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Unions and administration at odds

UNHLU declares impasse, police called on union supporters

By Jordyn Haime
STAFF WRITER

A crowd of around 30 tenure faculty, union members and some students gathered at the Dimond Library last Wednesday, March 14 to support the University of New Hampshire Lecturer's United (UNHLU-AAUP) labor union in its negotiations with

university representatives for a new contract. After waiting for 40 minutes for the university's representatives to arrive, according to member of the UNH negotiating team Brett Gibson, the UNHLU decided to leave and declare impasse, according to a March 14 press release.

John Wallin, assistant provost for contract administration

and a member of UNH's negotiating team, said in an email correspondence that both parties had agreed to declare impasse in December 2017 and have been working to seek out mediators and set dates for the mediation process since then.

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Executive Order 2017-09 uses UNH for first listening session

By Tyler Anderson
CONTRIBUTING
WRITER

Last night in the Granite State Room, the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion held its first listening session. Developed following the passage of Governor's Sununu's Executive Order 2017-09 on December 14, 2017 the council is tasked "to further combat discrimination and advance the ends of diversity and inclusion," through various means, according to the executive order which can be found on website of the Governor's Office.

Last night's attempt to meet those ends involved listening to the experiences of the public. These spoken experiences all revolved around New Hampshire's alleged successes and failures of supporting its members who come from diverse backgrounds. In attendance included Student Senate Speaker Doug Marino, Dean of Students Ted Kirkpatrick, UNH Chief of Police Paul Dean, the Associate Vice President for Community, Equity and Diversity Jamie Nolan; students and many other community members.

The meeting started at 6:41 p.m. when Chairperson of the Council Rogers Johnson called the listening session to order. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to collect information to later advise the governor on the

issues of diversity and inclusion in New Hampshire. He also said that many such events would occur around the state before presenting a final report to Governor Sununu.

The meeting broke into small groups where people gave their personal experiences. Prior to this, Chairperson Johnson asked the press to respect the individual experiences of those in attendance and to not include identifying information for stories shared in the group discussions. Stories in the smaller groups included the difficulty of integrating into New Hampshire culture as a person of color.

Of other interests were the strides that could occur if the New Hampshire Senate passes House Bill 1319. The bill has already passed in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and would add language to the current anti-discrimination statute to include protections regarding gender identity. Otherwise, the small-group discussion mainly centered around ensuring that measures are put in place to hold the council accountable to the people of New Hampshire regarding their findings on diversity and inclusion.

Later, in the broader discussion that included the entire room, the primary theme revolved around how "inaction" toward

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Thompson School set to cut programs come 2019

By Ian Lenahan
STAFF WRITER

In a recent email sent out by UNH Provost Nancy Targett, it was announced that the Thompson School of Applied Science would be cutting programs and collaborating with the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA) by May 2019. In the email, Targett wrote, "We will refocus the Thompson School on the university's core agricultural mission and work with UNH Professional Development and Training to incorporate a state-of-the-art, job ready, professional development and training academy." However, the decision has not come without backlash, especially after the recent cuts to lecturers in the university's College of Liberal Arts.

"The programs that are being phased out are excellent programs, so I'm really disappointed with the overall decision," Thompson School interim director John Halstead said. "We fully anticipate a lot of dis-

appointment from students and faculty as we have hearings in the next few days."

Halstead, interim director since August 2017, stated that he played no role in this "strategic repositioning," and that, while he expected some sort of change, not even he was ready for the announcement. The email said that the decision has come as a result of four years of planning and review of the school. Halstead went on to say that, even though the changes won't be immediate, program cuts will lead to obvious replacement of faculty and staff within the school. According to the email, those changes will come in May 2019, when the current impacted programs will be completely phased out.

There will be no changes to the two-year structure of the Thompson School, which has been a staple of the school for 125 years. However, out of the seven current programs, four are getting cut as a result of the decision. The four programs getting cut-Civil Technology,

Culinary Arts and Nutrition, Horticultural Technology, and Integrated Agriculture Management.

Halstead is excited that, with the integration into COLSA and collaboration with the departments within it, the three remaining programs (Forest Technology, Veterinary Technology and Applied Animal Science) will be strengthened and students will gain an enriching experience with their education. Yet, the loss of so much within the school will impact future enrollment, according to Halstead.

"It will be good for the remaining programs to have direct involvement with a four-year faculty," Halstead said, adding, "but we know that having less programs to offer will mean less enrollment so we are at a crossroads."

In addition to Halstead's remarks, Thompson School administrative manager Lisa Buchalski confirmed that there has been lots of disappointment and anger with the univer-

sity's decision. She listed several Thompson School faculty members who have been with the school for many years who are now worrying for their job security in the coming year.

"As well as the disappointed students who want this story to be blown up, we have many disgruntled staff members who feel the same," Buchalski said.

Halstead said that he would be attending hearings in the coming days with Provost Targett to listen to the students and answer questions. Even though he only spoke with a few students before the announcement was made before the university's spring break, he fully expects the reaction to become even more so full of discontent with the hearings.

"We're unique within the university because of how close our students are with our faculty, and it's been that way for so long. This smaller community really is one big family," Halstead remarked. "It's a tough time for a lot of people."

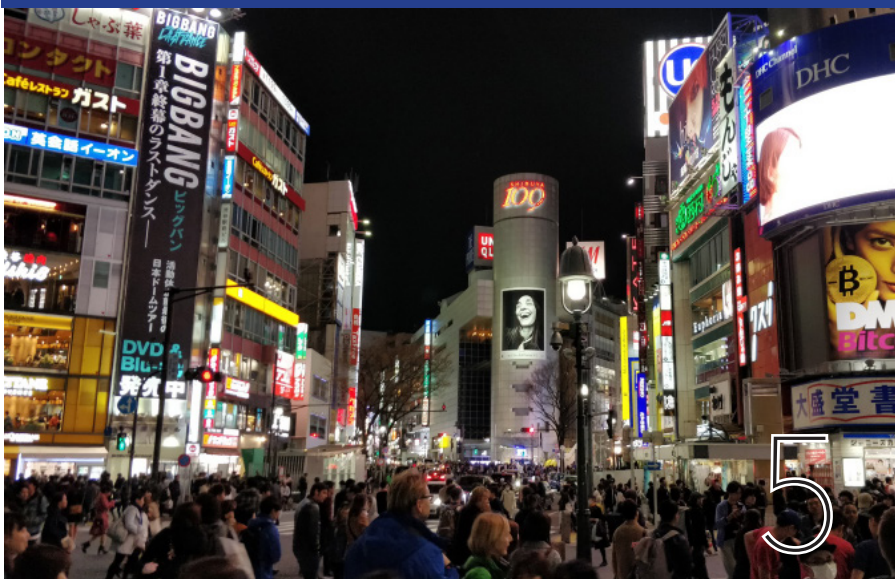


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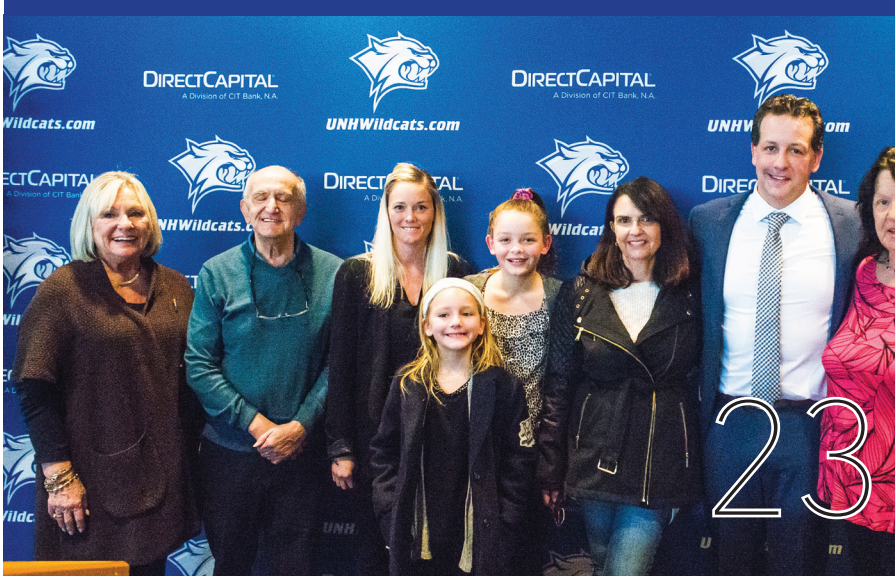
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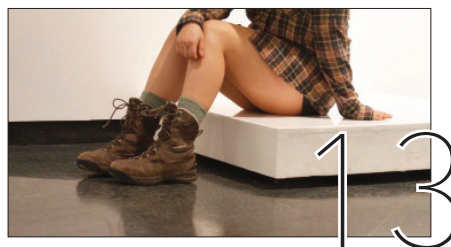
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Mike Souza was joined by his family as he was announced as the 13th head coach in UNH men's hockey history.

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An exhibiting artist in UNH's Museum of Art teamed up with professors to present a panel discussing the importance of sounds for not only communication, but also art.



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In response to the gathering of supporters outside the library, library administrators called campus police. An email sent to library faculty stated that the UNHPD was called because the group was blocking the entrance and exit to the library.

“Entrance and exit to the library is a very basic safety matter, and whenever we have safety concerns, it is standard procedure to call Public Safety to handle it,” Tara Lynn Fulton said, dean of the University Library.

According to UNH Police Chief Paul Dean, the supporters had moved inside by Room 345, the meeting room where negotiations would be held, when the UNHPD arrived.

“The officers spoke with the library staff and determined there was no issue and left,” Dean said.

The next day, library faculty released a letter of support

to the UNHLU that expressed disagreement with the library administration’s actions, which “contradicts two tenets of the Library Bill of Rights, which underscore the need to protect and advocate for freedom of expression and access to library spaces despite individual backgrounds or views,” the letter said.

According to Wallin, Brett Gibson, another member of UNH’s negotiating team, “arrived at the meeting early and learned at the scheduled start of the bargaining session that legal representation for the UNHLU was unexpectedly in attendance.” UNH’s bargaining team then communicated to the UNHLU that they were waiting for their legal counsel to arrive.

“To my knowledge, counsel for the parties had never before been invited to attend,” Wallin added.

“Our lawyer was in every negotiation session with us, for the first contract that we negotiated, and that was never a problem,” Catherine Moran said,

president and lead negotiator of the UNHLU.

Wallin said that both parties met face to face after waiting about a half hour for the University’s special counsel to arrive, but “the UNHLU advised the UNH bargaining team that they no longer wanted to meet.” waiting for special counsel

According to Erika Mantz and Catherine Moran, the UNHLU has been in negotiations with the university since last January, a total of 14 months. Lecturers have been operating off their old contract, which started shortly after the union’s formation in 2014 and expired in June of 2017, and will continue to do so until an agreement is reached. The process is now moving to mediation, in which, according to state labor law, “a neutral party chosen by the parties, or failing agreement, appointed by the board, shall undertake to mediate the issues remaining in dispute.”

The history with unions at UNH has proven tumultuous ac-

ording to part articles in *The New Hampshire’s* archives. During the 1990s, the tenure-track faculty chapter of the AAUP was in contract negotiations with the university for nearly two years, from July 1995 to April 1997. According to an article titled “Leitzel: Summer school is still on,” the administration stated that the AAUP was being misleading in regards to the information contained in at least one full-page ad in *The New Hampshire*, which claimed they would boycott the summer session in response to lack of an agreement. This would have been a violation of the state’s labor law against striking, and other forms of job action, according to the New Hampshire Revised Statute 273-A:13.

The article also quotes former Student Body President Joe Pace as saying that students are “dangerously close” to becoming pawns in the contract dispute.

Despite usual proceedings, the UNHLU and the univer-

sity have begun the process of choosing a mediator and have scheduled two dates for mediation in May, according to UNH spokesperson Erika Mantz.

The parties “both want different things,” Moran said, and disagree on issues like workload, salary and job security.

“The climate seems different now. It has not been the case historically that we’ve been at odds with the administration. It seems like that now. ...Why was it that we were in negotiations with them and they didn’t tell us that they were making these cuts to the lecturers? Why didn’t they tell us that they were changing the requirements for people to keep their jobs?” Moran said, referring to the 16 College of Liberal Arts lecturers whose contracts were not renewed for the next academic year.

“It is not uncommon for good faith negotiations to result in impasse and we are hopeful that mediation will provide a successful avenue to a new contract,” Wallin said.



Photos Courtesy of Eden Suoth

In light of a planned negotiation set to occur between administration and UNH Labor Unions, individuals came to show support.

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racist and other hateful behaviors can lead to the public believing that such ideas are thus acceptable and permissible to act upon. On that issue, undergraduate student, Nooran Al-Abdallah said, “Inaction is itself an action, it has enabled people to feel that they can violate the rights of others,” and that “if the state govern-

ment is not speaking out when [such] an event happens, that silence is enabling other events to take place.”

Many of the examples provided revolved around how others feel that UNH’s “inaction” toward the Cinco de Mayo events of last year allows for racist behaviors to continue at the university.

Others noted their dissatisfaction at the lack of attendance. This small showing, however, was

likely associated with the weather reports which called for snow, which was noted by some faculty in attendance. Not long before the end of the meeting, requests were again made to ensure that the council remained transparent in their proceedings. Before ending for the night, Chairperson Johnson stated that the next listening session would occur at Great Bay Community College on April 9 and will begin around 6:30 p.m.

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Job “hoppportunities:” new brewing minor teaches beer making

By **Grace Hanley**
STAFF WRITER

The microbrewery is tucked away in the back of Barton Hall, part of UNH's College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA). Gleaming silver beer barrels and two walk-in fridges take up most of the single large room that houses the brewery. Cheryl Parker, UNH brewery manager and brewing minor instructor, is busy tinkering with the equipment, getting the tanks and tubing set up just so. Buckets stand at attention by the stainless-steel sink, waiting for the today's hands-on lesson to begin.

“Classes started this [past] fall with the introduction to brewing, and those same students now are in this class, which is technical brewing, where we're actually making beer in class,” Parker said.

