Gabbard aggressive, outspoken in NH campaign

By Ben Domaingue
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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) continued her journey across the Granite State as she hosted a rally and policy talk, part of the Presidential Primary Lecture Series in the Huddleston Hall ballroom at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) on Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. While turnout was relatively modest, there was no shortage of politically savvy attendees and topics.

Gabbard spoke on numerous topics, such as affordable education, healthcare, climate change and her signature issue: ending what she describes as “endless wars.” The candidate’s critiques of “regime-change” wars has attracted many veterans to her campaign, as she positions herself as a progressive, believing funds used for military spending should be allocated to more pressing domestic issues, such as infrastructure, healthcare, and college debt.

Gabbard stressed that these issues are key to the economic well-being of the United States and its citizens.

“What can be more patriotic than to stand together to take care of the well-being of our brothers and sisters?” she asked the crowd.

Gabbard held her Q&A session after the event, facilitated by the Carsey School of Public Policy and Young Americans for Liberty.

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Civil discourse talk takes place in Hamilton Smith

PBS’ Alex Heffner came to UNH to give his talk titled “Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Age” and was joined by a panel of experts.

Campus groups organize talk on AI

Writer and filmmaker James Barrat came to the Strafford Room on Wednesday, Oct. 16 to lecture about the rise of artificial intelligence.

Sam and Ian take to the streets of Durham

Our beloved Sam Eggert and Ian Lenahan hit the Durham bar scene to attempt to settle a question as old as time: Which is the better bar, Libby’s or Scorp’s?

UNH Football climbs to No. 22 in the nation

Surging back into the nation’s Top 25, UNH Football recently moved up to No. 22 in the country after beating unranked Stony Brook 20-14 on Saturday, Oct. 12.

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the Democratic field.

“She’s more of a moderate candidate. She cares about censor- ship. She is willing to talk with people from all sides of the spectrum,” Peters told The New Hampshire. “Warren and Biden want to shut down Republicans. Tulsi has demonstrated a willingness to compromise.”

Peters was not the only one to echo this sentiment: first-year undeclared major Tu Anh Duong, a self-described moderate voter, resonated with Gabbard’s message.

“She’s one of the few candidates that I’ve seen that speaks to the common person,” he said.

Education in particular was a hot-button topic for Duong, telling The New Hampshire that her views on education—which include support for tuition-free public colleges and higher base salaries for new teachers—“really spoke to me.”

Despite the modest crowd, Gabbard appeared to attract in- dividuals from a diverse set of beliefs, as progressives, libertari- ans and even former Trump voters made their way to the event.

Gabbard has made headlines during the 2020 election cycle, primarily on her stance on reaching across the aisle and ending the United States’ regime change wars. Gabbard

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Playboi Carti, known off-stage as Jordan Terrell Carter, is a 23-year-old “mumble rapper” from Atlanta, released his initial mixtape in 2017, where it was quickly rated “Best New Music,” by Pitchfork, and gained two number one singles that reached the 20s on Billboard’s Top 100. “Magnolia” and “Wokeuplikethis,” together have around 500 million plays on Spotify alone.

Carter announced via his Instagram Wednesday that his new album, “Whole Lotta Red,” will be released in the next 48 hours—just in time for the SCOPE concert.

Carter was chosen as the fall concert after a brainstorm- ing session that happened right after the last concert that SCOPE put on (Lil Baby), in the spring of 2019. The 27 members of the organization—word vomit—artists that come to mind, and ultimately, the performer chosen is based on pricing and how well it will sell on campus, not based on the genre (as many students believe).

In order to add more artists to that same bill, the main artist has to accept, which can alter how fast or how long the process of bringing the concert to UNH can take. The whole process, Rose said, can take around three months after contracts have been signed.

“We go towards rap a lot more often,” Rose said. “Artists are cheaper, and if we are trying to make a bill, it’s the most popular genre right now. That’s not saying that I just want rap. I want to do everything. Artists can be $30k one day and a month later 100k, just because they shot up in price.”

Besides pricing and pre- forming background checks on artists, which needs to be done in order for police to let artists pre- form on campus Rose said, there isn’t much criteria that goes into artists that SCOPE chooses.

“We don’t try to force a type of genre or person,” Rose said. “We have female artists pop up on the board all the time and when it comes to order of prefer- ence and going in after these art- ists, it just hasn’t worked out in the past few years.”

Rose is hoping to diversify the types of artists featured at SCOPE events, but he’s optimis- tic about Carter’s performance.

“I think Playboi Carti has been getting a lot of attention recently,” Rose said. “We do a survey after every show asking for names, usually a couple times, but he was tied with the top name. Everyone has an opin- ion, but I think the response was good.”

Gabbard served as a medic and a platoon leader during her tenure in Iraq, and has served in the Hawaii House of Representatives from its 42nd district, the Honolulu City Council and most recently the United States House of Rep- resentatives representing Ha- waii’s 2nd congressional district. Gabbard served as vice- chair of the Democratic National Committee until 2016, after which she resigned in order to support Sen. Bernie Sanders (I- VT) and his first run for presi- dent.

Gabbard participated in the most recent Democratic debate in Ohio on Oct. 15, but has yet to meet the polling threshold for the next debate, slated for Nov. 20. Gabbard has called for debates to be hosted by or- ganizations such as the League of Women Voters, claiming that mainstream media outlets hold an implicit bias against her and other similarly progressive cam- paigns.

The Carsey School of Pub- lic Policy hosts presidential candidates from both parties as part of their Presidential Primary Lecture Series in Huddleston Hall. Former Rep. John Delaney (D-MD) is scheduled to be the school’s next speaker on Mon- day, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.; Delaney will be focusing his discussion on creative solutions to climate change.

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For McDonough, the follow- ing became a surprise.

“I really didn’t expect it to get this far; initially, it was about 10 or 20 followers…” McDonough said. “And then, overnight, it just went off the charts and now we’re at 600. I really didn’t expect any of this, but I appreciate the enthu- siasm.”

McDonough is not planning to stop at garlic bread. Currently, he has plans for apple pie, eggs benedict, cannabis, mozzarella sticks and flatbread pizza.
UNH community takes part in annual Take Back the Night

By Douglas Rodoski
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The Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) staged the annual Take Back the Night vigil and march on Thursday, Oct. 10. Between 250 and 300 members of the UNH community attended the event.

Students and other community members congregated first at the flagpole in front of Thompson Hall, encouraged to share their experiences and comments in a safe and supportive environment. Lighted candles and light sticks added to the solemn and meaningful mood of the vigil and subsequent march around campus.

Shouts of “two-four-six-eight no more violence, no more hate!” could be heard from the participants as they made their way in and around campus on this early autumn night.

Senior journalism and international affairs major Jordyn Haime coordinates and runs the event along with junior art education major Ally Poulin.

Haime spoke to the power of the event.

“For a lot of people, Take Back the Night is a very empowering and healing experience,” she said. “For some people, it’s the first time they’ve shared the story of what happened to them out loud. Many show up to be allies, and others are there to feel the support offered to them by this community, even if they’ve never told anyone about their experience before. We get support from a lot of different and diverse student organizations. It’s all about building our community and encouraging people to do more to support survivors than just attending this event once a year.”

“I’ll say the event has grown over the last five years, as SHARPP has had a more active hand in supporting the event and partnerships with Fraternity and Sorority Life have grown,” SHARPP Prevention Specialist Zachary Ahmad-Kahloon told The New Hampshire. “Take Back the Night is so much about building a community that supports one another and recognizes that everyone should feel safe where they live, work, and study. This event allows survivors to take the microphone and share their story in their own way and do so surrounded by people that are there to believe and support them.”

“Take Back the Night is an international display of solidarity and support for survivors,” he said. “But it can’t just be once a year, we come to take a photo and show support and then go back into our communities and perpetuate bad behaviors. This has to be a constant and concerted effort that we all take as individuals, a community, and an institution.”

Ahmad-Kahloon also spoke to the gravity and seriousness of the SHARPP program.

“Nationally issues regarding Title IX are always a concern to us,” he said. “Any day now we are due new regulations regarding how campuses investigate and respond to survivors reporting their assault, and SHARPP is at the center of that work making sure survivors are being heard.”

Title IX is a federal civil rights law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. The law protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX reads that, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

The 24/7 confidential SHARPP help line is (603) 862-7233.

Campus Rec and SHARPP host glow yoga

By Shawn Latulippe
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Glow yoga gave University of New Hampshire (UNH) students an opportunity to become mindful and relaxed practicing yoga under Thompson Hall while wearing glow sticks and supporting the end of sexual and domestic violence before Take Back the Night last Thursday night.

Through a collaboration with UNH Campus Recreation and the Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP), glow yoga was planned and is exactly what it sounds like. At the event there were glowing, purple lights making a perimeter on the grass where the yoga was and everyone was provided purple glow sticks to wear in support of ending sexual and domestic violence at UNH.

While glow yoga was advertised both on social media and with fliers in the recreation center, it was still a small crowd compared to the many people that participated in the Take Back the Night march. Campus Recreation yoga instructor Elsye Harris began glow yoga by discussing the importance of ending sexual and domestic violence and then went on to explain why mindfulness is vital to healing for many people.

“Yoga is the perfect vehicle for healing,” Harris said. Harris instructed everyone that they would be standing most of the time to keep warm in the cold air and made sure to explain every move to the yogis.

Senior environmental conservation and women’s studies major Hayden McDermott said that they thought “it was cool, definitely cooler than their other yoga classes.”

Harris, a UNH alumna, said that she enjoyed teaching glow yoga because it was for a good cause and she likes to bring yoga outside the studio for a more relaxed ambiance. She said she attended Take Back the Night when she was at UNH.

