a stage, but there are always certain amounts of people on a movie set that will watch you perform the scene.

What separates comedians from other entertainers, especially improvisation comedians, is that they're more skilled at impressions. When someone acts, they're taking on a role; a whole different personality. Improv comedians usually have a lot more practice taking on different personalities, as well as having a broader range of them under their belt. Being able to ad-lib on the subject matter in a split-second is something you learn in stand-up. In addition to being able to ad lib, comedians are able to know how to best tell a story, in whatever

way they want the audience to interpret it. Mediocre comedians play up the comedy; great ones play the situation.

Being a comedian also takes courage, which is helpful when it comes to acting. Not every role will be comfortable for the actor but after multiple shows in random bars all over, they've built up a thick skin. Nothing anyone says, whether it is a casting director or audience member, doesn't hurt the comedians feelings; compared to something that a random drunk said to them during a show. Doing stand up on a regular basis helps comedians prepare for any audition, and even teaches them how to nail them. Another plus for doing stand up is that the comedian learns to be himself or herself. Often times at an audition, the casting director says to "just be yourself." Actors often times just focus on how to develop their characters and don't really pay attention to who they are and developing their own personalities. Comedians are able to get more in

touch with themselves since that's what they spend the most time doing on stage.

Lastly, one of the biggest reasons that comedians make great actors is that it's impossible to dislike someone that makes you laugh. In order for someone to laugh with you, they have to give themselves over to you even if it is for a moment. When you make someone laugh, they like you. Making someone laugh so hard their sides hurt, guarantees that they'll want to see you again. Even if the role wasn't comedic, someone who makes the casting director laugh is more likely to get called back and be more memorable; compared to the others who auditioned.

With that being said, don't be afraid to try out acting if you're the one in your friend group who always leaves everyone crying tears of joy. You might just unveil a hidden talent.

-Anita Kotowicz
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It would appear that students at UNH and reporters at *The New Hampshire* have been upholding their first amendment rights for decades. A look into *The New Hampshire* archives will show you years of students exercising their freedom of speech rights and journalists fulfilling their free press obligations. Simply put, journalists have a place in democracy to inform and to be gatekeepers. Here at UNH, that's one thing around here that the majority of students can agree on: a college community benefits from first amendment rights, and the journalist's ability to report on it.

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The university saw it in 1990, where a news story headlined "1,500 rally against admin. at protest" reported on protesters calling for a rebirth of the student voice. Here, the students presented a list of demands for changes at UNH, which included "calls for improvements in the conduct system, the return of B-lot to the students," among other demands. We saw it again in 1994 in a news story headlined "Students gather to rally for education" where, similar to student frustrations we have been seeing for the past several weeks, students voiced concern over administrative decisions affecting the quality of education at UNH. This rally protested the "contract negotiations stalemate between the American Association of University Pro-

fessors (AAUP) and Board of Trustees."

The university sees it again today with countless frustrations over the lack of transparency in the cuts of at least 16 lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts. Although these are just a few examples of students coming together and demanding transparency from the administration, history shows that UNH has consistently provided a platform for unsanitized news.

The free press creates an environment where students of all beliefs can come together and present their arguments without administrative sanita-

contracts weren't renewed this year, as well as the five UNH Facilities workers who recently lost their jobs.

These occurrences have undoubtedly created a rise within students, and a free press within a college community allows for their voice to be heard, without the censorship of the administration. As a considerably large school, our campus has a variety of different opinions and viewpoints. The platform of a free press allows for students, regardless of their creed, ideology or race to execute mass communication in the concrete form of a newspaper or an online version of such. In many ways, we are acting as watchdogs and asking the hard questions to in turn get the answers that the community has the right to know.

As signs present at the rally read, "Transparency is the heart of democracy," and transparency is a vital instrument that we at *The New Hampshire* intend on delivering to you all for years to come.

tion. On A1, Staff Writer Jordyn Haime reports on the solidarity rally that occurred this past Friday where more than

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100 students, faculty, alumni, and members of the greater University of New Hampshire community crowded the courtyard outside Murkland Hall to stand in solidarity with the 16 lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) whose

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at the end when we found out we were champions and I'm proud of every single person on the team," Kaitlin Cahill, one of the team's senior captains, said. "This team was very down to business and going into conference we knew that we wanted to win and that it was going to be a fight, but how people performed under the pressure was just remarkable."