Students get to taste beer in class, but it's not always fun. Today's lesson involves “spiking products with off

flavors,” Parker said. “So, it's not so much learning what good beer tastes like, it's learning what all the bad flavors are that could possibly happen and then tying those back to last semester, where you learned all the biological processes that could have caused that bad flavor.”

COLSA's website says that the brewing minor, introduced in 2017 as part of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Studies program, will give students “a well-rounded knowledge of the brewing industry to complement their major field of study. This series of courses will encompass all aspects of beer brewing from agricultural production of raw ingredients to quality control and distribution of the final product.”

According to the COLSA website, the five-course minor is composed of three required brewing science classes, plus one business/finance and one food/culture elective. For the coming fall

semester, the UNH course catalog listed two 35-seat sections of Introduction to Brewing Art and Science at time of press. Because of legal restrictions, Parker said, “once you add yeast, you have to be 21.” Underage students may take the introductory course and electives, but not the technical courses.

The brewing minor is open to students from any major. “Non-science majors to have to do a little bit more background reading before they start,” Parker said regarding the skills students need to bring to the minor. “I would recommend that freshmen not take it, that they wait until their sophomore year to take the intro course, if possible.”

Parker said that how the brewing minor pairs with a student's major “totally depends on what you want to take from the class and apply later.” A business major who wants to own a brewery, for ex ample, would benefit

from background knowledge about the equipment and staff needed to get the business going, Parker said.

A student who wants to work in a lab at a major beer company would have a competitive advantage in job interviews after graduation, she said, because “they can say, ‘I'm a chemist, my major is in chemistry or biology, but I also have this background in brewing, so I know how to specifically apply my chemistry knowledge to your business.’”

Parker's career highlights the hyperlocal career opportunities for brewers in New Hampshire's booming craft beer industry. She earned a degree in biology from UNH, went on to work in the field and discovered her passion for homebrewing years after graduation, she told UNH Today in 2017. She went professional as an intern at the Hampton-based Smuttynose Brewing Company, and became the first lead brewer

at Throwback Brewery in North Hampton. Throwback sold some of its old equipment to UNH for the brewing program, so Parker is now teaching with some of the same barrels she learned to brew with, she said.

Nicole Carrier, a co-founder of Throwback, said the brewing minor provides the comprehensive practical training microbreweries like Throwback are looking for in employees. “There's a whole set of skills that the kids [at UNH] are being taught that would be really valuable,” she said, citing knowledge of safety procedures, beer chemistry, and packaging. “They'd come in with a huge head start over just a homebrewer.”

Carrier, who has an M.B.A and handles marketing for Throwback, said the craft beer industry offers job opportunities for people trained in marketing, business, accounting and hospitality, or “really any aspect of running a small business.”

UNHAccess4All aims to address accessibility issues around campus

By **Gates MacPherson**
STAFF WRITER

Icy sidewalks, bus stops blocked by mountains of snow, doors that are too heavy to push open and faulty automatic door openers students inadvertently turn off when hitting the top of doors are examples of challenges students with disabilities face on the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) campus.

Caitlyn Fulton decided that the first step in solving those problems she and other students experience was to start an organization that looks at bringing allies and people with disabilities together to discuss ways to make UNH and surrounding communities more

inclusive.

Fulton came back to UNH after graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics in 2014 to pursue a second bachelor's degree in mathematics. When she started classes in Jan. 2018, she noticed that the university had made positive changes to the campus, but she felt there were still more that the university could do to improve accessibility and awareness for students.

“[UNHAccess4All] provides a forum to identify needs, concerns, provide a voice, and address the campus culture. Ideally, it is broad-based enough to include a holistic approach so no one need or group [such as] wheelchair access is the focus,” Mike Shuttic, the direc-

tor of Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and advisor to the group said. “That approach allows investment from across the campus, and helps focus on common areas of need [or] interest which serves everyone,” he said.

Shuttic said that the university has addressed accessibility by renovating areas in dining, housing and parking. There has also been a push to work on outreach with faculty focused on classroom accommodations and how professors can make instructional materials more accessible to students.

Fulton explained that while there are infrastructural problems that the university can continue to work on, she wants to change the attitudes

people have about disabilities and raise awareness about the broadness of disabilities and disability rights.

UNHAccess4All will be a way to create a safe community for students, while helping them raise their voice to educate others at UNH, Fulton explained.

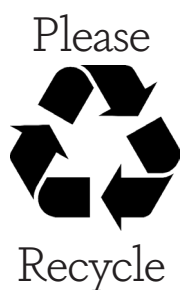
“Nearly one in five people have a disability in the U.S.,” Fulton said, adding that the likeliness someone without a disability knows someone who has one is why having organizations like UNHAccess4All are so important.

“The organization as a whole would be a good resource for panels, presentations, soliciting input on issues,” Shuttic said, noting that

he believes the group could take on an advocacy or advisory role for SAS and UNH as a whole.

Fulton hopes to reach out to other student groups on campus that focus on social justice, like the Diversity Support Coalition (DSC) and Shuttic says plans are already in place for offices like SAS and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance work with UNHAccess4All.

Tentatively, Fulton says meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. while she consults with other members of her team on a better time and place for meetings to be held.



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Wildcats in the wild – beyond campus on Spring Break

By Benjamin Strawbridge
STAFF WRITER

After a week of well-deserved recovery from the grueling grind of mid-terms and lack of a social life, students and organizations alike return to the halls of UNH to share their experiences of the 2018 spring break. Activities ranged from close-to-home all the way to multi-country expeditions and everything in between.

One of the more prominent outings came from the UNH Alternative Break Challenge (ABC) program. According to the program's WildcatLink page, the initiative seeks to provide students with alternatives to the usual spring break fare with opportunities to "travel to various locations throughout the country to work on community service projects," with emphasis on "group community, interaction, and reflection," all while providing participants with chances to improve their "citizenship, responsibility, leadership skills and connection to other communities."

This year, the program took students on a cross-country journey with the goal of community service work, according to ABC president Diana Janus in a March 21st email. Specifically, ABC traveled to Athens, OH; Fairfield, AL; Pittsboro, NC and Goose Creek, SC in support of Habitat for Humanity. They also traveled to "four trail maintenance trips

with locations in Dahlonga, GA; Cumberland Island, GA; Gold Head Branch State Park in FL and York River State Park in VA." To top it off, ABC additionally embarked on "two group trips that go to East St. Louis to work with inner-city youth at the Christian Activity Center," per Janus.

"The goal of these trips is for UNH students to come together, provide community service by volunteering in communities outside of our own," Janus said. "We work to bring a strong sense of volunteering to our student body."

Janus also explained that the program was called the Alternative Break Challenge to "provide service to a community in-need of it," in place of the typical vacation excursion, highlighting experiences such as "restoring and building homes on the actual work site with the support of construction crews," and collaborating with the Habitat ReStore Center.

In speaking of her personal experiences with ABC, Janus said that she has been on three Habitat for Humanity trips thus far, on top of journeys to "Hattiesburg, MS; Battle Creek, MI; and this past week I was in Birmingham, AL."

"...I have been a part of the organization for three years and this year I was a president," Janus said. "...you get to do some amazing traveling to different cities, and you get to leave your mark and your service on a community who appreciates it more than we can ever truly under-

stand," adding that the experiences are "worth every penny."

Individual students went on trips as well. Junior mechanical engineering major Kevin Cole went on an international expedition to Japan, according to Cole in an email correspondence. Cole travelled to the city of Fukushima, home of the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster in which plutonium-rich radioactive water leaked from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and a subsequent tsunami hit the area, according to a 2011 article from ABC News.

"The goal of the trip was to learn more about the 2011 Fukushima accident (how it happened, how it affected Japan, and what is being done to recover)," Cole said.

As part of that research, Cole attended a number of lectures focused on the incident and related topics, including nuclear energy, disaster mitigation and renewable energy at the National Institute of Technology, Fukushima College, on top of tours of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, the Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute and the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant itself. Cole's research concluded with a presentation of a capstone project concerning Fukushima's efforts to achieve "sustainable revitalization."

Cole also took part, along with 15 other peers, in the GREEN Program, which provides students with "the chance to learn

more about sustainability in the countries that are at its forefront while experiencing their cultures," according to the email from Cole.

When not following research on Fukushima and related topics, Cole took in Japanese culture in the form of a plum festival, snowshoeing on Mount Bandai with views of the Goshiki-numa, or colored volcanic lakes sourced from mineral deposits, and an exploration of the Aquamarine at Fukushima, "all while enjoying delicious food and traveling with amazing people," Cole said.

"I've always wanted to go to Japan since I have always enjoyed watching anime, reading manga, and playing video games from Japan," Cole added. "Popular Japanese media has been the gateway to my interest in Japan and what more there is to it."

Cole stressed that in his desire to "experience new things and grow from them," Japan is "only the start...I learned so much from my classes, the activities I've done, and the wonderful, beautiful people I've had the privilege of meeting and forming meaningful connections with."

Other students took part in similar adventures around the globe, such as senior dual biology and women studies major Chelsea Evankow, who embarked on journeys to London, England; Barcelona, Spain; and Krakow, Poland, with the goal of "visiting friends," in London and Barcelona. Evankow traveled with a friend to Poland in order to "expand the

horizon," due to the cheap cost of travel within the European continent.

"We were back and forth between a few different areas and decided to pick Poland because there's so much historical context in Krakow as well as outside with the concentration camps," once controlled by Nazi Germany in World War II, Evankow said.

Meanwhile, sophomore English/Journalism major Sophia Kurzius stayed state-side as she travelled to Washington, D.C., to visit two of her sisters and their families, as well as explore the city itself. Her explorations included the city's monuments and museums such as the Smithsonian, with the latter appealing to her because of their free admission.

Not everyone traveled beyond the borders of the United States for their spring break. Sophomore sociology and justice studies major Angela Hurley met with her friends in Boston and worked at a Friendly's restaurant in Norwood, Massachusetts with the hopes of earning money instead of "spending a lot of money on a vacation."

Meanwhile, junior political science major Christian Merheb used his spring break to help out at an imported foods market in Methuen, Massachusetts and spent his free time at an American Antiques auction near Boston, sprouting from his hobby of collecting and trading various historical antiques.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Cole

Junior mechanical engineering major Kevin Cole went on an international expedition to Japan.

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APO and PMD host clothing drive for UNH community

By **Adrienne Perron**
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Members of the UNH community are welcome to drop off unwanted clothes for a clothing swap hosted by Alpha Phi Omega (APO) and Phi Mu Delta (PMD). On Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 from 5-7 p.m. in MUB room G12, students can drop off unwanted clothing, and they are then invited to participate in the swap, which will occur on Friday, March 23 from 2-6 p.m. in MUB room 330. Many of the clothes donated by community members will later be donated to Echo Thrift store and to the Salvation Army.

Elliott Greene, a senior political science major from Eliot, Maine is the service co-chair of APO. According to Greene, the

drop off process should not take more than just a few minutes for those donating. Representatives will be collecting the clothing and distributing tickets for the swap on Friday in MUB G12 on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

"If you bring, say, four clothing donations, you get two tickets back, so you can then go to the swap on Friday and you can pick two pieces of clothing," Greene said. "You get half of what you gave, so that's a little incentive."

Greene said with this system, it will ensure that there are still items of clothing left to be donated to Echo Thrift Store and the Salvation Army.

According to Greene, APO has put on clothing drives in the past, but this "swap" event adds

a new "twist," and is the first of its kind. If it is successful, the event may continue in the future, Greene said.

The clothing drive aligns well with APO's pillar of service, according to Greene. Members of APO need 20 hours of community service each semester. APO currently has around 300 members. According to Greene, this means they need a lot of different service projects to accommodate their members. The service co-chairs, Greene and Kathryn (Katie) Baker are in charge of managing all of APO's service projects, Greene said.

"[The event] ... is [put on] to serve the community and those in need of more affordable clothing options... in that way, we think it helps a lot of people," Greene said.

According to Greene, APO puts on other community service events like 5k fun runs, and many members volunteer with organizations such as the Waysmeet Center in Durham.

"Any projects that can benefit the community and get members out in the community working," Greene said. "That's what [members of APO] love to do, they love to serve people and the community."

According to P.J. Butler, a junior acting and history dual major and a member of Phi Mu Delta, a pillar of PMD is also service.

"As an organization who loves to serve the community, we feel this event does that for the UNH community," Butler said. "We have collaborated with APO for this event in the past

and, assuming everything runs as smoothly as it has in the past, we would love to continue this collaboration for years to come."

Greene reiterated that the event will be one that is beneficial to many, including the students donating.

"I hope students come and know that their donations are going to a good cause [while] also having the benefit of cleaning out their closets," Greene said. "It is a clothing drive, it is labeled a clothing swap to make it a little more fun, but it is a drive, we are giving back to the community, I think people can feel happy and proud that their clothing isn't going to waste, it's not going to get thrown out... it's going to be returned to the community where it can have a positive impact on people."

Jeff Sterns visits UNH, talks benefits of going on a "digital fast"

By **Emily Masse**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You know that subtle panic all digital-natives feel when we're away from our devices for a class period? Now imagine that feeling for a whole weekend.

Bentley University professor, filmmaker and co-creator of the annual Seacoast Digital Fast, Jeff Stern, came to the MUB theatre this past Wednesday to ask UNH students and members of the community if they're up for the challenge of a 48-hour "Digital Fast."

It all started in 2014 when Stern required his students at Bentley to go on a "digital fast," shutting down all devices for a full weekend and journaling their experience as a basis for their final projects. Stern

warned his students of the project on the first day of class.

"There was a palpable panic in the room," Stern said. "And being a professor for a long time, I had a feeling that only three people would show up to the next class."

In November, 18 somewhat skeptical students stuck around for the fast. Stern reported about two-thirds of the class successfully did the fast, one-third failing and several failing within the first few hours. Their experiences received press coverage from WMUR to The Boston Globe.

"The point of the fast isn't to get rid of technology," Stern said. "It's not an anti-technology thing, it's about being conscious of and taking control of your relationship with it."

Students in Stern's class

reported difficulties from lack of contact with family to struggles making plans and even issues telling time. However, many saw the benefits with increased relaxation, self-awareness, free time, creativity and better sleep.

Stern's got his inspiration for the experiment while he was at the playground with his toddler. While his son played in the sand, Stern was immersed in his smart phone, a habit almost all of people have. Losing track of time, his son had disappeared.