“It was so relaxing and so nice to be outside,” Junior nutrition and dietetics major Alex Papalakis, who works at the Hamel Recreation Center, said. She was also attending Take Back the Night and thought it was cool that UNH had glow yoga for the first time and hoped they will hold it again in the future.
Heffner discusses open minds with UNH students

By Sophia Kurzius
STAFF WRITER

Alexander Heffner, host of “The Open Mind,” stopped by the University of New Hampshire (UNH) campus to deliver a public lecture titled “Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Age” on Wednesday in Hamilton Smith Hall.

“The Open Mind,” the longest-running, nationally broadcast, public affairs interview program in the history of American public television, facilitates conversations with invited guests in hopes of providing a format of discussion regarding ideas like politics, media, science, technology, the arts, and civic life. Covering American politics, civic life and millennials since the 2008 presidential campaign, Heffner has been recognized by organizations such as The Washington Post, New York Times, “NPR,” and “C-SPAN,” among others.

“To my mind, civility is not about decorum and manners, although those are absent in a lot of deliberations today,” Heffner said, emphasizing the importance of now. “It’s even more so about achieving civil society and discourse is part of that, dialogue is part of that, but disagreement sometimes even discord and disobedience is part of that too.”

The presentation was divided into a lecture and a discussion with a forum of panelists that represented various areas of expertise. The panelists included Representative Carol Shea-Porter; Former New Hampshire Attorney General, Tom Ruth; University of New Hampshire Professor of Political Science Dante Scala; and UNH Professor of Communication Sheila McNamee.

“In regards to our current political climate, the panel did a good job on emphasizing that we don’t need to necessarily agree with those who think differently on certain issues and topics, but rather try to understand the ‘other’ through dialogue, genuine curiosity, and gracious contestation,” senior communications major Jake Gardner, a fellow for the UNH Civil Discourse Lab said.

“We live in an extremely complex world and all come from different backgrounds and life experiences - this is what shapes our conclusions on issues. Having the curiosity and compassion to try to understand how others come to their conclusions is a good place to start in order to build relationships and have transformative dialogue. We would be surprised at how much we learn from each other by challenging ourselves to understand one another.”

The Civil Discourse Lab (CDL) is a UNH program that launched in Dec. 2017, working to locate communication practices in the relationship between civility, academic freedom, and freedom of expression in the classroom, within administration and on campus.

“The CDL’s mission is to strengthen the ability of our students and community members to conduct meaningful conversations, collaborate, and weigh decisions around sometimes difficult but important topics to a civil society through research, engaged teaching, and praxis,” said Jennifer Scala, an associate professor and chair for the Department of Communication.

Scala, a Carsey Faculty Fellow and Master in Public Policy Faculty, explained the need for structure within discussion to enable proactive and effective communication. He asked the audience to recall how a structure of a classroom— from the way chairs are set up to the way a professor facilitates questions and answers from students— effects the way students digest information.

The CDL, which is committed to non-partisanship, focuses on the art of facilitating and participating in discussions. They bring Scala’s thought to fruition by training students to become neutral facilitators during challenging and contentious discussions. By using small groups to focus participants on fundamental differences, shared values, and listening to each other’s perspectives, they are taught to be informed members of discussions— from classrooms to global conversations.

Borda, co-director of the CDL, explained that the CDL was the primary sponsor and host of the event.

Additional funding for the event was from the Carsey School of Public Policy, the New Hampshire Humanities Collaborative/Mellon Foundation Grant, the Parents’ Association Grant Funds, Class of 1954 Academic Enrichment fund, the Civil Discourse Lab and the Responsible Governance and Sustainable Citizenship Project.

“We hope that by hosting a speaker series each year that brings experts in the area of civil discourse to campus, we can expose the greater university community to these perspectives on learning and communicating in an effort to support students in talking together through public problems in a way that is inclusive rather than decisive and pragmatic rather than partisan,” said Borda.

On Friday, Oct. 18, Heffner will be facilitating an interactive workshop in MUB Room 330/332 at 9 a.m., that will further address freedom of speech/academic freedom on campus, including the guardrails of civility and the challenge of balancing intellectual rigor, freedom of speech, academic freedom, civil rights, and civil disobedience with a focus on civil dialogue as a bridge to deliberative process based in democratic rights and principles. The workshop will be open to both students and faculty.
Assistant Professor Baumgartner set to become published author

By Jenna O’del
STAFF WRITER


Baumgartner is an assistant professor in the departments of English and Women’s Studies, both housed in the College of Liberal Arts. The interest that led to this book got its start when Baumgartner - an assistant professor in the departments of English and Women’s Studies, both housed in the College of Liberal Arts – was in graduate school and attended a seminar that was taught by a professor who studied slavery.

“I got very fascinated by the innerworkings of slavery… and I wanted to know more about free black communities in the northeast in particular,” she said. “I started to see that there was something really important to them, in addition to trying to abolish slavery, trying to live their lives…they were also very interested in education.”

That focus on free black communities and education became the foundation for the book: “It tells the story of African American girls and women who fought for educational equity, equality, and access in the 19th century,” Baumgartner said. “I started to notice… that there really wasn’t a lot of scholarship on African American women’s educational experiences.”

In focusing on African American women’s education, Baumgartner found “that actually African American girls and women were at the forefront of various battles, educational battles—school desegregation being a major one. I was very surprised to see how important they were.”

To find this out, Baumgartner had to delve into the historiography, which she said is the “Earlier writings by historians on a particular topic.” These writings are summaries of all the scholarship of a certain historical topic, current up to the year in which they were written. Examining the historiography allows her to see how little a topic has been studied.

Baumgartner’s book is the culmination of a decade of work, much of it focused on “uncovering and locating primary sources.” Baumgartner said, noting that she visited a variety of historical repositories and collections to find sources. This, combined with extensive drafting and revising of the book, lasted nearly 10 years.

After Baumgartner had written the manuscript, she submitted it to academic publishers, which, she said, is a “mysterious process.” She referenced the narrow niches academic and university publishers often focus on, and that it can be difficult to find a publisher whose niche fits her manuscript. Her manuscript submission including writing a proposal that explained the academic role, or niche, of the manuscript. New York University Press eagerly accepted her manuscript and helped Baumgartner edit and refine the manuscript.

This editing, however, was more focused on the actual writing of the book — how developed Baumgartner’s argument was and how the manuscript was structured. Baumgartner herself confirmed that her facts were accurate.

Now that the manuscript is finalized and the book finished, Baumgartner expressed relief, saying that this finish was her favorite part of the entire writing-publishing process.

“One [reason] is that finally I get to share what I’ve been working on for 10 years with a broader audience…I’m also just ready to start the next project,” she said.

One of her next projects is her second book, which she expects to take less time than this first one. The second book, “Bound to Servitude: Black Girls and Unfree Labor in the Shadow of Slavery,” follows the experiences of indentured African American girls and women in the northeast, she said.

Some of this information Baumgartner learned while working on her first book, and thus she does not need to spend as much time familiarizing herself with that historiography.

While writing the first book, “I didn’t expect to find so many African American girls who had been indentured, and I realized there were actually quite a few,” she told The New Hampshire. “I want to uncover their stories. What was it like for them to be indentured, what was it like for them to be indentured, what did the indentured contracts look like, what happened after that? Some of these questions are not easily answered... but I do think those answers are out there.”

She has considered “making the argument that in the north, indentured servitude “was a popular form of labor, that impacted African American children” in the 19th century.

Baumgartner also spoke of Harriet Wilson, an African American novelist who had been indentured in Milford, NH. “Harriet Wilson wrote a novel that’s often thought to be semiautobiographical, based on her experiences as indentured servant in a white household in New Hampshire…[which] was a very abusive home,” she said.

Wilson’s novel “is the first novel published by a black woman. And so, it’s very important, it’s part of the African American literary tradition.” She added that a highlight of the novel is that it was a novel published in the north and is “not necessarily a slave narrative.”

Students interested in Baumgartner’s work can enroll in the spring 2020 seminar course ENGL 690: Introduction to African American Literature in America, which will focus on author Toni Morrison.

Baumgartner is also hiring three paid undergraduate interns for next semester for another project she is working on, called a project called African Americans in Essex County, Massachusetts. “It’s a project that traces the historical collections about the African American experience,” she said. The project focuses on the historical repositories of Essex County, cataloguing what those repositories are, what materials they hold, and what those materials say about the black experience.”

Interns will work primarily on conducting research and writing. “In Pursuit of Knowledge: Black Women and Educational Activism in Antebellum America” is available December 31 from the New York University Press.
Barrat speaks on artificial intelligence

By Ben Domaingue

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire’s Department of Health and Human Services says an adult from Laconia has tested positive for a mosquito-borne virus.

The department said Wednesday the adult tested positive for the Jamestown Canyon virus, transmitted by infected mosquitoes. It’s the second time a case has been identified in the state this year, and the first in a Kingston resident in August.

Reports of Jamestown Canyon virus in humans are rare, but have increased over the last several years. This is New Hampshire’s eighth case since the state’s first report of the disease in 2013.

The department says most illnesses caused by the virus have been mild, but moderate to severe central nervous system involvement has been reported, including fatal infections.

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP) — Police searching for a New Hampshire man who disappeared and whose wife has found them about 200 miles away from their assisted living facility.

Police in Hampton said Dave and Ona Magee, both 86, were last seen leaving an appointment in Concord on Wednesday morning. Their condition was unknown.

Dave and Ona Magee, both 86, were found in Bangor, Maine, on Wednesday. They had been reported missing since Tuesday.

Police said they are in good health and were headed to an assisted living facility in Hampton.