Senior Liza Baykova led the 'Cats in the fight and won all three sprint freestyle events. Baykova wrapped up her America East career by breaking two meet records, anchoring UNH's two winning relays and winning both Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet and the Dave Alexander Coaches' Award. The award is given each year to the swimmer who has accumulated the most points during her America East Championships career.

"I absolutely love the program and feel honored to be a part of it for the past four years," Baykova said. "We had lots of fun mixed with hard work and it all paid off."

Two Wildcat sophomores also recorded swimming wins, as Corinne Carbone won both individual medley events and Milana Evsten took gold in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Diving played a major factor in the victory with UNH sweeping crowns in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. Senior Hailee Miller placed first in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter to win the Outstanding Diver of the Meet Award for the second year in a row. Sophomore Allison Stefanelli bounced back from a failed dive that kept her out of the 1-meter finals by winning the 3-meter com-

petition on the second day.

"I think I over-thought the dive and for a split second lost concentration during my hurdle," Stefanelli said of her 1-meter performance. While she was disappointed with the result, she expressed great pride in her teammates' performances throughout the meet.

Junior Erin Cullather was a podium finisher on both boards, finishing second on 3-meter and third on 1-meter. Sarah Haggerty wrapped up her career with an eighth-place finish in the 1-meter, and first-year diver Anna Burns, who was competing for the UNH gymnastics team a year ago, placed ninth on both boards.

Depth ended up being the deciding factor as the points piled up, and UNH's senior class guided the team with gritty performances. Bridget Miller improved from sixth-place in the prelims to get silver in the 500-yard freestyle. Cahill and co-captain Emily Giambastini recorded season-best times to score points in multiple events, and the team's younger swimmers followed the seniors' lead. The Wildcats consistently shaved time in the morning preliminary round to earn the right to swim again in the scoring heats each night.

"I think that has a lot to do with why we won," Cahill said. "Some people weren't happy with their morning swims...but when they had another chance to swim at night they placed higher and scored more points for us and I think this shows how determined our team is and how badly we wanted this championship."

The season will continue for a limited number of swimmers and divers, who will head to Rutgers University on Feb. 23 for the ECAC Championships.



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(Top) Senior diver Hailee Miller celebrates after capturing first place in the 1-meter dive. Miller won the Outstanding Diver of the Meet Award. (Bottom) Left to right: Sophomore Julia Rucker, senior Bridget Miller, junior Brittany Moffatt and assistant coach Mike Jolly.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

'Cats struggle to score on BU, will face Northeastern

By Will Sirbono
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the UNH women's hockey team played its final two games of the season against Boston University, losing 2-1 and 2-0.

These were important games as they played a role in determining the final standings in the Hockey East conference, as well as who has home-ice advantage in the first round of the tournament.

After losing the two games, UNH finished fifth in Hockey East, one place out of clinching home-ice, which leads them to play Northeastern University in a best of three quarterfinal series.

On Saturday, UNH lost a competitive game, 2-1, against the Terriers. Both teams took 26 shots, yet the 'Cats were held scoreless until sophomore Taylor Wenczkowski scored a goal in the final two minutes of the third period on a power-play.

"I didn't think we came out flying, we didn't do the things we did well last weekend," head coach Hilary Witt said about her team's performance. When the Wildcats come out strong that usually brings them success.

They are 11-3-5 when scor-

ing first and 7-1-2 when leading after the first period.

They couldn't check either of those boxes off on Saturday; in fact, they trailed after two periods, and have only won one game when facing that situation this season.

On Sunday, the Wildcats needed a win to give themselves a chance at home-ice advantage but they couldn't come through with one, as they were held scoreless in a 2-0 loss.

It was another even game: the shots were 32 to 35 in favor of the Terriers, but once again UNH struggled to find the back of the net.

While this is not a good time to get cold, Witt stayed positive during the post-game on Saturday.

"Regardless of what happens we're confident in ourselves... you know it's a tight league anyone can beat anyone but we'll be confident no matter what happens," Witt said after Sunday's loss.

Overall, this was a great regular season for the Wildcats and Witt attributes that to the seniors on this team.