"Luckily only to the other side of the sandbox, but it was a real wakeup moment," Stern said. "I didn't like the kind of person I had become glued to my phone."

The concept of a "digital fast" is not new, but Stern was

fascinated with the concept, and believed it offered him the control he desired to regain. That's when he got the idea to experiment with students at Bentley.

"The technology we have are miraculous tools," Stern said. "But I want to be in control of my devices, and not have my devices control me."

A native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Stern spoke at the town's "CreativeMornings" series on the widespread attention his experiment gained. Reviews from attendees were positive, leading to the first annual Seacoast Digital Fast, which Stern organized August fifth to seventh of 2016.

The event included a kickoff party and screen-free happy hours downtown. Stern

organized other device-free gatherings, including a record party.

"Even if you don't do a "digital fast," I highly recommend doing a social event without a digital device," Stern said. "It's a much better experience when you're there in the moment without interruptions."

The benefits of taking a digital break are different with each individual's experience, however, many reported feeling at ease and more connected with their environment and the tasks they are performing.

"I'm not preaching to you guys," Stern said. "This is a daily struggle for me I use my phone all the time, but the 'digital fast' has taught me moderation and the importance of taking a step back."

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On The Spot with NH Fisher Cat “voice” Tyler Murray

By **Michael Mawson**
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During the day he is researching the best places to eat on the next road trip for the players and tweeting out memes about the team, by night he is the official radio voice of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the AA affiliate of the Major League Baseball Toronto Blue Jays.

This is all in a day’s work for Tyler Murray who, according to Sportscasters Talent Agency of America, holds seven different job titles with the Fisher Cats.

Murray recently visited a journalism class at the University of New Hampshire and offered advice to students on how to break into the sports business.

Along with being the lead play-by-play announcer, Murray is also the team’s travel secretary, player relations coordinator, graphic designer, website manager and production supervisor.

Murray said he would estimate that each one of his job titles would be split between two different people at the major league level, meaning he currently does the work of 14 people in the MLB.

“It’s the minors for a rea-

son,” Murray said.

Murray is entering his third season as the announcer for the Fisher Cats. A graduate of Boston University in 2011, Murray broke into the world of sportscasting in January 2012 securing a job with the Daytona Cubs, the Single-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, at the MLB winter meetings in Florida.

Throughout the offseason, Murray continues to work for the Fisher Cats. His tasks change from game prep on players and game-calls to finding Fisher Cats players apartments to live in and redesigning the team’s website.

He is an announcer for other sports, too.

Murray broadcasts local college basketball, hockey, soccer, softball, field hockey, and football games during the Fisher Cats offseason, which typically runs from mid-September until the beginning of April.

He broadcasts for Harvard University, Boston University and occasionally he will be on the call for the University of New Hampshire’s Woman’s Hockey games.

Murray said one of his career highlights so far was calling a couple Spring Training games for the Toronto

Blue Jays.

Murray played sports as a kid, and once he realized he wasn’t good enough to make it to a professional level, he focused his attention to sports writing and sports radio. “Finding ways to still be around it,” he said about why he became a sports broadcaster.

“[Murray’s] a perfect example of a young broadcaster who’s learning the craft the right way,” Bob Lipman, a broadcasting partner to Murray, said. “Tyler is tremendous to work with, [and has a] great skill set, but he’s also a genuine person.”



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On The Spot with English and Humanities professor Michael Ferber

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Michael Ferber, English and Humanities professor at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) is retiring from the UNH community at the end of this year. He provided invaluable insights into U.S. history, especially the draft resistance movement of the Vietnam War.

According to his biography on the Department of English's website, "He has been teaching in both the English Department and Humanities program since he arrived; he was made professor in 1993. He also helped start the War and Peace Studies program. He earned his B.A. in Greek from Swarthmore College (1966) and his Ph.D. in English from Harvard (1975). He

was a draft-resister during the Vietnam War and co-authored a book about the anti-draft movement in 1971."

"My claim to fame before that was during the Vietnam War when I was a graduate student, I decided to join a group called the Resistance," Ferber said.

He explained that the Resistance's plans were to have their members turn in their draft cards. The U.S. government required draft cards for men of 18 years and older which mandated their eligibility to be drafted into the War.

Across the country, men believed the best way to end the war was to stop the draft, and in order to stop the draft, men must refuse anything that was associated with the draft. A group of men known as "The Resistance" intended to fill the federal prison systems

by submitting themselves to arrest and to stand trial to further combat the draft, according to Ferber.

In reference to The Resistance, "I think what we did was help tilt the scales," Ferber said. "Of course, there was the big anti-war movement... but we helped put a limit to what could be done and we also stiffened the anti-war movement here at home."

Ferber, as a result of his political radicalisms, was eventually indicted for conspiracy to violate the draft law, at the young age of 23. Throughout his book, "On Being Indicted," he interprets that a "conspiracy" was originally a "breathing together." For this reason, people who participated in certain ideologies were labelled as "conspirators."

The conspiracy law is

extremely complicated, Ferber explains.

"It didn't seem fair to indict us for conspiracy, which sounds like something secret and sneaky. Instead, everything was open and public. A lot of the evidence used against us was our own press releases and video tapes from reporters...we had nothing to hide," Ferber said.

Respecting his indictment, Ferber and his lawyers were prepared to argue that the Vietnam War itself violated the law, and that the draft, or its operations, violated the law.

Ferber continued to disclose his mixed feelings about the draft; he believes no person shall be forced into an army whose sole purpose is to kill others who are religiously or morally opposed to war.

"Without a draft, you can't

have draft resistance," Ferber said. "Without draft resistance, you lose an important tool for stopping wars or for getting citizen input into whether we're going to have a war."

Also, many women were actively engaged in the anti-war movement. According to Ferber, if both 18-year-old men and women were drafted, the draft resistance movement could have doubled in size.

Ferber reiterates the importance of consistency and development throughout radical and political movements.

"What I liked about draft resistance, even though only guys could do it, is that it meant you were actually causing a lot of trouble individually – getting into the papers, getting into the courts, and perhaps going to prison...we were never relaxing the pressure," Ferber said.

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On the Spot

with Communication Professor Lawrence Prelli

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Anyone who has made their way through the communication department at the University of New Hampshire likely knows of Lawrence Prelli. A renowned professor for 39 years, avid scholar for over 45 years and highly-acclaimed author, Prelli has touched thousands of minds with his philosophical approach to rhetoric.

"I can say without reservation that Professor Prelli is the person who has most significantly influenced my intellectual and professional development over the last 12 years," said one of Prelli's former students, a doctoral candidate of UNH's English department commenting on Prelli's faculty excellence award won in 2010.

Prelli offers experience and insight into multiple fields, including technical science, communicative rhetoric, history, political science and philosophy. His main studies include the melding of rhetoric and science, highlighted in his 1989 book *A Rhetoric of Science: Inventing Scientific Discourse*. He had written the text fresh out of graduate school, on a topic that virtually did not exist at the time.

"It was a battle, 'cause a lot of people really didn't want to hear about it. I had more critics than supporters. But now it is an area, it's a part of the communication field," Prelli said.

Prelli published another text in 2006, *Rhetorics of Display*, which he edited.

The preface describes the book as, "a pathbreaking volume that brings together a distinguished group of scholars to assess an increasingly pervasive form of rhetorical activity."

The book garnered universal acclaim and glowing reviews in its discussion of the history of thought in rhetoric and framing the subject in new and distinct ways.

Humble in discussing his long career, Prelli said, "I've gotten some kudos along the way, some teaching awards."

Those awards he's referring to include the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award from the National Communication Association in 2007 for his work in *Rhetorics of Display*, and UNH's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2010.

Prelli began teaching in 1979 while he was in graduate school. He spent a year teaching at UNH in 1984, then moved on to teach at Texas A&M for a year. Then a new job opened at UNH where the English department was be-

ginning to develop the communication program. Prelli found the opportunity irresistible.

He holds a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York College at Brockport, a Master of Arts from State University of New York at Albany, a Master of Science from UNH, as well as a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Prelli's academic experiences range from a double major in political science and speech communication, to double minoring in philosophy and history. His M.S. at UNH was in natural resources.

"Environmental rhetoric seems so urgent now," Prelli said. "When you study rhetoric, you're studying politics, you're studying power."

When asked the most pressing environmental issue of the day, Prelli did not hesitate to name global warming and express his disappointment with the current administration's actions.

"I'd want for [the EPA] to hire more people to investigate pollution problems," Prelli said. "And it's not that the public wouldn't support these kinds of changes; in fact there is public support for it, but the decision makers don't listen to the public."

Prelli believes that one of the most important values of

studying communication generally and rhetoric in particular is in perspectives. With perspectives, you can enter other people's points of view, an ability he believes few people have these days.

"Right now in our political society it's about as nasty as I've ever seen it, and I've lived through some nasty times," Prelli said. "People don't want to just disagree with you, they express violent intent toward people. I mean even these kids at the Parkland school, they're getting death threats, and this kind of thing is striking to me."

Prelli firmly believes empathy, understanding and perception are the bottom line in the improvement of society, all of which he has studied in rhetoric.

"The idea of perspective – it sounds real basic, but that's something I do in all of [my] classes, to recognize that when the student says something or thinks something that's a point of view," said Prelli, "We need to see the world as it's mediated from a perspective, a perspective that's generated by language."

In his current environmental communication class, Prelli encourages his students to think critically about how the public discusses the environment and why we are so drawn to nature.

This tendency for humans to participate in "nature tourism" can be seen right here in New Hampshire.

Prelli, a native of the New York City borough of Brooklyn, recalled the awe he felt when first visiting New Hampshire. "I just remember these huge pine trees, trees everywhere," Prelli said, "Now I'm living in a log cabin on a pond, I'm living the dream when it comes to that, the idyllic view of New Hampshire is where I live."

While describing his relationship with the university as one of ups and downs, it's here where Prelli met his wife, Terry Winners, who directs academic computing at UNH.

"The very opposite of me," Prelli said of his wife. "She has these computing skills and I definitely don't. But yeah, I think I've made a pretty good life here, and I've been able to do a lot of the things I want to do."

Over 45 years of study, but he's not done yet. Prelli's latest work includes writing a book focused on Kenneth Burke, an American literary theorist. His collaborator on the project is a former teacher of Prelli's when he was 18 years-old. The two seasoned rhetoricians have been busy formulating a series of papers for the text, and plan to begin putting it together soon.

On the Spot with English Professor Samantha Seal

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Ever since reading "Lives of the Kings and Queens of England," by Antonia Fraser, when she was seven years old, Samantha Katz Seal knew she wanted to be a medievalist.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a medievalist is "a specialist in medieval history and culture," which is between the fifth and 15th century. Anyone can tell Seal is passionate about medieval literature when watching her teach or lecture. Even though this period was centuries ago, students say that she always finds a fresh and modern take on the works Seal teaches in the class. In her medieval studies, Seal focuses on Chaucer. Her first book, "Father Chaucer: Generating Authority in *The Canterbury Tales*," will be coming out in 2019.

Seal came to UNH after three

years as an assistant professor of medieval and renaissance literature at Weber State University in Utah.

"At Weber, I also was the only one responsible for medieval and early modern literature, and it's wonderful now to be somewhere that has other faculty members who also work in pre-modern literature," Seal said.

"I didn't have interest in Medieval literature, and as a whole, did not enjoy the works in previous courses in high school and college," Senior Alicia Ouellette said, who took Seal's survey of British literature class. "I don't know how she did it, but I even enjoyed ones I had already not enjoyed. I think it is because of the way she framed the works, and how much enthusiasm and humor she put into the works and discussions."

Students feel comfortable approaching Seal, many saying they asked her to write a letter of recommendation to grad schools or study abroad programs.

"She helped me throughout my process of getting into grad school, and despite her busy schedule she was always very on top of it," Erika Landers said, a senior who has taken two of Seal's classes. "She really made me feel like she had recognized my abilities as a student and was very supportive."

Seal manages to make potentially dry readings relevant by making connections between literature from earlier eras. She compares the "Lais of Marie de France" with "Gossip Girl," "Kathrine," by Anya Seton, with the Twilight series, and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" with the Disney's "Pocahontas." She finds ways to keep the class relevant to her students and is constantly encouraging discussions.

"One of my favorite things in class was the drama draft we did," Senior Madi Marshall said, who took Seal's survey of British literature class. "We got points every time our character

did something dramatic. It made people actually want to read because we all wanted to win." Seal was born and raised in East Longmeadow, a suburb of Springfield, Massachusetts and was the first person on both sides of her family to be born outside of New York. Seal's parents moved when they were hired by Massachusetts Mutual, an insurance company based in Springfield.

Seal is the oldest of four children. All three of her younger siblings are boys; Nick, Ted and Andy. On both sides of her family, she was the first one to be born in a state other than New York. Her great-grandparents all came to New York City as immigrants from the Jewish Pale of Settlement; specifically, from Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine. Seal's parents also raised her Jewish, and she still considers herself relatively religious, keeping a moderate level of "kosher" and Sabbath observance. This can sometimes cause complica-

tions with her work. Her religious beliefs prohibit her from using a computer on Saturdays, and she studies literature from a period marked by anti-Semitism. Seal received her undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis and went on to get her Ph.D. at Yale, where she met her husband in February 2008. She said that they were set up by mutual friends at Yale.

"It was love at first sight," Seal said. "On the way home from our first date, he walked me home, he recited John Donne poetry, and John Donne is my favorite poet." She considers her husband to be her biggest influence.

"We talk about each other's books all the time, and articles. We read each other's work, edit each other's work," Seal said while she looked at her desk and smiled as if she were talking about a schoolyard crush. The two were married in 2012 and later had their son, Fredrick, whom they call Freddie.

AP FACT CHECK: TRUMP EXAGGERATES PROS OF ANTI-OPIOID IDEAS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has laid out a new plan for tackling the deadly opioid epidemic that has ravaged communities across the nation. But some of the president's proposals have proven ineffective in the past.

From renewing his call for "spending a lot of money" on commercials to scare young people from experimenting with drugs, to pushing for the death penalty for certain drug dealers, Trump's ideas are sometimes driven more by his gut instincts than past success.