The $886,000 in funding comes from the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. It was one of five recent grant awards totaling $3.9 million related to protecting and providing care for suicide and stress on officer performance, managing stress, burnout and vicious trauma experienced by forensic workers and improving officer interaction with mentally ill individuals.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire’s Supreme Court has found in favor of a Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center nurse who slipped and fell on ice in an employee parking lot.

The nurse, Eileen Bloom, was injured in December 2013 and required surgery. She used Casella Construction Inc., which provides snow removal services for the medical center. She alleged that Casella breached its duty, but Casella said it owed no duty of care to Bloom. A judge ruled in Casella’s favor.

In Bloom’s appeal, the supreme court on Wednesday disagreed with most of her arguments. However, it found that, in addition to snow removal, Casella agreed to provide sanding and salting services to Dartmouth-Hitchcock, when asked. Because it couldn’t be determined whether Dartmouth-Hitchcock asked for such assistance, the court sent the case back to the judge.

Police are still investigating the crash.

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — The Route 1 bypass from the Portsmouth traffic circle extending north is about to undergo some paving work.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation says some adjacent ramps will be closed intermittently between Tuesday and Thursday. This work is scheduled to be done from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on those days, and will require the use of lane closures. Message boards, uniformed officers, traffic control devices, and smart work zone devices will be used to notify travelers.

PALMER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire state police say a pickup truck driver fell asleep on the road and crashed into a dump truck ahead of him, escaping as the pickup caught fire.

Police said the pickup driver, 31-year-old David Largesse, of Berlin, was taken to a hospital for unknown injuries. The vehicle became fully engulfed in fire Tuesday evening. The accident happened on Route 24.

The driver of the dump truck, 60-year-old David Therriault, of Enfield, wasn’t hurt. The dump truck had minor damage and was driven from the scene.

Police are still investigating the crash.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire man has pleaded guilty to trafficking synthetic drugs with the intent to distribute them.

Court documents say 39-year-old Heath Palmer, of Manchester, was seen by police conducting a drug deal from a car in April. Manchester police stopped Palmer and he voluntarily turned over the product he was carrying. He didn’t contain illegal substances, but police said it contained an illegal cannabimimetic, a chemical compound in marijuana.

Police said they found Palmer selling the substance again in May.

Palmer is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 22, 2020.

WEST LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — Authorities say a pilot attempting to land a small plane at Lebanon Municipal Airport in New Hampshire skidded off the runway and came to rest in grass.

The Valley News reports the airport’s interim manager said the pilot wasn’t hurt and the plane suffered minor damage Tuesday.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation are investigating.
Marching band members frustrated with lack of credit

By Valeria Khomanskikh
STAFF WRITER

Despite time and effort invested into being a part of a music band at University of New Hampshire, band members still have to complete a fine and performing arts discovery.

The Wildcat Marching Band has six hours of rehearsal every week, in addition to the game days, parades and band shows; all members are required to participate. Beast from the East Pep Band has lower time commitment, with three to four rehearsals each semester, and only a certain number of games (hockey, basketball, volleyball and soccer) students sign up for.

Some band members think changes are in order.

“I’d definitely want them to change the policy; it’s just really unnecessary for someone who does performing arts every semester [to take] another 4-credit class on top of that,” senior environmental engineering major Nicola Elardo, the leader of the trombone section, said. “I took ‘Intro to Music’ my freshman year, and I didn’t have to take that. I probably would’ve taken a different discovery course just so I could get ahead in my course schedule.”

“Obviously, I’d want that changed, because it’s a [struggle] for all of us… in any of the musical ensembles,” crash cymbal player and sophomore physics major Nicholas Demers said. “If you did 4 different ensembles, that would kind of do it because it shows commitment to the art instead of taking some class you do not care about.”

According to Director of Athletic Bands Casey Goodwin, there are several issues with band participation satisfying the fine and performing arts requirement. Firstly, the fine and performing arts requirement has to be a 4-credit course, while all of the ensembles are 1-credit classes.

“Changing them to 4 credits would not be feasible because of the fact that people are usually taking the whole course load and doing the ensembles on top of that,” Goodwin said. “There have been discussions about ways to take 4 credits of ensembles and have that combination satisfy the requirement, but it would be a little bit more complicated to keep track of that.”

“I think they should make it so depending on the number of credits you take within an ensemble, that should count as a fine and performing arts,” Elardo said. “Discovery courses are all 4 credits each, so maybe 4 credits of ensembles I feel like would suffice enough.”

However, Elardo thinks that even an entire school year of band participation would suffice to satisfy the fine and performing arts requirement.

Secondly, there is a philosophical aspect of having discovery courses. Fine and performing arts discovery courses are not limited to the music department, allowing students to potentially explore new forms of art such as stage craft or puppetry.

“I just think it would be useful to take a different class, something else that I haven’t really dived into, instead of music,” Elardo said. “There is a mentality for some that it should be more of an overarching exploration of music rather than a focused performing in the ensemble.”

Goodwin said, “But on the other hand, discoveries are also about discovering the world, and what better way to learn about music than by making music?”

In addition, discovery courses are usually introductory courses, and being a member of an ensemble implies prior knowledge of playing an instrument. Given that, taking an introduction to music course is an easier option for ensemble members, which is what many of them do.

“At least for band kinds, a lot of them would take basically [an easy by] music course that isn’t really doing much for them beyond satisfying the requirement, because it’s nice and easy,” Demers said. “I feel like [band satisfying the requirement] would’ve saved me a lot of stress in finding fine and performing arts class,” Elardo said. “I did end up taking ‘Intro to Music,’ which was kind of an easy by for me; it felt like a useless class because I’ve already surpassed the intro to music stage within my years of playing trombone.”

There has been a discussion of adding a work requirement if UNH were to allow ensemble participation to satisfy fine and performing arts discovery. For instance, writing a paper each semester, or attending a separate class for musical ensembles that would teach the members about specific pieces they are working on.

The discussion is still in progress.
New Hampshire, alma mater, all hail, all hail to thee!
Behind thee tow’r the mountains, before thee roars the sea.
Thy sons and daughters ever thy praises loud will sing.
New Hampshire, alma mater, accept our offering.
We love thee, old New Hampshire, and to the white and blue, where’er our work shall call us, we always will be true.
We’ll ever guard thy honor, bright shall thy mem’ry be.
New Hampshire, alma mater, all hail, all hail to thee!
This day in TNH history: October 1985

Shanty to stay up over the weekend

By Joe Kinimon

Surrounded by the brick structure, freshly groomed lawns, and carefully placed walkways, the compilation of scrap wood adorned with patterns and paint can be missed.

The shanty, which was built last spring for a Free South Africa (FSA), will stay up through the weekend and possible longer.

When the shanty went up at the end of September, we were in contact with the administration and felt it was necessary to have the shanty up for one more week, said Mike Daly, a member of FSA.

The FSA had decided to keep the structure through this weekend in hopes that parents pick up their children after the Parents’ Weekend will notice the shanty and take interest in the situation in South Africa. The Sunday night we (the FSA) will decide whether to keep the shanty up,” said Rick Rankin, the original director of four members of FSA.

The building in the corridor of the administration had not publicly come out and made clear that the University is involved in the shanty and some of the members of the group believe the shanty should stay up until this issue is resolved.

UNH-CID court case postponed

By Andrea Holbrook

A two-year-old court case between the University of New Hampshire (UNH) police and four employees of the new development of the Material and Institutional Development (CID), scheduled to begin this fall at the Strafford County Superior Court House, has been postponed.

The $1.4 million suit filed by UNH was started for a two-week trial and was to have been heard by the defendant of the case.

According to Donald Good

This day in TNH history: October 1985

The shanty built by anti-apartheid protesters to symbolize living conditions in South Africa. (Bill Germain photo)

Price increase causes furor

By Francois von Trapp

A 10 percent price increase at the MUB cafeteria has sparked controversy among students.

While some are appalled at the increase, others still feel the MUB is the best deal in town.

According to Jeff Onore, director of the Memorial Union Building, the cafeteria charges prices on a yearly basis. Every summer, a price change is conducted and this year it appeared that an increase would be necessary.

"Our costs go up the same as any other food service," Onore said. "The difference is we want a little bigger coast to raise the prices.

Sophomore Frank Plofi disagrees, "It seems like they're doing it for a profit. It has to be profitable when they charge $1.35 for a microwavable bowl of salad, and charge 30 cents for a teaspoon of cream cheese."

Plofi said that he thought prices were high in comparison to restaurants who were working for a profit. He said he expected restaurants to charge more than the MUB.

"I don’t think we can be judged purely as a business operation," Onore said.

Onore said the Pub’s purpose is not to make a profit, but to benefit the students. The PUB must, however, have to remain in the black. Any profit is put towards new equipment.

Generally speaking, Onore said, "It’s still the cheapest place in town to eat."

He added that there is no tax, no tips and commuters are encouraged to congregate rather than move on.

"They’re not trying to soak you," said junior John Richards. He said coffee prices have not changed.

Senior Mark Goodreau said he had not noticed a change in prices, but subs were smaller then they used to be.

"I’ve noticed a startling increase in burger costs," said senior Gary Goodreau.

"I don’t think the issue is that the MUB food service is too expensive," said Onore. "Some people just don’t like the rise in certain items. It seems as though the main subjects of contention are the soups and the salad bar.

"Why pay 95 cents for a bowl of soup when you can buy a can for 50 cents?" said Plofi. "It seems as though you can get as good a meal in town as you can at the MUB and it’s more economical in town.

"I don’t eat there anymore," said Plofi, "I just go to the Bagelry.

