Unions and administration at odds
UNHLU declares impasse, police called on union supporters

By Jordyn Haime
STAFF WRITER

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By Tyler Anderson
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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 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 web-site 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 gathering and said, “I am really excited about this opportunity. I 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 perspectives to the chairperson. Rogers 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 group 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 and 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 the issues of diversity and inclusion has been lots of disappointment here in New Hampshire. He also said that many such events would occur around the state before presenting a final report to Governor Sununu.

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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 reduction 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, Biological Technichal Education, and Integrated Agriculture Management- are now worrying for their job security in the coming year.

“As well as the disappointments of 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 full of discontent with the announcement.

“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 makes it really is one big family,” Halstead remarked. “It’s a tough time for a lot of people.”

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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.”

According to Erika Manz 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 according 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 “Leitold: 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 university 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.

In light of a planned negotiation set to occur between administration and UNH Labor Unions, individuals came to show support.
Job “hoppotunities”: 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 day’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 present everyday challenges to people 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 experienced was to start organizing an event 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 was making changes to the campus, but she felt there were still more that the university could do to improve accessibility and awareness for students.

“[UNHAccess4All] is 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 director 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 every one,” 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 likelihood 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 is sues,” 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 Student Council (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.
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 to 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 Dana 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 Dahlonega, 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 out-side 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 understand.”

Individual students went on trips as well. Junior mechanical engineering major Kevin Cole went on an international expedition to Japan.

When not following research on Fukushima and related topics, Cole travelled to the city of Fukushima, home of the 2011 Fukushima Daichi Nuclear Disaster in which plutonium-rich radioactive water leaked from the Fukushima Dai-ichi 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. Cole spent his free time at an American community that he describes as “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 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 Kurzius 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, sputtering from his hobby of collecting and trading various historical antiques.
APO and PMD host clothing drive for UNH community

By Adrienne Perron STAFF WRITER

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.

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It all started in 2014 when Jeff Stern required his students to participate in a 48-hour “Digital Fast.”

The concept of a “digital fast” is not new, but Stern was inspired by his own experiences. His son I had become glued to the technology we have to get rid of technology,” 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 for each individual’s experience, however, many saw the benefits.
By Michael Mawson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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 minor’s for a reason,” 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.”
By Samantha Walsh
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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, 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 explained. “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.
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 compared the “Lusis de France” with “Gossip Girl,” “Katherine,” 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. 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 religious beliefs prohibit her from using a computer on Saturdays, and she studies literature from a period marked by anti-Semitism. 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**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, arguing that the president’s proposals have proven ineffective in the past.

From renewing his call for “common-sense” measures for commercial smokable youth from experimenting with drugs, to fighting for the death penalty for certain drug dealers, Trump’s ideas are sometimes driven more by his gut instincts than by success or failure.

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 criminals. We’ll make them pretty unsavory situations.” — Speech in New Hampshire on Monday.

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Health & Wellness won’t issue written excuses

By Leah Caracciolo
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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 departmental 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.

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, Litchfield, 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 perfluoroacetic 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 in New Hampshire. Garcia is a citizen of the Dominican Republic. He previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and heroin.

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, currently owns his own firm and focuses on civil and criminal litigation. He previously served as legal counsel to 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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This day in THN history
March 22, 2005

By Peter Driscoll

A young child is having an allergic reaction during a heavy snowstorm.
Since returning from her volunteer work, the EMT had been in the ambulance for 12 hours and put in more than what was expected.

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

"Chris went way, way above the call of duty," Henegy said. "He did things like training members, public education, teaching CPR classes and helping at freshman orientation.

After completing her training, Henegy decided to leave the DAC and just completed training in move from the basic to intermediate and cultural training, just required over 120 hours of classes, practicals, and written tests. And then went off to school and volunteering.

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

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

The work that the volunteers can contribute can vary or be overlooked, or not recognized, but it is still as important to them as the well being of the Durham community.

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

Most of the volunteers work eight hours a month or go on 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.

Behind the call
Student EMT recognized for outstanding performance

By Kara Slabury

Many students feel that graduation usually signifies the end. Some believe it is the beginning of a new world of bills and paperwork, adulthood and responsibility. But some choose to delay that reality by seeking out an option has been gaining popularity in the Granite State and at the University of New Hampshire. Last year, 55 UNH alumni joined the Peace Corps, donating 27 months of their lives to people across the globe.

The organization, which since 1961 has sent 150,000 Americans to 174 countries, recently announced that the number of UNH Peace Corps volunteers, a jump of two from 2005. Since its inception, 576 UNH alumni have served worldwide in over 148 countries.

Last week marked the 40th anniversary of the Peace Corps, which celebrated across the country in the form of Peace Corps Week. The annual event, which started in 1967, seeks to recruit more volunteers and raise awareness about their worldwide causes.

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

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University officials ask lawmakers for funding

CONCORD — The University System of New Hampshire is asking lawmakers for $101 million for construction and renovation on college buildings during the next five years.

In 2001, lawmakers funded $101 million for the university system, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and New Hampshire College, for Academic and Administrative Buildings.

And other university officials are asking the lawmakers for $12 million in the next fiscal year to go along with the $31 million lawmakers committed to in 2001, and $44 million for the years 2009-2010.

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

UNH Treasurer Kim 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 $100 million of the total $100 million, would go toward constructing and updating academic and administrative buildings at the university.

With committee members leery of making such a large commitment, UNH officials pointed out that it will save the state the long run by committing the funds now. For instance, the $85 million the Legislature owes out in 2001 has been committed and is now interest-free.