A look at some of his claims:

TRUMP: "That's the least expensive thing we can do, where you scare them from ending up like the people in the commercials. And we'll make them very, very bad commercials. We'll make them pretty unsavory situations." — Speech in New Hampshire on Monday.

THE FACTS: There is some evidence that anti-drug messages focused on teenagers' need for independence can be effective. But the older "scared straight" approach described by Trump has shown few positive results.

Between 1998 and 2004, the U.S. government spent nearly \$1 billion on a national campaign designed to discourage young people from using illegal drugs, particularly marijuana.

A 2008 follow-up study funded by the National Institutes of Health found the campaign "had no favorable effects on youths' behavior" and may

actually have prompted some to experiment with drugs — an unintended "boomerang" effect.

TRUMP: "Take a look at some of these countries where they don't play games. They don't have a drug problem." — Speech in New Hampshire on Monday.

THE FACTS: Trump's suggestion that nations that execute drug dealers don't have problems with drugs is not backed up by data.

Trump didn't name countries in his speech Monday. But he's previously pointed to Singapore as a model for enforcement. The group Harm Reduction International says Singapore executed eight people for drug trafficking from 2015 to 2017.

Singapore doesn't publish reliable data on drug use, according to Rick Lines, executive director of the group. But he said attempting to use Singapore as a model of effectiveness for the death penalty is "ludicrous" in an essay published Monday by the news website The Conversation.

An annual report from Singapore's narcotics bureau shows seizures of methamphetamine and cannabis increased in 2016 over the previous year, with heroin seizures remaining stable, Lines wrote.

TRUMP: "Some of these drug dealers will kill thousands of people during their lifetime — thousands of people — and destroy many more lives than

that. But they will kill thousands of people during their lifetime, and they'll get caught and they'll get 30 days in jail. Or they'll go away for a year, or they'll be fined." — Speech in New Hampshire on Monday.

THE FACTS: Under federal law, individuals can be sentenced to death for intentionally killing someone during a drug crime or as part of a drug enterprise. But that doesn't mean they will be. The Death Penalty Information Project cites just 14 death row inmates whose crimes were drug-related.

And when Trump referred to dealers killing thousands of people, he was likely referring to accidental overdose deaths caused by their products. Those aren't under that so-called kingpin statute.

There are other federal laws that could be construed to allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty against traffickers when a certain amount of drugs or money is involved and there has been no killing, but no administration has ever successfully pursued a death sentence under them.

Also, some federal mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug crimes carry sentences of 10 to 20 years, or even life in prison, not just fines or 30-day jail stints.

Johnson reported from Seattle. Associated Press writers Sadie Gurman and Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

House kills 1 abortion bill, delays action on 2

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Lawmakers barely debated three attempts to further restrict abortion in New Hampshire on Wednesday, quickly killing one bill and delaying final action on two others.

The House voted 237-100 to kill a measure that would have required screening of women for evidence of coercion before abortions are performed. Supporters have said it would protect vulnerable women, particularly those exploited in the sex trafficking trade.

"The choice to have an abortion should be a free and informed choice and should not be coerced," said Rep. Kurt Wuelper, R-Stratford.

Opponents said it would target medical providers rather than those doing the coercing.

"I also know this bill would add undue burden to women seeking a presently legal medical procedure," said Rep. Joseph Hagen, R-Chester.

The House also voted to table a bill that would ban abortion after viability of the fetus, except in cases that pose significant risk to the life or health

of the mother. Rep. Dan Eaton, D-Stoddard, said the bill posed many constitutional issues that would not be resolved by any of several amendments others planned to propose.

"Women are brilliant, deductive, compassionate human beings, not mere chattel requiring regulation like some pet terrier," he said.

House Majority Leader Richard Hinch, R-Merrimack, argued unsuccessfully to go ahead with the vote.

"A number of representatives had come here today prepared to speak on both sides of this measure, and I for one would like to show them due respect and listen to that debate before drawing a conclusion," he said. "This is a very important bill, and it should get a fair and complete hearing and debate before this House."

House lawmakers also voted to further study a bill that would require women to be provided with information about prenatal care, childbirth and other topics 24 hours before getting an abortion.

NH BRIEFS

MORE SNOW ON THE WAY FOR NH

The fourth nor'easter in three weeks is going to skirt Maine and New Hampshire and leave behind up to 6 inches of snow — or maybe more — in some places.

The National Weather Service said snow will fall throughout the night, creating slippery conditions for commuters Thursday morning.

The forecast called for up to 5 inches of snow along the coast in southern New Hampshire and southern-

most Maine, while the heaviest snowfall was expected in eastern Maine. The forecast there calls for 6 inches, but it could double heavy snow bands develop.

Heavier snow accumulations are expected to the south, in the Middle Atlantic.

In Maine, it's been a snowy season with 128 inches in Caribou and 89 inches of snow in Portland. Both are far above average.

New Hampshire Senate rejects letting school boards ban guns

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire Senate on Wednesday rejected an attempt to allow local communities to ban guns in schools, with one Republican telling students looking on from the gallery that they were afraid of death, not guns.

While the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act bans weapons within 1,000 feet of a school, New Hampshire law gives the state Legislature the sole authority to regulate guns. That has caused confusion, as some communities have created gun-free zones on town- or school-owned property, and lawmakers are considering several bills aimed at clarifying the situation. The House voted last month to further study a bill that would punish such communities with \$500 fines, while the Republican-led Senate voted 14-9 against Democratic Sen. Kathleen Hennessey's bill that would have given local school boards the explicit power to prohibit guns in designated safe school zones.

Sen. Bob Giuda, R-Warren, told students watching the debate that school boards are not competent to defend and protect them, and that's why Republican Gov. Chris Sununu recently appointed a task force to study the

issue. He argued that gun-free zones are ineffective deterrents and said the focus should be on combining the "tactical realities" of defending schools with mental health components.

"It's not just a problem of guns, it's a problem of your safety, and your fear — while you may think of it as a fear of guns, I would submit to you, is a fear of dying. And while the instrument you perceive as the very weapon that could cause that, it's also an instrument that can prevent it."

Sen. Bill Gannon, R-Sandown, said he asked his two teenage daughters if they would feel safer if the amendment passed, and one of them said she would feel safer if trained school employees were carrying guns.

"If you have no guns in that school, they're not going to be able to defend themselves," he said.

Democrats emphasized New Hampshire's long tradition of local control.

"This is not about gun control, it's about local control. Local school boards can decide today what the soda policy is or what the cellphone policy is, but they cannot decide the gun policy within the doors of their building," said Senate Minority

Leader Jeff Woodburn, of Whitefield. "That makes no sense, and that's because we're focused on ideology not practicality. Some of our friends have been pistol-whipped by the NRA, and they're afraid to stand up for common sense."

The debate came after tens of thousands of students walked out of their classrooms last week to demand action on gun violence and school safety. The demonstrations across the country were part of a youth-led surge of activism set off by the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead.

Rachel Ferrier, 17, a senior at Concord High School, stood outside the Senate chamber on Wednesday to send the message that she and other young people are not going away.

"After every school shooting, a lot of momentum builds up, and we see a lot of people starting to demand action, and then unfortunately it slowly goes away and then another school shooting happens," she said. "The most important thing about this is we're going to be here for a long time, we're not going to go away."

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Health & Wellness won't issue written excuses

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While UNH students with an illness such as the influenza virus have received treatment at Health & Wellness, there's one thing they won't come away with – a written excuse to hand to their professors.

According to Health & Wellness records, they have treated over 150 cases of influenza so far this year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that 3.3 percent of physician visits nationwide this year have been for the flu.

UNH Health & Wellness provides medical care and wellness education services for UNH students, faculty and staff. Their website states that they "are an integrated health and wellness service that operates from a holistic perspective in support of the University's academic mission."

Approximately 25 students gave their opinions and concerns regarding the health services provided on campus. The most often repeated concern expressed by students was the current policy of not providing excusal notes to students who are diagnosed with illnesses that prevent them from attending classes. Excusal notes are routinely

given at outside emergency care clinics.

A survey of the teaching staff in various disciplines, including the arts, sciences and business was done. Fifty emails were sent to department chairpersons, professors, assistant professors, lecturers and instructors, for which there was an 18 percent response rate. 100 percent of responses said that they would accept a doctor's note for an excused absence.

Included in the responses were Leslie Curren of the department of biological sciences, Monica Chiu of the English department and Eleanor Hight of the art and art history department.

About 65 percent would accept a student's word for an illness-related excusal. 100 percent of those that responded agreed that students with infectious illnesses should not be in class. According to the student handbook, attendance policies are left to the discretion of the instructor. A small number of the faculty indicated that they allow a limited number of absences for any reason, but there is no consistent policy concerning illnesses.

Assistant Vice-President for Student Life and Executive Director of Health & Wellness Dr. Kevin Charles said that there is "flawed thinking"

regarding professors requiring that students bring in notes. He went on to say "students are 18 years and older and we expect them to work and act like adults, then why not treat them as adults?"

He said that students and professors should have an adult relationship "so they should be able to believe you when you say you are sick and cannot make it to class." Charles also stated that he does not believe all teachers are aware of the policy of not providing notes.

There are confidentiality issues involved with giving excusal notes, according to Dr. Charles. He described a new system in place where the student can go to a dean of students when sick, who will then guide the student to Health & Wellness to see a doctor. The doctor then emails the dean of the legitimacy of the illness who will then contact the professor of these facts.

In the email survey, 85 percent of the faculty contacted said they were not aware of this new system and 100 percent would support a policy change permitting Health & Wellness to issue excusal notes directly to students.

Dr. Charles suggested that all students visit the Health & Wellness website to learn more.

NH BRIEFS

CHEMICAL COMPANY AGREES TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A plastics company believed to be the source of tainted groundwater in several New Hampshire communities has agreed to provide more than 300 homes with safe drinking water.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics reached an agreement Tuesday to permanently provide the drinking water to 302 homes in Bedford, Litch-

field, and Merrimack. That brings to 752 the number of properties getting help from Saint-Gobain. The state did not say how much the plan would cost.

Saint-Gobain used the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, at its Merrimack facility. The chemical, used in coatings such as Teflon, has been linked to certain kinds of cancer and thyroid disease.

The company has faced similar problems in New York and Vermont.

GOV'S COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — Republican Gov. Chris Sununu's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion is holding the first of several community forums in New Hampshire.

The first forum is scheduled for Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. The council is gathering public input and suggestions.

The council's role is

to work collaboratively with stakeholders including the public and make recommendations to combat discrimination and advance diversity and inclusion in the state.

The council plans to hold a community forum in Portsmouth the week of April 9. Additional sessions will be held in Nashua, Manchester, Concord, the Lakes Region, Upper Valley Region, Monadnock Region and the North Country.

MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 7 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Authorities say a man has been sentenced in New Hampshire to over seven years in prison for trafficking fentanyl and heroin.

The U.S. Attorney's office says 28-year-old Edward Garcia participated in a drug-trafficking group out of Lawrence, Massachusetts, that distributed heroin in 2013. Garcia also began selling fentanyl as part

of a separate drug distribution network.

Garcia is a citizen of the Dominican Republic. He previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute, and to possess with the intent to distribute, heroin and distribution of fentanyl. He faces likely deportation after he serves his sentence.

Others in the group have been sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

SUNUNU TO NOMINATE DONOVAN TO STATE SUPREME COURT

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A lawyer in private practice with previous experience as a state prosecutor is Republican Gov. Chris Sununu's pick to serve on the state Supreme Court.

Sununu says he will nominate Patrick Donovan, of Salem, at Wednesday's Executive Council meeting.

Donovan, whose legal career spans 28 years, current owns his own firm and focuses on civil

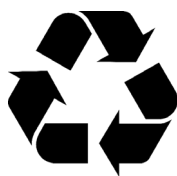
and criminal litigation. He previously served as legal counsel to the New Hampshire House of Representatives and as a senior assistant attorney general.

Donovan was selected from a list of candidates approved by a bipartisan judicial selection commission. Sununu says Donovan's diverse experience will provide a well-rounded perspective on the state's highest court.

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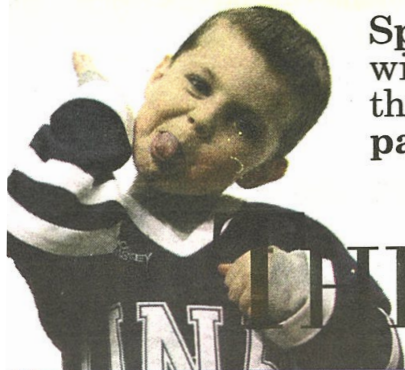
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Behind the call

Student EMT recognized for outstanding performance

By Peter Driscoll
TNH Reporter

A young child is having an allergic reaction during a heavy snowstorm and finding the house is extremely difficult. On the phone the parents tell Chris Lemelin that the breathing is getting worse. When Lemelin and his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) partner arrive the child is barely breathing, but within minutes they have her breathing fine.

It is for calls like this and countless others that Lemelin, a senior at UNH, was awarded Attendant of the Year by the Durham Ambulance Corps, where he works as both an emergency medical technician and also as the Durham Ambulance Corps (DAC) treasurer.

"It was a very big honor," Lemelin said. "Something I will never forget."

Lemelin was chosen based on a vote from the members of the DAC. The award required a majority percentage. He received the honor during the Ambulance Corps' annual award banquet on Feb. 19.

Lemelin began his career as an EMT through a five-credit Kinesiology class at UNH. After completing that he began volunteering at the DAC and just recently completed training

to move from the basic to intermediate level, something that required over 120 hours of classes, practicals, and written tests. All of that on top of school work and volunteering.

"Chris got the award because he was a member who went above and beyond what is expected," student and DAC member Travis Fleury said. "As treasurer he worked many ex-



tra hours and put in more than what was expected."

Karen Henny, a paramedic and UNH instructor in the Kinesiology department, describes how Lemelin did more than just what was required.

"Chris went way, way, way above the minimum," Henny said. "He did things like training members, public education, teaching CPR classes and helping at freshman orientation days. He gives a lot more than just care for patients."

But to Lemelin, the whole organization deserves credit, not just him. The 57 DAC members respond to emergencies in Durham, Madbury, Lee and UNH. In total, the Corps responds to about 1,200 calls a year.