"They've been through a lot here. They came in with me in a situation when things were not



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

The Wildcats will now face off against Northeastern University in the Hockey East quarterfinals. The Huskies won two of the three meetings against the Wildcats earlier this season.

great and they've worked really hard to change the culture," Witt said about her graduating class.

This is the most successful season in a long time for UNH women's hockey, but it'll come

down to how they play as an underdog going into the Hockey East Tournament.

UNH will begin its three-game series against Northeastern on Friday in Boston at 2 p.m., and

then will meet the Huskies again on Saturday at 2 p.m. If a third game is needed, they will once again play at 2 p.m. on Sunday to determine who moves on to the semifinal round.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Wildcats' slump continues in 3-2 loss at Merrimack

By Sam Rogers
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats made the short trip to North Andover, Massachusetts to take on Hockey East opponent Merrimack College in their one test on the weekend. UNH was unable to follow up their tough loss to the University of Maine with a win, as they lost to the Warriors 3-2.

Once again the 'Cats held a lead in the game but were unable to finish it off for a victory. Most recently UNH blew a 3-1 lead with just eight minutes left in the game against Maine, when they ended up losing in overtime.

Senior Shane Eiserman and sophomore Liam Blackburn scored in the first period to give UNH a 2-0 lead at the halfway point of the opening frame.

Merrimack responded with two first period goals of its own, one being scored with two minutes remaining in the period, the other beating the buzzer to tie the game as time expired in the first.

The Warriors were the only team to find the back of the net in the final 40 minutes as they tallied a goal midway through the second while on a power-play. The 3-2 lead was all they needed to take home the win.



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

Junior Frankie Cefalu has two goals and two assists in his third season for the Wildcats.

Giving up power-play chances was something UNH needed to work on, as giving up extra-man opportunities was a huge factor for blowing leads in games.

UNH had five penalties against Merrimack including a five-minute major, and a penalty that gave Merrimack a power-play chance where they scored

the game-winning goal. Freshman goaltender Mike Robinson made the start for UNH and made 31 saves, including 15 in the second period, in the loss.

Head coach Dick Umile made remarks following the Maine game saying his team just couldn't finish games and seemed like they didn't want to

win games after they've blown leads multiple times this season. That theme continued on Friday night.

The loss drops UNH to a 10-16-6 record with a 5-12-5 record in Hockey East play. The one point in the Maine loss saved UNH from being the worst team in the conference. After the loss to Merrimack, UNH still re-

mains a point ahead of the Warriors in the standings.

UNH sits in 10th place in the conference with 15 points. Merrimack, in last place, has 14. UMass Amherst has 16 points in ninth place, and Vermont sits in eighth place with 17.

Heading into the final weekend of the season the chances of hosting a home playoff game are slim, but the opportunity to gain momentum heading into the postseason is abundant.

Before the final two regular season games, the team's goals against average and goals scored per game average have provided an accurate summary of the season's highs and lows.

After a 5-0-1 start which matched one of the best starts in program history, UNH was scoring four goals a game and allowing two, marking one of the best differences in the country. But as the season winds down, the 'Cats average 2.7 goals a game and allow 2.7 goals a game which makes it difficult to win.

The 'Cats will take on No. 11 Northeastern University in their final home-and-home series of the season. UNH will travel to Boston on Friday, Feb. 23, and then host the Huskies final home game Saturday, Feb. 24.

Both games will be played at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Ivy League hands UNH two losses

By Will Sirbono
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats suffered two bad losses this week, one being to Harvard University, 14-5, on Saturday and the other being to Dartmouth College, 13-3, on Wednesday.

Against Harvard, UNH showed up to play, leading in three important stat categories in shots, ground balls and draw controls, but couldn't consistently get the ball in the net.

At one point in the first half, Harvard was up 6-1 but UNH eventually cut into the lead and made it 7-4 early in the second half. Harvard scored immediately after that and it was all downhill from that point on.

Harvard's senior goalkeeper Olivia Gundrum was a brick wall on Saturday, making 14 saves. It is clear the 'Cats couldn't figure her out; they had plenty of opportunities but never executed. On the other hand, the goalkeeping for the Wildcats was less than stellar, letting up 14 goals on 21 shots on net.

