Food justice fair educates public
By Adrienne Perron
STAFF WRITER

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The Post Landfill Action Network’s Points of Intervention (POI) Tour brought a full-day food justice fair to UNH this past Tuesday. Community members were able to learn about sustainable business practices and food justice from companies and local organizations that attended the fair.

The fair occurred in the Strafford Room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and was followed by a keynote speaker and panel from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Granite State Room (GSR).

The POI Tour was brought to UNH in coordination with the Sustainability Institute and the Center for Social Innovation and Enterprise, and was also organized by senior Rachelle McKeown, an English and EcoGastronomy dual major from Naugatuck, Connecticut. McKeown organized the event for her EcoGastronomy capstone.

According to McKeown, the POI Tour event at UNH was different than the other tour stops for the organization.

“The UNH is really unique in the sense that in other places, this is just a reduce and reuse fair, and [here] there is a focus specifically on the food system,” McKeown said. “I’m an EcoGastronomy major and I feel like it’s really important that we look at where our food is coming from and that we try and make sure that it is sustainable... It is the only fair that we have.”

Campus safety questioned in wake of Parkland shooting
By Jordyn Haimer STAFF WRITER

For the nearly 15,000 students at UNH, the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 students and faculty members dead, has made some students question how safe the UNH campus really is.

The University of New Hampshire Police Department (UNHPD) released a statement on their Facebook page on February 19 that shared with students and faculty “some basic considerations for your safety,” like reporting suspicious behavior to the UNHPD or through the public safety app LiveSafe.

“Take threats of violence seriously. Timely reporting is important... Take a moment to know your surroundings, and have a primary and secondary evacuation route planned if something happens,” the statement read.

However, many academic buildings—especially older ones—do not have doors that are lockable from the inside.

Adam St. Jean, a lecturer of chemical engineering, says he has taught in Kingesbury, Parsons and the Memorial Union Building, and to his knowledge, none of those doors are lockable from the inside.

The locking systems for each building “vary based on the type and age of the building,” associated director of facilities William P. Janelle said. “Not all classroom doors have locks, and those that do are typically locked by a specific key, which is either a building master, or a key spe-

Inside the news
Staff Writer Ian Lenahan reports on the university’s decision to conduct a private presidential search as opposed to a public one.

By Gates MacPherson STAFF WRITER

New Hampshire is beginning to see the first signs of outsider money that will be coming into the state for the 2018 midterm elections.

“2018 is already shaping up to be, nationwide, a political battle for a lot of reasons,” political science professor Tama Andrews said. “And there’s going to be a ton of money coming from outside.”

While the U.S. House race for the first congressional district has already gathered national spotlight due to a range of candidates such as Levi Sanders (D), the son of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), the other races will be for governor, state executive positions, all 24 state senate seats and all 40 state representative seats.

This means that political organizations, from inside and outside the state for both major parties are gearing up to provide all the resources they can to push their political agendas and either flip seats or fight to keep them the same.

There are currently 225 political action committees (PACs), political advocacy organizations and candidate committees registered through the New Hampshire Secretary of State that will be supporting various candidates and causes in the state.

Of the committees, 23 are located across the country, and some act as the political arms of companies like FedEx, Enterprise, Bank of America and the National Rifle Association. Flippable, a political organization based in Brooklyn, New York has already been involved in flipping legislative seats in states like Virginia and Texas. It is now coming to New Hampshire.

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Formed after the 2016 election by staffers for Hillary Clinton’s campaign, Flippable’s goal is to become the largest political action committee in the country, its goals for other states that have lost legislative seats to Republicans.

According to Walsh, Republicans have made, “massive investments to make sure state legislatures went their way so they could re-draw the lines coming out of 2010 and get favorable congressional districts,” he said.

The re-drawing of congressional and legislative districts takes place every 10 years with the release of the new census. In most states including New Hampshire, the majority party of the legislature decides the redrawing of districts.

This has frequently led to national problems with gerrymandering, the practice of drawing electoral district lines to favor one political party, individual, or constituency over another. The new census will be released for the 2020 election.

“The following year [2021] is when those newly elected state legislatures throughout the U.S. have to tackle redistricting. So, the focus for organizations that care about redistricting are going to spend big money in terms of trying to support a final plan or majority or ensure a Democratic majority,” Andrews said.

Flippable is still deciding which districts to target and which candidates they will support in New Hampshire. They are adamant that though they are an out of state political organization, they are different from super PACs or big political investors like the Koch brothers.

According to their website, Flippable gets contributions from individuals through their “Flippable Fund,” and then they give money to Democratic candidates who are launching their campaigns providing volunteer opportunities.

Republicans for years have been using out-of-state money, especially in states like New Hampshire. We’re trying to level the playing field in a clearer,
Recycling

The MUB revised their recycling policy to protect recycling from food contaminated containers.

Panel on students with disabilities

UNH Student Accessibility Services (SAS) held an event in the Memorial Union Building, titled “The UNH Experience for Students with Disabilities.”

Comedians converge in the MUB

The MUB’s latest comedy night welcomes Kase Raso, Michael Blaustein and UNH’s own Dave Zamansky.

Mens Hockey Season comes to a close

The Wildcats’ season came to an end on Saturday night with a 3-2 loss at Maine.

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Putting out since 1911
In one of the longest meetings of Session XXXIX thus far this semester, the UNH Student Senate on Sunday faced its tallest order yet, as it was dealt five main resolutions, packed within a total of eight bills, and accompanied by concerns of professional vs. personal conduct, to commence the third month of 2018.

The night’s five major motions covered topics concerning both local student affairs and issues affecting the entirety of the Granite State. The first to be discussed – R.39.25, introduced by External Affairs Chair Hayden Stinson and long-titled “In Support of Sensible Drug Reform” – fell into both categories.

The resolution urged both the state’s General Court and Governor Christopher Sununu (R-NH) to pass HB 656, which would legalize the recreational use of marijuana within the state.

The student resolution also pushed local lawmakers to support efforts to “end to the ongoing opioid addiction crisis” through “legislative efforts.”

R.39.25 reinforced its argument with a “recent” poll conducted by the UNH Survey Center that showed a two-thirds majority of state residents in favor of recreational marijuana use, as well as findings that illustrated, per the bill’s text, support for HB 656 and decriminalization “across the party divide,” specifically citing favor from a majority of state Democrats and nearly half of local Republicans.

Despite public and political approval, according to R.39.25, the move still faces disapproval from Gov. Sununu, who is quoted as saying that he opposes HB 656 “in the middle of one of the biggest drug crises the state has ever seen.” Within the student assembly, the motion ultimately passed with two abstentions.

The following resolution, R.39.26, voiced its support for victims’ rights in New Hampshire, brought forward by External Affairs Chair Stinson, this time accompanied by guest and Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARP) advocate Marinda Weaver.

The motion sought to raise awareness and support for Mary’s Law, an amendment to the state’s Victim’s Bill of Rights that would include a collection of “constitutional rights,” such as the right to be “notified of all parole, bail, etc. of the accused,” among other rights. R.39.26 also resolved to urge the state electorate to approve of the amendment during the “plebiscite” – defined as, per Merriam-Webster, “a vote by which the people of an entire country or district express an opinion for or against a proposal.” – in the November election.

