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## U-Day showcases variety, opportunity for Wildcats

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The University of New Hampshire (UNH) on Tuesday invited members of Durham, Lee and Madbury, to celebrate the beginning of the new academic year with U-Day -- a student activities fair and outdoor picnic that featured almost 300 tables that showcased clubs and resources on campus.

If students were anywhere near Thompson Hall or even the library, it was almost impossible to study, due to distractions of loud music, an interactive fire-fighting activity, a rock wall and free food consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie wraps, that were provided by UNH dining.

In total, 282 tables were stationed for U-Day for student



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## O'Rourke stands for students at Ham Smith

By Benjamin  
Strawbridge  
NEWS EDITOR

Presidential candidate and former Senate contender Beto O'Rourke (D-TX) took a stand on a host of major issues at his Saturday, Sept. 7 town hall in the Hamilton Smith Hall foyer.

The nearly two-hour event saw O'Rourke perched upon a circular seat for over an hour as he addressed his stances on red-button topics, ranging from climate change and Medicare to gun control and the state of affairs in Washington, as well as taking a variety of questions from a packed crowd of over a hundred University of New Hampshire (UNH) students and local supporters.

During his introductory remarks, O'Rourke lamented about recent surges in gun violence across the country in the wake of mass shootings in Odessa, TX, and Dayton, OH, among many others. O'Rourke told the crowd that roughly 40,000 people reportedly die each year to gun violence, underlining his desire for stronger gun control laws and increased discussion on the subject.

During his gun control segment, the Democratic contestant also disclosed his fear over the

safety of younger Americans in public places like schools, such as his eight-year-old son, Henry, who took part in a recent "March for Our Lives" demonstration in El Paso, TX. O'Rourke recalled Henry expressing concern over several participants holding AR-15 assault rifles, guns similar to ones used in recent mass shootings. While O'Rourke at the time told his son not to pay attention to the guns, he conveyed regret on Saturday over not informing him about the dangers of assault rifles and loose gun control laws.

"No, I should have told Henry, 'that's f\*\*\*ed up that they're holding these guns... these are instruments of terror that have been used against our fellow Americans, and there's nothing right about that, and you should be disappointed and angry and freaked out and wanting me to do something about it and not to ignore that problem,'" he recalled.

The candidate laid praise on attendees for their efforts to spread the word on gun violence throughout the local community, such as through local "March for Our Lives" events. He said that, upon his election as president, he would push for universal back-

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organizations and vendors. Of the 282 tables, about 200 specifically exhibited a variety of student organizations or promoted UNH departments' services and benefits. Present student organizations included fraternity and sororities, religious organizations, science departments, university resources and special interest groups ranging from student diversity to leisure activities to political action.

Megan Brunelle, the Assistant Director of Engagement at the Elliott Alumni Center, was responsible for managing the event.

"Clubs registered for tables about six months ago... the entire event took around three months to organize," Brunelle said.

From last year, numbers have been consistent, with approximately the same number of tables and about 10,000 attendees, mostly students. However, Brunelle emphasized the importance of the event to showcase UNH and to let new students find ways to partici-

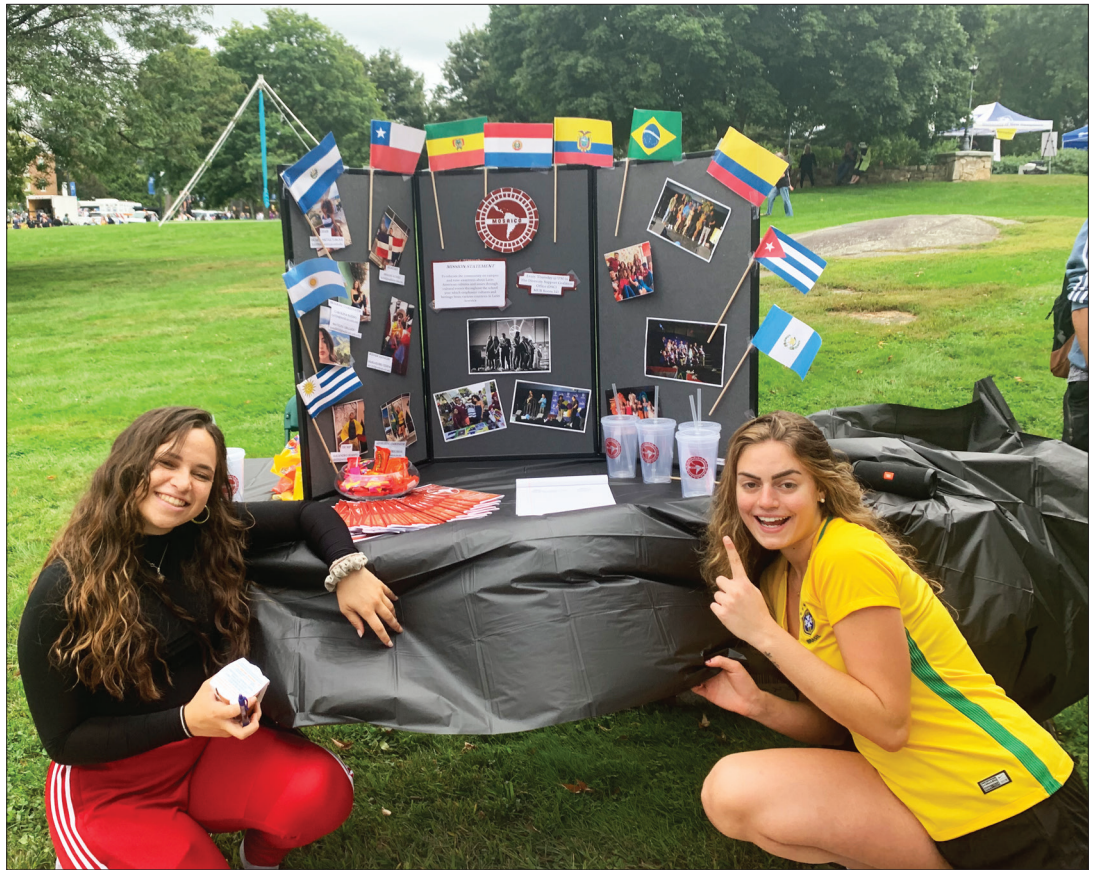
pate in the community.

A number of clubs primarily took advantage of the event to recruit new members and sponsor upcoming events. The New Hampshire Youth Movement, a group in favor of the Green New Deal and active in the fight against climate change, garnered over 30 signups in the first hour. Notably, the group used the event to leverage an upcoming climate strike to be held on Friday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at Murkland Hall.

Another group, the Young Democratic Socialists of America, tried to encourage students to pursue socialism and social action on campus. The group is currently attempting to form a student union to negotiate against student debt.

Young Democratic Socialists of America's Michael McClellan admitted that "we're a small group... but we're always looking for more people to join," gesturing to a collection of pins and literature scattered across the table.

"Like all the groups," McClellan said, "we're here to spread our message and get new people."



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ground checks, stronger red flag laws, bans on the sale of assault weapons, and mandatory gun licensing, among other proposals.

O'Rourke also applauded them for their ongoing discussions on the subject, both through "what you've been talking about and the way that you've been talking about it, maybe dropping an f-bomb here or there," he said while stressing that "it's ok to be angry about something."

"In fact, if you're not angry, maybe something's wrong with you or wrong with us as a country," the El Paso, TX native suggested.

O'Rourke also dedicated his opening lines to advocating for major reform to standing immigration laws, criticizing national politics for taking "30 years" to improve the lives of immigrants coming into the country with a lack of "a meaningful difference" along the way in the eyes of the candidate.

"...we have 10 million people who are here in this country, who are contributing to our success every single day but who do so without status and live under the constant fear that they [could] be deported back to a country they haven't been to in decades," he said. "If they're young people,

if they're 'Dreamers,' they may not have even really known, they may not speak the language, they may not have family. And if we do send them there, and they're successful again those long odds, they'll do well for that place and not this place."

The former representative of Texas' 16th district also touched upon climate change as he pressed attendees to contribute to national efforts to curtail the earth's rising temperatures over the next decade, which he attributed to man-made emissions. O'Rourke, in his argument, referred to an oft-cited 2018 United Nations (U.N.) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stressing that nations around the world would have to take "unprecedented" action to keep the planet from warming up by 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) beyond preindustrial levels in 10 years' time.

The report, crafted in the aftermath of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, added that a "rapid and far-reaching" reconfiguration of human civilization would be necessary to prevent the aforementioned increase, The Washington Post reported in Oct. 2018 shortly after the report's release.

O'Rourke himself stressed that failure to address climate change would result in long-term damage to "us as a human

species, as a civilization, not Democrats or Republicans, not as Americans but just as human beings..."

The candidate addressed concerns over student loan debt as well, telling reporters and *The New Hampshire* in a post-event press gaggle that he would work to make the first two years of college free, as well as all four years of undergraduate college being debt-free; the four-year proposal would cover tuition, room and board, and books for middle and low-income students.

"And then for those who have already accrued student loan debt, we want to make sure that they can repay that at the lowest possible interest rates; and then if they choose any kind of career in public service...we will make sure that they can have that student loan debt cleared in real-time, not waiting 10 years, which is the current standard of online payments, and not having to cut through a lot of red tape," O'Rourke said.

Other topics the candidate touched upon included inclusivity, using the 1960 Greensboro Sit-In protests and the 1963 Birmingham protests, as well as their respective aftermaths, as historic motivation for curbing discrimination against minorities; voter suppression; and his aspiration for increased U.S. involvement in global affairs in a

role as the "indispensable nation that convenes the other powers of the planet to guarantee that they do their job, but by leading with the moral authority of having set the example here in the United States."

The subsequent Q&A featured students and community members sharing their stories, explaining how many of the issues brought up at the event affected their lives, and looking for clarity on the details of O'Rourke's stances. One of those was Omar Ahmed of Boston, who asked the candidate about life expectancy in the U.S. and his desire to urge Washington to do more to improve it.

"It was nice to have him acknowledge that there are areas where the debate can focus more on in general in the U.S.," Ahmed said. "I think too much of the Democratic debate has focused on costs and not enough is focused on, like, making sure Grandma can feel better at the end of the day, or making sure that, like, we can have every single person live longer in this country...and how we do make that happen."

Will Simons, the press secretary for O'Rourke's Granite State campaign operations, told *The New Hampshire* after the event that he "loved" the turnout to the town hall, stressing that the candidate enjoys interacting with

younger supporters and taking the opportunity to "incorporate their voices into his campaign."

"So many young people are leading on so many of these issues, and these issues affect young people disproportionately, whether it's climate, whether it's student loan debt, whether it's gun violence," Simons said, "and so by being able to come to a campus and talk to students [and] meet them where they are, we're able to...learn from those student leaders and bring them into the national political conversation."

O'Rourke dedicated the event to its organizers and attendees, who he praised for taking part despite other recreational events going on that weekend.

"...I'm glad that you picked this event to spend some time with us, and I'm here to listen to you, to learn from you, to share with you what I've picked up and learned out on the road and just to have a conversation with everyone," he said.

The candidate's appearance marked his first appearance at UNH since March 20 of this year, and the third in a day of crisscrossing the influential swing state. He spoke at the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention at noon and attended the Indonesian Festival in Somersworth prior to his UNH town hall.



# Steyer leads Carsey School policy talk and mini-rally

By Benjamin Strawbridge  
NEWS EDITOR

For presidential candidate and billionaire Tom Steyer, one of the newest entries in the already crowded Democratic race for the White House, playing double-duty was the name of the game as he led both a talk on public policy and a mini-rally to promote his national platform at Huddleston Hall on Friday, Sept. 6.

The 7 p.m. event, hosted and sponsored by the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Carsey School of Public Policy, welcomed the New York native to the Durham campus to speak on the subject of “structural reform of government,” according to a UNH Today preview of the event on Sept. 4. Carsey School Director Michael Ettlinger opened the talk with a warm welcome to the small group of attendees and a disclaimer that the Carsey School, despite welcoming the candidates and allowing them to speak about their platforms, does not endorse any political office-seeker or party.