"Our members are extremely dedicated," Lemelin said. "We have residents from surrounding towns, an EMT teacher, as well as current UNH students and alumni who all volunteer."

The work that the volunteers contribute can go overlooked or unrecognized, but it is still essential to the well being of the Durham community.

"UNH students, never mind faculty and staff, contribute an incredible amount," he said. "From structure fires, to serious car accidents, or even the supposed 'riots'. You can expect UNH students to be volunteering on the Durham ambulances, working alongside the fire and police departments."

Most of the volunteers work either 48 hours a month or go on four calls, but they are allowed to work as many shifts as they want. The DAC also equips each member with a pager so that they can be reached even at home.

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University officials ask lawmakers for funding

Associated Press

CONCORD - The University System of New Hampshire is asking lawmakers for \$100 million for construction and renovation at college buildings during the next six years.

In 2001, lawmakers funded \$100 million for the initiative, spread out over six years to renovate buildings across the system. Officials initially had asked for \$185 million and have been seeking the remainder of that request for the last two budget cycles.

USNH Chancellor Stephen Reno and other officials appeared before the House Public Works Committee on Wednesday.

In his budget proposal, Gov. John Lynch provided \$12 million for the university system, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, the College for Lifelong Learning and UNH-Manchester.

Reno and other university system officials are asking the committee for \$12 million in the next budget cycle to go along with the \$31 million lawmakers committed to in 2001, and \$44 million for fiscal years 2008-09, and another \$44 million in 2010-11.

"We would have preferred the governor included the entire \$100 million," Reno said. "But that \$12 million acts as kind of a bridge into the full request were presenting today."

USNH Treasurer Ed MacKay told the committee a \$100 million commitment will not hurt the state's bond rating, which determines how much money the state can borrow.

Most of the money, \$89 million of the total \$100 million, would go toward renovating and updating science and technology buildings at UNH.

With committee members leery of making such a large commitment, USNH officials pointed out it will save the state in the long run by committing the funds now. For instance, the \$85 million the Legislature chose not to fund in 2001 has turned into \$100 million due to inflation.

University of New Hampshire President Ann Weaver Hart told the committee that state money brings in more private funding.

"Without ongoing investment of the state in its own buildings, I will not be able to raise private and businesses supplemental funding from alumni and friends of the university," Hart said.

UNH students fill the Peace Corp ranks

By Cara Spilsbury
TNH Reporter

Many students feel that graduation usually signifies the end. Some believe it to be the initiation into a new world full of bills and paperwork, adulthood and responsibility. But some choose to delay that future and this option has been gaining popularity in the Granite State and at the University of New Hampshire. Last year, 25 UNH alumni joined the Peace Corps, donating 27 months of their lives to help people across the globe.

The organization, which since 1961 has sent 170,000 Americans to 137 countries, recently announced that the 25 alumni that volunteered in 2004 put UNH 22nd on the list of national medium-sized colleges providing volunteers, a jump of two spots from 2003. Since its inception, 576 UNH alumni have served selflessly around the world.

Last week marked the 44th anniversary of the Peace Corps, which was celebrated across the country in the form of Peace Corps Week. The annual event, which started as Peace Corps Day, seeks to recruit more volunteers and raise awareness about their worthwhile cause.

Since returning from her volunteer stint in 1996, Susanne Delaney has made it her mission to recruit others to take on the experience that enticed her a decade ago. Delaney graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1993 with a degree in Economics/International Affairs and Spanish. A year later, she was delivering a baby in a small rural health post without electricity and in extreme Paraguay heat and humidity.

"Would I ever have had this opportunity here in the United States? Probably not," Delaney reflected. "As a Peace Corps volunteer, I learned so much about myself and learned that I was stronger, more confident and creative than I had ever imagined."

Through the work of John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps took shape in order to key in on the socially conscious youth generation that was craving to make a difference in the world without joining the army. He uttered one of his most

famous speeches in 1960 to gain support for the program. "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Those words still echo as motivation for Peace Corps volunteers, nearly 45 years later.

The Peace Corps and college graduates often form a partnership because of the needs they meet for each other. The Peace Corps seeks motivated, willing volunteers who are able to pick up and leave the comforts of home for more than two years at a time. Many feel the experiences in the Peace Corps are unusual and trying, but most returned volunteers agree that they were rewarding.

"I felt I had led a very privileged life," Delaney said. "Having grown up in a nice neighborhood, in a nice home, being educated and never going without, I wanted the opportunity to give back."

For recent college graduates, according to Delaney, the Peace Corps provides an opportunity to experience an exotic corner of the earth while delaying the monotony and stress of average American adulthood, as well as technical, language and cultural training, living stipend, complete medical and dental health care coverage, housing arrangements, four weeks vacation and a \$6,075 readjustment allowance upon completion of service.

These benefits caught the eye of junior Dana Pristi. "I've heard it's a good way to build experience in an international setting and that it's a good cause in general," Pristi said.

Lindsey Bachler, a junior, has also been hearing the faint call of duty from the Peace Corps in recent months. "It's an option for after graduation because I don't really know what I want to do with my life," she explained. "If I ended up going into the Peace Corps, it would be a great opportunity that I probably won't be able to get again. Plus, I wouldn't just be sitting around thinking about what to do with my life. I would be serving a purpose."

Delaney felt the same way at the end of her college career in Durham. "My senior year at UNH, I remember

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Sounds

Exhibiting artists and professors conduct panel exploring sound and vibration.

Museum-goer sits on Wendy Jacobs' interactive installation titled "Ice Floe."

Andrew Simons/Staff

By Andrew Simons
ARTS EDITOR

Here's a fun little factoid: elephants can technically hear with their feet. The monstrous animals with big, flappy ears can apparently feel vibrations from sound waves through the fleshy pads on their feet. The students and faculty who attended the panel discussion titled "Sounds" Wednesday afternoon were treated with many other interesting facts from panelists Wendy Jacobs, Daniel Howard and Michael Palace.

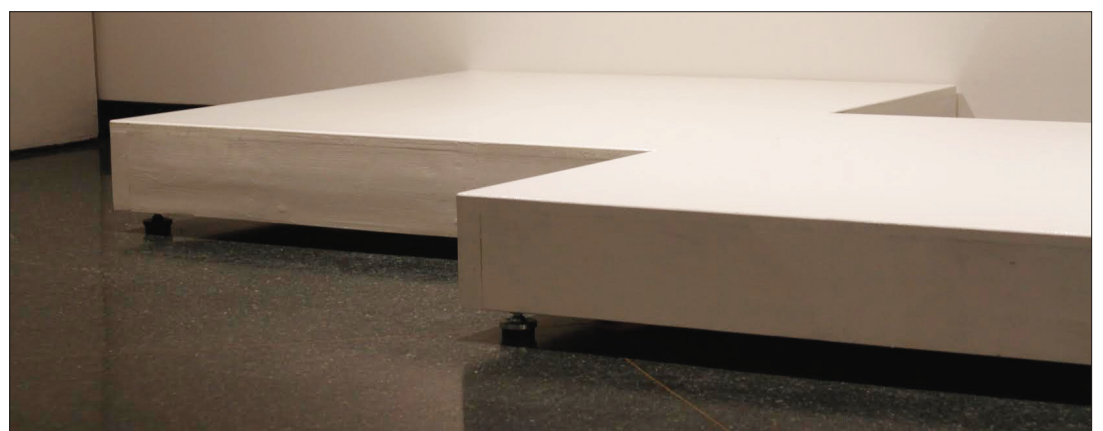
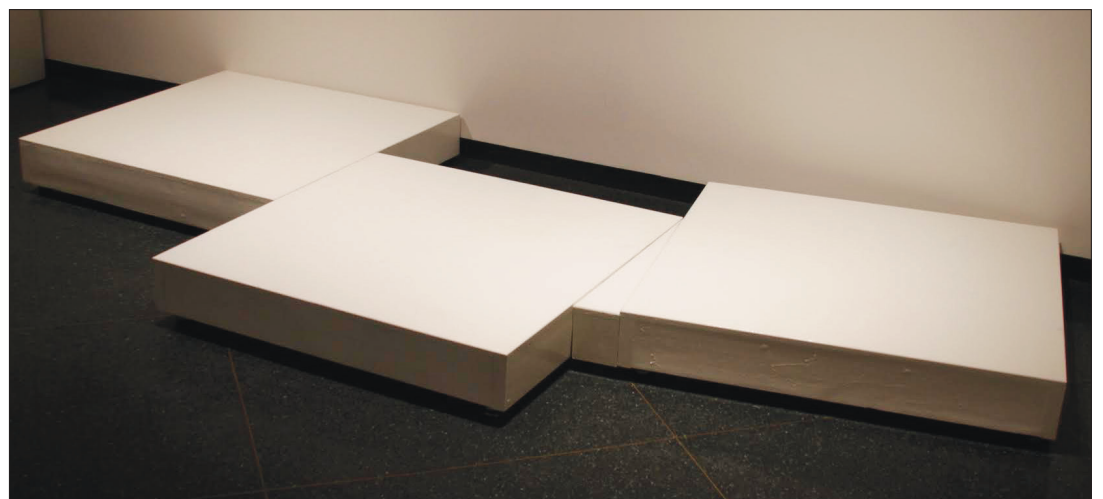
The talk started off with Wendy Jacobs, whose interactive display in the university's Museum of Art titled "Ice Floe," showcases sounds captured from the Arctic. These sounds, recorded by a device called a hydrophone, come from the bursting of bubbles that have been trapped in melted ice for around 4,000 years. These sounds are then converted into vibrations which are felt through the wooden platform by the museum-goers.

Jacobs' fascination with sound spans far from the Arctic. She detailed experiences she had using the same

type of apparatus with students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Gallaudet University, where deaf and hard-of-hearing students alike could experience the same sensation through their sense of touch.

Michael Palace, an Associate Professor in the Environmental Science Department at UNH, has also found his way to the Arctic; where he discovered the sound of methane bubbles bursting in the water. At a young age, he was introduced to the synthesizer; something his mother told him he could use only if he took piano lessons. A musician who records under the pseudonym Horchata, Palace described his fascination with sounds from around the world. From the lakes of Maine, to the Amazon, to Sweden, he's recorded natural sounds everywhere. His favorite, he says, is the howler monkey.

The panel finished up discussing more about animal sounds. Daniel R. Howard, Ph.D., UNH Assistant Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, focused his miniature lecture on the way animals generate sound as well as how



Andrew Simons/Staff

they use it to communicate. Howard, who grew up in the farmlands of California, was always intrigued by the sounds that he would hear come from the insects and animals that

inhabited the green, lush and undeveloped land. This drove Howard's interest in bioacoustics: the study of animal communication.

What became clear through-

out the course of the mini lectures is that sound is interpreted differently by everyone, but required by everyone, no matter if you're a deaf human, an elephant, a beetle, or a bat.

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Guest lecturer gives architectural tour of Holocaust

By **Zerina Bajramovic**
STAFF WRITER

Paul B. Jaskot is an expert in modern German architecture and art, Holocaust studies and historical and cultural visualization.

Currently a professor of art, art history and visual studies at the Duke Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, Jaskot gave a lecture at the University of New Hampshire on Monday, March 19.

“A Plan, a Testimony, and a Digital Map” was the title of Jaskot’s lecture and during the hour-long presentation, Jaskot presented just that: a plan, a testimony and a digital map to raise questions about what the architecture of the Holocaust represents historically.

Room A218 of the Paul Creative Arts Center filled up quickly minutes before the lecture. Professor Ivo van de Graaff introduced Jaskot. The two recently worked together on an archeological research project.

Graaf introduced Jaskot as a “great friend and mentor who revolutionized” his way of thinking about the field.

“Buildings are important evidence,” Jaskot explained at the beginning of his presentation. He then went on to explain the architecture during the Holocaust.

“There are a few buildings still in existence more associated with the Holocaust than the entrance guardhouse of

the gates of the concentration camp in Auschwitz,” Jaskot said, as a photo of the building projected on the screen behind him, dimly lighting the lecture hall.

“We are so familiar with this building that we don’t even really see it anymore. It appears on the cover of books, it appears in documentaries, it has shown up in Hollywood movies and of course it is referenced often in survivor testimonies,” Jaskot went on to state. “We see it, that is, as the stable massive and symbolic form it is. This building is about genocide, not about architecture.”

During the lecture, however, Jaskot invited audience members to not think about the building as a symbol, but rather as an architectural process. “We should move our attention from the overall symbolic significances of the building, but think about its individual forms as they exist overtime,” Jaskot said.

The lecture was split up into the three sections like the title of the lecture suggests. “None of these sources is a complete history,” Jaskot said. Together, however, these sources paint a picture of the connection between architecture and oppression, he argued.

During the first of the three sections, Jaskot explained to the audience his analysis of the “plan,” or map of Auschwitz I, the main concentration camp that opened in 1940. For exam-



Zerina Bajramovic/Staff

A lecture hall in Paul Creative Arts Center filled up with students curious to learn about the historical significance of the Holocaust’s architecture from Paul B. Jaskot, a professor of art, art history and visual studies at Duke Trinity College of Arts and Sciences.

ple, he noted how the curved roads on the plan represent an “institutional layout” and “rational planning.” Jaskot focuses on each and every detail of the plan, including an analysis of what the usage of color represents.

“To put it bluntly, the implementation of the plan required genocide,” Jaskot said.

Further in the lecture, Jaskot went on to discuss the relevance of testimonies in understanding the violent history. Specifically, he discussed the common elements found

in testimonies of survivors. Jaskot heavily focused on the difference between male and female testimonies and how women discussed their forced labor.

Jaskot went on to stress the importance of looking at architecture and construction and how that can be used as a “unique resource” in studying the past.

“The digital is not a replacement for an analysis of the document or the testimony, it merely gives form to their relationship and shows how

we can start to talk about both the systemic and individual questions in the Holocaust together,” Jaskot said in the conclusion of his lecture.

“As I hope I’ve shown visualizing the building process goes a long way towards an explanation,” he said.

Audience members seemed intrigued by Jaskot’s hour-long lecture and some even stuck around after the lecture for specific questions -- those questions centered mainly around the process of digital mapping.

Newsroom Noise

If you were trapped on a deserted island, what album would you choose to bring with you?