Per the resolution, the law comes at a time when New Hampshire currently joins 15 other states that lack constitutional rights for “victims of crime,” ranging from sexual abuse to murder; in support of this claim, the motion cited statistics from Mary’s Law’s official website, which found that 14 murders and “nonnegligent manslaughters,” 667 sexual assaults, 408 robberies and 1,543 “aggravated assaults,” had been committed in the Granite State in 2015 alone.

The resolution also stated, according to a Feb. 2018 Fosters’ Daily Democrat article, that the rights of defendants in New Hampshire are protected by the state’s constitution and “prioritizing” over the statutory rights of victims.

R.39.26 additionally showed that Chair Getman countered the qualms of Senator Griffin and others, stating that students could only drop elective courses that are disconnected from their current major and discovery requirements, and that they would have to submit their request through an “academic option” application to prevent the policy from being manipulated by dishonest students.

The motion ultimately passed with five nays.

R.39.27 was titled “Condemning Infringements on Shared Governance and Supporting Faculty Senate Motion XX-M24” and was brought to the floor by Chair Getman.

It resolved to push UNH administration to implement Motion XX-M24 from the UNH Faculty Senate, which aims at granting students the ability to, per the Faculty Senate’s text, “satisfy a Discovery category regardless of whether it also counts as a major requirement.” Its implementation was “pursued,” by College of Liberal Arts Dean Heidi Bostic in May 2017, violating the 1966 Joint Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities that grants both to students and faculty “shared governance,” alongside UNH administration on academic matters.

The motion passed the Student Senate unanimously.

Meanwhile, R.39.29, the agenda’s final scheduled motion, urged UNH administration to release a more publicly accessible academic calendar to showcase additional “important dates.”

These dates would include final exams and university holidays, as well as when final grades will be available to be viewed by students. The motion introduced by Chair Getman and Hunter Hall Senator Evan Smith passed the assembly with two abstentions.

In other senatorial business, Senator Smith introduced two additional unscheduled bills for consideration. The first, titled “Campus Accessibility in Winter Months” aimed to increase accessibility through more-at-the-ready “campus accessibility van,” provided by Student Accessibility Services (SAS) for students with disabilities.

The second dealt with improvements to general dorm maintenance, urging the Department of Housing and Facilities to “thoroughly clean buildings of mold,” and structural upgrades across the board in all dorms on campus.

The former bill passed with one nay and one abstention; the latter passed with one abstention.

A bill advocating for improved salting, sanding for all walkways, more effective, efficient snow clearing from accessibility ramps and walkways throughout campus, courtesy of the UNH Department of Facilitiess, passed with one nay. It was introduced by Senator I Nicholas Crosby, first-year Representative Dennis M. Ruprecht and Campus Structure Chair Ethan McClanahan.

Aside from resolutions, the Student Senate also took the time to discuss concerns about personal and professional conduct in and outside of the Senate floor; Senator Speaker Douglas Marino expressed concern that members in the Senate “sometimes aren’t as good at remembering to lift each other up,” as they are at keeping each other accountable.

“It’s not a weakness to acknowledge...that we are students,” Speaker Marino said to the assembly when speaking of recognizing personal stresses alongside senatorial pressures. “…there are going to be times when we need to be there for each other.”
By Ian Lenahan

Now in the latter part of the search process for the next president of the university, the search committee responsible for finding candidates is staying confident in their process. UNH has stood by the decision to remain confidential in the search process and, according to the chairman of the search committee, John Small, it has brought the very best candidates forward. Now confirmed by Small, the search committee has brought forward “no less than three and no more than five” candidates to the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Board of Trustees, who will decide the next president from those candidates.

Chairman Small has been adamant that the confidentiality aspect of the process has brought forward the best candidates possible. Had the process been public, there would have been “candidates that wouldn’t have come forward for the best interests of their current employer.”

“If you want to get the very best candidates, they’re more than likely to love their current jobs,” Small stated. “We look for that passion and expect the same if they’re to take the position here.”

From a national standpoint, confidential university presidential searches have become a common trend. Tia Miller, USNH Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, disclosed a list containing universities who, in recent years, have taken the same route UNH has in their presidential searches. Ivy League schools such as Harvard University and Princeton University have taken such methods, as well as nationally-acclaimed schools such as Duke University, the University of Michigan and Penn State.

On the contrary, schools like the University of Maine at Orono (UMaine) have decided to go public with their own presidential searches. They are currently down to their final four candidates but have published their profiles on their presidential search website. One of the four finalists is UNH Provost Nancy Targett, who visited the university on Feb. 20 and 21 for listening sessions, according to the UMaine presidential search webpage.

Targett was unavailable for comment but UMaine’s Tracy Bigney stated that Targett, as well as the other three finalists for the position, did well on their campus visits. Bigney, who serves as Special Assistant for Executive Employment at Maine, wrote that “the element of open campus visits its has been a part of these procedures for many years.”

Still, the University of New Hampshire has maintained its position on its methods of conducting the search throughout the entirety of the process. According to Chairman Small, in addition to the confidentiality aspect bringing forth more attractive candidates, the university’s search committee also played a role in bringing forth more candidates. Small stated that the committee, which has 21 people on it, is very well-represented in terms of diversity. Thus, they have been seeking out all kinds of candidates who are diverse themselves and who plan to bring about more diversity around the UNH community. It has proved to be successful, as Small said that within 24 hours of being notified that they were the finalists, the three to five candidates all stated that they were excited and ready to go for the final phase.

“It’s that balance of, ‘how can we be as inclusive as we can and still get the best candidates?’” Small said.

These next few weeks will determine who the next university president will be, as the final three to five candidates will be interviewed by the USNH Board of Trustees.

“I fully expect to announce the next president of the University of New Hampshire in early April,” Small said.
UNH recycling policy decoded

By Grace Hanley
STAFF WRITER

With over 15,000 students using the Durham campus every day, UNH produces a mind-boggling quantity of recycling—and even more trash.

According to an infographic on the UNH Sustainability Institute’s website, in fiscal year 2014, UNH produced 1,400 tons of trash, “the volume equivalent of filling Stobe Hall 2.3 times and 492 tons of recycling, “the volume equivalent of filling 450 Wildcat Transit Buses.”

Although UNH earned a platinum STARS sustainability certification in 2017, becoming one of the only colleges in the nation to achieve this level of recognition, reduced waste through recycling is still a challenge.

In January, the Memorial Union Building (MUB) updated its recycling policy. Under the new policy, people using the building are asked not to recycle containers like plastic bottles because residue from food/drink can contaminate an entire bag of recycling, making it trash, Nora Molloy, director for facilities and events at the MUB, said in February.

“I know we’re not going to get people [in the MUB] to start rinsing out their bowls,” Molloy elaborated in February. “We just don’t have the infrastructure to do that—so when you talk about what can we educate people on, in the end, this system may capture some recyclable items in the landfill, but it means we’ll get greater clarity in the recycling bins overall.”