Junior Anna Vogt led the scoring effort with three goals. However senior Krissy Schafer, who had an outburst of scoring against Sacred Heart with five goals, was nowhere to be found on Saturday, only getting off one shot.

The Wildcats' offense was once again lost in game two against Dartmouth. Suffering their second loss by nine or more



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The Wildcats are 1-2 on the season after Wednesday's loss.

in a row, the 'Cats have found themselves in somewhat of a skid.

The 'Cats were in a tough position being down 10-0 at the end of the first half. They did not help their cause by letting up a goal just 2:12 into the second half, making it 11-0. The Wildcats would only come within nine goals of the Big Green for the rest of the game.

The Wildcats were outplayed in nearly all aspects. They were outshot 37 to 12, they had five more turnovers, six less ground balls and only three draw controls, 10 less than Dartmouth.

Schafer found her way onto

the scorecard against Dartmouth, but it wasn't nearly enough as her only other teammate to score was senior Rebecca Sennott, who scored one goal. One of the team's other important offensive weapons, Vogt, had only two shots on goal, and that was most likely a direct result of her team-leading five turnovers.

UNH begins a four-game homestand against Central Connecticut State University at Brenner Field on Saturday at 1 p.m.

This homestand might be exactly what the Wildcats need to bounce back from these tough road losses.

Gymnastics Results

UNH	BGSU
48.825	Vault 48.400
48.925	Bars 48.825
49.225	Beam 48.900
48.675	Floor 48.900
195.650	Total 195.025

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Hockey Preview

UNH vs. No. 11 Northeastern

Friday at 7 p.m.; Matthews Arena in Boston, Massachusetts
 Saturday at 7 p.m.; Whittemore Center in Durham, New Hampshire

UNH is 10-16-6, 5-12-5 in Hockey East
 Northeastern is 19-8-5, 13-6-3 in Hockey East



Weekend Forecast

Hockey East Standings

- 1. Boston College
32 pts
- 2. Providence
30 pts
- 3. Northeastern
29 pts
- 4. Boston U.
25 pts
- T-5. Maine
23 pts
- T-5. UConn
23 pts
- 7. UMass Lowell
20 pts
- 8. Vermont
17 pts
- 9. UMass
16 pts
- 10. UNH
15 pts
- 11. Merrimack
14 pts

By Sam Rogers
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats close out the regular season with one last home-and-home series against No. 11 Northeastern University. The first game will be played on Friday, Feb. 23, in Boston, and game two will be played Feb. 24 at the Whittemore Center.

Both games begin at 7 p.m. The final home game of the season will also mark the annual Senior Day for the Wildcats and will also be a celebration for head coach Dick Umile as he is coaching in his 28th and final year at UNH.

"We're playing one of the best teams in the country," Umile said. "[Northeastern] has one of the best top lines in the country, the best power-play in the country."

The Wildcats are in an interesting position before their final test of the regular season. Two weeks ago, the 'Cats had a chance to make some serious moves in the Hockey East standings as they were tied with the University of Vermont for eighth place.

With a two-game matchup against the Catamounts, UNH had the chance to steal two wins, or at least one, and jump ahead of UVM in the standings and hold a serious threat to host a home playoff game.

Instead, UNH only grabbed one of the possible four points on the board and gave UVM sole possession of eighth place.

The next game matched up UNH with its rival, University of Maine Black Bears, with yet another chance to gain two points and, at that time, still have a chance to get into the top eight and host a home playoff game.



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

Head coach Dick Umile (right) was honored before the Feb. 10 game against Vermont. Saturday vs. Northeastern could potentially be his final home game as UNH head coach.

But the 'Cats blew a 3-1 lead and lost in overtime to Maine and dropped to 10th place in the conference with a matchup against Merrimack College, the last placed team, looming. UNH lost again, 3-2, but still remain clustered with the bottom teams of the Hockey East.

The Wildcats will have a tough task if they want to get any points from this weekend. They will take on the Huskies of Northeastern, one of the hottest teams in the country.

They sit third in the Hockey East standings, just three points back of first and, after a 30-year draught, they won the annual Beanpot tournament in Boston.

"We have to play good defense without the puck, and definitely stay out of the penalty box," Umile said about the matchup.

The Wildcats need a lot to happen this weekend, most importantly two wins and a lot of help from other teams, but the most important thing they need to do is build confidence heading into playoffs.