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

"Without this ongoing investment of the state in its own buildings, we will not be able to raise private and businesses supplemental funding from alumni and friends of the university," Hart said.
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 mini-lecture on the way animals 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 throughout 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.
Guest lecturer gives architectural tour of Holocaust

By Zerina Bajramovic
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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 example, 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

Mind Out Wandering by Astronauts, etc. - Dillon

Room for Squares by John Mayer - Katie

Somewhere on the Mountain by Twiddle - Jake
Opinion

Why the Kanye West March Madness-Style Song Bracket Only Works for Kanye West (At His Kanye Best)

By Caleb Jagoda
STAFF WRITER

By all accounts, Kanye West has had an amazing music career. He has had what is de- 

tably 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 teen-ager 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 Car rington Harrison, and in one long hyphenated phrase, it’s all-1-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 it 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 luxuri- ous, horn-heavy boast-fest like “We Major” and have it matched up against a chopp- y, nostalgic, new-age track like “30 Hours,” giving you two completely differently-styled songs up against each other. The variation Kanye offers amongst his albums works so well in a bracket-style tourna- ment because you’re not matching up all similar-sound- ing 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 uni- versally 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 about 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.
This day in TNH history cont...

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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 ironic, was so hateful that I had to discuss it here.

Spanish researcher Inés Ramírez, portrayed by Nasim Pedrad, says that there: “DiSantos goes on to explain that ‘parents are powerful,’ that the fad is for the good of America; you can 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 de-fine 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.

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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 or not you believe Trump to be the greatest or least desirable president of your choice. However, there is no one magic answer; there is no one right answer. It is the process of discovery that is most important.

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.

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Thumbs up

- Going somewhere warm for spring break.
- First day of spring.
- Return of TNH.
- UNH national champion Elinor Purrier.
- Newsroom coffee.
- "Fortnite." video game.
- The new brewing minor.
- March Madness.

Thumbs down

- Not having any money left.
- Snow forecast again.
- Only a couple issues left this year.
- Not watching the championship race.
- Spilling coffee on your desk.
- Losing sleep because of "Fortnite."
- Being a senior and being too late to declare.
- Bracket being busted after round one.

TNH Photo Gallery

Spring Break 2018

Spent a nice weekend in Boston.

Tyler Kennedy/contributing

Check out the views of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Brendon Burns/TNH staff

Took a visit to the island of Cabo.

Brendon Burns/TNH staff

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

Katherine Lesnyk/TNH staff
If you could create your own minor at UNH, what would it be?

- Burying a body while still being environmentally mindful - Andrew
- How to properly dispose of unwanted snowflakes - Anita
- Petting dogs - Alycia
- Extrasensory Perception - Dillon
- Live video production - Brian
- Ethics - Katie
- Dinosaurs - Jake
- Eating - Brendon
The desirer to be studious and proactively resourceful are two prerequisite values I think all college students should possess before they attend a university. There 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 financially 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 your own time and attention to issues that college is just an environment to perform the bare minimum in order to get their degree. Perhaps this is because they are not financially 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.

I have mentioned in previous editorials, a college campus very much benefits from 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.

Alycia Wilson
Executive Editor

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From the Editor’s Desk...

Step up to the plate...
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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,” Hoppler 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,” Boullanger 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.
What’s the biggest sports upset of the past 20 years?

By Bret Belden

Thursday, March 22, 2018

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, someway, the lil’ pups from America East did. In two losses to UMCB, 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.

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 six of the best teams they would have had in the tournament had they not been 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, outletting 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 DeAndre Hunter out, the Terps might 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, and to go along with 3.5 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.

Then the Retrievers 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 had Roger Clemens and flamerethrower Mariano Rivera among a stacked pitching lineup. They were nasty.

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 Marins were supposed to push it further down their throats? No, they weren’t. I think they did.

When I considered which I thought to be the greatest upset of my lifetime I narrowed it down to two choices: Marins vs Yankees and Warriors vs Mavs. The Post’s win over Los Angeles in the ‘04 NBA Finals was big, but they matched up perfectly 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 Marins 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 UMBC’s win over UVa in the first round of the March Madness. In my mind, that leaves the ‘08 Giants, ‘07 War- riors, the ‘04 Piston and the ‘03 Mariners as the remaining con- tenders. And as much as it sucks that I can’t go with the Sox in ‘04 – that was more of a come- back than an upset, really – I can still pick the one where the Yanks lost.

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Zack’s writing about UMBC’s win over UVa in the first round of March Madness.

Virginia wasn’t just any 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 six of the best teams they would have had in the tournament had they not been 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, outletting 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 DeAndre Hunter out, the Terps might 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, and to go along with 3.5 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 March 9th (that’s some Cinderella-type stuff!), and sparked the run that buried the Cavaliers with 12 straight points of their own. They were a one-on-one 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 Re- trievers 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 any time 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.

As we speak, the Yankees 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 before you roll your eyes, I’m as ugly as could be and it exposed the Re- trievers 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-Pistons 2008 Super Bowl, 1980 Mira- cle 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 possibil- ity of an upset.

Which side do you land on?

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Souza introduced as new head coach

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 fifth 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 Hudleston, 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 graduating student athlete.

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 season. The preparation is key.

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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 Krisay 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 had two points or more, but it still wasn’t enough for the win.

“These 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 Wildcat in this game from freshman Julia Neyland and senior Teagan Northrup who both had two points. Schafer and Wooters also contributed for five points and four goals.

The Wildcats played well in this game leading in statisti- cal 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 shipping away, having great teamwork down the stretch and really building a good founda- tion for ourselves,” Albrecht said about moving forward after the loss.

The Wildcats aren’t far from success, but they sure missed an opportunity getting 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, cur- rently boasting a 7-2 record.

“It’s a true test of proving that we are going in with a lot of en- ergy... 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.
NATIONAL CHAMP!

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

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.”

By Nick D’Aloia
STAFF WRITER

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.

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