Steyer’s talk consisted of both his perspective on key issues such as climate change, gun control and Medicare, and his suggestions for improving aspects of American democracy, with the bulk of the time dedicated to answering visitors’ questions about his stances.

“I’m running because I think we have a broken government,” he said in his opening remarks. “I think that the corporations have bought the government, and until we break their stranglehold, we’re not going to get any of the things we want...and I believe that in order to do it, we’re going to have to...retake the democracy and get back government of, by and for the people. And for the last 10 years, that’s what I’ve been doing.”

Prior to the Q&A, Steyer also told his backstory, claiming that he is a “normal guy” while joking that the media believes his first name is “Billionaire.” He explained that is mother originated from Minnesota and taught in New York public schools and the



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Brooklyn House of Detention, while his father, brother and his father’s sister were the first generation in their family to go to college, where his father became a lawyer before enlisting in the Navy during World War II following the Pearl Harbor attacks and ultimately prosecuting Nazis in Nuremberg.

“My parents had a very, very straightforward attitude about what people are supposed to do as Americans and as people on the Earth, which is to do the right thing and make certain you give back more than you get,” Steyer said.

From there, Steyer, who studied at both Yale and Stanford University, recalled building his first business from scratch without any financial assistance from his parents or employees into an international business. He also remembered obtaining the ability to dive deep into what makes companies, as well as entire nations, successful.

Steyer took time to critique President Donald Trump’s handling of the economy as well, calling his economic strategies “deeply shallow” and “fake” while calling the president himself an “incompetent” and “failed businessman.”

“And I believe that one of the things I can do is take on Mr.

Trump on the economy,” he said as he reflected on how his experiences over the last 30 years prepared him for his present ventures. “You know, I think that every Democrat wants to know who can beat Trump and do it in a responsible way so that we don’t mess everything up.”

Amongst inquiries into details about Steyer’s platform, one attendee asked him about his often-advertised “national referendum,” his take on a so-called veto referendum, a “citizen-initiated” ballot measure, per Ballotpedia, asking voters “whether to uphold or repeal a law passed by the state legislature, a city council, a county board of supervisors, or some other legislative body.”

“A referendum would be for something like mandatory background checks on every gun purchase,” the candidate replied. “More than 90 percent of Americans – Republicans and Democrats – want mandatory background checks on every gun purchase! But we can’t get them because gun manufacturers funnel anything through the NRA [National Rifle Association]...if we had a national referendum... you could get people to say, ‘do you want this,’ and it wouldn’t be a poll; it would be a vote.”

When asked about ongoing concerns over growing student

loan debt, Steyer said that the country must first break its corporate “stranglehold” before it could pursue policies that reduce the cost of college or make colleges tuition-free under his leadership. He added that “several steps” would have to be taken before he would clear all student debt.

Meanwhile, another attendee questioned Steyer on his stance toward the Republican party, with Steyer replying that he makes a clear distinction between Republican voters and elected Republican leaders currently in Washington.

“I don’t see the elected Republican leaders in Washington, D.C., as necessarily being bad people, I don’t believe it,” he said. “But I do believe that they have gone along with some very bad things, and I don’t believe that Republican voters are anything different from normal Americans. I think that they’re honest, compassionate, [and] decent...”

Steyer cited a recent trip to the U.S.-Mexican border and an immigrant shelter in the town of Callan, TX – where he called the border patrol’s practice of separating immigrant children from their families “a crime against humanity” – as an example of seeing both sides of the political spectrum and across the country equally displaying dismay at the

situation.

“The nun who was running the shelter specifically told us that the Republican electives in her town were working really hard for the kids,” the candidate recalled as he attempted to make a distinction between national party leaders and local party officials. “So, when I think about Republicans as people, I never look down on them...you can disagree with me all day; it’s fine with me, it’s a democracy...if you don’t tell the truth or you put yourself and your career ahead of the good of the American people, I really don’t care what party you’re in: I am very angry.”

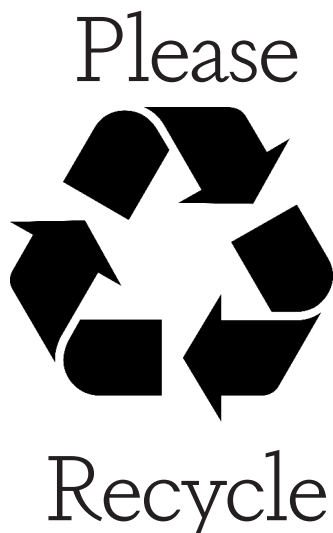
Ettlinger told *The New Hampshire* after the talk that having presidential candidates in New Hampshire presents a “huge opportunity” for the UNH and Durham communities to learn more about the contenders directly from them and confirm the significance of their role as a noteworthy swing state in the general election.

“It brings, you know, potentially, the future president of the United States to campus, that’s an amazing opportunity,” he said. “...all of us are going to be interested in seeing the candidates that we think have the best chance or that we personally might be most likely to support, but I would really encourage people to come and hear the full range of candidates because all of them have interesting perspectives and interesting things to say about the future of this country...”

Sophomore mathematics major Jacob Zercher, one of the few UNH students present at the event, expressed similar gratitude at having the chance to hear out Steyer, who he called “genuine.”

“I think it’s really important just to let candidates know what we think and, you know, to hear from them personally,” he said. “...seeing someone in person is very different than...reading their tweets and seeing their ads on YouTube.”

Zercher, despite praising the event for allowing him to see the candidate in person, wished more of his peers had attended, saying that he was “disheartened” by the absence of “student presence.”



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# Remembering the tragic events of 9/11

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## Quiet mourning echoes throughout campus

By Lara Skinner  
Staff Writer

Primetime television viewing wasn't the normal line-up on Tuesday evening. Students at Smith House moved quietly in and out of the television lounge to catch updates from CNN on the devastating acts of terrorism in Washington, D.C. and Manhattan.

Occasionally they exchanged words in low tones, but the steady voices of the newscasters dominated the dark room.

At 8 p.m. senior Mike Harrington and Resident Hall Director Mary Taylor turned on the lights and invited people into the lounge across the hall to talk about the day's events and how they felt about them.

No one moved at first. A bit of coaxing got 15 or so students to walk silently into the new space, where they perched on couches and chairs and waited for someone to say something, anything.

Each face was blank and their reluctance was almost too much to endure.

Taylor attempted to start a more relaxed conversation, and eventually students talked one at a time about their fears as though they might find a bit of order by expressing themselves this way.

"It scares me that it's one right after another and then it's calming down," said junior Stacey Arnold. A few heads bobbed up and down in agreement but the silence slid back into place when she was done.

Eye contact was rare between the members of the small group.

"What if tomorrow there is a bomb in Boston?" asked sophomore Bonnie Lai.

Silence.

"How is this going to change our lives?" asked Harrington.

Silence.

"I was thinking about the economy," said Ada Zhang.

Silence.

Anderson Ellis summed up the conversation with an indeci-

sive truth. "I don't really know how to react to it," he said.

Half an hour felt stretched to its limits, and as the clock hands finally settled on 8:30 p.m. the group walked back in to the television lounge as quietly as it had moved out so that they could watch and listen to President Bush address the nation. No one spoke and each person seemed wrapped in his or her own world, left wondering what would happen next.

As the President's speech ended and the group in the lounge slowly thinned, other students gathered across the street from Smith on the Thompson Hall lawn.

Sound speakers were set up on a temporary stage and Marvin Gaye's voice broke the stillness with an echoing question, "What's going on?" No other voices joined his as students knelt on the ground by a light post to sign their names on a paper banner bound for the city hall in New York.

The sentiment, "Our thoughts are with you, U. of New Hampshire," was soon surrounded by peace signs and signatures that were written with fat markers and by steady hands.

Candles circulated among the crowd of over 150 people. Those who didn't get candles linked arms and hands with those who did, others held onto the flame for a few minutes and then passed it on to someone without one.

On the stage freshman Larry Gladhill and sophomore Marcus Weisgerber, students from Gibbs Hall who organized the show of support, greeted friends and prepared to address the students who came to console each other and try to find some community among the chaos.

Gladhill and Weisgerber urged people to resist the lure of war and retaliation. They asked people to instead come together "not just as one nation, but as one world."

Despite the words of Gladhill, Weisgerber and the words of the different clergy who



Ari Becker - TNH Photographer

Students gather to remember those who were killed on Tuesday.

came to speak at the vigil, the silence remained. Even when the Rev. Steve Lally coaxed the crowd to raise their candles, he could not get them to speak the words "we are here" in unison. Despite his attempt to create a community through this ritual, people did not bring their voices together.

Assistant Director of Residential Life Colleen Sullivan helped Gibbs Hall organize the event and she was certain to give her support by attending the vigil as well. "I think it's a ritual," she said. "A way for people to cope with what's going on."

A bit apart from the crowd, junior Jared Troutman and his wife Reagan sat beneath the safety of a tree. Reagan leaned back against Jared's chest while he wrapped his arms around her.

"It's simple extended empathy," they said about their decision to come out tonight, away from the television and the end-

less stream of news. Their eyes shared the same thoughtful and shocked glaze of many others there.

Students from the audience began to take to the stage, one by one, and share their thoughts and feelings, to try and shake the glaze away. Some were eloquent, others were brief, and all were poignant.

Swapnil Bhatia, a graduate student who grew up with the violence in India, talked about his perspective after the vigil ended. He was one of the students on stage who asked that the students present remember how Tuesday's tragedy had affected them.

"Before you do something think about it," he said. "Because this is what it feels like." Bhatia was deeply affected by the violence and tried to reflect on what it meant to him as an Indian man in America. "This is crazy," he said.

While not everyone there had direct family or friends in D.C. or Manhattan, the tendrils of the violence reached to friends of friends and further.

"I've been absolutely floored by the stories I heard from friends," said Ben Leavitt.

As the crowd retained its hush and individuals wandered away, students continued to share their thoughts with the crowd that remained. Somewhere on campus a radio blared songs such as "Born in the U.S.A." by Bruce Springsteen, and an electric guitar rendition of taps. Hoots and hollers echoed from the same area, but the raucous noise didn't seem to penetrate the silence of the vigil.

Back at Smith Hall the glow of the television screen emanated from the windows, and the drone of news reports hung in the night chill as individuals struggled to find community in a nation quieted by tragedy.

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like this happens."

Even as those in the UNH community scrambled to sort out the terrible events and locate friends and family who may have been missing in the terrorist attacks, the University and the nation did its best to go about normal business.

President Leitzel gave her own reaction in a modified State of the University Address.

"We are all dumbfounded by this ... Our feelings of celebration have disappeared and these are now replaced by feelings of fear, apprehension and anger," said Leitzel. "And so we come together because it's times like this we want to be together — we want to be with our students and with our community."

She went on to say that despite the current state of the nation, the state of the University is very well off. Leitzel said, "We are good not just for another year, but for many more years." She reported that the University has a clear vision of

who it is and where it is going, and that we can all be assured that, despite her recent announcement to leave UNH, we are in the midst of times of growth, security and respect.

Leitzel commended the Hubbard family, one of the founding families of UNH, and presented the Hubbard Family Award for Service to Philanthropy to K.V.R. Dey Jr., who took the microphone with tears in his eyes and compared the day to his own memories of Pearl Harbor.

For the University, the coming together Leitzel spoke of in her address meant going about with the ordinary as much as possible. Aside from postponing the scheduled residence and dining hall construction celebration, the president refrained from canceling classes, went ahead with a slightly altered University Day and continued efforts to keep community morale up at the campus picnic.

Leaders at many levels urged this regrouping as their main strategy in getting through the day on Tuesday and in the days that have followed. New Hampshire did not close down state operations or buildings, and many states throughout the nation have also continued on.

New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen, in a media conference on Tuesday, urged people to continue functioning as normally as possible.

"It is important to let people know they should continue about normal business," Shaheen said. "We can't let an attack like this shut down the normal business of this country."

The sentiments of Leitzel and Shaheen were echoed yet again by President Bush in his address Tuesday night, as he told of the national efforts to do the same.

"These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into

chaos and retreat, but they have failed. Our country is strong ... We responded with the best of America ... The functions of our government continue without interruption, federal agencies in Washington, which had to be evacuated today, are reopening for a central personnel tonight and will be open for business tomorrow."