Lift Your Skinny Fists Like Antennas to Heaven by GY!BE - Andrew

Exile on Main Street by Rolling Stones - Jake

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Opinion

By Caleb Jagoda
STAFF WRITER

By all accounts, Kanye West has had an amazing music career. He has had what is debatably the best five-album run of any musician, he's changed the soundscape of rap music again and again, and he's one of the most influential, polarizing and outspoken celebrities America has ever seen. The man simply does not stop making amazing music.

Instead of shifting and abiding by whatever trend exists at a certain time, Kanye is the person who sets that trend, wherein others quickly and surely follow suit. He may be ridiculous, he may come across as obnoxious, and he may dominate media coverage (for better or for worse), yet despite all of this, he consistently puts out rap music that pretty much everybody can enjoy and relate to.

It doesn't matter who you're talking to when it comes to Kanye. It could be a teenager who listens to whatever is popular, an aged hip-hop head, or even a person who hardly gives rap any attention, they're all bound to have a Kanye track that they love.

With all that being said, I was more than delighted when, scrolling through my Twitter timeline last week, I saw that a Kanye West March Madness-style song bracket was making its rounds on the internet. Its origin comes from a Twitter user named Carrington Harrison, and in one long hyphenated phrase, it's all-I-could-ever-hope-for-the-internet-to-surmount-to-and-create-packaged-into-one-

amazing-tweet.

Not only did the people who made it take the time to pick, in their opinion, the 64 best Kanye West songs in existence (they inevitably left out a few great tracks), they also added fun colors, split it up into four regions consisting of the names of Kanye's children and mom (North West, Chicago, Saint, and Donda), and put the iconic picture of Kanye with his hands up holding the name of whatever song you deem the winner. It's an all-around amazing contrivance, and it takes some serious thinking to fill out.

Following this wonderful creation, other people soon used this idea and applied it to other artists. I saw a Kendrick Lamar bracket, a Brockhampton bracket, and even a Childish Gambino bracket. These were all in good fun, but they didn't work nearly as well as the original Kanye bracket did, and this is for a handful of reasons.

For one, Kanye has such a varied and diverse discography, it's a little bit mind-rattling. Every time a new Kanye project drops, Mr. West introduces us to an entirely different sound than we're used to hearing. He completely changes up his style, subject matter (to some degree) and sonic palette without lessening the quality of his art. As impressive as this is, it also lends itself extremely well to a bracket-style tournament between songs. This is because you can take a luxurious, horn-heavy boast-fest like "We Major" and have it matched up against a choppy, nostalgic, new-age track like "30 Hours," giving you two

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completely differently-styled songs up against each other. The variation Kanye offers amongst his albums works so well in a bracket-style tournament because you're not matching up all similar-sounding songs, but rather tracks that all sound completely different from one another.

Another very important reason a bracket works well with Kanye West songs is just how much great music the man has

given to the world. Since 2004, he's released eight albums, (almost) all of which are universally acclaimed and revered in both the rap community and the mainstream. Aside from "Yeezus" and "808's & Heartbreak," which people are pretty passionately torn on, everyone is pretty much in agreement at how phenomenal all of Kanye's music is. Eight great albums offer a lot of music to pick from for a pool of 64

songs, and other artists simply don't have this much notable music out.

We know Kanye loves Kanye, and this bracket is a celebration of and an ode to the man who has never doubted himself in the face of doubters and naysayers. It turns out, maybe we love Kanye just as much as Kanye loves Kanye.

Yet, I'm not sure that's possible.

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"On-campus calls are frequent," Fleury said. "DAC members who are students can help other students in dorms easier than other DAC members. Sometimes all we have to do is run across the street."

Fleury, who is a senior at UNH, remembers times when he has had to perform immediate resuscitation using a defibrillator, a device that shocks the heart into

beating again and is most commonly recognized from the show "ER."

"When you are put to the test you do what you have to," Fleury said. "You save a life during cardiac arrest and it is amazing. You know you are against the odds and it feels great when you beat them."

Students are a very important part of the DAC community. Since most people work during the week-day, sometimes students are the only ones who can be at the headquarters during the nine-to-five hours.

"It is easier without a family, when you don't have to find a babysitter," Lemelin said. "During the day students have more time. UNH is definitely a good thing for DAC. New EMTs have lots of enthusiasm and many new EMTs are students."

UNH students, both past and present, are a big part of the DAC. Alumni and current students make up a majority of the DAC volunteers.

"One of the things that lets us survive is students," Henny said. "I was a student and never left."

In fact, in Fleury and Lemelin's estimation, most UNH students are ranked higher than the other volunteers. In return though, UNH receives the second biggest call volume of the coverage area and it might even have the highest call volume if not for the attendance drop during the summer.

The DAC is also beneficial to its student volunteers, even if they don't go into the medical field. While an EMT background can lead to being a doctor, nurse, paramedic or many other positions, working for the DAC can also help someone with a concentration in business, like Fleury.

"The leadership role that comes with being an EMT is important because it offers experience," Fleury said. "Even if you're not going into a medical field, it gives an edge in other areas."

More important than their own benefit though, the volunteers like having a sense of pride and enjoyment in knowing that they are needed and that they are making a difference.

"Students sometimes get seen as being bad for the community," Lemelin said. "But I see that I can affect someone's life. They won't remember my name or my face, but they will remember I was there."

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trying to figure out what I wanted to do after graduation," she recalled. "Peace Corps just seemed so attractive! It provided me an opportunity to learn a new language, immerse myself in a completely new culture and do my part to improve the quality of life for a community thousands of miles away."

Some college students, however, don't see the appeal of such an adventure. Sean Bourbeau, a sophomore, said he couldn't see himself joining the Peace Corps.

"I do have sympathy for these people in need, but I realize that it is not sufficient in justifying the sacrifice of 27 months of my life for the benefit of others," Bourbeau explained. "I have trouble finding a true genuine beneficence to help these people apart from my sympathy towards them. So I guess I acknowledge my own selfishness and in that I would be doing the people that I would be helping out of sympathy, if I ever did join, a disservice on the moral level in that my motives for doing so are misdirected."

The Peace Corps will hold a general information meeting at the Memorial Union Building on March 23 with hopes of speaking to interested students and those seeking more answers. The representative will speak in room 321 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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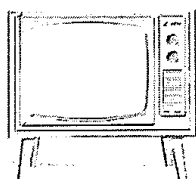
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Ben's Bench: be careful who you trust

I have recently become a major fan of the long-time NBC hit "Saturday Night Live" (SNL), an hour and a half-long comedy show that consists of a variety of hilarious skits that parody events or cultural norms in real life, ranging from shots at absurd commercials for ridiculous products to impressions of pop culture and historical icons, including an unavoidable Alec Baldwin impression of a certain American president.

But during one of my occasional mindless binges of SNL, however, I discovered a skit from 2010 that truly, while predictably hilarious, struck a chord deep within me as to why I, like so many Americans, find the modern news industry so hard to trust.

As she anchors the fictional WXPB Channel 9 News, Wanda Ramirez, portrayed by Nasim Pedrad, sets the record straight by stating from the get-go that the night's top story is "a story designed to frighten parents." Specifically, it's a story about "souping," an over-the-top teenage fad in which, according to reporter Peter DiSantos, portrayed by Bill Hader, teenagers are "drinking expired soup cans to get high."

As flimsy as it sounds from the start, it only gets worse from there: DiSantos goes on to explain that "parents are powerless," to stop the trend, and that one of the biggest hurdles to ending the fad is that soup "is legal." Despite the insistence of a student, played by actress Emma Stone, that the fad is complete nonsense and that "there's no way students are doing that," because "it wouldn't get you high," DiSantos refutes her – and ignores her for that matter

– immediately by interviewing a paranoid mother in the middle of the night and telling her about the fad, leading her to absurdly order her husband to "flush all the Progresso," to keep their kids safe, adding a false sense of sureness to the otherwise outrageous report. To top it all off, anchor Ramirez adds to the insanity by telling her viewers to "go to our website and no others."

The skit repeats itself and becomes even more absurd, but I will not spoil the ending. But in those 90 seconds lies the biggest question in 21st century news: who can we trust?

Comedy aside, America, in terms of its news industry, is facing a dire fork in the road with three major choices: continue to believe the mainstream media as we always have despite the incessant coverage of Trump and his daily agenda and of other questionable motives; abandon the mainstream and embrace alternative sources, again with questionable motives, that are seemingly free from the greedy corporations and liberal focus-groups; or abandon the news altogether, once again with questionable motives.

While the last option would undoubtedly have a positive effect on personal sanity, it would also undoubtedly leave the public at large in the dark, unaware of what is happening beyond their own front doors, and vulnerable to negative and dangerous influences from less-than-trustworthy sources and individuals.

Although we would like to believe that there is one truth and only one truth, the real truth is that there is no one truth, but a collection of conflicting views and versions of the truth vying it out in a gladiatorial-style death-

match for supremacy and for the most likes on Facebook.

Confused? Maybe even annoyed? I thought so. Though, you don't have to agree with me.

Because that's the beauty of America; you are free to believe what you want to believe, whether you see Trump as the greatest president since Reagan in undoing the horrors of the Obama administration, or as the most dangerous and embarrassing disgrace to ever step foot in the Oval Office as he trashes the halls of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue with scandal and overall incompetence. That's your choice, and not anyone else's.

However, these personal views can muddy the waters, making it harder for everyday Americans to maintain confidence in both the people delivering the news and the stories they tell and claim as fact, as some assert that news is being spoiled for ratings and clicks by injecting it with sensationalism and overhyped realities. Some have even gone as far as to define news that goes against their grain as "fake news," with some others assuming the worst, that everything is "fake news" desiring only to brainwash them and their families.

So what can we do about this? More importantly, what can you do? The bad news is that there is no one magic answer; there will always be quality journalism, reporters and anchors who truly treat the art of journalism as a public utility and as a necessary community service to the nation at large. Simultaneously, there will always be crapsheet journalism, consisting of cesspools of lies and purposeful attacks on the truth that aim to disrupt public discourse and sac-

rifice authenticity and honesty for personal profit, whatever the payment may be.

However, there is good news. There is good news in that there are places and people you can trust to get the truth.

First and foremost, there is your local news, the channels 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and the rest; more often than not, they are the best places to get the most reliable coverage on the events and people that most directly affect your community, and in spite of a majority of them being owned by larger companies, they are nowhere near as levelled for profit and views than the more tightly-controlled national news services.

Second, the Associated Press. According to their website, the AP is a non-profit, independent news cooperative that has gathered and republished stories from journalists and teams in over 100 countries across the globe for over 170 years, all while free from the editorialization of entertainment-oriented outlets like the Big Four television networks (ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX). Our very own The New Hampshire is in direct collaboration with and supports the AP and their mission by publishing AP sections in our weekly papers.

Finally, there is the people; more specifically, you. Although I stated earlier that personal views can muddy the waters of objective truth, it's those uneducated and outrageously biased minority voices that truly cause the disruption and bring dismay to the truth. In direct contrast, normal, open-minded individuals – hopefully like you, dear reader – who are willing to dive deep into the details to unveil the real core of the stories that mat-

ter to society as a whole are the best chance America – or any nation-state for that matter – has in terms of preserving the legitimacy of the news industry as we know it. It may not be spelt out in the Constitution, but it should be a civil service, a personal and dutiful obligation as an honest and hard-working American citizen to truly take what you hear in the headlines with a grain of salt until you can confidently confirm and support or debunk those statements with facts hidden within the margins of trusted publications and outlets.

Unsure of the legitimacy of what the president said or tweeted today? Do your research.

Concerned that someone major is being unfairly blamed or not facing proper justice? Do your research.

Scared of the latest bulletins from North Korea or Russia? Do your research.

Want to do your part to build a better and more honest America from the top of Capitol Hill to the valleys of your hometown? Do. Your. Research.

Because while it is easier and quicker to assume the worst, taking those few extra minutes to see the whole truth is more than worth the wait.

By Benjamin Strawbridge
STAFF WRITER

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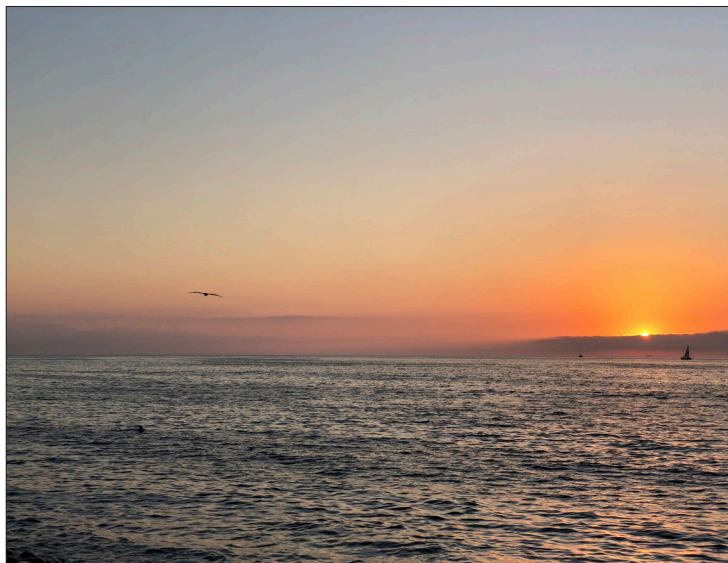


Spent a nice weekend in boston.

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Check out the views of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

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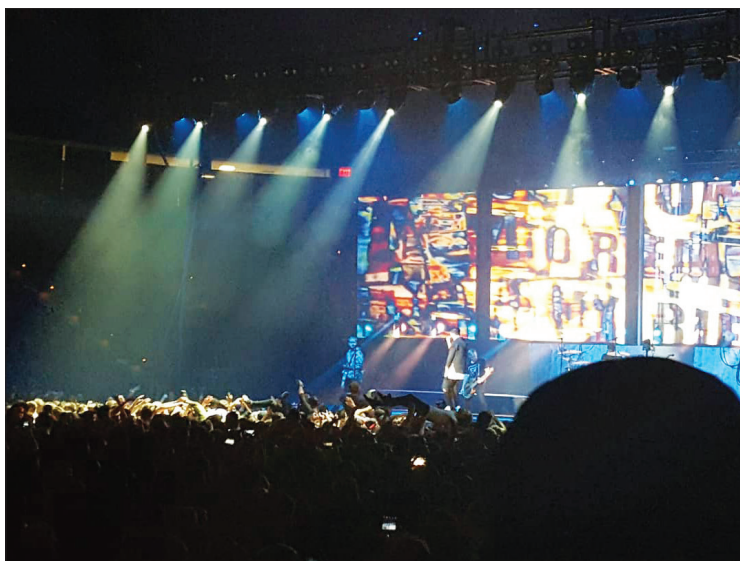
Took a visit to the island of Cabo.