The MUB is the only building on campus where food containers pose a recycling problem. Interviews with UNH staff and a review of educational materials published by UNH Facilities and the Sustainability Institute reveal that food contamination renders many of the seemingly recyclable containers used in retail dining operations non-recyclable.

In addition to Union Court in the MUB, UNH Dining manages nine other retail food operations on the Durham campus, including Zeeke’s Café, Wildcat’s and Philbrook Café. These locations offer bottled drinks and grab-and-go convenience food like salads, sushi and sandwiches, all packaged in single-use plastic containers.

UNH Facilities Director of Administration Susanne Bennett confirmed in an email that in the campus-wide single-stream recycling (SSR) program, untripped food containers in a recycling bin risk contaminating the whole bin.

“Liquids and food items are the real contaminant in the SSR,” she wrote, noting that “if you put a container of disabilities into the SSR, it won’t cause the whole load to be rejected.”

SSR Facilities contracts with Waste Management, a private corporation, to have trash and recycling removed from campus and processed. Peter Lachapelle, a public sector representative at Waste Management who is responsible for the UNH contract, had not responded to questions about exactly how much food it takes to contaminate a load of recycling by time of press.

When UNH switched to a campus-wide single-stream recycling system in 2013, facilities publicized Waste Management fact sheets explaining recycling dos and don’ts. The fact sheets clearly state that “All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of all contaminants... When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky stew with a stench.” The fact sheets ask that readers “Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling.”

In addition to problems with food contamination, single-use containers may not have high recycling value to begin with. A Waste Management recycling fact sheet published on the Sustainability Institute’s website states that “plastic to go containers or containers holding berries, apples, breads, and similar foods are usually made of high-value plastic, are difficult to recycle and are usually contaminated with food when disposed of.”

Although untripped food containers from retail dining operations pose a recycling problem, UNH Dining has implemented many other waste-reducing practices. In an email, Union Court manager Ian Dube said the food court uses a variety of biodegradable packaging items, including Greenware salad containers and compostable trays. One of UNH’s other retail dining operations, the Donny Bar, which uses compostable containers, has 3 stars from the Green Restaurant Association certification program.

UNH Dining’s website provides a detailed list of ways Dining strives to incorporate sustainable initiatives in every aspect of our daily operation,“ including use of food waste from dining halls, giving discounts to customers who bring their own mugs, and saving cooking oil to use as Biodiesel.

MINOR EARTHQUAKE SHAKES NH

Residents in Penacook, Henniker, Boscawen, Webster, Dunbarton and Concord, among other communities, reported hearing a boom and feeling some shaking.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injury. Small earthquakes are not uncommon in New England. They are felt at least a few times every year.

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Seminar about research into molecules that could fight antibiotic resistant viruses

By Justin Brochu CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UNH assistant chemistry professor Marc Boudreau shared the research his lab has been conducting while studying antibiotic resistance in bacteria at a seminar on Friday, March 2. This research molecules that can prolong the life of antibiotics. The seminar, titled “Organic synthesis to overcome antibiotic resistance in bacteria,” was held in Rudman Hall Room G89 and was one of the many weekly seminars in this year’s Molecular, Cellular and Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series.

Boudreau’s lab is an organic chemistry lab that develops new small molecules to “both tackle and study the problem” of growing antibiotic resistance of bacteria. According to Boudreau, the research that his lab conducts has “major implications.”

“With antibiotic resistance, everyone is quite aware that this has become a huge global public health threat,” Boudreau told the classroom.

According to Boudreau, it is estimated that 700,000 people die per year due to antibiotic resistance. However, that number is projected to reach 10 million by 2050, Boudreau said.

“We are in an era that we could call the post-antibiotic era,” Boudreau said, “Antibiotics aren’t working like they used to.”

According to his research, bacteria have three broad strategies to survive antibiotics. The first strategy is to reduce penetration by creating a barrier by increasing the thickness of the cell wall components. They also can modify the target through mutations or degrading the actual antibiotic themselves so that it is no longer active.

“In order to address these problems, the first way is to develop new antibiotics, which has its challenges,” Boudreau said. “The other way is to develop compounds that prolong the lifespan of the current antibiotics.”

Boudreau’s research is based on the idea that “if a developed compound can inhibit a resistance pathway then the bacteria that was once resistant to antibiotics should then again be sensitive to the antibiotic.”

In order to develop these types of compounds, organic synthesis is used to find new molecules that exhibit unexplored mechanisms of inhibition against known bacterial targets, or that can function as probes for the identification of new targets. These compounds that have been synthesized are then evaluated against various bacteria strains, according to a flyer that was distributed to the audience.

According to Boudreau, his lab has indeed discovered small molecules to prolong the lifespan of antibiotics. These molecules include natural products like rhamycin and neosokolic acid as well as synthetic β-lactamase inhibitors.

Boudreau also expressed some future directions he would like to see in the research.

“Not only are we interested at looking to uncover new cellular targets, but we are also focused on exploring unexplored mechanisms of inhibition,” Boudreau said, “We hope that these can lead to future advancements.”

Boudreau’s lab has been operating and conducting research on this topic for almost three years, however, the research is not quite finished yet. Boudreau estimates that the final product will be complete by this summer.

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with American Society of Civil Engineers President Kyle Henshaw

By Nikita Serdiuk & Brendon Burns

President of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Kyle Henshaw, has many levels of interests, such as working at Wildcat Productions and the theater department as he approaches graduation in the spring.

Henshaw said that his participation in the ASCE began in his first year of college when representatives of the society advertised that they needed positions to be filled in their organization. Henshaw started as a common associate member that consisted of giving information to first-year students and sophomores about different events held by the club, such as seminars, speeches and meetings.

Later on, Henshaw said that he took on the position of treasurer. The position required that he cash checks, make deposits and collect money at their fundraising events. Later, he was chosen as a new club leader after an “issue that occurred with [the] previous president.” Currently, he’s in charge of running meetings, coordinating events with professional engineers outside of the university and to oversee other positions.

Henshaw also attends various conferences at locations across the country. Henshaw said that he and four other students went to a leadership conference with different engineering societies in the U.S. in Buffalo, New York three weeks ago. He said that improving their network was one of the main goals for the club at the conference. One of the ways that they networked was creating their own seminars. According to Henshaw, ASCE created four seminars last semester.

According to Henshaw, one of his biggest passions is theater. He said that he spends almost six hours a week doing technical work at the theater department. He’s responsible for technical assistance in the department. In addition, Henshaw does lighting design for the theater. He is even trying to connect engineering and theater after his graduation, doing design for performing arts spaces in New York City and Long Island.

Henshaw also has a job in Wildcat Productions for the athletic department, which covers sports games such as basketball, hockey and football.

According to Henshaw, a good engineer needs to think outside of the box, and have a different range of thinking.

“If a person has a problem, he or she needs to find a way to fix it,” Henshaw said. “There are a lot of issues connected with civil engineering projects like what materials are needed and how much do they cost, amount of money and time available to do the project.”

Another big factor for Henshaw is teamwork and communication. In addition, one of Henshaw’s classes requires its students to make a team project which takes almost a whole semester.

Henshaw’s ideal role models are his professors. He hopes to achieve as much as his professors and reach their level of expertise.