"At this point [Northeastern] is the best, it's all about get-

ting ready to see where we end up [in the playoffs] and depending on what happens with one win we can host a home playoff game," Umile said.

UNH's scoring parade that everyone witnessed in the beginning of the season is gone as the 'Cats dropped their goals scored per game from 4.0, to 2.7, and their defense that started the year rock solid has since been average.

UNH may not be playing for a home playoff game this weekend, but they need to play well against one of the country's best to get some traction heading into the Hockey East playoffs.

Wildcat Stat Leaders

Goals	Assists	Points	Blocked Shots
Ara Nazarian/ Liam Blackburn	Michael McNicholas	Michael McNicholas	Dylan Chanter
9	19	24	54

Stat of the Week

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The Wildcats have been outscored by 10 goals in the third period and overtime combined this season. They've outscored opponents by 10 in the first two periods.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stony Brook spoils Senior Day as Lai scores 20

By Bret Belden
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wildcats fell to the Stony Brook University Seawolves midday Saturday, Feb. 17, in the last home game of the season.

UNH honored its seniors with a pre-game ceremony, and head coach Maureen Magarity saw to it each of them played significant minutes – only one non-senior, freshman Amanda Torres, played for the 'Cats in their 56-62 loss.

Senior Carlie Pogue won America East Player of the Week honors following the 11-point, seven-rebound performance.

The Wildcat seniors started the game hot, connecting on four straight shots, one a three-pointer by Brittini Lai to take a 9-6 lead before the first round of substitutions.

They maintained the lead on a semi-consistent basis throughout the half and started the third quarter ahead, 33-29.

After exploding for 5-8 from the field and 2-4 beyond the arc in the first half, Lai tacked on an additional eight points when her team needed production in the fourth quarter. Stagnant in the final 10 minutes, the 'Cats remained within striking range thanks to Lai's scoring. But it wasn't enough. UNH let up 16 points in the fourth quarter despite strong efforts from Pogue

and Lai.

"It's disappointing knowing what's on the line," Magarity said after the loss. "Not only with our standings, but it being Senior Day and just... to play like that. My message is, luckily, we have some more games to play, but we have to play with more consistency and with a sense of urgency."

She added that the seniors need to play with more consistency if they intend on making a run in the playoff tournament. With just one game to play in the regular season, the 'Cats' have limited time remaining to establish themselves.

Magarity claims they already have established themselves, to a degree: "I'd like to say this was one of those wakeup calls, but it's not. This has been going on all season."

"We pick and choose, we can be really talented, and other games we can look like what our seed is: middle of the pack."

Lai also admitted to feeling disappointed after the loss.

"It was very emotional, with our seven seniors [playing]," she said. "We wanted to come out as strong as possible with our seniors here, with everyone's parents here. It's just a shame we couldn't."

And despite the loss in front of parents and alumni, Magarity provided hope for the future.

"There is a tomorrow," she said. "It comes down to whether



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

Senior guard Brittini Lai scored 20 points in her final home game at Lundholm Gymnasium.

we can clean those things up, in the end."

The end, regardless of the Wildcats' playoff performance, draws near. The furthest the 'Cats could go this season is March 9, the America East championship game. But they want to focus on

the first round which starts on Saturday, March 3, in Portland, Maine.

Before then, the Wildcats will head to UMass Lowell tonight, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. to wrap-up the regular season. UNH is 8-7 in conference play and a win,

or a loss, could play largely into their seeding.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats fall to 6-9 in conference play with road losses



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

Freshman guard Elijah Jordan led the way for UNH on Wednesday with 14 points. It was his second-highest scoring total of the year for Jordan, behind a 19-point game on Dec. 5.

By Zack Holler
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wildcats are once again sliding in the wrong direction. Following Wednesday night's 65-56 loss at the University of Hartford, the 'Cats are 6-9 in America East play and 10-19 overall.

Senior forward Tanner Leissner finished with 12 points and four rebounds.

Freshman guard Elijah Jordan led the Wildcats with 14 points of his own. It's the second-highest point total for Jordan this season, only trailing his 19-point performance against Niagara University on Dec. 5.