The University of New Hampshire has stayed open for business as well.

Student Body President Ken Kruger addressed the masses at the picnic on Tuesday. He urged the UNH community to give blood and pray, leaving the audience with words that we can all look to for guidance in how to proceed as the nation tries to pick up the pieces of such a devastating blow.

"We need to be there for each other — eat together, talk together, go to class together, and sift these matters out. In spite of the tragedy, this will bring us together," said Kruger.



# Northeast Pie Company parks itself in Durham

By Jenna O'del  
STAFF WRITER

A new food truck has rolled in to campus.

Northeast Pie Company, a business that started in Rochester, NH in 2015, has now taken spot in the Conant Hall Courtyard, near the Spaulding Life Sciences Building – the same place that used to be occupied by the Higher Grounds coffee cart until fall 2018. Northeast Pie Company had a soft opening on Friday, Sept. 6, and the official opening was on Monday.

The main dish Northeast Pie Company serves is in their name: pies, just at a smaller size. They serve dessert pies, such as classic apple pie and also entrée-style pie: pies for breakfast and for lunch, with their filling reflecting entrees one would expect a breakfast or lunch: bacon, egg and cheese pie for breakfast or pulled pork pie for lunch.

The owner, Michael D'Amico, said that the idea for pies as a business model came from casual pie making.

"[We] started making them for fun and they got really really good, and no one has them," D'Amico said.

Northeast Pie Company's former location, also as a food truck, was open five to six days a week, serving a significant following of customers and offering frozen orders, D'Amico said. Before bringing the truck to campus, he was planning on turning it into a brick and mortar store to keep up with the demand, but in preparation for this store, he closed the food truck for the 2018 season once he saw the opportunity to bring Northeast Pie Company to UNH.



The "bid [for the location] went out in October," he said, and since securing the location, he has had to work on the necessary permits to run a food truck on campus.

The hallmark of Northeast Pie Company, D'Amico said, is that "everything is from scratch." No component of the food is processed. This includes the pie dough, but also other items on the food truck's menu: such as the hot chocolate, granola bars, and even

the flavoring for iced coffee and lattes—there are no pre-made syrups.

D'Amico also gets ingredients from Three River Farmers Alliance, an online marketplace that sells products grown by local farms. He does not use pre-cut or frozen ingredients.

"There's a lot of time that goes into each one [of the pies]." He said. He arrives on campus at 5 a.m. to begin preparing for the day. "We don't serve

anything that we wouldn't eat."

The menu depends on the rotation of pies for the week. Each week will feature three to four types of lunch pies, with at least one being gluten free and another vegetarian. This is to "appeal to everyone...so everyone [can] eat." A couple pies may be menu fixtures, such as pulled pork pies, because of their popularity.

When asked last Friday about any anticipatory feelings for the official opening, D'Amico

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said, "It's exciting and it's scary and it's exhausting, but at the end of the day I love it. If I wasn't tired and overworked the demand wouldn't be there."

Northeast Pie Company will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. D'Amico is hiring students to work in the food truck and interested students should contact him.

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# Wildcats debate future of presidential debates

By Benjamin Strawbridge  
NEWS EDITOR

In March of 2018, University of New Hampshire (UNH) junior Ethan McClanahan witnessed firsthand the inner workings of a presidential debate when he and fellow student Jake Adams ran for, and ultimately won, the office of student body president (SBP) and vice president, respectively. There, their ticket engaged in a competitive yet ultimately urbane discussion against rival ticket Joseph Ramirez and Thomas Libby as both sides addressed topics such as parking, inclusivity, diversity and student loans, among a host of others.

Nearly two years later, amid extensive talk of the everchanging format and structure of upcoming Democratic primary debates, the now senior political science major sat in the midst of a bustling Student Senate office in the Memorial Union Building as he reflected on the true purpose of an event that has evolved over the years to become a modern political spectacle and guaranteed viewer magnet.

"I watch a debate to get information directly from the candidates instead of...from other people or hear them in person and not from writings they've done," he explained. "...[With] rallies, there's no interaction from candidate to candidate. Debates are a really good time to watch candidates interact with other candidates and how they kind of deal with being criticized for certain policies that they may agree with, and in a political rally they don't have that same opportunity because it's just them with a whole bunch of people who agree with what they're saying."

Unlike McClanahan's situation however, past and forthcoming Democratic debates in the already-heated 2020 race feature a historically high number of liberal candidates ranging from big names like former Vice President Joe Biden and 2016 contender Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) to non-political newcomers like Tom Steyer and Marianne Williamson.

All across the campus and the nation, debates over the effec-

tiveness of events like the upcoming Sept. 12 Democratic debates have frustrated everyone from student and community members viewing the debates, to veterans of such political traditions and the collection of those in academia that study their ups and downs for a living. The historically high candidate count the Democratic party faces in its present fight for the White House has and continues to complicate even the most streamlined and well-managed of debates.

The former SBP, currently serving as a student activity fee chief financial officer, expressed little concern over the still-large field of contenders, despite the expansive field of contenders and the inability for all the candidates to meet face-to-face.

"I think that, you know, a lot of them are going to drop out come February, but I don't think it's a problem," McClanahan said. "I think the more, the merrier, really, because it gives people the opportunity to choose who they really agree with the most."

Some of his peers, meanwhile, are not as willing to embrace the greater amount of choice; in the case of sophomore history major David Cerullo, he plans on waiting it out until more of the dust settles and the front-runners are better established.

"...we all know that most of them are going to drop out, we know who the frontrunners are, and until it gets to be less people, if you ask me, the debates are too crowded," he said. "I don't think any of the debates really with 12 people going for two nights, I don't think it's really conducive. It's a lot, especially for the general public...watching that many when I know that, like, at least eight of them are going to be dropping out in the next coming months..."

And it's more than just concerns of viewer fatigue that some debate observers notice in the current Democratic race.

"The more candidates there are in a debate on the stage, the more difficult it is to run the debate. So, it gets a lot more complicated and I think it's more difficult for moderators to make sure that everyone gets a fair opportunity to present their views," Dr. Dante Scala, a professor of

political science at UNH, said. "And also, it's difficult from the candidates' perspective; they feel a lot of pressure to try and do a lot with a small amount of time."

Scala has taught courses that cover topics like the presidential nomination process, campaigns and elections and political geography and demography. He has also seen all the 2020 debates up to this point, and while he plans to watch the next debate – set for later this month – he has a different way of not just looking at presidential debates but fixing them as well.

His solution in a nutshell: less candidates on the stage at a time. But with a twist.

"In fact, I would go so far as to say...split up the debate into smaller segments and have some one-on-ones on various topics... have Kamala Harris and Pete Buttigieg talk about criminal justice for 10 minutes," Scala proposed. "That would give, I think the audience, more of a chance to see [and] get a better feel for what the candidates are about."

When asked how his plan would work, he explained that while not every candidate would get to speak to every issue proposed at the debate, splitting the candidates into sets of two with emphasis on specific topics would, in theory, give each candidate more time to dedicate themselves to the specifics of their views on that issue while engaging in a less combative conversation with one other opponent within similar time frames to current debates. Scala stressed that this setup would allow the event to focus less on the people on stage and more on the topics they talk about.

"...I think what you find in [a standard debate] when you have many candidates on the same stage at the same time is that they all start jockeying for more and more attention, interrupt each other, don't give each other a chance to speak; then there's all the time the moderators take up," he said. "...what we're doing now I think is stagnant and I don't know if it's all that informative because there's so many candidates for someone to keep track of."

The professor also suggested lower polling and donor standards

for candidates who, unlike people like Steyer, lack the wealth necessary to more efficiently earn their spot on stage, expressing concern that both less wealthy candidates and viewers at home suffer because of what he called "manipulation of the rules."

Despite his proposals for improving debates, however, Scala added that he believes a prepared speech or a grounded town hall event, such as Saturday's town hall with Beto O'Rourke and Friday's policy talk led by Steyer – who just recently met the two-percent poll requirement to attend the next debate, which has thus been split into two nights once again – provide a "less filtered" look into a candidate's stances and more time to hear out the details compared to a debate.

"A debate is highly filtered, and nowadays, the cable news stations have made them into a form of entertainment. Now, entertainment's not all bad, but it's a very strict format that really hems in, and puts restrictions on, candidates," he explained. "So, I think if you want to learn more about a candidate, you should really take the time to listen to a speech or even a podcast involving the candidates as opposed to these debates."

Scala acknowledged that both speeches and political rallies place the one candidate at the "center of attention," but said that a rally is "more for entertainment purposes" and about "trying to rally supporters" compared to a policy speech or debate.

As for viewers like Cerullo, in spite of his frustration with the higher candidate count, he said the debates are not to blame for the number of contenders, all while stressing that debates, amid their flaws, are the best way to see into a candidate's stances on issues that matter to voters like gun control, Medicare, climate change and more, even if splitting the debates into another two night affair prevents viewers from seeing the whole race in one fell swoop.

"I don't really like political rallies because it's just one guy saying what he believes, and if you pay attention you already know what he's going to say.... when you're at a debate, there's, like, a third party who's giving

questions, so it might not be the same stuff you always hear and you get to hear that one guy's ideals challenged...you are actively comparing it to other people," he said.

More importantly than that, however, Cerullo emphasized that a candidate's purpose, aside from presenting policy, should be to present authenticity.

"...when a candidate...has a prepared response, it tells me that they've put thought into it as opposed to someone who just kind of talks about whatever, and you can tell when someone is talking about whatever," Cerullo said.

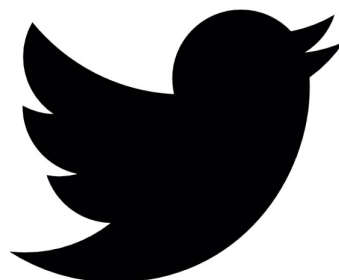
Debate veterans like McClanahan, meanwhile, hope that etiquette and respect for the debate format are respected regardless of the outcome, "so that people aren't going over their time limit and things like that so that everyone is being treated fairly and that they're all being given the same opportunity."

For his part, Scala stressed that, in the end, televised political debates, like most other political events around election season, base their success less on the success of the candidates themselves and more on how many viewers they can get to tune to see how shocking and viral they could get, a major potential concern to viewers looking for clarity in a crowded race unlikely to clear up any time soon.

"I think their [cable news networks] bias is not so much a liberal or conservative bias as it is a bias toward entertaining the viewer," he said. "And that's not all bad, but I think the bias toward trying to entertain the viewer and attract eyeballs make them treat debates like sporting events; and just like at any sporting event, you try and play up conflict and competition rather than try to inform viewers."

"So...a debate becomes all about, 'is Joe Biden going to put his foot in his mouth,' or, 'is someone going to say something that's embarrassing,' right? That's going to make the story the day after," he continued. "That's good for entertainment value, but I don't know how much that tells us about whether that person would be a good president or not."

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# UNH releases campus climate survey

By Ian Lenahan  
MANAGING EDITOR

In front of students, faculty, staff and an online audience in the Memorial Union Strafford Room on Wednesday, Sept. 11, the results of the campus' climate survey were released after months of speculation.

The survey, which asked students, staff and faculty to rate their experiences and feelings toward the culture of the entirety of the university's campus, was conceptually introduced approximately a year ago and received a 34 percent response rate.

With an opening by Associate Vice President for Community, Equity and Diversity Monica Chiu, University of New Hampshire (UNH) President James W. Dean, Jr., took the stage to voice his approval of the process.

"I'm really excited and proud of this work to take it from vision to execution in such a short time," President Dean said,

adding that those involved in the process moved it along with a "spirit of ingeniousness and creativity."

The survey's response rate, spearheaded with the help of Pennsylvania-based Rankin & Associates Consulting, is a percentage that Rankin & Associate's Julie Del Giorno assured the crowd was a feat in its own for a larger university.

Del Giorno, an executive associate and senior research associate at the firm, led the trimmed-down presentation that aimed to show key points to the crowd. The 120 question-long survey was returned by 6544 members of the UNH community. The survey also focused on certain identifiers such as gender status, racial identity, sexual identity, religious/spiritual identity, citizenship status, military status, length of employment, etc.