In the case of soup and salad, Plofi is correct. Although the Pub operates a salad bar, servings are not unlimited and the bowl is small. At the Bagelry, a salad of comparable size is $1.05. The Common Market charges $1.25 and Young’s Restaurant charges $1.00.

According to Flygare, UNH alleges the employees of CID breached their contract by directing business to the Institute of Durham Institute, Inc., and also that they consulted outside the sphere of CID.

Flygare said the UNH suit claimed John Huskey, CID director, did not keep the University informed of the awareness of the corporation’s financial affairs, thus breaching his fiduciary duty.

Also named was UNH Professor Louis Klotz of the Civil Engineering department, who is alleged to have used CID funds for family trips.

The counterfiled by the four employees of CID and Klotz claims the University officials damaged their professional reputations by making these allegations and in doing so held them up to public ridicule. The counterfiled also claims that the University suppressed information and colluded with media by publishing and circulating false material.

CID was created to provide a consulting service to business and industry, acting as a liaison between the private and public sectors. It also provided research and consulting opportunities for professors.

Donovan said Klotz took advantage of his opportunity, and this might have allowed Klotz access to CID money. Klotz was not and never had been employed by CID.

According to Flygare, of the five people named in the suit only Klotz is still employed by the University.

CID’s work is now handled by the Consulting Center, which is a new entity, said Gundy, and not CID. According to Flygare, the Consulting Center has a 10 percent increase from UNH.

Andrea Morrison grabs a break between classes in the MUB pub. (Cindy Rich photo)
Seacoast coffee power rankings

Goat yoga

Libby’s versus Scorp’s
UNH students go crazy for crafts

By Isabelle Curtis
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It’s midterm season at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and students are always seeking new ways to alleviate collegiate stress. Craft Crazy, UNH’s crafting club, is endeavoring to help by uniting Wildcats through a mutual love of crafting.

“It’s a weekly meeting, where anyone can come and just have some time to relax and do basic crafts that anyone can do, and just have fun,” says sophomore biology major Meaghan Corbett, interim president of Craft Crazy, said. Corbett began attending Craft Crazy last year as a first-year student to destress from her busy school schedule, but ended up finding a wider community to get involved with.

“Just talking with people, because there are a lot of them, you can get to know different peers and class members and that can maybe help you... make more friends,” Corbett said.

Craft Crazy was founded in 2013 as a way for students to “connect with peers and the creative mind through the subject of arts and crafts.” [Craft Crazy] will teach one about valuable art skills, as well as what it takes to discover one’s creative mind,” according to the club’s constitution. Craft Crazy meetings are usually centered around a specific theme or craft, but members are encouraged to express themselves through any artistic medium they wish, such as decor-making, collage or painting.

The theme of last week’s meeting was Halloween. The atmosphere was relaxed as attendees worked on their crafts. Early 2000s pop music played softly in the background to accompany the easy conversation between members.

Students pointed to the calming environment and the therapeutic nature of art as their main motives for attending. “I don’t really have to think about school when I [craft],” senior marine biology major Ingrid Haveron said. Art as a form of therapy has been around since the 1940s, according to the American Art Therapy Association, and has seen an increase as a means to help deal with stress or mental illness in recent years with colleges offering art therapy majors and minors. It has also been found that producing art at art therapy majors and minors. It has also been found that producing art at
By Evan Edmonds

Staff Writer

Coffee on a college campus is a hot (or iced) commodity. For a student starving for energy, it can be the saving grace in the battle against upcoming deadlines and perilous exams. In and around Durham, there is no shortage of a java supply and students have a plethora of places to turn for their caffeine salvation - but the question is: where to go? How can the average college student make their best choice with all these options present? Based on some crucial points - quality, quantity and price - here are some ratings on a five-point scale of the individual locations, and an ordered list of which places are most worth the visit.

10) Aroma Joe’s
Main Street, Durham

Aroma Joe’s is a decent place to start if you’re looking for a quick java stop. The gimmick about Aroma’s is the wide variety of flavors - and it definitely has the largest assortment out of any place on this list. It boasts 16 unique coffee flavors and an additional nine sugar-free options to mix and match any way possible. The coffee itself, however, isn’t much to talk about. It is very much average, but has the tendency to taste burnt, especially if you are ordering it hot. Price-wise you could do a lot worse; you can get a large (24 ounces) iced coffee for $3, and combining that with the ability to make any combo you want, the stop at Aroma’s is always a safe bet. Thanks to the wide range of customization, it gets just above a 2. A rating: 2.1

9) Baker’s Corner
Main Street/Madbury Road, Durham

If there was any location that didn’t deserve to be put last, it’s Baker’s Corner. The new Durham bakery has a much wider and sweeter focus than coffee (so many baked goods), which is why theirs lands here. It has the best value on campus, offering a 24-ounce iced coffee for a mere $2.75. If you’re deciding to grab a quick coffee at Baker’s Corner, think of it this way. You can get the large iced that you’re looking for and throw in a few delicious apple cider doughnuts all for under $6 - which is around the same price you could be paying for the same sized coffee at other locations on and around campus. Rating: 2.4

8) Dunkin’
Holloway Commons & Dover Road, Durham
(and the rest of New England)

There is something about Dunkin’ that instills New England pride with every sip. There is no feeling quite like tight-fisting a large Dunkin’ iced on a 20 degree day while sporting some Pats or Bruins gear - but that’s not what earns a high java rating. The flavors are okay, the coffee in itself is nothing special and it’s not the best place to sit down and do some work at. However, it is cheaper than a lot of its competitors and the novelty of it still manages to suck people in (including me). Dunkin’ gets the job done, but not much more than that. Rating: 2.5

7) The Works
Mill Road Plaza, Durham & Congress Street, Portsmouth

Think of The Works as a place to go when it comes to your iced coffee needs. It’s nothing special or flashy, but they provide standard, run-of-the-mill coffee for a reasonable price, at the same time offering a genuinely nice place to relax or study. A regular iced coffee will run you about $3. Not too bad - especially when you consider their refill policy which is only a dollar more. The flavor selection is minimal and can seem kind of bland but the atmosphere and the cheap refills earn The Works the number seven java spot. Rating: 2.7

6) Breaking New Grounds
Main Street, Durham

Breaking New Grounds (BNG) is somewhat of an acquired taste in some aspects. Those who enjoy their coffee on the stronger side will most likely enjoy what they find at BNG. The flavor selection is wider than that of the average location (Irish creme is a big one) and it isn’t limited to just flavor shots. They offer flavored coffee and a variety of different roasts and espresso for a decent price. A big positive that BNG offers is the comfort of the location itself. It offers a warm fuzzy feeling that makes it a nice place to hang or get some work done while getting away from the incoming colder weather. Rating: 3.2

5) Saxby’s
Madbury Road, Durham

There are some intriguing coffee options here, so it’s definitely worth a visit. Saxby’s is really big on its cold brew, and it’s not half bad. Saxby’s cold brew is smooth, sweet and creamy - very enjoyable, but also can be pricey. For a cheap iced coffee you might want to consider other options, because if you’re combining cold brew with a flavor shot or two, a large can run you up to almost $6. They offer some decent flavor combos (white chocolate and macadamia nut is really good) but keep in mind there is a flavor upcharge as well. It’d be hard to be disappointed by a Saxby’s coffee since it is definitely high quality, and the spot is very open and bright, making it a comfortable and popular spot for getting schoolwork done. It is worth noting that throughout this week (until Friday, Oct. 18) Saxby’s is offering free small hot and iced coffees, so if there’s ever a time to make a trip there and try it, it’s now. Rating: 3.4

4) Coffee Craving
Cafe Road, Lee

Although it can be hit or miss, Coffee Craving is enjoyable with every sip. The coffee itself is decent as well as the pricing, the typical $3 for 24 ounces. The flavor options are mostly delightful and change every week or so. If all of the flavors options were as good as the best, you would find Coffee Craving higher up on this list. However, some of the flavor options are too much and just overwhelm the coffee, making for a dis- appointing drink. The pumpkin creme brulee and the vanilla hazelnut truffle options were so good they had me wishing I bought an extra for later. Cookies and cream made me glad I had different coffees to wash it down with. Coffee Craving has a slightly unfortunate location. The drive from Durham isn’t the quickest, and you might be waiting even longer in the car since the lines can get long. If you have a flavor in mind you want to try and you’re not in a desper- ate rush to get your java, this coffee will soothe your craving. Rating: 3.6

3) Coffee Station
Dame Road, Newmarket

Similar to Coffee Craving, Coffee Station offers a wild selection of flavor combos that varies week to week, so there’s always something new to try. The reason it slightly edges the last location out is because it’s closer to Durham, and although the wait in line can be dreadful at times (as long as 30-40 minutes around 10 and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings) there are two windows at this shack, which can get through the lines at a decent pace. For Coffee Station, the flavor combos are more of a compliment to the already good coffee, while Coffee Craving coffee is a bit more dependent on the flavor because the coffee itself is rather generic. Aside from those busy weekend mornings, a trip to Coffee Station can typically be a get-in, get-out affair and you’ll make way with one of the many more flavorful combos. Rating: 3.4

2) Adelle’s Coffeehouse

Ramon’s Food & Coffee Cart
Academic Way, UNH

The best coffee in Durham and the surrounding area is Ramon’s. They offer White Mountain Coffee - the closest location that offers it in Concord - besides that you’d have to travel up to North Conway to get your hands on its delicious taste. Ramon’s offers the delightful taste at a cheap price, along with just about everything else. They offer their standard flavors each week, but feature a flavor of the week (or two) that are always worth a try (chocolate raspberry creme and roadside in particular). What the Ramon’s cart doesn’t have in terms of seating is made up for by the hospitality of the people themselves, Ramon and Kristin. Always an absolute pleasure to see them offer up service with a smile to an above and beyond degree, matching the high quality of the coffee with delightful daily interaction. If there is any place on this list that is a must try, it’s Ramon’s. There’s no need to even check the flavor of the week, just go, and you’ll be happy you did. Rating: 4.8

There are so many coffee options in and around Durham that there are definitely some great ones not listed here. If you’re in a bind and you need a java stop, now you can check out some of these places with a bit more education on the matter. Hopefully you’ll check out a new spot you hadn’t tried before, or maybe you’ll just save a few bucks or a few minutes when you’re daring over to class. Enjoy all the java that the Seacoast has to offer, and good luck on your quest toward caffeine salvation.
The serene and hilarious fun of Jenness Farm’s goat yoga

By Madaleine Hart  STAFF WRITER

The first rule of goat yoga: tuck in to chew on whatever they can get their hands on, or chewing on part of their clothing. The yoga instructor explained that sometimes, the goats are bouncing off the walls, and other times, they just want to snuggle. “They all have different personalities, just like you and me,” she explained.