UNH had the score tied 56-56 with two minutes remaining, but Hartford junior guard J.R. Lynch scored the next five points to propel the Hawks to victory. A clutch three-pointer was followed by a Leissner turnover, and a Lynch layup at the other end gave Hartford the cushion it needed to hold on.

Lynch led the Hawks with 17 points, while three other Hartford players finished with double-figure scoring. The Wildcats couldn't execute down the stretch and the Hawks pulled away in the final minutes.

Graduate student Jacoby Armstrong came off the bench to add 11 points and six rebounds for UNH, but didn't supply enough offense to put UNH over the top in another crucial America East game.

The UNH offense has become predictable, consistently depending on Leissner and senior forward Iba Camara to score out of the post. Teams have adjusted and it's led to games like these where Leissner struggles to get quality looks.

"There's no secret how we play. There's no secret who we're trying to get the ball to," head coach Bill Herrion said after the UMBC loss that started the four-game skid. "[Leissner]'s just getting gang-tackled. It's very, very hard, right now, for us to get the ball inside."

In Sunday's loss at Stony Brook, Leissner led the way for UNH with 27 points, on 11-17 shooting, four rebounds and three assists.

He didn't get much scoring help, as no other Wildcat scored more than seven points.

Senior guards UC Iroegbu

and Junior Saintel led the Seawolves in scoring with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

It was another crucial swing game, with both teams exiting Sunday with 6-8 America East records.

With the fifth spot in the conference standings on the line the Seawolves rose above the Wildcats and defended their home court. UNH won the first meeting between the two, 53-51, back on Jan. 21.

Leissner is continuing to add to his all-time scoring record at UNH. As of now, his total sits at 1,923, meaning he will need 77 points the rest of the way to be the first Wildcat to score 2,000 points.

UNH is guaranteed two more games but will likely need a conference tournament run, and performances similar to Sunday's from Leissner, to bring him close to the milestone.

Next up for the Wildcats is Senior Night on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. The team will honor its four players laying in their final home game: Leissner, Camara, Armstrong and Keon Burns.

A win on Tuesday could be the difference between the fifth or the sixth seed in the America East conference tournament for the 'Cats, but regardless of the result they will be on the road for the quarterfinal round.

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Down to the wire

Seniors lead UNH to first America East crown since 2014 in dramatic fashion



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(Top) The Wildcats celebrate in the pool after clinching their first America East Swimming and Diving Championship since 2014. (Bottom) Graduate student Emily Giambastini competes in the 100-yard backstroke on Sunday. Giambastini finished 16th in the event.

By Andrew Yourell
FORMER SPORTS
EDITOR

The air seemed to shake from hundreds of cheers as Vermont's Sierra Sexton, UMBC's Brittany Driscoll and UNH's Brittany Moffatt tore through the last leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay on Sunday night. Their hands hit the wall in quick succession and the roar of the crowd died as eyes turned to the results flashing across the scoreboard. After a heartbeat of uncertain silence, the Wildcats and their fans erupted in celebration.

"We really didn't know we'd won until we saw that Vermont won the 400 relay," head coach Josh Willman said of his team's narrow victory in the 2018 America East Swimming and Diving Championships.

Vermont's win in the relay sealed the victory for the Wildcats, who outscored second-place finisher UMBC, 794-789.5. Vermont finished in a distant third with 652 points.

UMBC, the three-time defending champions, staged a furious comeback attempt on the final day of competition, but needed to win the freestyle relay to unseat the Wildcats, who entered the final race with a 6.5-point lead. Instead, Vermont's team out-touched the Retrievers by .45 seconds.

"I was so overcome with joy

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SCORE CARD

MEN'S HOCKEY (10-16-6)

	
UNH	Merrimack
2	3


North Andover, MA

MEN'S HOOPS (10-19)

	
UNH	Hartford
56	65

Durham, NH

GYMNASTICS (5-4)

	
UNH	Bowling Green
195.650	195.025

Durham, NH

WOMEN'S HOOPS (17-11)

	
UNH	Stony Brook
56	62

Durham, NH

WOMEN'S HOCKEY (14-13-7)

	
UNH	BU
0	2

Boston, MA

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (1-2)

	
UNH	Dartmouth
3	13

Hanover, NH

Stat of the Week

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UNH captured its seventh America East Swimming and Diving title this weekend (first since 2014).