Del Giorno noted that, in modern society, a major reason why college students leave their

respective higher education institutions is due to the fact that they lack a sense of belonging. Pulling up a national statistic, the firm found that 30 percent of students have considered leaving their college-level setting based off their dissatisfaction in their sense of worth there.

As results of the survey came to light, Del Giorno revealed that 81 percent of respondents said they felt comfortable at UNH, while 74 percent of staff and faculty respondents said they were comfortable with their department or program regarding campus climate; 86 percent of faculty and student respondents felt comfortable with their experiences of campus climate in the classroom.

However, Del Giorno added that, despite such positively high figures, the statistics required further observation. Amidst those numbers, marginalized groups recorded lower numbers than people in majority groups.

Women reported lower scores for campus climate than men and people of color or people of of multiracial backgrounds gave lower ratings than participants who identify as white.

With a preface by Del Giorno stating that sensitive statistics were to come with the subject matter, the climate survey results revealed that 11 percent of respondents had been a victim of unwanted sexual contact on campus.

UNH Student Accessibility Services Director Michael Shuttic reminded the crowd that, since the survey was released in the second semester of last year, those numbers could be higher due to students potentially having left the university before being given the chance to answer the survey.

The last major statistic reported that 37 percent of respondents have seriously considered leaving the university for a variety of reasons. Honing in on the

student aspect of the statistic, Del Giorno stated that 49.9 percent of the undergraduate students within that spectrum didn't feel a sense of belonging at UNH, thus causing them to consider leaving the university altogether.

After Chiu took over for Del Giorno to highlight some of the action steps the university has taken to combat these issues, such as creating an Inclusion Council that meets monthly, Rankin & Associates Consulting Principal and Chief Executive Officer Sue Rankin took over the microphone to offer her viewpoint.

"We can say no to helping people, but we chose to work with you guys. Remember that you decide how you want your community to be. You're here cause you want to be," she said. "Here's how we make change: A random act of kindness every day. That would make this institution already better."

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## New Hampshire Associated Press

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP) — Planet Fitness says more than 5,500 New Hampshire teens logged in more than 29,000 workouts at its locations from June through September as part of a summer challenge.

Teens age 15 to 18 logged in

workouts.

The New Hampshire-based company built on a pilot program last summer, in which more than 2,500 teens had logged nearly 12,000 gym visits at its Planet Fitness locations.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Gas prices have dropped a bit more in northern New England.

The latest GasBuddy price reports show New Hampshire's prices fell 2.3 cents per gallon in the last week, bringing the average to \$2.48. Vermont prices

dropped 1.9 cents, to \$2.62 a gallon. Maine prices went down 1.7 cents per gallon, to \$2.53.

The national average is \$2.55 per gallon. That's down 9.9 cents from a month ago, and 28.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

SALEM, N.H. (AP) — The town of Salem, New Hampshire, is dedicating a 9/11 memorial that has a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

The Eagle Tribune reports the memorial was planned by the Salem Won't Forget Committee. It was being dedicated Wednesday, 18 years after al-Qaida hijackers commandeered four U.S.

commercial airlines.

The memorial features replicas of the World Trade Center towers that fell that day and the Pentagon, another site of attack. It also contains the word "remember" and the words of passengers on Flight 93 who fought the hijackers before their plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire's governor signed a ban on oil and gas drilling in the state's coastal waters on Tuesday, a move that several states have taken in response to the Trump administration's proposal to open new areas for exploration.

While Republican Gov. Chris Sununu said the Trump administration has assured him that drilling would not occur off New Hampshire's 18-mile-long (30-kilometer-long) coast, he said the legislation was important to protect the waters for future generations.

"New Hampshire has a long and proud tradition of environmental stewardship, and today's action to ban oil and gas drilling off of our pristine coastline is another step in the right direction," Sununu said in a statement.

Governors and lawmakers from both Republican- and Democratic-led states have fought the administration's plans for expanded offshore drilling. A federal judge ruled in May that President Donald Trump had exceeded his authority when he ordered that the Arctic and parts of the Atlantic be opened to oil and gas development.

The American Petroleum Institute has opposed the state bans, saying closing the door to offshore development could hurt local economies as well as the nation's energy security.

The bill Sununu signed at a seaside state park was sponsored by Democrats and takes effect later this year. State Sen. Martha Fuller Clark, D-Portsmouth, called it a victory for the environment and the state.

"With our coastline protected, now it is time for New Hampshire to move forward on sustainable energy developments, including offshore wind and solar," she said in a statement.

New Jersey passed its prohibition in 2018, while bills were signed into law in Maine, Oregon and New York earlier this year. In Oregon, the measure extended a temporary 10-year ban that was set to expire next year and directed state agencies to refuse to assist with any potential drilling operations in federal waters off the Oregon coast.

In Rhode Island, bills in both the House and Senate failed to advance past committee in 2018. State Sen. Dawn Euer, a Democrat who sponsored the Senate version, said Tuesday she ran out of time this year to rework her bill to address concerns about unintended consequences but plans to introduce new legislation next year.

Associated Press writer Jennifer McDermott in Providence, Rhode Island, contributed to this report.

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# Union Court tunes: Dan Blakeslee

By **Shawn Latulippe**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In 1995, a man named Dan Blakeslee was enjoying a job at Barnacle Billy's restaurant in Ogunquit, Maine, when his boss refused to hire him back. According to Blakeslee, his boss told him "you're supposed to be out there playing music." Ever since, Blakeslee has turned his focus completely to his music career.

Blakeslee, a folk musician and South Berwick, Maine native, played at Union Court at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) on Wednesday, Sept. 11. A different musician performs every Wednesday in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) at lunchtime.

Blakeslee compared performing at Union Court, the five-eatery hang-out spot on the second floor of the MUB, to performing at a subway station. With this being said, the New England folk musician explained he loves playing on the Durham campus and believes there's good energy all around the university. He also recalled one of his defining memories playing at a subway station in 1995 in Boston where he performed music to a homeless man lying on a bench for hours. Blakeslee said the homeless man told him, "Thank you for taking me out of the world I'm living in." This was one moment that touched Blakeslee and showed him why playing music - no matter where you are - is important.

Blakeslee started his music career playing in dorms in Durham, in venues in Portsmouth and in the subways of Boston, but has never lost his passion through the journey.

"It's a grind," he said with a grin.

His advice to new musicians: "Whatever you do, do everything from the heart."

Some of Blakeslee's biggest musical inspirations are Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Nick Drake, Michael Hurley and David Bowie. He also said one of his favorite hip-hop artists is Spose, from Wells, Maine, who worked at Barnacle Billy's with him years before.

Junior mechanical engineering major Michael Tung said that he liked Blakeslee's performance at Union Court and that it was a nice change of pace from the music usually played on the radio. Junior history major James Giusti said Blakeslee's music was relaxing and nice to listen to while eating lunch.

Also in attendance at Blakeslee's performance was UNH alumnus Derek Taylor, 41, from Dover. Taylor said when he was a first-year student at UNH in 1996, he saw Blakeslee play in the Entertainment Center for the first time and became a fan. Taylor said his favorite Blakeslee song is "Little Black Case."

First-year communication sciences and disorders major Katie Lemieux said that she just came to Union Court to eat lunch, but that Blakeslee had a good voice and his show made the environment more exciting.

Blakeslee played most of his own songs at this performance, but also included some covers of other artists' songs like Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" and Bob Dylan's "She Belongs to Me."

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*'Bandersnatch'*

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# Choose your own review: 'Bandersnatch'

By Zach Lewis  
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for more interaction in your life but prefer the isolation of your own room, then "Black Mirror: Bandersnatch" is the perfect film for you. It was written by the creator of the "Black Mirror" series, Charlie Brooker, and directed by David Slade. The movie's concept is based off the popular choose-your-own-adventure style of novel and storytelling. Viewers decide with the click of their remote how the story will unfold for Stefan Butler. Stefan is a computer programmer working in England on an interactive video game. This is a first of its kind during the prehistoric age of the 1980s. This review will function in the same vein as the movie. You get to choose your own review. Each paragraph will be a different color and you'll be directed where to go based on your decision. If you want to keep reading the review, go to the blue paragraph. If you want to put down the paper and head to Libby's, go to the orange paragraph.

**[ORANGE]** You arrive to the popular bar and dance spot, Libby's, and find that the line extends all the way back to campus. Your cellphone has four percent battery life and you see your crush walk by with someone you hate. A car drives by and splashes you with what you hope is mud. You lay down on the sidewalk and literally die. Go back to the original paragraph.

**[BLUE]** Butler is pitching his interactive video game to Mohan Thakur (Asim Chaudhry) and Colin Ritman (Will Poulter). Ritman is the Tony Stark of video game programming and Thakur rules the company with an iron fist but is secretly compassionate toward his employees. To find out more about the origin of Bandersnatch, fictional and historical, go to the green paragraph. To check out that interesting beehive buzzing behind you go to the red paragraph.

**[RED]** You open the top of the beehive to discover copious amounts of honey. You waft the amazing smell into your nose as you remember that you forgot about the bees. You feel a pinch. You've been stung. Bee after bee sting you all over your body. You start to flee as a large grizzly bear blocks your path. The bear scares the bees away. You think you're safe, but the bear thinks you're after his honey, so he mauls you with his fuzzy sharp claws. You literally die. Return to



Courtesy Netflix

the original or blue paragraph.

**[GREEN]** Bandersnatch originally appeared in a Lewis Carroll novel, "Through the Looking Glass," first published in 1872. The character also appears in Carroll's 1874 poem "The Hunting of the Snark." The Bandersnatch in the film is the title of a science fiction book whose author devolved into madness from writing the story. Although a Bandersnatch doesn't necessarily appear in the film, the choices the viewer makes acts as a substitute of that malicious character. To learn about other characters in the film head to the black paragraph. To investigate the mysterious tomb on campus in front of DeMeritt Hall go to the purple paragraph.

**[PURPLE]** You use a crowbar to pry open the top of the cement tomb. You hear moans coming from inside the depths of a deep and cavernous underground dwelling. You notice a ladder and decide to climb down into the hole. As your feet reach the dirt the ladder disintegrates. The moans you heard turn into laughter as you see a mummy with a sword lunge toward you. The tomb's lid mysteriously slides back into place. That small amount of light from the tomb's opening is now gone. You try to find safety in the dark grave, but the mummy stabs you repeatedly. It's a big bummer. You literally die. Go back to the green

paragraph.

**[BLACK]** The only other substantial characters in this film are Stefan's father, Peter (Craig Parkinson), and Stefan's therapist, Dr. Haynes (Alice Lowe). Stefan has a multitude of emotional and mental health issues. Most of these involve delusions of killing people or voices talking to him or controlling his actions. Maybe they aren't delusions at all though. Go to NETFLIX and discover for yourself or go to the pink paragraph that's all about butterflies.

**[PINK]** Butterflies are so magical! They grant you wishes and are normally someone's deceased grandmother. You see a monarch butterfly and approach with glee but also with caution. This butterfly is on a cliff's edge in the White Mountains. The butterfly seems to smile and lands on your hand. At first you feel lucky, and even special, but a quiet scream emanating from the butterfly becomes loud and harsh. It judges you on that thing you either did or didn't do that really hurt that person's feelings. The butterfly criticizes your shoes and calls you insensitive. Afterwards, it flies away. You yell at the butterfly. In your rage you misplace your foot and tumble off the cliff into a large patch of rocks. You literally die. Go back to the original or black paragraph.

## TNH Test Kitchen: Apricot Oat Bars

By Rose Correll  
STAFF WRITER



Courtesy Giadzy

### Ingredients:

For the filling:

- 1 13 ounce jar of apricot jam/preserves (about 1 1/4 cup)
- 8 dried apricots chopped into smaller pieces (about 1/3 cup)

For the crust:

- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 packed cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 3/4 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup (4 ounces) coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg, at room temperature, beaten
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray a 9-by-13-by-2-inch metal baking dish with vegetable

oil cooking spray. Line the bottom and sides of the pan with parchment paper. Spray the parchment paper with vegetable oil cooking spray and set aside.