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Men of taste: Scorp’s versus Libby’s

By Sam Eggert
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This is not an argument. Libby’s Bar and Grill in Durham, New Hampshire, is the superior of the two bars in this quaint town. Libby’s provides a classically nice feel for the citizens of Durham; they give patrons the option of enjoying their dining room or socializing at the bar (which is popping).

People always aggressively confront me on the street asking, “What is the best vodka on planet?” Easy answer. Bowman’s Vodka stands alone, topping brands such as Ketel One, Tito’s, Belvedere and Grey Goose. Bowman’s has a smooth, subtle tone that accents its smooth burr that julies the palate of the drinker. Mix that jive with soda water, ice and a pinch of lime to create the end-all-be-all of bar beverages: the vodka soda.

If the liquor drinks aren’t your bread and butter, Libby’s provides a deep offering of domestic and craft beers. Specifically, the S2 Miller High Life, a personal favorite of mine. Shugging down High Life’s at Libby’s reminds me of the little things in life: playing catch with my father, sailing on Long Pond, reading a book or even laying in a large grass field. Pure bliss.

What makes Libby’s great is that you have the option of both leisure and excitement. Scorpion’s Bar and Grill (where’s the grill?) only provides me mediocre excitement.

Also, last time I went there they had the same preseason basketball game on every television in the joint. Such a tragedy given that there was playoff baseball going on. I guess Frank Jackson is more important than Max Scherzer’s playoff debut. Scorpion’s doesn’t get sports. Libby’s prides themselves on variety. They’ll play as many sports as they can at once, although they’ll have the more important games on the most prominent screens.

I’m an honest person. My tall and lanky frame makes for some awful dancing, so I’m not the best person to ask about the dance floors. Luckily, University of New Hampshire (UNH) student Shaan Dejong is a virtuoso of dance. He has gotten down at both Scorpion’s and Libby’s, and the man has a strong opinion supporting Libby’s.

“To put it in laymen’s terms, the dance floor is what separates Libby’s from Scorpion’s,” Dejong said. “The elevated section creates a great dynamic that gathers the entire crowd toward making it a fire atmosphere to bust out some radical moves. The Sprinkler… easy money. The Grocery Cart… I pull it out every time. Catch me getting funky with the occasional drink toss. If your head gets wet with a vodka soda, don’t hit me; hit my line.”

If that doesn’t make you want to dance, I don’t think you have capability to dance.

I’ll keep the Scorpion’s bashing short: The dancefloor always has an inch of mystery liquid, there is a 6 foot, 3 inch clearance (tall people know what I mean) and the bathrooms are too small.

Need we say more? Good drinks, good food, good people and classic dance moves make for a great Thursday and/or Saturday night at Libby’s Bar and Grill.

Scorpion’s Bar and Grill

By Ian Lenahan
MANAGING EDITOR

To preface: This piece could potentially be one of those moments where you read something and in your head you queue up a judgmental voice and think, “Now that’s a hot take.”

With that being said, here’s the scoop on Scorpion’s: It’s their year, baby.

As one of the more recently-turned 21-year-olds on the boozoo block, all I’ve heard last year leading up to my birthday this past July was how amazing Libby’s is. That’s not to say I don’t like it; I think it’s a great place to start out at on a Thursday or a Saturday, and it’s the premier spot for a larger celebration such as a Homecoming or a (INSERT OTHER FUN WEEKEND HERE). If you’re ever looking to get your drink on at the bar on a Friday Night, I might even recommend that you check out Libby’s. It might just be you there though, so you might want to reconsider your options or, on the macro-level, your life’s priorities.

My interests swayed toward Scorpion’s in September, however, when Libby’s kicked me out one fun, crowded evening in their LED-crazed, remix-pounding basement. Before you ask, just trust me: It was not for a good reason.

The god’s honest truth? They asked me to leave because I jokingly split an ice cube toward my friend and it ended up on the floor. Please read that again, but slower.

Then, I tried sneaking back in 10 minutes later with a new shirt ‘cause my night simply just didn’t feel complete at roughly 10:45 p.m. The only problem was, I had been wearing a prized navy-blue shirt with a red chili pepper on it that says “Save the drama for your mama” on the back of it. Immediately after, because for whatever reason I felt like I was in this massive time crunch, I not-so-swiftly and abandonedly changed into yet another navy-blue shirt I love to wear. Then, like a nimble gazelle, I tried to maneuver past the Libby’s bouncer downstairs a few minutes later, kind of like when you see someone advertising for a presidential candidate outside of the dining hall and they want you to pledge to vote for them but you really don’t want to so you start looking at a tree 200 feet away from you. Needless to say, within two minutes I was alone on the cold, hard streets of Durham again.

And that’s when I found the pulsating vibe of Scorpion’s Bar and Grill about 75 feet away.

First off, I always feel the top half of Scorpion’s is so much more low-key than Libby’s. People are always running down to the basement pretty much as soon as they get into Scorpion’s, so there’s always time to relax for a bit and grab a few drinks before heading down. It’s a nice open concept space with the bar on the main side as you enter, and seating arrangements on the other side of the wall. That way, the madness that could potentially take place with a rush to the bar seems a little subdued when you’re sitting with your buds and watching a game on one of the several TV’s on the seated side.

Next comes the basement. Oh, baby. To me, the Scorpion’s basement seems to be more fun, but that could definitely be because more people have been going there this semester. The black and white checkerboard style floor invites dancers of all types to bust out their finest moves. After a while, everyone seems to catch a glimpse of themselves in the mirror seemingly dancing as good as Paula Abdul before crashing back to reality and remembering you’re not her.

The duality of Scorpion’s is such: One minute, you feel like you’re hip-hop dancing at Juliard, and the next, you go back to stepping on toes and avoiding knocking people’s drinks over. All in all, Scorpion’s makes you dream big but also makes you keep it real.

And the decks? Oh, the deck. I know you’re not exactly staring out at the Grand Canyon or sitting on a rooftop in Paris gazing at the Eiffel Tower, but there’s nothing like getting that classic Durham air while looking at crushed boxes near the “Employees Only” exit while sipping a $2 PBR - the sweetest thing ever.

Also, I hear they’re more lenient with their policy on single ice cubes. What I’m truly trying to say is that there’s more to be said for a place that allows for fun, madness, a sweet escape, solid drink deals and more all inside the walls of one fiesty building. As of right now, I’m saying Scorpion’s is the spot for seniors.

Oh, and also that Sam’s out of his mind.

A trapispe through of Durham

(he following photographs are, to say the least, a dramatization; both 21-year-old men consumed a single beer at the establishment of their choice before making the artistic, creative and personal decisions to act out a “wild night through the bowels of College Town U.S.A.” for the amusement of our university’s student publications. Thank you, and as they say in the old country, don’t step believin’.) Cheers to a night out on the town.
When Donald J. Trump became the 45th American to occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in 2016, the country was a couple of seconds into its first avalanche. Then, the aftershocks of Nov. 8 wasn’t this victory alone — despite the surprise- — it was the beginning of the end. Whether you were “Trump or president” and collective disbelief over his “upset” win over favored Democrat Hillary Clinton. Rather, it was a new era, a new normal, a new political landscape — one that hung over the Trump administration three years in as the fight to reveal the supposed blood on his hands rages on day after day, unphased by a background dominated by a booming economy and the temporary diminishment of ISIS in Iraq and Syria, and the lowest unemployment numbers the nation had seen in decades. It is a political war that shows no end in sight for either side, impervious to a heavily- documented, fact-based news report, relentless and unforgiving news coverage, and accusations of partisanship and hypocrisy. But as the news cycle has seen before, a hat which Trump remembers “Russia” and “friends” in the same sentence.

And three years in, as the president continues to play the “no collusion” card and call the entire website a “fake news” outlet, “which is the lies and dramatic headlines, you might have believed to be true. But as the IRA and its tactics, the more things you hear, the more you see. Why this could have happened to you.

Today, Americans still wishing to dump Trump before 2020 put forth a well-choreographed campaign: Donald Trump “canceled” with Vladimir Putin and Russian hackers — or at least emphasizes his previous denials — that Russia was involved in the 2016 election and derides Clinton’s seemingly inexorable victory. And no wonder, as the Russians ordered to literally and figuratively “sow societal and political discord, and to divide us through our innate ideology; a political low point of our history.”

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In other words, the Russians set the terms for engagement.