The New Hampshire: Spilling the tea since 1911

with American Society of Mechanical Engineers President Patrick Sullivan

By Hayden Stinson

Senior mechanical engineering major Patrick Sullivan is currently in his second year as president of the UNH chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and has overseen tremendous growth in the organization throughout his tenure, Sullivan said.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) is a student-run organization that focuses primarily on professional development and aims to educate its members on the careers available within the field of engineering. The organization is open to all and brings together engineering professionals with engineering students to show them the options available after graduation and allow them to start making connections, Sullivan said.

“Engineering is really a lot more broad than I thought it would be when I started the major...there are different industries that you don’t think would involve engineering, but it’s actually a huge part,” Sullivan said.

He provided Iron Heart Canning as an example, a company that has interacted with ASME that hires engineers to design cans for craft brews.

As president, Sullivan acts as a “go between” to set up guest speakers, company tours and company information sessions. He oversees the chapter’s treasurer, secretary, recruitment chair and VP, and aids them in their duties when needed.

When the position of president vacated at the end of his sophomore year, Sullivan seized the opportunity, which he viewed as a chance to challenge himself to be more involved within UNH.

The organization’s membership has increased three times the size it was at the beginning of his tenure, aided by his creation of the recruitment chair position. He has also strengthened the relationships between members by instituting an informal mentoring program that uses a questionnaire to match juniors and seniors with first-year students and sophomores within the organization, Sullivan said.

Aside from ASME, Sullivan is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the mechanical engineering honor society, and is also a team leader for the UNH Symbiotic Automation senior capstone project.

Next year, he will be working as a design engineer for Pratt & Whitney, a company that manufactures jet engines.
House approves prohibiting transgender discrimination

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — House lawmakers voted Wednesday to expand New Hampshire’s anti-discrimination law to include transgender people after supporters appealed to both their sense of fairness and fiscal responsibility. The bill would ban discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on gender identity in addition to the protections that already exist based on race, sex, religion and sexual orientation. It passed 195-129 and now goes to the Senate.

Lawmakers tabled a virtually identical bill last year, leaving New Hampshire the only New England state without such protections.

Supporters on Wednesday argued the bill was long overdue and said it could save lives by preventing suicide. Some opponents focused on the fear of predatory men molesting women and children in public restrooms, while others pushed unsuccessfully for a study commission to further evaluate the issue.

Rep. Dan Hynes, R-Merrimack, who considers himself an agender, said he hasn’t suffered discrimination because he doesn’t tell people his gender identity and owns his own business and home.

“But there are many people out there who suffer on a daily basis, and we need this law to protect everyone regardless of their gender identity,” he said.

Rep. Joseph Stallop, D-Kennebunk, appealed to his colleague’s sense of fiscal responsibility, arguing that discrimination legislation would save lives and that when victims end up homeless, unemployed, depressed or suicidal.

“This means that a company will not have to pay to defend sexual harassment claims, and it means there will be civilians who can provide assistance in the event of an active shooter situation. This is not equal opportunity; this is equal protection. It is an investment in our future, our children and their friends,” he said.

But House Majority Leader Steve Shurtleff, of Concord, said as a longtime hunter, Army veteran, and former deputy U.S. marshall, he is not opposed to guns. He invoked a Revolutionary War major who reportedly said “Move aside, let New Hampshire lead the way” at the battle of Bunker Hill in urging his colleagues to allow the bill to move forward.

“I am asking you to tell those across the country who are afraid to move forward, ‘Move aside, let New Hampshire lead the way,’” he said.

Rep. Lee O’Conner, D-Plainfield, said the bill includes “commonsense safety measures” that don’t infringe on Second Amendment rights.

“Our first responsibility as legislators must be to secure public safety and the common good, and preeminence in that goal is the protection of our school children and adolescents in crisis,” she said.

But House Majority Leader Dick Hinshaw, of Merrimack, said Democrats had ample time to file legislation before deadlines passed.

“Unless you suspend the rules, you need to do that based upon the right message, it needs to be well thought out,” he said.

“There was ample time during the session to develop amendments to existing bills, and that didn’t happen. Rules are rules.”

The Senate last month voted to further study a bill to ban bump stocks that was proposed in response to the mass shooting in Las Vegas in October. Critics called the proposal broad and overreaching, and Democrats acknowledged it needs more work.

While the House delayed the voting on the marriage bill, the Senate has already referred a similar bill to the committee where it’s likely to die. In 2017, lawmakers approved a law allowing Gov. Chris Sununu to sign agreements with other states to permit same-sex marriage. That law has been blocked by a federal judge.

The bill to change the marriage laws would raise the age for marriage in New Hampshire from 16 for both boys and girls under a bill raised to 16 for both boys and girls under a bill passed by the House.

Under current law, girls can marry at 13 and boys at 14 with the permission of a judge. The House voted without debate Thursday in favor of a bill that would prohibit marriage for anyone under age 16. Judges still could approve marriages for those ages 16 or 17.

That bill now goes to the Senate. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu praised the House for passing it and urged the Senate to do the same.

The House had voted on another bill banning marriage between two people if they were under 18. If the law were to take effect, it would have been a criminal act if they were not married.
“Free-kend” Nearly 1,000 people pledge to be substance free for the weekend.

By Betsy Rose

Almost 1,000 students made a pledge to stay substance free for the weekend of March 3 to March 6 by signing up at a table at the MUB attended by Student Senate members. In exchange for the pledge that the students signed, they were given a blue wristband that had “UNH Freckend printed on it. Their pledges are also hung up on the wall behind the table. The students who pledged were also entered into a raffle. Some of the prizes were general admission hockey tickets, UNH Place gift certificates, merchandise from the UNH bookstore and other items, said Ashley Briggs, Health and Human Services council chair for Student Senate, and the main organizer of the Freckend. President Hart also helped the raffle by donating her skillet in the Whittemore Center for the men’s hockey game Saturday night against Boston University.

As of Monday morning, Briggs estimated that 950 students pledged last weekend. The table was set up from Wednesday, March 5 until Friday around 4:30 p.m. The reason it wasn’t set up all week, said Briggs, was because of classes the students didn’t have the wristbands in and Tuesday was a snow day.

With the backdrop of a white and blue checkered room with blue and purple walls, Kitty Keller helped kick off the beginning of the Substance Free weekend table by speaking in the entertainment room located on the ground floor of the MUB. Keller, who works for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Policy in the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and is also a social worker in the field of substance abuse, presented a speech entitled “Addiction and the Adolescent Brain.”

The event was not very well attended, but that didn’t stop Keller from explaining the difference between addiction and abuse. The presentation included photos with diagrams of the human brain and, Keller asked the audience what they thought were some aspects of addiction. Keller asked that the students Freckend was a “great idea, because I think even though a lot of students don’t drink, they need to be seen.”

The idea of the Substance Free weekend was brought to the attention of the Student Senate by Student Senator Valerie Honour.

Check out pictures from other events going on during “Free-kend” on page 12-13.