Filling:

In a small bowl, mix together the jam and the apricots. Set aside.

Crust:

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Stir in the oats and walnuts. Add the butter, egg and vanilla and stir until incorporated.

Using a fork or clean fingers, lightly press half of the crust mixture onto the bottom of the prepared pan. Using a spatula, spread the filling over the crust leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edge of the pan. Cover the filling with the remaining crust mixture and gently press to flatten. Bake until light-golden for about 30 to 35 minutes. Cool for 1 hour. Cut into bars and store in an airtight container for up to three days.

This recipe is one that is super easy to make and is SO GOOD! They can be for breakfast on-the-go, a snack or dessert warmed up with some vanilla ice cream.



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Blakeslee also spoke about his upcoming Halloween tour, which originally started when he played a song he wrote about Halloween and performed it at The Press Room in Portsmouth. There, a man in the back of the audience shouted at the end of his performance that he wanted to put the song out on vinyl next year.

Following the positive feedback, he started his side Halloween show, Dr. Gasp. Eventually, he put out three albums all about Halloween. One of his Halloween albums was recorded on campus at WUNH.

His biggest inspiration for his Halloween albums is the song "Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett, which he first heard as a child when his father blasted it on vinyl to scare the children trick-or-treating at his house away.

Blakeslee said that he'll be playing his Dr. Gasp Halloween show at The Press Room in Portsmouth again this

year on Thursday, Oct. 31. His next show is at the 3S Artspace in Portsmouth on Friday, Oct. 4.

One of Blakeslee's favorite songs that he's written is called "My Lightning Valentino." The story was inspired by a man from Alabama that he met in a bar during a blizzard in Jackson. The man was talking about a former lover he met in Montreal who gave him a white horse named Valentino as a gift. One day, when he was about to go for a ride, Valentino was bucking like crazy, warning him of a rattlesnake. Valentino saved the Alabama man's life, yet ended up dying from a rattlesnake bite. This story still gives Blakeslee shivers to this day.

Blakeslee has recorded six albums over his career and said he is working on his first acoustic album in 20 years. He said he is recording songs from places all over New England that hold special meaning to him. The album he's currently working on will probably be out next year, but he said he's taking his time with it.



## Food review: Food truck meat pies more than a snack



By Valeriia Kholmanskikh  
STAFF WRITER

For me, food falls into two categories: "edible" and "good," so as soon as Northeast Pie Company set up their food truck outside DeMeritt Hall, I volunteered to review their meat pies.

I was not feeling like eating a breakfast pie at 3 p.m., and dessert pies, although sounding good, did not seem like a brave enough choice for the first review. It had to be a meat pie. I had a choice of three: chicken pot pie, pulled pork and Big Mac. By the time I got there, they were out of chicken pot pies, and, not being a pork fan, I went with Big Mac - a pie with ground beef, onions, pickles and cheese. Seeing "Live Free, Eat Pie, Drink Coffee" on the side of the truck, I added an iced coffee to my order.

First things first, the coffee is definitely worth it. It is "local New Hampshire coffee," as the menu advertises, and it is decently priced for its size and taste. Iced, hot, cold brew or a

latte (they have flavors!) can be a good morning pick-me-up on your way to class.

As for the main event - the meat pie - it was two (if not three) times smaller than I expected. Do not let it fool you, however; writing this hours later, I am still not sure if I will ever be hungry again. Surrounded by a thin layer of puff pastry-type dough, the filling is basically just beef with a hint of the rest of the ingredients. The pie did taste relatively greasy toward the middle, but I would not say this made it particularly bad.

The pies might not be mind-blowing in terms of taste, but they are certainly filling. The meat pies are great substitute for a missed meal and, having experienced the dough-to-filling ratio, the vegetarian, breakfast or dessert pies could be enough for a couple of hours' worth of class time.

Northeast Pie Company pies are not your between-class snack; they are more of a pre-evening lab meal in a paper pocket. A warning: you cannot

really eat it as you walk; two bites in, and the weight of the meat causes what remains of the dough to fall apart.

I would not call them particularly delicious, but the pies do taste good and are a convenient bite for those emergency hunger situations. As the company claims, their menu is "100% scratch made," and I am ready to believe that. They also have gluten free and no-meat options, as well as a variety of snacks like parfaits and sides such as roasted vegetables.

Overall, it is a great place for coffee and a decent place for food, and I have yet to see what their apple pies are all about.



## Lucy Dacus slated to perform at 3S Artspace

By Sophia Kurzius  
STAFF WRITER

This Thursday night American indie rock singer-songwriter Lucy Dacus is at 3S Artspace. You may know her as one-third of indie rock supergroup boygenius, but Dacus will be performing her solo music. With only two full-lengths out now and having only debuted in 2016, Dacus has quickly moved up in the ranks of rock music. The song "Night Shift," which builds over time until it explodes, includes the incredible lyric: "In five years I hope the songs feel like covers dedicated to new lovers."

Throughout 2019 Dacus has released three singles, including a contemporary

cover of "La Vie En Rose," and each cover is a slightly different portrait of her, with varying coloring and details. An artistic choice reminiscent of Leonardo da Vinci's multiple versions of "Virgin of the Rocks" or sort of like a "Spot the Difference" game on a paper diner menu. The shows openers are Quinn Christopherson, a bleach blonde Alaskan-based artist who won the 2019 NPR Music Tiny Desk Contest, and Taylor Janzen, a 19-year-old artist from Winnipeg that is known from her minimalist yet impactful songs. If you're looking for some passionately articulated indie folk-rock music for your Thursday night, then definitely head over to 3S Artspace.





# Rogowsky rewards with laughs at HQ Trivia

By Benjamin Strawbridge  
NEWS EDITOR

Regardless of whether they won a prize or not, attendees to Scott Rogowsky's HQ Trivia Night at the Memorial Union Strafford Room on Saturday, Sept. 7, found themselves walking away with smiles following an intense and comedic battle of wits.

The 9 p.m. event saw 18 students across different grades and majors competing in a live-action rendition of the popular HQ Trivia app, a live trivia game for mobile devices where contestants take on sets of increasingly difficult questions for the chance to win cash prizes. Other than the substitution of cash prizes for UNH- and Rogowsky-branded merchandise (with gift cards for Regal Cinemas and Buffalo Wild Wings standing in as the grand prizes), the Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted-show performed nearly identical to its source.

The game consisted of three rounds each featuring three teams of two students randomly selected from the audience using tickets scattered under attendees' seats. Each team took turns answering a series of questions based on movies, sports, music and other parts of pop culture, with each question becoming more obscure and difficult as the round progressed. Each round ended with only one student remaining, with the three finalists from the three rounds competing in one final matchup for the gift cards, as well as a signed baseball card from Rogowsky and a choice of one of the lower-tier prizes.

In between the rounds, Rogowsky littered the show with showcases of his past work with clients such as Playboy - where he most notably produced a series of videos where he read humorously inappropriate books aboard a subway - alongside original stand-up bits and stories of his time at HQ Trivia, where he served as a primary host of the app from 2017 to April of this year.

While he is best remembered for his time at HQ Trivia, Rogowsky's comedy career actually began in 2007 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, with a two-credit course called "Stand-up Comedy and Society."

"The final project was doing five minutes of material onstage in front of an audience, much like this," Rogowsky told *The New Hampshire* following the show. "Like, 300 people showed up on my first time ever doing stand-up, and

I actually did okay, well enough that people came up to me and said, 'You should be doing this more, you should make this a career!'"

Although he initially considered his debut a "fluke" and did not plan on pursuing stand-up comedy while at college, he ultimately "caught the bug" and continued his act through college and into larger venues. Despite his appearance at bigger venues across the country and the wide age range of HQ Trivia, however, Rogowsky said performing at colleges like UNH represent a special opportunity to connect with previously-established fans of the app who might have encountered it in high school or in their earlier college years, leading him to call performances like Saturday's show a "nostalgic act."

Participants and viewers rewarded the show and its host with similar praises in return, such as sophomore civil engineering major Seamus Quinn, who won the night's grand prizes.

"I actually was just in the MUB looking at stuff to do and just happened to find this," he said. "I've been playing HQ for a while and I figured I couldn't miss the chance to meet Scott in person."

Quinn added that it was "pretty cool" to meet the host in person and "even cooler" to win.

"I think this event is important because at a school like UNH, we don't get as many big names coming here like bigger state schools," senior marketing and communications major Payton Taylor, a member of CAB, said prior to the show. "So to have a name here that a lot of people recognize and see the poster and get excited about it is something we're happy as an org to provide to the student body because we just try to get as many exciting people here as we can for UNH students to meet being so far away from big spots like New York and California."

The "different dynamic" and positive reception toward that "test run" college show encouraged Rogowsky to take the show on the road, a gig he has hosted for nearly two years now. More HQ college shows are expected to run through the end of September, as well as potential appearances in major cities like New York and New Orleans down the road.

Above all, however, Rogowsky stressed that the most rewarding part of the experience, even more so than the prizes he gave out on Saturday,



Benjamin Strawbridge / TNH Staff



Courtesy HQ Trivia

was - and continues to be - the chance to interact with his fans and give them a positive experience even in negative times.

"I'm not the kind of person who does a show and skips out of town right out the back door. I like to hang around, take pictures, talk to fans and hearing from them... People are getting to the point where people form relationships around HQ, it made their relationships with their families stronger and their friends," he said. "When it was the phenomenon that it was... it was an incredible thing that brought people together, and hearing those stories, that's very rewarding."

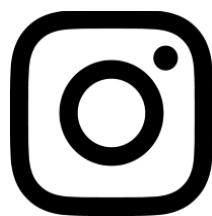
When looking back at those experiences and stories, Rogowsky expressed his gratitude in being more than just, in his words, "the guy behind the phone."

"You hear about it and you can get a tweet about it, but to hear from someone and someone [says], 'I was in the hospital having a really hard time and HQ helped me through it.' Stories like that, wow, [it] blows you away," he said. "It makes me remember, you know, what an important part of peoples' lives HQ was at one point and how much they latched onto me as... a friend, a virtual friend through the phone. So, that's cool, man. I'm glad I was able to have that experience for people."

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# MAD ABOUT BOOKS ★ ★ ★ ★

## ‘Good Omens’ by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

By Madailein Hart  
STAFF WRITER

“Good Omens” by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett follows a whole host of characters including Crowley and Aziraphale, a demon and angel respectively; Adam and his friends, Dog the Hellhound, Anathema the occultist, Newt and Shadwell the witch-finders, and many others. The genre of this book is considered “horror fantasy comedy,” a mix of genres that sound like they should not go together but a mix Gaiman and Pratchett achieve seamlessly.

Aziraphale and Crowley have lived on Earth since “The Beginning” and have gotten to know each other very well. So well, in fact, that one might even call them friends. They hang out, do favors for each other, and now they must try to stop the anti-Christ together. Plan A was good, try to stop his evil impulses by disguising themselves as a nanny and gardener and raising the boy from behind the scenes. This, however, didn’t work because they got the wrong boy. Now they need a plan B.

Anathema is on the same mission, but with the help of her 300-year-old, and dead, ancestor Agnes Nutter, Witch. Nutter is the only prophet in all of his-

tory that has gotten all of her prophecies correct, although every prophecy has been written like a riddle. The witch-finders have also been noticing some weird happenings in Taddfield, where an 11-year-old Adam Young lives. Adam, on the other hand, is just trying

The end of times is coming and they’ve been waiting to fight for millennia. The four horsemen of the apocalypse are being called: War, a journalist; Famine, a diet doctor and restaurant owner; Pollution, who has caused numerous natural disasters by slipping under the radar;

book is also so funny, both in the way the characters are and just in the way scenes are written. I believe the whole book is narrated by the God himself, who obviously knows and sees everything. One of my favorites lines is “He had heard about talking to plants in the early seventies, on Radio Four, and thought it was an excellent idea. Although talking is perhaps the wrong word for what Crowley did. What he did was put the fear of God into them. More precisely, the fear of Crowley.”