And they accomplished such a feat not through a massive coordinated effort, but rather through a Moscow-based “company” (with heavy government sponsoring) called the Internet Research Agency (IRA). The IRA — founded in 2013 and known in Russian internet slang as the “Trolls of Oligarch” — shared a team of Russian-based hackers and bloggers to create fake social media accounts, pose as real activists, and post about every hot-topic issue dominating the headlines of the day, weekend, month, and year.

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Opinion

“We continue to be meaningful public conversation about how we think about Tweets from world leaders on our service,” begins a post at the micro-blogging service’s non-micro-blog. In summary, certain Super Very Important Special People (“world leaders”) are exempt from Twitter’s rules, but henceforth Regular Completely Unimportant People (like you and me) are subject to new rules. We can’t like, reply, share or retweet rules-violating tweets from Super Very Important Special People.

“We understand the desire for our decisions to be ‘yes/no’ binaries,” the blog post continues, “but it’s not that simple. Our goal is to enforce our rules judiciously and impartially.”

Well, yes, it is that simple. Impartiality in rules is the exact opposite of dividing Twitter users into two classes, one of them subject to the rules, one of them not. In their great and unmatched wisdom, Twitter’s owners have over time moved to police speech on their platform in various ways. They don’t HAVE to do it, at least in the US – Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act protects them from legal liability for user-created content under most circumstances. There’s not even any particular government police user content, since the service’s “block” option allows users to ignore content from other users whose opinions or language offend. But hey, OK, fine – Twitter is a privately owned service, not a public square, and its owners are entitled to set any rules they care to set for its use. On the other hand, it’s neither judicious nor impartial to make some rules, then announce exemptions from those rules for Super Very Important Special People whileheap- ing new rules on Normal Com- munities. Not impartial. Not judicious. And quite possibly non-newsaper-safe exploitive here offensive. The Super Very Important Special People already have their own bully pulpits from which to yell anything, they like and be heard and obeyed. We Normal Completely Unimportant People don’t get to hold press conferences in front of news cameras on the White House Lawn in Washington, or on the front stoop at 10 Downing Street in Lon- don, or on the front steps of the Raj- trupati Bhanu in New Delhi.

Twitter keeps making itself less useful to most of us in order to curry favor with a few. That’s not just injudicious and partial, it’s a bad business plan.

By Thomas L. Knapp

A whistleblower accused Trump of soliciting help from Ukraine on the 2020 US election hand. Would he release $391M in military aid to help block. The aid was so Ukraine could keep fighting THEIR enemies.

I watched some of the House Intelligence Committee hearings. The Republican members were unified: they objected that, 1) the whistleblower only heard the incriminating evidence 2nd or 3rd hand, so why should we believe him, and 2) Trump never actually said “this is a shakedown.”

Now, there is a 2nd whistleblower who knows the information 1st hand. What will the Republican de-fence be now? “They need louder whistleblins?” Or maybe, “it’s true the Whitehouse tried to cover it up [they moved the transcript rec- ord to a super secret server used- only for classified information], but what’s your point?”

As to their second defense, that Trump never actually said “this is a threat,” I refer back to a quote from that other Don, Don Cor- leone, “we’ll make him an offer he can’t refuse.” Now, does that sound like a threat you? Yes.

But we are still far from de-claring victory. Deaths from drug overdoses remain at historically high levels, and the Trump Ad- ministration is keeping up this fight. Last month, the Administra- tion announced almost $3 billion in new grants to state and local governments, academic institu- tions, and private companies, including over $8.4 million to New Hampshire.

With the State Opioid Re- sponse program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Servic- es Administration provides flex- ible funding to state governments to support prevention, treatment, and recovery services for op- ioid use disorder. This program is focused on providing evidence- based treatment, including the gold standard for treating opioid addiction—medication-assisted treatment. Progress in this regard is real: we estimate that approxi- mately 1.27 million Americans now receive medication-assisted treatment—up from 921,000 in 2016—out of about 2 million Americans with opioid use disor- der.

To advance our understand- ing of the epidemic and scale-up prevention and response activi- ties, the CDC has the Overdose Data to Action program. They help state and local governments track overdose data as closely to real-time as possible and support work to prevent overdoses and suicides.

Finally, the National In- stitutes of Health has awarded $945 million in fiscal year 2019 for grants across 41 states through the Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative or NIH HAIL Initiative. The effort aims to improve treatments for chronic pain, curb the rates of opioid use disorder (OUD) and overdose and achieve long-term recovery from opioid addiction.

September’s grants come on top of nearly $400 million in grants issued in August from the Health Resources and Services Agency to community health centers, rural organizations, and academic institutions to help them establish and expand access to services for opioid addiction and other challenges.

In total, during the Trump administration, HHS has dis- bursed almost $9 billion to states and local communities to help increase access to treatment and prevention services. But defeating addiction takes more than money.

It requires building a healthcare system that cares for each patient, as a whole person, and works to reduce the stigma surrounding ad- diction. That’s one of the reasons why the Trump Administration proposed to modernize regula- tions that can pose significant bar- riers to effective, coordinated care Americans struggling with addic- tion need.

We have also issued Medic- aid waivers to 25 states to expand access for substance use disorder. And we have worked to prevent opioid ad- diction by promoting responsible prescribing of opioids, yielding a 31 percent decrease in the total amount prescribed since President Trump’s election.

President Trump’s sustained focus on opioid addiction is yield- ing real results. But this crisis has de- veloped over several decades, and will not be solved overnight. As the tide begins to turn on opioid addiction, the President remains committed to helping communi- ties across America continue to battle the addiction, save lives, and help everyone struggling with addiction find the road to recov- ery.

By Alex M. Azar II

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At the center of the fourth Democratic debate on Tuesday night, literally, was Vice President Joe Biden. Despite repeated warnings against running for office by Former President Barack Obama – “You don’t have to do this, Joe, you really don’t” – Biden remains intent on pushing his way toward the nomination.

Here’s the thing, though: Biden should’ve taken his friend’s advice. Age and health implications aside, Biden’s dated platform will not stand the test of general election next November. With Biden’s propensity to really show his age at the podium comes a guarantee that Trump would exploit it in debate, and we all know how the president’s supporters respond to personal attacks by now.

Amidst Biden stumbling over his words Tuesday was the tangential, combined efforts of lower-polling candidates to attack the true Democratic frontrunner – Mass. Senator Elizabeth Warren. She took what reporters later referred to as ‘extreme criticism’ in stride in this debate, which appears to be the lone standard by which we’re holding serious candidates these days. It’s all about who can power through Trump’s constant berating on national tele-

But that’s not even remotely the case, and you need not look further back than 2016 for proof as to why. Hillary Clinton convinced herself that the Oval Office was a lock by July that year and therefore didn’t engage – at all – with Trump when he insulted her character. Clinton’s strategy was to push through the hate and deliver her message. Look where that got her, and where it’s left the rest of us.

It’s going to take a little more self-respect and wit from the Democratic nominee than Clinton displayed last election cycle. Both are qualities Biden and Warren likewise lack. The debates on Tuesday made that much clear, as the two leading candidates averted criticism by rambling for minutes straight about getting along with each other.

Perhaps in the coming months we’ll hear of Obama’s attempts to sway Warren from her presidential aspirations, but until that day, she’s the ultra-progressive brainiac no politician would touch with a 10-foot pole. Warren’s robotic conviction should concern voters in the way it didn’t with Clinton. Trump shreds that to pieces like a first grader with construction paper.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg strut together his strongest perfor-
mance to date in Tuesday’s debate, addressing questions in a level-headed manner and striking opponents when it was due. Importantly, though, he knows how to defend himself: “I don’t need lessons from you on courage, political or personal,” he responded to opponent Beto O’Rourke on the subject of gun control.

Buttigieg should see his name spike in the next polls because he’s displayed a poise evidently lost on the other leading candidates, as long as we’re considering Bernie Sanders beyond the realm of possibility at this point (unfortunately his health concerns may be too much for on-the-fence voters to overlook). If you’re a moderate progressive, Buttigieg checks all the boxes – retained privatized healthcare but with expanded public benefits, acknowledgment of climate change and a realistic plan for gun restrictions.

Plus, he really looks like Brad Stevens and the two are friends. That should win at least a few points with New Englanders.

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The Wildcats won both of their games this weekend, led by sophomore goalie Ava Bottiller, who stopped 50 of the 52 shots she faced this weekend. The Wildcats beat both UConn 2-0 on Friday and then Boston University on Saturday by a score of 4-2.

The first conference game of the season was Friday at UConn. The game got off to a slow start with only eight shots in the first period, with each team getting four a piece. The Wildcats got their first goal 16:38 into the second period, with Annie Berry picking up the puck after an attempted clear by UConn. She then sent it over to junior forward Ellie Sanski, who scored on her second attempt. It would hold up to be the game winner.

The ‘Cats would extend their lead at 15:40 into the third period with a powerplay goal from first-year forward Jada Christian, the first of her career. First-year defense woman Rae Breton passed the puck out of a battle on the boards to Christian who timed the shot and scored. UConn pulled their goalie for the extra attacker with two minutes left, but they were unable to break through, allowing Bottiller to pick up her second shutout of the season. She saved all 23 shots that came her way.

Saturday’s game was much more eventful as far as the score sheet was concerned. BU got the scoring underway with junior forward John Sladic scoring on a one-timer that rocketed past Miami senior goalie Ryan Manus who picked it up, waited for the goalie to drop to the ice and then slipped it right past the goalie for the goal. Sophomore defense women Emily Rickwood was credited with the secondary assist on the goal. Although BU got the first goal, UNH drove the play for most of the first period. They registered 22 shots on goal in that period alone while BU only registered five.