UNH works to meet Clery Act requirements

By Andrew Swayne Staff Writer

Since The New Hampshire first learned the University of New Hampshire was not in compliance with the Clery Act, the University has taken steps to get into compliance. In a Feb. 15 article, TNH disclosed that the University had failed to notify students, staff and prospective students of its recent annual security report by Oct. 1, as required by the Clery Act. UNH also uncovered that the University’s report did not include a few items that are required by federal law.

On Feb. 25, Anne Lawing, senior assistant vice president for student and academic services, had a campus-wide e-mail sent out to students and staff members to notify them of the University’s annual security report, which also had been updated to include the few sections previously found by TNH to be deficient under the Clery Act.

The e-mail was the result of weeks of work by Lawing, who has been coordinating the effort herself to fix the inadequate sections of the annual security report and update the campus community on the report. Lawing met with the UNH police and the Social Horsemanship and Rape Prevention program (SHARP) to address the missing sections of the report.

Both Human Resources and Admissions are including the URL for UNH’s annual security report in their materials in order to notify prospective staff and students of the report.

A section of the report requires that the University include a policy of how it will notify the community of crimes and other related safety information. Lawing formalized these procedures by putting it in writing. The report identifies that the University will use TNH as well as the University and its police Web sites to notify members of the University community of crimes on campus and other related safety matters.

SHARP director Mary Mayhew provided information regarding sexual assaults to be included in the report, according to Lawing.

Prior to the current version, the report did not include the policy of “the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense,” which is required by federal law. As of press time, Mayhew could not reach for comment.

The report also did not previously include what the protections for sexual misconduct are at UNH.

Now, the minimum sanctions for sex offenses involving penetration is “suspension for one year or until the survivor graduates or otherwise leaves the University for an indefinite period of time, whichever is longer,” according to the report.

An item was also added which states that once a sexual assault is reported to the police, they are obligated to begin a formal investigation. Lawing said that this section was added to ensure that there will be no undue delay in completing a sexual assault investigation by the police to allow the victim to realize that a criminal investigation will follow.

Deputy Chief Paul Deans of the UNH police department, who first brought UNH’s compliance with the Clery Act from TNH, said that the University has always been in compliance with the act. Dean said this year, like every year, Enter Taras Wolfe, director of sexual programs and mediation office, Lawing and the UNH police met to discuss the crime statistics and go over their Clery.

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**FREEEKEND**

Colby Marques, a student trustee for UNH, and Marques got the idea from an event that Keene State has been doing for five years. In the Keene newspaper there was an article on their Substance Free weekend, said Marques. After Richard J. Herron was hit by a car and killed last semester, said Marques, the idea was brought back up. "Student Senate saw the need for alcohol awareness on this campus, and the committee for the substance free weekend was formed shortly after," Marques said.

Keene's substance free weekend is run by a hall director, Carrie Ehrig. Marques said that Ehrig was able to give them "a foundation to work off of" and also helped in answering questions they had.

The money for the Substance Free Weekend came from a surplus of money that Sod Rides had for alcohol education. This happened after this ride was moved from under its creators, the Senate to Transportation, said Briggs. Briggs said she didn't spend over $800, and it was spent on things such as alcohol education, printing, paper and labels. "We didn't need to give them reasons, they have their own," Briggs said, and only students pledged. Most students didn't mind, said Briggs, because they are going on spring break anyway. Briggs said that the way that the Substance Free Weekend was presented was by using a positive spin on passive education. Briggs said it was making students think without using statistics and scaring them not to drink. Briggs said that the administration was really wanted to help. The administration was kept in the loop, said Briggs, but "seem ed students doing it for students." Briggs said that the administration was helpful with advertising and calling to the press.

Anne Lawing, senior assistant vice president of student affairs and director of student life, was one of the administrators who helped with the Substance Free Weekend.

Lawing said that she heard serious talk of the Substance Free Weekend about a month ago. The idea for the Free Weekend was a student initiated one, Lawing said. Lawing said she helped with small things such as putting buttons out, but it was the students' program. The Student Senate has total support from the administration, Lawing said.

"It was very impressed with their incentive and also impressed with their ideas and drive," Lawing said about the students and people in charge of the Substance Free Weekend. Lawing said that Student Senate worked very hard on the program and that she was "very heartened they took this on.

"A lot of people worked really hard on it which goes to show a small amount of people can have a big effect on a larger population," Cat Clarke, student body president who was on the planning committee for the Free Weekend, said. Clarke said that the Substance Free Weekend is "a great way to showcase everyone UNH has to offer.

"I think it was a big success close to 1,000 people stuck by their pledges," Clarke said. Clarke said to "measure success not by the members but that people are talking and making other aware." Lawing also saw the Free Weekend as a success and off to a great start. Lawing said that they all learned a lot on how to make the Substance Free Weekend even bigger next year. "I think the weekend, overall, was a great idea to bring awareness to the UNH campus about drinking and drugs," Clarke said.

As for next year, Briggs said that they would start planning earlier. "The Student Senate seemed really excited about the Substance Free Weekend, Lawing said. Lawing also hopes that it will happen next year. Lawing said that they learned different strategies and are going to use different techniques to reach out to the town of Durham and Durham businesses.

Briggs said that she was glad the decided to do the Free Weekend, "in hopes it could be an annual thing like Keene State." As for Briggs view of the weekend, "I am enjoying the Free Weekend it's been a stressful week, but I am enjoying it."
Comedians Converge on the MUB

The MUB’s comedy night on Saturday, March 3 held no shortage of talent with comedians like, Kase Raso, Michael Blaustein and UNH’s own Dave Zamansky.

Remember when your parents taught you how to drive? Now imagine what was going through their minds, as you were driving, and they were holding on to their seat for dear life. Nothing could be worse, right? Wrong. According to Dave Zamansky, director of the Memorial Union Building, saying “I love you” to someone accidentally is much worse.

Zamansky opened up the comedy-filled night this past Saturday with talking about what it’s been like teaching his teenage daughter how to drive. From there, he talked about his experiences with the paranormal that were far from expected. Lastly, Zamansky ended his set with talking about the one time he accidentally told the cashier at Coldstone Creamery that he loved them. Almost instantly after he realized what he had said and walked out the creamery embarrassed, only to turn around and notice the cashier was laughing. At least the cashier left work that day feeling like they were doing their job right.

After Zamansky came Kase Raso to the stage. He opened up with something that all college students can relate to alcohol. Whether or not you’re someone who participates in the drinking scene that comes with being a college student or not, you’ve at least encountered someone who has been drinking. Raso talked about how sober people are more honest around

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Opinion: through the mosh pits and loud music, there is family

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drunk people, than drunk people are believed to be honest. However, no one in Raso’s opinion is more honest or confident than a drunk girl.

“She just came up to me, grabbed my face and kissed me,” Raso said when explaining an encounter he has had with a confident woman. He went on to explain how despite her confident he never wanted to see her again, being that her breath reeked of hummus.

“I just don’t see how you can be so confident after eating a whole tub of hummus.”

Completely opposite from a confident woman is an insecure man; at least when it comes to hiding from one’s pet names in public. Raso joked about how in his last relationship, his girlfriend would always would call him by his “pet name” in public, despite how many times he told her not to. His girlfriend’s pet names weren’t “sweetie,” or “honey,” but “muffin” and “donut.” It got to the point where sometimes he didn’t know if she was complimenting him, or making fun of him.