When this book was written in 1990, no one knew who Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett were; bestsellers like “American Gods,” “Coraline” and “The Witch’s Vacuum Cleaner and Other Stories” were not even thought of yet. I believe this gave the two men more freedom to explore the storyline and characters because no one expected much of either author, and the reader can tell by the writing that the men had a lot of freedom to write what they wanted.

I’d recommend this book to everyone; it really has something for everyone, especially humor, romance, and philosophy.



Courtesy BBC

to enjoy summer with his three best friends and new Dog, which is aptly named Dog.

While all this is going on, Heaven and Hell are preparing for war, and frankly, they don’t care much for humans as Crowley and Aziraphale do.

and Death, who looks exactly like you’d expect death to look.

This book, I think, is mostly character-driven and asks questions like “why is there good and evil in the first place?” and “just become something is prophesied, does it mean it must happen?” This

## The smooth snips of The Man Cave Cut and Style

By Evan Edmonds  
STAFF WRITER

What does my hair have in common with a dog rolling around out in the yard? It’s shaggy, unkempt and there’s no telling what it’ll do next.

That’s how it was. That is, until my first visit to The Man Cave Cut and Style in Portsmouth.

It was the shiny and smooth discount card that brought me in, but it was the high-quality haircut and friendly service that brought me back. The discount offered to service industry employees brings a \$35 haircut down to \$20 - the price I usually pay for a haircut. I figured I’d go for it and see if the bargain was worth the trip to Portsmouth.

10 Ladd St. sits in a back alley sandwiched between bustling Market Square and the back of the parking garage. If you don’t look close enough you might not even see it. It took a few looks at Google Maps, and sure enough there it was, sharing an entryway with an empty storeroom.

Man Cave is about the size of a small bedroom, but there’s a lot to look at. In one corner lies a small leather couch with a mirror hanging on the wall above. The opposite side of the room is where the two salon chairs sit, accompanied with their own mirrors and haircut supplies. It is neatly organized.

Conveniently placed (I really appreciated the style choice) adjacent to the mirrors on the opposite wall is a small TV showing ESPN’s “First Take.” The



Courtesy Google Reviews

subtle hum of the razor can be heard under the barks of stats and analysis from Stephen A. Smith. Lots of subtle and cool pieces of décor are scattered among the rest of the furniture, like the old-style black-and-white Marilyn Monroe wallpaper on one wall, the London telephone booth trash can and the New England sports team logos scattered about.

Only one of the chairs is occupied and there is a lone hairdresser at work. As the man reclines in his chair, Sheila McMahon begins to trim his beard, which he captures on video for what I assume was a Snapchat. “Portsmouth city man,” as he labeled himself, also known as Shane McCarthy, said he’s somewhat of a regular at Man Cave. He said the friendly staff and the quality of the cut keeps him coming back and he doesn’t even use any discounts.

He was right, too. McMahon, the

owner and my hairdresser, was very friendly; she’s been running Man Cave for six years and has been hairdressing for 19. She said she’s been trying to move to a bigger location for a while now, but her landlord doesn’t want her to expand into the vacant spot directly next door to her for some reason. She was looking at another place on Market Square as well, but apparently her landlord is friends with that landlord, and has convinced him that McMahon doesn’t need to move her business!

“It really is a man’s world, and I’m a woman living in it,” she said laughing. It cracked me up, too.

The cut was enjoyable. I asked for what I usually get, a three on the sides and on the back, with a decent amount off the top and the bangs so I can stick it up the way I like it. She recommended getting it buzzed shorter on the sides because “it looks more professional.” It

sounded good to me; now I feel more professional too! She also snagged a strand of my hair (with my permission of course) because one of her other customers wants to have his hair colored just like mine (strawberry blond, not ginger). I was surprised at first, but flattered, I think?

I left feeling more professional and gladder that I tried out the new place. I have since gone back to Man Cave, and the experience was equally pleasant with the haircut just as high quality as the first cut. The same echo of sports analysis from “First Take” could be heard over the razor although this time it was accompanied by an in-depth conversation between the other hairdresser, Fergie, and I.

Fergie’s voice echoed through that little salon and he seemed like a pure, genuinely happy guy. He told me he “bleeds green,” having grown up in Massachusetts and playing basketball at a small college there. We chatted and joked about the new look of the NBA after the summer’s big moves, we speculated about where Kawhi Leonard would end up.

At the end of it, I had the best haircut I had ever gotten, and it didn’t even feel like any time had passed! It was such an enjoyable experience that I am hooked to the Man Cave. That’s where I’ll be going for my haircuts from now on and for people who are eligible for the discount card, the high value haircut at a lower price is a deal that should not be passed up on.



# A Toast to Pot Roast

It was on November 29, 2018 where Executive Editor Bret Belden, News Editor Benjamin Strawbridge and I competed in a chow-down competition of a lifetime, a true smokehouse lover's dream: a Holloway Commons London broil eating contest. It was I who came out victorious at the end of the greasy affair, and I would later retain my heavysset belt in a brisket-eating competition against our magnificent arts editor Caleb Nathan Jagoda later on in the year (nice try, squirt).

However, it's a new year and the Holloway Commons carnivorous delicacies are plentiful as usual. On this particular Wednesday evening, David Hill and the gang rolled out a classic remi-

niscent of Grandma's house - a hearty pot roast. It was Sports Editor Sam "The Eggman" Eggert, the egger on of all nincompoop-requiring activities, who suggested this blast to the past- another meat-eating contest.

Ah, the nostalgia.

In one corner, we had returning Benjamin in his timeless pink polo shirt on a mission like no other. He gave off shades of Muhammad Ali, floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee as he attacked his roast slabs bit by bit. His competitor for the (not so) pay-per-view event was sophomore sports editor Josh Morrill, a fresh-faced sophomore out of Barre, Vermont with the heart of the MGM lion. All our edito-

rial team could do was nervously gather around the table in which they squared off, staring each other down into their meaty souls, knowing that they'd both be a trouser size larger by the night's end.

The rules? Three slabs of meat each, one gulp of water beforehand, and a race to the very last chew between the two. The meat was dry, but the banter? Talk about an all-time high.

Behold: Two meat-sweaty conquistadors, two bloated bellies, two men sparring in a windowless room leading to one grizzled champion, and the best 14 quotes from Wednesday's main event. Grab the napkins, the Tums and cue the music!

- 1.) "I'll do what I want with my slab!" - Ben
- 2.) "I'm going for smaller nibbles." - Josh
- 3.) "Did you moisturize your mouth beforehand?" - Ben
- 4.) "At least I care about not choking!" - Ben
- 5.) "My jaw is getting a good pump right now." - Josh
- 6.) "I have a pea; that helps." - Ben
- 7.) "What's your last name?" - also Ben
- 8.) "You're terrible at distracting." - Josh
- 9.) "I'm just frustrated that you're more of an expert in eating pot roast than me." - Ben
- 10.) "Please help me." - Ben
- 11.) "You guys are beefin'

- now." - Bret
- 12.) "Oh God you look awful." - Sam
- 13.) "This isn't even the real blowout, that happens an hour from now." - Bret
- 14.) [Heavy sigh] - Ben

**By Ian Lenahan**  
MANAGING EDITOR



*The calm before the slabs/ Sam Eggert*



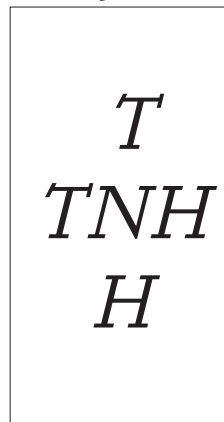
*From L-R: Sam, Ben and Josh mean mug for the camera /Ian Lenahan*



*The boys are pensive/Ian Lenahan*



*Cramping/ Sam Eggert*



*Suspenseful Bret/ Ian Lenahan*



*Katie is... disgusted?/Ian Lenahan*



*Josh finishes first at 13:13 exactly/Ian Lenahan*



# Letters to the Editor

National Security Advisor John Bolton became the latest American casualty of Washington's 18-year war in Afghanistan on September 10, fired by US president Donald Trump shortly after Trump announced that he had planned, but was canceling, a meeting with Taliban leaders at Camp David to ink a "peace deal."

Firing Bolton is a good start. Nobody sane wants a guy who looks like Captain Kangaroo but talks like Dr. Strangelove whispering foreign policy advice in a president's ear. The main effect of his departure from the White House is to shift perceived responsibility for America's ongoing fiasco in Afghanistan back where it belongs: Squarely on the shoulders of Donald J. Trump.

Before Trump became a presidential candidate, his views on the war made sense. "We should leave Afghanistan immediately. No more wasted lives," he tweeted on March 1, 2013. In November of that same year, he urged Americans to "not allow our very stupid leaders to sign a deal that keeps us in Afghanistan through 2024."

Unfortunately his position on the war became "nuanced" (read: pandering and weaselly) as he became first a presidential candidate and then president.

As president, he increased US troop levels in Afghanistan and dragged out the war he once said he wanted to end. In fact, the notional Camp David "peace deal" would merely have reduced those troop levels back to about where they were as of his inauguration. Some "peace deal!"

Throughout Trump's presidency, his non-interventionist supporters have continuously made excuses for his failure to end US military adventures in Afghanistan, Syria, and elsewhere.

President Trump is trying to attain trade equity with China, but his trade war is having a devastating impact on U.S. farmers, which could lead to long term losses of the Chinese market for our agricultural products since they are being replaced by competing countries. The \$12 billion farmers subsidy is just a temporary reprieve for farmers.

China typically imports large quantities of U.S. fruit, pork, cotton, soybeans and other farm products. It imports 60% of U.S. soybean exports, about 30 million tons per year. Although the European Union agreed to import more soybeans, its 14 million tons falls far short of the 30 million tons to China.

It's always John Bolton's fault, or Mike Pompeo's. It's always this general, or that bureaucrat, or the "fake news media," or the "deep state" undermining poor, powerless little Donny Trump, thwarting his sincere desire to do the right thing and bring the troops home.

Oddly, those same supporters would have us believe that Trump is a bold and commanding genius, scattering his opponents before him as he maneuvers 5D chess pieces around their tiddlywinks with his abnormally small hands, Making America Great Again.

It can't be both. Nor is it necessarily either of those things. Whatever it is, this is necessarily part of it:

"The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States ..." -- Article II, Section 2, US Constitution

Trump can pick up his phone any time, call the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and order the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan. If his order is disobeyed, he can relieve the generals who fail to follow it and replace them with others who'll do their jobs.

John Bolton didn't stop him from doing that. Mike Pompeo can't stop him from doing that. The "fake news media" and the "deep state" don't get to countermand presidential orders to the armed forces.

Donald Trump owns this war. If he doesn't end it, that's on him and no one else.

**Thomas L. Knapp**

Brazil is the largest exporter of soybeans to China. It has increased its soybean exports to China by 27% to 71 million tons, and it is clearing large swaths of the Amazon Forest for soybean production. Unfortunately, the forest is being cleared with set fires that are out of control, and the clearing has a huge adverse impact on the world since the rain forest absorbs millions of tons of carbon emissions each year; along with trees throughout the planet.

Note: My wife's father, Alton Jones, was a cattle farmer.

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If the War on Terror were a person, it would be eligible to vote this year. That is to say, the efforts by the United States to combat terrorist organizations in response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks of 2001 – the bulk of which have been focused on the Afghanistan and Iraq wars – enters its 18th year in September, with few positive results to show for it. Although President Obama announced an "end" to Operation Enduring Freedom in 2014, the US Government's official name for the War on Terror, the conflict continues to this day and US forces still operate in multiple theaters in the Middle East. Soon, some US Troops will be fighting in a war that started before they were born – a first in American history. Nearly two decades on, the consequences of the War on Terror are disastrous for both the United States and the world.

Of the objectives outlined by President Bush when the War on Terror was launched, the only real success is the elimination of many high-ranking members of al Qaeda. Most notably, Osama bin Laden was killed by US Navy SEALs in 2011. The original al Qaeda organization was largely destroyed. However, the Taliban still operates in Afghanistan and Pakistan, many al Qaeda affiliates in the Middle East and Africa have since grown in strength, and the brutal Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, arose out of the wars in Iraq and Syria.