Just under four minutes into the second period, Rickwood would give the Wildcats the lead with a goal of her own. Her pass attempt got blocked and came back to her, so she took a shot and beat the goalie over the blocker side shoulder. It was her third of the season, tying for the team lead. The assists came from senior forward Abby Chapman and senior captain and defense woman Tori Howran.

And a half minutes later, the Wildcats would strike again to regain their two-goal lead. Lauren Martin skated into the zone with the puck and took a shot that bounced off the boards and then off the goalie’s skates and into the net. It would hold up as the game winner. It was an unusual goal, but they all count the same. First year forward Tamara Thierus and junior defense woman Julia Scannell were credited with the assists.

BU would creep their way back into the game with another goal from their top line after a big net front scramble with about four minutes left in the second. Not even a minute after BU had a golden opportunity to tie the game with a breakaway, but Bottiller stood tall with a huge breakaway save to preserve the lead.

The Wildcats would reclaim their two-goal lead just under seventeen minutes into the third while on the powerplay. Rickwood, who picked up their third point of the game, got the puck deep into the zone and bounced it off Mena. It bounced off her and to the side of the net, where Turner shot it off the goalie’s skates and into the net from a tough angle.

“When we put pucks on net good things happen, it worked out for us,” said Manus. She also thought the team looked great and that they played solid defense from the goalie out and capitalized on our chances.” She also came up with a huge blocked shot off a blast from the point in the second period while on the penalty kill.

“I just wanted to get in the lane, I’d rather it hit me than the back of the net.” The Wildcats were credited with 14 blocked shots and Howran lead the team with four blocked shots all on the powerplay.

BU would pull their goalie for the extra attacker just before the Wildcats were called for a tripping penalty. It was six on four, but BU blew it by taking a penalty for too many players on the ice with just 55 seconds left in the game. The clock wound down and the Wildcats claimed their second victory of the weekend, improving their conference record to 2-0. Bottiller made 27 saves and finished the weekend with a .901 save percentage.

UNH killed off four of their nine penalties which included a minute of being down two players.

“We let up that first power play goal, but overall I thought our penalty kill was outstanding,” head coach Hilary Witt said after the game.

“I thought we played with a lot of grit,” coach Witt said after the game. “We got down 1-0 like it was no big deal and that’s the mindset you have to have, it’s a 60-minute game and I thought our leadership, our seniors did a phenomenal job today.” She cited the McM anus goal as proof, as it was created off Turner’s hustle to beat the icing.

The Wildcats play their next game Friday, Oct. 18 at UVM and then play again Sunday, Oct. 20 at Northeastern.

COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS

UNH men’s hockey is now 8-5-3 all-time versus Miami.

By Sam Eggert
SPORT EDITOR

The UNH men’s hockey team (1-0-1) erupted offensively this past weekend, posting ten goals in their two-game series against Miami University (0-2-1). It’s difficult to pinpoint how strong the UNH offense is early on, as Miami has given up 17 goals in their first three games this season, losing to Bowling Green (1-2-7) 4-1, then losing to UNH 6-2 Friday and tying UNH 4-4 Saturday.

In Friday’s game, UNH got the scoring underway with junior forward Koebe Sato scoring the inaugural goal of the season. Sato was scored on a one-timer that rocketed past Miami senior goalie Ryan Larkin’s glove. Sato was assisted by junior forward Eric MacAdams and junior defenseman Max Gildon.

Sophomore forward Jackson Pierson scored a breakaway goal off of an assist from junior forward Charlie Kelleher midway through the first period. The scoring continued as junior defenseman Benton Maass and junior defenseman Max Grasso and Gildon. Grasso tied the game for UNH overcame nine penalties in Saturday’s 4-2 home win.

By Sean Crimmings
SPORTS WRITER

As for Saturday’s affair, UNH sophomore forward Angus Crookshank scored the first goal of the game on a powerplay, tipping a Gildon wrist shot into the net. Sato scored his third goal of the season in the second period on a breakaway assisted by senior defensewoman Anthony Wise. Later in the second period, Gildon extended the UNH lead to 3-0, scoring on a five-on-three power play. Kelleher and Pierson assisted on the goal.

Sato fell victim to their own moxie, allowing three consecutive Miami goals to tie the game at three goals apiece. One minute into the third period, Miami first-year forward John Sladic scored his second goal of the game.

Grasso tied the game for UNH with a powerplay goal, eventually sending the game to a scoreless overtime.

Souza is focused keeping his team looking to the game ahead. “We realize we have a really tough game this week with Bentley, so it’s going to require our best this week.”

The ‘Cats continue play this Friday as they head south to Waltham, Mass. for a 7:00 p.m. game at Bentley (0-2).
Men's soccer squeaks out seventh straight win

By Will Sirbono
SPORTS WRITER

The UNH men’s soccer team traveled to Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 12 to play their third America East conference game of the year against the UMBC Retrievers (4-5-1). UNH narrowly won the game thanks to a second-half goal from senior midfielder Antonio Colacci in the 48th minute, keeping their undefeated season alive. This was Colacci’s fourth goal on the season. With this goal, he also took the team lead in total points with 11, two ahead of Fabian Lutz who has nine.

Per usual, the Wildcats’ defense held their opponent to less than ten shots in the game. This was the ninth game in a row that the ‘Cats accomplished this feat. UNH’s stellar play on defense has propelled the Wildcats to the #5 team in the nation in terms of team goals-against average at 0.47.

While team goals-against average does play a role in this, UNH goalkeeper and graduate student Alejandro Robles is now the #6 ranked goalkeeper in the nation in goals-against average and the #7 ranked goalkeeper in save percentage.

UNH is not a team with a superstar player. There is only one player with a double-digit point total and there are nine players with at least four points on the season. A lot of teams need a great player to be successful, but the UNH men’s soccer team is no different. They can get something from anyone of their players at any time. Their collective nature makes them very dangerous as a team overall.

Coming up this Saturday, Oct. 19, the men’s soccer team will travel to Lowell, Mass. for potentially their biggest test of 2019. The Wildcats will take on Harvard, and they have outscored their opponents 19-5 overall.

Harvard might be the worst opponent UNH takes on all year as they have played to a 0-7-1 record so far. On the other hand, Hartford will most likely take over UMass Lowell and become UNH’s most challenging opponent to date as they’re 7-2-3 on the year and are undefeated in America East play.

In general, the more difficult games are coming up at end of UNH’s schedule. In terms of conference play, they’ve already taken on the three worst teams in the America East in UMBC, Binghamton and Stony Brook. The rest of their schedule, outside of Harvard, will be against America East opponents with records above .500.

UA Albany spoils UNH’s senior day

By Josh Morrill
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNH women’s soccer team (6-6, 2-2) celebrated their 2019 senior class this past Sunday. Prior to the match, UNH head coach Steve Welham and others guided a ceremony to acknowledge everything that the ‘Cats’ 10 seniors have done for the program.

Seniors that were recognized included: forward/midfielder Liz Lane, forward Belle Pesante, defender Maddie Mundick, defender/midfielder Caitlyn Keenan, defender Caroline Wysocki, defender Megan Rumbold, defender Jill Coney, forward Ally Reynolds, forward/midfielder Megan Kicosicki, and forward/midfielder Kaylan Williams.

When asked about his 10 seniors, Welham expressed his gratitude for them and what they have done for his team.

“We’re going to miss their presence on and off the field. They’ve been the spine of our team for four years,” Welham said.

He added that his seniors have great futures ahead, whether they are in the sport of soccer or not.

“When we recruited them, they were a tough, talented group,” he said. “They were a nationally ranked recruiting class. They have brought a lot of consistency to the program, and they were great ambassadors for the program. They’ve helped with recruiting and have done tremendously well in the classroom. As a coach, you want them (seniors) to have a great four-year experience, but you are equally very proud of what they go accomplish,” Welham said.

On the seniors’ special day, the Wildcats faced off against the defending America East conference champions, the UAlbany Great Danes (6-4-3, 3-0-1). The Wildcats were unable to overcome UAlbany’s fire power as they lost 2-0.

It didn’t take the Great Danes long to get a quality scoring chance on sophomore goalkeeper Cat Sheppard, as sophomore midfielder/forward Julie Cane ran full speed onto a rolling ball and sent a shot from the right wing that curled into the grasp of Sheppard in the sixth minute of the game.

Just six minutes later, UNH was able to counter with an intercepted throw-in by senior midfielder/forward Kaylan Williams. She collected the ball near the middle of the 18-yard box and was able to fire a strike to the middle portion of the net, but UAlbany junior goalkeeper Sophia Chen was able to deflect out of play.

With just over a minute left in the first half, the Wildcats were able to put more pressure on the Great Dane defense when UNH sophomore midfielder/forward Julia Cane ran full speed onto a rolling ball and sent a shot from the 20 yards out. Her shot was sent away by Chen, and both teams were left scoreless at half-time.

UAlbany opened up the scoring in the 54th minute; a sentence that UNH fans found demoralizing. The Great Danes generated a corner kick that would be taken by junior forward Kendra Harbin. She placed a beautiful ball into the box where junior defender Katie Gowing was in perfect position to head the ball into the left side of the net.

Gowing was not done however, as she benefitted from a shot by her teammate, junior defender Hailey Summers. Gowing collected the rebound off Sheppard’s diving hands and deposited the ball into the top of goal, giving her team a 2-0 lead.

“Certainly gives you confidence when you score goals... it also shows how resilient we are defensively. We know that if we get a goal against anybody then we have a chance to win. Clicking and finding the right combinations is huge and this is an ongoing work in progress,” Welham said.

Despite dropping to 6-6 on the season, Welham believes in his seniors going into the end of conference play, and he has confidence in the heart that they have shown in recent years.