Raso even brought up his fear of what his girlfriend would have described him physically to the police if he ever went missing.

“We’re going to find this cutie!” Raso exclaimed, thinking that is what the police would say after his ex would describe to them how adorable he looks with the use of her pet names for him.

Lastly, on to the stage came Michael Blaustein. Immediately the 5-foot, 9-inch 160 pound (if he were to hold an 11-pound dog) interacted with the audience, asking them what their majors were. Within a few minutes students in the audience were heckling each other, playfully making fun of each other’s majors.

“Never have I done a show where the audience heckled each other,” Blaustein said, poking fun at the audience. One of the members of the audience that night stood out to Michael, as she was more enthusiastic than the rest.

“I liked being picked out of the crowd,” junior music liberal arts major Marla Gordon said in reference to the comment Blaustein made about her personality. The comedian stated he wished that he could take her with him wherever he goes, loving her super upbeat and bubbly personality.

After getting a chance to know the audience and their dreams, Blaustein went on to tell the audience his dreams. This is where the physical description of the comedian, mentioned earlier, comes into play. Blaustein has always wanted to be in the NBA but wished that his mother was a little less supportive of his dreams. Why, you may ask? Well, Michael blames his mother for the fact that Carmelo Anthony out-dunked Michael. That’s right. The Carmelo Anthony.

Michael went on to talk about how he wishes that he could be big, being that he has been so small his entire life. The comedian wants nothing more than to be muscular, to the point where he can feel as though he can adequately protect any girl he’s with. From there the comedian talked about his terrible gym habits, trying to give his epileptic ex-girlfriend seizures and flying first class internationally.

Lastly, Blaustein ended the night with a joke about how Adderall.

“It’s like one part cocaine and two parts the mask, from Jim Carrey’s ‘The Mask,’” Blaustein said when talking about his experience with the drug.

“My friend called me to ask if the pill helped me with my writing, it did,” Blaustein said. “I just also managed to organize my entire spice rack by color as well.”

After the show, the comedians stood outside and met with audience members, both to talk and take pictures.

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By Richard Janvrin CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Equipped with enough room to hold 2,200 people, the Palladium in Worcester, MA hosted a near-capacity crowd for the DoomDay Tour this past Sunday as fans from all over the region came to see the metal bands Architects, Stick to Your Guns and Counterparts. Headlining the tour was Architects, and the tour was named after their new single, “Doomsday,” which was released in September of 2017. With a 7:30 p.m. start time, the floor section began to fill in preparation for Counterparts. Opening with their track “Bouquet,” a mosh pit opened immediately in the center of the floor, with the participants pushing one another and bouncing around freely.

From the outside, it’s easy to associate mosh pits with violence, but whenever a fellow concert-goer is plummeted to the ground from the force of another person, it was as if the entire mosh pit stopped for a moment to assist their fallen comrade, only to resume what they were doing beforehand. “That’s honestly the biggest misconception people have about mosh pits, man,” Dan Manning, of Georgetown, MA said through the screams of Counterparts vocalist Brendan Murphy. “There are some jerks, but it’s pretty much a way for people to vent their frustrations, but they know they’re going to put on a hell of a show,” he continued.

“You see it all the time. After a song or a set, everyone in the mosh pit will high-five one another, hug one another. But to those looking on the outside, all they see are a bunch of idiots throwing fists at one another. That’s not what this is about.”

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The ultimate Spring Break playlist...

Seattle Party by Chastity Belt - Andrew

Mr. Finish Line by Vulfpeck - Jake

An indie folk compilation - Alycia

Anything by Pitbull - Brian

(I’ve Had) The Time of my Life by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes - Benjamin

Newsroom Noise...
Opinion

By Caleb Jagoda
STAFF WRITER

Charles Bukowski is a polarizing figure, and there’s no denying that. The late Los Angeles native is one of the most imitated and controversial writers in American history. Much of his writing is grimy, raunchy and iron-laden; it isn’t uncommon for his main characters to be drinking their life away at a little hole-in-the-wall, pondering life’s existential questions.

That being said, his inimitable style tackles the human condition with a rare softhearted grace, offering insightful and frank looks at human existence. That’s why it should come as no surprise that Bukowski was going to have a resounding impact on rap music, directly influencing its writing style and themes.

Rap music, while seemingly very different from Bukowski, shares many qualities with the writer’s work. On the surface level, rap can be interpreted as a vulgar, hateful form of self-expression. Many of those who don’t like rap often dismiss it before giving it a chance, citing their reasons for repudiation as distaste for obscene, volatile things.

Dig a little deeper, and you’ll find beautiful street poetry detailing the hardships of life in an utterly original manner. Sure, it may be caked with dirt, have crumpled corners and be a little rough around the edges, but rap is a culmination of its junkyard environment. The topics it covers can be tough to swallow, but the messages and ponderings are more-often-than-not gorgeous soliloquys etched into the dirt it was born into. This style is a direct result of Bukowski, and while his influence may not show in mainstream rap, it again and again reveals itself in the underground, lyrically dexterous forms.

You don’t have to search hard to find Bukowski references in underground rap. Look no further than MF DOOM, hip-hop’s most reclusive and eclectic genius. Aside from the obvious influence Bukowski has on DOOM’s complex and occasionally mordid writing style, DOOM also named one of his albums “Born Like This” after a Bukowski documentary (Born into This).

Along with the name similarity, DOOM also included a reading of Bukowski’s poem “Dinosauria, We” in the song “Cell.” The post-apocalyptic poem reads grimly over the exploding-drum and climactic-synth DOOM layers the instrumental with, adding just the right feel to the downtrodden themes displayed.

In an interview DOOM did with The Rolling Stone shortly after “Born Like This” was released in 2009, the rapper said “Don’t freak with old Buke. Buke is nice. He’s as good as the rest of the rappers on there. He kind of sets the tone for the record, being that we’re living in what he was kind of describing.” He later stated that Bukowski “really inspired me, just from how he just did his craft without worrying about standards.” Bukowski’s influence on DOOM is entirely unexpected, but nonetheless amazing to see.

MF DOOM is far from the only rapper to interpolate Bukowski excerpts into his music. Take Jonwayne or Mac Miller, for example. Both included a Bukowski quote to kick off their songs (“Ode to Mortality” by Jonwayne and “Wedding” by Mac Miller), and Jonwayne even titled a song after the poet on his “Cassette on Vinyl” album. The themes in Bukowski’s works are riddled throughout the two rappers’ music, although this is far clearer in Jonwayne’s case than Mac Miller’s, and this is no anomaly in underground hip-hop. More and more underground rap seems to include somber subject matters, philosophical observations on life and a twist of ironic humor thrown into the fire. While this can’t be completely attributed to Charles Bukowski, there’s no doubt his influence is a big reason why rap, specifically underground rap, is the way it is today.
**Thumbs up**

- Brian: going to Clearwater Beach, Florida.
- Alycia: working in Hampton, NH...nothing fun.
- Dillon: off to Portugal.