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A Day to Remember at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on March 15.

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Thumbs *up* Thumbs *down*



Thumbs up to going somewhere warm for spring break.



Thumbs down to not having any money left.



Thumbs up to the first day of spring.



Thumbs down to snow in the forecast again.



Thumbs up to return of TNH.



Thumbs down to only a couple issues left this year.



Thumbs up to UNH national champion Elinor Purrier



Thumbs down to not watching the championship race.



Thumbs up to newsroom coffee.



Thumbs down to spilling it on your desk.



Thumbs up to the video game "Fortnite."



Thumbs down to losing sleep because of it.



Thumbs up to the new brewing minor.



Thumbs down to being a senior and being too late to declare.

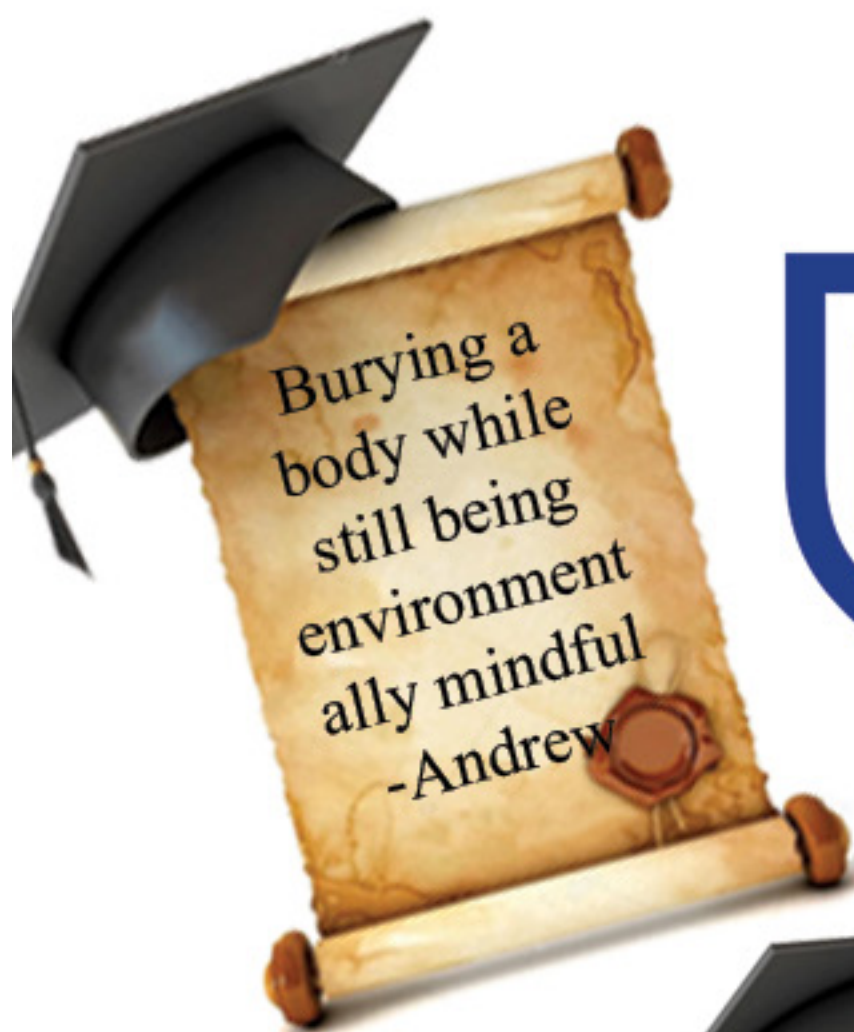


Thumbs up to March Madness.



Thumbs down to your bracket being busted after round one.

If you could create your own minor at UNH, what would it be?





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From the *Editor's Desk...* Step up to the plate

The desire to be studious and proactively resourceful are two prerequisite values I think all college students should possess before they attend a university. This is a strong conviction I have held ever since I got accepted to the University of New Hampshire. All too often I fear that I am among the minority who feels this way.

I will be the first to admit that I am extremely privileged with parents who are able to assist me with such costs. For those of you who share a similar privilege, I urge that you do not overlook what got you here, to a university that has so much potential to foster your work ethic and grant you precious opportunities to thrive.

I am astonished by the amount of people who believe that college is just an environment to perform the bare minimum in order to get their degree. Perhaps this is because they are not fiscally responsible for their education, and I will be the first to admit that I am extremely privileged with parents who are able to assist me with such costs. For those of you who share a similar privilege, I urge that you do not overlook what got you here, to a university that has so much potential to foster your work ethic and grant you precious opportunities to thrive.

Many of us are blessed with somebody in our lives who has bent over backwards to support us in our ventures to become our best selves. They have achieved this through putting our needs

over their own and entrusting immense amounts of confidence and belief in exchange for a massive amount of independently-earned money just so that somebody special to them (you) could receive a college education. So, if that's not worth the extra hour of studying, of getting involved in student organizations and of being an active participant

in current events on campus, the I am at a loss for what can.

To those of you majoring in journalism, become involved with *The New Hampshire*!! You have an incredible opportunity to practice real

As the need for first amendment advocates and quality journalism continues to grow, the opportunity to study and participate in concrete journalism during your college years is absolutely integral.

journalism, be it on the editing or reporting side, and it would be foolish of you not to take advantage of that. As I have mentioned in previous editorials, a college campus very much benefits from a free press. As the need for first amendment advocates

and quality journalism continues to grow, the opportunity to study and participate in concrete journalism during your college years is absolutely integral. This discipline not only maximizes your experience as a journalism student, but gives you an authentic platform to make yourself attracted to outside employers, which is the whole point of receiving a college degree.

College is an extremely accommodating time in your life where there are people who are paid to help you and where resources are specifically made to maximize your success for the future. They are not free, which is why you pay tuition, so you might as well utilize them! The same goes for student organizations, to whose functioning is included in your fees as well. And, additionally, this also means it is worth investing time and attention to issues going on around campus, it is you as students who can provide your diverse opinions to make UNH feel like home for centuries to come.

Alycia Wilson
Executive Editor

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COURTESY OF BRENDAN MALONEY

Thrower Michael Shanahan finished seventh in the weight throw on Saturday, March 10.

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The throw was Shanahan's second-best of the season, just edging out the 72-foot, 8 inch throw that won him an American East Championship earlier this season.

Shanahan had never qualified for a final at the NCAA level prior to Saturday but had reached the regional level twice in the outdoor hammer throw. He fouled in his first appearance and placed 32nd in his second regional appearance.

After competing in nine weight throw finals this season, Shanahan's seventh place finish on Saturday marked his first time not finishing first in the event.

Shanahan, Purrier and the rest of the Wildcat track and field team have two weeks before the outdoor season begins.

"For some people who haven't competed since the American East [Championships], it's been a while, almost a month

since they last played," Hopper said. "Most of the team, with the exception of [Shanahan and Purrier], haven't been challenged in competition in a little while, so it will be great to get out there again."

The season begins with the Colonial Relays at William and Mary College on Friday, March 30, and a home dual-meet with University of Maine on Saturday, March 31.

"There's still about 10 inches of snow on the track right now, so we're pretty sure we may have to cancel our first home meet," Bou-langer said.

"After talking with the event people about getting the fields cleared, and with the prediction of more snow," he added. "We most likely will end up opening up at home on April 7, against Holy Cross and Maine."

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(Left) Junior Danielle Doolin scored a 9.750 on the beam at the Senior Day meet. (Right) Danielle Mulligan had a team-high score on the bars of 9.900.

Senior Day Results

UNH	Brown	Yale	Kentucky
48.925	48.275	48.800	49.075
	Vault		
49.125	48.300	48.750	49.275
	Bars		
49.225	48.575	48.100	49.025
	Beam		
49.150	48.375	49.025	49.425
	Floor		
196.425	193.525	194.675	196.800
	Total		

March 18 Results

UNH	UIC
49.025	48.625
	Vault
48.975	48.975
	Bars
48.700	48.350
	Beam
49.000	48.825
	Floor
195.700	194.775
	Total

Column Showdown

Alright, time for round two. I'll give Bret the initial victory on the last one, as he won the poll results, but we won't know the true verdict on J.D. Martinez for a couple years. Last Friday, all of America was stunned by even a bigger upset than Bret getting more votes; the UMBC Retrievers became the first-ever No. 16 seed to knock off a No. 1 seed when they defeated the 31-2 Virginia Cavaliers, 74-54. North Carolina or Duke couldn't figure out the Virginia defense this season but somehow, somehow, the lil' pups from America East did. In two losses to UMBC, UNH lost by an average of 6.5 points. Therefore, the Wildcats are certainly better than Virginia. This got Bret and I thinking about the biggest sports upsets of our lifetime. There's nothing in sports quite like the upset that nobody saw coming. The Retrievers reminded us of that last weekend.

What's the biggest sports upset of the past 20 years?



By Bret Belden

Before you roll your eyes, allow me. I'm not writing 500 words about some NASCAR or horse racing upset fifteen years ago because the internet says I should. That's mind-numbingly uninteresting to me. If you want a true-to-form write-up of the best upset over the last twenty years, you're welcome to seek it out. Just know you'll probably lose interest halfway through.

Zack's writing about UMBC's win over UVA in the first round of this year's March

Madness. In my mind, that leaves the '08 Giants, '07 Warriors, the '04 Pistons and the '03 Mariners as the remaining contenders. And as much as it sucks that I can't go with the Sox in '04 – that was more of a comeback than an upset, really – I can still pick the one where the Yanks lost.

Ten years old in 2003, the Florida Marlins had one over-90-win season and a World Series win under their belt. Those two feats came together in '97, but they finished the following season with an abysmal 54-108 record and completed one of the largest fire sales in league history, auctioning off almost all of their top players.

Over the following five seasons, the Marlins finished in fourth and fifth place, twice each. They'd reached dumpster fire standards, dipping below 1

million in attendance for the first and only time in franchise history. They continued that trend into the start of the '03 season, winning 16 of their first 38 games under two-year skipper Jeff Torburg. Then management fired him.

Behind replacement manager Jack McKeon, the Fish rattled off 75 wins to finish the season twenty games over .500, enough to snag second place in the National League East and the NL Wild Card.

Getting out of the National League was an accomplishment in itself. Florida narrowly escaped a good Chicago Cubs team after falling behind three games to one in the NL Championship Series, completing their second improbable push to the World Series in seven years and spoiling Chicago's chance to break its unending curse.

Then the Marlins took to old Yankee Stadium in an attempt to finish their run.

New York was making its sixth Series appearance in eight years (winners of four). They boasted a roster centered around five-time all-star Derek Jeter and three guys who put up more than 100 RBI. They had Roger Clemens and flamethrower Mariano Rivera among a stacked pitching lineup. They were nasty.

And I could talk about New York's embarrassment of riches for a while, but I won't do that. Here's my point: the Yankees were on a mission from God, having tasted loss in '01 and with a chance to spit it out. The Marlins were supposed to push it further down their throats?

No, they weren't. But they did.

When I considered which I thought to be the greatest up-

set of my lifetime I narrowed it down to two choices: Marlins over Yanks and Warriors over Mavs. The Pistons' win over Los Angeles in the '04 NBA Finals was big, but they matched up well on paper and on the court. I discounted the '08 Giants because of New England's added pressure coming off an undefeated season.

I came close to choosing the Warriors. An eight-seed that year, Golden State shocked the top-ranked Mavericks in the Western Conference Quarterfinals but lost 1-4 to the Jazz in the next round. I had to stick with the Marlins because, one, they had more to lose than the Warriors having made it to the Series, and two, Golden State couldn't prove afterward that they were as good as they seemed.

The Fish have my vote.



By Zack Holler

This one is tough. Initially I thought I'd go with the 2007-08 New York Giants defeating the best team in football history, the 18-0 New England Patriots, on the sport's biggest stage. But that 17-14 shocker takes second in my mind.

The Giants had an elite defensive line that changed that game and held the best offense in history to just two touchdowns. Nobody saw it coming, but it wasn't as conceivably impossible as a No. 16 beating a No. 1.

Sure, we all knew that some day a top seed would eventually fall. However, I doubt anybody thought it'd be the underdogs of UMBC knocking off the best team in the country.

Virginia wasn't just any old one seed; they were the number one overall seed, the best team in the country, coached to near-perfection and featured the nation's best defense.

Meanwhile, UMBC wasn't even the favorite to make it out of America East and went 25-11 while playing the 224th ranked strength of schedule, according to CBSSports.com. Virginia played the sixth toughest, and went undefeated in the best conference in America, the Atlantic Coast Conference.

This 16-vs.-1 matchup was the definition of David vs. Goliath. When anybody unaffiliated with UMBC went to fill out his or her bracket, the first game was an afterthought. Any chatter of a 16 seed finally knocking off a one revolved around Pennsylvania versus Kansas and maybe Xavier chokes against Texas Southern. But those two took care of business, while Virginia, and everybody watching, were absolutely stunned.

The Retrievers played a

nearly perfect second half, outscoring the Cavaliers 53-33, and didn't need any dramatics to send college basketball into frenzy. Virginia was the undoubted best team in the NCAA all season and even with De'Andre Hunter out with an injury should've been able to wipe UMBC to the side.

Not only was Virginia clearly an elite team, but also UMBC wasn't even good. Nine out of 10 people wouldn't have even been able to tell you what UMBC stands for before their upset.

Senior guard Jairus Lyles is a straight-up baller. I won't take that away from them. He averaged 20.2 points per game this season, to go along with 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists. His ability to carry them down the stretch offensively was crucial in their upset and their America East tournament run.

In the conference championship game, on the road against the No. 1 seed Vermont Catamounts, Lyles anchored UMBC with 27 points, including 5-7 from three-point range and a game-winning three with less than a second left.