In fact, the US failed to achieve most of its objectives and exacerbated many of the underlying conditions that terrorist organizations seek to exploit. US wars in the Middle East have directly resulted in the deaths of over 7,000 of US Troops, upwards of 200,000 civilian casualties, and cost taxpayers at least \$5.9 trillion. Countless others bear the physical and psychological scars of these conflicts and will for the rest of their lives. To this day, the mission is ill-defined, with no clear enemy, and no end in sight. The extreme violence of ISIL – which was formed as a direct result of US action in Iraq – triggered the world's largest refugee crisis since the second world war. This contributed to the destabili-

zation of the European Union, the rise of reactionary far-right groups across Western democracies, and the looming Brexit decision.

The US is not winning the war of ideas either. The controversial policies enacted to combat terrorist organizations such as the drone warfare program, extraordinary rendition of terror suspects, indefinite detention of enemy combatants, and torture of prisoners squandered much of the international goodwill toward the US. This, combined with anti-Muslim rhetoric from politicians, provides a treasure trove of propaganda for anti-US organizations seeking to recruit disaffected young people. Military force alone cannot defeat extremist ideologies.

Domestically, the War on Terror is just as problematic. The USA PATRIOT Act allowed for the development of a surveillance apparatus of Orwellian proportions under the pretense of protecting US citizens from terrorism. Intelligence and Law Enforcement agencies, in cooperation with telecom companies, now collect millions of private communications every day. The War on Terror also furthered the militarization of domestic police forces in the US. The Pentagon's controversial 1033 program directly provided over \$1.5 Billion in surplus military uniforms, weapons, equipment, and vehicles to state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the US.

The focus on foreign groups also means that the US has overlooked many domestic extremists. The FBI estimates that about 75% terrorist attacks in the US are carried out by homegrown actors. Criminologists conclude that anti-US terror groups are more likely to attack US targets abroad than in the US homeland. Since September 11, 2001, individuals espousing far-right ideologies, such as white supremacy, are responsible for more fatalities on US soil than Islamic radicals. These domestic threats are largely ignored by the War on Terror and are now boiling over as our politics become increasingly contentious.

Nearly two decades of costly wars, heated rhetoric, erosion of civil liberties, and fearmongering have not made the US safer. If anything, we are more vulner-

able while the fear of terrorism is used as a political weapon against vulnerable minorities. In response to ISIL-inspired attacks in 2015-2016, Donald Trump campaigned on banning Muslims from entering the US to combat terrorism. During his Presidency, he continues to vilify non-white immigrants. It is not a coincidence that white supremacist groups are a resurgent menace following years of propaganda portraying Muslims as "the Enemy". In 2017 hate crimes in the US increased by 17% according to the FBI. President Trump's disastrous foreign policies have resulted in the US becoming increasingly isolated from allies, haphazardly participating in existing Middle Eastern conflicts, all while simultaneously courting war with Iran.

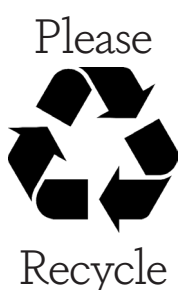
The War on Terror is a multi-generational conflict, with no end in sight. The US cannot win if there is no clear-cut enemy, objectives are ambiguous, conditions of victory are ill-defined, and thoughtful follow through is absent. To truly make the US safer, a policy shift to address root causes of terrorism is necessary rather than playing whack a mole in Middle East. The US must act humanely in the pursuit of security, both at home and abroad, or risk creating more terrorists. Careless foreign military interventions are unsustainable. The erosion of Americans' civil liberties is intolerable. The current administration's words and actions against Muslims, treatment of immigrants, and stoking of racial conflict are unacceptable and antithetical to American values. The US government's inaction in the face of growing domestic extremist violence is inexcusable. The distraction from arguably greater risks to national security such as increasing economic inequality and global climate change threatens not just the US, but the entire world. In the face of these challenges, we can do better.

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The hallway between my friend's and my room in Scott Hall - Katie

Bamee - Sam

The new quad in an Adirondack chair - Ian

Paul - Bret

The woods - Josh

The MUB Newsroom - Ben

The Great Hall in Paul - Hannah

Stillings - Devan

Scorps - Emily

The MUB bean bags - Taylor





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# From the *Editor's Desk...* Free money for everyone

Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang built his platform on a lofty idea that helped elevate his name alongside other frontrunners of the same party. He calls it Universal Basic Income (UBI), a social program that would extend all Americans over the age of 18, regardless of background or status, a monthly stipend of \$1,000.

Skeptics have probed Yang on the scope of the program, which he calls the "Freedom Dividend," claiming any tax imposed on producers for the purpose of funding a UBI would filter down to the consumer, cancelling its effect by way of rising overall prices. Yang has stressed that what he calls a Value-Added Tax (VAT) of 10 percent imposed on the production of goods would not extend to necessities like food and clothing.

Even still, Yang claims, producers of normal goods won't pass such a tax onto buyers because the demand for most of these products is relatively elastic.

Additional fundraising would require the consolidation of other welfare and social programs, plus pursuing a tax on Wall Street transactions in the same vein as candidate Bernie Sanders' plan to eliminate student debt – past, present and future. A familiar-among-democrats proposal to draw money from the top one percent would be in play here, as well.

Alaska, a state whose revenue surplus comes from excessive oil drilling in the region, has

sustained their own UBI – the "Permanent Fund Dividend" (PFD) which has existed in some form since 1976. A recent article on Vox highlights the specifics of the PFD, paying special attention to its socioeconomic and political implications, the former of which are addressed with relative fervor. The program has, however, shifted the state's political landscape to one of empty promises and failed attempts at redistribution.

Expanded to a wider scope (and to have a meaningful approach here, let's assume Yang's plan for raising the cash is feasible) evidence suggests that a UBI would reduce the national poverty level, though perhaps not as much as it has for Alaska. It could likewise have an indirect impact on other areas of social change, like dampening crime rates and supplementing unemployment income during economic stillness.

Unfortunate side effects of Yang's program include putting \$1,000 per month in the hands of criminals, fueling drug rings in crime-ridden cities. That's not as daunting, and much less realistic, than it seems.

Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus coined the term "Microfinance" when he created Grameen Bank – a non-profit creditor designed to help citizens of impoverished countries improve their credit by providing them access to small loans. Yunus recognized that having the ability to gain capital was the leading cause of social change in poor regions.

The problem with this type of Microfinance Institution (MFI)

arose later in its lifespan. Commercialization gave rise to a unique breed of loan sharks that now prey on those who've developed a dependence on the bank. Despite his intentions, Yunus was eventually forced out of his organization, and while getting money might be easier in Grameen-served areas now compared to 30 years ago, a myriad of problems came with such benefits.

The prospective difference between injecting a private, not-for-profit credit organization into a poor U.S. region and moderating a federal UBI lies therein. Down the line, privatization creates new avenues for crime while public-funded programs do not. Again – access to strictly unconditional capital spurs positive social change. Other methods of "letting the free market correct itself" in poor areas will not spur positive change because, as we know, benevolent loan sharks are few and far between.

A UBI that is well-structured, funded correctly, and instituted by government could succeed. Adjacent social complications like crime should not be pitted directly against the UBI. Not only does it require a different type of attention, but it demands more.

I like to think of the "Freedom Dividend" as an epoxy resin – not intended to fix everything, but it's going to work with most. Only when it fails do you hire a contractor.

**Bret Belden**  
Executive Editor

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# UNH's defense stays strong after BU loss

By Zach Schneeloch  
SPORTS WRITER

The UNH field hockey team went to Boston last Friday to open up the weekend against #23 ranked BU at New Balance Field. Coming off a tough road trip down in Maryland and American University, the Wildcats looked to turn things around heading into their second weekend.

In the first quarter, the game started out slowly with some great defense being displayed on both sides. BU finished the quarter with only two shots on net to UNH's zero. Neither team had a corner in the period.

UNH started the second quarter fast, having their first shot-on-goal come in the first minute of the quarter from senior defender Nicky Bajus. However, BU quickly collected themselves and converted their first corner into a goal to go up 1-0. This would remain the lead going into the second half. BU controlled the shots-on-goal with six to UNH's four, and also won the corner battle with four to UNH's three.

Three minutes into the second half, UNH would allow BU to score another goal on a corner, putting them in a 2-0 hole. UNH would continue to put the pressure on their opponent the rest of the quarter, relentlessly getting shots-on-goal to no prevail.

At the start of the fourth

quarter, UNH was still down 2-0. At this point, the tide had clearly turned in favor of the 'Cats, as they were really pressuring BU in the offensive end. UNH would finally breakthrough with eight minutes left in the quarter as sophomore forward Finn Caron scored on a tip from junior midfielder Isabelle Danahy. In the final eight minutes of play, the Wildcats were shutout with no shots or corner attempts. BU locked them down and showed why they are ranked so high.

After the tough loss at BU, UNH came home to end the weekend on Sunday against Holy Cross for their home opener on Memorial Field.

The 'Cats started the game as hot as they finished the last, generating the first scoring chance three minutes into the game. Holy Cross quickly countered but UNH got on the board first and Bloem van den Brekel scored 10 minutes into the match with a shot from the top of the circle.

Holy Cross quickly grabbed momentum in the second quarter and went on the offensive with two corners that were all blocked by UNH. With five minutes left in the half, the 'Cats were able to convert a corner into a goal as sophomore forward Tia Raspante capitalized, going up 2-0 on the Crusaders. UNH held off a couple scoring tries by Holy Cross to keep them scoreless through two periods.

In the beginning of the third



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UNH Field Hockey is averaging 1.25 goals per game in the four matches this season

quarter, UNH started hot with a great scoring opportunity on a corner that was knocked away. Midway through the same quarter, Holy Cross was able to trim the deficit to one, scoring on a redirected pass from the far-right side of the field.

Much like the second, UNH was able to once again put pressure on the Crusaders early in the

fourth quarter. They used this energy to fend off a couple of Holy Cross scoring chances late in the game.

UNH's defense did well the rest of the way, with Holy Cross's offense being suffocated for the vast majority of the quarter. This 2-1 effort gave the 'Cats their first win at home in 2019.

Next weekend, the UNH

field hockey team will have a pair of home games as they take on #18 ranked Stanford University on Friday at 6 p.m. and Brown University on Sunday at 3 p.m. The Wildcats certainly have their work cut out for them, but they look to continue to enhance their win column as they get into the bulk of their schedule.



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UNH has given up 38 shots on goal this season while only posting 27 themselves. Despite this, they have a .015 higher shots-on-goal percentage.

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# Senior class leads the way for UNH



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UNH women's soccer has allowed 2 or more goals in a game only once this season. The one blip came in their last game against Boston College.

By Josh Morrill  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNH women's soccer team (3-3) welcomed Marist College (3-2) to Durham with a 5-0 beatdown last Thursday night.

In their second home win of the season UNH was able to spread the scoring around, as five different Wildcats were able to register a goal.

Senior forward Ally Reynolds has been a key part of the offensive attack for the Wildcats in the last few years, and she fulfilled her role by starting the scoring off against the Red Foxes. In the 16th minute of Thursday's match, senior defender Megan Rumbold stayed poised and served a low dribbler to a stagnant Reynolds who turned and deposited the ball in the lower left corner of the net.

It wasn't long before UNH

put more pressure on Marist, as Reynolds dribbled past a defender in the 24th minute and sent a weak shot to net that junior midfielder Sofia Borea stepped in front of and turned into the 'Cats second goal of the game.

The first half obliteration was capped off by two goals scored off corner kicks by senior back/midfielder and captain Caitlyn Keenan and senior back Jill Conry. UNH finished the first half with 10 shots on net.

Marist did not get their first serious scoring opportunity until the 52nd minute when junior forward Jillian Colucci tried to capitalize on a rebound that came off UNH sophomore goalkeeper Cat Sheppard's fingertips, but her powerful shot sailed over the crossbar.

The Wildcats' string of unanswered goals concluded with senior midfielder/forward Kay-

lan Williams making a couple of spectacular jukes to ward off the Marist defense and score a left-footed one-on-one goal against reserve Red Fox sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kelchner.

This was the first time UNH women's soccer has scored five goals in a game since the 2015 campaign when they shut out Binghamton 6-0.