**Thumbs down**

- Brian: not going anywhere warm.
- Alycia: returning to jobs at home.
- Dillon: time going by too fast.

## TNHstaff spring break plans

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WHERE DO YOU WISH YOU WERE GOING FOR SPRING BREAK?

PASSPORT
Ice Skating with Brad Marchand in Canada.
- Anita

PASSPORT
On a chairlift at Sugarloaf with my sunglasses and soaking up the sun.
- Andrew

PASSPORT
Going somewhere warm.
- Jake

PASSPORT
Visiting Mars.
- Dillon

PASSPORT
Compton.
- Bret

PASSPORT
A canoe trip.
- Alycia

PASSPORT
Playing with kangaroos in Australia.
- Brendon

PASSPORT
Somewhere with a tropical beach.
- Zack

PASSPORT
Going to Atlantis.
- Brian

PASSPORT
Visiting a friend who's living far away.
- Katie
Last December, I had the extreme privilege of participating in a group discussion with world-renowned journalist Bob Woodward when he visited the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Woodward gave the room of young journalists and journalism faculty some advice that I’ve been using as a mantra ever since. When going about the discipline of reporting, he said that a journalist must go directly to the scene of news.

In conversations I have shared with journalism faculty, there has been a consensus that journalists are constantly being bombarded with what everyone is talking about in a social media world and there’s an automatic reaction as journalists to follow what is trending. I believe the quality journalist must ask why something is trending, and seek innovative ways to keep the public informed.

Things are much different today in the world of journalism than they were when Mr. Woodward was a young reporter; yet I believe standards must remain the same. While the inevitable presence of social media and the digital world have changed the way the news is delivered and consumed, it should not change the journalistic integrity and discipline of reporting that Mr. Woodward speaks of. In conversations I have shared with journalism faculty, there has been a consensus that journalists are constantly being bombarded with what everyone is talking about in a social media world and there’s an automatic reaction as journalists to follow what is trending. I believe the quality journalist must ask why something is trending, and seek innovative ways to keep the public informed.

Take, for example, the coverage of the school shooting that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14. The tragedy garnered international attention and was reported on by a variety of media outlets. In recognition that an underlying story of the tragedy could be awareness of a school’s training on how to handle an ‘active shooter’ incident, a quality journalist must go a step further in being inquisitive as to how and if their own school conducts training on such an incident.

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This discipline of journalism could not possibly be achieved without the responsibility of pursuing the truth through getting up, going directly to the setting of investigation, and conducting transparent and credible reporting. I have come to the belief that this quality of journalism lies in the ambition and focus of the individual to not only report on what has happened, but to provide the consumer with as much transparent and credible information as possible.

It is only in this way that my audience can have an informed view on how and why things happen.

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UNH’s frustrating season ends in quarterfinals

By Zack Holler
SPORTS EDITOR

A frustrating season came to an equally frustrating end on Saturday as the Wildcats fell to the Hartford University Hawks, 71-60, in the quarterfinals of the America East Tournament.

Senior forward Tanner Leissner led the way for UNH with 21 points, but it wasn’t enough as yet another opponent pulled away in the final 10 minutes of the game.

The Hawks were led by the junior trio of John Carroll, J.R. Lynch and Jason Dunne. Carroll scored a team-high 21, while Lynch and Dunne added 19 and 15, respectively. The Hawks had better looks at the basket all game, shooting 46.8 percent from the field compared to UNH’s 34.4 percent shooting.

The Wildcats finish the season 10-21 overall, 6-11 in conference play and losers of their final six games.

After winning at least 19 games each of the last three years, UNH struggled from the start and went an abysmal 2-12 in road games.

This one wasn’t much different as the Wildcats hung around for about 30 minutes until Hartford buckled down defensively and pulled away for the double-digit victory.

The Hawks lost their semifinal matchup at UMBC Tuesday night, 75-60, matching up UMBC and University of Vermont in the America East title game, with the winner going to the NCAA Tournament.

The Wildcats had a tough non-conference schedule early on, but never fully recovered to become a conference contender. At 6-5 in conference play there was a sliver of hope of a home playoff game, but the ‘Cats lost their final five regular season games to put them in West Hartford, Connecticut.

As the season wore on, head coach Bill Herrion was running out of possibilities to turn the year around.

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Was the J.D. Martinez signing a good move for the Red Sox?

By Bret Belden

I have a lot to say about this, starting with the constant use of the rounding J.D. Martinez’s agreed-upon contract with the Boston Red Sox and their team-oriented nature. He’s locked in for five years but has opt-out options after the second, third and fourth seasons, so he’ll spend at least the next two years in a Boston uniform.

I know what people are saying, how afraid they are of entering another hellish contract situation like the ones of which the Sox handed out to Pablo Sandoval and Carl Crawford five years ago. I know what they’re going to say when Martinez falls into his first slump of the season – here the Boston sports “analysts” enter to tell us how smart this was. That we asked for a slugger and instead landed an overpaid fluke.

I’ll entertain pessimists and explore the possibility that Martinez doesn’t mash 45 bombs like he did last season. He’s slugging percentage across all of baseball again. And hey, I get it. Where’s the consistency? Maybe he won’t hit above .300 like he has across three of the last four seasons. Maybe he won’t finish top-five in on-base plus slugging percentage like he has in each of the last four seasons. Who knows?

If Martinez has back-to-back career-low years and decides to stick it out in Boston for at least another, then, well, we owe him just over $20 million for the third year. And if he continues to slump, if his career nosedives and he decides to cash in with the Sox, then John Henry’s $110 million in the hole. But does any of that seem likely? Regardless of how much you know about the guy, does it seem likely a perennial masher who put up 17 more extra-base hits than singles in 2017 will re- gress with the Green Monster in his back pocket?

I’d say no.

The argument against Mar- tinez can’t exist with the contrac- tual provisions that protect Bos- ton against pre-paid mediocrity. Martinez’s history with injuries – almost nonexistent, by the way – made it possible for some interesting addi- tions in his contract: if he suffers a Lisfranc injury (somewhere in the foot) during his second, third or fourth seasons in Boston and consequently spends more than 60 days on the disabled list (or 120 between seasons two and three, or seasons three and four), the Sox possess the right to terminate the contract.

Complicated. Basically, the Red Sox should’ve played staples of guy ends up sidelined due to pre- existing injury, which seems like the only case in which he falls short of expectations. Nothing wrong with the Red Sox caused me to think twice about becoming the Yankees.

The Red Sox needed to make this move. Dave Dombrowski was being married to the idea of Martinez. It was the best power bat in baseball again. And hey, I get it. It’s tough to envision him being worth nearly $50 million a year but don’t buy it. The primary reason this was a bad signing is because he’s just not good enough to win the AL East.

Don’t let the pretty face fool you, Bret’s dead wrong. This contract has eventual disappoint- ment written all over it. Boston won him five years and $109.95 million. That’s absurd for a 30-year-old with only two standout seasons.

J.D. Martinez is a good player but there’s no way he can live up to this deal. He’ll be 35 by the end of it. It’s tough to en- vision him being worth nearly $20 million in 2022.