He added another 28 against Virginia, on 9-11 shooting (that's some Cinderella-type stuff), and sparked the run that buried the Cavaliers with 12 straight points of his own. This was a one-man offensive team. They played great defense and Lyles' teammates fed off of him to produce the most shocking result in sports history.

Without that heroic shot against Vermont, there's a good chance we don't even see the Retrievers in the tournament. They only beat UNH by four points and nine points this season, and trust me, we didn't have close to a nationally competitive basketball team this season.

Other magnificent blemishes on UMBC's schedule include a 83-39(!) loss at Albany, a 28-point home loss to the Catamounts and an 11-point home loss to a pretty bad Army team.

Simply put UMBC isn't good, which makes their feat all the more impressive. You put these two teams on a court anytime from November to February and Virginia is holding the Re-

trievers under 45 points. But in March anything can happen. And thanks to the Retrievers, 2018 set a whole new standard for March Madness.

Kansas State quickly reminded people how poor UMBC was, as they locked down on Lyles and held the Retrievers to 43 points while the thousands of temporary fans pulled for the underdogs to pull off another upset.

But that game was as ugly as could be and it exposed the Retrievers for what they truly were, while solidifying that their win was the biggest upset of at least the past 20 years.

Other upsets have come in bigger moments (Giants-Patriots 2008 Super Bowl, 1980 Miracle on Ice or the 1985 National Championship when No. 8 seed Villanova beat No. 1 Georgetown) but even with the odds stacked up against those teams, the upset was at least considered.

The Retrievers were ignored, most people not even giving a second of thought to the possibility of an upset.

Which side do you land on?

Answer our poll and tell us on Twitter @TNHSports

MEN'S HOCKEY

Souza introduced as new head coach



CHINA WONG/TNH STAFF

Former UNH player and assistant coach Mike Souza was officially announced as men's hockey's next head coach at a press conference on Wednesday, March 14. Souza played under former head coach Dick Umile from 1996-2000.

By Sam Rogers
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, March 14, Mike Souza was introduced as the 13th head hockey coach in UNH history.

Souza was in his third year as associate head coach before making the step up to head coach.

Souza is taking over for longtime Wildcat head coach, Dick Umile, who in this past season coached his 28th and final year with UNH.

In his introductory press conference, Souza made his opening remarks.

"I am honored to receive the opportunity to serve as the head coach of the University of New Hampshire," said Souza. "Playing and coaching at UNH has been one of the great privileges of my life."

Souza went on to thank university president Mark Huddleston, Umile and Athletic Director Marty Scarano.

"What I really want to thank these guys for is the opportunity that they've given me here," Souza said. "The opportunity to give back to the university that I love so much. That's what I'm most thankful for."

Souza, the Wakefield, Massachusetts native, is no stranger to UNH hockey. He spent the last three seasons as associate head coach, and from 1996-2000 he was a player on the Wildcat roster which featured teams that made it to two Final Fours, and one national championship game.

His senior class is still to this date the winningest class in UNH men's hockey history. In 2000, Souza won the Jim Urquhart Award as Student-Athlete of the Year, which is the highest award given to a UNH graduat-

ing student athlete.

Souza played five years in the American Hockey League, and spent six years playing professionally in Europe.

Souza went on to discuss the goals for himself, and the UNH program as a whole.

"The goals of our program don't change because [Umile] retired," Souza said. "To be honest our goals are probably no different than those of Providence College or Boston College. Our goals are to win the Hockey East in the regular season, win the playoffs and ultimately we want to make the NCAA tournament and win the NCAA championship."

Souza will try to do something that none of his 12 predecessors before him achieved, and that is win a national championship.

Although this is Souza's first run at a head coaching position, he was in charge of coaching the defense, power play unit and recruiting for the last three seasons so his grasp on the team is strong.

In terms of recruiting, Souza mentioned a few things he wants to take into consideration when scouting prospective players.

"One, they aspire to play [professional] hockey, I want all of our players to play professional hockey," Souza said. "I want our guys to aspire to get a degree from a great university, and I want our players to leave a positive impact in their time here at UNH."

The biggest thing that Souza wants to accomplish in his tenure as head coach is to fill the Whittemore Center for games again. Not just for the rivalry

game against the University of Maine, but for all of them.

Souza will have a lot to handle in his first season behind the bench.

The 'Cats finished in last place in the Hockey East, but he is confident with his young core of returning players, new recruits, and new style of play that the tradition of excellence that is UNH hockey will be restored.

The Wildcats might not take the ice as a team until next fall, but they begin their first off-ice workouts next week and for the first time in nearly three decades, it will be run by a man not named Umile.

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Souza was introduced by and posed for pictures with Athletic Director Marty Scarano.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

'Cats to enter conference play on three-game skid

By Will Sirbono
STAFF WRITER

Over spring break, on Monday, March 12, UNH lost the final game of its four-game home stretch to Monmouth University, 10-8, on Bremner Field. The Wildcats showed more of a balanced effort for the first time in a while but blew an 8-5 lead in the second half, which has now brought them to 2-5 on the season.

Most of the offensive effort this season has been led by seniors Carly Wooters and Krissy Schafer, the team's top-two point-scorers; however as mentioned, UNH played with more of a balanced effort in this game as four Wildcats each had two points or more, but it still wasn't enough for the win.

"Those two have been great for us for the season and they've definitely been reliable, but teams are definitely going to hone in on them because they're our top-scorers," head coach Sarah Albrecht said about Wooters and Schafer.

The supporting cast stepping up more lately hasn't gone unnoticed either.

"We do rely on our other players to be able to produce and just do the little things, play their role and their time will come," Albrecht said. "It's just a matter of putting the ball in the back of the net."

And step up they did. The Wildcats got production in this game from freshman Julia Neyland and from senior Teagan Northrup who both had two points. Schafer and Wooters also contributed combining for five points and four goals.

The Wildcats played well in this game leading in statistical categories such as shots, draw controls and ground balls, but they blew an 8-5 lead in the second half eventually leading to their loss.

"It's all about making sure that we're chipping away, having great teamwork down the stretch and really building a good foundation for ourselves," Albrecht said about moving forward after the loss. The Wildcats aren't far from success, but they sure missed an opportunity going 1-3 during their four-game home stretch.

The 'Cats have an upcoming game against UMBC this Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. that they've had nearly two weeks to prepare for. The preparation is much needed as UMBC has had a fantastic start to the season, currently boasting a 7-2 record.

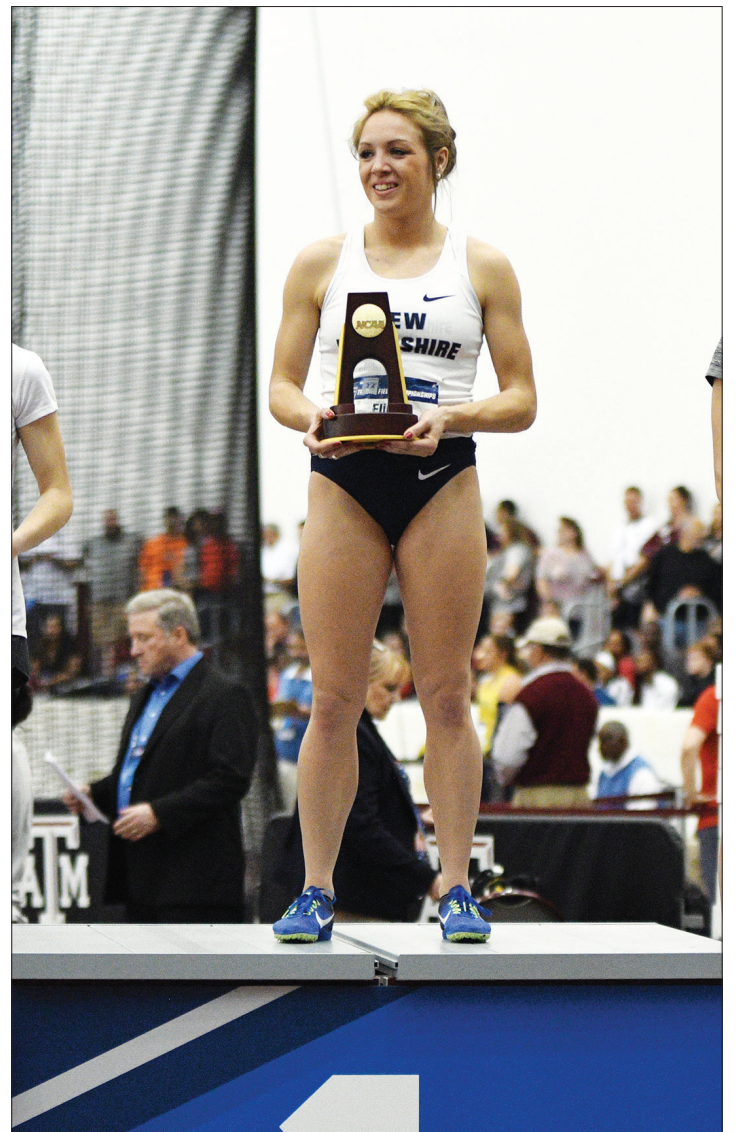
"It's about making sure that we are going in with a lot of energy... and making sure that we are being scrappy against a tough team," Albrecht said about the UMBC game.

A win this weekend against a good team in UMBC, in the America East conference opener for UNH, would be a great boost in momentum for this team and would be the perfect way to turn around this disappointing season.

TRACK & FIELD

NATIONAL CHAMP!

Purrier takes first in indoor mile at NCAA's in dramatic fashion



COURTESY OF BRENDAN MALONEY

Senior Elinor Purrier finished in first place in the indoor mile with a last-second lunge that gave her the slight victory, 0.06 seconds, over Dani Jones of Colorado University Boulder.

By Nick D'Aloia
STAFF WRITER

UNH senior Elinor Purrier won her first national championship, finishing first in the mile at the NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas, Saturday, March 10. Her time of 4:31.76 won the event, just 0.06 seconds ahead of Colorado's Dani Jones. Purrier's finish was the closest margin of victory in the women's mile since 1991.

"This was a huge accomplishment for the school, for the track and field program and certainly for [Purrier]," women's head coach Robert Hoppler said.

Purrier improved her time from last year's NCAA Indoor Championships by 0.12 seconds. She finished second in the mile in 2017 with a time of 4:31.88, just under a second behind that year's winner. The year prior, in 2016, Purrier finished third with a time of 4:38.42.

"For [Purrier], I think one of the things that was a real sense of accomplishment was climbing up that NCAA ladder and just getting a little better with each year," Hoppler said. "Last year she finished second and we felt that she only had one place to go from there and that was to win it this year, and she was able to do just that."

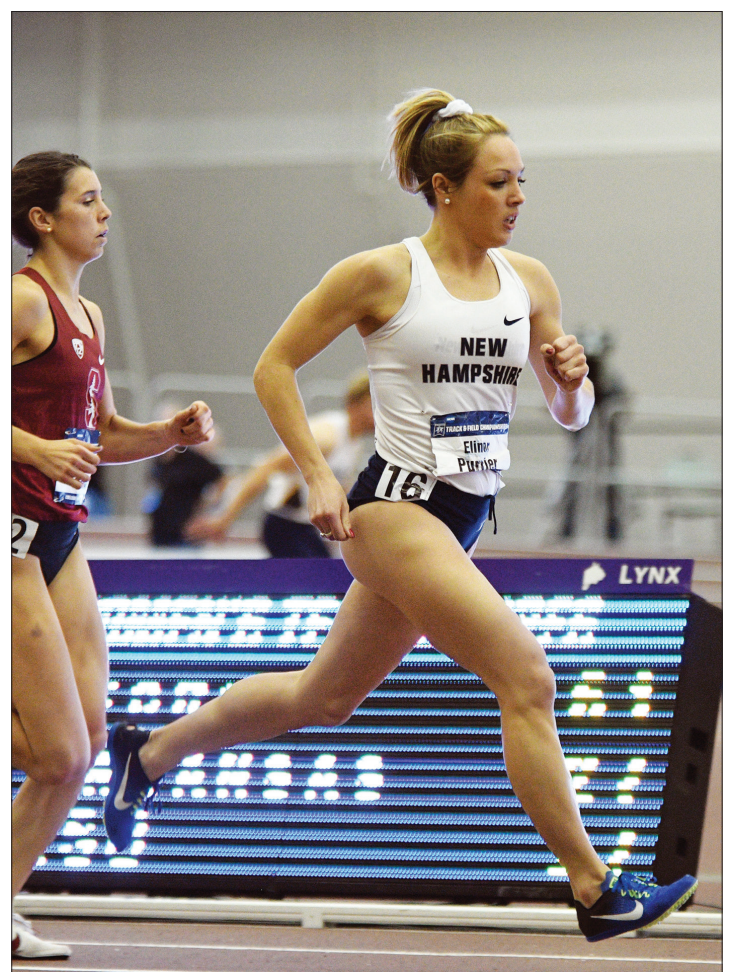
With her victory on Saturday, Purrier is now a 10-time All-American and the first UNH Wildcat in the history of the school to compete in two events at the NCAA level. Purrier competed in the 3,000-meter run later in the evening, placing 14th in the event with a time of 9:25.93.

"It was a very close race last year with [Purrier], and it was similar to how close the finish was in this year's event except she finished first instead of second," Hoppler said. "You're going to have those types of close finishes at the NCAA Championships, and you learn to expect them and that's something that [Purrier] prepared for in her mind. She's been in close races before and it's always nice to end up on top, but she had prepared for that and was mentally ready for a close race."

The national title is just the third national crown in UNH history, and the first ever for UNH's track and field program. In 1955, the UNH women's lacrosse team won the NCAA Championship, and in 1988 the women's hockey team won a national title.

Senior weight thrower Michael Shanahan took seventh place in the weight throw at the NCAA Indoor Championship. His 72-foot, 8.5 inch finish earned him his first All-American designation and a spot on the pedestal.

"When you go to the NCAA Indoor Championships, there are only 16 people competing in each event," men's head coach Jim Boulanger said. "So landing in the top eight earned [Shanahan] a spot against some really high-level competition."



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(Top) Purrier accepts her first-place trophy after the event.
(Bottom) Purrier is UNH's first track national champion.

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