Thursday night's rout was a good bounce back performance for a Wildcat team coming off a disappointing 1-0 loss to a good North Dakota State team, but the good moral lasted for a short time, as they turned their focus to undefeated Boston College this past Sunday afternoon.

Similar to the North Dakota State game, the first half between the Eagles and Wildcats was predominantly a defensive standoff.

Despite the defensive domination, Reynolds came out ag-

gressive and ready to register a goal in her third straight game. She registered two shots in the first 10 minutes of the game, one making it on net, which was saved by BC first-year goalkeeper Allie Augur. Reynolds' assertiveness was the only eventful offensive aspect of the first 45 minutes with most of the play consisting of each team fighting to possess the ball.

The second half was night-and-day from the first. In the opening minutes, Conry put a shot into the core of an Eagle defender. This series of events seemed to jolt BC into their second wind and gave them a path to victory.

In the 61st minute, this second wind showed beneficial, as senior forward Francesca Venezia collected a rebound that bounced off multiple UNH backs and landed in her lap. This bounce gave her an open lane into the goal, and

she struck the ball where it needed to be to put her team up 1-0.











The only glimpse of hope that the Wildcats had on the offensive end in the last half was a free kick by Rumbold in the 64th minute, but her shot went just above the goal and careened off the netting.

The Eagles put the game out of reach in the 77th minute when first-year midfielder Sam Smith deflected a ball into the net off a centering feed.

BC overwhelmed UNH in the second half and the 4-0 shots-on-net ratio was clear evidence of that. The Eagles outshot the 'Cats 16-9 overall.

UNH now stands at 3-3 on the young season, and they look to add one to the win column, as they travel to face in-state foe, Dartmouth, at 5 p.m. Thursday.

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# Men's soccer ranked #21 in the NCAA



COURTESY OF MEGHAN MURPHY

Senior forward Donnett Sackie now has two goals on the young season. Sackie was named America East Player of the week for the week of Sept. 9.

By Will Sirbono  
SPORTS WRITER

After this weekend, the Wildcats are through three games of their four-game road trip. They started off the road trip with a win at Providence and traveled to upstate New York this past weekend to face Colgate and Syracuse.

Game one against Colgate took place on Friday, Sept. 6 in

Hamilton, NY. Neither the Wildcats nor their opponent could put a ball in the back of the net in this matchup. This game ended in a 0-0 draw after double overtime.

UNH totaled 11 shots while only getting four on-goal, and Colgate totaled eight while only getting two on-goal. On top of the lack of offense, this game was full of fouls. UNH had 18 fouls and Colgate contributed 16 for a total of 34 fouls. The Wildcats have yet

to exact their revenge on Colgate who eliminated them from the NCAA Tournament last year in the first round; that was UNH's only loss at Wildcat Stadium all year.

Game two was played in Syracuse, NY against the Syracuse Orange. Syracuse got out to an early lead scoring two goals in the 4th and 29th minutes. It wasn't until the 71st minute that first-year midfielder Bilal Kamal

scored the first goal of the evening for the Wildcats. Fifteen minutes later in the 86th minute, senior forward Donnett Sackie tied the game on a header for his second goal of the season.

After two overtime periods, neither team could score the winning goal as UNH tied in their second consecutive game. UNH is now #21 in the country following the most recent coaches poll.

Up next UNH travels down

to Fairfield, Connecticut and will matchup against the Stags of Fairfield University on Saturday at 7 p.m.. Fairfield had a great season last year going 11-5-2. This year they are 1-0-2 and are looking to avoid their first loss of 2019. This is the fourth and final game of UNH's road trip to begin the year. After this game, they play two in a row at home against Dartmouth and Marist on Sept. 18 and 21.



COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS

Wildcats graduate student goalkeeper Alejandro Robles has started four games this year. He has two shutouts and eight saves so far this season.



# Football loses to Holy Cross late



COURTESY OF GIL TALBOT

UNH sophomore running back Carlos Washington led the way with 129 all-purpose yards. Holy Cross scored the clincher off of a Washington fumble.

## By Cameron Beall SPORTS WRITER

The UNH football team (0-1) nearly escaped Worcester with a win over Holy Cross (1-0) to kick off the 2019 season. A fourth quarter fumble would prove to be fatal for the young UNH offense as they lost 10-13 in their season opener.

“Obviously it’s a tough loss, there’s a ton of positives that we can take from that, but we have to give credit to that team (Holy Cross). They played extremely hard,” said Interim Head Coach Ricky Santos.

Both sides had a tough time generating any sort of offense on Saturday. Just as Coach Santos alluded to at last week’s press conference, both of his quarterbacks saw the field this week. Redshirt first-year quarterback Bret Edwards started the game and played the entirety of the first half. Edwards completed just seven of 18 throws, tallying 97 yards and an interception. First-year quarterback Max Brosmer got the nod in the second half. Brosmer threw 50 percent, connecting for 106 yards and threw an interception. Santos still believes that both quarterbacks will be given chances early in the season before they settle on one.

“At some point someone is

going to take the reins and be the guy, until we figure that out, we’re going to get both of these guys some reps.”

Brosmer admitted that nerves were high before his first play at the collegiate level, but once he was able to get comfortable, he found himself in a groove. He made note that he and Edwards help each other despite competing for the starting job.

“We’re not ourselves without each other,” said Brosmer.

On the receiving end of four of those passes was redshirt first-year wide receiver Charles Briscoe. The young wideout led the team with 71 receiving yards on the day. Other contributions in the passing game came from sophomore wide receiver Brian Espanet, and senior wide receiver Malik Love. The top two wideouts ended their day with 30 and 38 yards respectively. The longest pass play of the day was a 42-yard throw down the sideline from Edwards to redshirt first-year running back Dylan Laube.

Coach Santos believes he has the personnel to be able to take big chances on the offensive side of the ball and put his team in a position to make big plays. He specifically mentioned Laube – who is listed as a running back – and his ability to be able to split out wide as a receiver; just as he did on his

42-yard reception on Saturday.

Sophomore running back Carlos Washington set the pace on the ground for both sides. Washington ended his day with 107 rushing yards on 18 attempts. The sophomore also scored the lone New Hampshire touchdown with 6:52 remaining in the fourth. This 19-yard run gave the Wildcats a 10-6 lead. However, Washington did have one blemish on the day. With 1:56 remaining in the contest, Washington had a costly fumble at the Wildcat goal-line which would be recovered in the end zone by Holy Cross to put the Crusaders ahead 13-10. UNH wouldn’t have enough time to mount a comeback.

Santos had positive words for his running back, saying that Washington gives his team a chance to have a home run threat every time he touches the ball. As for the fumble that cost UNH the game, Santos is ready to move forward and improve upon it.

“That was a very tough moment for [Washington] and our team. The great thing is that he responded well yesterday, and he practiced hard. We have that growth mindset that mistakes happen for a reason.”

While both offenses stalled for much of the game, the Wildcats defense proved to be a strength of the club. Coach Santos

had nothing but positives to take away from his defense this week. He highlighted the performances of sophomore safety Pop Bush, sophomore defensive tackle Niko Kvietkus, junior defensive tackle Elijah Kania, and senior linebacker Cameron Brusko. These four players combined for 26 tackles, eight tackles for loss, and two sacks.

Brusko – who made his first career start last week – made the most of his opportunity.

“[Brusko] has got a high football IQ,” said Santos. “He’s an instinctual player. He wanted to take advantage of the moment and he really flourished.”

Brosmer will get the start when the Wildcats head to Miami to take on Florida International University.

“We still have the utmost confidence in Bret, he did some really good things extending plays with his legs. We felt that Max gave us a spark so we’re giving him the nod,” said Santos.

When asked about the preparation going into a game as a starter as opposed to the backup, Brosmer explained how he prepares the same way for every game, and nothing will change in that aspect.

“We have to have the same winning mindset going into every game.”

Coach Santos made it clear that he liked Brosmer’s calm demeanor at Holy Cross. The freshman agreed that keeping a level head helps his game.

“If I get too high nothing good will happen, if I get too low nothing good will happen.”

UNH and FIU will kick-off at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday from Riccardo Silva Stadium in Miami, Florida.



**HOLY CROSS - 13**  
**UNH - 10**





## UNH wins Holly Young Invitational

By Sam Eggert  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a jam-packed first week of September, the UNH volleyball team (6-2) has established themselves as an early America East contender.

The 'Cats hosted the annual Holly Young Invitational this past weekend, as Seattle University (5-2), Holy Cross (1-6) and Brown University (3-1) traveled to Durham to participate in the festivities.

UNH kicked off the invitational against Seattle on Thursday, Sept. 5., to whom they fell 3-1. Seattle took a close first set 25-20 and UNH won the second set 25-18. The latter two sets favored Seattle thanks to a dominant performance by Seattle's junior outside hitter Rachel Stark.

Stark was able to expose UNH's outside blocking, or lack thereof. She tallied 17 kills with only eight errors, which was good for a hitting percentage of .188.

Seattle head coach James Finley commented on his team's dominant pin-hitting. "We talked a lot about the line being open and making the opposing middles late, so that was creating the seams giving our hitters two different places to go... our setter made the adjustment, not us, to move the hitter inside to avoid the block." That adjustment opened up the game for Seattle.

Seattle's outside hitters combined for 34 of the teams 53 kills on Thursday. They proceeded to win the third set 25-17 and the fourth set 25-20.

The second game on the docket was UNH vs. Holy Cross.

The Wildcats cruised past an underwhelming Holy Cross squad, sweeping the Crusaders 3-0. The scores of the sets were 25-21, 25-17, and 25-21.

UNH head coach Chris Feliciano was happy to see his team rebound after the loss against Seattle. "It shows their resiliency and will after a tough loss last night."

Senior right-side hitter Hannah Petke led the Wildcats with 13 kills on 18 attempts. She only had one error, giving her a stellar hitting percentage of .667.

Senior libero Emily Tanski led the way defensively recording a game-high 18 digs.

In the third game against Brown, a new face emerged as an offensive leader for UNH. First-year outside hitter Katie Jablonski led the Wildcats in kills as they beat brown 3-1.

Jablonski had a game-high 15 kills on 27 attacks. She also had three blocks and made only three hitting errors. First-year middle blocker Hannah Crist had her strongest performance of the season, tallying eight kills and zero errors for a hitting percentage of .800. She also had seven blocks, which was good for second on the team behind sophomore middle blocker Abby Sullivan who had eight blocks.

Brown started off well, bursting out to a 7-1 lead in the first set. UNH clawed their way back on the shoulders of Jablonski, bringing the set within one point at 23-22 Brown. The Bears sealed the deal to win the set 25-22 following a UNH run.

The second set began with the teams trading points up until 10-10. UNH first-year setter



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Senior libero Emily Tanski (left) watches senior Logan Welti (right) dive for the ball.

Wren Macaulay entered to serve and pushed the UNH lead to 12-10 with some impressive jump-serves.

Later in the set, Smith led the 'Cats on a 10-point run during her serve. Smith commented after the game on her serving success. "It's all about slowing down the pace and focusing on my serve. The ref blows the whistle and some people serve as fast as they can, but I take my time, I have my routine and I focus on where I'm going to

place the ball."

UNH won the second set 25-14, setting the tone for the remainder of the match.

Smith's tactics continued to help the 'Cats, as she had another 10-point serving run during the third set.

Jablonski contributed another four kills in the third set, as UNH won it 25-15.

The fourth set was back-and-forth early, but junior setter Emma Patlovich headed a six-point run on her serve giving UNH a 11-5

lead. UNH proceeded to win the set and the match 25-20.

On Tuesday Sept. 10, UNH went to Boston, MA where they defeated Northeastern 3-2. Jablonski carried the momentum from her last game into Tuesday with a career-high 17 kills. Petke stayed hot too, contributing 15 kills.

UNH travels to Hamilton, NY on Friday Sept., 13 for the Ellis Rowland tournament, where they will face Rutgers, Quinnipiac and the hosting Colgate.



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Senior Kennedi Smith (above, 5) reached 1,000 career points on Thursday against Seattle. Smith has been a constant for the UNH team for four years.