The Red Sox love to shell out huge contracts to big free agents, but realistically how of- ten have they hit in recent years? David Price was handed a fat contract when he was 30 and his best moment in Boston has been some bullpen work. Carl Crawford was a dumpster fire and Pablo Sandoval’s Red Sox career shouldn’t be talked about ever again.

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The Yankees reloaded with the best power bat in baseball but didn’t get the guy they should’ve ac- quired, the Indians still have a lethal roster and the Houston Astros could potentially be at the beginning of a dynasty.

All of those teams have elite power hitting and Martinez just doesn’t put Boston on that same level.

Yeah, he hit 45 home runs in 119 games last season. He also hit only 22 the year before in De- troit. His power boom last sea- son came in the National League when he hit 29 home runs in 62 games for the Arizona Diamond- backs.

Would people still be happy about the trade if the Red Sox get 2016 J.D. Martinez? I doubt it.

He batted .307 to go along with 68 runs batted in and 22 home runs. Solid numbers for sure, but not worth the contract that he was given and certainly not enough to win the AL East again.

The Yankees made the move of the offseason and now may have the most dangerous lineup in baseball.

They can strike out 400 times if they want to; Stanton and Aaron Judge are going to be a deadly duo. At least 40 homers each should be expected.

With that trade, New York leapfrogged Boston as the fa- vorite for the AL East crown and with the other three teams not looking promising it appears to be a two-team race in 2018.

The Red Sox have a young, promising core of their own; Mookie Betts and Andrew Be- nintendi shouldn’t be staples of the organization for years. Ra- fael Devers showed promise and Xander Bogaerts’ loves hitting singles.

But what this team needed was a legit power bat. Hanley Ramirez doesn’t cut it. Even 2016 Mookie Betts wouldn’t be enough. It was evident every day how much the team missed Big Papi in 2017, they need the guy in the heart of the order that’s a home run threat every at bat.

J.D. Martinez was that in the second half of 2017 in Arizona but I tend to rely on more statistical data than that. Only three teams hit fewer home runs than the Red Sox last season. I expect they’ll be near the bottom of that list again this season.

In defense of Boston, this free agency class didn’t present a clear cut power threat but there was another option to counter the Yankees’ move.

I’d rather see the Sox spend that money on Yu Darvish and attempt to combat the Yankees with elite pitching. A playoff trios of Chris Sale, Rick Porcello and Darvish, with maybe the best closer in the league in Craig Kimbrel, could carve a path to the pennant for Boston.

But with David Price as the third starter and Martinez the supposed anchor of the lineup, I don’t see the Red Sox could win a playoff series or the AL East.

At least the 2018-19 free agent class is loaded and the Red Sox can hopefully right this wrong, but it’ll be harder to do that with outlays of dollars poured into Price and Martinez, the latter of which will be just the latest in big-time free agent disappointments for the Red Sox.

J.D. Martinez’s last three seasons

2015: 158 games played, .282 batting average, 38 home runs, 102 runs batted in and 178 strikeouts

2016: 120 games played, .307 batting average, 22 home runs, 68 runs batted in and 128 strikeouts

2017: 119 games played, .303 batting average, 45 home runs, 104 runs batted in and 128 strikeouts

Which side do you land on?

Answer our poll and tell us on Twitter @TNHSports
Senior Danielle Gajewski placed second in her heat and sixth overall in the 1,000m, setting a personal best time of 2:48.04.

Fellow seniors Shelby Strickland and Rachel Morrison both scored in the high jump, with Strickland finishing in sixth with a jump of 5-feet, six inches and Morrison taking the eighth spot with a 5-foot, 4-inch jump.

“We’re certainly happy with the people who did score,” Hoppler said. “The two high jumpers, [Shanahan] the last couple years, have been consistently excellent and certainly being named regional track. She was able to score in the New England meet, the America East meet and the ECAC meet. She’s just gotten continually faster over the season.”

UNH’s senior Kari Murmane set a new personal best in the pole vault, finishing ninth with a 12-foot, 1.5-inch vault.

Senior sprinter Riley Gilmore also set a personal best in the 5,000m with her time of 17:06.94. Despite the personal best, Gilmore finished 13th in the event.

Going forward, the Women’s Track Athlete of the Year, Michael Shanahan, will be traveling to College Station, Texas, to represent UNH in the NCAA Indoor Championship.

“Something we’re really excited and proud about is [Purrier] and the Men’s Field Athlete of the Year for the Northeast Region, Elinor Purrier, and the Men’s Field Athlete of the Year for the Northeast Region, Michael Shanahan, will be traveling to College Station, Texas to represent UNH in the NCAA Indoor Championship.”

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Senior Kate Clancy started the game and made one save while letting up seven goals in the first half. Sophomore Aman- da Gottlieb entered the game in relief and didn’t do much better making five saves, but also letting up an- other seven goals.

Fairfield had great offen- sive contributions from three of their top-four point scorers. Kathleen Castracane, who is leading four goals and Brenna Connolly and Olivia Russell had three goals.

Fairfield goalie pep- Paulina DiFatta made eight saves on the day.

For our program, that is an amazing achievement to have multiple wins with that away he added. “They’re both fifth- year seniors, they’ve paid their dues and worked extremely hard to get there at UNH. It’s a re- markable accomplishment and a remarkable season for the program.”

Shanahan will compete in the weight throw and Purrier will compete in the 3,000m and the mile. It’s the first time a UNH athlete has qualified for two NCAA Championship events. Additionally, Purrier’s qualifica- tion in the mile is also the first time a UNH athlete has qualified for the same event four years in a row.

“[Purrier] finished 14th her freshman year, third her sopho- more year and second her junior year,” Hoppler said. “She’s been very competitive at this meet and we feel she is in the best shape of her life, so let’s go out and race and see how it goes. We feel she definitely belongs in the front of the pack.”

Next Tuesday, at 7 p.m., the Wildcats play their fourth home game in a row against Monmouth University, who has struggled this season going 1-5 through its first six games.

This will be a great oppor- tunity for the ‘Cats to take the season around and work to get back to a .500 record.
End of an era
Umile’s coaching career ends with weekend sweep in Orono

Head coach Dick Umile was emotional as he was honored alongside his friends and family during ‘Umile Weekend’ on Feb. 10. Umile coached his final game on Saturday, March 3, as the Wildcats lost to the Maine Black Bears, 3-2, in Orono.

By Sam Rogers
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats concluded their season on a six-game losing streak, with their most recent losses coming in the first round of the Hockey East playoffs against the University of Maine. Maine took the first two games in a best-of-three series, winning 4-1 and 3-2, in Orono, Maine.

The Wildcat’s and Black Bears met five times this season and all three meetings in the regular season went to overtime. The first two meetings up in Maine resulted in a tie, but the overtime contest in Durham resulted in a 4-3 win for Maine.

The first game in the playoff matchup didn’t need to go to extra time as the Black Bears controlled the final two periods to take the game, 4-1. Sophomore Liam Blackburn opened up the scoring as he tallied a power play goal with four minutes left in the first period.

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Senior Joel Nkounkou set a new school record in the heptathlon with 5,146 points at the ECAC/IC4A indoors.