“We hope that they can lead us to a deep run, and we hope that they can get us hot at the right time. We won the regular season championship in 2017, and this group was definitely a big part of that.”

UNH will look to get over .500 once again on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. when they host rival UMaine in Wildcat Stadium.
Volleyball sweeps Binghamton

Sophomore setter Emma Paolovich celebrates a point in UNH's win over Binghamton.

By Sam Eggert

SPORTS EDITOR

This past Friday, the UNH volleyball team (12-5, 2-1) hosted winless Binghamton (0-16, 0-3) in an evening bid supporting the Side-Out Foundation’s Dig Pink fundraiser, raising money and awareness for stage IV breast cancer research.

The ‘Cats rolled past a Binghamton team that has struggled to gain traction in 2019. In their 16 games, Binghamton has won only one of five sets while dropping 16 games, Binghamton has won only one of five sets while dropping 20. Petke also got a kill to put UNH ahead 24-20. Petke's serve. Dominant serving proved to be a main factor in UNH's dominant third set. Senior outside hitter had a succession of aces and strong serves for a run of her own, eventually working toward a 25-11 win to close out the match.

UNH never let up despite facing a struggling opponent. Felliiano showed his appreciation for the Wildcat’s consistent effort.

“We’ve had a great season so far, the girls have worked tre-
Cross-country races at New England Championships

By Sean Crimmins
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, the UNH men’s and women’s cross-country teams headed back to Franklin Park, this time for the New England Championship Meet. The men’s team finished 12th out of 25 teams with a team score of 315 on a squad where five of the seven scorers were first-year runners.

The women’s team won the meet with a team score of 63 to just edge out Dartmouth who scored 65. Their average time for the 5K was 18:07.7. Senior Shannon Murdock won the race to become the individual champion. The women won for the fifth time in the past seven years, dating back to 2013.

“We wanted to run in our groups, sit in the front and compete. It was nice to be able to beat some of the teams that had beat us earlier in the season,” Murdock’s second overall finish, he was referencing were Dartmouth’s senior Margaret Champagne in third place and junior Elisabeth Danis in fifth place. Champagne ran 17:52 and Danis ran 17:55, her best 5K time as a Wildcat.

Junior Caroline Mahoney placed fourth on the team in 24th overall, running 18:32. Behind her was sophomore Nicole Yeomans and junior Cayla Barretto, placing 32nd and 33rd respectively with times of 18:43 and 18:44. Yeomans set a new personal best with that time. Finishing the scoring for the Wildcats at 38th overall was senior Madeline Quigley with a time of 18:52.

“All in all, we’re pretty healthy and dying to race in actual competition,” Willman said.

Coach Hoppler said. “It’s all about grouping up and we do that in training, so it’s always one of the goals to bring that to our racing.”

The men’s young roster was led by first-year runner William Curtan as he ran 25:47 and finished in 32nd overall. Coming in second for the Wildcats was first-year runner Joseph McElroy finishing in 59th place with a time of 26:09. Next for the Wildcats was junior Dylan McLaughlin finishing in 73rd place with a time of 26:23, and behind him was first-year runners Aidan O’Hern in 26:28 as well as last year’s varsity,” said head coach Jim Boulanger.

“I really ran the team that ran the open race the week before at Paul Short,” Boulanger said. He wanted them to try and shoot for the same times they ran at Paul Short and said on average they came around seven seconds of those times. He hopes that the runners can apply those times to other courses.

“Running is like a golf handicap, every course is different, but can you play it to?”

Coach Boulanger was pleased that the runners ran fairly close together, saying that it was only one minute and six seconds between the first runner and the seventh. He ran an overall young squad to see who would claim the last two spots in the conference meet since only 10 runners per team can participate.

Their next meet is at UVM for the Fall Foliage Invitational against the Catamounts, Sienna, Sacred Heart and Bryant on Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.

UNH Swimming and Diving season preview

By Shaun Petitas
SPORTS WRITER

It is family weekend for the UNH Swimming and Diving team, as many of the athletes’ parents will be making the trip to see them kickoff their 2019 campaign against UVM. With seven incoming first-year swimmers and 15 returning athletes, the team has a balance of youth and experience that could win them their eighth America East championship.

Head coach Josh Willman likes his depth and he knows how much his team wants to get in the pool against an opponent.

“All in all, we’re pretty good. We have a lot of energy and they bring this newness and they’re excited to start the year.”

With a plethora of young athletes, it is normal to wonder how the nerves are going to affect them, and I asked coach Willman what he says to them to keep their nerves at bay.

“Focus on the training that we’ve been doing, and we’ve been doing time trial runs and they’re really on.” He continued, “when you are putting up good times at the end of a work out that is an encouraging sign, so they just need to focus on the training and draw confidence from that.”

The team will open their season in Durham against America East rival UVM on Sunday, Oct. 20. They also have another home meet against Northeastern before traveling to Boston University’s Aquatic Center to compete in the “Terror Invitational”.

That could be a huge meet for the Wildcats as they go to compete against top-tier talent before they start America East play. The Wildcats end the year at home in Swasey Pool against longtime rival UMaine, and this could be a gigantic matchup for the “Cats as it is their last chance to prove what they can do before the America East Championships, which will be held in Worcester, Mass. at the Sports and Recreation Center.

Divers Anna Burns and Corinne Carbone, and freestyler Allison Stefanelli are the lone seniors on the squad, and they are preparing for their final year. They hope to continue to be the leaders of this team.

Over her UNH career, Carbone has become a nine-time America East champion. She has also been an 11-time All-America East player, but she started her accolades off with the America-East Rookie of the Year in 2017. Carbone has a National medal around her neck, and she prepares to dominate again this year with fellow seniors Allison Stefanelli.

Stefanelli looks to get another America East title and qualify for nationals this year. Stefanelli is out for the semester, so for the period of time that she is out, the younger divers will have to pick up her slack. Meanwhile, Burns is looking to finish off her career at UNH strong and compete for an America East title. The team is dealing with injuries, so Willman is looking to the veterans for some stability.

“We are looking for Anna Burns to step up because we have a few hurt divers to start the year, but she is somebody we can rely on,” Willman said.

Someone to keep an eye on this year is rising star, sophomore freestyler Anna Metzler. As a first-year swimmer, she placed third in the National Invitational Championships, set multiple UNH first-year records in the 400 individual medley, 500 freestyle and the 200 backstroke. She is a force to be reckoned with in all three events, as she placed first in the 500 freestyle, 200 backstroke and finished second in the 400 individual medley in the America East. Willman stated that “Anna had a really good summer, she finished in a number of events in German Nationals…she’s ready to go”. The America East Rookie of the Year should have another outstanding year for the Wildcats and this team should be fun to watch this year.
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The #22 ranked UNH Wildcats (4-2, 3-0) kept rolling when they traveled to Stony Brook (4-3, 1-2) looking for their fourth straight win. A balanced offensive attack on Saturday led the team straight into the national rankings.

UNH got on the board first in their second drive of the night. First-year quarterback Max Brosmer connected with sophomore wide receiver Brian Espanet on a 15-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Stony Brook put together a seven-play, 78-yard drive to tie the game. Graduate wide receiver Jean Constantin reeled in a 15-yard touchdown of his own just one minute into the second quarter.

In the first drive of the second half, Brosmer found redshirt first-year wide receiver Charles Briscoe III twice for a total of 54 yards to help set up a field goal for junior kicker Jason Hughes. Hughes was able to convert the 22-yard try to regain a 10-7 lead.

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The Wildcats secured the game on their next possession as redshirt first-year running back Ty Son Lawton rushed the ball one yard away by redshirt first-year running back Tyrone Lawton to flip the lead Stony Brook’s way once again.

As the scoreboard changed to the second quarter, Brosmer surgically moved his offense into opponent territory. UNH completed five of eight passes on this drive, the last of which was a 20-yard touchdown catch by Espanet, his second of the game. The play went to review but was ultimately upheld; giving UNH the lead back with just over nine minutes to go in the game. Espanet led the day in receiving with four catches for 59 yards and two scores.

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The Wildcats secured the game on their next possession as redshirt first-year running back Dylan Laube and senior running back Evan Gray rushed the ball to the Stony Brook 25-yard-line. From there, Hughes locked up the win with a 42-yard attempt, stretching the UNH lead to 20-14.

Brosmer finished the day with 196 yards while completing 16 of 26 passes with two touchdowns. The first-year quarterback did a good job of spreading the ball around the offense, completing passes to eight different players. Brosmer’s play this week earned him his second CAA Rookie of the Week award this season.

While Brosmer kept the aerial attack balanced throughout the night, the running backs shared the wealth as well; Gray accumulated 54 yards, Laube totaled 48, and sophomore Carlos Washington Jr. added 21.

Interim head coach Ricky Santos acknowledged his team’s unselfishness throughout their winning streak and made note that it will need to continue for the team’s success to grow.

"We talked to the team last Friday night about being a good team and going from good to great; that starts with being really selfless and being good teammates. I feel like we’re doing that. We have a ton of playmakers that want the ball more, they’re hungry for that opportunity, but at the end of the day we only have one football that we can only spread around to one person on every individual play. If we can continue to have that mentality of putting the team first, our teammates second, and ourselves last, we have a chance to be pretty special."

UNH now sits with a record of 4-2 and find themselves in the national top-25 FCS rankings. The Wildcats came in this week at number 22 in the nation and are quickly gaining attention from the school along with the rest of the college football world.

"The feeling on the team is that there’s just a buzz around campus," said Espanet. "People are excited for this team; coaches are excited for this team; the biggest thing is just that we all believe."

Up next, UNH will continue their road stretch at #24 Delaware (3-3, 1-1) on Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m. in Delaware Stadium.